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BAGUIO CITY AND BENGUET

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PIOs told not to say "No Comment"

A recent media training for designated Provincial Information Officers of the Department of Trade and Industry-CAR City became an eye opener to most of the participants including the agency's management committee, other agency PIOs, representatives of the local chamber of commerce and the Regional Development Council.

The training which was held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Mandaluyong was a much needed skills upgrading activity for government PIOs so that they can package technical reports into messages the way journalists deliver to wide audiences. DTI Regional Director Myrna Pablo during her keynote address implied that apart from public and private sector partnership, government officials and PIOs can also be trained to be good spokespersons. With DTI's regional and provincial PIOs serving as receiving officers under the Freedom of Information Act, they are also encouraged to access

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THE FROST - Some vegetable-producing parts of Kibungan in Benguet experienced frost this week that affected their garden. While the frost had little effect on the province's entire vegetable output, some poor farmers are severely affected. This is by far the coldest we've had in 3 decades, PAGASA said.

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Baguio records 4th lowest PSUDs pursue renewal, avail temperature at 7.2 degrees Celsius of gov't livelihood program

BAGUIO CITY – The cold spell in the city is now on its down trend after the mercury level dropped to a chilly 7.3 degrees Celsius Wednesday morning, the fourth lowest temperature in the history of the city.

From the 8 degrees Celsius lowest temperature recorded by the local office of the Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (PAGASA) Tuesday morning, the temperature further dropped causing some frost in highly elevated areas in Benguet and Mountain Province that pose a serious threat to semi-temperate vegetables that are on their vegetative and flowering stages.

The single digit temperature in the city started on Saturday morning when the temperature dropped to 9.6 degrees Celsius dropping further over the past five days because of the enhanced northeast monsoon coupled with overcast and cloudy skies.

The lowest temperature in the city was officially recorded by PAGASA on

January 18, 1961, at 6.3 degrees Celsius, followed by the 6.7 degrees Celsius on February 23, 1963, 6.8 degrees Celsius on January 8, 1968, and then 7.1 degrees Celsius on January 9, 1971.

Health authorities reiterated their previous reminder for everyone to keep themselves warm by wearing thick clothes and taking in soup and warm water coupled with eating the right kind of food.

Dra. Amelita M. Pangilinan, assistant regional director of the Department of Health in the Cordillera, said cold day diseases have significantly increased over the past several weeks because of the continuous drop in the city's temperature, thus, the need for the people to keep themselves warm by staying at home and wearing thick clothes.

In Mount Sto. Tomas, Tuba, Benguet, the lowest recorded temperature was 4.5 degrees Celsius while the lowest temperature recorded in Madaymen, Kibungan was 5.6 degrees Celsius, both registered Wednesday morning.

The temperature at the summit of Mount

Pulag, the second highest mountain peak in the country located in Kabayan, Benguet, ranged from 2 to 5 degrees Celsius over the past several days.

City officials said that the cold spell may continue up to the end of the month or by the middle of next month and visitors wanting to witness the highlights of the 22nd edition of Panagbenga, which are the grand streetdancing parade on February 25 and the grand float parade on February 26, will be able to enjoy the city's cool and romantic weather.

The cold spell in the city and other highly elevated areas in Benguet and Mountain Province usually occurs from November to March every year but the degree of coldness depends on the strength of the northeast monsoon prevailing over Northern Luzon.

Among the cold day diseases being encountered by residents and visitors include cough, colds, pneumonia, bronchitis, upper respiratory illnesses and infections, and cardiac arrest. /By Dexter A. See#

No terrorist threat in Baguio

BAGUIO CITY – Mayor Mauricio G. Domogan vehemently belied social media reports of alleged terrorist threats in the city over the past weeks, saying that such text messages and social media reports are

considered hoax and that the city was never placed under red alert for such threats.

The local chief executive said it is unfortunate that such negative reports were timed when the city's temperature was on

a down trend serving as an added attraction for local residents and visitors to go around the city and experience the city's wintry weather.

"Baguio City had been the subject of negative reports over the past

several years but the city continues to get a share of foreign and domestic tourist arrivals, especially that the highlights of the 22nd edition of the Panagbenga are nearing,"

BAGUIO CITY – A group of persons with substance use disorder (PSUDs) who recently completed the five-step self-help rehabilitation organized themselves into an association to avail of a livelihood program from the government.

Newly elected officials of the Pines Renewal Organization took their oath of office before Mayor Mauricio Domogan last Wednesday as a full-fledged association prior to their availing of the National Greening Program of the Dept. of Environment and Natural Resources.

The mayor expressed elation over the development and hailed the group composed of 15 PSUD graduates for deciding to turn away from their old vice and change their lives for the better.

"It only proves that people can change if we really put our minds and hearts to it," the mayor said as he encouraged the PSUD graduates to set a

Domogan stressed.

He said that even SM management denied the truth of text messages circulating over the past several days advising the public not to go to the mall because of reports of bomb threats.

According to him, there is no truth to text messages being also circulated among residents and potential visitors that it is dangerous to go around the city because the Abu Sayyaf terrorist group is in the city posing a serious threat to their safety.

Domogan explained based on the timing and contents of the negative text messages against the city, there is a grand design of some interest groups to discredit the status of the city as one of the prime tourist destinations in the country.

He claimed the police

good example to convince others in similar situation that they can rehabilitate and renew themselves and that there still is life after drug addiction.

Following their completion of the self-help rehabilitation, the group joined a forum conducted by the Dept. of Social Welfare and Development Cordillera (DSWD-CAR) where they were briefed on the various livelihood opportunities in store for reforming PSUDs.

"As a result of the forum..., these individuals who were interested in the program of DENR grouped themselves and coordinated with the area social worker for the election of officials... so they could avail of the National Greening Program. Hence on Jan. 21, they met and had a short orientation about the project and had their election of officers," social welfare officer III Florecita Tul-an noted in her report to city social welfare and development officer Betty Fangasan.

The NGP will provide the grantees a means of livelihood through the propagation and planting of tree seedlings.

Tul-an said the members decided that their group will be for drug surrenderers who want to change their lives for good.

They want their association to serve as a support group to guide each of the members to a completely drug-free life.

They also intend their group as a venue for sustained income for the members and to later upgrade it into a cooperative.

As to their policies, the group decided that members who will be found using illegal drugs or have not stopped using drugs as well as those who will fail to follow the rules of the organization will be removed from the organization.

The program is part of the government's efforts to help in the rehabilitation and eventual reintegration of these PSUDs in

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and military are in control of the peace and order situation and that residents and visitors are safe and everyone can go on their regular routines of going around the city.

He called on those responsible for the negative text messages to stop their illegal acts because visitors will continue to visit the city because of its natural pull and such derogatory reports actually contribute to its promotion as a destination worthy of being visited.

Further, he also consulted with leaders and members of the Muslim community in the city to reminded them of the need to cooperate with peacekeeping strategies and anti-criminality efforts of the local government and the police force and to make sure they

police their own ranks and prevent possible infiltration by terrorists wanting to sow fear in the city.

Domogan expressed his gratitude to the city's Muslim community for pledging their support to the peacekeeping strategies of the local government and the police force, saying that the assurance of the Muslim leaders of their utmost cooperation to the programs and projects of the city is a good sign towards achieving lasting peace in the city.

He said there is a need for the police and military to intensify their presence in populated areas in the city to help deter the commission of crimes by unscrupulous individuals wanting to create trouble simply to ruin the image of the city. /By Dexter A. See#



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Local governments to adopt strategies to curb drug problem

BAGUIO CITY – Mayor Mauricio G. Domogan said the Regional Peace and Order Council (RPOC) in the Cordillera agreed that local governments will have to adopt localized strategies to help curb the proliferation of illegal drugs in their areas of jurisdiction to end the country's drug problem and effectively and efficiently address factors compromising peace and order nationwide.

The local chief executive said the sudden withdrawal from the Philippine National Police (PNP) from the government's

anti-drug campaign due to the involvement of some police scalawags in extortion activities in the guise of legitimate drug operations has greatly affected the campaign to put an end to the drug problem.

"The RPOC members recognize there is a

serious problem among local governments in dealing with the campaign against illegal drugs because of the insufficient number of law enforcers in the anti-illegal drug campaign, thus, there is a need for local officials to craft the appropriate strategies to sustain what

was started by the present administration to put an end to the drug problem in their areas of jurisdiction," Domogan stressed.

He said local officials have to capitalize on the anti-narcotics agents of the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA) with the police

and military serving as back up forces to sustain the gains of the government's anti-drug campaign and prevent the resumption of the lucrative drug trade in the localities where the drug problem was significantly reduced by the previous

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City back to normal after red alert hoax

BAGUIO CITY – Mayor Mauricio Domogan on Wednesday said the city's situation has returned to normal immediately after being gripped by alarm caused by false reports on its peace and order situation that circulated on social media and text messages last week.

The mayor however appealed to the media practitioners and social media habitués to help erase the stigma caused by the red alert hoax by posting factual situations proving that the city is safe and peaceful.

Dept. of Tourism Cordillera (DOT-CAR) administrative assistant Ian Catacutan on Tuesday told the pre-disaster risk assessment meeting called by the Office of the Civil Defense Cordillera (OCD-CAR) that tourist arrivals had gone back to normal after a momentary slump triggered by the terrorist scare.

He said that because of the social media report, they were swamped with reports on cancellations of hotel bookings but these were only momentary. "Afterwards, everything has gone back to normal," he assured.

The mayor did not discount the possibility that the misinformation was calculated to sabotage the city's image prior to the holding of the Panagbenga festival later this month.

"I don't like to give color to this incident but it cannot be helped considering the timing as it is only a matter of weeks before our grand festival and a big number of tourists from all over the country and even the world is expected on that date," the mayor said.

The mayor however assured that the city in coordination with the law enforcement agencies is taking the necessary precautions against possible security threats especially with the important events slated in the city starting with the Philippine Military Academy (PMA) homecoming this weekend with no less than President Rodrigo Duterte as guest.

Law enforcement and line agencies last Tuesday also laid down their plans of action to ensure the peaceful and orderly conduct of all the coming events in the city during the OCD-CAR meeting presided by regional director Andrew Alex Uy.

The scare was triggered last Friday by a social media post alleging that the city is on a red alert status due to possible terrorist attacks by the members of the National People's Army and the Abu Sayaff.

The source cited the incident last Thursday when two buses of the Philex Mining Corpo-

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Impunity in PH? Ramos says 'it's starting to be like that'

MANILA, Philippines – Former president Fidel V. Ramos told Rappler that there is an emerging culture of impunity in the Philippines because of the spate of killings linked to the government's war on drugs.

Ramos called for an internal cleansing of the Philippine National Police (PNP), as he recalled how he said they were able to do it during his presidency. He said there's a need to reconsider President Rodrigo Duterte's plan to tap the military to lead the war on drugs.

Ramos told executive editor Maria Ressa on Rappler Talk:

Maria Ressa: Do we have a culture of impunity now?

Fidel Ramos: I think it is starting to become like that, although I don't want to call it that because being a senior citizen, who had been through the experience and done it, I'd like those in command now starting with President Duterte down the line.... that hopefully based on the guidance from the very top, there could be positive change the way we do things in this country. I'm still hopeful about that.

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He urged Duterte to follow the 5 pillars of the justice system – community, law enforcement, prosecution, courts, and corrections – and not to allow a “one-way kind of decision-making in law enforcement.”

“The entry of our president, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte, into the picture indeed has changed our law enforcement situation very much and also our human rights and criminal justice system,” he said.

Ramos added that he does not like the idea of tapping the military to lead the war on drugs and conduct law enforcement operations, which are traditionally the job of the police.

He presented the scenario where the suspect is a “poor person in slippers, in a squalid area, maybe in the slums... facing an invading army with all the weapons of vast destruction.”

The cops and the soldiers follow very different rules of engagement, Ramos said.

He recalled how he removed rotten cops, including 63 senior officers early on during his presidency, which ran from 1992 to 1998.

He said he gathered 300 of his most senior police officers whose reputations were “unassailable” and gave them 4 months to list down names of those who needed to leave the service because they were “no longer doing the job properly.”

Some were given options to retire early. Others were removed dishonorably.

“The idea of getting a group of generals who are impeccable based on their service record and their personal character, of course, is obvious – not one man can judge the person of such a big force as the PNP [which was] at that time was 130,000 people.”

And as Duterte's centerpiece campaign is being linked to over 7,000 deaths, the former president reminded cops that they are supposed to shoot to disable and not to kill.

“Police work, which is a little different from military operations, does follow its basic rule of engagement which is you shoot to disable but not to kill. Unless the opponent's gun is pointed at you to kill you, then you can shoot the guy in self-defense,” said Ramos.

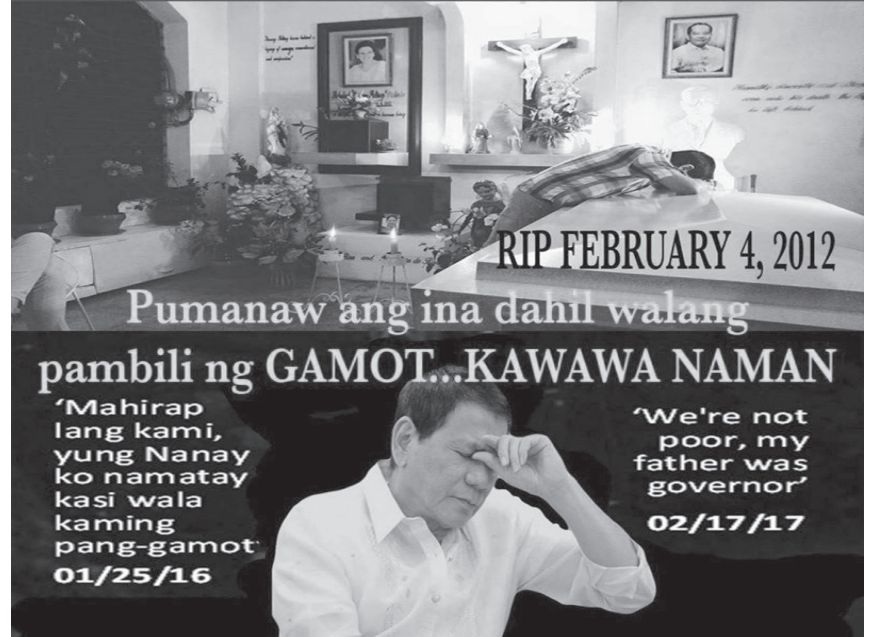
“But normally the mantra is shoot to disable and not to kill because do not get rid of your number one witness or prospect of knowing the whole truth about the matter, because you cannot investigate the guy who's already in the funeral parlor. But surely you can investigate a guy fully if he's just wounded.”

Korean businessman's murder

Ramos also said the “gruesome” murder of a Korean businessman inside the PNP headquarters is a national shame that will leave a lasting negative imprint on how the world will view Filipinos.

Ramos, a Korean War veteran, said South Korea has celebrated the Philippines' contribution to the restoration of its democracy during the 1950s. He deplored how the murder of one of its citizens inside Camp Crame has hurt the Philippines' **Cont. on page 6**

Duterte family wealth 2006-2015 TWO BILLION PESOS!



KAKAMPI MO ANG BATAS

Why did Aguirre cancel foreigners' visas?



BY: ATTY. BATAS MAURICIO

LIFE'S INSPIRATIONS: “... It is time for you to act, Lord; your law is being broken...” (Psalm 119:126, the Holy Bible).

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WHY DID AGUIRRE CANCEL FOREIGNERS' VISAS? One detail that needed further looking into in the on-going Senate investigation of the P50 million bribery scandal affecting the Bureau of Immigration involves the alleged issuance by Justice Secretary Vitaliano Aguirre II of an order cancelling the visa of all foreigners who are engaged in online gaming in the Philippines.

It would appear from the investigation on Thursday, February 16, 2017, that the supposed order from Aguirre triggered the raid at the Fontana Casino and Resorts at the Clark Freeport Zone and resulted in the arrest of around 1,300 Chinese nationals who had been working for Jack Lam, Fontana's owner. Jack Lam's employees allegedly did not have visas authorizing them to work in the Philippines.

The question that Aguirre needed to answer is this: why were the visas of foreigners engaged in online gaming in the country cancelled by him? If the foreigners already had visas in their favor, and therefore they had authority to work here, why would their visas be cancelled, and then be arrested on the ground they had no visas? This has to be explained carefully, if you ask me!

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SOLGEN CALIDA ONLY EXERCISED HIS DUTY: Solicitor General Jose Calida could not be faulted in any way in his decision to submit a manifestation with the Court of Appeals upholding the innocence of Janet Lim Napoles with respect to the serious illegal detention case which a former aid, Ben Hur Luy, filed against her and over which she was found guilty last year.

In my practice as a private lawyer handling cases for some accused and for some parties in civil cases, I had encountered in the past, long before Calida became solicitor general, similar manifestations or declarations of previous Solicitor Generals siding with the arguments propounded by the accused, and discrediting decisions rendered by the courts.

It is in fact a part of Calida's duty to speak out in favor of a person who is an adverse party in a case involving the government if in his honest opinion that person is entitled to be favored, or if the government's position in a case cannot be supported by the Solicitor General.

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NAPOLLES CAN IMPLICATE TOP PNOY OFFICIALS IN PORK SCAM: The lamentations, therefore, of those who are disagree with Calida's manifestation are pure hogwash. I am convinced Calida's critics are assailing his manifestation favoring Napoles because they are merely afraid that Napoles may now seriously think of pursuing her earlier revelations with respect to the **Cont. on page 6**

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Continue the Peace Talks

BY: SENATOR LOREN LEGARDA

I support the peace negotiations between the Philippine government and the National Democratic Front of the Philippines. I call on all parties to continue the peace talks. War is not an option. More death and suffering will be the result of the resumption of hostilities which neither the government or the NFDPP-CPP-NPA can win.

As someone who has been involved in negotiating releases of prisoners by the NPA, I have seen the sincerity of all sides to this conflict and have witnessed the intense desire for peace. There is a reservoir of good will inside all of us that we must now draw from so guns are not drawn and fired once again.

I support a negotiated bilateral ceasefire agreement, with effective monitoring procedures and strict compliance mechanisms. This ceasefire agreement should be unconditional as it benefits both parties to the conflict. More importantly, it is good for our people and they will welcome this. It will also prevent unexpected and untoward incidents that could derail the peace process.

I support the unconditional release of all political prisoners. I understand that this might have to be done in batches and according to legal procedures. But let us begin with the sick detainees and those who are already seniors, 60 years old and over.

As Chair of the Senate Committee on Finance, I commit to work on a national budget for 2018 that would support and advance the gains of the peace process. That is the least Congress can do.

President Rodrigo Roa Duterte has a solid and comprehensive vision for peace. He has been willing to back it up with the strongest political will. Let us support the peace process so that this vision is achieved. #

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other social media platforms like Facebook and Twitter in promoting agency programs.

One of the resource speakers, Precious Leano of the European Union-Trade Related Technical Assistance Project laid down the basics of Communications 101 emphasizing message flow from sender down to the receiver taking into consideration the feedback as an important component of the process.

Explaining the communication process through a media landscape chart, Leano stressed that government informants must consider different approaches depending on geographic, sectors, age range and even income categories. A careful study on stakeholder's profile can also help PIOs determine the most efficient and effective way to reach target audiences whether print, radio, television or the new media.

Jeah La Guardia of the Go Negosyo program presented a case study on their Kapatid Mentor Me promotional strategies and multiple approaches such as summits, forum/workshops, media and books. She said that being present in all these media platform does not necessarily mean, your message is getting across to your audience. Being in all these doesn't mean you are getting attention from your target audience and your message is being grasped. La Guardia added that their marketing and communications are aligned with entrepreneurship and everything that they can build from it and therefore every collateral and marketing effort should talk about it.

Recent PR survey according to her reveals that traditional media is still relevant because it's a trusted source. We may be in a smart-phone generation but those who really want to know things will still →

EL MAESTRO SPEAKS

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In a negotiation, people will come to an agreement when both of the parties will agree and understand what the parties represent. How to come to this agreement will depend on the willingness of the people to cooperate. That is how negotiations become successful.

In the negotiation between the Philippine Government and the New People's Army, it is obvious that only the government is the one sincere in negotiating for peace. This was proven to be true when the president, upon taking office had declared a ceasefire. Through this bold action, the government had given chance for those who are hiding in the mountains to go back to their families. It made those weary foot soldiers of the NPA see a ray of hope that they can spend the rest of their lives without looking over their shoulders. Sadly enough, the head of this communist party has another plan. For them, they saw this as an opportunity to demand something impossible. They saw this as a chance to get power and be on top like what they had been doing in their organization.

I was so surprised when I read in the news the demands that they made. It made me ponder on what really is the goal of this group. Was this group created to make their leaders richer through those taxes collected while the lowest foot soldier is toiling hard in the mountains with the belief he is doing the right thing? Should this group be labeled as terrorist given the records they have? With all the atrocities they have done while the cease fire was still on, I cannot blame the Duterte government for ending the negotiation. He had shown that he is serious in his pursuit of peace with these group only to be taken advantage by the opportunistic leaders of the other side.

When can peace be achieved with these revolutionary forces? When can our brothers and sisters there see that the ideals they're fighting for is not and will not work as proven from some countries who failed miserably because of these ideals? When can my friend, Juan Dela Cruz, an ordinary foot soldier hiding in the mountain, braving the cold and loneliness come home and live free as any Filipinos do? Only time can tell. #

get information from the newspaper, TV, and radio La Guardia added.

Tasked to discuss what it takes to be a spokesperson, Katherine G. Fernández, USAID-TRADE's communications advisor said that the person in position represents the organization, conducts and manages briefings, builds and nurtures relationships with media and stakeholders and serve as credible source of timely and accurate information. If there's one thing notable to what she said, it's the general description that a spokesperson must speak with authority, conviction and knowledge. Further, there is also no such thing as "No Comment" because everything that comes from the mouth of a spokesperson can be divulged by media. A spokesperson must also speak with authority, conviction and knowledge Fernandez stressed.

Since the expected output of the training is to review DTT's communication process and enable designated spokespersons or information officers based in the provinces to effectively convey helpful messages, the PIOs were then tasked to formulate a regional and provincial communication plan that is implementable within a given time frame./Art Tibaldo#

MAGKASANGGA TAYO

Guminhawa ba ang buhay ng mga Pilipino???

BY: NESTOR "PAKEN" CASTRO



Sa ngayon ay hindi muna ako magbibigay ng aking Sopinyon hinggil sa aking katanungan na kung gumanda nga ba ang buhay ng mga Pilipino. Wala pang isang taon ang kasalukuyang administrasyon, at sa mga nakaraang administrasyon ay naging isang accepted practice na ang bigyan ng sinasabing honeymoon period na 100 days bago batikusin ang bagong administrasyon. Sa ngayon ay mahigit na 100 days or actually ay 8 months na ang kasalukuyang administrasyon, at maliban sa dinami-dami ng pinapatay maging "nanlaban daw" at mga "extra judicial killings" at pagpapalibing kay Marcos sa LNB, wala pang malinaw na mga accomplishments ang Digong Presidency patungkol sa ikabubuti ng buhay ng mga Pinoy. Hindi ko maalis sa aking sarili na magtanong kung gumanda nga ba ang buhay ng Pilipino? Sa aking palagay ay ito lang naman ang katanungan o bottom-line sa karamihan na mga pamilyang Pilipino na nais nila na gumanda o guminhawa ang kanilang buhay. Samakatwid ay dapat ay gumanda ang ekonomiya, bumaba ang bilihan o tumaas ang sahod or both which is mas maganda kung bababa ang mga basic na bilihan at tataas ang ating sahod. Katulad ko na isang hamak lamang na wage earner, mahalaga sa akin na bumaba ang presyo ng bigas at ang iba pa na mga basic na bilihan.

Kung inyong matatandaan ang isa sa mga pangano ni Pangulong Digong at bababa ag presyo ng bigas na mapupunta sa mga P15/per kilo. Ang tanong ay ANYARE, ANYARE SA PANGAKO NA ITO, NPAKO NA KAYA??? Tatanggalin daw ang korapsyon sa gobyerno, ANYARE, ANYARE SA PANGAKO NA ITO kung saan gana-gana ang mga Tongresista este Tongressmen at mga Senatongs??? At ngayon ay pinapalaya pa ang reyna PDAF Scam.

Kayo ang maghaisga mga dear readers, dalawang pangako lang muna ang aking binanggit at sabihin ninyo sa akin kung gumanda ang buhay ninyo at isipin ninyo na mahaba-haba pa ang panahon na mararanasan sa ilalim ng Digong Administration.

Sa ngayon ang masasabi ko lamang ay MAHAL NA PANGINOON, BAHALA NA KAYO SA MGA KABABAYAN KONG PILIPINO NAG NAGMAMAHAL SA INYO AT KAYO RIN NAMAN ANG NAKAKAALAM KUNG ANO ANG NARARAPAT SA MGA WALANGHIYANG NAGBUBULAG-BULAGAN, NAGBIBINGI-BINGIHAN NA NAGPAPAHIRAP SA SAMBAYANAN!!!

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SAVINGS BANK,
Mortgagee,

-versus-

ENGR. ROGELYN S.
JAVAR,
Mortgagor.

FORECLOSURE
CASE No. 17-700-S

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

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AUCTION SALE

Upon petition for
sale under Act 3135, as
amended, filed by PHIL-
IPPINE SAVINGS BANK,

hereinafter referred to
as the MORTGAGEE,
for the satisfaction of
the mortgage indebt-
edness of ENGR.
ROGELYN S. JAVAR,
hereinafter referred to
as the MORTGAGOR,
which as of January 4,
2017, now amounts to
P3,478,065.80, Philip-
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interest, penalties, other
charges, and expenses
incidental to the foreclo-
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or her undersigned
Deputy Sheriff, will
sell at public auction on
MARCH 9, 2017, at 10:00
o'clock in the morning or
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City, the following
described mortgage
property and all its
improvements existing
thereon, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIF-
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018-2013000300,
CITY OF BAGUIO

"A PARCEL OF LAND
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CAR-012947) BEING
A PORTION OF LOT
4-C-1-A, (LRA) PSD-
373850, RURBAN CODE
131102 SITUATED AT
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(LRA) PSD-373850; ON
THE SE., ALONG LINE
2-3 BY LOT 4-C-1-A-5
OF THE SUBDIVISION
PLAN; ON THE SW.,
ALONG LINE 3-4 BY
LOT 42-C-3 (LRC) PSD-
28716; ALONG LINE 4-5
BY LOT 42-C-2 (LRC)
PSD-28716; 7 ON THE
NW., ALONG LINE 5-1
BY LOT 4-C-1-A-3 OF
THE SUBDIVISION
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MONTES-LOLOY
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(SGD) RUBEN L.
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Notice is hereby given to the Estate of the deceased Nora B. Bucasan who died on November 14, 2016 in Baguio City has been the subject of an Extrajudicial Settlement of Estate with waiver of rights executed by the heirs of said deceased on February 15, 2017 in Baguio City and registered and docketed as Doc. No. 367; Page 74 Book XVII; Series of 2017 of the Notarial Book of Atty. Meshack C. Macwes of the City of Baguio.

Feb. 18, 25 and Mar. 4, 2017

Editorial...

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reputation.

"He (Korean businessman Jee Ick Joo) was killed brutally, according to the stories. To me that is especially gruesome, but also in terms of the Philippines towards the Republic of Korea, or South Korea, it is something that's very shameful on the part of Filipinos doing this to a [citizen of a] very friendly close ally," Ramos said.

"Of course, any kind of gruesome murder like what has been reported is unacceptable, but if this is the way we treat our friends and allies, I don't think we're going to [have a] good reputation in the world. Not too long from now, we will be labeled as that kind of people which, of course, I deplore."

Meanwhile, Malacañang has responded to Ramos' earlier comment on Duterte's decision-making style.

In the same Rappler Talk interview, Ramos said he is concerned that Duterte, whom he supported in the May 2016 elections, is making decisions – particularly on policies and security – without first consulting even his Cabinet members

Presidential Spokesperson Ernesto Abella maintained that Duterte listens to opinions but supposedly has a different style from Ramos. Abella on Saturday, February 11, said Ramos is "more managerial and more corporate" while Duterte "is what you would call a transformational leader... who can do something out of nothing." / Rappler.com#

case against Napoles was filed in court resulting in the issuance of a non-bailable arrest warrant against her, ranking officials of the Aquino government---namely Secretaries Edwin Lacierda and Mar Roxas, and even President Aquino himself---took time out to personally attend to her before she was finally surrendered to the police!

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City back to...

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ration were burned by suspected NPA members at Camp 4, in Tuba, Benguet.

It was also fanned by the sudden presence of some 300 police trainees who were deployed in various areas of the city as part of their training that will run for six months.

The mayor who was at that time in Ifugao to preside over the meeting of the Regional Peace and Order Council immediately belied the information after confirming from the Philippine National Police and the Philippine Army top brass that the red alert notice did not come from them. /Aileen P. Refuerzo#

PSUDs pursue renewal...

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the community.

The members were among the 200 PSUDs who finished the Baguio Emergency Response to Addiction (BERA), a five modular session rehabilitation program conducted by the Serenity group working with the city government.

Tul-an said other graduates were also able to avail of the Self Employment Assistance program of the OCSWDO.

Apart from the BERA, other PSUDs are also currently undertaking the 36-module faith-based rehabilitation program of the 35 Family Life Resources Centers based in churches.

As per the approved process flow of the city government, drug offenders and dependents referred by both public and private entities as a result of drug tests conducted will undergo documentation processing which includes executing an undertaking pledge or affidavit, profiling, executing a waiver to undergo drug test, mugshot, debriefing and finger printing.

Adults will be subjected to brief intervention by the Dept. of Health or trained BADAC members while minors will be referred to the office of the city social welfare and development office for profiling and psychological examination.

Both will then undergo drug dependency examination by the DOH accredited physicians (Drs. Zoraida Clavio, Clarette Dy and Karen Balanza) and drug testing by DOH accredited drug testing laboratories.

The next step will be the filing in court of petition for voluntary confinement by the Dangerous Drugs Board representatives and upon issuance of a court order, the patients will either be confined in a drug rehabilitation facility in Dagupan City or Pampanga for six months or committed as out-patient at the Baguio General Hospital.

After the rehabilitation, in-patients will undergo and 18-month after-care program and along with the out-patients may be referred for livelihood assistance from the Technical Education Skills Development Agency (TESDA), Dept. of Labor and Employment (DOLE), OCSWADO, Dept. of Trade and Industry and others for their eventual reintegration in the community. /Aileen P. Refuerzo#

Local governments to adopt...

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operations.

According to him, the PNP leadership should instead have removed the involved scalawags in the anti-illegal drug units of the PNP so that drug lords will not take advantage of the situation to reorganize their groups and resume their illegal trade which will again result in the increase in petty crimes.

He explained the government's anti-drug campaign was instrumental in significantly reducing the volume of crimes in all areas of the country that is why drastic changes in the strategies might affect the implementation of the program by people from other agencies who have less staff than that of the PNP.

Domogan exhorted local governments to implement as soon as possible their anti-illegal drug campaign strategies to avoid illegal drug groups from reorganizing themselves.

He admitted the drug problem has negative effects on the society, especially the proliferation of crimes that threaten human security, thus, measures must be done drastically to curb the problem as early as possible. /By Dexter A. See#

Kakampi mo ang batas

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P10 pork barrel scam involving lawmakers and other officials of the Aquino government.

We should not forget that Napoles implicated former Budget Secretary Florencio "Butch" Abad, a pillar of the Liberal Party of former President Noynoy Aquino as the one who taught her how to deal with lawmakers, in an effort to entice them to allow non-governmental organizations under her control to use their pork barrel allocations, in exchange for commissions.

It must also be noted that after the serious illegal detention —>

STL to operate in Baguio anytime Gov't workers told to stay away from casinos

BAGUIO CITY – The Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO) informed Mayor Mauricio G. Domogan that its Board of Directors approved a still undisclosed company to operate the Small Town Lottery (STL) in the city pursuant to the revised STL rules and regulations.

However, the local chief executive admitted that he is still going over the revised STL rules and regulations to make sure that the company has satisfactorily complied with the revised rules and regulations to help eradicate illegal gambling in the different parts of the city and has not violated existing laws, rules, and regulations.

Based on initial rough data shared with the mayor by some PCSO officials who paid a visit to him recently, the company will be able to generate a gross monthly income of P9.3 million whereby the city government is entitled to a 3 percent share while the local police force will be entitled to a still undisclosed share.

"We will consult with our barangay officials regarding the plan of PCSO to operate STL in the city as part of eradicating illegal gambling. We admit that the campaign against illegal gambling is a cat and mouse game that is why law enforcers have a difficult time in cornering those involved in the illegal gambling trade," Domogan stressed.

Based on previous STL rules, operators of the PCSO-regulated STL must first secure the endorsement of the local government concerned through an approved resolution of the Sanggunian to guarantee the social acceptability of the State-regulated game.

Domogan underscored the need to intensify the conduct of a massive information education campaign in the city's 128 barangays regarding the expected operation of STL in the city to encourage people to abandon patronizing illegal gambling activities to help rid the city of illegal numbers games in compliance with the orders of President Rodrigo R. Duterte for the Philippine National Police to include illegal gambling in their all-out campaign.

Domogan also called on the city police force to strengthen their anti-gambling operations by going after those directly involved in the operation of various illegal gambling activities.

Among the illegal gambling activities proliferating in the city include jueteng, drop ball, card games, colored games, salisi, and the controversial Bingo sa Barangay games.

Domogan called on residents to stop engaging in illegal gambling activities as will compromise their values, lose their hard earned money and taint the city's no gambling policy. /By Dexter A. See#

BAGUIO CITY – Gov-
ernment officials and employees were enjoined to strictly comply with the prohibition from entering, staying or playing at casino joints.

Interior and Local Government (DILG) Secretary Ismael Sueno issued this reminder in support of President Rodrigo Duterte's similar directive.

The President through the Office of the Executive Secretary issued Memorandum Circular No. 06 enjoining all government officials and employees to strictly observe and comply with the prohibition against going to gambling casinos.

The said circular was issued "in view of the President's Directive to Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation (PAGCOR) to strictly implement and prohibit all government officials from entering casinos."

This was also done "to

appropriately address the negative effect on the public perception of government service as a whole that the mere entry of presence of government officials and employees in a gambling casino shall be considered as conduct prejudicial to the best interest of the service, unless the same was in the performance of official duties and functions."

Mayor Mauricio Domogan reminded city government workers to abide by the directive.

According to Sueno, the mere entry or presence of government officials and employees in casino joints will be considered as "conduct prejudicial to the best interest of the service unless the same was in the performance of official duties and functions."

As such, violators can be held liable to applicable Civil Services Rules and Regulations and other laws. /Aileen P. Refuerzo#

Values formation key in addressing teenage pregnancy

BAGUIO CITY – Mayor Mauricio G. Domogan said the solid foundation of today's youth will definitely be a key factor in preventing teenage pregnancies nationwide because they will be equipped with the proper values vital in confronting the challenges that they meet while growing up.

The local chief executive said based on the results of interviews conducted by experts with victims of teenage pregnancy, most of those who had problems came from problematic families like those with separated parents.

"We need to continue the reforms that we have started to help improve the services to

our people," Domogan stressed.

He claimed youth with the right kind of values are better and less exposed to committing unhealthy behavior that will affect their bright future. We must sustain the proper way of equipping our children with the right values to help them avoid problems that will compromise their future," Domogan stressed.

He said on the part of the local government, it is strengthening the campaign of the Character City in the barangay level so that the proper values orientation programs will be put in place to prevent the youth from encountering serious moral problems.



FROM CANADA WITH LOVE -Filipino Canadian Association of Vaughan president Erlinda Insigne and her husband Tony hand over the donated medical supplies and equipment contained in 13 balikbayan boxes to Mayor Mauricio Domogan who in turn immediately distributed the same to the following: 9 boxes to representatives of Baguio General Hospital and Medical Center, 2 boxes to City Health Office and one box to the Baguio Emergency Medical Service during simple rites at the Mayor's Office last February 17. Vaughan is a sister City of Baguio./By Bong Cayabyab

The city's Character Council is composed of multi-sectoral representatives that focus on building the character as the foundation of the overall development of the city.

According to him, religious groups and members of the academe must also teach in their respective congregations and classrooms the importance of acquiring the values needed to serve as the foundation for their growth and development and combat unhealthy motives that confront them while they are maturing as responsible citizens of the city.

He underscored bad influences on today's youth will have no effect if these youth are imbued with the necessary values to comprehend what is right or wrong at the same time be able to independently confront the evils of society without fear and decide on taking the socially appropriate route instead of being lost in the wilderness.

He explained individ-

uals can easily discern a person with a good solid foundation in life thus he urged the older ones to teach their younger brothers and sisters the right kind of attitude in confronting the challenges that come their way.

He called on today's youth to help themselves by attending educational gatherings not only in their schools and communities but also in other places that serve as their learning venues on how to mature as responsible and dedicated citizens of the city and to serve as a role model in character development for other youth.

Domogan challenged the members of the Character Council and the academe to further intensify their programs and projects to teach the younger generations with the right kind of values to help them grow as mature individuals who will fight for what is right and denounce and avoid what they think is wrong.

/By Dexter A. See#

Bulk water project seen... from page 8

He learned the companies intending to propose for a bulk water project with the water district have already identified their potential sources although some of the sources are covered by existing water rights.

However, Domogan explained there will be no problem for the bulk water supply project proponents if their potential sources are covered by water

rights because they could just include the existing water right holders as their partners.

He called on the residents to seriously study the benefits of having a bulk water project with a daily supply of water compared to the present situation where the supply of water to the residents is unpredictable and on a scheduled basis. /By Dexter A. See#

Ibaloi Park to be declared as a living museum

BAGUIO CITY – The City Council approved on first reading a proposed ordinance declaring the Ibaloi Park as a living museum and authorizing the installation of the bust of Mateo Cariño and for other purposes.

The ordinance authored by Councilor Edgar M. Avila stated the proposed measure will also be known as the Mateo Cariño ordinance and effective upon its approval, the Ibaloi Park which is within Burnham Park will be declared as a living tradition for Ibalois in honor of their great-forefather and that his bust will be installed at the entrance of the said park.

The ordinance added the care and maintenance of the living museum shall be with the City Environment and Parks Management Office (CEPMO) and the said office can enter into a memorandum of agreement with the Onjon in Ivadoy, a duly accredited non-government organization to effect the said project.

On the other hand, the City Engineer, in coordination with the CEPMO, shall determine the metes and bounds of the Ibaloi Park living museum and shall recommend to the

Tourism Infrastructure and Enterprise Zone Authority (TIEZA), the segregation and preservation of the same area.

The ordinance added an initial amount of P500,000 shall be appropriated to carry out the purpose of the ordinance and thereafter, the budget for the maintenance and upkeep of the Ibaloi Park shall be incorporated in the annual appropriation plan of the CEPMO.

The ordinance explained the need for a living museum for the Ibalois to recreate historical settings simulating past time; providing visitors with an experiential interpretation of history, a type of museum that would recreate to the fullest extent conditions of a culture, natural environment or historical period.

Related to a need for a living museum is the recognition of a distinguished forefather of the Ibalois, Mateo Cariño, a chieftain who was among several headmen of what is now called Benguet province. The headmen and their families were the original owners of vast tracks of land in Benguet used as farms and pasture for their large cattle holdings.

Mateo Cariño and his

wife Bayosa Ortega owned most of what is now Baguio City, including the then John Hay air base. It was also Mateo Cariño's men who originally worked to in the Balatoc mines.

In the precedent-setting and leading case of Mateo Cariño versus the Insular Government of the Philippine Islands, the doctrine of native title was enunciated by the United States Supreme Court and in the words of Justice Malcolm, "It might perhaps be proper and sufficient to see that when, as far as testimony or memory goes, the land has been held by individuals under a claim of private ownership, it will be presumed to have been held in the same way from before the Spanish conquest and never to have been public land." This is now referred to as the Cariño Doctrine.

There is an existence of native title to land, or ownership of land by Filipinos by virtue of possession under a claim of ownership since time in memorial and independent of any grant from the Spanish crown, as an exception to the theory of jura regalia. /By Dexter A. See#

Prisoners reach out to girl stricken with hydrocephalus

Responding to a call for help aired through television channel ABS-CBN, inmates of the Baguio city jail raised P6,598 which they turned over last Valentine's Day to the family of a young girl in need.

"It is not the amount

but the effort," an inmate said of the fund drive for Mary Kim Casipit, a four-year old girl stricken with hydrocephaly and whose plight the prisoners learned through an appeal coursed through the TV channel.

To come up with the fund, the inmates, through the male prisoners, set aside P1,000 from their "Tawang Tanganan" singing

contest last Valentine's Day, another P1,000 from the senior citizens' program.

The remaining P4,598 came from a four-day pass-the-hat around the different cells, as the prisoners sustained a program to reach out to the needy beyond the prison walls.

Earlier, the inmates also orchestrated a fund drive for patient Zian Campos Ramos who was diagnosed with leukemia.

In the wake of the devastation wrought by Typhoon Lawin in Kalinga, the prisoners



CHILDREN AND YOUTH EMPOWERMENT - Children and youth of Manuel Roxas barangay show their works of art on how they can contribute to the protection of environment of Baguio during a lecture seminar conducted by US balik-bayan siblings from New Jersey. US registered nurse and retired US Army Reserved Command Col. Rosalie Espejo- Vilar (right) US registered nurses Joy Espejo and Marites Espejo-Welch and mechanical engineer Gilbert Bobby Espejo donated \$1,000 dollars to barangay officials and spent \$1,000 for the children and the youth in the same barangay to inculcate good moral values, promote arts, sports, cleanliness, backyard gardening and tree planting activities last February 11, With them are barangay officials headed by PB Elsie Magdalene Tindoc./By Bong Cayabyab

Bulk water project seen as ultimate solution to water shortage

BAGUIO CITY – Mayor Mauricio G. Domogan said the realization of the long overdue bulk water project is seen as the ultimate solution to the projected water shortage in the city in the next five to ten years.

The local chief executive pointed out the local government will not be obliged to locate the source of the water but the bulk water supplier, thus, this will lessen the burden of the city as the winning supplier which will locate its source of potable water to supply the city's increasing number of users.

"It will not be our problem to source out the water from potential sources outside the city. We will not also be burdened on how to bring the water to our city. The supplier must make sure that the water

to be supplied to the water district shall have passed the potability standards," Domogan stressed.

Earlier, studies showed that there will be a possible water shortage in the city within the next five to ten years if no concrete development will be undertaken to source out additional water supply to cater to the requirements of the rapidly increasing population.

Domogan admitted that there are several companies have called on him informing him of their desire to conduct a feasibility study on the city's bulk water project and to identify their potential sources but he is awaiting the submission of their proposals so that the water district could take the next step in pursuit of the project.

According to him,

what is important is for the bulk water supplier to be able to bring the water to the city and guarantee its potability prior to distribution to the residents and that the water district will not accept the water to be supplied to the residents and visitors once it fails the series of tests to ascertain its portability.

While the Baguio Water District (BWD) is doing its share in making sure that there will be enough supply of water for the increasing population, Domogan claimed the bulk water is still the lasting solution to the inadequate water supply in the city, citing that the projects of the agency will simply be a stop gap measure in addressing future concerns of adequate water supply in the different barangays.

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skipped breakfast for three consecutive days, enabling them to save 12 boxes of noodles, canned goods and three cavans of rice which, together with used clothes, they had delivered to the typhoon-devastated province.

These outreach programs are the latest in a series of humanitarian gestures that the prisoners

have attempted over the years.

Also recently, all of the over 500 inmates, together with their guards, signed a petition launched by patients to make dialysis a free medical service in the country.

The move, which, if approved by the Duterte government, would liberate families with

dialysis patients from scrounging for funds to sustain the life-time twice- or thrice-a-week blood-cleansing session of their ailing kin.

"It is not the value that counts as long as it comes from the heart," an inmate said of the latest humanitarian outreach from behind walls. /Jerry Pasagoy.#

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