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BAGUIO CITY AND BENGUET

LONG LIVE THE FILIPINO!!!

Strict implementation of "Smoke Free Baguio" measure, called

BAGUIO CITY – Now that the "Smoke Free Baguio" Ordinance has been approved, there is a need for concerned city government offices and other agencies to coordinate with local police in strictly implementing the measure's rules and regulations.

This was emphasized by Mayor Mauricio Domogan during a recent meeting with department heads led by city administrator Carlos Canilao, city health office head Rowena Galpo, city treasurer Alex Cabarrubias, city accountant Tony Tabin, medical officer Donabelle Tubera, a Baguio City Police Office representative and others at the SP session hall, city hall.

Ordinance number 34 series of 2017 prohibits the use, sale, distribution and advertisement of cigarettes and other tobacco products in certain places, imposing penalties for violations thereof and providing funds therefor, and for other purposes.

The measure's purpose is to **Cont. on page 5**



GETTING WORSE - The grim and distraught faces of Mayor Mauricio Domogan, Baguio Water District manager Salvador Royeca Alexander Quiroz of the DENR-CAR and Baguio Regreening Movement chairman and former city councilor Erdolfo Balajadia can not be hidden as City Buildings and Architectural officer Eng. Nazita Bañez shows of more encroachment of illegal structures at Busol Watershed hindering the fencing and marker foundations thereat. Mayor Domogan ordered Bañez to immediately demolish the ongoing construction of illegal structures immediately at Busol Watershed during the meeting./By Bong Cayabyab

Bakit
ganyan ang itsura ninyo sa headline photo na ito, at nagtataka pa kayo??? Matagal na naming sinasabi na imbisna mag sagawa ng bakod (fencing) ay bonded security guards ang ilagay nang meroon mananagot kung mayroon papasok sa water shed, tignan ninyo at walang makaka squat. Ganyan ang ginagawa sa ibang bansa kung seryoso talaga na pigilan ang pag squat!!!



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Meeting set to clarify issues on Gibraltar Road erosion

BAGUIO CITY - To address the growing problem of the Gibraltar pavement caused by the on-going construction, a meeting was scheduled to all concerned government agencies and Suntrust 88 of the Megaworld Corporation, Friday afternoon, June 16.

Mayor Mauricio Domogan will convene them so that once and for all, the present problem endangering not only the lives and properties of the adjoining community be resolved before the onslaught of typhoon.

Previously, Domogan

directed CBAO and CEO personnel to closely monitor measures being taken by the developer.

Unfortunately, it was found out that there are lapses and violations in the implementation of the DPWH project rehabilitating the drainage systems within the developing area through its contractor G.A Flores that contributed to the erosion of riprap walls.

Accordingly, the faulty pipes installed is not enough to bring down the entire foundation of the road and at the same time there are cross drains

found connected to the city's sewerline which is a clear violation of the city's building standards.

However, this will not disregard possible lapses of the developer on their compliance with the permit issued to them.

The local executive requested all concerned government agencies to bring along with them necessary documents and present the same to thrash out the issue at hand as well as to look for viable solutions and immediate remedial measures to restore the road. //Jho Arranz

Senior high voucher system clarified

BAGUIO CITY - Issues about the Senior High voucher system of the K to 12 academic program were clarified by Department of Education (DepEd Baguio) Curriculum Implementation Division Head Dr. Rachel Bugtong in the press conference at the Baguio City Police Office hall last week.

According to Dr. Bugtong, the Senior High School Voucher Program (SHS VP) which is good for two years could be applied for and availed of by Grade 10 completers, from private schools and non-Educational Service Contracting (ESC); and also from public schools and ESC grantees.

The voucher entitles the senior high entrants/ Grade 11 students to claim a discount or deduction from the cost of tuition and other fees,

not in cash form but disbursed to where the student is enrolled, either in private high schools, local and state universities and colleges; and technical and vocational schools, starting school year 2016-2017.

Grade 10 completers from public schools and ESC grantees from private schools are automatically qualified voucher recipients, and need not apply; while non-ESC grantees grade 10 completers from private schools could apply online, or inquire at any Department of Education (Dep-Ed) office.

Public junior high school students (JHS) receive 100% of the voucher amount, while ESC JHS students receive 80%. The amount of each voucher depends on the location of Senior High School (SHS) where the

student is enrolled; at the National Capital Region (NCR) or in Highly Urbanized Cities (HUCs), which include Baguio. The cost of education in the locality is also considered in the voucher.

Applications, however, are subject to review and approval, it was known, and any amount in excess of the voucher would be paid to the SHS provider by the beneficiary.

For current senior high students, a passing grade and compliance to the school's admission requirements is needed for the next voucher approval.

In a Dep-Ed memorandum earlier issued it was known that the SHS voucher must be used in the school year immediately after JHS completion, and within two successive years. A voucher approved for a

student with a medical reason may be used in preceding years, provided the condition does not persist for more than a year.

Disqualifications for the

BAGUIO CITY - "There were no reported problems," which led to a smooth opening of classes for schoolyear 2017-18, last Monday, Mayor Mauricio Domogan said during the regular kapihan at city hall last week.

The mayor however requested members of the Baguio City Police Office to be visible in areas needing patrol, to avoid past incidents involving violence or harassment to pupils and students. Parents and teachers need to be watchful and cautious, too, he added.

He also expressed confidence in newly-installed Department of Education executives, Regional Director May Eclar, incoming Assistant Regional Director Soraya Faculo and Schools Division Superintendent Federico Martin, for well-managed basic education programs.

In an earlier Kapihan at the Baguio City Police Office (BCPO), just-ap-

pointed City Director Ramil Saculles echoed what the mayor said, a peaceful school opening without hitches in the traffic situation specially at the Central Business District. Police officers were deployed in strategic places in public schools for Oplan: Ligtas Balik Eskwela, Saculles said.

At the stand alone Senior High School at the Baguio City National Science High School in Irisan, the expected enrollment dwindled, but is expected to increase until the end of this month. This is due to other junior schools just ending their respective schoolyears, it was known.

Anti-bullying measures are also in place, with personnel trained to deal with situations, Dep-Ed Baguio Curriculum Implementation Division head Rachel Bugtong assured, with help from the Parent Teacher and Community Association.

Students involved in illegal drugs would be referred to the City Social Welfare and Development Office (OCSWDO) for study, evaluation and rehabilitation if needed, it was known from OCSWDO head Betty Fangasan who was also present during the Kapihan.

Accordingly, all pupils and students are accommodated in public schools, with the rule that "no child gets left behind," since there is a teacher-student ratio of 1:35 for kinder to grade 10, and 1:10 for grade 11. The Brigada Eskwela is effective as students start classes on the first day, without cleaning the school premises first, Dr. Bugtong said.

BCPO Director Saculles also visited the Baguio City National High School, Carino, Quwezon and Mabini Elementary Schools with the assurance of a peaceful school opening situation. //Julie G. Fianza

Feasibility study on underground public utility lines

BAGUIO CITY - Mayor Mauricio Domogan last week created a technical working group to conduct a feasibility study on an underground system for telecommunication and electric power lines within the city's central business district.

The mayor tasked the city engineering office and the city council chair of the committee on public utilities to head the group with members from the city building and architecture office, city administrator's office, the Dept. of Public Works and Highways Baguio City District Engineering Office, the city planning and development office, the Globe Telecomm, Smart Com-

munications Inc., Philippine Long Distance Telephone Company and the Benguet Electric Cooperative Inc.

In his Administrative Order No. 63, the mayor said this is in line with the proposed ordinance of Councilor Leandro Yangot Jr. which requires public utility companies "utilizing wires and cables to install underground lines and obliging them to convert overhead lines within the (CBD) into underground lines."

The mayor said the proposal has merit as it addresses "the topsy-turvy wiring and cable networks of public utility companies that create eyesores and pose safety challenges." "The committee on public utilities... chaired

by Councilor Benny Bomogao noted through its committee report that the proposed ordinance is already required under the new environment code (Ordinance No. 18 series of 2016) which indeed requires implementation and enforcement," the mayor noted.

In a dialogue conducted by the city council last March, officials of the Philippine Long Distance Telephone Company (PLDT) and Sky Cable expressed support to the proposal saying that underground lines are indeed advantageous even for their service.

The mayor said the TWG is expected to come up with recommendations to pursue the project. //Aileen P. Refuerzo

Voucher Program Beneficiary may be: dropping out in the middle of the school year; non-enrollment the following year; failure in complying with the school's requirements;

transfer to another SHS within the schoolyear; and, transfer to a Dep-Ed SHS provider, which offers free education tract.

A Dep-Ed SHS

provider in Baguio with complete education tracts is the stand alone SHS within the Baguio City Science High School compound in Irisan. //Julie G. Fianza



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Proposed increase in Baguio land market values defended

BAGUIO CITY – The proposed increase in market values for land in the city is realistic and reasonable and will not result to confiscatory taxes.

Mayor Mauricio Domogan and city council appropriations committee chair Councilor Elmer Datuin maintained thus

in a riposte to the business groups' opposition to the proposal.

The Chamber of Real Estate and Builders' Associations Inc. (CREBA), the Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry Inc. (PCCI) Baguio-Benguet Chapter and the Hotel and Restaurant

Association of Baguio (HRAB) submitted their position papers on the proposed revised schedule of market values for lands which due for deliberation on second reading after publication by the city council.

All groups opposed the proposed adjustment

claiming that the new rates are "unrealistic, unreasonable, burdensome and confiscatory."

Domogan and Datuin reminded the groups that the city's failure to revise the schedule for 21 years has rendered the market values outdated and unrealistic.

The city officials said that the resulting increase in the market values which as defined are the prices of lots at which the seller is willing to sell and the buyer is willing to buy was expected to reach high proportions but this cannot be deemed as unfair and unreasonable

as this was based on actual conditions prevailing in the city at present.

They cited the current market value of lots in Session Road which is pegged at P5,500 per square meter but in reality the lots in this area at present fetch a price of as

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Reforestation of city watersheds to be intensified

BAGUIO CITY – Mayor Mauricio G. Domogan ordered the concerned city government offices and prospective volunteers to help in the city's intensified efforts to reforest its watersheds to ensure the sustainability of water sources for the increasing population.

The local chief executive said the local government will be using the bulk of the 500,000 assorted tree seedlings to be given by SM City Baguio management to increase the forest cover of the boundary of the city-owned 139-hectare property at Sto. Tomas school area barangay, particularly with its boundary with Tuba, Benguet, and the Busol watershed, particularly with its boundary with La Trinidad, to improve the state of the city's watersheds in the coming years.

Based on data obtained from the environment department, only 20 percent of the city's over 5,000 hectares land area remain to be forested and that the pace of deforestation is rapidly increasing compared to the pace of reforestation.

"We also welcome the efforts of concerned residents and groups to plant Arabica coffee seeding in various portions of our watersheds because it will be helpful in improving the forest cover of our existing sources of water. We want to continue improving the greenery of our forests so that there will be increased water holding capacity of our reservations," Domogan stressed.

Aside from providing the local government with the tree seedlings for planting in the watersheds as its compensatory requirement for the 82 trees it cut at Luneta Hill, SM City Baguio will be hiring experts who will take care of the trees that will be planted for a 3-year period to guarantee that the planted trees will grow and serve their purpose.

Domogan claimed volunteer individuals and groups are welcome to actively participate in the numerous tree planting activities that will be scheduled during the rainy season to make sure that the seedlings to be planted will survive and contribute to efforts to preserve and protect the environment.


He urged barangay officials to also help in convincing their constituents to plant trees in available spaces within their properties to increase the presence of trees around the city and contribute to increasing carbon sequestration to help reduce the pollutants in the city's air.

According to him, increasing the forest cover within the **Cont. on page 5**

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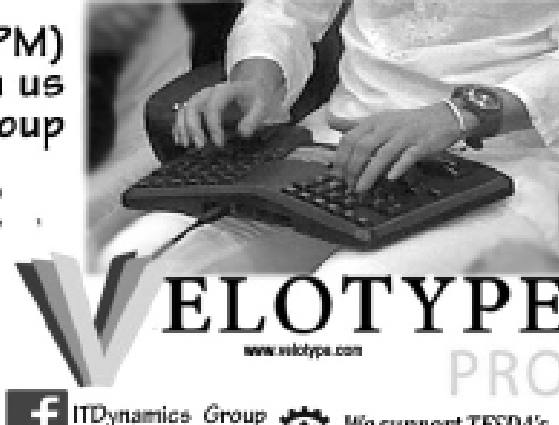
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Speaker Alvarez to defy Supreme Court



Speaker Pantaleon Alvarez has vowed to defy the Supreme Court if it orders Congress to tackle Martial Law in a Joint Session (as mandated by the Constitution). He insists that as co-equals, the Judiciary cannot "dictate" Congress what to do.

Alvarez is ignorant of history – forgetting the recent episode under the last president where the Supreme Court effectively struck down the self-serving pork barrel "bargain among thieves" that Congress and the Executive had reached on PDAF and DAP.

He is also ignorant of the "separation of powers" between the three branches – in particular, on the role of the Supreme Court as final arbiter on constitutional matters.

The division is straightforward: Congress writes the laws – but only within the framework of the Constitution. Executive implements the laws. Judiciary interprets the laws.

If Congress refuses to follow the law – such as to meet in Joint Session to review & discuss the President's declaration of Martial Law – citizens should have recourse thru the Supreme Court to compel Congress to do its job. If Supreme Court supports the petitioners' positions, Congress is duty-bound to follow.

To defy a Supreme Court order on a constitutional matter is to trigger a constitutional crisis. Such a stalemate may be resolved thru statesmanship. But in today's toxic political climate, it could also be resolved by military intervention (if the officers decide to defend the Constitution) or mob rule (if the fanatics decide to do away with the Constitution altogether).

Both scenarios would be bad for stability, bad for business, bad for investments, bad for the peso, etc. Ultimately it will be bad for the pocket and stomach of Juan Dela Cruz. Not equally bad as one scenario is clearly worse than the other.

Alvarez' statement courts such a constitutional crisis. It is clearly a challenge to the Supreme Court as an institution. Supreme Court should not shirk from the challenge. It should interpret the law without fear or favor. Otherwise this could be the final nail in the coffin of rule of law.

The Speaker is a Destabilizer. Just like his political master. Both are not above the law. The Supreme Court should rediscover its voice before it becomes a mere parrot of tyrants. /By : Bernard Ong



KAKAMPI MO ANG BATAS

It has become acceptable to be wicked in RP



BY: ATTY. BATAS MAURICIO

LIFE'S INSPIRATIONS: "... But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days. People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God..." (2 Timothy 3:1-4, the Holy Bible).

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RESORT WORLD ATTACK SHOCKERS: So, what else will we be shocked with in relation to the June 02, 2017 attack on the Resorts World Complex in Pasay City, aside from the mayhem having been carried out by a man whose severe addiction to gambling led him to squander millions while his family starved and lived in abject poverty, and aside from the security officer of the hotel complex faking his academic record just to land his job?

Many hope no other unpleasant surprises from this sordid incident will still surface and scandalize us even more in the days to come. Indeed, it should already be enough that 38 or so people died a senseless death here, or that a hotel complex as opulent or as wealthy as Resorts World did not have a security plan against crimes of this nature being committed in its premises.

But, come to think of it, what else, really, is new in this hapless country of ours? Is it not a fact of Filipino life that there are many aspects in Philippine society that are similarly fraudulent or unreal, and yet we've all decided to collectively turn a blind to all of them?

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FRAUD IN MANY ASPECTS OF A FILIPINO'S LIFE: For example, aren't we aware that many diplomas or certificates attesting to the supposed completion of collegiate degrees by our students were not actually awarded to them after years of study but were merely produced by small shops in Claro M. Recto St., in Manila, for a fee?

Are we not also aware that many government officials and employees actually do not have genuine eligibilities and have submitted similarly fraudulent certificates claiming they have successfully hurdled government examinations even if they had not done so?

Don't we also have hundreds and hundreds of teachers, policemen, firemen, and others in government, or even in the private sector, whose licenses are also fake and spurious and were the mere handiwork of people who make out a living faking out official documents? And, even in the government program of giving dole-outs to the poor, did not many of the recipients submit falsified proofs of their entitlement?

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IT HAS BECOME ACCEPTABLE TO BE WICKED IN RP: Indeed, we know all these to be true. Yet, not only do we keep silent about them. We in fact even encourage these frauds ourselves in one way or another, either because we practice them too in many instances, or because we participate in their commission by other people, **Cont. on page 5**

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Strict implementation...**...from page 1**

safeguard public health and ensure the wellbeing of all its constituents by protecting them from the harmful effects of smoking and tobacco consumption.

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The measure shall apply to all persons, whether natural or juridical, whether resident or not, and in all places, found within the territorial jurisdiction of the city government of Baguio.

It also lists the prohibited acts, penalties to be imposed on violators, where the funds will go and creates a smoke free task force chaired by the Mayor whose members include various heads of government offices and other concerned agencies.

The task force will aid in the implementation, enforcement and monitoring of the ordinance and protect the same from tobacco industry interference at all times, as well as to conduct educational awareness campaigns, information dissemination and capacity building programs that will inform constituents and train enforcement officers.

For further information about the ordinance, the public can contact CESU at (074) 442-9829; 300-6588; Sanitation at (074) 444-9217; 300-3895; and HEPO at 300-3953./Gaby Keith

Kakampi mo ang Batas**from page 4**

mostly by our own relatives.

Shamelessly, there is no more remorse in committing many falsehoods in our society today. Committing falsities brazenly has become an ordinary thing to do for many Filipinos, in the name of survival. It has become acceptable to be wicked and sinful, either because it is necessary to keep body and soul together for many, or because it is a way of enjoying material affluence for others.

The prevailing notion is now, if others can do it, why can't we do it, too? This sorry state of things was predicted to happen many years ago and it is amazing that these predictions are happening now in our generation. Sadly though, the penalties that are to come for all these sinfulness are starting to be served by many already, in our own time!

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Reforestation of city...**from page 3**

boundaries of the city and its neighboring towns in Benguet will definitely contribute in providing the needed buffer zones that will help deter forest fires during the dry season that will compromise the growth of newly planted trees, thus, the need for communities near the boundaries of the watersheds to be vigilant in monitoring possible sources of forest fires.

He said individuals and groups participating in tree planting activities must not only plant the tree seedlings in the identified areas but also help in monitoring the growth of the planted trees to make sure that their efforts will not be in vain and a waste of time, effort, and resources. /By Dexter A. See

EL MAESTRO SPEAKS**Same Old Issue****BY: CLYDE B. SACPA**

The school year 2017-2018 officially opened this week on June 5, 2017. And still we are facing same old problem with regards to our education system.

The population of the student is around 26 million. That's a great news. It shows that we Filipinos value education. But, we are still having 66 thousand classroom shortage and 33 thousand shortage of teachers. Same old song ain't it?

Apart from this, we are still facing shortage of K-12 ready books for the 26 million students. Who do you think suffer the most in this shortage? Aside from the students, the most that suffer here are the teachers. Teachers patience is stretch out beyond limit. And what I hate the most is if the teachers complain these Managers of DepEd would say they should resign if they can't take the job?

So in the most presidential word of resentment I'd say F**k You. How about those people whose job in the DepEd is to produce these books on time and they were not able to do it? Aren't they supposed to be fired because of their incompetence?

I am asking those higher ups of DepEd to protect the foundation of your Department, the Teachers. Stops dropping everything on them. Punish the incompetent people who are not able to deliver and the sole reason your Department is having Shortage of materials and manpower.

City shells out P300K for Marawi aid

BAGUIO CITY – Mayor Mauricio G. Domogan announced the local government will be shelling out some P300,000 as its contribution for the relief, rehabilitation and recovery operations in Marawi City which was devastated by the terrorists aligned with the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria.

The local chief executive said the funds will be sourced out from the City Disaster Risk Reduction and Management (CDRRM) or any available sources to help in the government's efforts to bring back the robust economic activities in Marawi City after the government forces shall have fun control of the ravaged city.

"We were able to source out available funds that we could extend as our counterpart for the relief, rehabilitation and recovery efforts that will be undertaken in Marawi City after the government will be able to take full control of the city," Domogan said.

He pointed out the upcoming rehabilitation and recovery of the devastated local government will surely take some time because of the extent of damaged that it sustained from the series of encounters between the government forces and the members of the Maote terrorist group that is why other local governments will surely pool their resources to augment whatever available resources will be infused by the national government to bring back the economic activities in Marawi City.

Baguio City had always been extending financial assistance to different local governments around the country that were either devastated by natural or man-made calamities to help in their smooth recovery and rehabilitation and bring back the vibrance of their economy that will contribute in uplifting the living condition of their residents.

According to him, what happened to Marawi City should be a wakeup call to local **Cont. on page 6**

MAGKASANGGA TAYO

- *Speaker Alvarez dinuduro ang Korte Suprema!*
- *Wigman Aguirre sablay nanaman!*

**BY: NESTOR "PAKEN" CASTRO**

Speaker Alvarez dinuduro ang Korte Suprema - Bakit kaya ganito itong si brusko at barumbado na Speaker of the House na si Panty este Pantalon Alvarez? Ano bang klaseng istilo itong babrasuhin at tatakutin nya ang Korte Suprema? Tama ba ang ganyang istayl na tatakutin niya ang korte suprema na susuwayin niya ang order ng korte kung sakali na makita ng korte na may merito ang isinampa na petisyon ng napakaraming abogago este abogado kung saan kanilang kinukwestiyon ang proseso ng pag-deklara ng martial law? Wow naman Mr. Speaker, baguhin mo ang style mo at huwag mong gayahin ang amo mo at hindi mo naman kaya. Tandaan mo na iisa lang ang PRRD na siya mismo ang nagsabi na sa limang sinasabi niya ay tatlo ang jok o nonsense lamang. Eh ikaw Speaker Panty, ano ka trying hard na bully?! PWEEEEEE.....

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Wigman Aguirre sablay nanaman- Ano ba naman itong si Wigman Aguirre na ito, sino ba talaga ang mga nakapaligid sa kanya na nagbibigay ng info o intelligence sa kanya na kinukuha lamang sa mga fake news sites na madalas ay kilala naman natin kung sinu-sino ang may kakayahan na magsagawa at madalas ginagawa nila ay fake news. Anong klaseng DOG este DOJ Secretary ang tao na ito na siyang humahawak sa mga malalaki na demanda kung sa isang napaka-simpleng verification ng isang info ay hindi pa niya maisagawa ng tama at agaran niyang ibubulgar ang info sa mga medyas este media na nag interview sa kanya. Hay! Yay! Yay! Kawawang Senators Bum este Bam Aquino, Antonio Trillanes, Tongressman este Congressman Gary Alejano, etc. Pinaghinalaan ng walang ka base-basehan. Yaan ang ating DOG este DOJ Secretary Wigman Aguirre. Dapat ay magsama sina Mocha, Martin at Wigman at walang makakatalo sa kanila as the MASTERS OF SPIN. Hi Hi Hi.

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LUISA P. ESMABE,
Respondent-Mort-

gagor.

Case No. 17-35-NP
For: EXTRAJUDI-
CIAL FORECLO-
SURE

X-----X

NOTICE OF EXTRAJU-
DICIAL FORECLOSURE
SALE

Upon extrajudicial
petition for foreclosure
sale under Act 3135,
as amended, filed by
mortgagee KALANGED
KYLE MACDO S.
KANONGKONG, against
the mortgagor Luisa P.
Esmabe, Filipino citizen,
of legal, window, and
with residence and postal
address at No. 231 San

Vicente, Baguio City,
to satisfy the mortgage
indebtedness in the
amount of ONE MILLION
ONE HUNDRED SIXTY
THOUSAND PESOS
(P1,600,000.00), Philip-
pine currency representing
the principal obligation
and excluding interest,
charges, penalties and
other expenses as agreed
upon in the real estate
mortgage executed by the
mortgagor in favor of the
mortgagee on February
11, 2015, under Doc. No.
195, Page No. 40, Book
No. 35, Series of 2015 of
the Notarial Registry of
Atty. May Labanet D. Soli-
ba-Kiat-Ong, the under-
signed Notary Public
will sell at public auction
on July 05, 2017 at 2:00
o'clock in the afternoon,
at the main lobby of
Justice Hall, Baguio City,
to the highest bidder for
cash and in Philippine
currency, the property
registered in the name of
the mortgagor which was
the subject of the aforesaid
Real Estate Mortgage con-
sisting of Lot, covered by
ARP 2014-03-004-150982
of the Assessor's Office of
Baguio City, and more
particularly described as
follows:

UNDER ARP No. 2014-
03-004-150982
"A residential land con-
sisting an area of 1,000
square meters, more or
less, with a market value
of 420,000.00 and assessed

value of 35,280.00.
Bounded on the North by
Ass. Lot No. 028 (Lourdes
Property Brgy.), on the
South by Dominican Hill
Rd., on the East by Ass.
Lot No. 002, and on the
West by Dominican Hill
Rd." The lot is bounded
by visible monuments.

In case there will be
failure of bidding on the
said date, the same is
rescheduled on July 12,
2017 at 2:00 o'clock in the
afternoon, pursuant to the
resolution of the Supreme
Court of the Philippines.

Prospective buyers may
investigate for themselves
the tax declaration herein
above-described and
encumbrances thereon, if
any there be.

Baguio City, Philip-
pines, May 30, 2017.

(SGD) MAY LABANET
D. SOLIBA-KIAT-ONG

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Under December 31,
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City mulls charges versus Asin resort operator

BAGUIO CITY – Mayor Mauricio G. Domogan ordered the City General Services Office and the City Legal Office to work out the filing of the appropriate charges against the embattled operator of the city-owned Asin hot springs after he allegedly dismantled the gate and removed the notices that were placed around the fence informing the public of his eviction from the city-owned property.

The local chief executive said aside from the filing of the contempt of court charges against Roger Sinot, criminal charges of malicious mischief will also be filed against him for allegedly forcibly removing the temporary gate installed by the GSO in the premises of the property and the notices installed around the gate informing the public that the swimming pool area is a city-owned property and that Sinot is no longer the resort operator based on an order from a Benguet court.

Assistant General Services Officer Eugene Buyucan reported during Monday's regular department heads meeting that they already served the eviction notice against Sinot for the latter to vacate the premises of the city-owned Asin hot springs pursuant to a court order and immediately installed a temporary gate within the swimming pool area apart from installing notices informing the public that Sinot is no longer the operator of the city-owned resort.

However, Sinot, together with his cohorts, allegedly dismantled the gate and removed the notices installed by the GSO personnel in the area as well as posting in the social media a certification issued by the municipal assessor's office of Tuba certifying among others that the local government of Baguio has no property in the said area.

Domogan argued that the people of Tuba know for a fact that the Baguio city government owns the property which was purchased in 1935 from the Ramirez family but the property was not segregated from the title of

proposal, they will be paying P864 per 100 square meters after the 20 percent prompt payment discount.

This tax rate applies to most subdivisions and residential areas as per the proposal, Addawe said.

As to commercial areas like Session Road, they pay P5,775 per 100 square meter annual tax and with the proposal, they will be assessed P21,120 per 100 square meter or a 357 percent tax increase for these profitable businesses, Addawe added.

To further cushion the impact of the increase, the city is willing to implement the adjustment in three tranches for three years. This is on top of the 20 percent prompt payment discount being given by the city every year, the city officials said.

The officials reiterated that the adjustment is long overdue as the city has for years been berated by no less than the Bureau of Local Government Finance for its failure to comply with section 219 of the Republic Act 7160 or the Local Government Code which mandates the city assessor to undertake a general revision of real property assessments within two years after the effectivity of the code in 1992 and

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residents to be vigilant of the suspicious activities of their neighbors, especially for those who are new in their places, thus, they must immediately report to the police whatever doubtful activities that are being undertaken or those suspicious-looking individuals in their places.

On the other hand, he called on the local police force to strengthen their intelligence network to help deter the occurrence of untoward incidents that could compromise the peace and order in the city.

The mayor added what happened to Marawi City can happen anywhere in the country if local residents will not actually cooperate with law enforcers to inform them about what is happening in their neighborhood that is why the best way to counter whatever terroristic attacks will be the timely reporting of irregular activities of suspicious-looking people in their places.

The approved financial assistance will be sent by the local government directly to the account of the Marawi City government and it will now be up to the beneficiary to decide where to allocate the funds to allow the immediate rehabilitation and recovery of the city from the devastation that it suffered for over twenty days now. /Dexter A. See

the Ramirez family.

He also ordered the City Assessor's Office to fastrack the segregation of the Ramirez property so that the appropriate tax declaration could be issued by the Tuba municipal assessor's office in favour of the city so that Sinot will not continue to use this as alibi for this continued appropriation of the city property.

According to him, the city will secure its property within the jurisdiction of Tuba and he is wondering why Sinot insists on occupying the property when his eviction was ordered by a local court.

Domogan expressed his disappointment over Sinot's actions, saying that his actions deserve the appropriate counter action from the local government to **Cont. on page 7**

every three years thereafter.

If religiously followed, then the city should have implemented the realty tax revisions for seven times now since 1996.

"But of course we do not want our people to bear the brunt of the seven-year absence of tax increase in one blow so we made sure that this proposal will not result to confiscatory taxes," the mayor said.

The mayor appealed to the people to "understand what is reasonable" for both the city government and to them.

"By now, our people should have realized that we do not want to impose the new rates just for the sake of increasing taxes. This and other humanitarian considerations are the reasons why we have stalled on imposing the increase that long," he said.

"We want to impose what is reasonable for both the taxpayers and the city government and we believe that this proposal is as fair as it gets."

The city officials also assured that the proceeds of the increase in taxes will not be squandered and will be used for its intended purpose in the form of basic services to the public. /Aileen P. Refuerzo

Proposed increase in Baguio... from page 3

much as P150,000 per square meter. The city has proposed to raise the market value in this area at P110,000 per square meter which is still lower than the prevailing price.

"Under the law, the city is duty-bound to impose the correct market value of the properties in our area of jurisdiction and we have been negligent and remiss on this duty since we did impose any adjustments for 21 years," the mayor said.

"But now, it is high time to correct this and also address the falsehood bred by our outdated market values which the city unwittingly tolerated with its failure to update the market values. Dapat itugma natin sa kung ano ang totoo," he intoned.

Furthermore, the city made sure that the new market values are comparable to zonal valuation of the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) which is still in the 1998 level so the new rates cannot be dismissed as unreasonable.

The officials also assured that this will not result to confiscatory taxes as they have proposed to lower the assessment levels to temper the effect of the increased market values from the current assessment levels of 12 percent to just six percent for residential lands; 35 percent to eight percent for commercial and industrial lands; and from 12.5 percent to just five percent for cultural, scientific and hospital lots.

"That to me is already going down nearly to the bottom just to ensure that the resulting taxes will not go beyond what is reasonable," the mayor said.

Citing examples, city assessor Almaya Addawe said a 100-square meter lot along Benin road in Pinsao Proper barangay commands a P25.20 annual tax at present. With the proposal, this tax will increase to just P270 annual tax.

Residential lots within subdivisions in certain barangays are presently charged P212.40 per 100 square meters annual tax and after the

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invoke its rights over the property that it purchased from the Ramirez family and that the legitima-

cy of its ownership was upheld by the Benguet court through a decision and subsequently ordered

Sinot's eviction from the property and ordering him to pay his supposed rentals through the years for the use of the government property. /By Dexter A. See

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mation for any suspicious individual in your barangay to the BCPO for their further validation," said Saculles.

We only have 700 personnel who are on 14 hour duty serving thousands of residents

so as to ensure the peace and order in Baguio and we need your (barangay officials) help, added Saculles.

On the other hand, the city sought the Philippine National Police for more additional manpower for

the BCPO to strengthen the safety and security in the city which will provide precautionary measures to keep the city safe from any possible entry of terrorist attack.

Meanwhile, the city recently gave P300,000 financial aid to the people of Marawi City, Mindanao. /Jho Arranz

Beautiful Baguio photo contest on

BAGUIO CITY – The city government has launched the 7th edition of the "Beautiful Baguio" photography contest to herald preparations for the 108th Baguio City Charter Day celebration on Sept. 1.

Now on its seventh year, the contest aims to showcase "the natural and cultural beauty of Baguio City."

Councilor Elmer Datuin who spearheads the Baguio Day preparation of activities with city administrator Carlos Canilao said this year the photo contest will focus on sceneries to highlight the city's eye-catching landscapes and vistas.

The contest will be open to all photography enthu-

siasts whether beginners, hobbyists or professionals and no registration fee will be required.

There will be two categories – the conventional where any type of cameras can be utilized and the mobile phone categories.

Entries must depict positive images and must have the following descriptions and information: full color, 8"x10" full-color print on photographic paper, original resolution digital copy on CD or DVD, title, full name, phone number and email address of the owner.

Global adjustments will be allowed as long as there are no composites or similar digital manipula-

tions of the photographs.

Participants may enter both categories and may submit a maximum of three entries per category.

Deadline of submission will be on August 20 at the Office of Councilor Datuin.

The entries will be displayed at the City hall lobby on Aug. 29.

A total of P50,000 in cash prizes is at stake for the top three winners in both categories.

The annual contest is a regular feature in the Baguio Day calendar of activities sponsored by the city government in cooperation with the Baguio Photographers Club headed by Ren Munoz. /Aileen P. Refuerzo

Police condemns attacks in Benguet town

LA TRINIDAD, Benguet - The Police Regional Office – Cordillera condemned the lawless and treacherous actions perpetrated by the alleged members of the rebel forces at the Lepanto Mine site in Mankayan, Benguet Wednesday night. Based on police report, members of alleged New People's Army attacked at around 10:50 evening on June 7 the dam area of Lepanto Consolidated Mining Corporation. Among the structures attacked were the chemical and mineral laboratory owned by Xian Jinrui Lianliungang, located at Cabatuan, Colalo,

Mankayan, and Dam 5 Gate where a fire fight ensued between the perpetrators and personnel from the 54th Infantry Battalion of the 5th ID, Philippine Army. PFC Arthur Bag-ay sustained minor injury while Jerson Guisguiswoang Awini, a heavy equipment operator was accidentally hit by a stray bullet. In a clearing operation led by Mankayan Police Station PCI Ronnie Albino and the Benguet Provincial Public Safety Company PSupt. Edward Aquintey, damaged were a newly built municipal structure, one backhoe owned by Brgy. Chairman Ambino Padawi and a floating

machine for processing copper owned by businessman Jian Lianlungang. All were destroyed with the use of unidentified explosives. A lime mixing plant and one bulldozer owned by Flores Construction were also destroyed by explosives. Two unexploded bombs were left in the bulldozer and backhoe. The NPA's Chadli Molintas Command claimed they were responsible for the destruction of heavy equipment and structures at Lepanto Mining Corporation saying this is their retribution to the big mining companies and government for protecting these companies.

Preservation of Cordillera culture, stressed

BAGUIO CITY – Mayor Mauricio Domogan pointed out the importance of preserving the unique culture and heritage of the Cordillera region and pass on practices that are still applicable to the younger generation.

He made this assertion during the Onjon ni Ivadoy seminar-workshop last Wednesday at City Hall where the group tackled guidelines on its internal rules and regulations with lawyer Moises Cating and educator Jimmy Fong as resource persons.

Led by president Eroll

Tagle, the Onjon is the largest organization of Ibalays in the Summer Capital and Benguet province.

The Mayor said the whole-day activity shows the group's earnestness in preserving its Ibaloy culture and heritage.

"Our culture and heritage are the identity we have as people of the Cordillera region. With the influence of outside factors in these modern times, if we do not preserve our culture and heritage, these will be lost," he warns.

The Mayor said the virtues of respecting

elders and having a "bayanihan spirit" that are embedded in the Cordilleran culture, must be preserved and inculcated in the minds of younger generations so that these practices will not be forgotten.

The Ibalays are the original inhabitants of Baguio formerly known as "Kafagway" where its patriarch, Mateo Carino, was named by the Philippine Centennial Commission as a Centennial National Hero in 1998. His bust is at the Luneta Park in Metro Manila with other Centennial heroes. /Gaby Keith

Ifugao PDRRMO strives for better disaster response

BAYOMBONG, Nueva Vizcaya - In continuing efforts to strengthen the skills in disaster and emergency management of the province, more than 40 representatives from various agencies and local government units underwent the level two Integrated Planning Course on Incident Command System (ICS) at Tam-an Resort here recently.

This course enhanced the participants' knowledge and skills necessary to perform the duties and respon-

sibilities of the planning section chief and unit leaders in the ICS organization like resources, situation, documentation and demobilization units.

Trainors from the Cordillera Incident Management Team facilitated the training and discussed the seven modules that include overview of the planning section; forms, documents and supplies; planning section chief; resource and demobilization unit leader; situation unit leader; documentation unit leader and transfer of command,

demobilization and closeout.

"It was observed in the previous disasters the lack of an effective on-scene management operation that hampers the delivery of services. We hope that with the conduct of this training, the participants gained the necessary skills as emergency/disaster responders," said Cecil Unghiyon, acting Provincial Disaster Risk and Reduction Management Officer. (JDP/MBL, PIA CAR, Ifugao)

PRO-Cor said the attack is a desperate move of the terrorist organization to get rid of the AFP troops that have been very effective in countering the NPA/CPP/NDF activities in the said mining area. "Once again, they have proven their modus which is to sow terror if only to pursue their lawless purpose, contrary to their claim of protecting the people." The case is under investigation to determine the identities of the assailants for their possible arrest and neutralization. Meanwhile, the PROCOR assures the public that security measures are implement-

ed to ensure the safety of all potential targets including government vital installations, power lines, private companies and threatened municipal police stations to ensure that they are adequately manned by security personnel. Officials appeal to the public to be extra vigilant at all times and to foster and uphold the spirit of volunteerism by providing timely information and support to the various law enforcement agencies to win the war against terrorism and lawlessness. "Let us be alert, vigilant and strongly condemn the activities of this lawless armed group,

at the same time join hands with the authorities by reporting relevant and timely information to the nearest police station or thru our hotline number 09998851849, or thru our social media account Rpio@Procor. Net." Mayor Materno Luspian also called on the rebel forces to stop the atrocities being done in Mankayan and other places where properties and lives are being at risk. He appealed to the NPA leaders to lay down their weapons and talk to the government forces to ensure peace and order in the community. (RMC/PIA CAR with PRO-Cor)

City sets for the search for cleanest and greenest barangays in Baguio

BAGUIO CITY - So as to sustain the city's image as a hall of famer in the national drive for the cleanest and greenest highly urbanized city, the search for cleanest and greenest barangays is now open to all barangays in the city of Baguio.

In his recent administrative order, mayor Mauricio Domogan formed the panel of judges to implement the clean and green contest and at the same time setting the mechanics and criteria in the said search.

Julie Cabato of the private sector will chair the judging committee with members Dominador Urbano of the general services office, city health officer Rowena Galpo, city engineer Elpidio Garabiles, city environment and parks management officer Cordelia Lacsamana, executive

assistant Loreto Dolormente and information officer Aileen Refuerzo of the mayor's office.

The mechanics and criteria in the selection of the cleanest and greenest barangays are as follows: the judging committee will conduct visitation and evaluation of all the 128 barangays in the city; the ratings will be based on the overall cleanliness of the barangay, orderliness, greening and beautification, social participation/ barangay ordinances, education and information campaign, waste management, additional points may be earned for livelihood components, presence of graffiti, barangay initiative and maintenance of public buildings/structures and drainage; the rating system will obtain one as the lowest rating and ten as the highest rating.

First prize winner will be receiving plaque and P50,000 cash incentive, second prize will receive plaque and P30,000 cash incentive, third prize will receive plaque and P20,000 cash incentive, five consolation prizes will receive certificate and P5,000 cash incentive each, and 12 barangays will be given certificates of appreciation for their effort in the clean and green program.

On the other hand, Domogan stressed that the dirtiest barangays will also be named, thus, he reminded all punong barangays to monitor the waste management disposal in their respective barangays.

Also, residents are expected to be responsible pet owners so as to sustain the cleanliness and orderliness of our environment. /Jho Arranz

Farmers' summit in Baguio

BAGUIO CITY - With help from the local government and concerned national line agencies, Baguio urban farmers may start growing organic vegetables and strawberries for long-term domestic use and agri-tourism.

This was discussed in the city's first farmers' summit spearheaded by committee chair on Market, Trade, Commerce and Agriculture Leandro Yangot, Jr. at the BENECO hall, June 2.

Two hundred eighty two (282) from the estimated 4200 urban farmers attended the whole day summit, with most, receiving packets

of vegetables for planting. A strawberry farm is being developed at Sto. Tomas, which when fully-supported could compete with those in La Trinidad, with others willing to take on other crops for household as well as for the market, it was known

The urban farmers thus presented in the workshop portion of the summit, their short, medium and long term goals; and problems: such as farming space, financing, lack of materials, technological and technical know-how, and accomplishment of documents for accreditation.

Suggestions for a community-based seed bank, nurseries, greenhouses, seminars and hands-on

trainings on urban gardening, hydroponics, fisheries tied-up with farming, organic pest and disease control, and scientific soil testing were also heard by Department of Agriculture personnel and High Value Crops Development Program focal person Joan Dimas-Bacbac

The farmers also went a step further with envisioned harvests intended for negosyo and home-based pasalubong centers, and monthly agri-tourism fair.

Bacbac however said accreditation is needed for Baguio farmers, for inclusion in DA's programs and funding, starting 2018. Regional Agriculture and Fisheries Council (RAFC) Cordillera Administrative Region chair Balbina Ernesto also vowed support for the urban farmers.

Support through barangay legislation, the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), Department of Science and



BAGUIO'S FISCALIZERS - The City Prosecutors office show up in full force during City Hall flag raising ceremonies last June 6 informing city officials headed by Mayor Mauricio Domogan, Representative Marquez Go and Vice Mayor Edison Bilog on their accomplishment report with 100 percent disposition rate inquest proceedings with 97.88 percent on disposition rate for preliminary investigation under the leadership of City Prosecutor Elmer Sagsago. /By Bong Cayabyab

Organizers for Ms. Baguio 2017 proposals until June 15

BAGUIO CITY - The city government here is now preparing for the upcoming 108th Baguio Day Charter celebration this September 1.

One of the highlights in the said celebration is the search for Ms Baguio 2017.

Hence, event organizers are encouraged to partic-

ipate and submit their respective bid proposals to the Baguio Search Committee.

"The profile and track of records of the event organizer, pageant and budget plan, timeliness and other important information must be indicated in the proposal," said city administrator, Atty. Carlos

Canilao.

Interested event organizers may submit their proposal at the Office for Administration, City Hall until Thursday, June 15.

For more queries, contact telephone numbers 446-2009, 300-6500 locals 2412 or 2414 and look for Mr. Jose Maria Rivera. /Jho Arranz

Barangay officials and residents urged to be vigilant

BAGUIO CITY - The war in Marawi is a nationwide as well as international concern which has alerted the city with threat of terrorism.

In his weekly forum, mayor Mauricio Domogan disclosed that he has recently spoken to the Muslim community to convince cooperation for

any suspicious individuals trying to penetrate the city of Baguio.

He said the Muslim community should report to the Baguio City Police Office immediately for any terrorists who may linger in the city.

Domogan stressed the Muslim community to be active and must help in

the fight against terrorism in the community.

Moreover, Baguio City Police director senior supt. Ramil Saculles encouraged all barangay officials and residents of Baguio to be vigilant in what is happening in their surroundings.

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