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Barangay merging on the way

BAGUIO CITY - The revived call for barangay merging of the 128 barangays in the city of Baguio is thoroughly being reviewed and evaluated by the city government here.

Mayor Mauricio Domogan disclosed that the various meetings, consultations and forum with the punong barangays in the city concerning the proposed barangay merging resulted to a positive feedback from the different barangays.

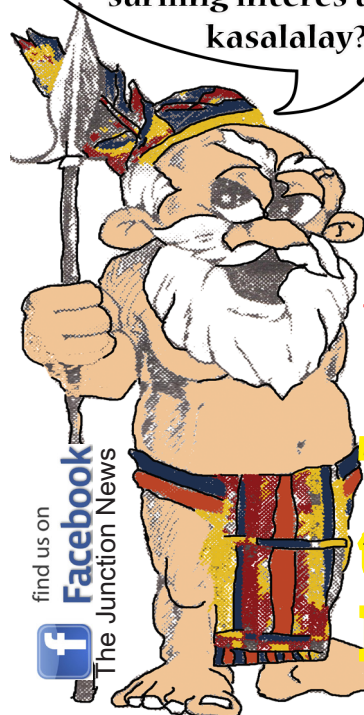
He stressed that the merging of the 128 barangays must be in accordance with Section 386 of the Local Government Code which states that a barangay maybe created out of a contiguous territory which has a population of at least 2,000 inhabitants as certified by the National Statistics Office except in cities and municipalities within Metro Manila and other metropolitan political subdivisions or in highly urbanized cities where territory shall have a certified population of at least 5,000 inhabitants.

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THE BIGGEST STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE WE'VE SEEN SO FAR - The local government leaders of La Trinidad proudly show off and serve their strawberry shortcake, a part of the municipality's Strawberry festival./Photo grabbed from R. Mangusan's FB

Pustahan tayo hindi mababawasan ang barangay, wala yan merging -merging ng barangays, gaano ba kadalas nasusunod ang batas sa bansa na ito kapag pansariling interes ang nakasalalay?!?



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City needs to improve local tax collection to attain self-sufficiency

BAGUIO CITY – The city needs to establish more sources of local revenues and improve tax collection to wean itself from external fund dependence and attain self-sufficiency, a member of the local finance committee stressed on Monday.

City accountant Antonio Tabin, addressing City Hall's flag-raising rites, said that while the city continues to improve its internal or local tax collection which for 2016 reached the P700-million mark as against its P610 million target, it remained dependent on external or national government sources.

"If analyzed, the percentage of our external fund sources represents 52 percent of our annual revenue so we are still dependent on national sources," Tabin stressed.

He said that new developments demand that the city adopt more aggressive tax reform policies to realize this aim.

He said that for the last three years there has been a significant decrease in the city's share from the Philippine Economic Zone Authority (PEZA) collections, one of the external fund sources of the city.

In 2014, the city's share amounted to P224 million which was reduced to

P196 million in 2015 and to P160 million in 2016.

Tabin said that if the decline continues, the city has a cause to worry since this constitutes a big chunk of the budget.

He also cited the possible effect of the America First policy of US President Donald Trump which may mean the pull out of American companies from the PEZA and loss of local government shares from their earnings.

For 2016, the city targeted a collection of P850 million from its external or national government sources but realized only P785 million mainly due to the decrease in the shares from PEZA and the Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation and the Internal Revenue Allotment (IRA). The latter two were cut down by P2 million each.

He said the city has to address the external fund decline by further strengthening its internal revenue sourcing and collection to sustain the delivery of services to the public.

He appealed to the city council to consider all the tax reform proposals which will boost the city's revenue collection.

The pending proposals include the proposed

amendments to Tax Ordinance No. 2000-001 which seek to impose an average increase of ten percent on the antiquated business tax rates and the proposed schedule of market values which underwent another revision resulting to a general lowering of the tax rates than those proposed in 2014.

Tabin also pointed out the need to improve the collection in garbage and sewerage fees.

Mayor Mauricio Domogan who has been appealing to the city council to hasten approval of the tax measures said the city council also should consider pending proposals to allow the city government to bid out other revenue generating projects that will boost the city's income.

At present, the city's top three sources of internal revenues are business taxes with a total collection in 2016 of P257,158,000, real property with P97,700,000 and interest income amounting to P30,998,000.

The others are market stall rentals, garbage fees, real property transfer fees, rent income, community tax, sewage treatment, night market, slaughterhouse, parking and amusement tax./Aileen P. Refuerzo#

Council irked by non-appearance of Cordillera cops

BAGUIO CITY – The members of the City Council were obviously irked by the continuous refusal of ranking officials of the Police Regional

Office (PRO) in the Cordillera to appear before its regular session to shed light on the unceremonious transfer of a devoted city traffic police officer

to Apayao for doing his job in apprehending the driver and security aide of one of the members of its command group as it tasked the Committee

on Laws to study what available sanctions could be imposed against them for their failure to heed the local legislative body's police invitation.

Instead of



EARTHQUAKE DRILL AND AFTERSHOCKS - Baguio Central School students crouch and cover under the watchful eye of school principal Esther Litilit during a simultaneous earthquake drill of all public and high schools here. After a few hours, Baguio was jolted by real mild earthquakes at 11:34 a.m. with magnitude 3, 11:37 a.m. with magnitude 2.4 and 1:08 p.m. with magnitude 2.5. No damages or casualties were reported by the Office of the Civil Defense and DepEd- Baguio and the CDRRMC./By Bong Cayabyab

Trump policy to affect city's PEZA share

BAGUIO CITY – The strict implementation of the American First policy of United States President Donald Trump could result to the further decline in the city's share from the Philippine Economic Zone Authority (PEZA) because of the expected retrenchment in American companies

hiring Filipino workers operating in the economic zones, Mayor Mauricio G. Domogan said here recently.

The local chief executive was alarmed over the report of City Accountant Antonio Tabin that the city's share from the Loakan-based PEZA had been significantly decreased

ing over the past three years which is complicated by Trump's recent pronouncement that he will embark on the America first policy which means that American citizens will be prioritized for employment in American companies operating in the country.

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appearing in Monday's regular session as per invitation by the local legislative body, PRO-COR regional director Chief Superintendent Elmo Francis o. Sarona, deputy regional director for administration Senior Superintendent Gregorio Lim and deputy regional director for operations Senior Superintendent Angelito Casimiro again wrote the local legislative body that they will not appear in the said meeting because of pressing matters that they have to attend which obviously irked the members of the City Council.

One of the options being considered by the local legislators is for the declaration of the said police officials as persona non grata in the city having totally disregarded its repeated invitation as if they are totally independent from the purview of the local government when in fact, the Baguio

City Police Office (BCPO) gets substantial financial assistance from the city for its operations.

The local legislative body cited that it had already given sufficient time for the PRO-COR officials to appear before its regular session but it seems the arrogant, abusive and impolite police officials continue to defy such invitation warranting the imposition of sanctions against them.

The council also learned that PO3 Joseph Canlas, Lim's aide, was able to escape the implementation of the number coding scheme being implemented in the capital town of La Trinidad before their vehicle was flagged down by SPO3 Alberto C. Tadeo on December 21, 2016 where the police officers on board the said vehicle reasoned out that the vehicle was owned by Lim and that they will go to gas-up at a gasoline station along Harrison

road before bringing Lim's wife to Manila.

Further, it was also uncovered that the case of simple neglect of duty and breach of internal discipline are supposed to be under the jurisdiction of the local police chief and not the regional command but what happened in Tadeo's case was that it was the regional command that took jurisdiction of the case and never involved the local police chief in the said controversial matter.

Some councilors believe the PRO-COR officials committed grave abuse of authority, grave misconduct and conduct prejudicial to the best interest of the serviced which would warrant the filing of the necessary charges against them before the proper offices to discipline the erring police officials to show them that are not untouchables./By Dexter A. See#



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Market vendors to wear color-coded aprons

BAGUIO CITY – The City Council approved on first reading a proposed ordinance requiring public and private market and ‘talipapa’ vendors and helpers, except those in malls and shopping complex, to wear color-coded aprons while plying their trade and providing penalties for violators.

The ordinance authored by Councilor Leandro B. Yangot, Jr. stated all public and public market and ‘talipapa vendors’ shall subject

and helpers, except those in malls and shopping complex, are required to wear color-coded aprons while plying their trade, red for meat and fish vendors, green for fruit, vegetable and grocery vendors and yellow for eatery and dry goods vendors.

Under the proposal, violators of the provisions of the local legislative measure and ‘talipapa vendors’ shall subject

the owners, proprietors or managers of business establishments to a fine of P300 for the first offense; P500 for the second offense and P1,000 for every violation for the third and succeeding offenses.

Yangot added the Baguio City Market Task

Force will be tasked to strictly monitor and ensure the strict implementation of the provisions of the ordinance.

“The involvement of a healthy citizenry in the city is one of the top priorities of the local government. This flagship project can contribute to the real-

ization of the truism that health minds reside in healthy bodies,” Yangot stressed.

He added a well-managed public market serves as vital part of a healthy urban economy aside from being an alternative tourist destination for local and foreign tourists and the residents as well.

According to him, the vendors in the city public

market as well as the various satellite markets in the barangays are major contributors in realizing the goal for a healthy city if they themselves are neat and tidy while they ply their trade.

Article 2, Section 15 of the 1987 Constitution provides that the State shall protect and promote the right to health of the

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In the city, the American companies operating in the Loakan-based PEZA are Texas Instruments, Philippines, MOOG Controls Corporation, and the business process outsourcing company Sitel Philippines.

Tabin reported in 2014, the local government collected a share of 224 million from the PEZA which dropped to P196 million in 2015 and further dropped to P160 million last year.

Under the PEZA law, local governments hosting the PEZA are guaranteed a 2-percent share from the gross receipts of the economic zone to be directly remitted to the coffers of the host locality by the administration of the economic zone.

Tabin underscored the city's share from the PEZA is one of the local government's major external sources of income, thus, the continuous drop in the city's PEZA share due to outside factors like Trump's American First policy will definitely affect the fiscal position of the city in the coming years.

For his part, Domogan pointed out there is a need for the local government to look for available sources of funds to replace the funds that will be lost once US President Trump will strictly implement his American First policy wherein employees of American companies will prioritize American citizens as their employees.

He underscored the importance of introducing the needed revisions to the city's real property and business taxes that were not amended over the past several years to help the local government find appropriate ways in increasing its sources of income.

The city's schedule of market values and the general revision of its real property taxes were not amended over the past 21 years while its business taxes were not amended over the past 17 years.

Domogan pointed out people must understand that taxes are the lifeblood of the national and local governments that is why concerned government agencies are closely monitoring the compliance of local governments in the updating of their taxes for the generation of sufficient resources to be used in the implementation of more development projects and improving the delivery of basic services to the people in their respective areas of jurisdiction./By Dexter A. See#


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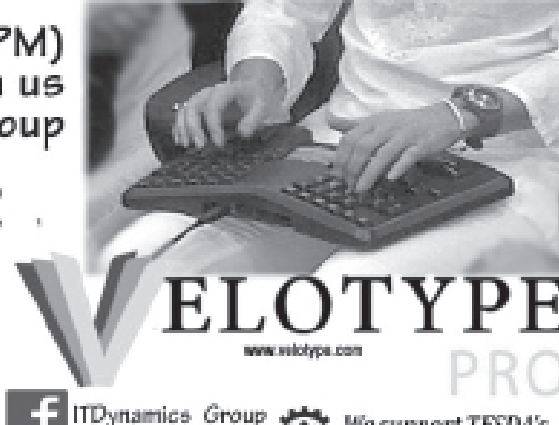
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'Tone down' reports? Stop the killings – UN expert

This comes after Tourism Secretary Wanda Teo appealed to Vice President Leni Robredo and the media to 'tone down' their reporting of extrajudicial killings. MANILA, Philippines – United Nations (UN) expert Agnes Callamard challenged Philippine Tourism Secretary Wanda Teo to ask the Duterte administration to stop extrajudicial killings (EJKs) in the Philippines.

Callamard issued this call after Teo appealed to Vice President Leni Robredo and the media to "tone down" their reporting of EJKs.

In a tweet on Wednesday, March 22, Callamard said, "#Philippines tourism chief asks media to tone down #EJK reports! She should ask gov. & police to #StopEJK."

Callamard is the UN's special rapporteur on extrajudicial executions, connected with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights.

#Philippines Tourism Chief asks Media to tone down #EJK report! She should ask Gov & Police to #StopEJK. <https://t.co/dM8uNFy5aj>

— Dr Agnes Callamard (@AgnesCallamard) March 22, 2017

Before Callamard issued her message, Teo aired a message for Robredo and the media: "Medyo i-tone down natin 'yung EJK." (Let's tone down on EJKs.)

She explained that she is "always asked" wherever she goes, in Asia and in Europe, "Totoo ba ito?" (Is this true?) She "would say it's safe in the Philippines," and "would always ask them to come."

The Philippine government earlier invited Callamard to investigate the killings in the country, provided that Callamard is willing to debate with President Rodrigo Duterte.

Callamard, however, insisted on "freedom of inquiry and movement, and non-retaliation" based on existing protocols.

More than 7,000 people have died in drug-related killings since Duterte took office.

The European Parliament recently warned that the Philippines could lose trade incentives because of these killings. But one of Duterte's Cabinet officials, Interior Secretary Ismael Sueno, instead blamed Vice President Leni Robredo and other critics of the drug war, saying they were tarnishing the country's reputation. /Rappler.com#

EDITORIAL

KAKAMPI MO ANG BATAS

Fast food, nakamamatay!



BY: ATTY. BATAS MAURICIO

LIFE'S INSPIRATIONS: "... Sapagkat ang sinumang kumakain at umiinom nang hindi kinikilala ang kahalagahan ng katawan at dugo ng Panginoon ay kumakain at umiinom ng kahatulan laban sa kanyang sarili. Iyan ang dahilan kung bakit mahihina at sakitin ang marami sa inyo, at may ilan ngang namatay na..." (1 Corinto 11:29-30, Bibliya).

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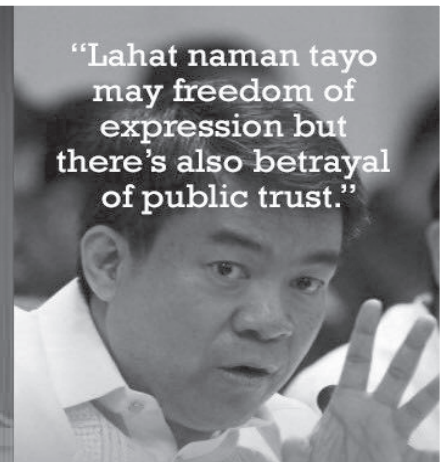
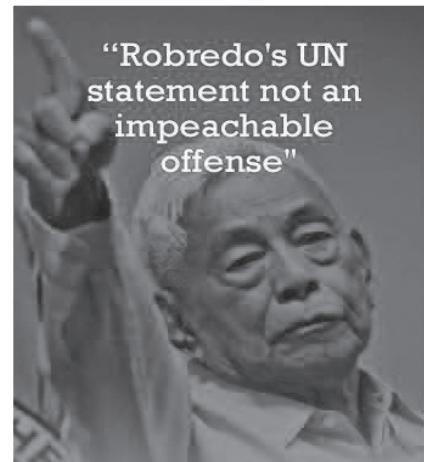
FAST FOOD, NAKAMAMATAY! Kumakain pa ba kayo ng mga fast food---o yung mga pagkain na ipinagbibili sa mga fast food chains? Magdalang-babala po kayo. O di kaya, ang mas mabuti, tigilan na ninyo ang pagkain ng fast food, tigilan na ninyo ang kumain sa mga fast food chains. Bakit? Kasi sabi ng mga medical experts, itong mga pagkaing ito ay papatay sa inyo, dahil bibigyan kayo ng mga ito ng hypertension, o delikadong pagtaas ng blood pressure.

Ayon sa isang ulat sa media, ang mga duktor ng International Society of Hypertension (ISH) at ng Philippine Society of Hypertension (PSH) ay nagsasabing ang mga fast food restaurants ay kadalasang nagbebenta ng mga "high fat, high salt food"---o mga pagkaing sobra ang taba at sobra ang sin---na nakakapagbigay ng hypertension kahit sa mga bata.

Sa paliwanag ni Dr. Ramon Castillo, past president ng PSH at ngayon ay kasapi ng ISH, ang mga taong may hypertension ay gaya ng "walking time bombs"---o mga bombang naglalakad---dahil anumang oras ay maaari silang sumabog sanhi ng mga komplikasyon mula sa massive stroke, acute myocardial infraction, o biglaang kamatayan bunga ng atake sa puso.

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"SOBRA ANG KINAKAIN NATING ASIN, TABA, AT CALORIES": Sa kabilang dako, sinabi naman ni Dr. Neil Poulter, ang pangulo ng ISH, na "sobra ang kinakain



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nating asin, taba, at calories." Ito ang dahilan kung bakit ang high blood pressure ang siya na ngayong pinakamatinding dahilan ng kamatayan ng marami sa daigdig, kung saan 9.4 milyong katao ang namamatay taon-taon, dagdag ni Poulter.

Sa Pilipinas, ipinakikita ng medical records na isa sa apat na Pilipino ang may hypertension, o nakakamatay na high blood pressure. Ito ang dahilan, ayon sa mga medical experts, kaya kailangan ng ating mga kababayan na magpalit ng kanilang ugali sa pagkain, upang makaiwas sila sa sobrang asin, taba, at calories.

Ganundin, dapat ding magbago ang estilo ng buhay ng mga Pilipino---mula sa walang ehersisyo sa ngayon, tungo sa ma-ehersisyong buhay. Isa din sa mga mahalagang payo ay ang pag-iwas ng mga tao sa sobrang paggamit ng kanilang mga gadgets at tablets, na siyang dahilan kaya di sila kumikilos ng matagal na panahon sa loob ng isang araw.

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KATAWAN AT DUGO NI KRISTO SA PAGKAIN AT INUMIN: Sa hanay naman ng mga kasapi ng Simbahang Anak ng Diyos Kadugo Ni Kristo (AND KNK, ang simbahang sa Pilipinas itinatag), kailangan ding magkaroon ng puspusang pagsunod ang mga tao sa mga simpleng kautusan sa Bibliya ukol sa kung papaanong magiging malusog ang mga pagkain at inumin natin sa araw-araw.

Ang isa sa mga kautusang ito ay makikita sa 1 Corinto 11:23-30. Ayon sa mga bersikulong ito, kung tayo ay kakain o iinom, dapat nating laging alalahanin ang katawan at dugo ni Jesus, ang ating Diyos at Tagapagligtas na Siya ding Diyos Ama, Anak, at Espiritu Santo, na ibinigay sa sanlibutan upang mapatawad ang ating mga kasalanan, mabayaran ang kaparusahan para sa mga kasalanan, at masigurado ang ating buhay sa Paraiso.

Dapat gayahin ng lahat ang ginagawa ng mga kasapi ng AND KNK: itinataas nila ang kanilang mga kamay sa mga pagkain at inumin, pinasasalamatan nila si Jesus sa mga pagpapalang ito, at hinihingi, sa Pangalan Ni Jesus, na ang kanilang pagkain at inumin ay maging katawan at dugo ni Jesus, bilang pagkilala ng Kanyang pagliligtas sa atin!

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BIR chief rallies Cordillerans to pay taxes

BAGUIO CITY – Commissioner Cesar R. Dulay of the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) called on Cordillerans to pay their taxes to the government to help generate the necessary resources for the implementation of priority development projects and improve the delivery of basic service to the people, especially those in the countryside.

Commissioner Dulay, who attended the launching of the BIR's annual tax campaign in the city, said urged Cordillerans to be the first ones to pay their taxes

in support of his being the government's lead tax collector of the Duterte administration, saying that there should be a significant increase in the number of responsible taxpayers from the region.

Based on the data presented by the BIR-CAR, the region has a total of 488,000 individual tax payers and more than **Cont. on page 5**

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EL MAESTRO SPEAKS

*Turn Your Compassion
into Action*

BY: CLYDE B. SACPA

In this time where social media is a part of life. People seemed to be very much concerned in having a million views, likes, and share. This has led to creating a lot of bizarre things just to be recognized even for just a minute in the world of billion users. We've seen things like insane movements, insane fights, insane accidents, a lot of insanity and brutality that it normalizes our feeling to such macabre situations and things.

And it seems like everything insane in this world has been seen in the media already that people are still trying to go over insanity just to be known. One way of doing it is through those insane chain mails, chain pictures, and chain status. These are social media post that is saying that once you share it you will have good luck and if you don't you'll end up having bad day etc.

The worst thing people have done and has been doing and will still be doing is taking picture of an accident, a disaster, and a helpless person and they will say they are really sympathizing with what is in the picture and to help those victim they're asking you to like or share their post. This is the most idiotic and egocentric idea ever. If you try to think about it, you are not really helping the person in need you are helping and feeding the ego of the person who posted it. For sure they will say I post these pictures to spread awareness. If that is the idea then it is good. But aside from that posting things like those does not really help.

Instead of posting, why not put down your phone go to the person and literally offer your help. Instead of sharing the picture why not share something that can actually help. Instead of telling the world how you pity our unfortunate brothers and sisters, why not show how you pity them by actually doing something that can get them to a better place.

The social media is a powerful thing and a useful tool to change the world. Do not let it change you. Do not let it change the very root of human foundation. Put down those phones, look around you see those who needs help and instead of sharing your compassion to the media world, you start turning your compassion into action. Go and help!#

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13,000 corporate taxpayers as of last year.

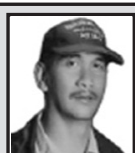
However, BIR-CAR officials revealed there are only 80,218 combined individual and corporate taxpayers who were able to pay their taxes in the different parts of the region last year which is around 16 percent of the total registered taxpayers.

"Our job in the BIR is simply to collect taxes to support the implementation of major development projects and sustain the improvement in the delivery of services to our people. I appeal to our fellow Cordillerans that they should voluntarily pay their taxes to support the government initiatives in the different parts of the country," Commissioner Dulay stressed.

The BIR Commissioner underscored the bureau is inclined to strengthen its law enforcement against erring taxpayers in the different parts of the country to make sure that there will also be an increase in the compliance of taxpayers in settling their taxes as these remain the lifeblood of the government in sustaining its operations.

According to him, it is the obligation of a responsible Filipino citizen to pay the right taxes to the government and the BIR is mandated to collect such taxes that could be used in improving the living condition of the

MAGKASANGGA TAYO

*Benham Rise at DOT
Secretary Teo*

BY: NESTOR "PAKEN" CASTRO

Benham Rise - Ano ba naman kasi ang benham rice na yan? Katulad ba yan ng dinorado, angelica o jasmine rice? Bakit ang daming kiao-kiao hinggil sa lugar na ito? Tatal naman ay hindi rin naman natin kayang ipaglaban ang ating mga isla na sariling atin eh di ipamigay na lang natin sa mga intsik at total naman ay pauutangin naman tayo ng mga intsik para pang imprastruktura. Mabuti sana kung makakain na natin agad ang benham rice este rise eh di ipaglaban natin, eh hindi naman natin makakain ang salitang sovereignty. Tama naman si Pangulong Digong nang kanyang sabihin na wala tayong kalaban laban sa military ng China kaya dapat ay pabayaanan na lang natin ang China na gawin ang gusto nila at tatal naman ay minura -mura at ininsulto na ni PDigong ang mga Kano na karapat dapat na tutulungan sana tayong ipagtanggol ang ating likas na yaman. Hi! Hi! Hi!

Katulad ng isinulat ko nuon ay welcome to China ang Goodbye to the USA. Hi! Hi! Hi!

At muli kong uulitin na di hamak na mas masarap ang lutong Intsik hindi tulad ng lutong Kano na puros hambolgel at hatdog ang madalas na kainin; sa lutong Intsik anjan ang pansit kanton, leni-lugaw, lumpia shanghai, syomay, syopao at malami pang iba na loto Intsik.

Kaya kayo mga dear readers, saan pa kayo - sa bansang masarap ang mga lutuin o sa bansang hindi masarap ang lutuin. Hi! Hi! Hi!

Sana nga lang ay wala ng visa fee ang mga Pinoy pag punta ng China at dapat na patawan ng mahal na visa fee ang mga Kano kapag papasok sila sa ating bansa. Mainam sana kung mga nasa One Thousand US Dollars (\$1,000.00) ang visa fee na sisingilin ng Pinas sa mga Kano na kumukuha ng visa papasok ng Pinas. Tama po ba kagalang -galang na mga Duterte? Hi! Hi! Hi!

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DOT Secretary Teo - Tama naman si Secretary Teo ng Departamento ng Turismo nang kanyang sabihin na dapat ay huminahon sana ang reporting ng mga medyas este media. Dapat lang na "i-tone down." Ang tanong ay alam ba ng mga medyas kung paano mag tone down o sa tagalog ay palambutin ang balita at gawing tama este mali este tama, hay yay yay hindi ko na tuloy alam ang tama at mali. Hi! Hi! Hi!

Halimbawa ganito yan, kapag mayroon uling nanlaban at napatay huwag i-report na nanlaban. Ang sabihin ay nagbigiti o nag suicide. Kapag mayroon nag-lalakad na isang pamilya at nabaril silang lahat ng mga riding in tandem at napatay lahat pati bata, matanda etc..., huwag i-report na ganoon. Ganito ang pag report ng kanyang insidente ang sabihin ay isang grupo ng mga taong naglalakad nagbarilan kaya ayun patay silang lahat o di kaya ay pamilya inambush ng mga ET (extra terrestrial). Ganyan mga kawani ng medyas ang pag tone down. Tama ba mga Duterte?#

Hindi na kayo naawa kay Secretary Teo na hirap na hirap i- market ang ating bansa sa abroad. Talaga kayong mga medyas, palibhasa hindi kayo marunong ng sinasabing alternative truth and fucktual reporting kaya nagreport kayo ng aktuwal na pangyayari. Ano ba naman kayong mga traditional na medyas. PWEENE... Hi! Hi! Hi!. Oks ba mga Duterte?!?!#

people in the countryside through the various development projects and improved services to the people.

Commissioner Dulay revealed 97 percent of the taxes collected by BIR are through voluntary payments of individual and corporate taxpayers while only 3 percent comes from the result of the bureau's aggressive law enforcement to go after tax evaders and erring taxpayers.

He claimed 80 percent of the country's annual budget comes from the collections of the bureau that is why efforts are being done to further improve their tax collection target annually so more funds could be plowed back to the people in terms of development projects and better services for the Filipinos.

Barangay merging on...

from page 1

The recently formed special committee to take in the preparatory phase and process for the said proposed merging of the 128 barangays will be coming up with a proposed division of barangays taking into consideration the closeness of barangays, population, income, existence of public services such as schools, centers, among others.

Said committee will come up with a conceptual merging and they are scheduled to convene on April 11 for the revision of the proposed division. The moment the committee will come up with a reasonable and sensible division, they will conduct a general assembly to all barangays and the moment a sensible division will be agreed upon, the same will be forwarded to the city council for the passage of an ordinance, explained Domogan.

The city will reduce the number of barangays from 128 to just 40 barangays, more or less, by merging adjoining barangays. Barangays merged should be divided into puroks and each purok will have a representation in the barangay council as kagawads.

That way, all puroks will be represented and only the punong barangay will be elected at large, added Domogan.

According to ABC president councilor Michael Lawana, they will take advantage of the one-year extension in the rule of incumbent barangays officials to mobilize awareness to the merger plan along with its advantages and disadvantages to gather support to the long overdue plan.

Barangay merging will address concerns and issues pertaining to barangay boundary disputes, seeming bias allocation of funds for various projects for larger barangays vis-à-vis barangays with lesser area and population as well as inadequate honorarium of barangay officials.

"The implementation of the merging scheme will be in time in the coming October 2017 election," ended Domogan./Jho Arranz#

Market vendors to wear...

from page 3

people and instill health consciousness among them.

Yangot claimed the vendors will be given sufficient time by the local government to comply with the prescribed color-coded uniforms once the ordinance is enacted into law to guarantee neatness and orderliness in their respective areas of trading.

The chairman of the City Council Committee on Market, Trade and Commerce and Agriculture said the wearing of color-coded uniforms by vendors is one of the recommendations of stakeholders who attended the recently concluded Market Summit held March 3, 2017.

Yangot expressed optimism that the vendors affected by the implementation of the color-coded uniforms will cooperate with the new rules and regulations to guarantee neatness and orderliness in the market and other satellite markets in the different barangays of the city to help in promoting the market as an alternative tourist destination for visitors and for residents to be encouraged to patronize the stalls in the public facility./By Dexter A. See#

Dulay claimed Filipinos should not wait for inspectors from the bureau to conduct audit on their books to avoid being imposed stiffer penalties and surcharges for their failure to settle their taxes with the government.

Commissioner Dulay remains optimistic that the bureau will sustain the improvement in its tax collections in the coming years to help the government in the implementation of its desired development projects during the term of President Rodrigo R. Duterte when he steps down from office by the end of June 2022. /By Dexter A. See#

Notice of Extrajudicial Settlement of Estate with simultaneous Waiver of Rights, Quitclaim, and Release

Notice is hereby given to the Estate of the deceased Joseph L. Bagto who died on September 23, 2015 in Baguio City has been the subject of an Extrajudicial Settlement of Estate with Simultaneous Waiver of Rights, Quitclaim, and Release by the heirs of said deceased on March 21, 2017 in Baguio city and registered and docketed as Doc. 105 Page. 21; Book XVIII; Series of 2017 of the Notarial Register of Atty. Meshack C. Macwes of the City of Baguio, Philippines

March 25, April 1 and 8, 2017

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Transportation and Communications
LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARD
Cordillera Administrative Region
Baguio City
REGINA CASONA
Petitioner
CASE No. 2014-CAR-0149
NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application for EXTENSION of VALIDITY of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate TAXI service for the transportation of passengers and freights on the line: BAGUIO CITY TO ANY POINT IN CORDILLERAADMINISTRATIVE REGION and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit.

NOTICE is hereby given that this Board shall hear this application on April 4, 2017 at 2:00 PM the LTRFB Office, Pacdal Baguio City in which date and time applicant shall formally submit his/her/their evidences.

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

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

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

WITNESS, the Honorable ATTY. JOSE EDUARDO L. NATIVIDAD, Regional Director, this 20th day of March 2017, Baguio City.

ATTY. JESSIE C. BALAGOT
Hearing Officer

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Transportation and Communications
LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARD
Cordillera Administrative Region
Baguio City
JOCELYN A. PANAYO
Petitioner
CASE No. 97-BC-568
NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application for EXTENSION of VALIDITY of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate TAXI service for the transportation of passengers and freights on the line: BAGUIO CITY TO ANY POINT IN CORDILLERAADMINISTRATIVE REGION and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit.

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Hearing Officer

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Transportation and Communications
LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARD
Cordillera Administrative Region
Baguio City
REGINA CASONA
Petitioner
CASE No. 2014-CAR-0148
NOTICE OF HEARING

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ATTY. JESSIE C. BALAGOT
Hearing Officer

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Transportation and Communications
LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARD
Cordillera Administrative Region
Baguio City
JULIE ESTRELLA
Petitioner
CASE No. 2016-CAR-286
NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application for EXTENSION of VALIDITY of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate TAXI service for the transportation of passengers and freights on the line: BAGUIO CITY TO ANY POINT IN CORDILLERAADMINISTRATIVE REGION and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit.

NOTICE is hereby given that this Board shall hear this application on April 5, 2017 at 2:00 PM the LTRFB Office, Pacdal Baguio City in which date and time applicant shall formally submit his/her/their evidences.

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

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WITNESS, the Honorable ATTY. JOSE EDUARDO L. NATIVIDAD, Regional Director, this 24th day of March 2017, Baguio City.

ATTY. JESSIE C. BALAGOT
Hearing Officer

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Transportation and Communications
LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARD
Cordillera Administrative Region
Baguio City
ELIAS ESTRELLA
Petitioner
CASE No. 2015-CAR-426
NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application for EXTENSION of VALIDITY of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate TAXI service for the transportation of passengers and freights on the line: BAGUIO CITY TO ANY POINT IN CORDILLERAADMINISTRATIVE REGION and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit.

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ATTY. JESSIE C. BALAGOT
Hearing Officer

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES REGIONAL TRIAL COURT

First Judicial Region
Branch 6, Baguio City

In Re: Petition for Cancellation of Adverse Claim

ERLINDA S. ROJAS,
Petitioner

-versus-

HEIRS OF SPOUSES ROBERTO T. NAVARRO and EDNA GALANG-NAVARRO, herein represented by Magelene S. Navarro and THE REGISTER OF DEEDS OF THE CITY OF BAGUIO,
Respondents.

LRC Admin. Case No. 2630-R

X-----X

NOTICE OF INITIAL

HEARING

In a verified petition, petitioner, Erlinda S. Rojas, through counsel, alleged among others that:

Sometime on January 16, 2007, respondent heirs of spouses Roberto T. Navarro and Edna Galang-Navarro represented by Magelene S. Navarro filed a complaint for Forcible Entry against her and several others which is docketed as Civil Case No. 12948 and raffled to the Municipal Trial Court of Baguio City, Branch 2;

Private respondent Navarro likewise executed an Affidavit of Adverse Claim and caused the annotation of the same in the title/copy in the records of the Register of Deeds of Baguio City of Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-41610 under the name of Happy Homes, Inc.;

It appears that private respondent spouses Roberto T. Navarro and Edna Galang-Navarro bought from Happy Homes, Inc. a townhouse, subject of the case they filed, Townhouse Unit 12, on installment basis. The spouses and their children occupied the Townhouse Unit 12 from 1987 to 1990 and thereafter transferred

residence in San Fernando, Pampanga;

On the other hand, sometime in the year 2005, she bought two (2) townhouse units from Happy Homes, Inc. and undertook massive renovations and spent a huge amount of money for the repair of said units. All the while, she thought that she bought Units 11 and 12. However, it was only sometime in 2007 when the above-mentioned case was filed by private respondent Navarro, that she learned she took possession of Unit 12 by mistake because accordingly in her title, the unit she bought was unit 6 and not Unit 12;

After trial, the Municipal Trial Court, Branch 2, Baguio City rendered a Decision dismissing the complaint. The fallo is hereby quoted hereunder:

“WHEREFORE, the instant case is dismissed for the reason stated above. Plaintiffs Heirs of Spouses Roberto T. Navarro and Edna Galang-Navarro are ordered to pay the cost of the suit to defendants Spouses Joseph and Ma. Concesa Albayalde and Erlinda Rojas.

SO ORDERED.”

Said case, was appealed

by private respondent Navarro to the Regional Trial Court of Baguio City and the same as raffled to the Regional Trial Court, Branch 3, Baguio City. On July 29, 2008, the Honorable Court rendered its Decision affirming the Decision of the Municipal Trial Court, Branch 2, Baguio City;

Private Respondent Navarro, elevated the above-mentioned case to the Court of Appeals and the Supreme Court. In its Decision promulgated on March 24, 2011, the Honorable Court of Appeals affirmed the Decision of the Regional Trial Court, Branch 3, Baguio City;

The petition filed by private respondent Navarro in the Supreme Court was denied for failure to sufficiently show any reversible error in the assailed judgment to warrant the exercise by the Court of its discretionary appellate jurisdiction in the case and thereafter, the Court issued an “Entry of Judgment”;

Considering that she won the case filed by private respondent Navarro, on the 17th day of November 2016, she was able to transfer the title of the Unit 12 under

her name as evidenced by Transfer Certificate of Title Number 018-2016002176 by virtue of a Deed of Exchange dated September 1, 2016;

However, upon inspection of TCT No. 018-2016002176, she saw that the “Notice of Adverse Claim” dated January 11, 2007 under Entry No. 1608-38-42 was not cancelled;

Upon verification with Happy Homes, Inc., she was informed that Happy Homes, Inc. has filed a petition for cancellation of the said annotation/adverse claim docketed as LRC Case No. 1658-R and raffled to RTC 3, Baguio City. However, the Court dismissed the petition for failure to prosecute;

In view of the dismissal of the case filed by private respondent Navarro against her and the same being final, the former has no valid claim, right or interest over the property covered by TCT No. 018-2016002176 registered under her name. In the same light, for failure of Happy Homes, Inc., vendor of the property, to have the annotation cancelled, she, being the registered owner has no other recourse but to pursue the cancellation of

the adverse claim/annotation found on page three (3) of the said title judicially.

Petitioner prays that after due notice, hearing and publication, a judgment be rendered directing the Register of Deeds of Baguio City to cancel the adverse claim annotated on the third page of the Transfer Certificate of Title Number 018-2016002176, with Entry Number 1608-38-42 dated January 16, 2007, said title being registered under her name.

Let the petition be set for hearing on June 16 2017 at 8:30 in the morning at the Regional Trial Court, Branch 6, “Bulwagan Ng Kata-rungan” (Justice Hall), Baguio City at which date, time, and place, all persons interested may show cause why the petition should not be granted.

Let a copy of this Notice of Initial Hearing be published in a newspaper of general circulation in Baguio City once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks at the expense of the petitioner.

Let a copy of this Notice of Initial Hearing be posted in four (4) public places at the Bulletin

Boards of the City Market, the Post Office, the City Hall, and the Regional Trial Court, all in Baguio City, and at a conspicuous place in the land covered by the Transfer Certificate of Title subject of this case, at the expense of the petitioner.

Let also a copy of the Petition and Notice of Initial Hearing be furnished to the Register of Deeds of Baguio City, the Office of the Land Registration Authority in Quezon City, the Office of the Solicitor General in Makati City, the Office of the City Prosecutor in Baguio City, and the private respondents, heirs of the spouses Roberto T. Navarro and Edna Galang-Navarro, herein represented by Magelene S. Navarro.

Serve a copy of this Notice of Initial Hearing upon the petitioner and her counsel.

SO ORDERED.

February 24, 2017
Baguio City, Philippines

(SGD)CECILIA
CORAZON DULAY-ARCHOG
Acting Presiding Judge

Publication Dates:
March 25, April 1 and
8, 2017

Republic of the
Philippines
FIRST JUDICIAL
REGION
REGIONAL TRIAL
COURT
BRANCH 8
Rm. 201, Second
Floor, Justice Hall,
Justice Hill
La Trinidad,
Benguet

VIRGILIO M. YAO,
Petitioner-Mortgagee,

-versus-

SHERY ANN
ANGEL S
GUESSFORD,
Respondent-Mort-
gagor.

FOR: Extra-Judicial
Foreclosure of Real
Estate Mortgage
Under Act 3135 as
Amended

FORECLOSURE
CASE NO.
17-EXF-1966
X-----X

NOTICE OF EXTRA-JU-
DICIAL SALE

Upon extra-judicial
petition for extra-judicial
foreclosure of mortgage
under Act No. 3135 as
amended, filed by the
Virgilio M. Yao, of legal
age, natural-born Filipino
Citizen and now a US
Citizen, divorced, and
a resident of Unit C-65,
Zone Ville Condomini-
um, Baguio City, Philip-
pines, for the satisfaction
of the loan obligation
of Sherry Ann Angeles
Guessford, of legal age,
Filipino Citizen and a
resident of D1 Calihan,
Barangay San Francisco,
San Pablo City, Laguna,
Philippines, that as per
statement of account as
of 1 February 2017, the
mortgagor is indebted to
the mortgagee amounting
to SIX HUNDRED FOR-
TYEIGHT THOUSAND
FIVE HUNDRED PESOS
(P648,500.00) Philip-
pine currency, inclusive
of interest, penalties
and other charges. The
undersigned will sell at
public auction on April
5, 2017 at 10:00 o'clock
in the morning at the
main entrance of the
Bulwagan ng Katarungan
Building, Justice Hill, La
Trinidad, Benguet to the
highest bidder, the parcel
of land together with the

improvements existing
thereon, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIF-
IFICATE OF TITLE NO.
T-38472

*A parcel of land (Lot
2, Blk. 8, Psd-131113-
006700, being a portion
of Lot 1-A, x x situated
in the Barangay Irisan,
Municipality of Tuba,
Province of Benguet,
Island of Luzon xx x
containing an area of Forty
(40) Square Meters, More
or Less. x x x"*

Prospective bidders/
buyers may investigate
the above-describe real
property regarding the
encumbrance thereof, if
any and may submit their
bid to the undersigned
on or before said date of
auction.

In the event the public
auction should not take
place on the said date,
it shall be held on April
26, 2017 without further
notice and publication.

La Trinidad, Benguet,
Philippines, this 26th day
of September 2016.

FOR THE PROVINCIAL
SHERIFF
EX-OFFICIO OF
BENGUET
By: DANIEL D. CELINO
Sheriff IV

Publication Dates:
March 11, 18 and 25,
2017

Republic of the
Philippines
REGIONAL TRIAL
COURT,
BRANCH 9
(FAMILY COURT
FOR BENGUET
PROVINCE)
FIRST JUDICIAL
REGION
La Trinidad,
Benguet

IN THE MATTER OF
THE ADOPTION OF
LIZ MACKENZIE
FERRER GARIN,

MORIEL FABIA
CASTILLO,

Petitioner,

-versus-

LOCAL CIVIL
REGISTRAR OF
SAN CARLOS CITY,
PANGASINAN,
Respondent.

SPECIAL PRO-
CEEDINGS CASE

NO. 17-A-1058
X-----X

ORDER

Petitioner, through
counsel, filed this verified
Petition for Adoption, in
substance praying that
after due notice, publi-
cation and hearing, the
prospective adoptee, LIZ
MACKENZIE FERRER
GARIN, be declared for all
legal intents and purposes
as the adopted child of
petitioner and that she
shall then be known as
LIZ MACKENZIE FABIA
CASTILLO.

WHEREFORE, finding
the Petition to be sufficient
in form and substance,
the petitioner is directed
to meet and confer with
the Court Social Worker
for the conduct of the
Child and Home Study in
relation to this Petition.
The Court Social Worker
therefore is directed to
conduct a Child and Home
Study and submit to this
court her REPORTS,
incorporating therein
her findings and recom-
mendations, and fur-
nishing copies thereof to
the Office of the Solicitor
General: to the Office of
the Provincial Prosecutor
of Benguet; and the Office
of the Regional Director
of the DSWD-CAR,
Baguio City. The said
offices may or may not
file the Comment to said
REPORTS.

The REPORTS of the
Court Social Worker
should be submitted to
this court at least fifteen
(15) days before the
initial hearing of this
Petition, which shall be
on May 4, 2017 at 9:00
o'clock in the morning.

Let this ORDER be
published at the expense
of the Petitioner in The
Junction, a newspaper of
general circulation in
Baguio City and Benguet
Province and the Cor-
dillera Administrative
Region, once a week for
three (3) consecutive
weeks, the first publica-
tion to be made not later
April 2, 2017. All inter-
ested persons may come
to court and show cause,
if any, why this Petition
should not be granted.

Furnish copies of this
ORDER, together with
copies of the Petition
and its annexes, to the
Office of the Solicitor
General; the Office of the
Provincial Prosecutor of
Benguet; the Office of
the Local Civil Registrar
of San Carlos, Pangasinan;
and, the Court Social
Worker and the Office of
the Regional Direction,
DSWD-CAR, Baguio

City. Furnish copies
of this ORDER to The
Junction and the peti-
tioner and counsel.
SO ORDERED.

This 15th day of
March 2017 at La
Trinidad, Benguet, Phil-
ippines.

(SGD) MARIETTA S.
BRAWNER-CUALING
Presiding Judge

Publication Dates:
March 18, 25 and April
1, 2017

Republic of the
Philippines
REGIONAL TRIAL
COURT
First Judicial Region
OFFICE OF THE
CLERK OF COURT
& EX-OFFICIO
SHERIFF
Baguio City

BDO UNIBANK,
INC.,
Mortgagee,

-versus-

SPS. AZALEA
RONA PERALTA
MONTECLARO and
ELPIDIO VARGAS
MONTECLARO II,
as represented by
their Atty.-in-Fact
MARIE LEALDRIN
P. MONTECLARO,
Mortgagors.

FORECLOSURE
CASE NO. 17-706-S

FOR: EXTRA
JUDICIAL FORE-
CLOSURE
REAL ESTATE
MORTGAGE
UNDER ACT 3135,
as amended.

X-----X

SHERIFF'S NOTICE OF
AUCTION SALE

Upon verified petition
for foreclosure and sale
extra-judicially under
Act 3135, as amended,
to filed by BDO UNIBANK,
INC., with principal
office address at BDO
Corporate Center, 7899
Makati Avenue, Makati
City, hereinafter referred
to as the MORTGAGEE,
for the satisfaction of the
mortgage indebtedness
of SPS. AZALEA RONA
PERALTA MONTE-
CLARO and ELPIDIO
VARGAS MONTE-

CLARO II as represent-
ed by their Atty.-in-fact
MARIE LEALDRIN P.
MONTECLARO, with
postal addresses at Lot 8,
Sunflower Street, Lexber
Subdivision, Balacbac, Sto.
Tomas, Baguio City and
Lot 1, Blk. 4, Lexberville
3, Balacbac, Sto. Tomas
Proper, Baguio City, here-
inafter referred to as the
MORTGAGORS, to satisfy
the mortgage indebted-
ness which as of January
30, 2017 amounts to
ONE MILLION SIX
HUNDRED EIGHTY-
SIX THOUSAND
FIVE HUNDRED FIF-
TY-EIGHT PESOS AND
59/100 (P1,686,588.59),
Philippine Currency,
inclusive of interest,
penalties but excluding
other charges, attorney's
fees and expenses inci-
dental to the foreclo-
sure proceedings, the
undersigned or any duly
authorized sheriff will
sell at public auction on
April 25, 2017, at 10:00
o'clock in the morning
or soon thereafter at the
lobby of the Justice Hall
Building, Baguio City to
the highest bidder for
CASH and in Philippine
Currency, the property
together with all the
improvements existing
thereon, more particularly
described as follows:

TRANSFER CER-
TIFICATE OF TITLE
NO. 018-2014001402,
Registry of Deeds,
Baguio City

*A parcel of land (Lot 8,
Pcs-131102-000239 being
a portion of consolidated
lots of Lots 1 to 4, Blk. 1,
Pcs-CAR-000084, Civ. Res.
211, Case No. 1) situated
at Res. Sec. "J" City of
Baguio, Island of Luzon.
Bounded on the SW.,
along line 1-2 by Lot 9; on
the NW., along line 2-3 by
Lot 7 both of the consoli-
dation subdivision plan;
on the NE., and SE., along
lines 3-4-5-1 by Road Lot 1
(10.00 m. wide). Beginning
at a point marked "1"
on plan being S.74 Deg.,
21' W., 1060.75 m. from
Triangulation Station
"BAKAKENG", Baguio
Townsite; Thence: N. 47
Deg., 47' W., 14.60 m. to
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(84) SQUARE METERS.
More or less.... Xxxxxxx.*

Prospective buyers/

Autonomy is... from page 8

because some
of the powers
of the Cabinet
Secretaries will

be devolved to the autonomous regional gov-
ernment while the Regional Governor will be
given a seat in the Cabinet that means direct
access for the office and other ranking officials to
the national government wherein issues arising
from the autonomous region could be easily
resolved on their level.

Aside from enjoying their existing powers
and benefits, he explained local governments
will be receiving added benefits in terms of the
subsidy which will be provided by the national
government, particularly the P10 billion annual
subsidy for the first five years of existence of
the autonomous regional government and P5
billion annually for the next five years. Of the
said subsidy, 30 percent will be equally divided
by the barangays, 35 percent will be distributed
to the municipalities, 4 percent will be given
to the provinces and highly urbanized city, 20
percent will be given to the regional government
while 6 percent will remain as trust fund with 4
percent going to the component city.

Under the proposed autonomy bill, powers
of the national government such as the grant of
exploration permits, hydropower and mining
permits, granting of ancestral land titles, grant
of water rights, among others will be devolved
to the autonomous regional government of the
Cordillera./By Dexter A. See#

Public Apology

I Regie Garcia expresses my apol-
ogy to Mr. Anthony C. Bagtang
for whatever anxiety I might have
caused him during the incident
and whatever public commentary I
made.

March 4, 11, 18 and 25, 2017

SALE OF PUBLIC LAND

Notice is hereby given that the Land Management
Services, DENR-CAR at PENRO Benguet, Wangal,
La Trinidad, Benguet will sell through oral bidding at
exactly 10 o'clock (10:00) A.M. on April 25, 2017 the
tract of land described below:

Location: Res. Sec. "C", South Drive, Baguio City
Description: RESIDENTIAL LAND
Area: 300 Square Meters
Appraised Value of Land: Php 3,725.00 per square meter
Improvements: Php -0-
Reference: TSA 131102-3938 ALONZO LUMACAS

March 11, 18, 25 and April 1, 2017

bidders are hereby
enjoined to investi-
gate for themselves the
property and encum-
brances thereon, if
there be any. If by any
reason/s the auction
sale scheduled on the
above-mentioned date will
not push through, then
notice is hereby given
that the auction sale will
proceed on May 2, 2017,
also at 10:00 o'clock in the
morning in the same place
as indicated above without

the need of a separate
notice.

Baguio City, Philip-
pines, March 17, 2017.
(SGD) LINDA G. MON-
TES-LOLOY
Clerk of hCourt VI/
Ex-Officio Sheriff

By: JOSELITO V.
ITLIONG
Sheriff IV

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March 25, April 1 and
8, 2017

High school studies support free dialysis campaign

BAGUIO CITY – The Bon-going campaign for free dialysis continues to draw support from the various sectors here with now over 32,000 signatures submitted for collation and submission later to concerned national government offices.

More than 203 students and employees of the University of Baguio Science High School (UBSHS) headed by school principal Erlina De Peralta signed the petition urging the government to provide free dialysis treatment for all kidney patients undergoing the blood-cleansing procedure.

“Young as they are, the students are aware of the predicament of the dialysis patients being one of the health issues in our city and they willingly signed the petition because they knew it is one way to help these needy patients,” De Peralta said.

More signatures are expected as volunteers led by the dialysis patients associations in Baguio and Benguet and even private citizens and groups continue to present the petition to the different barangays in the Cordillera region.

Baguio Correspondents and Broadcasters Club (BCBC) head Ramon Dacawi said all the signatures will be collated along with the resolutions of support from the local government units in the provincial, city, municipal

and barangay levels and will be forwarded to the Office of the President, the Senate and House of Representatives, the Department of Health, Philhealth and other national government agencies to come up with a unified Free Dialysis Health Program for the whole country.

The signatories included La Trinidad residents and students numbering close to 22,000 submitted by the Benguet Renal Center Patients and Caregivers Association headed by Ariel Bastian, the Baguio City jail inmates and personnel, employees of ABC 360, members of the taxi operators and drivers group, City Hall clients and employees, book and art patrons of Bookends and those who signed the online petition some of whom came from other provinces and cities in the country and from as far as countries in Asia, Europe and the United States.

The campaign spearheaded by the BCBC, the Philippine Information Agency under regional director Helen Tibaldo and the Baguio General Hospital and Medical Center for Hemodialysis Patients and Partner Association has received backing from the local governments of Baguio City and La Trinidad town which approved resolutions of support.

Responding to calls for support, the municipal councils of Kapangan and Itogon town in Benguet also approved their own

resolutions to back the call for free dialysis nationwide.

The Kapangan resolution of support was signed by Mayor Manny Fermin and Vice Mayor Mayo Eslay while Itogon's measure was approved by Mayor Victorio Palangdao and Vice Mayor Adriano Carantes Jr.

La Trinidad town's Association of Barangay Councils headed by ABC president Councilor Teddy Quintos also passed its own resolution of support to the cause.

Other local government units from the provincial to the barangay levels are also encouraged to approve their own resolutions which they may base on the BCBC resolution that can be downloaded from the petition posted at the website (www.change.org and search for free dialysis petition; or through the following link: www.change.org/p/urge-president-rodrigo-roa-duterte-make-dialysis-treatment-free-for-all-filipinos) where people here and abroad can also register their support.

Sign-up sites for the campaign are at the city public information office and city councilors' offices at the Baguio City Hall, PIA-CAR in front of the Mansion, Luisa's Café along Session Road and the Baguio General Hospital dialysis section and Bookends book shop along Calderon St./Aileen P. Refuerzo#

Summer in Baguio activities up

BAGUIO CITY – the city's flagship summer “Summer Vacation (SUMVAC) in Baguio,” offering unravels here starting this month with

various treats for both the tourists and residents.

Religious activities marking the Lenten

season ushered in the calendar of events and more will be held over the three-month spread as mounted by the ecumenical and inter-faith groups in the city.

Mayor Mauricio Domogan called on the residents and tourists to take part in the various activities that highlight the city's many facets.

The March calendar



BEAT THE HEAT! - A young kid takes a dip as temperature rises as the summer season begins. The Department Of Health advises the residents to avoid direct sunlight, drink lots of water and eat right to prevent heat stroke. - Photo by Rj Cayabyab

Autonomy is the future of the Cordillera - Domogan

BAGUIO CITY – Mayor Mauricio G. Domogan underscored an autonomous region in the Cordillera will be the future of the region because it will ensure the preservation of the region's rich history, culture, and traditions and guarantee the preservation of the environment while making sure that the region will benefit from its resources with lesser restraint from outside forces.

The local chief executive pointed out the unified stand of the seven Cordillera lawmakers in filing House Bill (HB) 5343 or the Organic Act for the

Cordillera is already a good sign towards achieving the desired autonomous status for the region in the next few years.

“We will start with our current situation. Local governments will continue to enjoy their powers contained in the Local Government Code of the Philippines and their Internal Revenue Allotment (IRA) from the national government. There will be no diminution of powers and benefits,” Domogan stressed.

He added the previous pronouncements of no less than President Rodrigo

Duterte who expressed support to the aspiration of Cordillerans to be autonomous and Presidential Peace Adviser Jesus Dureza who vowed to work out the certification of the proposed autonomy bill as an urgent administration measure will greatly help in facilitating the enactment of the autonomy law which will be submitted to the people for ratification.

According to him, there is no truth to the claim of critics of autonomy that it will be an added layer of bureaucracy, citing that such belief is not true

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consists of religious, graduation rites and a potpourri of events that started last March 1.

Stations of the Cross at the Our Lady of Atonement Baguio Cathedral continue on March 24 and 31 at 4:00 p.m while on March 24, the Vision-Casting Baguio City (Israel-Philippines Festival) will be held at the EHCMI Center 3rd Floor, Hilltop Market at 10 a.m. to be followed on March 28 with the “Times of Refreshing” Evangelistic Crusade at the Baguio Convention Center.

Day care graduation rites were set the Baguio Convention Center, March 22-23; and 29-31.

Earth Hour was observed on March 25 with programs by the city government, the Baguio

City Jail inmates and at SM City Baguio.

On March 25-26, the Color and Calligraphy Fair is slated at the Main Mall Atrium, SM City Baguio and the Pet-Palooza on March 26 at the Event Center, SM City Baguio

On March 26, the Run for Fun, Donate for the Cause will fire off at the Athletic Bowl at 4:00 a.m.

An array of religious, cultural, historical, environmental, sports and medical activities is also lined up for April and May by the SUMVAC committee spearheaded by the mayor and action officer Carlos Canilao and Councilor Elmer Datuin.

Domogan tasked concerned offices to prepare contingency measures to ensure

peace and order in the city for the duration of the summer as tourists flock to the city for the long vacation.

He mobilized the peace and order committee which handles traffic and criminality; utilities to ensure enough water supply and smooth solid waste collection; and the tourism sector to ensure readiness to cater to the accommodation and comfort needs of the vacationers.

As in the previous years, the city will again tap the services of volunteers and civic action and communications groups to augment the police force in providing traffic, information and emergency assistance to commuters./Aileen P. Refuerzo#

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