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Grace Poe's son flaunts P1-M rubber shoes (Limited Edition Nike Mag 10)

A viral photo of the son of the Presidential Aspirant flaunting an expensive shoe that costs an arm and a leg stirred an uproar online recently. The innocent-looking photo shared by the one and only son of Senator Grace Poe has attracted criticisms from the bashers of the independent Presidential candidate for the ostentatious display of wealth.

For the 'masa' crowd, the photo looks ordinary, but netizens who are fashion-conscious quickly noticed that the shoe worn by the son of Senator Grace Poe is no ordinary.

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KAYANG-HILLTOP GAMBLING: The City has a strict ordinance against gambling. But why is this illegal gambling still on-going at Kayang-Hilltop? The Baguio City Police Office has been informed about it, on at least two occasions, but did this present City Director do something about it?

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City mulls over night market extension

BAGUIO CITY - The night market along Harrison Road was proven to be a good source of income to Baguio residents and at the same time boosted the tourism industry in this mountain resort.

The Baguio City Market Authority (BCMA) is taking into consideration to extend the night market activities along Harrison Road to the Ganza parking area previously the jadewell parking area.

Said proposed night market extension can accommodate about 500 additional vendors giving priority to regular walk-ins.

Mayor Mauricio Domogan disclosed that the city collects an average of 1.5 million per month from the night market during dry and peak season while less than 1 million during rainy season.

The whole stretch of Harrison Road accommodates around 1200 vendors selling second hand clothes and shoes, accessories, street foods, among others is being monitored by the Public Order and Safety Division (POSD) personnel of the mayor's office.

With the proposed night

market extension, a significant number of qualified and interested vendors will have the opportunity to vend their products so as to alleviate their standard of living.

Domogan stressed that it will be the BCMA who will screen and evaluate the applications on the night market vending giving priority to the regular walk-ins.

The same rules and regulations at the Harrison Road will be followed once the said extension is approved.

The Harrison Road is being utilized from 9PM until 4AM for night market vending.

On the other hand, the city through the City Engineers Office is working on the improvement and installation of lighting system so as buyers will have a better look at the products they are buying.

Meanwhile, the city government here is now managing the Ganza parking area considering that the contract with the jadewell has already lapsed because of the long years of court disputes and conflicts on the legitimacy of the development deal./

Jho Arranz

Anti-graffiti information dissemination on

BAGUIO CITY - To drum up support from the grassroots, copies of the anti-graffiti code will be distributed to the barangay officials for dissemination.

In-charge of the anti-graffiti body, retired forester Rosalio Goze made the announcement during the Alay Sa Kalinisan (ASK) meeting last week at city hall.

Earlier, the anti-graffiti-

ti code; City Ordinance 41, series of 2008, was sent to the Department of Education -Baguio office for dissemination to primary and secondary students.

Basically, the anti-graffiti code aims to inculcate to the general public that unauthorized markings, drawings or etchings on any public or private property is considered a "public nuisance" and "destructive of the rights and

BAGUIO CITY - The promotion of "walkable" roads in the university belt, within the Central Business District (CBD) was proposed during the Transport and Traffic Management Committee (TTMC) meeting at city hall last week.

Among other issues discussed, proponent and TTMC member Dr. Mark de Guzman said "Baguio City's CBD is a good model for a walkable (area) because building locations are concentric in nature..." The advocacy may later be adopted, if proven effective, within the whole CBD, de Guzman said.

de Guzman presented pictures of vehicular congestion within the General Luna-Assumption Road intersection. He earlier conducted monitoring and traffic count during peak hours on consecutive days, thus the proposal.

Unloading for taxis and cars at McDonald's Assumption and St. Louis Center Gen. Luna was recommended for those going to any of the schools in the area. Cars occupied by patients bound for any of the hospitals in the vicinity are allowed to enter the area, the proposal states. Members of the TTMC

task force shall inspect and identify loading and unloading areas, including signages for a proposed experimentation period.

The provision of parking area for students was also emphasized, as with another school along Claro M. Recto. The TTMC, chaired by Mayor Mauricio Domogan, recommended that school authorities be informed of the requirement for parking areas.

The mayor tasked TTMC members to dialogue with barangay officials, drivers and public utility vehicles and private individuals affected by roadside parking allotments. Sharing as to a Memorandum of Agreement was proposed for barangay officials.

For public and tourist utility transport units applying for parking areas, a road measurement capacity and availability of off-street parking area should be submitted, for endorsement to the city council.

A confirmation for loading and unloading areas within the CBD was also looked into.

Some drivers' association also decried the early opening of the night market, which impedes traffic in Harrison road./Julie G. Fianza

values of property owners."

Under the code, those under 18 years old are not allowed to "possess or purchase paint, spray paints, pentel pens, markers" which could be used for graffiti or surface defacement of public or private properties.

There are provisions for penalties; either payment for violations or imprisonment for a certain period, or both, as decided by the court.

In a letter to the Department of Education - Baguio by the late Vice-Mayor Daniel Farinas in 2012, it was

mentioned that community service, reimbursement or repair of damage caused by defacement or graffiti be done.

In the next two weeks, Goze said letters and the code shall be sent to barangay officials, requesting for volunteers to paint out and remove graffiti.

Inventory, information and education campaign continues as it was observed that graffiti has "greatly increase along main roads," Goze said.

Some on-the-job training tourism students from the University of the Cordilleras, University of Baguio and University of Pangasinan helped, while the Rotary Club North provided paints and brushes.

More than 30 Korean students also helped remove graffiti along several areas.

There were intentions to paint murals instead of graffiti on walls, Goze intimated during the ASK meeting.

More efforts, specially from the barangays would be appreciated, he added./Julie G. Fianza

Cayetano: 5 months after tanim bala, gov't failed to bring back order to victims' lives

Five months after the uproar over the "tanim-bala" scam which plagued the country's airports, vice presidential contender and Senate Majority Leader Alan Peter Cayetano said the government failed to bring back order to the lives of the victims.

Citing the example of overseas Filipino worker (OFW) Gloria Ortinez, who was wrongly accused of carrying a live bullet to the Ninoy Aquino International Airport (NAIA), Cayetano said the victim remains jobless.

"Nawalan ng trabaho dahil tinanim ng bala. Pero imbes na itama ang pagkakarani at alisin ang gulo sa buhay ni Aling Gloria, walang ginawa ang gobyerno para bigyan siya ng alternatibong kabuhayan. Mas masahol, ang malalaking isda na nasa likod ng tanim bala ay hindi pa rin napaparusa-han," Cayetano said.

It was reported that Ortinez was terminated by her foreign employer just days after her

arrest in October 25, 2015. Cayetano said that, if elected, he will eliminate the climate of fear at the country's airports. The senator also pledged to hold accountable all those behind the scam.

"Bibigyan natin ng matapang na solusyon at mabilis na aksyon ang problemang ito," Cayetano said.

"First, we will dismantle all the syndicates operating inside our airports and jail all those behind these groups. Second, we will pursue the cases I filed against several public officials who are administratively liable for the scam," Cayetano explained.

"Third, we will abolish all unnecessary permits and procedures for OFWs, and establish a department solely dedicated to protect and promote the welfare of OFWs. Ang nangyari kay Aling Gloria ay hindi na dapat maulit. Tama na ang hirap at gulo. Panahon na para sa sumaya ang Pilipino," Cayetano ended./Office of Senator Alan Peter Cayetano

Duterte-Cayetano "Ronda-Serye" visits UP, talks to vendors & jeepney drivers, bats for alternative livelihood to end disorder

Presidential bet Davao City Mayor Rodrigo Duterte and his running mate, Senate Majority Leader Alan Peter Cayetano, reiterated their shared vision of achieving inclusive growth by providing sustainable alternative livelihood programs for small entrepreneurs and ordinary workers in the country.

On Thursday, the duo extended the reach of their "Ronda-Serye" listening tour to the University of the Philippines campus in Diliman, Quezon City, where they personally listened to the concerns

of street vendors and "UP Ikot" drivers and presented their bold solutions to address the country's disorder.

A common problem raised by vendors and drivers is the lack of access to capital to help sustain their source of income. They explained that they often resort to borrowing money from 5-6 loan sharks that charge usurious interest rates.

"Kaya ako galit sa gobyerno. Sobra na ang gulo at hirap, ninanakawan pa ang tao. Kaya ang maliliit na negosyante gaya

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STILL LGU's COME ON - Acting City Public Information Officer Aileen Refuerzo briefs Calinog, Iloilo local officials on how to possibly replicate the national award winning "Eco-Walk" program during the latter's Lakbay Aral here. - By Bong Cayabyab

COMELEC reminds printing press and candidates' compliance to election rules

LAGAWÉ, Ifugao, Feb. 16 (PIA) - To protect candidates from future administrative or criminal actions initiated by opposing candidates or the Commission on Elections (COMELEC) due to inadvertent violations of election campaign and finance rules, the Provincial Election Supervisor reiterates to candidates for the May 9, 2016 elections and printing press companies to comply with the provisions of the COMELEC laws.

PES Ricardo Bulintao made this reminder in an advisory sent to the different municipalities through the Municipal Election Officers (MEOs).

The rule pertain particularly on the sizes of poster, pamphlets, leaflets, cards, stickers or decals, streamers and the submission of Statement of Election Contributions and Expenditures (SOCEs).

Posters he said must not exceed 2 feet by 3 feet in size while pamphlets, leaflets, cards, stickers or decals must not exceed 8 1/2 inches width by 14 inches length and streamers should not exceed 3 feet by 8 feet.

The streamers also are not for permanent posting but only for temporary posting at the place of public meeting or rally of the candidate and maybe displayed five days before the date of such meeting or rally and shall be removed within 24 hours after the activity.

These campaign paraphernalia should also bear and be identified by the reasonably legible or audible word "POLITICAL ADVERTISEMENT PAID FOR" followed by the true name and address of the candidate or party whose benefit the material was printed.

It is likewise unlawful to publish, print or distribute these campaign materials unless they bear and are identified by the legible words "political advertisement paid by" followed by the true name and address of the payor or donor including the phrase "this material should be recycled" which is required to be indicated in the printed election propaganda.

Moreover, printed posters or advertisements donated to candidates shall not be printed without the written acceptance of the candidate which shall be attached to the printing contract and submitted to the COMELEC. These printed election advertisements donated or given free by any person or publishing firm or party without the written acceptance of the candidate shall not be printed, published or exhibited unless by the words "printed free of charge" with the number of pieces of such printed propaganda indicated in the material.

Posters must also be posted only in areas designated for the purpose by the

MEOs but no direct posting on existing public structures so that the candidates and parties have to set up their sign boards not exceeding 12 feet by 16 feet for parties and party-list and 4 feet by 6 feet for independent candidates within the poster area as their posting sites.

There should also be no posting on trees, electric posts, existing public structures, bridges, school premises and transport terminals.

Bulintao also reminded that each candidate whether winning or losing, must submit not later than June 8, 2016 to the COMELEC office where they filed their certificate of candidacy their SOCEs with all the required annexes and receipts accomplished strictly in accordance with the COMELEC Resolution No. 9991.

Handwritten accomplishment of SOCEs and its annexes is no more allowed and any submitted SOCE with incomplete attachment, with discrepancies in figures or total, unsigned or not accomplished in accordance with the requirement shall be considered not filed and the corresponding penalties imposed.

Bulintao also said that the COMELEC through its newly created Campaign Finance Office will strictly monitor compliance with these rules and ignorance of these warning may produce bitter and miserable consequences/JDP/DBC- PIA CAR, Ifugao

CHIZ: ANTI-DISCRIMINATION BILL TO SAFEGUARD RIGHTS OF LGBT

Sen. Francis "Chiz" Escudero is urging the government to take proactive steps in safeguarding the rights and welfare of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) community by passing the anti-discrimination bill.

"I ultimately believe that each and every Filipino should have equal rights, access to basic social services, and should be protected from all kinds of discrimination," said Escudero, the frontrunner in all pre-election surveys for vice president.

In 2014, Escudero co-authored Senate Bill 2358, also known as the Anti-Discrimination bill, along with his presidential running mate Sen. Grace Poe, which makes

any form of discrimination a "crime against humanity and human dignity."

The bill prohibits discrimination on the basis of ethnicity, race, religion or belief, sex or gender or sexual orientation, language, disability, educational attainment and other forms of discrimination.

"Naniniwala ako na sino ka man, saan ka man nanggaling, dapat pantay ang pagtigin sa'yo ng estado at pantay ang mga karapatang tinatamasa mo bilang isang mamamayan," said Escudero.

Citing a basic principle in social justice that those who have less in life should have more in law, the veteran legislator said the

LGBT community, a sector of society that is often neglected, is also repeatedly stigmatized by different discriminatory remarks.

"Sabi nga ng UN Declaration of Human Rights, na kung saan signatory ang Pilipinas, ang pagkilala sa pantay-pantay ng karapatan ng lahat sa lipunan ang magsisilbing matibay na pundasyon ng kalayaan, hustisya ant kapayapaan sa buong mundo," he said./OFFICIAL WEBSITE: <http://chizescudero.com/> OFFICIAL FACEBOOK PAGE: <https://www.facebook.com/senchizescudero/> OFFICIAL TWITTER ACCOUNT: @saychiz @chiznewsalert

Motorcycle, bike ban clarified

BAGUIO CITY - The ban on motorcycles, bicycles and motorbikes within the city limits is not a new law but an old and operative, albeit agreeably outdated, statute.

Mayor Mauricio Domogan clarified thus after the memorandum he issued last February 4 to city police director Sr. Supt. George Daskeo to implement ordinances prohibiting the use of two-wheeled vehicles and tricycles within the city boundaries drew flaks in social media.

The mayor said the order was meant to ease traffic flow and enhance the safety of motorists after complaints reached his office on the danger caused by these vehicles along busy streets.

He said he did not intend to deprive motoring and biking enthusiasts of their sporting and mobility needs nor was he going against the environmental campaign to encourage biking and walking as drummed up by some bloggers and Facebook commenters who criticized the mayor's move.

"I also agree that the use of these vehicles should be encouraged but until the law is amended or suspended, it remains in effect. I hope the people will not fault me for implementing the law," the mayor said.

The mayor said in fact, the city has not been fully

implementing the total ban on motorcycles and bicycles and has even been allowing them to traverse areas outside Session Road and even in parts of the central business district.

"But because of the complaints that we have been receiving, we thought we had to implement these laws fully to alleviate our traffic problem and ensure the safety of the riding public," the mayor said.

Amid the online brouhaha, members of the Cordillera Motorcycle Association led by Robert Macamba and Watson Tabat met with the mayor and the city council and aired their request to have the ordinance amended in such a way that they will be allowed to traverse all roads at all times except in Session Road and Harrison Road where they will be allowed only on "window hours." The ban on tricycles will remain.

The mayor expressed willingness to consider the recommendations and asked the group to submit their proposed amendments which will be used as basis for repealing or amending the existing ordinances by the city council.

While this is being worked out, the mayor agreed to revert back to the old arrangement of allowing them entry in all

roads except at Session Road.

Councilor Joel Alangab, chair of the city council committee on traffic and transportation last Wednesday began conducting consultations with the motorcycle groups on the possible amendments. More consultations will be scheduled with the other stakeholders to determine the consensus on the matter.

The mayor said complaints reaching him pointed to transgressions by some undisciplined motorcyclists and bikers ranging from overspeeding to the detriment of other vehicles to noise and indiscriminate parking.

Ordinance No. 66 series of 1948 imposed the total ban on motorcycles, tricycle, scooters, bicycles or motorbikes within the city limits except on specified areas. This was later amended by Ordinance No. 329 series of 1960, Ordinance No. 418 series of 1965 and Ordinance No. 423 series of 1965 but all of these in essence retained the total prohibition. Ordinance No. 28 approved in 2012 banned tricycles in the city and this is being enforced up to now.

In 2000, there was a proposal to lift the prohibition for the motorcycles and bicycles but during consultations, the public posed objections prompting the city council to retain the ban./A Refuerzo

'Cheating is already in place'

The Commission on Elections (COMELEC) is out to manipulate results of the coming presidential and local polls to favor administration bets, according to an advocate for transparent and clean elections.

Lawyer Glenn Chong, spokesman for election watchdog Reform Philippines Coalition (RPC) on Sunday disclosed that the Comelec did not subject the trusted build of the election management system (EMS) program and as well as its newly-created version to an independent source code review to prime up the vote counting machines (VCMs) for cheating.

Chong pointed out that the non-review of the EMS source code was admitted to him by Mario Garcia, project manager of election provider Smartmatic Corp., which supplied the three programs of the Automation Election System (AES) and the 97,519 VCMs that will be used in the May 9 polls.

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"I asked him why did you make the trusted build when the source code has not yet been reviewed yet? He told me that they were

already short of time and thus reversed the process of coming up with the trusted build before subjecting it to a source code review," Chong told *The Manila Times*.

"Withholding a piece of code from the source code reviewers, refusal to print the voters' receipt and the sudden revisit of the source and recompilation of the EMS trusted build as a way to possibly neutralize the exit poll strategy all point to one thing—kasado ang dayaan [cheating is already in place] as of today. I am dead sure about it," he said. "I will bet my entire fortune on this conclusion."

Chong added that there are two versions of the EMS that were deposited in the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP).

"The source code review is all but a zarzuela. We will push for the reviewers not to give their imprimatur and not to sign the report on the source code," he said.

The AES is composed of three programs—the EMS, the VCM and the consolidation canvassing system (CCS).

The original trusted build code for EMS was finished last January.

On February 8, however, Comelec Chairman Andres Bautista announced that there were incompatibility problems on the two programs, the EMS and the consolidation canvassing system (CCS) which, in effect, postponed the printing of official ballots for the third time.

On Friday, Bautista said the problem has been cured after depositing the new EMS version in a rented vault at the BSP, which also paved the way for the holding of mock elections in 20 locations all over the country.

On August 8, 2015, the Comelec signed a \$766,000 or P35-million contract with SLI Global Solutions (SLI) for the testing and review of the source code, which contains the customized program for Philippine elections that would be loaded on the VCMs.

SLI, a Colorado-based firm, is the same firm that conducted the source code review during the 2013 elections.

As certifier, SLI will make sure that the source code submitted by Smartmatic meets specifications and performance and adheres to deliver what the Comelec needs, and as well as protect the AES against hacking or unwarranted entries.

Prior to the SLI review, the Comelec conducted last year a base source code review.

Bautista said then that after the source code has been certified by SLI, it would be made again available for review as provided in Republic Act 9369 before February 2016.

Senior Commissioner Christian Robert Lim explained that the source code is basically an independent auditor to ensure that system is running free from possible malicious lines and ensure that one's vote would be credited to the candidate voted upon.

Chong pointed out that anything can go wrong if just one piece of code is withheld from source code review, which, he pointed out, is what the Comelec has exactly done.

He explained that the Comelec tweaked the original trusted build in anticipation of possible exit polls, which according to a Supreme Court decision in *ABS-CBN vs Comelec* case are an essential part of freedom of speech and of the press and cannot be banned.

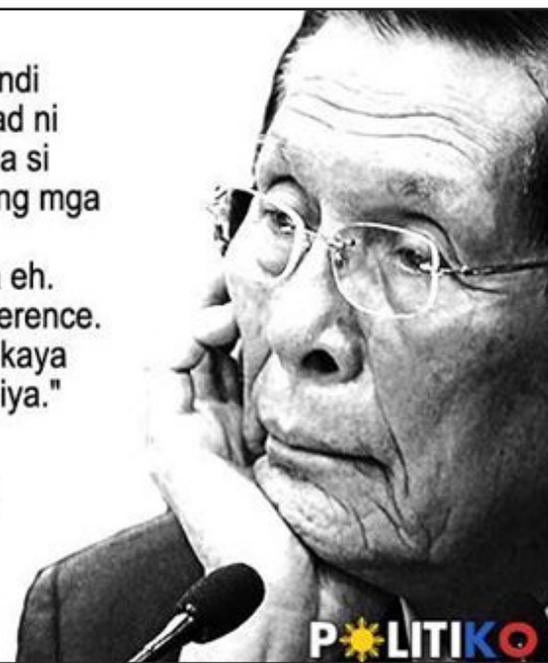
Chong said they would be filing a new petition for mandamus in the Supreme Court over removal of the voter verification paper audit trail (VVPA), one of the four minimum security requirements provided for under Republic Act 9369 or the Automated Election System Law.

The VVPAT system is designed to allow voters to verify that their vote was cast correctly through the issuance of a receipt, showing the names of candidates that they voted.

It serves as a deterrent against possible election fraud and would provide a means to audit the stored electronic results./ by WILLIAM B. DEPASUPIL, REPORTER

"Yung gabinete niya, hindi niya kinausap. Di katulad ni Obama, nung tirahin nila si Bin Laden, pinulong yung mga advisers niya, Cabinet members, CIA. Ito wala eh. Walang command conference. Sinolo niya. Akala niya kaya niya. Yun pala palpak siya."

Senator Enrile
on PNoy's role in Mamasapano



KAKAMPI MO ANG BATAS

**Understanding Pacquiao
on same-sex relations**

BY: ATTY. BATAS MAURICIO



LIFE'S INSPIRATIONS: "... Because of this, God gave them over to shameful lusts. Even their women exchanged natural sexual relations for unnatural ones. In the same way the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another. Men committed shameful acts with other men, and received in themselves the due penalty for their error..." (Romans 1:26-27, the Holy Bible).

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UNDERSTANDING PACQUIAO ON SAME-SEX RELATIONS: I am quite sure that the noise and brouhaha about the comments made by Saranggani Rep. Manny Pacquiao, now one of the senatorial candidates of the United Nationalist Alliance of Vice President Jejomar Binay, on gays and lesbians are understandable reactions.

But, clearly, Pacquiao was merely echoing what the Bible said about relationships and sexual encounters between people of the same sex and he, as a Bible-believing Christian, has all the right in this world to expound on the Bible. Anyone who is a true Christian has the duty and obligation to say exactly what the Bible is saying, no matter who gets offended or hurt.

What is undeniable is that, the Bible said men-to-men and women-to-women sex are curses from God which lead to death. In Leviticus 18:22, it is there stated that men should not have sexual relations with other men, for that is detestable to God. In Romans 1, intercourse between men and men and women and women are punished with death, and this penalty applies also to people who just approve of these acts.

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"I MAY NOT AGREE WITH WHAT YOU SAY...": I agree that gays and lesbians who felt alluded to by what Pacquiao said have a right to denounce him. But this does not mean that Pacquiao should be prevented from talking about what he believes in, more particularly what he believes are the doctrinal foundations of his Christian faith.

Indeed, many may not agree on what the world boxing champion said about gays and lesbians, especially those who are engaging in men-to-men or women-to-women sexual relationships nowadays which, the Department of Health said, has contributed to the unprecedented rise of the dreaded disease HIV-AIDS in the Philippines today, but Pacquiao has every right to preach his belief, especially about what the Bible is saying.

As a foreign philosopher once said, "I may not agree with what you say, but I will defend to death your right to say it." In a society where many people no longer believe in God and in the Bible, a free exchange of ideas should be encouraged, rather than restricted, if only to enable everyone to understand every facet of an all-too important issue such as same sex relationships!

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WHAT DID PACQUIAO REALLY SAY? But, what did Pacquiao really say about gays and lesbians? From my understanding, he was merely parroting (unfortunately for him, indeed) earlier Facebook posts showing presidential candidate and Sen. Miriam Defensor Santiago's caricatured picture with a caption that read something like, "animals are better than humans because animals don't engage in sex with their kind of the same sex."

Really, nobody here has ever witnessed yet animals of the same sex having intercourse, right? I am of the belief that there is no place in the whole world as of yet that has animals of the same sex mating, or having sex together, is it not?

This was what the post about Santiago was saying actually, and what Pacquiao actually meant. The intended message was, if animals, which are greatly lower in form and in intelligence than humans, do not engage in same sex relationships, humans who do that---same sex relationships---would therefore appear to be worse than the animal species. This, I believe, was what Pacquiao wanted to say! So sorry he goofed in the manner he said it!

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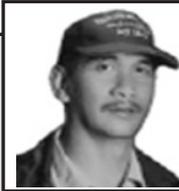
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Philippines continues to defend maritime rights over West Philippine Sea



The Star-Spangled Banner- I happened to chance upon the CNN news on the opening of the Super Bowl Sunday (the most widely viewed [television] event in the world) and there was some news on the star performers like Lady Gaga who would sing The Star-Spangled Banner, although this is not my first time to have noticed how the Americans or non-US citizens sing the US national Anthem.

One thing noticeable about these star(s) who sing the US anthem is that they don't seem to have some kind of strict criteria on the delivery of the anthem, and in fact at the latter part, even the crowd breaks into an applause and some sort of a joyous moment.

In fact, even Charice Pempengco a Pinoy star at that was accorded the benefit of singing the US anthem at the opening of the 2013 Civil Rights Games at Chicago. A feat that would be unthinkable and even highly condemnable at that should a foreigner sing the Lupang Hinirang.

Which now brings me to the question that, are Americans less patriotic when they allow foreigners to sign their national anthem at major events, and also are Americans less patriotic when they allow these star performers to sing their national anthem in what appears to be different singing styles?

Which brings to mind what I distinctly remember when Martin Nievera was vilified and so much ado was made against him when he sang the Lupang Hinirang during a Pacquiao fight and while I am not a diehard Martin Nievera fan, I happened to like his rendition, although the so-called experts found it wrong and not according to standards (what and who the hell decides on the standards, you tell me?). Hence the vilification and condemnation against Nievera on how he sang the Lupang Hinirang reached such ridiculous proportions.

The question again, to my mind is, is Martin Nievera less patriotic, or are we as a nation less or more patriotic based on how the Lupang Hinirang is sang?

Just take note at how the Americans seem to be having fun and enjoying (I would imagine with a high sense of pride and patriotism as I see it) when The Star-Spangled banner is sang and with a lot of cajoling and clapping at the latter part, whereas the Lupang Hinirang should be sang with a certain tempo and mood, etc.

As far as this columnist is concerned, I will keep some of my thought to myself and leave it up to you to draw your own conclusion.

While it appears that the Pinoys can truly make a mountain out of a molehill and trivialize what is indeed trivial. Although, I notice and the list I can make is quite long, that there are indeed non-trivial and even serious matters or incidents that need our collective national attention and concerns which we apparently simply ignore and take for granted.

But just don't sing the Lupang Hinirang with the mood of The Star-Spangled Banner, and you're dead. Truly more fun in the Philippines.

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Grace Poe - a true Pinoy nationalist and patriot!!!
- We are truly a blessed nation and country. We have at present a roster of Presidentiables, that if all elected simultaneously into office, can lead the whole world if not the whole universe.

We have a Du30 that will solve crime and bring us peace and order, although not clear on his economic policies, assuming he has any.

We have a Binay, who is and must be presumed to be innocent not until proven otherwise - that is how

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Manny Pacquiao- Walang paninindigan!!!- Yan ang problema sa mga taong mahilig magpa bibliya-bibliya na naggagaling-galingan. Etong si Pacquiao na ito, ayon nga sa kanya at ito ay dinig na dinig ko mismo sa kanyang bunganga na sabi niya nung araw na "God spoke to me" daw. Kung sabagay, ito ay medjo uso sa mga born against este born again na sila daw ay kinakausap mismo ng Panginoon. Sila nga lang talaga ang mga anak ng Diyos at sila lang ang kinakausap, hi! hi! hi! Kawawa naman tayong mga simpleng nilalang at hindi tayo kinakausap ni God. Ang tanong ko nga lang ay gaano sila naka-titiyak na boses nga ni God ang kanilang naririnig at hindi boses ni tanny o ni luci, sapagkat alam naman natin na mapanlinlang ang demonyo???

Itong nakaraang banat ni Pacquiao ay kahanga-hanga sana kung hindi siya nag-apologize sapagkat yuon ay kanyang opinyon at paninindigan, kaya hindi siya dapat umurong (parang siya yung kilala kong Judge na urong-sulong). Dapat sana ay pinanindigan na niya ang lahat ng kanyang sinabi sapagkat mayroon naman tayong freedom of speech and expression at kanya na rin na-isabi na. O ngayon para siyang walang yagbols at natakot siya kina Boy Abunda, Vice Ganda at sa mga iba pang BADAFA, etc.

Para sa kaalaman ng marami, hindi lang naman si Pacquiao ang bumitaw ng ganyang salita at pananaw. In fact, pati si Miriam Santiago ay ganito rin ang sinabi nuon pa, at kung tutuusin kung gusto talaga ni Pacquiao mag-apologize ay sa mga hayop o animals siya mag apologize sapagkat kanyang ininsulto ang mga animals, hi! hi! hi!

Ano ka ba naman pambansang nuo este kamao, umurong ang yagbols mo sa mga LGBT! Para lang sa kanilang boto natakot ka na!!!! PWEEE..... ISA KA NGANG NAG-GAGALING GALINGAN NA BORN AGAINST NA TRAPO!!!!

Alam Niyo ba na kahit mga HAYOP ayaw ng Same Sex Company, May nakita na ba kayong 2 lalaking Aso na nagla-Loving-Loving??



Bakit Kayo TAO, Bakit gusto Niyo ng D' Same Sex Marriage??

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Pasugalan sa Kayang-Hilltop, tuloy-tuloy!!! - MAHINANG KLASE ITONG SI P/SR.SUPT. GEORGE DASKEO, BASAHIN NA LANG NINYO MGA DEAR READERS ANG LG KOMENTARYO SA PAHINA 9NG PAHAYAGANG ITO, KUNG BAKIT KO ITO NASABI. TUNAY NA ISANG PALA-ISIPAN ITONG PATULOY NA PASUGALAN SA KAYANG-HILLTOP. Dalawang beses na kaming sumulat at nag-padala ng ebidensya sa kanya, eh hanggang ngayon ay bulag-bulagan pa rin siya, at wala siyang aksyon!!! Ayoko sana siyang ikumpara kay CD Miranda, ngunit nung panahon ni Miranda (bago siya umalis) nung ito mismong pasugalan na ito ay ating ipinarating sa kanya ay agad niya itong ipina-raid, ngunit itong si Col. Daskeo-WALANG LANG, DEDMA !!!

BAGUIO CITY - "What is ours is ours". This is the stand of President Benigno Aquino III on the West Philippine Sea territorial dispute as reiterated by Department of Foreign Affairs Assistant Secretary Charles Jose.

Jose was in Baguio City and Benguet on Feb. 17 to 18 for the Baguio leg of the nationwide advocacy campaign on the West Philippine Sea issue that includes a multi-sect oral forum at the University of the Cordilleras and two campus tours - one also in UC and one at the Benguet State University.

The advocacy campaign aims to increase public awareness and understanding on the issue.

Jose shared that one of the core issues that needs immediate resolution is China's claim of so called "indisputable sovereignty" over nearly the entire South China Sea as represented in its nine-dash line which he pointed out is not supported by any international law.

Another issue is China's assertive and sometimes aggressive behavior in the West Philippines Sea on its aim to claim that part of water, which has also other claimants like Taiwan, Malaysia, Vietnam and Brunei.

Explaining why the Philippines must continue to fight for our maritime rights over the West Philippine Sea, Jose that if we give up we will loss around 80 percent of our Exclusive Economic Zone which aside from a major livelihood source of many Filipinos especially the fishermen, has also mineral resources that could be vital for economic growth and improvement of the life of Filipinos.

Jose stressed that the country is pushing for peaceful settlement and the primacy of the rule of law - using diplomatic and legal way on the territorial dispute in the West Philippine Sea.

Diplomatic means through the call for support of UN member countries and legally through a case filed at the Arbitrary Tribunal of the UN Convention on the Law of the Seas or UNCLOS, which resolution is expected to come out this April or May.

"Our story here is we have legitimate rights in the South China Sea or West Philippine as enshrined in international law but China is claiming what is ours, so we should also defend what is rightfully ours", Jose stressed.

He clarified that as the country continues to fight for what is legally ours, the socio-economic relations between the two countries remain strong and China is among the major sources of foreign tourists in the Philippines.

Jose called on his audience to help spread the information on the government's position on the West Philippine Seas territorial dispute./CCD with Liana Torres/PIA - SLU intern

Son of a Senator draws... from page 1



Most expensive nike air max?

One netizen quickly posted a photo comment to share the details about the controversial shoe.

Turned out the shoe is a 2011 Limited Edition Nike Mag 10 Back to the Future II Marty McFly 2015.

What makes it special? Based on the price posted on eBay, the hotly debated shoe costs just around \$19,000 dollars.

More or less, the shoe costs P839,000 pesos if converted to Philippine peso based on the \$1:47 peso exchange rate.

The photo controversy did not escape the attention of Senator Grace Poe and as a mother, she quickly issued an appeal to the public to spare her son from politics.

According to Senator Grace Poe, she asked her son about it when the controversial photo surfaced on Instagram and stirred an uproar a month ago.

The senator told the PDI reporter that her son showed her how much the price of the controversial shoe is.

The senator reminded the reporters that her son can afford to buy the shoe since his son was a neophyte reporter from one of the TV stations in the country.

"Kung naaalala n'yo, ang aking anak e nagtrabaho rin. Kaya lang kinailangan niyang-mag leave dahil nga kailangan ma-maintain ng network na 'yun 'yung objectivity. (If you remember, my son was already working. Unfortunately, he was forced to take a leave since his mother network hopes to maintain the objectivity."

The senator told the press that she taught her children to save money, but cognizant of the fact that her son could do whatever he wants with his money. / <http://pinoytrending-news.net/>



Ayaw Ko Poe
about a week ago

Sapatos pa lang halos isang milyon na tapos sabi ni Grace Poe wala silang pera? So anu yun, paawa effect lang para masabing maka-masa?

Paano pa kaya kapag presidente na, gintong sapatos ba?

Fastrack... from page 5

our justice system operates in a democracy.

We have a Mar Roxas, who appears to have missed his chance at countless time at greatness (pakitang gilas sana nuong araw pa) when he held numerous hot-shot positions at the present government.

We also have a feisty Lady Miriam, whom to my mind is no longer taken as a presidential serious wannabe but instead had developed some kind of star status.

But of all those I have mentioned, one presidential, take the take so to speak, and can only be looked at as a true presidential, who has shown her true nationalistic and patriotic love for her country.

Can you imagine, Madam Grace Poe who happened to have been settled and established in the US with financial standards that are above-average or could even be considered on the rich side. As I understand it she was already an established elementary teacher, with residence at quite a swanky place in the US, with an established husband (work or profession I have no idea), and she throws this all away and renounces her US Citizenship and wants to become the biggest public servant of them all.

There being 24 senators of the republic, that alone is a mean task which she seemed to have relished coming from being the MTRCB Chair which I would imagine she may have found to be as boring compared to her previous teaching job.

But no, not as Senadora ng bayan, the power that comes with it, is just fantastic. I could imagine how her appetite for power was titillated as senadora ng bayan.

But what about the POWER and MONEY that comes with being President? That is the ULTIMATE, can't get any better or harder than that.

That is why, no matter how you look at it, by wanting to become President of the Philippines, Grace Poe is doing the ultimate sacrifice for us the Filipino People, which according to her own words, she wants to continue the legacy of her late father (jeez, she should be an actress, after all that is the legacy of FPJ the King!!!).

The question now is, am I serious with this column of mine or am I just trying to humor myself? You tell me.

Duterte-Cayetano "Ronda... from page 2

ng vendors at jeepney drivers ay napipilitang kumapit sa patalim at nabibiktima ng 5-6 lenders. Hindi tama ito. I'm telling them now, if elected in May, their days are numbered," Duterte stressed.

To allow ordinary workers to feel the benefits of economic growth, Cayetano vowed to mobilize the national government budget so that small entrepreneurs and people's cooperatives can have better opportunities to grow and provide assistance to their members.

He is also pushing for the establishment of a bank that will provide loans and other services to MSMEs, similar to Thailand's SME Bank. "Kailangan magkaroon ng bangko para magpautang ng puhunan sa pinakam-ababang interes sa mga mahihirap at maliliit na negosyante. Ang pinapautang dapat ng gobyerno ay ang mahihirap, hindi puro mayayaman."

Cayetano has been a firm advocate of MSME development since his reelection campaign in 2013, when he launched his Presyo, Trabaho, Kita (PTK) agenda that grants capital to small-scale workers.

"Sa ilalim ng plataporma namin, may matapang na solusyon at mabilis na aksyon, at ang bawat Pilipinong kumakayod para sa kanyang pamilya ay magkakaroon ng pagkakataong lumago ang buhay. Panahon na para sa tunay na pagbabago. Panahon na para sumaya ang Pilipino," Cayetano said./DC-HQ

Boxing great Manny Pacquiao refuses to back down on gay slurs

Manny Pacquiao, who converted from Catholicism to an evangelical Protestant faith late in his boxing career, created a global controversy this week when he described homosexuals as worse than animals

Philippine boxing great Manny Pacquiao refused to back down Friday over gay slurs that have tarnished his reputation and cost him millions in sponsorship deals, insisting God is on his side.

The eight-division world champion smiled and joked through a short training session in his hometown of General Santos just after dawn, then told reporters he had no intention of bowing to his critics.

"What I am saying is right. I mean I am just stating the truth, what the Bible says," Pacquiao said.

Pacquiao, who converted from Catholicism to an evangelical Protestant faith late in his boxing career, created a global controversy this week when he described homosexuals as worse than animals.

"It's common sense. Do you see animals mating with the same sex? Animals are better because they can distinguish male from female," Pacquiao told Filipino television station TV5.

"If men mate with men and women mate with women, they are worse than animals."

Pacquiao issued an apology on social media after the controversy broke.

But Nike, his major global sponsor, immediately cancelled its endorsement deal with him, describing his comments as "abhorrent".

- Qualified apology -

Pacquiao, who intends to retire after his April fight against American Timothy Bradley to pursue a career in politics, said Friday his apology was qualified.

"What I did wrong was just comparing the people to animals, but you know what I am telling is the truth," he said.

"I mean I am just telling what the Bible says. We believe God and then we should honour the word of God."

Pacquiao said the controversy had not impacted his training or dampened his morale.

"I'm happy. I'm always happy because God is with me," he said.

One of Pacquiao's media handlers told reporters at the training session on Friday that they were not allowed to ask him any questions about the controversy.

However Pacquiao appeared eager to show he remained firm in his religious convictions, and happily accepted questions on the controversy.

A Nike statement released Wednesday said the company no longer wanted anything to do with Pacquiao because of his comments.

"Nike strongly opposes discrimination of any kind and has a long history of supporting and standing up for the rights of the LGBT community... we no longer have a relationship with Manny Pacquiao," the statement said.

Pacquiao continued to wear his Nike apparel at Friday's training session.

Many prominent figures in the United States, where same-sex marriage is enshrined in law, also expressed revulsion this week at Pacquiao's comments.

Jason Collins, the first openly gay athlete in the NBA, dismissed Pacquiao as "bigoted".

"I lost all respect for you," Collins wrote on Twitter. "Bigoted people like you (& yes you are one) should never hold an office in politics."

Pacquiao's long-time rival, Floyd Mayweather -- who outclassed the Filipino in their money-spinning mega-fight last year -- also took aim at the remarks.

"We should let people live their lives the way they want to live their lives. To each his own," Mayweather was quoted by TMZ Sports as saying.

While homosexuality is not criminalised in the Philippines, gay marriage is outlawed due to strong opposition from the Catholic Church.

Eighty percent of the Philippines' 100 million people are Catholics.

But the controversy has dominated the local media, and gay rights campaigners have expressed outrage./ *Karl Malakunas/ AFP News*

Highest-paid SSS executive: A foundling of cronyism and patronage

The Aquino administration knows no other way to manage and do things than by patronage and cronyism. Every time there is an appointment to be made, Aquino turns to a crony. Every time there is a government contract to be awarded, he picks a crony. And when there is a dangerous operation to be launched, he picks a crony.

This is the valedictory insight of Reader Hector as he said farewell, before decamping for Singapore after a spell of working and living with us.

Hector, whom readers will remember as the author of "The Philippines is an Onion" said glumly and cheerfully, "I am thankful that I will soon be uplifted by the 1st world standards and values of Singapore, rather than depressed by the 3rd world myopia and self-interest which permeates the Philippines."

This is a pity, because Hector has been lending his time and knowhow to the critical and constructive analysis of what is really ailing the Philippines and what is stopping us from realizing our potential for dynamism in the global economy.

He says in frustration that from what he has seen, we are "a nation of takers, not creators." Too many people make too much money without effort, or without making any real contribution, in this country. We are now a nation controlled by oligarchs and dynasts.

In his critique of cronyism under Aquino, Hector says that among its most pernicious results are greater poverty and inequality in our society, because it stunts meritocracy from taking root and condemns national life to mediocrity.



Seated, President Aquino and fellow Big Shot. Standing behind them, Eliza Antonino and Mar Roxas.

SSS as den of patronage and cronyism

Significantly, he pointed to the Social Security System (SSS) as a den of patronage and cronyism.

He used to be a trustee of a large corporate pension fund, so he is familiar with the kind of expertise required for managing and administering a massive pension system like the SSS. He presumed that SSS must have experts in its executive positions.

When he got hold of a list of the annual salaries and compensation of SSS executives (see chart), his attention was immediately drawn to the name of Eliza Bettina Antonino because she is being paid the most – P6 million pesos a year. And it's only a part-time job for her.

Although she is just an SSS commissioner, Ms. Antonino's salary exceeds that of the board chairman Juan Santos and SSS president Emilio de Quiros. It seems gallant of them to take less money than the young lady. But it's not gallantry at all; they are just bowing to the wishes of the people who placed them in the SSS.

The questions now being raised, within the system and in corporate boardrooms, are: Is Ms. Antonino an expert in actuarial science? Does she have a Wharton MBA, Wharton being famous for the training of finance managers and executives?

Through routinary sleuthing and research, Hector learned that Ms. Antonino is a graduate in HRM (hotel and restaurant management) and was an intern at Four Seasons Hotel. From out of the blue, at the young age of 30, she was appointed as a commissioner of the SSS, and then in short order she landed on the boards of Philex and Union Bank, to represent the pension fund.

How did Ms. Antonino get her SSS appointment? Who recommended her?

This is where the story gets sticky and potentially messy. Before 2010, according to Hector, Ms. Antonino worked as an administrator for Mar Roxas, who now aspires to become the next president of the Philippines.

Ms. Antonino's good fortune and career is emblematic of the policy of patronage and cronyism of the Aquino presidency, which makes appointments purely on the basis of friendship, kinship, and class association at the Ateneo.

No school has benefited more from the Aquino presidency than the Ateneo. If there are individual cronies, there is now also a crony school. No citizens have been the recipient of more spoils than Aquino's classmates, as the tracing of connections has stretched all the way to grade school, high school and college. Only kindergarten was excluded, because his classmates there were girls.

A preview of how Roxas will lead?

Ms. Antonino's appointment to the SSS cannot be laid at Aquino's door. It is more likely that Mar Roxas was chiefly responsible for her appointment and meteoric rise at the SSS.

Top officials of the SSS are cohorts of Roxas in the Hyatt 10 conspiracy against former president Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo. The setup was envisioned from the beginning when the group wormed their way into the inner circle of the Aquino presidency, taking all the plum finance positions in the Cabinet like finance and budget, and all the huge government and financial corporations like the SSS, the GSIS, the Development Bank of the Philippines (DBP) and others.

Social Security System Officials' Salary

NAME	POSITION	AMOUNT
De Quiros, Emilio Jr. S.	President/Chief Executive Officer	4,188,689.36
Capulong, Rizaldy T.	Executive Vice President	4,959,898.83
Solilapsi, Edgare B.	Executive Vice President	1,677,182.46
Jara, Eddie A.	Senior Vice President	4,949,365.24
Bautista, Jose B.	Senior Vice President	4,896,557.43
See, Judy Frances A.	Senior Vice President	4,858,929.87
Agas, Voltaire P.	Senior Vice President	3,394,885.21
Ongkengko, George Jr. S.	Senior Vice President	2,392,922.27
Layson, Joel A.	Senior Vice President	1,793,339.17
Agdeppa, Santiago Dionisio R.	Senior Vice President	653,834.98
Ciriaco, May Catherine C.	Vice President	4,747,589.90
Sibucan, Mario R.	Vice President	4,557,731.53
San Jose, Agnes E.	Vice President	4,414,748.40
Samontina, Gwen Marie D.	Vice President	4,200,986.73
Bugante, Marissu G.	Vice President	4,070,048.65
Magana, Josie G.	Vice President	4,034,846.60
Balbuena, Nicholas C.	Vice President	3,847,975.53
Argabioso, Antonio S.	Vice President	3,816,354.33
Resare, Elvira A.	Vice President	3,466,051.92
Pacayatan, Milagros M.	Vice President	3,448,065.53
Sacayan, Nestor R.	Vice President	3,156,404.73
Caberoy, Jesse J.	Vice President	2,866,869.27
Mendoza, Ma. Lourdes N.	Vice President	2,556,590.01
Oczon, Gamelin Z.	Vice President	2,343,084.25
Castillo, Hidelza B.	Vice President	2,162,399.84
Padilla, Alan Gene O.	Vice President	634,114.07
Santos, Juan C.	BOD Chairman	4,196,399.84
Antonio, Eliza Bettina R.	BOD Member/Commissioner	5,997,400.00
Edralin, Daniel L.	BOD Member/Commissioner	3,862,000.00
Malonzo, Ibarra A.	BOD Member/Commissioner	3,307,000.00
Aguiar, Diana P.	BOD Member/Commissioner	3,187,400.00
Mendoza, Marianita O.	BOD Member/Commissioner	2,998,400.00
De Quiros, Emilio Jr. S.	BOD Member	2,656,000.00
Lasuesma, Bienvenido E.	BOD Member/Commissioner	2,532,200.00
Baldoz, Rosalinda D.	BOD Member/Commissioner	0.00
TOTAL:		116,826,265.95

Hyatt 10 was like an octopus, and no one spread its tentacles more widely than Roxas and Budget Secretary Florencio Abad.

From the beginning, Abad, who fancies himself as a political strategist, and Roxas, who feels entitled to be the successor of Aquino, had a game plan of commanding

DTI alerts public on purchase of electronic toys

BANGUED, Abra - The Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) issued consumer alert to the general public regarding the purchase of electronically-activated toys like hover boards or scooter boards.

DTI-Abra Provincial Director Arell F. Banez particularly warned parents to be more cautious in buying toys that are potentially hazardous for their children especially the scooters which are fire hazard.

Marcos Rex Hall, DTI information officer, gave specific details on what buyers should scrutinize on the labels of the electronically-activated toys.

A provision of Republic Act 10620 otherwise known as the "Toy and Game Safety Labeling Act of 2013" states that product labels shall include safety warnings such as "not intended for children ages 14 years and below."

Moreover, the labels should also include the following: "This is not a toy"; "Adult supervision is required"; "Recommended for use for those above 14 years old"; "Use extreme caution when charging batteries"; "This product

is intended for indoor use only".

If the above safety tips are not printed in the box of the item, this means that the said product did not pass through the appropriate process or standards requirements. Therefore, consumers are advised not to buy said product to prevent possible accidents, Hall explained.

Children 14 years old and below should not be given electronically-activated toys with a maximum electrical capacity of 24 volts, Hall said.

Since the electrical capacity of hover boards is 36 volts, these are not recommended for this age bracket, he explained.

On the other hand, batteries should have either of the following marks of IEC 62133 or IEC 60335 or ISO/IEC logo.

Furthermore, it is highly advised that consumers read all labels and instructions before buying or using any product most especially those that are potentially hazardous. If not sure of the integrity of the products, better not buy to avoid accidents. /JDP/MTBB - PIA CAR, Abra

Senatorial Candidates 2016

Name	Party	Name	Party
Shariff Albani	Independent	Rey Langit	UNA
Aldin Ali	PMM	Mark Lapid	Aksyon
Rafael Alunan	Independent	Dante Liban	Independent
Ina Ambolodto	Liberal	Romeo Maganto	Lakas
Gofredo Arquiza	Independent	Edu Manzano	Independent
Levito Baligod	Independent	Allan Montaño	UNA
Greco Belgica	Independent	Ramon Montaño	Independent
Walden Bello	Independent	Getulio Napeñas	UNA
Sandra Cam	PMP	Susan Ople	Nacionalista
Melchor Chavez	PMP	Sergio Osmeña III	Independent
Neri Colmenares	Makabayan	Manny Pacquiao	UNA
Leila de Lima	Liberal	Cresente Paez	Independent
Francisco Domagoso	PMP	Samuel Pagdilao	Independent
Ray Dorona	Independent	Jovito Palparan t	Independent
Franklin Drilon	Liberal	Francis Pangilinan	Liberal
Larry Gadon	KBL	Jericho Petilla	Liberal
Sherwin Gatchalian	NPC	Ralph Recto	Liberal
Richard J. Gordon	Independent	Martin Romualdez	Lakas
TG Guingona	Liberal	Roman Romulo	Independent
Risa Hontiveros	Akbayan	Dionisio Santiago	Independent
Eid Kabalu	Independent	Tito Sotto	NPC
Lorna Kapunan	Aksyon	Francis Tolentino	Independent
Princess Jacel Kiram	UNA	Diosdado Valeroso	Independent
Vanessa Lacsamana	UNA	Joel Villanueva	Liberal
Panfilo Lacson	Independent	Juan Miguel Zubiri	Independent

taxpayers money to finance Roxas' march to the presidency. The details of the scheme are finally unfolding as the election campaign has gotten under way.

To return to the subject of SSS patronage and cronyism, the connections of Ms. Antonino were so good, she got her mother appointed by President Aquino as chairperson of the Mindanao Development Authority.

Now, we must wonder whether with Ms. Antonino's story, we are getting a preview of how Mar Roxas will lead, and how power will be exercised to benefit friends and family. /yenmakabenta@yahoo.com

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REGIONAL TRIAL COURT OF BAGUIO CITY
FIRST JUDICIAL REGION
BRANCH 3

IN RE: PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME OF JESSICA VALERIE BORILLO ORCALES AND JUSTINE MARLON BORILLO ORCALES TO JESSICA VALERIE ORCALES JULIAN AND JUSTINE MARLON ORCALES JULIAN

JESSICA VALERIE BORILLO ORCALES AND JUSTINE MARLON BORILLO ORCALES,
Petitioners.

-versus-

LORETO B. JULIAN, LOCAL CIVIL REGISTRAR OF BAGUIO CITY AND THE PHILIPPINE STATISTICS AUTHORITY,
Respondent.

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SPL. PROC.
CASE NO. 2516-R

ORDER

A verified petition was filed by petitioner through counsel, alleging among others that:

1. Petitioners are siblings, both of legal age, both Filipino citizens, and residents of No. 65 Immaculate Conception Street, South Central, Aurora Hill, Baguio City. They may be served with process emanating from the Honorable Court through their undersigned counsel.
2. Respondent LORETO B. JULIAN, of legal age, married to the mother of the Petitioner and a resident of the same address as the petitioners is being impleaded herein being the biological father of the Petitioners to be granted.
3. Respondent Local Civil Registrar of Baguio City with office address located at T. Alonzo Street, Baguio City and the Philippine Statistics Authority located at Solicarel Building, Ramon Magsaysay Boulevard, Sta. Mesa, Manila are being impleaded as nominal parties considering that these offices shall implement the court decision relative to this case.
4. The Petitioners, JESSICA VALERIE BORILLO ORCALES

and JUSTINE MARLON BORILLO ORCALES were born out of wedlock on August 24, 1994 and August 9, 1993, respectively, to Spouses Loreto and Myrna Julian.

5. In the Certificate of Live Birth of the Petitioners, their father's name was not indicated therein, because at the time they were born, their parents were unsure if they will settle as husband and wife. Copies of their respective Certificates of Live Births are herewith attached as Annex "A" and Annex "B".

6. Subsequently, on December 9, 1996, Petitioners' parents Loreto B. Julian and Myrna O. Julian contracted marriage with each other. A copy of their certificate of marriage is herewith attached as Annex "C".

7. Since preschool to the present, both Petitioners used their father's surname in all their transactions. Hence, initially, they did not find it necessary to change their surname to Julian.

8. The affidavit of acknowledgement of paternity and consent to use the surname of their father, Loreto B. Julian, is hereto attached as Annex "D".

9. The Petitioners in all their transactions with third persons and institutions consistently used their name Jessica Valerie Orcales Julian and Justine Marlon Orcales Julian. School records of the petitioners showing that they used their respective correct names are hereto attached as Annex "E" and "Series".

10. In order to capture the correct name and legal status of the petitioners, it is fitting and proper to allow them to chance their name.

Petitioners pray that after due notice, publication and hearing, an Order be issued to allow the change of name of Petitioners from JESSICA VALERIE BORILLO ORCALES and JUSTINE MARLON BORILLO ORCALES to JESSICA VALERIE ORCALES JULIAN and JUSTINE MARLON ORCALES JULIAN.

It appearing that the instant petition is sufficient in form and substance, the same is set for hearing on August 8, 2016 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 February 7, 2016 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, 134 Amorsolo St., Legaspi Village, Makati City, Metro Manila, National Statistics Office (now known as Philippine Statistics Authority PSA)-Solicarel Bldg. I. R. Magsaysay Blvd. Sta. Mesa, Manila.

Baguio City, Philippines, this 27th day of

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
FIRST JUDICIAL REGION
Baguio City
OFFICE OF THE EX-OFFICIO SHERIFF

RURAL BANK OF ITOGON (BENGUET), INC.,
Mortgagee,

-versus-

ANITA DEMOT HILVANO AND ENRIQUE HILVANO, Mortgageors,
X-----X

FORECLOSURE CASE NO. 16-628-S

EXTRA-JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE UNDER ACT 3135 AS AMENDED

SHERIFF'S NOTICE OF AUCTION SALE

Upon verified petition for extra-judicial foreclosure sale under Act 3135, as amended filed by RURAL BANK OF ITOGON (BENGUET), INC., against ANITA DEMOT HILVANO and ENRIQUE HILVANO of No. 65 B Lower Balacbac, Baguio City to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of January 29, 2016 amounts to FIVE HUNDRED TWO THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED TWENTY THREE PESOS & 56/100 (Php 502,623.56) inclusive of interest, penalties, attorney's fees but exclusive of sheriff's fees and expenses incidental to the foreclosure proceedings, the undersigned or any duly authorized sheriff will sell at public auction on March 16, 2016 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter at the lobby of the main entrance of the

January, in the year of Our Lord, 2016.

(SGD) EMMANUEL CACHO RASING
Presiding Judge

Copy furnished:

1. The Solicitor General
2. Local Civil Registrar of Baguio City
3. Philippine Statistics Authority
4. Atty. Ma. Conception C. Castro-Santiago
5. The Junction Newspaper
6. Loreto B. Julian

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Hall of Justice Building, Baguio City to the highest bidder for CASH and in PHILIPPINE CURRENCY, the real property together with all existing improvements thereon which is more particularly described as follows:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO T-96963

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Prospective buyers/bidders are hereby enjoined to investigate for themselves the property and the encumbrances thereon, if there be any.

In the event that there is a failure of the auction sale, the same is re-scheduled on March 23, 2016 at the same time and place without need of notice and republication.

Baguio City, Philippines, February 11, 2016.

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

(SGD) DELFIN E. ARIAGA
Sheriff IV

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Chiz bats for tuition-free SUCs, expanded aid program for private school student

Independent vice-presidential candidate Sen. Francis "Chiz" Escudero vowed to revolutionize the country's higher education with free tuition in state colleges and universities (SUCs) and better financial assistance to students in private tertiary schools.

"The tuition in SUCs is not free. It is our goal to make public colleges and universities tuition-free," Escudero said during his recent school visits in the provinces where he discussed the platform of Partido Galing at Puso headed by his presidential running mate Sen. Grace Poe.

The vice-presidential frontrunner said he and Poe are planning to infuse additional P20 billion into SUCs' spending package to subsidize free tuition in all public tertiary schools across the country and improve their facilities.

During the Senate plenary debate on the 2016 budget of the Commission on Higher Education last November, it was revealed that P8 billion is needed to fully subsidize the tuition of 800,000 students in SUCs this year.

Escudero said they will also ensure full and effective implementation of the student financial assistance program under Republic Act No. 10687, or the Unified Student Financial Assistance System for Tertiary Education Act (UniFAST), which was enacted in October 2015.

"Gagawin naming libre ang tuition sa lahat ng state universities and colleges at mas accessible ang 'study now, pay later' program ng gobyerno sa lahat ng estudyante sa private school," Escudero said.

Escudero, former chairman of the Senate

Committee on Finance, said the total allocation for 114 SUCs under the 2016 national budget is P47.4 billion, which goes mostly to personnel services and maintenance and other operating expenses.

"Of that amount, P11.8 billion is for the University of the Philippines, including the Philippine General Hospital. The rest of the budget for SUCs, which is P35.6 billion, is shared by 113 schools," Escudero said.

The seasoned lawmaker said funding access to higher education, both in public and private tertiary schools, is similar to "investing in the nation's future."

"Hindi lamang pag-asa ng bayan ang kabataan. Para sa akin, dapat ang kabataang Pilipino ngayon ay maaasahan na ng bayan," Escudero said.

Escudero said the UniFAST law ensures financial aid to private school students to enable them to finish college.

Unlike the typical scholarship program, Escudero said the UniFAST covers all students, not only those with honors or with exemplary scholastic record.

CHED data would show that of the 3,044,218 that enrolled to college in school year 2011-2012, only 648,752 completed a four-year course and graduated in 2015, or a measly 21.31 percent survival from first to fourth year college.

Although there are existing student financial assistance programs for tertiary education, these programs served only 60,240 college students in 2011, or 1.97 percent of the 3,044,219 students who enrolled that year./Office of Senator Chiz Escudero

Air ambience in ASK meeting

BAGUIO CITY – With the aim for cleaner air in the city, new smoke-belching testing machines are being acquired for those voluntarily having their vehicles tested.

These are mullied to be installed at the Baguio Convention Center grounds, a more spacious area for vehicle maneuvering, than the Wastewater, Water and Ambient Air Management Division (WWAMD) area of the City Environment and Parks Management Office (CEPMO) at Sanitary Camp.

This was announced by Mayor Mauricio Domogan during the Alay Sa Kalinisan (ASK) meetings at city hall.

An instruction was also given for WWAMD head Engr. Moises Lozano to facilitate the testing of vehicles, given the willingness of owners to queue at the testing center. The mayor sees this as personal and purposeful support from Baguioites.

A technician to operate said machine shall also be hired, it was known.

Clean-up of the air goes on with public health at stake, the mayor added.

In the latest report for roadside air quality, the City Social Welfare and Development Office (CSWDO), Mines View and Pacdal Circle areas registered "good." Other air quality indices show ranges from "good,"

"fair," "unhealthy," "very unhealthy," acutely unhealthy," and "emergency;" with corresponding warnings for individuals with respiratory conditions.

The Roadside Inspection, Testing and Monitoring Team (RITMT) report for January yielded 1,017 gas and diesel-fed vehicles flagged, 920 tested with 477 (51.85%) passing and 443 (48.15%) failing.

There were government, private and public utility vehicles, school services and buses, from those tested, with P722,500 collected as polluter's, voluntary testing, testing fees, penalty of driver, and certificate of compliance.

Reports on air ambience are given regularly during the once-a-month ASK meetings. The ASK deals with issues on environment, specifically the anti-graffiti, forestry and re-greening, water and air quality, anti-smoke belching, market and health, among others.

Local government officials and employees, private individuals, the media, Philippine National Police, the academe, transport, socio-civic organizations and business sector representatives regularly attend the ASK meetings./Julie G. Fianza



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ATTENTION: HON. MAURICIO DOMOGAN-MAYOR BAGUIO CITY, HON. MEL SENEN SARMIENTO- DILG SECRETARY, PDG. RICARDO MARQUEZ, CHIEF PNP, P/C.SUPT. ULYSSES ABELLERA, RD PRO-COR !!!



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Ilegal na Pasugalan sa Kayang-Hilltop, Dedma ang PNP!!!



Tunay na isang palisipan kung bakit ang pasugalan sa Kayang-Hilltop ay tuloy-tuloy pa rin at walang aksyon hanggang sa ngayon ang hepe ng PNP Baguio. Inyong makikita ang dalawang liham na ating pinadala kamakailan lang kay P/Sr. Supt. George Daskeo, kasama sa liham

ay photos, video at sketch ng exact location kung saan nagaganap ang pasugalan. Nakatitiyak kami na hindi ito alam ni kagalang-galang na Mayor ng Baguio na si Honorable Mauricio Domogan sapagkat hindi niya pinapayagan ang mga ganitong uri ng ilegal na

pasugalan at pati na rin sina Sec. Sarmiento at Chief PNP Marquez. Nakalulungkot ang ganitong kawalang aksyon ni P/Sr. Supt. Daskeo. Kabago – bago mo pa naman sa iyong posisyon Sir, imbis na sana ay mag-pakitang gilas ka eh wala ka ni anumang aksyon.

Marahil ay kung kami sa Linis Gobyerno ang tata-nungin ay dapat siguro sa ibang lugar ka ma-destino at hindi sa Baguio. Isa pa itong Punong Barangay ng nasabing lugar na si PB Rene Biagtan. Nais mo ba kaming ipaniwala na hindi mo alam at wala

ka-muang-muang pati na ang iyong mga Kagawad sa nagaganap na ilegal na pasugalan na ito?!?! Marahil ay dapat lang siguro na gumawa na lang kayo ng inyong mga palusot sa opisina ng Ombudsman at sa DILG hinggil sa aming reklamo na isasampa laban sa inyo!

Linis Gobyerno, Inc.
(Clean Government/Governance)

January 24, 2016

PSR/SUPT. GEORGE DASKEO
OIC- PNP City Director
Baguio City

Subject: Continuous gambling at Kayang-Hilltop , last and final warning

Dear Director Daskeo:

With all due respect, while we understand that you are relatively new in your post; however, please be informed that we have previously just recently already sent two (2) letters dated December 15, 2015 and December 29, 2015, both letters addressed to the BCPO Intel Officer and the letter dated December 29, 2015 was also copy furnished to the former City Director Miranda, please see attached.

As you will note, both previous letters included photos and video of the ongoing gambling and sketch of location. Apparently, as we understand when we copy furnished the former CD Miranda on our letter dated December 29, 2015 he had accordingly acted on the information and a raid was immediately conducted by his office. Unfortunately, the illegal gambling appears to once again be ongoing right under the very nose of your intelligence officer, please refer to the attached photos and video taken on the evening of January 23, 2016 (Saturday).

In view of this, we urge you to please take the necessary action on this matter, as we likewise hope to hear from you on the action your office will and or had taken on this matter.

Maraming salamat po at mabuhay po kayo at ang PNP Baguio.

Sincerely yours,
Nestor A. Castro
Director For Anti Graft and Corrupt Practices

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Letter personally handed to CD Daskeo on February 5, 2016

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February 15, 2016

P/SR. SUPT. GEORGE DASKEO
OIC-PNP City Director
Baguio City

Subject: Last and final advice for your office to act on the ongoing gambling at Kayang Hilltop

Dear P/Sr. Supt. Daskeo:

With all due respect, on February 4, 2016 we had sent your office information to act on the ongoing gambling at Kayang Hilltop, we had sent you sufficient information containing photos, video and a sketch (see attached letter). Unfortunately, it appears that your office did not take any action on this matter. Herewith attached are photos and a video of the ongoing gambling as taken on the evening of February 14, 2016 (Sunday).

In view of this, we hope that your office will take the necessary action on this matter and we look forward to being informed on the action your office had taken if any.

Nevertheless, let me just remind you that should your office not put a stop to this ongoing gambling, rest assure that we will file the corresponding complaint at the Office of the Military Ombudsman and likewise denounce your non-action at The Junction Newspaper and other on line media affiliates.

Maraming salamat po at mabuhay po kayo at ang PNP Baguio.

Sincerely,
Nestor A. Castro
Director For Anti Graft and Corrupt Practices

Letter for CD Daskeo received by P01 Clayton John Sokokon on February 15, 2016

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Most improved barangays feted

BAGUIO CITY - The city government here honored the most improved barangays when it comes to cleanliness and sanitation during the regular flag ceremony at the city hall grounds last Feb. 15.

Winning the search for the most improved barangay is Upper Rock Quarry barangay headed by punong barangay Luis Badecao, Jr. receiving P50,000 cash incentive.

Receiving second prize with a cash incentive of P35,000 is Imelda Marcos barangay while Loakan Proper was awarded third prize with P25,000 cash incentive.

The other participating barangays recognized were Trancoville, Ambiong, Engineer's Hill and Atok Trail. Said barangays received P5,000 cash incentives each.

The board of judges composed of Dr. Donnabel Tubera, Engr. Candido delos Santos, Marieta Joven, Charito Bueno and Robert Bruce Colewan screened and evaluated the barangays based on the improvement of water source and increased household with access to safe water for the last three years.

On nuisance, drainage, excreta and sewage disposal, the barangays must have an improved wastewater man-

agement and improved condition of septic tank or pit, and there should be no wastewater or stagnant water along roads and open spaces.

The cleanliness of the barangay is very important particularly in the solid management practice like composting, segregation, material recovery facility; regular sanitation practice like clean up drive, aso ko itali ko and tapat ko linis ko among others; and the construction of septic tank, vermin-composting for hog wastes in barangays with backyard piggeries.

The barangays must have sanitation initiatives such as barangay legislations on sanitation, clean and green program, community participation and preparedness and readiness plans.

The allotment of barangay budget for water and sanitation projects/programs for the improvement or construction of canal, drainage or sewer, improvement of water source is a significant factor to sustain and develop cleanliness in the barangay.

The search aims to recognize and at the same time encourage all barangays to improve and sustain cleanliness in their respective barangays for a cleaner and greener Baguio. /Jho Arranz

LGBTs deserve happiness and human rights

Cong. Manny Pacquiao already said sorry on his comparison that same-sex marriage is "masahol pa sa hayop". But he cannot retract that his irresponsible and homophobic statement can set dangerous opinion and precedent that Lesbians, Gays, Bisexuals and Transgenders (LGBT) do not deserve happiness and basic human rights. Cong. Pacquiao should be reminded that LGBT rights are human rights.

His disturbing statement is a concrete proof that homophobia is still a reality in our society

and not an issue of the distant past. Despite the advance in science and reasoning, LGBTs still suffer from homophobia, discrimination and in worst cases, hate crimes. And like most Filipinos, majority also of LGBT suffer from the social and economic crisis.

But what makes his statement and even in his apology worst is his use of the Bible to justify his words. Cong. Pacquiao can always believe what he thinks is best for his soul but he should refrain using or quoting the Bible to impose morality and

defend his irrational fear or homophobia towards the LGBT communities.

CPA as the broadest organization of indigenous in the Cordillera is one with the LGBT communities to call on Cong. Pacquiao and all those who think and look upon the LGBTs as second class people and even compared them to animals to rethink and read more about LGBT. It is not right to compare same-sex marriage as "mas marahol pa sa hayop". It is not right to look upon the LGBT communities as second class people.

CPA as an organization recognizes and respects the rights and welfare of the LGBT communities. In fact, as a member of the International League of Peoples Struggle (ILPS), CPA supports ILPS Concern No. 17 which tackles the rights of gays, lesbians, bisexuals and transgendered people against discrimination, intolerance and homophobia. Aside from this, CPA has been supporting and participating LGBT concerns and major activities such as Pride Parade. In Baguio City, CPA supports the proposed anti-discrimination resolution in the City Council.

It is high time that LGBT rights such as same-sex marriage should be one of the top agenda of candidates

especially those running for national positions. Let the voices of the LGBT communities be heard. /Jude Baggo, Public Information Officer, CPA

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He's Alive, thank God! A netizen uploaded a dashcam video showing a road accident at Tuba Benguet last February 13. A lesson for all drivers, please follow traffic rules, and be alert. We're just so thankful the victim survived with minor injuries

Panagbenga activities

BAGUIO CITY - The Panagbenga grand street dancing parade on Feb. 27 culminates at the Athletic Bowl, Burnham Park, as the float parade utilizes the Melvin Jones area on Feb. 28, Mauricio Domogan announced during the regular Ugnayan at city hall last Wednesday.

The 21st version of the Baguio Flower Festival with an apt theme of "Bless The Children With Flowers," features streetdancing children, drum and lyre groups, three Kalinga contingents, Pangasinan and La Union delegates; in addition to local high school and open category aspirants.

The mayor approximates

more than a million tourists on Feb. 27 and 28, with sister city participants from Alaminos and Bani, Pangasinan, Angeles City, Suyo Ilocos Sur, Butuan Agusan del Norte, among others.

Sister cities from South Korea including Taebaek, Han Gong-Ju, Incheon, Chung-bok; are also sending delegates.

Mayor Domogan extended invitations for everyone to enjoy all activities of Panagbenga 2016.

Other Panagbenga activities are the on-going Baguio Blooms exhibition and exposition at Lake Drive, Burnham Park; Feb. 22, Boyce Avenue Concert; Feb. 27, Mr. Panagbenga Muscle

Showdown at Baguio Convention Center; ABS CBN Kapamilya Karavan; Pacific Extreme Combat at the Baguio Convention Center; Feb. 27 to 28, Sponsor's and exhibitor's Day at the Athletic Bowl; Feb. 29 to March 6,

Session Road In Bloom; March 5, Pony Boys' Day at Wright Park; Panagbenga Princess Pageant; Handog Pasaalamat at Melvin Jones Football grounds; March 5 and 6, 14th Open Scrabble Tournament; March 6, Tambalang Saya; Closing Ceremonies and Grand Fireworks display at the Athletic Bowl and other areas in the Central Business District. /Julie G. Fianza

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