

ELEKSYON 2016:

Sino ang dapat ninyong IBOTO at sino ang dapat IBASURA?

Joel Alangsab, Kandidato Para Konsehal ng Baguio

MGA KATANUNGAN PARA KAY KONSEHAL ALANGSAB

1.] Totoo ba na ayaw pirmahan noon ni Coun. Alangsab ang divorce papers para sa kanyang asawa na nakabase sa Canada? Bakit?

2.] Totoo ba na nakipag live-in siya sa kanyang Barangay Secretary noong siya ay isang Punong Barangay?

3.] Totoo ba na noong siya ay guro sa Balatoc High School ay nasangkot siya sa isang sexual harassment/molestation incident kaya't siya ay pina-pili ng kanyang superior na kung hindi siya mag-resign?

4.] Ano ba ang naging accomplishment(s) kung

meron man nitong si Coun. Alangsab bilang Chairman sa City Council on Public Utilities, Transportation and Traffic Legislation; at ano ang kanyang katayuan hinggil sa pag-legalize ng mga fraudulently issued franchises para matulungan ang mga naging biktima ng mga iligal na prangkisa (public transport franchise) at para na rin maprotektahan ang riding public?

SA LAHAT NG MGA KATANUNGAN NA ITO, HANGGANG SA NGAYON AY DEDMA ITONG SI KONSEHAL ALANGSAB!

Kung inyong matatandaan noong Eleksyon 2013 ay ating inalam kay candidate Alangsab ang hinggil sa impormasyon pinarating sa atin na ayaw daw niyang pirmahan ang divorce papers na ihinain ng kanyang asawa na nasa Canada sa dahilang ayaw niyang magkakaroon ng responsibilidad na mag-sustento sa kanyang mga menor de edad na anak noong kapanahunan na yun?

Itinanong din natin sa kanya kung totoo nga ba na nakipag live-in siya sa kaniyang Barangay Secretary noong siya ay Punong Barangay.

Tinanong din natin sa kanya kung siya ay muntik-muntikan ng ma-habla for sexual harassment/molestation kung hindi siya mag-resign bilang guro?

Nakalulungkot sapagkat ang mga napaka-simpelng katanungan ay mas ni-nais ni Candidate Alangsab na dedmahin noong taong 2013 at hanggang sa kasalukuyan kung saan siya ay ating sinulatan muli para kunin muli ang kanyang panig at komento ngunit ngayon ay dinedma niya ang ating liham.

Inyong mababasa ang 2013 flashback at ang latest na liham na ating pinadala sa kanya.

2.) Please refer to attached photocopy of The Junction Election issue of May 11, 2013. Can we get your comments on the above three (3) issues.

As Chairman of the City Council on Public Utilities, Transportation and Traffic Legislation, can we get your statement fully updated franchises, particularly those who claim that they have been a victim of yours and therefore, these victims ended up with fraudulently issued franchises. Are you in favor of helping them get legalized? If you are, what have you done (if any) the past three (3) years to help out these alleged victims?

Should you reply to this letter be ready, kindly call or text 422-4215 or 0917-5069123 so that we can send over our representative to pick up your reply.

Maraming salamat po at mabuhay po kayo at ang inyong kandidatura.

Sincerely,
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The Junction Files – Election Exposés

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PB Joel Alangsab (Timpuyog), tutuo kaya na ka-live in niya ang kanilang Barangay Secretary at iniwasan niya ang divorce nang sa ganon ay makaiwas siya ng sustento sa kanyang mga anak???

Makikita ang liham na ating pinadala kay kasalukuyang Ex-officio Councilor and candidate for Councilor Punong Barangay Joel Alangsab kung saan inaalam natin sa kanya kung tutuo ating mga anak na ang divorce papers na makalap na impormasyon hinggil sa kanyang personal na buhay at transaksyon.

1. Una sa lahat ay tinatano ng kung ka-live-in nga niya ang kanilang Barangay Secretary?

Kung bakit misnab ni PB Alangsab ang ilang mga napakasimpleng katanungan sa

Bummy Bumanglag, sumagot na rin!

Kung inyong matatandaan sa ating Dapat Bang Ibot o Ibasuk Section noong April 9, 2016, ating inilabas ang issue patungkol kay Villamor "Bummy" Bumanglag na siyang tumatakbo para Konsehal ng siyudad ng Baguio.

Ito lamang April 14, 2016 ay nagpadala ng liham at paliwanag ang kanyang Abogado na si Atty. Lauro Gacayan at ayon sa kanya, na-dismiss na ang reklamo (Administrative Complaint) laban sa kanyang cliente na si Candidate Bumanglag na isimampa sa Opisina Ng Ombudsman. Ayon sa dispositive portion sa liham, nakalagay ang suusunod:

"In the case of P/C SUPT. VILLAMOR BUMANGLAG, the administrative case against him was DISMISSED. The Ombudsman Resolution states: 'The administrative complaint against EULITO T. FUNTES, PSUPT. GLENN U. PROVIDO, PCSUPT. VILLAMOR BUMANGLAG and LYNDON G. ZORILLA is DISMISSED.' Ayon pa kay Atty. Gacayan, 'Please be informed that no criminal case has been filed in the Sandiganbayan or any other court as a result of the said Resolution against PCSupt. Bumanglag and his co-respondents pending the final outcome of the Motion for Reconsideration filed by our client and the other respondents before the Office of the Ombudsman.'

3.] It is true that when you were a teacher at the Balato High School, you were involved in a sexual harassment/sexual molestation charge and therefore you were given by your superior a choice on whether to resign as a teacher or be charged accordingly? Can we get you comment on this?

2.) Is it true that you are into a live-in relationship with your Barangay Secretary, a certain Marvannina? If true, do you not think that this could pose a conflict of interest to the best interest of the Barangay's affairs?

3.) How true is the information we had received that your Spouse, Ms. Bernadette Ayson had previously sent you from Canada several years ago divorce papers but you had refused to sign them since you will be compelled by the Canadian government to provide support to your then minor children (2 boys - Kevin and Kline)? However, at this point since your children are no longer minors you are already willing to sign the divorce papers?

4.) Should you be elected as City Councilor, will you continue to push for the Bingo Teng also known and considered as Barangay level Jueting?

Should your reply be ready, kindly just text and call 0917-5069123 or 442-3583 so that we can send over our representative to pick up your reply.

Thank you and more power to you and your candidacy.

Very truly yours,
Nestor A. Castro
Researcher
THE JUNCTION OF BAHAGAY COUNCIL
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Duterte bares Roxas' Illegal Miner Crony



President Benigno S. Aquino III awards SR Metals with the Presidential Mineral Industry and Environmental Award on January 20, 2016 in Malacanang, despite a 2006 DENR's closure order and adverse 2015 SC ruling (Photo by Gil Nartea/Malacanang Photo Bureau)

bypass severe environmental and legal restrictions imposed on large scale mining operations, albeit with lower extraction limits. SR Metals, however, ignored these limits and over-extracted ore, destroying Tubay's pristine environment.



An aerial view of Tubay, Agusan del Norte. SR Metals mines the brown patch, which covers 572 hectares, or about twice the size of the Municipality of Pateros.

not given to any other aircraft company.

It has been confirmed that the Supreme Court fined SR Metals Php 7 million for environmental plunder [Philstar]. However, Duterte's Php 77 million statement is yet to be verified.

Close Ties

"Roxas denies any links to Gutierrez, but he's using the planes na identified na inimport ni Gutierrez without taxes," Duterte said.

Duterte said Roxas and Gutierrez's ties are so close, Gutierrez even customized the registration number of one of these planes to reflect this relationship.

"Ang eroplano niya, ang number is RP-513. Alam mo kung ano 'yang 513? It is significant in the life of Roxas. Why? It is his birthday, May 13," Duterte said.

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Baguio Leaders' Forum engages vice mayoralty bets

By

BAGUIO CITY - Vice mayoralty candidates in the city faced off in the Baguio Leaders' Forum, April 7.

Three of the five vice mayoralty candidates presented their platforms formulating solutions on issues and concerns affecting Baguio City and at the same time debated on who should be the best choice for the city.

The candidates also answered issues on the worsening traffic situation and pollution in the city with the promotion of pedestrianization in several areas and the advocacy of Walk Happy Baguio.

The candidates also pledged to stop the existing corruption which is being experienced at the Baguio City Hall particularly in the different transactions of offices. Although the candidates did not mention the offices, they vowed to make the processes and transactions at the city government better less the corruption.

The candidates also gave their support the bid for Cordillera Regional Autonomy and even gave suggestions on how it would be popularized and be supported by the citizens in the Supreme Court, ang binayad pa lang nila hanggang ngayon is Php 7 million, and they cannot collect kasi andian si Roxas," said Duterte.

Among the issues raised issues on tourism and environment

that needs to co-exist in order that the city will continue to become the Summer Capital of the Philippines. The rich natural resources of the city should be protected and parks and other areas should be maintained and preserved.

Other issues tackled were the implementation of the comprehensive land use plan, the city market developments, the increasing crime situation and other developments needed by the city.

In their messages, Bilog stressed that for a leader to excel, change is needed and voluntary effort to make that initiative Cosalan pointed out that to be able to change, people should repent while Tabanda emphasized the need to change since people are afraid to be better.

The Baguio Leader's Forum, now on its fourth edition, was conducted at the Baguio Country Club.

With the theme "Nasa Kamay Mo ang Tunay na Pagbabago (True Change is in your hand), the forum aims to educate the voters on whom to vote for in the upcoming May elections and give the candidates an avenue for them to present their platforms and objectives.

The forum was made possible through the collaboration of Hotel and Restaurant Association

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Duterte bares...

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Roxas was born on May 13, 1957.

Research shows that Roxas actually acknowledged his friendship with Gutierrez.

Gutierrez said February, "I know and am friends with Eric Gutierrez... He is my friend—what's wrong with that?" [Inquirer]

Gutierrez is a long-time Liberal campaign donor. He has also provided planes for President Aquino's 2010 campaign, a helicopter for taking footage Vice-president Jejomar Binay's alleged Batangas Farm, and allegedly currently employs former Aquino cabinet members in companies he owns./Thinkingpinoy.net

Duterte takes clear lead...

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Duterte established a clear lead with 32 percent, which is a 2-point increase from his previous ratings in the March 29-April 3 survey.

Poe, meanwhile, trailed behind with only 25 percent. She was followed by Vice President Jejomar Binay with 20 percent and Liberal Party standard-bearer Mar Roxas, who got 18 percent.

The tough-talking mayor was the top choice among all voting classes and remains to be the number one candidate in Mindanao, where he got 58 percent or more than half of the respondents' total votes.

Duterte's campaign team said while it is humbled by the latest survey results, it will continue to reach out to more voters. "We need to convert and convince others that the path to real change is through the unparalleled and decisive leadership that Mayor Duterte has been providing us," said Duterte's national campaign manager Leoncio Evasco Jr.

Cayetano gains momentum

Meanwhile, Duterte's running mate, Senate Majority Leader Alan Peter Cayetano, also enjoyed an increased rating compared to the previous Pulse Asia survey.

The senator's numbers increased by 2 percentage points, from 15 percent in the March 29-April 3 survey to 17 percent in the April 5-10 survey. He also topped the survey in Mindanao, increasing his lead with 32 percent of respondents choosing him as their vice presidential bet.

Political analysts weighing in on the May polls claim that Cayetano's numbers could still improve, especially following his outstanding performance during the first vice presidential debate organized by the Commission on Elections (Comelec) held last April 10.

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- Si Konsehal Alangsab ay nag release ng kanyang SALN but made a notation at our letter to the City Secretary's office that it cannot be used for publication. Isang malinaw na indikasyon na ignorante itong si Konsehal Alangsab sa mga bagay-bagay hingil sa transparency on financial disclosure. Bakit Konsehal Alangsab, may tinatago ka ba na ayaw mo malaman ng publiko?

All other candidates ignored this paper's letter request for them to provide us with information on their financial standing!!! Hindi pa sila naihalahan, niligawan pa lang ang inyong boto sa ngayon eh ayaw na nila maging transparent, baka kapag nasa poder o may kapangyarihan na sila ay lalo pa kayong dededmahin!!!

RA 6713 also known as the Code of Conduct and Ethical Standards for Public Officials and Employees

(Section 8): Statements and Disclosure. - Public officials and employees have an obligation to accomplish and submit declarations under oath of, and the public has the right to know, their assets, liabilities, net worth and financial and business interests including those of their spouses and of unmarried children under eighteen (18) years of age living in their households.

(A) Statements of Assets and Liabilities and Financial Dis-

Candidates' Statement of Assets, Liabilities and Networth (SALN) or Summary Tax Return

Alamin ang mga kandidatong kusang nagbigay (at hindi nagbigay) ng kanilang SALN and/or other financial disclosure, at dedma sa ating simpleng katanungan!

ang impormasyon sa opisina ng Ombudsman.

Ang SALN ay isang deklarasyon pinansyal na narapat na sinusumite ng isang government official not later than April 30 on a yearly basis. Basahin sa baba ang hinggil sa RA 6713 on disclosure of financial statements.

closure. - All public officials and employees, except those who serve in an honorary capacity, laborers and casual or temporary workers, shall file under oath their Statement of Assets, Liabilities and Net Worth and a Disclosure of Business Interests and Financial Connections and those of their spouses and unmarried children under eighteen (18) years of age living in their households.

The two documents shall contain information on the following:

(a) real property, its improvements, acquisition costs, assessed value and current fair market value;

(b) personal property and acquisition cost;

(c) all other assets such as investments, cash on hand or in banks, stocks, bonds, and the like;

(d) liabilities, and;

(e) all business interests and financial connections.

The documents must be filed:

(a) within thirty (30) days after assumption of office;

(b) on or before April 30, of every year thereafter; and

(c) within thirty (30) days after separation from the service.

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No fees to be abolished in public schools

BAGUIO CITY - The Division of City Schools of the Department of Education cited that there are no miscellaneous and tuition fees in public elementary and secondary schools that will be abolished considering that the government is mandated to provide free education to the youth.

Education Assistant Regional Director and concurrent City Schools Superintendent Francis Cesar B. Bringas said it is clear that the policy of the department is that there will be no collection of the mandatory fees and the agreed fees during enrolment of the students for their classes starting the first Monday of June every year.

However, he pointed that collection of fees will only be done several months after the opening of classes but parents could not be compelled to pay such fees if they really have no money to settle the mandatory and agreed fees of their children going to school.

"We could not really force parents to pay the accumulated fees of their children if they do not have the money to pay," Bringas stressed.

Bringas appealed to parents to make sure that they attend the regular meetings of the PTCA in the different public elementary and secondary schools in the city to take time in explaining to their fellow parents the importance of the mandatory fees and agreed fees in helping the school uplift the protection of the school and their children from unscrupulous activities and for the protection of government property.

He claimed that school officials compelling parents to pay the prescribed school fees will be subjected to the imposition of sanctions by the education department considering that there should be no forced collection of fees in the public elementary and secondary schools nationwide./Dexter A. See

Indoor Sports Complex...

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At the same time, the city school board is also looking for a permanent site for archery competitions considering that its existing site within the vicinity of the Athletic Bowl was already used by the education department as the site where the senior high school building of the Baguio City National High School (BCNHS) is now being constructed.

Domogan instructed sports officials of the city government and the education department to locate a permanent site for archery enthusiasts so that it will encourage more archery athletes to be actively involved in the said competition that will bring honor and pride to the city in future regional, national and even international competitions./Dexter A. See

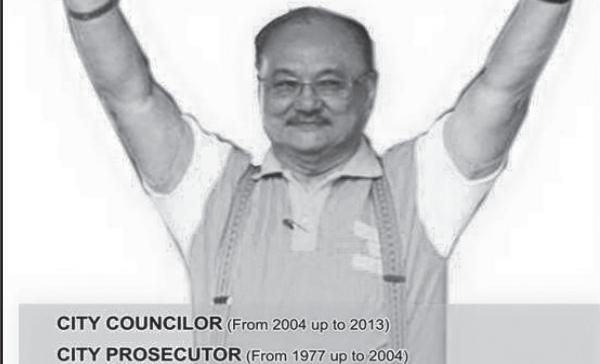
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secondary schools around the city.

The education official advise concerned PTCA officers in the different public elementary and secondary schools in the city to take time in explaining to their fellow parents the importance of the mandatory fees and agreed fees in helping the school uplift the protection of the school and their children from unscrupulous activities and for the protection of government property.

He asserted the collection of the mandatory and agreed fees during enrolment is not mandatory but school officials welcome parents who want to voluntarily pay such fees for the benefit of their children in the public elementary and secondary schools nationwide./Dexter A. See

Japan hit by more than 600 earthquakes in just 5 days

TOKYO - The total number of powerful and minor earthquakes on the Japanese island of Kyushu has exceeded 600 since Thursday's devastating quake, local media reported.

About 125,000 people in Kumamoto and more than 3,500 in Oita have been provided with shelter at city offices, schools and parking lots, it added.

Japan is a seismically active region.

In March 2011, a 9.0-magnitude offshore earthquake triggered a 46-foot tsunami that hit Japan's Fukushima nuclear power, leading to the leakage of radioactive materials and the shutdown of the plant.

Most of the tremors were felt strongly in the Kumamoto and Oita prefectures, the national NHK broadcaster said.

The death toll in the natural

disaster has risen to 44 and over 1,000 people sustained injuries in Kumamoto alone, the news outlet stated.

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DOH reiterates that there is no cure for polio but along with other childhood disease, it can be prevented by vaccination.

(JDP/CCD/J. Panelo & D. Regaldo-PIA Interns)

DOH to launch OPV-IPV Vaccine on the 27th

BAGUIO CITY - The Department of Health is set to intensify its campaign against Polio in the Cordillera with the regional launching of the Oral Polio Vaccine (OPV) switch and Inactivated Polio Vaccine (IPV) set this April 27 at the Baguio General Hospital and Medical Center Under 5 Clinic.

IPV plus OPV provides children with the best protection from Polio wherein the OPV (given orally) will give protection in the mouth, intestines, and blood, while the IPV (an injectable vaccine) that provides protection in the blood further strengthens the protection given by OPV against polio.

IPV is approved by the WHO and is proven safe and effective and has been successfully used in polio eradication in other countries, Rillorta said.

All in all, the Provincial Government has generated total revenue of P623, 285,284 which

Mt. Province 2015 local revenue collections increased

BONTOC, Mountain Province, - Total revenue collections of the provincial government here in 2015 has exceeded that of 2014.

Based on the Statement of Collection of the Office of the Provincial Treasurer, the total local revenue collections is P85, 597,080 which is P10, 884,740 higher than in 2014.

Biggest contributor for the local revenues is hospital collections which amounted to P69, 297,568.82. This figure shows an increase of P11, 699,054.25 from the total collections in 2014

which was P57, 598,514.57.

Baguio still OK without tax hike

BAGUIO CITY - Mayor Mauricio G. Domogan underscored the city continues to develop as a premier tourist destination and a potential

investment hub even without the mandatory increase in real property and business taxes mandated by the provisions of the Local Government Code (LGC) of the Philippines requiring local government units to increase their real property assessment valuation every three years and business taxes every five years.

The local chief executive revealed that the last time the city increased the real estate market values was in 1996, while the last time that of the business taxes was in 2001.

"We were able to effectively and efficiently implement our priority development projects and consistently deliver the necessary basic services to our people even without increasing

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while the Bauko municipal government identified as the technology adaptor which identified an area to establish the production center of the low-cost ceramic filter that would provide increased access of the people to portable water.

It is our mandate to help improve the quality of living that is why we have developed an efficient, stable low cost and easy to use water purification system, Mariano said.

Beneficiaries include the municipal government and the Bila Potters' Association.

The people of barangay Bila

have been into ceramic pottery

making for long time already.

(JDP/BZ-PIA CAR)

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ous with the third OPV dose at 3 ½ months old.

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Other local sources include tax revenue such property taxes, taxes on goods and services, and sand and gravel tax with a total collections of P5, 631,138.05.

There is a decrease of P1, 986,167.28 from the total collections of the previous year.

Non-tax revenue such as certification/secretarial fees, rentals on provincial government facilities buildings/hall/equipment), permit fees, miscellaneous income amounted to P10, 615,861.

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The local chief executive revealed that the last time the city increased the real estate market values was in 1996, while the last time that of the business taxes was in 2001.

"We were able to effectively and efficiently implement our priority development projects and consistently deliver the necessary basic services to our people even without increasing

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An Indonesian tycoon's media empire in the Philippines exposed

The Constitution bars foreigners from owning a single share in a media enterprise: "The ownership and management of mass media shall be limited to citizens of the Philippines." (Article 16, Section 11) The reality established by indisputable facts, though, is that the Indonesian Anthoni Salim has practically skirted our laws and the Constitution to control a local media conglomerate, just as he has in the case of his telecom, power and water companies in the country, in which foreign ownership is limited to 40 percent.

Indeed, that we have lost our sense of nationalism and the respect for the rule of law has been clearly demonstrated by the Filipinos' nonchalance over an Indonesian tycoon's control of a media empire.

Salim, through intermediary firms, controls 18 percent of the Philippine Daily Inquirer, 77 percent of BusinessWorld and 51 percent of the Philippine Star.

Salim is the country's first multi-media mogul having control not only of print media outfits but two television and radio networks, TV5 and AksyonTV, which includes more than two dozen radio stations all over the country, the nation's largest satellite-to-home Cignal TV, and even an internet-only news site, interaksyon.com.

EDITORIAL With his takeover of the Philippine Star in 2014, Salim has become the biggest media mogul in the country, dwarfing the Prieto-Delgado clan of the Inquirer, Emilio Yap's heirs in the Manila Bulletin, the Lopezes of ABS-CBN, and the three families owning GMA-7.

Indonesian tycoon Salim's media empire in the Philippines

How has Salim been able to defy the Constitutional ban on foreigners in media? Through PLDT, of which he is the biggest controlling stockholder and as such, wields the power to determine who make up the telecom giant's management. His control of PLDT itself is now on flimsy grounds because of the 2012 Supreme Court ruling that the firm violated the 40 percent limit on foreign ownership. The Court, strangely though, has not implemented this ruling.

With Salim's First Pacific Co's 25.6 percent stake in PLDT, the 20 percent shares held by two Japanese NTT subsidiaries, and 28 percent by other foreign stockholders (mostly via the stock market), foreign ownership of the country's biggest telecom totals 74 percent – a situation which, to use the Supreme Court's words in its decision on the issue, "makes a mockery of our Constitution."

PLDT's management controls the pension trust fund, called the Beneficial Trust Fund (BTF), for its 20,000 employees. When BTF started buying into the media sector, its chairman was the same person who had been serving as adviser to Salim and his top executive Manuel V. Pangilinan since they came into the country in 1984 – Albert del Rosario, President Benigno S. Aquino's foreign secretary since 2010 until he resigned a few months ago.

By 2012, BTF had invested P14.5 billion – or 80 percent of P18.4 billion of its cash assets at the time – in a company called MediaQuest, the holding firm for Salim's media companies.

MediaQuest is the investing company for the two broadcast enterprises. The first is ABC Development Corp., which owns VH1 TV5, its flagship, and the AM Radyo 5 broadcast enterprise. The second is Nation Broadcasting Corp., which operates 10 UHF "Aksyon TV" stations and 15 FM radio outlets based in the country's major cities outside metropolitan Manila.

It is also MediaQuest which owns an investing company, Satventures, which, in turn, owns Cignal TV, now the country's largest satellite-to-home TV company with 1 million subscribers as of September last year. MediaQuest's subsidiary, Hastings Holdings Inc., is the holding company for the group's newspaper investments.

Clever use of pension fund

It has been obviously clever for Salim to use the PLDT employees' trust fund to set up his media empire, which most probably has aims other than mere profits.

By having the BTF as investor in the media empire, Salim can pretend that his print and broadcast media empire does not violate the constitutional ban on foreign investors in local media enterprises.

Yet, through his power over PLDT as the biggest single stockholder, he controls the media empire through BTF's Board of Trustees, which has been chaired since del Rosario stepped down to become the Aquino government's foreign secretary – by Ray Espinosa, chief legal counsel of PLDT, said to be Salim's and Pangilinan's top legal adviser.

MediaQuest President Espinosa has been Salim's man running the media conglomerate. He has been the publisher of Philippine Star and BusinessWorld.

It is astonishing how the Philippine ruling elite pretends that Salim isn't in control of one of the biggest multi-media conglomerates in the country today, in violation of our Constitution.

BTF's resources, however, were not enough to fund the huge requirements of Salim's media enterprises. Its investment in MediaQuest already made up 80 percent of its assets. So Salim borrowed a page from his competitor, broadcast company ABS-CBN Holdings book, which first used in 2013 the so-called Philippine Depository Receipts (PDRs) to get foreign equity injected into its media conglomerate.

PDRs have been a recent invention by the country's tycoons to go around the constitutional ban or limit on foreign investment in restricted industries. Each PDR represents a share in a restricted company, and when bought by a foreign entity, gives the buyer the right to all the dividends due the shares of stock acquired. The foreigner, therefore, does not technically own a share to create the legal fiction of compliance with the Constitutional restrictions, but will receive the income due that share.

Why would an investor hold a PDR if such paper does not give him a share of the company it represents? The answer is obvious in the case of PLDT's subsidiary, ePLDT. It does not need to have any control of MediaScape or its subsidiaries since its mother firm, PLDT, already controls this media entity.

JUICE KO!



KAKAMPI MO ANG BATAS

Hypocritical activism rises at UP

BY: ATTY. BATAS MAURICIO

LIFE'S INSPIRATIONS: "... The LORD detests all the proud of heart. Be sure of this: They will not go unpunished..." (Proverbs 16:5, the Holy Bible).

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FACEBOOK SELLING PERSONAL DATA OF USERS? The beauty of attending seminars on continuing legal education is that gems of wisdom literally overflow from lecturers who have become experts in their chosen field of law. Take the lecturer on cyber developments at the UP Law Center last week, Dr. Noel Guivanc Ramiscal.

Ramiscal (who was merely a replacement lecturer, since the original lecturer failed to arrive) disclosed that personal details of Facebook users are actually sold by the social networking site to big businesses and corporations around the world for hefty fees, making Facebook owners instant billionaires.

This is the reason why, Dr. Ramiscal said, any Facebook user is forcibly given doses of advertisements from hundreds and hundreds of companies every time the user opens his or her account. And yet, the lecturer added, Facebook was precisely invented to prevent such intrusions from advertisers. Is this true, Facebook?

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HYPOCRITICAL ACTIVISM RISES AT UP: There is really something gravely wrong with Filipinos, more particularly those who style themselves as "thinkers", when they seek to publicize the crimes and excesses of one Filipino president, and yet conveniently ignore, deliberately and criminally, the crimes and excesses of other presidents.

I am referring to the news about rival organizations at the University of the Philippines allegedly uniting and shedding their differences for the last 30 years to oppose the vice presidential candidacy of Ferdinand Marcos Jr., on account of the supposed abuses of his late father, former President Marcos.

So, fine, let's investigate and oppose Bongbong's candidacy and perpetuate the memory of his father's dictatorship rule of the country. But, how about the inequities and abuses and even the crimes committed by the two Aquino presidents while they were in power? Our thinkers from the UP are not interested to run after the Aquinos, too? Why? Indeed, what a hypocritical form of activism!

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UP ACTIVISTS AS PROPAGANDISTS OF THE YELLOW REGIME: These rival organizations from UP must also be interested to check and then bring to the bar of justice the excesses of the two Aquino presidencies. If they are saying that the Marcos presidency wrought havoc to democracy and derailed the progress of the Philippines, it is undeniable that the two Aquino presidencies caused more problems to our countrymen.

But these people from UP appear interested only against the Marcoses, thus exposing themselves as mere propagandists of the current Aquino president who is now having nightmares about Bongbong's impending victory as vice president, and is therefore mobilizing what is now derided by many as "yellow tards" or retarded political followers of the Aquinos.

Clearly, it is a shame that UP students are even lending themselves, and their honor as "scholars of the people", to this dastardly manipulation by the powers that be. Really, gone are the days when UP scholars---indeed, that's what UP students are, their school expenses in UP being subsidized by taxes from the people---truly seek the truth for the sake of truth alone, and not pursuant to the bidding of some masters.

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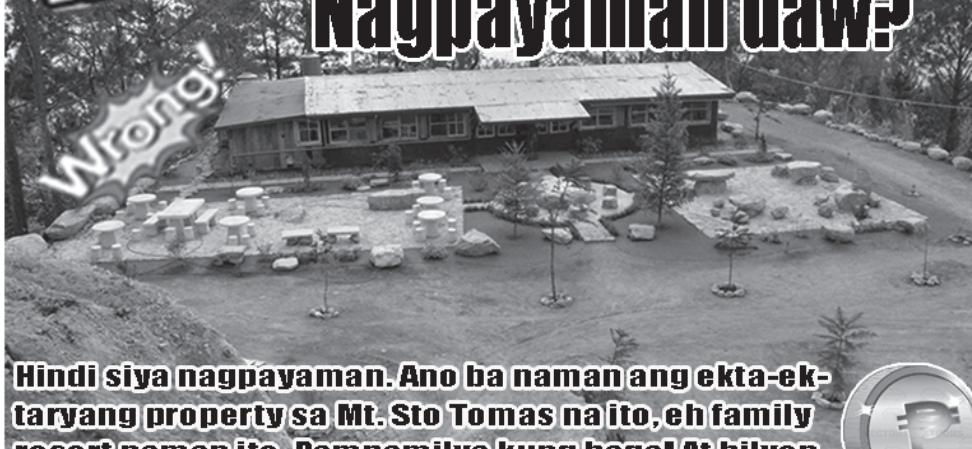
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iBOTOMIC ALIPING Nagpayaman daw?



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"As member of the Committee on Appropriations, Aliping ensured that the City of Baguio got its fair share from projects and programs implemented by various line agencies. Hence, the DPWH Baguio City District Engineering Office implemented P392.3 Million in infrastructure projects under the 2014 GAA (RA 10633) and P679.6 Million under the 2015 GAA (RA 10651). P918 Million are being implemented under the 2016 GAA (RA 10717)."

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2. Untrustworthy
3. Disrespectful
4. Hypocrite
5. Above the law
6. Shameless
7. Arrogant
8. A Liar
9. Unethical
10. Dishonorable

Answer: ALL OF THE ABOVE !!!

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• Ang alay ng salarin ng bayan sa alaydud natin ay BISYO hindi SERBISYO!!!

• Siya ay maka urban poor!

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**KAKAMPI MO ANG BATAS
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In March 2013 and then March 2014, ePLDT put in a further P2.45 billion in the form of MediaQuest PDRs, in order to fund its subsidiary Hastings Holdings, Salim's holding firm for his print enterprises. Some of the P2.45 billion new funding was apparently used as payment to House Speaker Feliciano Belmonte in exchange for his family's holdings in Philippine Star in 2014.

PLDT, however, took a different tack in funding its TV5 unit. PLDT and its subsidiary Smart Telecommunications made advertising placements with it, paid in advance, which it committed to total P868 million in 2013 and a further P758 million in 2014.

PLDT's contract with TV5 for these advertising placements started in 2010 for a five-year term, and has been renewed for another five years, to continue up to 2021.

PLDT's advertising-money support for TV5 has worried the broadcast media industry, as it is obviously the template for channeling not only PLDT's funds to finance Salim's media outlets but those of his other firms, especially Meralco.

With advertising funds limited in the country, Salim's competitors in the media industry could be hit badly, even driven to the ground if the Indonesian tycoon decides for two years to devote the entire amount of advertising funds of PLDT, Smart and Meralco to TV5 and its newspaper, the Philippine Star.

Why has Salim gone into a crowded industry, whose profits would never be really stellar because of the Philippines' small market, and where the country's richest tycoons such as the Sys, Gokongweis and the Ayalas haven't dared to go?

Public opinion

One important reason involves the obvious fact that media plays a dominant role in forming public opinion in the modern era. It is also a major force in politics. Political leaders in the country all woo the friendship of owners and editors of the major broadsheets and TV networks as their media outlets have the power to demonize a political leader and prettyfify a preferred one.

Salim, in fact, now has in place a perfect machine for controlling a population's mind. First, a content generator made up of his news enterprises in print, broadcast and the internet; and second, a content disseminator consisting of his cellphone firms Smart Communications, the biggest in the country (with Sun as a cheaper brand) and his direct-to-home satellite television service Cignal TV and his cable news network.

Never in our history has there been such a magnate controlling companies in all forms of media and communications.

The First Pacific conglomerate has become so huge in the Philippines, even if the legality of its controlling stake in public utility firms rests on flimsy legal grounds. Public opinion sympathetic with Salim, no matter if his companies violate the spirit of the Constitution, would be crucial for the holding company's continued presence in the country. That makes me very curious if he has been a major player in our recent presidential elections.

An Indonesian disregards our Constitution and laws by skirting its regulatory, legal loopholes with the help of the best and brightest of Filipinos. An Indonesian controls a media conglomerate in an industry where the Constitution totally bans all foreign participation.

His conglomerate consists almost entirely of telecommunications, power, water services and infrastructure companies and, therefore, is heavily dependent on government regulation, the implementation, or lack of it, of which depends on the President.

Yet the Philippine elite looks the other way and pretends there is no conglomerate in strategic public utilities and in media controlled by an Indonesian tycoon.

What kind of a country have we become? Rigoberro "Bobby" Tiglao; tiglao.manilatimes@gmail.com

Baguio still OK...**from page 3**

our taxes prescribed under the provisions of the Local government code. We were able to make do with our available resources in order to sustain the pace of development in the city through the years," he stressed.

It was learned that the Bureau of Local government Finance (BLGF) had repeatedly reminded the city on the need to update its schedule of market values and business taxes pursuant to the provisions of the LGC.

Domogan pointed out the city was able to implement priority development projects and enhance the delivery of basic services because the city was able to generate internally generated funds from real property and business taxes without increasing the same.

However, he admitted that the city's competitiveness level in the national scene and its full compliance to the Seal of Good Local governance has been affected by the failure of the city council to pass the updated schedule of market values and business taxes in compliance to the provisions of the LGC.

According to him, the city remains committed in the implementation of its programmed development projects, especially in the different barangays, and the delivery of the required basic services to the people with the use of the available resources of the government as the issue on the increase of taxes will not hinder the city from doing so in order to sustain the potential development potentials of the city that will translate to better economic growth.

Of the city's P1.62 billion budget for this year, more than 50 percent of the same come from internally generated sources such as real property and business taxes among others.

The city mayor appealed to local residents to religiously pay their taxes to the city government because taxes are the lifeblood of the government since the benefits of the taxes that people pay are plowed back to the people through the implementation of priority development projects in the city's 128 barangays and the enhanced delivery of basic services to the people.

Under the LGC, local governments are mandated to increase their respective schedule of market values every three years while business taxes should be increased every five years in order for provinces, cities and municipalities to cope up with the prevailing trend of the times and generate sufficient resources that could be brought back to the people in terms of projects and services./ Dexter A. See

**Baguio Leaders' Forum...
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**Indoor sports complex at Athletic Bowl pushed**

AGUIO CITY - The city school board created a technical working group to study the feasibility of putting up an indoor sports building within the Athletic Bowl, especially during regional and national sports competitions, so as not to scatter the crowd in the different venues" Domogan stressed.

For his part, Bringas suggested that the committee to be created should make sure that the indoor sports complex will be compliant to sports standards in order to boost the city's chances of hosting more regional and national sports events in the future.

It can be recalled that the national government earmarked funds for the continuing upgrading of the Athletic Bowl, specially the rehabilitation of the main grandstand and the put up of the rubberized track oval, among other major improvements to make the city's sports facility complaint to PSC standards and allow the city to host numerous regional and national sports events by the time the rehabilitation has been completed.

The committee will be reporting out to the city school board its findings and recommendations on the proposal so that the city government could already use the funds that it allocated from its supplemental budget for the continuous improvement of the city's premier sports facility.

There is sufficient space where the proposed indoor sports complex will be built so that we will be able to hold majority of our sports events

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**IDIOTIC Discrimination;
Afraid of Mark Go!!!**

(Reprint from April 16)

By: FREDDIE J. FARRES

MAGKASANGGA TAYO

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**For A Change:
The Unabashed Cutting of Pine Trees (Part 1)**

By: ATTY. JAMES S. VALEROS

Long before I came to recite the poem "Trees" immortalized by the poet, Joyce Kilmer, I already had an endearing attachment with trees even as a toddler. Being from a family wallowing in poverty, so to speak, the trees that abound in the communal forests where we lived were the wealth and the joy that adorned my childhood.

Many years later in Loakan, I would have not hurdled the grueling four (4) year physical and academic grind in the Academy without the soothing smell of pine trees breezing through our open windows every study period in the evening, refurbishing my otherwise exhausted mind and body sapped by every day's classroom and training routines.

That's how I came to love and value the Benguet pine trees which, together with the invigorating climate of the city made me decide to spend my remaining years with my family in Baguio. Thus, every reported mass destruction done to our pine trees is shocking to me and makes me curse the perpetrators in silent anger, to say the least.

That's how I felt when Congressman Nicasio Aliping has caused the unabashed cutting and uprooting of the more than 700 precious Benguet pine and Alnus trees in Cabuyao, Sto. Tomas, Tuba, Benguet which to my estimate will take several years of hard toil by those who value the environment, to replenish.

Why, how did this happen? All the while, I thought Congressman Aliping when he was a Councilor made a promise to the people of Tuba and Baguio not to cut trees if and when he would develop his alleged property in Cabuyao. Moreover, the Congressman also made a commitment during his campaign in 2013 that he would be an advocate for the protection of nature and environment. What happened to this promise? None, on the contrary, he did the opposite.

No wonder, the Ombudsman indicted Congressman Aliping and 3 contractors who conducted earthmoving activities within and around the property allegedly owned by Aliping resulting not only in the downing of 741 precious Benguet pine and alnus trees, but also in the turbidity of water supply owing to the contamination of three springs which are sources of water for Baguio City and Tuba.

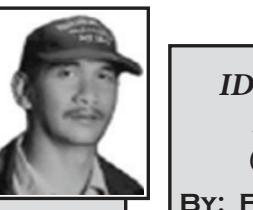
The truth however is that the property claimed by Aliping as his cannot possibly belong to him because being a declared forest reserve since 1940, the forest cannot be converted for private use and ownership.

Further, his claim that he could do whatever he wants to the trees because the property on which they are found is his is far-fetched for, even in a titled property, the owner under the law cannot just cut or destroy even a rotten tree without obtaining a permit or license from the DENR.

The economic costs of Congressman Aliping's dastard destruction of one of the remaining water shed for Baguio City and Tuba is staggering. Just seeing the damage done to the forest, it is as if we lost our very soul as a people of the city that we love.

Now tell me if you are still willing to give another chance to the perpetrators of these felled pine trees this May election. Not me, I have to drop the otherwise good name of the Congressman, as I knew him before.

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COMMENTARIES

I am now certain that the persons behind the creation of the following blog and Facebook page: notomarkgo2016.blogspot.com, www.facebook.com/NotToMarkGo, definitely have nothing more worthy against candidate Mark Go. Oh my Lord, is that all you have, dishing out extremely shallow and baseless (negative/black) propaganda? (I say baseless because there is not even an iota of supporting docs.) Claims on Mark Go's alleged corruption, poor health, being a Tarlaqueno, etc. (What are they going to criticize next, the length of his dick??!). To the readers of this column, if you have nothing better to do, check out the web pages I mentioned.

The question at this point is, who is most likely behind this? We can simply just speculate at this point between either the Aliping or Vergara camps as they would obviously be the beneficiaries. Although, examination of the FB page would show that most of the adherents or those who like the FB page are from the Aliping Camp.

Well, I don't blame the people at the Aliping camp to be scared

shit of Mark Go, given the 2,800 votes difference during the last elections. Despite the claim that they had the blessing of the INC that had an estimated 5K to 7K (possible swing votes), the difference was only 2,800 votes. Oh Diyos por santo, maraming hindi na makatulong ng mahimbing sa ngayon. Unfortunately, for the Aliping camp, the numbers and the scenario have changed. While it is a fact that they are right now loaded with money, it would seem that this is their only asset, actually. While I am of the belief

that money is the most important factor, it is not everything. The bottomline would be mape-para ba nila ang majority ng botante

that they need to win? Of course registered voter base has now increased to 140,000+, and with a high voter turnout of 80% (wishes thinking) that would mean 112,000 voters. For Aliping to clinch it would mean a record 50% of actual voters or 56,000 voters. Mukhang, may kataasan 'ata ito, given the numerous issues and very bad reputation of Aliping, plus given the beneficiaries of actual accomplishments. (I call this the "spread the sunshine" factor, konti lang kasi sa masa ang nakinabang at puros crony-contractors lang ni Aliping nakinabang).

Of course the masa or as they are led to believe, their kailyan factor ang dadala sa kanila. Well, let us see about that. I have more faith in the Igorots and I certainly would not want to insult them by thinking that simply because Aliping is Torogi will they vote him (this is certainly true if Aliping's record is good).

In fact, my better half is a full blooded torogi from Mountain Province, and I promise that I will do my best to the best of my ability to try and convince their kailyns, etc, not to vote for Aliping.

Just to set the record straight, I am not and will most likely will not endorse and/or campaign for either Vergara or Go. I have trust in our voters. They are now more discerning at our local level.

Now to zero in on the EXTREME IDIOT(S) WHO CREATED THAT BLOG AND FB PAGE, allow me to comment.

Your attempt at fantasy script writing is extremely pathetic and extremely shameful, you have no talent and/or ability to speak of in this line, perhaps you are better off licking Aliping's dirty a-- and s--- g his d---. The baseless and shameless ideas thrown in both the FB and the blog are worst than cat shit.

So what if Mark Go is from Tarlac, Vergara is from Tubao, La Union and Aliping is from Mountain Province.

Unlike us, when we point out (or you may even call it attack) certain candidates, it is always with factual basis and not just simply inenduous, chismis, kwento-kwento at bali-balita lang. We at this paper and at Linis Goberno are not like that. We have never been like that. We will never be like that/those pathetic shit-head(s) who created that blog and FB page, and for as long as there is basis in fact, puwedeng naming banatan!!!

I actually only sympathize, with some of the A1-Pnoy candidates who joined Aliping for reasons only God and themselves would know. My thinking is simply because of association with the wrong person, their showing this coming elections would be worse than should be. Yung isa sa kanila pastor-pastoran pa, yun isa naman, hindi na insipis yung magandang pangalan na pinundar ng kanyang ama at angkan, tsk! tsk! tsk! Elections truly brings out the best and worst in those that lust for power and money!!!