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Sa unang issue ng sino ang dapat ninyong IBOTO at sino ang dapat na IBASURA, ating aalamin ang patungkol kay

P/CHIEF SUPT. VILLAMOR BUMANGLAG (Ret.)

Ombudsman orders dismissal of top PNP officials for rubber boat scam. Sangkot sa Php 4.54 Million pesos na anomalya

Ito lamang October 2015 at naipabalita sa iba't ibang news agencies na itong si kumakandidato para Konsehal ng siyudad ng Baguio na si Villamor "Bummy" Bumanglag ay kasama sa mga nakasuhan ng opisina ng Ombudsman. Ang kaso na ito na isinampa laban sa kanya nang siya ay riterado na sa serbisyo. Si Candidate Bumanglag ay na retro sa serbisyo noong taong 2010.

Ang kasong ito ay nag ugat noong si candidate Bumanglag ay hepe o pinuno ng Philippine National Police (PNP) Maritime Group noong taong 2009. Ang isyu na ito ay hinggil sa pagbili ng mga rescue boats na diumano ay defective at ayon pa sa imbestigasyon ng opisina ng Ombudsman ay hindi dumaan sa tamang procurement, transparent and public bidding procedure. Basahin ang isang ipinabalita ng GMA online (www.gmanetwork.com):

"Top officials of the Philippine National Police face dismissal from service after the Office of the Ombudsman issued a dismissal order for their alleged involvement in the anomalous procurement of police coastal crafts worth P4.54 million in 2009.

Ombudsman Conchita Carpio Morales also ordered the filing of informations for multiple violations of Section 3(e) of Republic Act No. 3019 (Anti-Graft and Corrupt Practices Act) against P/C Supt. Villamor Bumanglag, along with 20 other PNP Officials and Personnel (names of concerned officials delisted, their being not an issue to the issue on the candidate) together with 4 personnel of the Four Petals Trading (FPT), the supplier of the rubber boats.

"Investigators found that in 2009, the PNP National Headquarters issued a resolution for the procurement of watercrafts including 20 PCCs with a budget of P5 million. Bumanglag, as former director of the Maritime Group, requested for the increase in unit price from P250,000 to P312,000."

The rubber boats were allegedly procured without public bidding.

It was also found out that the supplier was "not a technically, legally and financial capable supplier" since its address is located in a residential area with no company website.

The boats also had defects noted during delivery but were nevertheless certified to

have passed acceptable standards. Defects included lack of water temperature gauges, fuel gauges, engine oil pressure gauges speedometers, rudder posts, ampere gauge, canvass, hole back portion for starboard side, alternator and heater plug.

In spite of these, the PNP officials paid FPT a total of P4.54 million for the defective rubber boats in August 2010.

Ombudsman Morales said, "The significant events leading to the procurement of 16 PCCs would not only reveal badges of irregularities but also of haste and preference to buy from FPT as the sole and only choice of supplier for coastal crafts."

Hinggil sa mga napakatinding MILYUN-MILYONG PISONG ANOMALYA NA ITO ay ating minarapat na padalhan ng liham nitong March 21, 2016 (letter duly received at Candidate Bumanglag's address) para kunin ang kanyang komento at panig, ngunit hanggang sa kasalukuyan ay wala tayong natatanggap na ano mang komento o paliwanag na manggaling kay Candidate Bumanglag. Bukas ang pahayagang ito, para ilabas ang kaniyang panig.

Sa susunod na issue ay ating tatalakayin ang issue patungkol naman kay Atty. Fred Bagbagen. Nararapat ba siyang maging Bise Mayor ng Baguio?

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Political ad for Bummy Bumanglag, '#15 IBOTO para KONSEHAL', featuring a thumbs up icon and a map of Baguio City.



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Retirees slam black hype vs Vergara



BAGUIO CITY- A group of Baguio-based retirees and other residents are up in arms against the black propaganda being put on the online social networking service Facebook, specifically on the community page which goes by the tagline "Matanda Na," saying it is discriminatory.

THE REAL PUBLIC SERVANTS - City Fire Marshall Supt. Joe Fernand Bangod turns over jewelry and old coins recovered at structural fire at Green Valley on March 22, with approximate value of more than a million pesos to the owner. A salute to the firefighters who demonstrated real public service. We wonder, can the politicians (who always refer to themselves as public servants) do the same thing?

Eh ano pag matanda? Uray siyak, lakayakon. Haan kayo nga agdis-discriminate ta madi dayta!

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Advertisement for 'Eleksyon 2016: expose' featuring Bummy Bumanglag, with various article teasers like 'Defending martial law victims is beyond lip service - Chiz', 'Cost of garbage hauling decreases', and 'Council summons dep't heads on Convention Center audit findings'.

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# Keeping Things in Perspective: Political Corruption and the Presidentiables

First of two parts  
By: Thinking Pinoy

The killer, the novice, the incompetent, or the thief. The meme-powered and oft-unsubstantiated mudslinging is probably confusing a lot of voters today. And in these times, the best thing to do is to go back to the basic question: who is corrupt? Corruption can be defined in so many ways. However, in the context of the 2016 Philippine Presidential Elections, we have to be reminded that we are voting for a president, not a saint. That is why it's important to isolate the type of corruption that's relevant to the situation.

### Political corruption. That's what we need to focus on.

Regardless of political affiliation, most of you will agree with me that political corruption is the biggest problem Filipinos face today. Hence, let's ask:

Which among the presidential candidates is politically corrupt? Before we go any further, let us first be clear about the definition of corruption in the context of politics.

Political corruption means the abuse of political power by the government leaders to extract and accumulate for private enrichment, and to use politically corrupt means to maintain their hold on power.

The definition is a bit circular but the essence is clear, i.e. a politically corrupt official: 1. Abuses political power for private enrichment, or, 2. Abuses political power to gain, maintain, or enhance hold on power

That is, if a presidential candidate falls under one of these two standards, then it's game over. Now, let's examine each presidential candidate with these two standards for political corruption in mind.

### 1.0 Jejomar "Jojo" Binay

Majority of Filipinos may agree that Vice-president Binay is corrupt through-and-through and I don't want to belabor the point anymore. But to sum up his story:

- Makati Parking Building [Rappler]
  - 350-hectare Rosario Batangas Farm [Philstar]
  - UMaK-STI deal [Inquirer]
  - Makati's overpriced medical supplies, etc. [Manila Bulletin]
- Okay, you already get the point, so let's move on to the next candidate. Let's not waste our time on what's already obvious.

### Verdict:

- Abuses political power for private enrichment? Yes.
- Abuses political power to maintain hold on power? Maybe but not necessarily.

### 2.0 Manuel "Mar" Roxas II

In the early months of his campaign, Roxas has been touted as for integrity. Roxas claims to have never been tainted by corruption, and is totally bent on curbing corruption in all ranks of government. Essentially, he is the poster boy for "Daang Matuwid (Straight Path)", a term that's the exact opposite of corruption.

For the longest time, I believed his claims. That is, until I did some research and found out that I, much to my dismay, was wrong.

### 2.1 Dubious Political Alliances

Mar Roxas has allied himself with the following:

- The Romualdos of Camiguin
- The Ortegas of La Union
- The Akbars of Basilan
- The Tans of Sulu
- The Sahalis of Tawi-tawi
- The Mangudadatus of Maguindanao
- The Alonto/Lucmans of Lanao
- The Delosos of Zambales

The list goes on and on. However, among all these dynastic alliances, the most notable, most disturbing, and most recent, is Mar's alliance with the Pinedas of Pampanga and the Dys of Isabela.

Bye Panlilio, Hello Pineda  
The Pinedas of Pampanga are the biggest "alleged" jueteng

lords in the country, capable of bankrolling the presidential campaign of former President GMA [Rappler], and providing payolas to former President Estrada [Philstar].

In 2007, ex-priest Ed Panlilio, a staunch anti-jueteng activist, won the governorship, only to be deposed by the COMELEC in 2010, enabling first runner-up Lilia Pineda to take the seat just a few months before the 2010 elections [GMA]. Roxas and LP supported Panlilio when he ran again in 2010, with President Aquino even declaring that he wants to end the reign of the Pinedas [Inquirer].

Panlilio lost, Pineda won, and Roxas and LP's rhetoric has changed since then.

In 2015, Roxas praised Pineda's leadership, much to the shock and dismay of anti-illegal gambling advocates, Panlilio included [ABSCBN]. Just last week, Roxas and Robredo even went as far as defending Pineda against jueteng-related allegations, only for everyone to find out that Pineda pledged support for Roxas' and Robredo's respective candidacies [Rappler].

Now, going back to our two standards, it remains to be seen if Roxas has something to gain financially, but a solid Kapampanganvite through the support of the "jueteng Pinedas" reinforces his bid to gain power.

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# Defending martial law victims is beyond lip service - Chiz

Defending human rights victims of martial law is beyond lip service said Sen. Francis "Chiz" Escudero, principal author and sponsor of the law compensating victims of martial law under the late dictator Ferdinand Marcos.

In an interview in ABS-CBN's Bandila news program last Monday night (April 4), Escudero said his track record speaks for itself when it comes to giving justice to victims of the dark days of oppression during the Marcos regime.

"Ako ang pangunahing author at sponsor ng batas na nagsasabing dapat magbayad ng kompensasyon sa human rights victims. Hindi naman

lahat nadadaan lang sa salita," explained Escudero, son of the late Salvador Escudero III who served as minister of agriculture during the Marcos administration and under the Ramos presidency.

"Kapag may nagawa ka na, siguro dapat yung nagawa mo should speak for itself," he stressed.

The compensation bill was passed by the Senate Committee on Justice under Escudero's chairmanship in 2013.

"Bakit ipinasa ko yung batas na nagpapabayad ng kompensasyon sa human rights victims? Twenty-five years pending sa Kongreso 'yun. Noong naging chairman ako ng Committee on



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Justice, doon lamang naipasa yun, miyembro na ng Senado si Senator Marcos," Escudero said when asked about his supposed silence on the issue of human rights violations committed during the Marcos dictatorship.

President Aquino signed the

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# Cost of garbage hauling decreases

BAGUIO CITY – The city government's unrelenting and uncompromising efforts to come up with sustainable solutions to the garbage disposal problem resulted in the continuous reduction of the hauling cost of the residual waste outside the city over the past several years.

City General Services Officer Romeo D. Concio revealed that before Mayor Mauricio G. Domogan was elected as the local chief executive in 2010, the hauling cost of garbage outside the city was at least P3,400, inclusive of tipping fee, which compelled the local government to exert efforts in finding solutions to contribute in the reduction of the prevailing hauling cost.

From more or less P3,400 per ton of garbage being hauled out of the city, the local government was able to reduce the same to around P1,800 per ton several years ago until such time that it was again reduced to P1,423 per ton late last year up to the present.

He disclosed that of the prevailing hauling cost to the Metro Clark engineered sanitary landfill in Capas, Tarlac, P932 is the hauling cost while P500 per ton is the tipping fee paid by the city to the landfill operator.

"Previously, we were hauling out more than 160 tons of garbage daily but because of the sustained efforts of the local government to find ways on how to reduce the residual waste being hauled out of the city, we were able to reduce the same to 155 tons daily in 2014 and eventually 135 tons daily last year. This year, we are only averaging 130 tons daily because of the increasing compliance of local residents to the segregation of waste at source," Concio stressed.

From the over P150 million hauling expenses of the previous administration, the general services officer added the implementation of various interventions by the city over the past several years translated to a significant reduction in the hauling cost to P72 million last year.

He asserted the city government will continue to pursue the strict implementation of segregation of waste at source with the cooperation of the barangays and residents in order to further reduce the residual waste being hauled out of the city aside from the development of the integrated solid waste disposal facility in barangay Sto. Tomas School Area which has been identified as the long-term solution to the city's garbage woes.

In order to improve the efficiency of the city in the collection of garbage in the different barangays, He cited the city was able to acquire eight new dump trucks and 2 compactors in order to be added to the existing fleet of 14 garbage trucks being used for the collection of generated waste in the different parts of the city.

He said existing interventions being implemented by the city government to solve the current garbage disposal concerns were all passed upon by the National Solid Waste Commission (NSWMC) upon the recommendation of the City Solid Waste Management Board composed of representatives from various sectors of the city.

The city government closed the operation of its 5.2-hectare Irisan open dumpsite pursuant to the provisions of Republic Act (RA) 9003 or the Ecological Solid Waste Management Act mandating the closure of all open dump facilities and for local governments to venture on the operation of engineered sanitary landfills among other related interventions to reduce the volume of waste being dumped in the landfilled for a healthier and safer environment./Dexter A. See

# MOA on skateboarding at Burnham confirmed

BAGUIO CITY – The city council confirmed the memorandum of agreement executed by the city government and the 2600 Baguio Sayote Powers Skateboarding Org for the temporary use of the distal portion of the biking lane in Burnham Park as their skate park.

However, the council recommended to the local chief executive to provide safety measures to the skateboarders and the bikers by placing sufficient boundary markers to separate the biking lanes from the skateboarding area so as not to pose a threat to their safety when doing their respective activities.

Under the agreement signed between Mayor Domogan and Tommy Tayaotao, president of the 2600 Baguio Sayote Powers Skateboarding Organization, the city shall support the group in their field of sports as a way of diverting their members from drugs, gambling, prostitution and other nefarious activities besetting the present

society by allowing and granting the temporary use of the distal portion of the biking lane in Burnham Park as skate park, provided that, the area mentioned is not reserved for city activities or allowed activities.

On the other hand, the group shall use the area as skate park and there shall be no instance that it will be used for nefarious activities and that the organization shall ensure that no more skateboarding shall be conducted in any other city parks and places such as Rizal Park Complex, Insular Life building vicinity, other parts of Burnham Park, Sunshine Park, Upper Wright Park, Veterans Park, Malcolm Square, Ground Zero Park, except in the allowed area mentioned in Burnham Park.

Further, the organization shall maintain peace and order among members and with the general public and its members shall abide with existing city ordinances on comprehensive smoking, gambling and other

non-conforming activities based on AO No. 021, series of 2015.

The agreement also prohibits the organization from installing permanent fixtures and to keep the area clean, orderly and neat. Moreover, the agreement also bans unnecessary shouting and that they shall strictly comply with all sanitary ordinances, rules and regulations now.

The group committed that its members are willing to help the city remove and erase graffiti in the city, conduct clean-up activities, provided that, the city shall provide the needed materials and that the group is also obliged to coordinate with Burnham Park offices for regular updates on use of the area or city scheduled activities.

In case the city will embark on developing the area, the group agreed that it shall voluntarily leave the area and it is also guaranteed that any violation of the terms and conditions of the agreement will mean the automatic termination of the granted privilege./Dexter A. See

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**iboto... Nagpayaman daw?**

How would you describe Baguio's Congressman?

1. Irresponsible
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 !!!

Siya ay taong may isang salita!

**Hindi siya nagpayaman. Ano ba naman ang ekta-ektaryang property sa Mt. Cabuyao na ito, eh family resort naman ito. Pampamilya kung baga! At daang-milyun naman ang nagawa niyang pera (para sa Baguio)!**

**"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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Retirees slam... from page 1

"This page is discriminatory to us senior citizens who have served the city all our lives. We vehemently disagree with what this page tries to impress in the minds of Baguio City netizens. Be it known that we the elderly, who have raised our children to be respectful members of our society, can be as productive and wiser despite our age," stressed Prof. Federico A. Balanag, chairman emeritus and president of the Blessed Association of Retired Persons (BARP) Foundation.

"This just goes to show what kind of people Vergara's political opponents are and also what kind of supporters they have this election. Because they cannot show any corruption, dishonesty, inefficiency or incompetence on Vergara's part after the many years of public service he has given us as both congressman and mayor, they are now resorting to attacking him on his age," Balanag added.

On the same Facebook page, Moises Cabanatan was quoted as saying, "Ageism is stereotyping and discriminating against individuals or groups on the basis of their age. This page is motivated by age discrimination. Ang epektibong serbisyong pampubliko ay wala sa edad kundi sa kalidad. Vergara pa rin parasa mas magandang Baguio City. Iba na ang subok na!"

Ageism is defined by the Merriam-Webster dictionary as the unfair treatment of old people or the prejudice or discrimination against a particular age-group, especially the elderly. Another Baguio resident and Facebook user Chistine Evahline Torres Shawne also said, "What kind of page is this? Kung may gusto kayong ikampanya, huwag sana kayong mambastos ng ibang tao..."

When interviewed about this, Vergara pointed out that, "I stand by my record of performance, which we have achieved together, faithfully and honourably well. It is a humble record based on actual, well-documented accomplishments that we have helped Baguio recover from past disasters and served to generate rapid economic growth and development. We have a shared destiny to secure a better future for the next generation."

He said that he was effective as both congressman and mayor in the past because he and his team were able to establish a system of check and balance for honest and transparent governance. "Governance is not just about government. It involves people. It requires a constant interaction between those governing and those being governed," Vergara explained.

"Importante sa akin ang transparent and honest governance upang ma panitili ang tiwala ng taong bayan sa aking ginagawa bilang congressman. Regular kong ginagamit ang ating media, both the traditional and the social network, para ipaalam sa lahat ang aking gawain. Better informed, our citizenry can contribute their own inputs para mapalakas pa ang pagpapatupad ng mga proyektong..."

As a legislator, Vergara stressed that he fully supports the passage of the Freedom of Information Bill to empower our constituents with rights and responsibilities respectful of each other.

"I believe that our people's mandate should be earned on the strength of the tried-and-tested competence demonstrably shown, and the well-defined character I have built as a person and family man, through the years," he continued. As a public servant, Vergara also said that he should always remember a quote from a well-viewed motion picture which we are very familiar with, "With power comes responsibility. The greater the power, the greater the responsibility."

"In the past two and a half years, our people have begun to feel that their essential needs and services are not being addressed with proven competence, characteristic humility, and tested sincerity. Previous to that, basic concerns were being resolutely acted upon based on an agenda of governance conceived in regular consultation with the people. As a result, there was a sense of public confidence in government, a growing faith that public expectations are being met. Once more, let us make this hope and pride in our city and our people rise again. Our constituents, especially the youth, should start to dream again for a future that they can work for and worthily share. The coming election gives us the time to renew ourselves towards our shared goals for a better Baguio. I bear confidence that like in the past, we can again work hand-in-hand in putting public priorities in order. From our shared trust, we can again make things work for our people, inspired that Baguio will always be a worthy Summer Capital of the Philippines, a premier tourist destination, and key educational center in Northern Philippines," he said.

"The elections should also serve to remind ourselves that we as a people are capable of sharing and winning over present-day challenges, that we know how much more we can achieve when we remain bound by steadfast ties of unity, teamwork and cooperation. Together, by working hard, we can continue to achieve and to excel. For the next three years, if given the people's trust again, we will endeavour to continue the tradition of good performance for Baguio to continue as a happy place for shared progress, peace and prosperity for our people," Vergara added.

The BARP, formerly called the Baguio-Benquet Association of Retired Persons Foundation, is a social development-oriented non-government organization founded on July 24, 1999 by concerned retirees

headed by Balanag. It's major thrust is to develop opportunities among the members to keep them active and productive while aging. The members and officers come from various fields of endeavor such as businessmen, farmers, miners, laborers, social workers, nurses, teachers, educators, doctors, engineers, lawyers, bankers, management specialists, librarians, administrators and military/PNP men and women, to name a few. As such, the association has a pool of experienced and skilled human resources ready to be tapped for productive undertakings. It's motto is "To serve, as we had served." / Ferdie Balanag, Office of Engr. Vergara



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Duterte dares Roxas on anti-crime promise: Try me

"Takot kang pumatay? Takot kang mamatay? Subukan mo ako. Maghawak ka ng shabu sa harap ko, pasasabugin ko 'yang ulo mo,' says Duterte in response to Roxas.

MANILA, Philippines - "Try me," said Rodrigo Duterte in response to an allegation from administration bet Manuel "Mar" Roxas II that his campaign promise to suppress crime and drugs in 3 to 6 months is just "pambobola" (a trick).

"Takot kang pumatay? Takot kang mamatay? Subukan mo ako. Maghawak ka ng shabu sa harap ko, pasasabugin ko 'yang ulo mo,'" he was quoted by his camp as saying on Thursday, April 7. (Are you afraid to kill? Are you afraid to die? Try me. Hold shabu in front of me, I will make your head explode.)

Roxas had said a day before, "Lahat ng eksperto na nakakaalam sa krimen, nagsasabing imposible ito (All the experts on crime say this is impossible)." Duterte has always maintained that a tough leader must be able to kill, if necessary, to protect citizens. In his years as mayor, Davao City was infested with armed groups and was bombed several times.

The Mindanaoan bet has made his anti-crime promise one of the central tenets of his platform. He said he has Davao City to prove he can give the promise a shot. He joked, "E kung patayin ko 'yan lahat sa isang araw, among pakialam mo? Ginawa ko na yan noon e 'di gagawin ko uli." (What if I kill them all in one day, what is it to you?)

I did it before, I can do it again.)

Talking tough

Duterte has previously boasted that he has killed 100,000 criminals in his 22 years as Davao City mayor. But when he turns serious in his speeches, he says he has only ordered the shooting of criminals who resisted arrest and posed a threat to the lives of police.

He has also denied involvement in any cases of extrajudicial killings saying "there is no honor in it."

But that doesn't stop his tough-talking which has earned him both adulation and disgust.

"Pagka kriminal ka, magrape ka ng bata (If you are a criminal, if you rape a child), I will hunt you like a dog and I will kill you. Bakit kita bubuhayin (Why would I let you live)?" he said.

Duterte explains crime in Davao

Duterte also responded to Roxas' belittling his achievements in Davao City.

The Liberal Party standard-bearer said that far from being the safest city in the country, Davao City has the 4th highest number of crime incidents in the country.

Duterte explained that these statistics are high because they include minor violations like smoking in public. Davao City is among the few cities with an anti-smoking ordinance.



DUTERTE

The high number of crime incidents may also be because of the efficiency of Davao City's renowned 911

Council summons dep't heads on Convention Center audit findings

BAGUIO CITY - The city council invited the representatives of various offices of the city government to shed light on the findings of the Commission on Audit (COA) based on its Audit Observation Memorandum (AOM)

Emergency Response Center, he said. More crimes are reported because the center makes it easy for citizens to report via mobile phone.

Duterte is a frontrunner in a recent The Standard Poll while Roxas is lagging behind at 3rd place. /Pia Ranada/Rappler.com

No. 16-017 dated March 16, 2016 on the observations regarding the deficiencies and errors in the memoranda of agreement executed between the local government and several occupants and leaseholders of the Baguio Convention Center.

The council approved the recommendation of the committee on laws to invite Margie D. Bongait, Audit Team Leader, Shalemar Garcia, Supervising Auditor, City Administrator Carlos M. Canilao, City Treasurer Alex Cabarrubias, Tourism Officer Benedicto Alhambra, City Legal Officer Melchor Carlos Rabanes and all occupants and leaseholders of office spaces and parking spaces at the Baguio Convention Center or their duly authorized representatives to appear before the local legislative body on April 18, 2016 to clarify the issues relative thereto.

Under the aforesaid AOM, the COA recommended the city government to strictly adhere to the provisions of Tax Ordinance No. 095-95 and other related ordinances; institute measures on the collection of parking fees at the Baguio Convention Center to generate revenues which can be used in the improvement of the facility; consider regulating the entry and use of the BCC as parking area for public utility vehicles, vans and other public transport and assign security guards to secure the premises of the facility.

Further, the COA also reminded the city government to give instructions

to the officers and members of the Baguio-Rosario Van Operators and Drivers Association (BAROVODA) and the Baguio-Tayog Commuters Association Inc. to strictly comply with the terms and conditions of the agreement they signed with the city, otherwise the local government should enforce the provision on automatic termination of the privilege given for any violation of the provisions of the agreement and instruct the city tourism office to monitor compliance of the associations with the stipulations of the agreement, especially on the number of parking slots being used as loading and unloading areas.

On the use of some portions of the facility for office spaces among others, the COA recommended the city must coordinate with the concerned occupants or leaseholders for the possible execution of a contract with the city government on use of spaces of the center; should they agree, determine reasonableness of the terms and rental rates for the spaces being occupied and secure authorization from the city council as provided for under the Local government Code of 1991 and hasten the collection of unpaid rent totalling P140,000 from Glorious Freedom Community Church and CMCI.

The council required the concerned offices to submit their respective comments relative to the AOM findings and recommendations prior to their scheduled appearance before the local legislative body for further study by the members./Dexter A. See



"Malaking inspirasyon sa ating lahat ang ating mga pamilya. Lahat tayo ay nagsisikap, nagtitiyaga at nagsasakripisyo upang maibigay ang magandang buhay sa ating mga anak, Isa rin akong ama at magulang tulad ng karamihan at kaisa tayong lahat para maitaguyod ang kapakanan ng ating mga mahal sa buhay. Ibangon nating muli ang Baguio! Ang ALAGANG VERGARA ay para sa lahat! Mataas na karangalan sa akin ang kayo ay paglingkuran."

ALAGA NG AMA, ALAGANG VERGARA!

BERNIE VERGARA 5 DITO NA TAYO SA SUBOK NA! FOR CONGRESSMAN

# The Constitution and the SC are dead, thanks to Sereno and company

**The news from Baguio**  
IF the news reports from Baguio are correct, then the Constitution and the Supreme Court have just died in the hands of our Justices. Lawlessness now runs the law. Chief Justice Maria Lourdes Sereno and her colleagues may wish to celebrate their "victory" with Sen. Grace Poe Llamanzares and her powerful financiers and patrons, but not many are cheering the nation's descent into a new Dark Age.

Baguio, with its temperate climate, is where the Court now presides over its summer sessions. On its first en banc session on Tuesday, it tackled the Motions for Reconsideration of the Commission on Elections and private respondents Estrella Elamparo, Francisco Tataad, Antonio Contreras and Amado Valdez on the High Court's March 8, ruling voiding the Comelec's disqualification of Sen. Grace Poe Llamanzares as a presidential candidate.

### Background

Nine Justices had ruled, in a ponencia written by Justice Jose Perez, that the Comelec committed a grave abuse of discretion when it decided that Mrs. Llamanzares, a founding of no known parentage, and a former American citizen to boot, made false material representations when she claimed in her Certificate of Candidacy that she is a natural-born Filipino, and a resident of the Philippines for 10 years and 11 months immediately preceding the May 9 election.

There was, however, no majority vote in support of her alleged citizenship and residency status, so many expected the Justices to reverse themselves. This did not happen, despite the patent errors of the ponencia and reports of stormy exchanges during the closed door session.

Details of the Baguio ruling, including the vote, have been withheld until tomorrow, despite the press leak about the magistrates throwing out the MRs. This is a sharp departure from the Court practice of announcing the results of its voting on important cases without releasing the necessary text, apparently to give the public to accept the ruling even before anyone has read it. This happened in the highly divisive Reproductive Health Law, in the Enhanced Defense Cooperation Agreement with the US, and in the ponencia on the present case.

### Flawed ponencia

Nobody took kindly to the announcement by instalment of the decision in the present case, especially after it became known that there was no majority vote on the two core issues, which should have formed the basis of the nine to six votes of the Justices. On Mrs. Llamanzares's claim that she is a natural-born citizen, seven supported, and five opposed, while three others did not vote. On her claim that she is a resident of the country for 10 years and 11 months immediately prior to May 9, seven supported, and six opposed, while two others did not vote.

Since abstention is not a recusal but also a vote, the vote, in the view of some, should have been read as seven in favor, and eight against, on both issues. There would have been no basis for the nine to six vote on the final document, since three Justices—Francis Jardeleza, Benjamin Caguioa and Diosdado Peralta—did not share the position of the six others that the Comelec has no authority to pass upon Mrs. Llamanzares's qualifications as a presidential candidate. At least eight votes are needed to make a majority ruling, as Senior Associate Justice Antonio Carpio has pointed out, and former Justice Dante Tinga echoes in a letter appearing in another newspaper.

### The lawyers are against

This has prompted the Integrated Bar of the Philippines and the Philippine Bar Association, which habitually support every decision of the High Court, to issue strong statements on the ponencia in this case. Not since the Court decision on the ratification of the 1973 Constitution during martial law, in *Javellana v. the Executive Secretary*, has the nation's organization of lawyers criticized a ruling of the highest Court. Aside from one rabidly pro-Llamanzares former magistrate and one dean of a university school of government, no legal luminary or scholar of note has said anything in support of the widely assailed ponencia. Most of the commentaries in the press have been critical and adverse.

Apparently chastened by the strong negative reaction, but unprepared to correct their most egregious mistake, the magistrates refrained from announcing their final vote. Thus, at this writing, we have no legal text to parse or dissect. But as the offending Justices have reportedly thrown out all the MRs, one conclusion remains: they have killed the Constitution and the Supreme Court. In my column on Wednesday, I asked: "Will you die for the Constitution, if it's the least that's needed?" Clearly, they would rather kill the Constitution than bleed for it.

### A prayerful Court

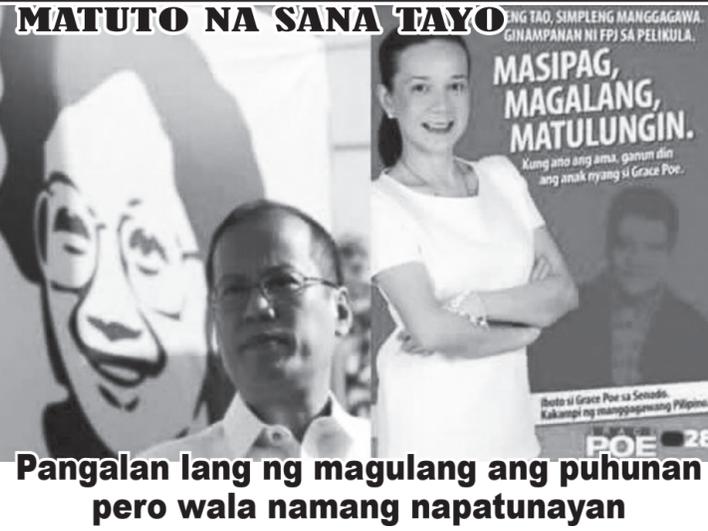
These are men and women whose first oath is to the Constitution, after God. Thus, before every proceeding, they recite this ecumenical prayer: "Almighty God, we stand in Your Holy Presence as our Supreme Judge. We humbly beseech You to bless and inspire us so that what we think, say and do will be in accordance with Your will. Enlighten our minds, strengthen our spirit and fill our hearts with fraternal love, wisdom and understanding so that we can become effective channels of truth, justice and peace. In our proceedings today, guide us in the path of righteousness for the fulfillment of Your greater glory. Amen."

But not all of them seem prepared to pay any price for it. This is the exact opposite of a fictional episode in, say, "London has Fallen," a recent American thriller, in which the Constitution is raised to the heights. In this film, Benjamin Asher, the fictional President of the United States, is captured by the Pakistani terrorist Aamir Barkawi during a terrorist attack on the world's most important leaders while attending the funeral of the assassinated British prime minister James Wilson.

The Canadian prime minister and his wife are blown off by a car bomb near Trafalgar Square; the Japanese prime minister drowns in the River Thames after the Chelsea bridge collapses and his car falls; the French president perishes after his yacht explodes

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**MATUTO NA SANA TAYO**  
ING TAO, SIMPLENG MANGGAGAWA.  
GINAMPANAN NI FPJ SA PELIKULA.  
**MASIPAG, MAGALANG, MATULUNGIN.**  
Kung ano ang ama, gumum din ang anak niyang si Grace Poe.  
Bata si Grace Poe sa Senado. Kakaampi ng manggagawang Pilipino.  
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**Pangalan lang ng magulang ang puhunan pero wala namang napatunayan**

### KAKAMPI MO ANG BATAS

**Money laundering and greenhorns in Aquino gov't**

BY: ATTY. BATAS MAURICIO



**LIFE'S INSPIRATIONS: "... Youths oppress my people, women rule over them. My people, your guides lead you astray; they turn you from the path..." (Isaiah 3:22, the Holy Bible).**

**SHOCKING AMLC DECISION ON US \$81 M LAUNDERED MONEY:** Does the Anti-Money Laundering Council (AMLC) have the right to simply return to Bangladeshi part of the money that had been surrendered for safekeeping to it by casino operator Kim Wong? I am asking this in view of the admission of AMLC chief Julia Bacay Abad that she already signed a document purporting to return the money that Kim Wong turned over to AMLC.

The admission, made during the Tuesday Senate inquiry on the theft of some US \$81 million Bangladeshi money from the US Federal Reserve Bank in New York early February 2016, sent shockwaves to many lawyers, particularly Kim Wong's lawyer, Inocencio Ferrer Jr., and Senate Minority Leader Juan Ponce Enrile.

Ferrer and Enrile both pointed to a process to be followed under the Anti-Money Laundering law, which bars immediate return of any money already recovered or which may have been surrendered to the AMLC. Did not Abad and the other AMLC officials know this process? Why were they in a hurry to return the money even if the process prescribed by law had not been followed yet?

**GREENHORNS ABOUND IN THE AQUINO GOVERNMENT:** Pardon me but this is the real problem with most officials of the Aquino government, President Aquino himself included. Many of them seem greenhorns in running the country and their respective agencies, so that even the most basic procedures that would ensure good performance are either unknown to them, or are simply ignored for reasons of their own.

Indeed, the late Sen. Joker P. Arroyo was right when he said that Aquino's government is a "student council type of government", run by mere youths who are either inexperienced or totally lacking in discernment required by their sensitive positions. The result is not just lackadaisical performance in governance, but, more seriously, lack of performance at all.

This sorry state of affairs among our officials was in fact displayed vividly early on under Aquino's term, when, just after almost a few days after he assumed the presidency, his bumbling approach to a hostage situation at the Luneta, witnessed by the world through instant news reporting, caused the death of a dozen or so Hong Kong citizens.

**WHY ARE SUFFERING LIKE THIS?** What have the Filipinos done to deserve this dangerous fate? There would be as many answers from as many commentators we have in abundance in this country, but to me, these misfortunes are happening to us because of one single reason: we no longer truly listen to God, and no longer obey His commands.

In the Old Testament Book of Isaiah, particularly under its Chapter 3, it is there written that because people no longer listen to God and no longer obey His commands, and men no longer put their trust in Him but in their fellow mortal beings, He has lined up dark curses and grave punishments for them.

One of these curses is written this way, under Isaiah 3:4: "I will make mere youths their officials; children will rule over them." Clearly, being run

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also in the Thames; the Italian prime minister and his wife are crushed after one of the towers of Westminster Abbey crumbles; the German Chancellor is murdered by terrorists disguised as the Queen's Guardsmen at Buckingham Palace. And after a long chase, Asher is captured, and tied to a chair at the terrorist's underground hideout, to be executed before a live Internet audience of one billion people.

### Dying for the Constitution

As the machete-wielding executioner prepares to cut off Asher's head before the cameras, he asks his victim to say his last words to the American people and the rest of the world. And very calmly he starts reciting these words: "I do solemnly swear that I will faithfully execute the office of the President of the United States, and to the best of my ability preserve, protect and defend the Constitution." But at the precise moment, *deus ex machina* intervenes, his secret service aide Mike Banning bursts in, and terminates the executioner and his thugs.

I found this scene so edifying and electrifying that I hoped and prayed the Justices would have a chance to watch it before they voted on the MRs. They didn't. And they did not have the chance to consult deeply with their consciences, it seems. So they decided to amend the Constitution as though they had the power to do so, just to satisfy the ambition of Mrs. Llamanzares to run for President.

### Amending the Constitution

Under the 1935 Constitution, which was in force when she was found, with no known parents, inside the parish church in Jaro, Iloilo on Sept. 3, 1968, Filipino citizens are those whose fathers are Filipinos. The enumeration has now been amended by the offending Justices to include "foundlings of no known parentage."

They argue that someone had intended to include foundlings in the enumeration of citizens in the 1935 Constitution, so although that was voted down, and there is no mention of foundlings in the Constitution, Mrs. Llamanzares is now a Filipino citizen by disputable presumption.

Under the 1987 Constitution, "No person may be elected President unless he is a natural-born citizen of the Philippines," etc. And "natural-born citizens are those who are citizens of the 'Philippines from birth without having to perform any act to acquire or perfect their Philippine citizenship."

The offending Justices have now amended these two provisions by inserting a founding of no known parentage, and a former American citizen to boot, as someone eligible to run for President, and by ignoring altogether the legal processes which she had gone through to "acquire or perfect" her citizenship as the very processes that cancel her claim to "natural-born" status.

### Worse than the Japanese militarists

Thus, the offending Justices have now imposed an alien upon the conduct of our politics, like a foreign occupying force. But



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not even the Japanese occupation army did that to us during the last Pacific war. Though they were conquerors, they had the sensitivity to install a true Filipino, Jose P. Laurel, as President of the Japanese puppet republic.

Not the offending Justices. Mrs. Llamanzares is a former American who has an American husband and American children, whom she encourages to actively campaign for her, together with other young American citizens who have joined her campaign, in gross disrespect and violation of Philippine laws.

### What should we do?

So after the Justices have destroyed the Constitution, what is there left for ordinary citizens to respect? The magistrates have implanted a gross evil into the heart of the Constitution; have they not made it our duty to extract it? How then do we go through a general election, if the Constitution and the rule of law no longer exist?

We should know now by now what Court majority supports Mrs. Llamanzares's persistence to run and her powerful patrons' demand that she be allowed to run. But this is not just a game of numbers.

### Majorities not always right

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, in the exercise of a universally recognized teaching authority that antedates all the Supreme Courts of the world by hundreds of years, has long pointed out that there are certain things that are always wrong and which no majority can make right; things which are always right and which every majority must respect.

In trying to understand the Gospel or the Constitution or the plainest speech, we are not to interpret what needs no interpretation but must simply understand its clear language; nor are we to expunge what is written and replace it with its opposite. Whenever this rule is perverted, it matters not what kind of majority is behind it.

As the scholar Cormac Burke points out, it is not majorities that make the law valid; it is justice. A just law must be obeyed whether it is enacted by many or by one; an unjust law must be resisted, even if supported by a landslide. A just law binds in an authoritarian society as much as it does in a democracy; an unjust law binds in neither.

### The people's revolt

This is the problem we face now. What will our people do in the face of a Court ruling which they in their honest judgment believe is fundamentally wrong? Benedict XVI has warned that "people will revolt against the law, whenever it is perceived, no longer as the expression of a justice that is at the service of all, but rather as a product of despotism, of an arrogance that is clothed in the garments of law by those who have power to do so."

Do we sense any sign of popular revolt building up? Maybe not. But Alexis de Tocqueville reminds us that on the eve of the French Revolution, there were not 10 people in all of France who could start an association. And yet they soon stormed the Bastille. [fstatad@gmail.com](mailto:fstatad@gmail.com)



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by people who are childish in their dispositions although they pretend to possess the intelligence of mature men and women, just like our own officials now, is something that God has decreed for those who have turned their backs on Him. It is a misfortune indeed for a people who claim to be Christians.

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shall implement the Court decision relative to this case;

3. Petitioners contract-ed marriage on April 18, 2015 at the Grand Mosque located at Campo Filipino, Baguio City in accordance with Muslim rites solemnized by an Islam, Joel Ali Omar, the Certificate of Marriage of the parties is hereto attached as Annex "A";

4. On May 13, 2015, their daughter, MINE RODRIGUEZ CANBAZ was born, the fact of her birth was registered in the Philippine Statistics Authority as evidenced by hereto attached Certificate of Live Birth marked as Annex "B";

5. In the aforementioned Certificate of Live Birth of the child, the Citizenship and Occupation of the father were erroneously indicated therein as Filipino and an overseas Filipino Worker;

6. In truth and in fact, the father, herein petitioner Coskun Canbaz in a Turkish citizen and a businessman;

7. The erroneous entries are due to inadvertent clerical error and not for any illegal purposes or to conceal such fact;

8. The citizenship and nationality of the petitioner are proven by hereto attached documents, such as Passport and Residency Permit of the Petitioner, marked as Annex "C" and Series;

9. It is for the best interest of the child, Mine Rodriguez Canbaz, that the factual circumstances of her father, petitioner Coskun Canbaz, indicated in the Certificate of Live Birth of the child be corrected.

NOW THEREFORE, finding the petition to be sufficient in form and substance, let the same be set for hearing before this Court, at its Session Hall, on the 13th day of May 2016, at 8:30 in the morning, at which place, date and time, the petitioners shall prove the merits of his petition and any interested person may appear and show cause, if there be any, why the same should not be granted.

Let a copy of this Order be published in The Junction, a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Baguio and suburbs, once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks.

PALSIIT

Aluadan ti Heat Stroke

BY: LEONARDO R. AGUNOY



AGAPTAPOGTAYO ti masasao a kalgaw (summer), ngem Aaddan kadagiti sumagmamano a kakailiantayo ti maipagarup a biniktima ti heat stroke. Daytoy heat stroke, gubuy ti nabara a temperatura ti panawen. Saan a makabaelan ti bagi ti napalalo a bara a mangigubuy iti itatangad ti barisanga ti piman a biktima (pumusay). Ti laeng pamuspusan/aramiden, saantayo unay nga agkapkapudotan, nangruna iti malem a permi ti barana ti aglawlaw. Uminumtayo ti adu a danum, agaruattayo ti bulawlaw tapno adda pagserrekan ti angin a mangpasadiwa ti bagitayo. Agaruattayo ti lupot a mabalin a mangabbong ti kudiltayo tapno maliklikan pay ti masasao a sun burn. Uminumtayo iti saan a laeng a 8 a kabasa a regular iti inaldaw, ngem, ad-adu koma pay ti inumentayo a nadalus a danum tapno maliklikan ti dehydration wenna pannakaparkag ti karabukobtayo.

Nabiit pay, iti kabangibang a provincia, naipadamag ti ipupusay ti police trainee. Gulpe lattan a naidalupo iti nagtakderan daytoy a puon metten ti nakapugsatan ti angesna (intarayda a maipan iti hospital, ngem, daksanggat a Dead On Arrival metten). Mabalina a mapasamak met kadatayo ti kasta a kasasaa. Isu nga aluadan ti panagkapudotan aglalo no awan ti adu a danum iti unegtayo. Prevention is better than cure, di ngamin?

Naunegen ti ubbog dagiti bubon. Nupay kasta, libre ti sakduen a danum dagiti kalugarantayo kadagiti nalengleng a lugar (village). Saan koma a lapped iti kinarigat ti agtawing iti bubon ti pagdigos iti uray mamitlo iti inaldaw tapno maalay-ayan ti kinabara ti bagitayo a gubuy ti nabara a temperatura ti aglawlaw.

Saan laeng a dagiti tao ti mabalina a biktimaen ti heat stroke, uray pay dagiti dingnguen ken mula. Malalay agingga a matay dagiti mula no matikagan unayen ti nakaimulaan dagitoy. Kadayta a gundaway, malagiptayo ti akem ti naruay a muyong iti aglawlaw tapno makatulong koma dagitoy a mangpalamiis iti aglawlawtayo. Kasta met a namuyong ti aglawlawtayo nangruna kadagiti daldalem (watershed), makaipaay met dagitoy a disso iti salemsem (moist) ti aglawlaw.

No adda karayan iti asidegtayo ken adda pay danumna, nasayaat la unay no mailatangan ti panawen nga intayo panaguper uray maysa laeng nga oras iti las-ud ti agmalem. Ngem, anian, uray adda met karayantayo no kimriiten dagiti lumot iti lansad daytoy? Ay!

Kadagiti linong wenna apon dagiti tarakentayo, masapul a sibogantayo dagiti datarna a daga tapno mapalamiisanda met iti kasta, mabang-aran dagiti tarakentayo.

Uminumtayo kadagiti natubbog a bunga a kas ti mandarin/calamansi. Mangantayo ti dummon, caimito, saba, anunang wenna ti atis. Mangantayo ti singkamas. Uminumtayo kadagiti natempla a danum, mabalina a buko juice (shake) wenna ania man a kita ti pagpalamiis (palamig). Ngem, pilien ti klase ti inumen wenna pangatanganan. Amangan no adda dagiti temtemplean dagiti aglaklako a di met nadalus a danum? Nasken ngamin a ti matempla a danum dagitay aggapu iti nadalus nga ubbog wenna ti purified a main-inum a danum.

Nasakbay sa ketdi ti isasangbay ti panawen ti panagtutudo iti mapasungadan a panawen ti rainy season? Ania ti makunayo, kakabsat? Apagdapag ti panawen ti kalgaw pay laeng, naipadamagen nga addan ti paraisna; parais ti kuarta nga aggapu kadagiti kandidato? Kasano ti kinapudno daytoy a damag? Parais gayam ti pinnilakt dagiti politico. Panawen manen ti panagkakampania! Ti pangibatayantayo ti sungbat daytoy a saludsod a kas paset ti panagpattapattayo: ADDA KADI ASUK NO AWAN TI APUY?

PAGPAMPANUNOTAN: Knowledge is knowing that we cannot know.- RALPH WALDO EMERSON.#

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10. Benjamin Macadangang Mazo would have been included at Group B if he did not back out, if my information is correct.

GROUP C-

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

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

FOR VICE MAYOR

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

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

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

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

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

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Candidates like: Vice Mayor Bilog, Councilors Tabanda, Bagbagen, Yangot, Olowan, Molintas and Alangsab. The latter just like Congressman Aliping is Chairman of PUTTL in the Council and Vice Chairman in the TTMC but, just like the Congressman, Councilor Alangsab cannot boast of any performance geared towards relieving the suffering of the residents and visitors of Baguio City from traffic congestions.

For me, it is high time we decisively opt for a change.

Defending Martial Law...

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Human Rights Victims Reparation and Recognition Act of 2013 during the 27th anniversary of the uprising that toppled the Marcos dictatorship in 1986. Under the law, the amount of compensation to be awarded to the victims is proportionate to the gravity of the offense inflicted on them through a point system that is a basic component of the law.

Victims who died or who disappeared are given 10 points, while those tortured and, or sexually abused gets from six to nine points, for instance. On the other hand, political detainees get from three to five points while those who can prove that their rights were violated under the Act are awarded from one to two points.

During the Bandila interview, Escudero also said that Sen. Ferdinand Marcos Jr. should apologize for the human rights abuses during his father's regime.

Escudero also supported calls for the Marcoses to return their alleged ill-gotten wealth to the state./Office of Senator Chiz Escudero

MAGKASANGGA TAYO

- Sweldo, Sideline, atbp ng Konsehal, VM at Mayor?
• Claraval, pinatakbo niDomogs, pambawas ng boto ni Jomol? (reprint from April 6)

BY: NESTOR "PAKEN" CASTRO



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

FOR CITY COUNCILOR

Monthly salary (gross) :P 79,937.00 X 12 mos. = P 887,244.00
Representation (RA) :P 8,500.00 X 12 mos. =P 102,000.00
Transportation (TA) :P 8,500.00 X 12 mos. =P 102,000.00
Total Annual Salary & Allowances P1,091,244.00

Other funds for their office:

- 1. Annual budget of Two Million Pesos (P2,000,000.00) per councilor at their disposition based on their recommendation kung saang barangay projects nila gagastusin. Hindi po dadaan sa kanilang kamay ang perang ito, ngunit alam naman na natin ang siste ng diskarte dtto ng mga iba (ayaw ko namang lahatin). Ito ang tinatawag na Pork barrel funds.
2. Annual budget of P50,000.00 for office supplies.
3. Budget (monthly) for office staff:
\* Legislative Assistant - P17,000.00
\* 1 Admin Clerk- P13,000.00
\* 1 Utility - P10,000.00
4. Other benefits, brought about by the Position of authority, funds source (SECRET) - this amount can range from a low of P30K per month up to P150K per month
5. Other benefits, brought about by the Position of authority, Committee Chairmanship, funds source (SECRET)???

FOR VICE-MAYOR

Monthly salary (gross) :P96,363.00 X 12 mos = P1,156,356.00
Representation (RA) :P 8,500.00 X 12 mos = P 102,000.00
Transportation (TA) - car provided: - 0 -
Total Annual Salary & Allowances P1,258,356.00
•Plus the above amounts indicated for Councilors in items 2,3,4, 5

FOR MAYOR

Monthly salary (gross) :P117,601.00 X 12 mos. = P1,411,212.00
Representation (RA) :P 8,500.00 X 12 mos = P 102,000.00
Transportation (TA) - car provided : P - 0-
Total Salary & Allowances P1,513,212.00
•No budget as indicated in the above office funds for item no. 1, 2, and 3. Nakalimutan ko i verify. Plus the above items at No. 4 & 5 - SUPER SECRET- NO COMMENT. MY LIPS ARE SEALED AT GUSTO KO PA HUMABA BUHAY KO. GALIT SI APO PAG AKO KWENTO-KWENTO!!! Hi! Hi! Hi

Base sa aking mga naiulat at the above, bagama't mukhang malaki-laki ang kanilang kita, sa tutuo lang madami rin naman ng humihingi at lumalapit para sa tulong sa kanila at wala pa jan ang KBL o kasal, binyag at libing. Kaya kung isa kang opisyal na mabisyo (mahilig sa ABS), patay kang bata ka este patay kaming constituents mo sa lebel ng pango-ngorakot na gagawin mo. Ngunit nagtataka naman rin talaga ako sa mga pang Famas awardee na mga kandidato na ang dami pang drama. Kilala ko na kayo at ikinukuwento sa akin ng aking impakto este de facto publisher at siya mismo ang lumalakad ng kahit na kapiranggot na pa-konswelo de bobo na ads ay hindi tayo mapagbigyan. Marahil ay marami silang mga bisyo at pamilya na kailangan nilang tustusan. Hi! Hi! Hi! PWEEEE.... AGA AMO TAYON !!!

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

FASTRACK

- Fat Chance, Gamble Now !!!
• No joke running for Elective Office!!! (reprint from April 6)

BY: FREDDIE J. FARRES



I am always amazed, (and with a lot of admiration) every election season with most (not all) of our local candidates. Running for public office is no easy feat. Some of these candidates started their informal campaigning as far back as some 2 years ago. I understand my fellow columnist Mr. Paken, will touch on the monetary benefit one may expect from public office at the local level. Nevertheless, even if in case some rich moron would choose to finance for my campaign, I will not agree as I would certainly not have the emotional stamina to do what a lot of these jaded-eyed candidates are doing. Simply put, politics is simply not in my DNA. At any rate, I'd like to throw in my 2 cents worth and venture into a sensitive forecast, likewise throw in my unsolicited advise and off the cuff comments (abrasive as it may appear for some); however, this is not based on any survey but is simply based on basic stats and stock knowledge and information from previous elections (that is why we printed the election results for the years 1995 - 2013 in these past 2 issues, as they say numbers tell a story).

At this point, I will just comment on those running for Vice Mayor and City Councilors. Just take this with a grain of salt. It is also after all some kind of a test on whatever assessment abilities I may have (imagined at that). I have classified the ranking for City Councilors in groups of 4. Let's call them A, B, C, and D. A stands for the incumbents and hopefully shoo-inns whose present concern is to outgun each other in terms of ranking. Those in the group B are those who are likely to make it in the remaining 5 slots and possibly within the other borderline 5. Those in the group C are the other borderline 5. Those whose names are not mentioned in groups A, B, and C, there will be other elections.

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

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

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

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

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

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For A Change: On the Issue of Traffic Congestion (Part 1)

BY: ATTY. JAMES S. VALEROS



This issue on traffic congestions which is of grave concern to us for years now could have been lessened or mitigated somewhat, if only we were matured enough not to have chosen on their second and subsequent attempts, city officials who did not perform and contribute well to the issue in the initial years of their terms. The problem is that we have not changed our misplaced habit of repeatedly voting for candidates based on kinships and social relations, notwithstanding their already shown lackluster performance in office. To amplify...

In 1998, the City Council passed a resolution (Res. Nr. 292, s. of 1998) sponsored by Councilor Richard Cariño recommending to the LTRFB en banc, the declaration of moratorium designed and intended to control if not to stop entirely the developing traffic congestion caused by wanton issuance of franchises on public utility vehicles by LTRFB Directors in this region. This Resolution which was later approved by the Board and becoming Memorandum Circular (MC) No. 98-026 imposing a moratorium in Baguio City and other parts of BLIST, was passed unanimously by Councilors then some of whom are still in the running until now like: Councilors Tabanda, Ortega and Datuin, and approved by then Mayor Mauricio Domogan who is now running for the position of City Mayor for the nth time.

The idea of moratorium was good and could have achieved its noble purposes of preempting traffic congestion and pollution, if only the leaders who first embraced it as their own and those following them whom we likewise chose wrongly, were serious in their jobs and possessed with vision for the good of the city, and not merely grandstanding. Since the moratorium was continuing, our choices of city officials in the past should have been wisely measured. But unfortunately, they were not.

For instance, Congressman Aliping who was first voted No. 5 Councilor in 2007 and No. 1 in 2010 and was entrusted to head the City Council's Committee on Public Utilities, Transportation and Traffic Legislation (PUTTL) after Councilor Balisong and as Vice Chairman of Mayor Domogan in the TTMC (Transportation and Traffic Management Committee) was in vantage position supposedly to effect and promote the intent and purposes of the moratorium, but he did not take advantage of it, as exemplified in his subsequent official actions and demeanors. To cite a few of them:

- 1) Instead of enforcing the policy of the City of not recommending franchise applications to the LTRFB during the period of moratorium without the applicants having secured "off-street" parking spaces in the city, then Councilor Aliping granted "on-street" parking terminals to these applicants to enable them to comply with the requirements needed by LTRFB for exemption to the moratorium.
2) Also, instead of discouraging or opposing CPC applications on the route without existing road open to traffic (referring to the closed 1st Road of San Carlos Heights, for instance), he caused to be passed Resolution No. 354, S. of 2011 in record time of two (2) Mondays' session and at the same time providing "on-street" parking terminal at Kayang Street for his accommodated applicants, thus, enabling them to file CPC applications with the LTRFB, otherwise prohibited by the moratorium.
3. As Chairman of PUTTL in the Council and Vice Chairman of Congressman Domogan in the TTMC, he was in a position to cause or even demand from our law enforcers in the city--- the PNP Traffic Enforcers and the "Flying Squad" of the DOTC, to be more efficient, vigilant and effective since this is one factor readily available to solve traffic congestions, short of widening the roads and passage ways which will cause destruction of many houses and buildings in the city but, unfortunately again, he did not do or even perhaps attempted to do so.

On the whole, during his term as Councilor and as Congressman in Baguio City, Aliping did not exhibit appreciable willingness and capacity to remedy traffic congestion by way of providing solutions or relief for his constituents already suffering from the debilitating effects of traffic congestion.

Hence, for this issue, I shall have to drop his (Aliping's) name from the list, so to speak, for consideration. Together with him are the other candidates who did not believe in the good purpose of the moratorium which they initially embraced only to forsake it when already serving their terms of office. Cont. on page 6

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