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MABUHAY ANG PILIPINO!!!

BAGUIO CITY AND BENGUET

LONG LIVE THE FILIPINO!!!

'Tawa-tawa' can raise platelets in dengue patients: ex-city doc

BAGUIO CITY-- A former official of the city Health Services Office (HSO) here said Thursday he is glad that there are studies to show the use of "tawa-tawa" plant as emergency medicine for dengue patients.

In an interview, Dr. John Tinoyan, former assistant health officer, who handled the emergency medical response team, said his own clinical trial showed that "tawa-tawa" or "gatas-gatasan" which naturally grows on the roads have properties that can increase the platelet and red blood cell of a dengue patient.

Tinoyan said he first did his clinical trial with several patients mostly in Luzon-- his initial trial being his grandchild and the caregiver, who both had dengue.

"I was not afraid because I want my apo to get well. I got the plant, dried it, pounded it and capsulized it and sent it to Manila.

They took it while they were hospitalized and three days after, they were out of the hospital," he said.

His other clinical trials were subjected while the patients were also receiving treatment at a hospital, Tinoyan said.

He noted that none of the patients he gave "tawa-tawa" to was on the brink of death.

Tinoyan said after getting a positive result, he started to place the capsule in the emergency medicine kit of the EMS. For emergency calls from dengue patients, he asked that the tawa-tawa capsule be given for free.

The plant can either be made as powder and capsulized or as simply dried, pounded and added with water and drink it like a tea, he said.

Tinoyan said his inspiration is from the alternative medicine bill of the late Senator Juan Flavio Velasco, which aims to give free alternative medicine to indigent patients.

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NO LAUGHING MATTER. "Tawa-tawa" plant has been used in the city for dengue patients in the past several years which Dr. John Tinoyan, a former assistant health officer of Baguio, says has been shown to help patients increase their platelet and red blood cells. He said he has been making tawa-tawa capsule by reducing the plant to powder form and gives them for free to dengue patients. (PNA photo Liza T. Agoot)

Subliyan tayo dagiti natural remedies ken natural and healthy eating tapno pumigsa si resistance tayo laban kadagiti nagadu nga sakit kadagitoy nga panawen.



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Harrison flower vendors to be transferred soon

BAGUIO CITY – The city government is inclined to transfer the twenty-nine flower vendors along the Harrison Road to their proposed temporary vending area near the Ganza restaurant the soonest.

Mayor Benjamin B. Magalong ordered the City Buildings and Architecture Office (CBAO) to start working with the affected flower vendors to put up their makeshift vending stalls in their identified relocation area using transparent materials for their eventual transfer to their new vending site by early next week.

He claimed the city government will build the 29 stalls for the inventoried number of flower vendors doing business along Harrison road but some of the vendors will be profiled to ensure they are legitimate flower vendors doing business in the area.

Based on the investigation conducted by the City Social Welfare and Development Office (CSWDO) headed by Betty Fangasan on the flower vendors near the Burnham Park fence, 10 are reported-

ly qualified to be relocated as they are recipients of the city government's livelihood program religiously paying their loans with the said office while three of them are allegedly renting their stalls from the original owners.

The City Mayor urged the CBAO to ensure the stalls to be constructed in the temporary vending area will be decent and comply with park standards to avoid it being an eye sore that will distract the attention of park goers and those interested to buy flowers from them.

Earlier, the flower vendors were transferred along Harrison Road by the city government after they were displaced from their previous vending areas within portions of the public market with the condition they will beautify the area where they are now currently situated with the proper display of the flowers, among other agreed-on interventions.

The City Engineering Office headed by Engr. Edgar Victorio Olpindo initially placed gravel overlay on the vacant portion near the Ganza restaurant which was

identified by the city government as the temporary relocation site of the flower vendors for them to continue doing their business in a better situation compared to where they are currently located.

Magalong said the area where the flower vendors will be relocated will only be used on a temporary basis while the city government searches for a permanently site for the business at the same time helping beautify the city through the availability of assorted variety of flowers.

He urged the flower vendors to help the city government improve the state of Burnham Park and its environs by cooperating with the policies, programs, projects and activities that will be undertaken to improve the existing situation in the different areas of the park, aside from providing the places with sufficient beautification to entice visitors who will be their customers to continue frequenting Baguio city./ **Dexter A. See**



FLOODING EXPERIENCE: Due to heavy downpour many parts of the city experienced unusual flooding in their barangay as seen in Maria Pucay, Pinsao proper where a clogged drainage canal undermine some portions along the street to the detriment of the residents. - By Bong Cayabyab

Big establishments told to put up own STPs

BAGUIO CITY – The local government wants owners of big establishments in the different parts of the city to construct their own sewerage treatment plants (STPs) or waste water treatment plants (WTPs) to help the local government significantly reduce the pollutants in the various bodies of water and reduce the volume of waste water being brought to the already overworked Baguio STP in North Sanitary Camp.

Mayor Benjamin B. Magalong visited a number of big establishments around the central business district and reiterated the appeal of the local government for them to voluntarily put up their own STPs to help the city implement its different environmental preservation and protection programs to improve the state of the city's environment.

At present, the city's STP

is now operating beyond its prescribed carrying capacity considering the rapidly increasing number of waste water being infused to the said plant aside from the fact that the facilities of the plant already need immediate rehabilitation so that it will be able to efficiently and effectively operate and increase its capacity.

From the supposed 8,400 cubic meters of waste water daily that the STP is supposed to treat, the volume of waste water being treated by the STP is now over 12,600 cubic meters and still increasing considering the growing number of connections that are being infused to the said plant.

Aside from requesting owners of big establishments to put up their STPs to treat the waste water from their establishments before being discharged to the river systems, the local

government also wants to venture on

the put up of other STPs in strategic areas in the city to treat the waste water coming from residential and commercial structures before the same is discharged to the different bodies of water thereby significantly reducing the pollutants in rivers.

The local chief executive claimed that the put up of different STPs in strategic areas in the city will help in reducing the volume of waste water being directly discharged to the river systems that often result to the presence of high coliform level that affects the status of the river systems located in the different parts of the city considering the volume of waste water being absorbed thereby affecting the overall water quality of the rivers in the city.

Under the provisions of Ordinance No. 18, series of

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Demolition of Dairy Farm illegal structures pressed

BAGUIO CITY – The city government is inclined to pursue the immediate demolition of the nearly one hundred fifty profiled illegal structures within the 8-hectare land ceded by the agriculture department to the city for its priority development projects considering the upcoming implementation of two major projects that will be based in the identified portions of the property.

Mayor Benjamin B. Magalong ordered City

Social Welfare and Development Officer Betty Fangasan to take the lead in informing the informal settlers in the property that was acquired by the city government through a deed of usufruct that they have to voluntarily leave the area or else the city will be constrained to demolish their illegal structures erected in the ceded portions of the property.

He informed social welfare officers the only thing that will be assured by the city government is

that the qualified informal settlers will be hired by the companies that will implement the waste-to-energy project and the south-bound bus terminal in the said area but they must first leave the city-owned property as are not qualified to be provided with a relocation site as they do not fall under the qualifications of existing laws, rules and regulations.

Under the provisions of Republic Act (RA) 7279 or the Urban Development and Housing Act of 1992, Assistant City Legal Officer Melchor Carlos Rabanes stated that only those owners of structures built before March 28, 1992 will be entitled to relocation while those owners of structures built after the aforesaid date will no longer be entitled to relocation and that the illegal structures could be demolished once there will be no legal impediment on the said matter.

Based on the social preparation conducted by the City

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HLURB to fund land dev't of city housing projects

BAGUIO CITY – Mayor Benjamin B. Magalong announced the Housing Land Use Regulatory Board (HLURB) is inclined to fund the land development of the city government's housing projects to be erected on two city-owned properties as the city's socialized housing project geared towards addressing the housing needs of government workers and the homeless.

The City Mayor said the city-owned 1.2-hectare property in Gibraltar will be used for the housing of employees and officials of the

city government while the other 1.8-hectare property of the city will be for its socialized housing project and the put-up of the proposed evacuation center for calamity victims.

He claimed the offer of the HLURB to shoulder the land development of these two city-owned properties greatly help in advancing the city government's efforts in providing decent housing for the members of the marginalized sectors of the city.

Earlier, Magalong stated that the put-up of tenement

housing units is the

way to go for the city in effectively and efficiently addressing the housing needs of the members of the marginalized sectors because of the lack of adequate lands.

According to him, what is important for such housing project is that it is decent and will provide the basic housing needs of the people for them to have a decent affordable home for their families.

He underscored the importance of the city government having an evacuation center so that the parts of the City

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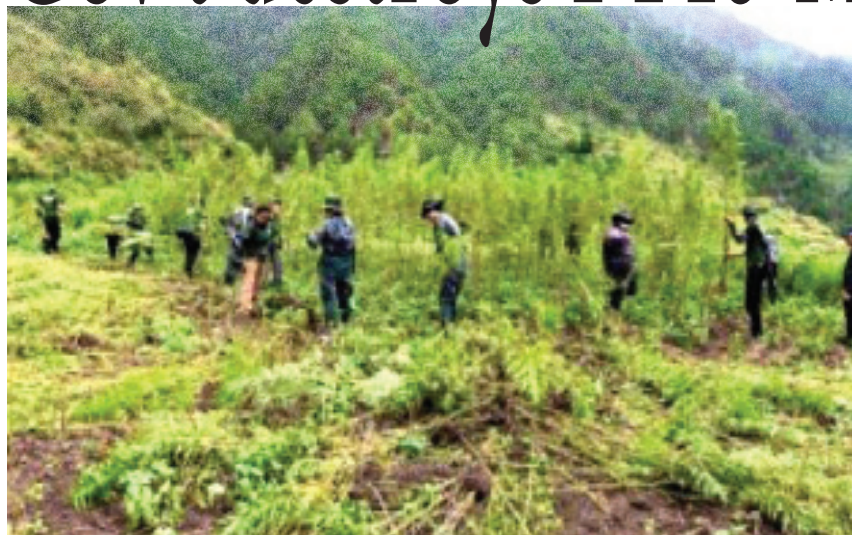
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Gov't destroys P146-M marijuana in Kalinga



MARIJUANA BUSTERS. Government enforcers uproot marijuana plants at plantation sites discovered in Buscalan, Tinglayan in Kalinga province. A total of P146-million worth of marijuana was destroyed in a three-day operation from August 13 to 15. (Photo courtesy of **PROCOR PIO**)

Ifugao town declares state of calamity due to dengue

BAGUIO CITY -- The municipality of Lamut in Ifugao province on Thursday was declared under state of calamity due to dengue.

The municipal council passed a resolution, following the letter from Mayor Mariano Buyagawan Jr. urging the legislative body to declare the town under state of calamity over rising dengue cases.

The request is based on the data provided by the municipal health office on the statistics of dengue cases in the town.

"The municipality recorded the occurrence of dengue epidemic in the 18 barangays with two fatalities in one of the barangays," the resolution read.

"The data is alarming and showed significant evidence that there is dengue outbreak in the municipality," it added.

Earlier, Department of Health-Cordillera Administrative Region (DOH-CAR) officer in charge, Dr. Amelita

Pangilinan, said Lamut breached alert level in the number of cases.

She said the DOH-CAR continue to assist Lamut and other areas with high cases.

Aside from monitoring, the DOH is also active in its information campaign on the 4S, and the regular conduct of clean-up activities to search and destroy mosquito breeding places.

As of August 10, Cordillera recorded 4,704 dengue cases, with nine deaths, Pangilinan said.

Apayao recorded 819 cases; Benguet 778 cases with 4 deaths; Abra with 693 cases; Kalinga 573 cases with one death; Ifugao 478 cases; Baguio 384 and one death; and Mountain Province 334 cases with one death.

Pangilinan said they are monitoring the Cordillera region and giving special attention to areas where there are clustering of cases including Lamut.

Cordillera DRRM council

chairman and Office of Civil Defense director Albert Mogol said a local government unit that declares its area under state of calamity can access the calamity fund to address a problem.

The calamity fund is 5 percent of the annual budget of the local government, which can be used for preparedness and response.

From the five percent, 30 percent is quick response fund accessible to the local government to address the increasing cases of dengue.

Early this month, the Department of Health had requested the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council to convene a full council meeting, after its declaration of a national dengue epidemic in the wake of the 146,062 cases recorded since January up to July 20 this year, which is 98-percent higher than the same period in 2018. There were 622 deaths. (PNA)

component of a plant costs PHP20 million.

He said that it is about time that the Department of Health (DOH) support the extensive research on the plant.

"Everybody could afford [to get it] as long as the plant is available. That's why this is the spirit of the law of alternative medicine to

BAGUIO CITY-- Another BPHP146-million worth of marijuana plants were uprooted and burned by government law enforcers in a three-day operation in Barangay Buscalan, Tinglayan, Kalinga, an officer of the Police Regional Office in the Cordillera (PROCOR) said on Friday.

"The operatives discovered nine plantation sites and uprooted 717,900 fully grown marijuana plants on an area totaling 39,800 square meters. Also discovered were 25 grams of marijuana stalks at the plantation sites," PROCOR information officer Maj. Carolina Lacuata said.

"Adu-adu nga talaga (It's quite voluminous)," Lacuata told Philippine News Agency (PNA) in an interview, referring to the marijuana plants destroyed during the operation from August 13 to 15.

She said law enforcers from the Philippine National Police (PNP), Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP), Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA) and other law enforcers continue to monitor the town of Tinglayan, particularly Barangay Buscalan.

Lacuata said in the past weeks, government enforcers have had successful operations against marijuana plantations and arresting "tourists" for illegal possession and transport of marijuana, known to have come from Buscalan, Kalinga.

"Doon nangagalang ang mga dala ng mga nahuhuli natin (Those [marijuana] we seized came from there)," Lacuata said.

She said authorities have been continuously scouring the mountains of Buscalan and Tinglayan town to destroy marijuana planta-

tions.

The eradication operation was jointly launched by the Tinglayan Police, Kalinga Police Provincial Office (PPO), Drug Enforcement Unit of Kaling PPO, Kalinga Provincial Maneuver Force Company (KPMFC), PDEA-Cordillera and Region 2 under Oplan "Green pearl sher-fan".

Police Brig. Gen. Israel Ephraim Dickson commended the operatives for a job well done and for their untiring effort in eradicating marijuana plants in the region.

"We will not relax, we will not relent, and we will fulfill our President's vision of a drug-free Philippines, our police operations against illegal drugs continue to be conducted within the bounds of the law with the utmost respect for human rights," Dickson said. (PNA)

Window hours set for Kennon Road residents only

BAGUIO CITY - Despite the closure of Kennon Road, the Cordillera Region Disaster Risk Reduction Management Council (CRDRRMC) has set window hours to allow residents to pass through the landslide affected area in Barangay Camp 6, Sitio Camp 5 in Tuba, Benguet.

CRDRRMC Chairman,

OCD-Cordillera Regional Director Albert Mogol said they have allowed "window hours" for residents along Kennon Road to pass thru the landslide affected area.

He said that only vehicles of residents and public utility vehicles plying Kennon Road will be allowed to pass thru the area from 6 am to 9 am and again from 5 pm to 7:30

pm. provide free medicines to the indigent, to those who cannot afford expensive medicines," he said.

The tawa-tawa, he said, naturally grows in temperate areas, but none in Baguio considering the temperature.

Earlier, DOST Secretary Fortunato dela Peña said a herbal supplement developed from "tawa-tawa" using a loan from the DOST will be available by mid-August.

He said the food supplement from "tawa-tawa" that helps fight the dengue virus and increases the platelet count was developed by a company that prioritizes plants or fruits that are known to be associated with illnesses based on folkloric literature.

Dela Peña, however, pointed out that it is a supplement, not a medicine until after a clinical trial or human testing.

Just the prominent food supplement that comes from colored fruits, Tinoyan said he knows that plants or fruits and vegetables with color like violet and brown are high with an antioxidant component which helps in the production of red blood cells.

"I hope there will be more clinical trials," he said.

"I have a feeling that with the use of tawa-tawa coupled with the usual hospital or doctor management, we would be able to stop deaths due to dengue," he added.

The DOH in the region recorded that from January 1 to August 10, the Cordillera Administrative Region has recorded 4,704 dengue cases with nine deaths.

Baguio City recorded 135 cases in July and 64 cases for the first half of August. Three cases were recorded in the city for the past four weeks. /Liza Goot (PNA)

'Tawa-tawa' can raise...

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"On my interest as chief of EMS, I thought of using this as an emergency medicine on all emergency case we have to respond to," he said.

He said Flavier's alternative medicine law names 10 plants, and he looks forward to the inclusion of the tawa-tawa in the list, especially with the DOST's research findings.

Tinoyan also said that while he wanted to do more research and find out what the plant component, it is just impossible considering that a bioassay- a procedure to identify the

the residents to pass from 6 am to 9 am because the students along Kennon Road study in Baguio City aside from the traders who bring their produce to Baguio," Mogol said.

Residents, mostly students studying in schools and universities in Baguio City and nearby Benguet towns as well as those working in government offices and those selling their produce in the city clamoured to their barangay officials for them to be allowed to pass thru the closed road which was granted by the CRDRRMC and the Task Force Kennon Road.

Barangay officials together with DPWH personnel and the Tuba Municipal Police Station will be assisting during the window hours to assure safety of residents passing through.

Mogol stressed that beyond the window hours, no vehicle or person will be allowed to pass, due to the high risk of falling debris and landslide.

"We are discouraging people to pass even while walking because the area is really unstable and after the window time, the heavy equipment will already start working, bringing down rocks and soil," Mogol said.

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YouTube: The new battleground against disinformation

By: Robbin M. Dagle and Rossine Fallorina (www.rappler.com)

YouTube is the new battleground in the fight against disinformation. The online video sharing and streaming site is next to Facebook as the country's most active social media platform.

In our research on the role of disinformation in the 2019 midterm elections, we found that YouTube has served as hospitable space for "alternative news" channels to proliferate.

At one point in the campaign, these channels have racked up millions of views, with TOKHANG TV and Duterte NEWS PORTAL landing in Socialblade's list of the 250 most-viewed YouTube channels in the Philippines.

The large viewership of these channels is a cause of alarm because these channels produce what we call "hyper-partisan" content. They provide a visual and emotionally resonant hook to promote a particular political agenda while disparaging opposing personalities in an uncivil manner.

From January to May 2019, we monitored more than 20 anonymous, hyper-partisan channels, which boast tens of thousands of subscribers and millions of views on their own. Many were created under the Duterte administration (2016 to present). These channels were identified by following the trail of suggested pages which indicate that pages are part of the same network.

Here are our findings.

Misleading and emotionally arousing headlines

These channels are able to attract a large viewership by baiting attention through graphically packaged thumbnails screaming "breaking news." Some channels use the aesthetic of mainstream media, such as using the logo of primetime newscasts. For example, TOKHANG TV subverts the authority of long-running newscast TV PATROL using fake headlines in thumbnails while twisting the content for propaganda.

Headlines matter a lot in these channels. One of TOKHANG TV's most viewed videos is a post entitled "PRRD MAY SINIWALAT KAY RUNNING PRIEST ROBERT REYES (President Duterte bared something against running priest Robert Reyes)." The headline suggests an exposé against one of the President's most vocal critics. As if the headline title is not sensational enough, the thumbnail suggests even more salacious revelations. The thumbnail has a photo of Reyes and a breaking news-style graphic with the words "BAKLA PALA! MAHILIG SA OTIN (Apparently gay! Likes penis)?"

Such misleading and emotionally arousing headlines serve to embarrass the President's critics, making examples of out of vocal personalities. That these videos get a number of hits demonstrates the effectiveness of clickbait headlines intended to shame members of the establishment."

Cesspool of pro-administration propaganda, historical revisionism, and disinformation

Despite the titillating headlines and thumbnails, there is often a dissonance between the title of the video and its actual contents, providing a false promise to viewers. In the 11-minute video "HONTIVEROS GUSTONG IPAGYERA ANG CHINA" uploaded on TOKHANG TV, the clip shows a 4-minute CNN interview of Senator Risa Hontiveros urging diplomatic protests against China. But the senator, in no uncertain terms, did not hint at waging war against the Chinese government. To avoid detection, notice how the spelling of Hontiveros was cleverly changed, with the number 0 replacing the letter O. This is done to shrewdly avoid detection by YouTube's content moderators. The rest of the video had nothing to do with the headline, and instead showcased positive news about the Duterte administration.

We also investigated whether there is a link between these channels with the observed rise of revisionist narratives about the Marcos Martial Law regime. A quick search of "Marcos" in TOKHANG TV's channel page yielded results related to the Marcos family. The claims made in these videos are as amusing as they are incorrect. One incredulous video claimed that the late dictator Ferdinand Marcos successfully developed an "anti-typhoon device" during the Martial Law years. The man behind the video, Dante Maravillas, claims that Marcos had a "space program" and "missile program." He argued that it is not far too think that Marcos did indeed develop an "anti-typhoon missile" simply because "he is able to finance [its development]." He also blames the succeeding administrations for its loss.

These videos contain content which boost the political careers of Bongbong and Imee Marcos, such as "IBOTO SI IMEE MARCOS PARA DI MAKABALIK AND MGA DILAWAN (Vote for Imee Marcos to stop the return of the Aquinos/Liberal Party)."

Post-elections, TOKHANG TV purged more than a thousand election-related videos, replacing much of the channel's content with inconspicuous lifestyle and travel videos, possibly to avoid detection. Many channels similar to TOKHANG TV remain active today to deliver pro-administration content.

The great radicalizer?

Outside the Philippines, YouTube is already seen as a breeding ground for hyper-partisan propaganda, conspiracy theories, and extremist thought.

Research shows how alt-right personalities in **Cont. on page 6**



KAKAMPIMO ANG BATAS

PAO Chief Acosta: sinisira lang!

BY: ATTY. BATAS MAURICIO



INSPIRASYON SA BUHAY: "... Sinabi sa kanya ni Yahweh, 'Makakaya mo ito sapagkat tutulongan kita'..." (Hukom 6:16, Bibliya).

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PAO CHIEF ACOSTA: SINISIRA LAMANG: Ngayon, lumilitaw na ang katotohanan. Mukhang talagang sadyang sinisira lamang ng mga interesadong tao o grupo si Persida Rueda Acosta, ang hepe ng Public Attorney's Office (PAO), at ang tanging layunin ng pagpapadala ng sulat sa Ombudsman para siya imbestigahan sa isyu diumano ng korupsiyon ay hatakin pababa ang kaniyang pagkatao.

Kasi naman, itinanggi na ng mga abogadong pinamumunuan ni Persida sa PAO na sila ang nagsampa ng nasabing sulat sa Ombudsman. At talaga namang hindi pupuwedeng galing sa mga abogadong ng PAO yung sulat na yun, kasi sa itsura pa lamang, wala talagang bisa yung sulat, dahil wala itong lagda ng nagreklamo.

Kung mga abogado talaga ang gumawa ng nasabing sulat at seryoso sila na kasuhannga si Persida, pipirmahan nila yun. Sa alituntunin kasi, hindi puwede ang mga reklamong walang pirma o pagkakakilanlan man lang sa mga nagreklamo. Eh walang pirma yung sulat sa Ombudsman. So, hindi talaga dapat tinanggap man lamang yun ng Ombudsman.

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DAHILAN KAYA SINISIRA SI PAO CHIEF ACOSTA: Bakit sinisira si Persida Rueda Acosta, ang hepe ng Public Attorney's Office (PAO)? Kasi, sabi ng barberong si Kardong Kidlat, muli na namang umiinit ang isyu ng mga batang namatay dahil nabakunahan sila ng isang gamot na hindi pa naman tiyak ang bisa. Upang maibsan ang kredibilidad ni Acosta sa kaniyang laban sa gamot na iyun, kailangang sirain siya.

Sabi naman ng tricycle driver na si Tiyagong Taga, istrateliya talaga ng mga taong may sala o may mga itinatagong katiwalian ang pagsira sa abogadong kanilang mga kalaban. Sa teoryang ito, lumilitaw na bagamat hindi si Acosta and direktang kalaban ng mga nagsulong ng gamot na itinurok sa mga batang namatay, siya talaga ang babatuhin kasi siya ang nakikitang nag-iisip ng paraan kung papaano mapapanagot ang mga may sala.

Dahil diyan, dagdag naman ni Maryang Palad, ang manikuristang matanda, dapat daw asahan ang mas matindi pang banat kay Persida sa mga susunod na araw. At, dagdag pa niya, kailangang mag-ukol ng mga panalangin para sa katatagan at kaligtasan ni Persida ang lahat ng naniniwala sa kaniya, mula sa pagsalakay ng mga puwersang espirituwal ng kabiliman upang makayanan niya ang lahat ng mga pagsalakay na ito.

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KUWENTONG BARBERO SA BAKUNA: At kaugnay ng isyung ito ng bakuna, naririto ang kuwentuhan sa barbarya nina Kardong Kidlat, Tiyagong Taga, at Maryang Palad na tila yata magkadugtong ang isyu ng bakuna sa isyu ng nawawalang mga tubig sa mga faucet ng mga customers sa tubig sa Metro Manila. Nalaglag ako sa aking upuan sa aking nadinig, pero hayaan ninyong ilahad ko ito dito, para sa inyong mga mambabasa, at bahala na kayong humusga.

Di nga daw ba, sabi ng tatlo, ayaw ng pabakunahan ng dengue ng maraming mga magulang ang kanilang anak, dahil sa takot na baka mamatay din ang mga matuturuan ng bakuna ng dengue. Sa nakalipas na ilang buwan, hindi matinag ng gobyerno ang mga magulang na pahintulutan ng mabakunahan ang kanilang mga anak.

So, hindi malayo, ayon sa tatlong ito, na ang remedyong naisip ng mga matatalino ay simple: alisin ang daloy ng tubig sa mga gripo, bayaang mag-impok ng tubig ang mga tao sa mga lagayan. At dahil maraming nakaimbak na tubig na malinis, doon nangingitlog ang mga lamok na may dalang dengue, kasi di naman sila nangingitlog sa tubig na marumi.

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A briefing for incoming first year college students

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Later on organizations may offer to take you to areas where there is fighting between the military and rebel armies. This act essentially puts you in danger. And there are many instances too when students are caught in the crossfire or harassed by the military and this leads to their being delayed or unable to finish their studies.

This is why degree programs which have field work activities always ensure that these fieldwork placements are not in fighting zones.

If you choose this with eyes wide open than I respect you. But often such organizations normalize this so that you must take a second look before realizing that putting people in danger is not the work of school organizations.

Also, as someone sworn to protect your welfare, as someone who has sworn to keep you safe and help you maximize your learnings and finish your studies, I strongly advise you not to make such a choice.

Time to be the discerning adult that you are. If what you are experiencing is hazing or some form of dangerous activity – get out of there. Such practices are not only illegal, they are plain immoral.

2. Organizations that ask you to prioritize activities over your studies.

Often this is rationalized by saying that your classes are irrelevant and that you must prioritize a higher nationalist cause. In UP, you will hear of these organizations soon enough because many of their leaders are indeed those types who do not attend classes, do not submit requirements, and often fail, drop, or get incompletes. In short they are barely students.

You may admire their zeal and commitment at first. But as a fellow professor of mine has said, “May daya ang mga ganito (There is an element of cheating here).” You are indeed an iskolar ng bayan or iskolar ng magulang (scholar of the people or scholar of your parents) and all the laws, policies, and academic traditions say that your main duty at this point to self, family, and country is to learn well and get your degree. Student leaders should at least mirror what we expect of exemplary students.

Furthermore, there is absolutely no proof that the alternative education you get from extracurricular organizations is superior to that which you would get from your regular courses. In fact, there is abundant proof that it is not.

Extracurricular activities and studies are meant to enhance and supplement classroom learning. They are not meant to replace this. Any organization that asks you to do that is selling you short.

3. Organizations that ask you to spend less time with family and older friends are dangerous.

A few organizations on campus are actually undemocratic. They are more after exclusivist in-group agendas that ask you to diminish your social relations such that later you find that the only real identity you can relate to is with that group.

Strange as it may seem, even the smartest students can be slowly sucked in by these maneuvers. They do not start by asking you to spend less time with your family or friends. That only start later when they have convinced you to join them and you believe in the worthiness of their cause.

Then they will praise you for spending more and more time on organizational work and activities and show displeasure at your attempts to balance studies and family life with organizational life.

As always, you can always choose to go down this path. As long as you know that you are being led down the path and you agree to go there.

But again, unless your family is abusive and extremely dysfunctional and unless your older friends are false friends, I strongly ask you to double check with your own common sense whenever any group asks you hide things from your family and to limit rather than expand social relations.

4. Organizations that vilify or demonize “enemies” may be psychologically unhealthy for you.

Whether it is another frat or sorority, a hatred for women or LGBT people, or a person or group labeled counter revolutionary, heathen, or infidel – you have to think twice about learning to hate.

The goal of your education is to teach you to take evidence-based and ethical positions on issues whether scientific or political or religious. Another goal is that you must learn how to handle differences of standpoint and opinion. One can disagree very strongly. Debates in academia are wonderful things to see especially when experts and scholars hold forth on matters they have spent their lives studying.

But the basic tenet of all learning is the understanding that one can only have part of the truth. All truths are provisional. To hold fast to principle even while entertaining doubt is a basic learning across all sciences.

Thus we can get angry at ideas and concepts but not at the people who hold these ideas. We can criticize without demonizing and be criticized without thinking that those who oppose us are demons.

Organizations that emphasize in-group loyalty, demonize critics, and resort to pushing other students and groups away are essentially undemocratic and are not teaching you social solidarity.

5. Be aware that many student organizations are actually tied

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Help define how our democracy will survive



BY: MARIA RESSA (WWW.RAPPLER.COM)
(PART 1)

Rappler CEO Maria Ressa addressed the Ateneo School of Medicine and Public Health's Class of 2019 on Sunday, August 11, urging them to build their identity, profession, and the nation's democracy by embracing their values, their fears, and their journey.

A total of 148 graduates received their dual MD/Master of Business Administration degrees. “You will help define what our society will look like and how our democracy will survive and evolve,” she told the graduates at the Meralco Theater. “This is a time of creative destruction. Even as we see what’s being destroyed around us, remember: we are creating the future now,” she said.

Below is the full text of her speech.

Congratulations, Class of 2019!

You're graduating at an existential moment in history.

When global power structures are turned upside down by technology, triggering an erosion of all our rights.

When journalists around the world are under attack, democracy is under attack.

I know this firsthand: in 14 months, the Philippine government filed at least 11 cases and investigations. I was arrested twice in a 5-week period early this year, and I've posted bail 8 times in about 3 months. In order to travel, I have to post more than P500,000 in bonds.

Journalism is not a crime.

Yet, I've seen social media and our legal system weaponized against us – and any other perceived critics of government.

We hold the line. Because we live our mission. Because – as Time Magazine wrote – we are the Guardians of Truth.

This battle for truth is the battle of our generation.

Now more than ever, we know that information is power. Without the right information, it's impossible to fight back – whether it's to find a cure for a disease or to hold power to account.

We need to fight the insidious manipulation social media technology platforms have allowed: where lies laced with anger and hate spread faster than facts.

These lies are like a virus that has infected our information ecosystem, playing to the worst of human nature, turning us against each other. They replicate and cripple our body politique – spreading a disease that still has no cure.

A lie told a million times becomes a fact. Without facts, we don't have truth. Without truth, there is no trust.

This is why democracy is broken, not just in the Philippines but around the world.

I'd like to share 3 lessons with you as you go into battle for your identity, your profession, our democracy.

Embrace your values because with that comes your humanity.

Embrace your fears.

Embrace your journey.

Embrace your values

Remember why you chose to become a doctor.

You chose a specialized degree that has an embedded mission for a broken society. Seven out of 10 Filipinos die without ever seeing a doctor, and the statistics promise you no sleep – like: only 3 public doctors for every 100,000 people.

To those who chose business, how are you going to fight corruption?

Life is all about making choices. That's what we do every minute of the day.

These little choices define who you are, and if you're not clear about your values, you may wake up when you're older and realize you don't like the person you've become

Every choice defines who you are, and they could be really simple like choosing to turn right instead of left – they lead to different paths. Or accepting a bribe because in your mind you've rationalized it as a gift.

Character is created in the sum of all these little choices we make.

Now, while you're sitting there before going into battle, choose the values that define you. Do it now. Because when you're tested – and it will come if it hasn't already – you have to know the lines you've set.

Draw the line: on this side you're good; on this side you're evil.

This is what prevents situational ethics. This makes sure you can't rationalize bad behavior.

You don't really know who you are until you're forced to defend it. Then every battle you win, or lose, every compromise you choose to make...or to walk away from – all these struggles define the values you live by and, ultimately, who you are.

Then when you're in battle, avoid the hate: the US against THEM, rich vs poor, dilawan vs DDS – these labels are meant to divide us. Populism is easy. Real leadership is not.

Find what we all have in common. That's our humanity.

Alone we accomplish very little – no matter how bright or talented you are. It's about what we can do together, to find what binds us together.

We build a stronger democracy by strengthening our common humanity.

Embrace your fears

I've been asked a lot in the past year: are you **TO BE CONTINUED NEXT WEEK**

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

IN RE: PETITION FOR ADOPTION OF THE MINOR PETER JOSH GABRIEL PORTE PLACIDO,

SPOUSES PERRIE NINA ANGELIE P. RAMOS AND MICHAEL D. RAMOS,

-Petitioner

-versus-

LOCAL CIVIL REGISTRAR OF BAGUIO CITY, PHILIPPINE STATISTICS AUTHORITY, AND AURELIO G. PLACIDO JR.,

-Respondents,

SPECIAL PROCEEDINGS CASE NO. 19-SP-1992

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ORDER

Petitioners, through counsel, filed a verified Petition for Adoption, praying that after due notice, publication and hearing, judgement be rendered declaring minor Peter Josh Gabriel Porte Placido the child of petitioner Michael D. Ramos and that the adoptee shall be known for all purposes and registered in the Civil Registry of Baguio City as PETER JOSH GABRIEL PORTE RAMOS.

WHEREFORE, finding the Petition to be sufficient in form and substance, the petitioners are 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 recommendations, and furnishing copies thereof to the Office of the Solicitor General and to the Office of the Provincial Prosecutor of Benguet. The said offices may or may not file the Comment to said REPORTS.

The REPORT 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 October 9, 2019 at 9:00 o'clock in the morning.

Let this ORDER be published at the expense of the Petitioner in the THE JUNCTION, a newspaper of general circulation in Baguio City and Benguet Province and the Cordillera Administrative Region, once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks. The first publication to be made not later August 25, 2019. All interested 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 Petition and its annexes, to the Office of the Solicitor general; the Office of the Provincial Prosecutor of Benguet; the Local Civil Registrar of Baguio City; the Philippine Statistics Authority; and the Court Social Worker. Furnish copies of this ORDER to THE Junction and the petitioners and counsel.

SO ORDERED.

IN CHAMBER, this 14th day of August 2019, at La Trinidad, Benguet, Philippines.

(SGD) MARIETTA S. BRAWNER - CUALING
Judge

August 17, 24 & 31, 2019

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up with larger political formations with pre-set programs and ideologies.

There is nothing wrong with this except that some organizations initially are vague about these affiliations. If an organization is not upfront about its national or international affiliations, and you only learn about this through hints and actions, ask yourself why they are not being above-board.

Let me stress again that you have every right to join such organizations. But do consider your choices. Personally I prefer organizations which do not hide anything from the start.

6. Professors, teachers, and instructors should not interfere with student politics. Beware of teachers who bias your choices and beware of the organizations these teachers want you to choose.

Editorial

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“alternative influence network” of “political influencers” on YouTube that have “adopt[ed] the techniques of brand influencers to build audiences and ‘sell’ them on far-right ideology.”

While many may start out watching news reports or political explainers from a trusted media outlet, chances are YouTube’s autoplay algorithm may still lead to more fringe or extremist content. Investigations from the Wall Street Journal and BuzzFeed News, among others, reveal that YouTube’s recommendation algorithm is an “engagement monster” that compels users to go down the digital rabbit hole – clicking and watching video after video after video. Zeynep Tufekci of the University of North Carolina notes that the algorithm “promotes, recommends, and disseminates videos...that appears to constantly up the stakes.”

Feeding this engagement beast is crucial for YouTube – and Google’s – bottom line. The longer users are glued to their screen, the more users are there to watch ads. In 2018, YouTube’s Chief Product Officer Neal Mohan revealed that users are influenced by artificial intelligence-driven recommendation 70% of the time they spend on watching videos.

The confluence of extremist content and the need to feed the engagement beast (and Google’s coffers) can make YouTube as “the great radicalizer.”

YouTube told BuzzFeed News that it is addressing this problem by changing their algorithms to recommend content from authoritative sources. The site has also introduced “information panels” which provides users sources to fact-check content.

As online platforms confront their responsibility as primary sources of information to more people, users are also advised to be mindful of the content they engage with.

Read the full report here: Tracking Digital Disinformation in the 2019 Philippine Midterm Election. – Rappler.com

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agement Council (CDRRMC) building devoted for potential evacuees could be freed for other purposes to improve the city government’s disaster risk reduction and management during the calamities.

The previous members of the City Council approved the so-called City Shelter Plan 2018-2022 that detailed the interventions to be initiated by the city government, in coordination with concerned stakeholders, to effectively and efficiently address the rapidly increasing housing needs of the growing population of the city.

The city mayor emphasized the need for the city government to maximize the potential uses of its existing city-owned properties to provide decent housing for its qualified beneficiaries considering its limited land area amidst its rapidly increasing population due to the in-migration from the other areas contributing to the problems of housing.

He urged concerned stakeholders to support the initiative of the city government in providing decent housing for the qualified beneficiaries to help address the proliferation of informal settlers in the different barangays that negatively impact on private properties, safeguarded lands and forest reservations that are often squatted upon because of the absence of decent housing for them. */Dexter A. See*

the United States have created an

Window hours set for...

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On July 26, a portion of the Sitio Camp 5 with a length of more than 50 meters eroded covering a portion of Kennon Road and even affecting some residential houses. The debris was cleared but the area remained closed to residents and non-residents to ensure safety of people and properties in the area.

The CRDRRMC also recommend earlier that residents leaving in Camp 4 down to Camp 1 going up to Baguio City could take Marcos Highway rather than risk their lives walking thru the landslide affected area. *(RMC/PIA-CAR)*

Kakampi mo ang batas

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ang mga lamok na magdadala ng dengue, sinasabi ng tatlong ito na biglang tumaas ang bilang ng mga nagkakasakit nito. Na siyang nagbibigay-daan ngayon sa mga ineresadong grupo na isulong ang pagbabakuna, di na lamang ng dengue vaccine, kundi pati na noong bakuna na sinasabing nakamatay ng maraming bata. Totoo ba ito Department of Health? Ano po ang masasabi ninyo?

Demolition of Dairy Farm...

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Social Welfare and Development Office, of the approximately 150 illegal structures that were erected within portions of the ceded property, some 35 structures were described as small structures and are not being actually occupied because the owners have houses in the different barangays in the city and that they only come to the place during their scheduled meetings.

Further, 21 of the informal settlers have tax declarations issued by the City Assessor’s Office but the same is not a conclusive proof of ownership as this is only for taxation purposes.

Of the over 8-hectare property, the city government plans to use some 4 hectares to accommodate the proposed construction of a south-bound bus terminal, 3 hectares will be used to accommodate the proposed waste-to-energy plant, while the remaining over 1 hectare is earmarked for multi-use.

Concerned local officials were tasked to meet with the identified informal settlers to inform them about the position of the city government prior to the issuance of the appropriate demolition orders once they will defy the appeal of the city for them to voluntarily dismantle their illegal structures to avoid conflicts that will arise on the said matter as the city needs the property for its upcoming development projects. */Dexter A. See*

Beware of teachers who recruit you to organizations and beware of these organizations that rely on the power and influence of teachers to gain membership. Some will require you to join political events such as rallies and pickets without bothering to tell you how that is related to course objectives. Or, if they explain, you still cannot see the relationship. If this happens, remember that teachers must respect your political or religious choices and cannot impose their own. Even if they say that a rally or picket or activity they require of you is a learning activity, you may still request an alternative activity if you do not agree or understand the standpoint that the rally or is pushing.

In short, any teacher who requires you to join a political or religious activity or express a political or religious opinion which you do not agree with is violating your rights.

Beware of teachers who stir you toward one particular organization too. Or who would influence who you would vote for in student elections.

Other teachers ask you to come to their homes, do extra work for them outside class, accompany them on trips. These are often opportunities for sexual harassment and other forms of abuse. These are all unacceptable.

Other teachers dangle examination leaks or tips to those who are members of their preferred organizations. This is also unethical and wrong.

Those teachers who do this should actually be thrown out of the university. Though they may be intimidating you should find the courage to report them to you’re the administration.

Release your inner nerd

I must add though that while I must warn you against the bad behavior of a few teachers, most teachers I know are caring professionals who do not agree with the behavior of a few bad apples amongst us.

Choosing the right organization, asserting your right to have more than one organizational affiliation, or deciding not to join an organization is one of the things you will have to do during the years you will be in university. Making the right choice, avoiding organizations that will get in the way of your studies and goals will be crucial to your growth as a person, your enjoyment of college life, and your future success.

Welcome. Release your inner nerd. These can be some of the best years of your life. – Rappler.com

Sylvia Estrada Claudio teaches at the University of the Philippines in Diliman.

Monsoon rains trigger soil erosion in Baguio

Thirteen days of intense rains due to Southwest monsoon or habagat left Baguio City with 10 incidences of soil erosion leading to five cases of collapsed structures, three landslides and an overflowing canal resulting to 15 families composed of 48 individuals evacuated from their homes.

This was based on the monitoring of the City Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office (CDRRMO) covering the

period August 3-15, 2019.

Evacuees are staying with their relatives but the City Social Welfare and Development Office have already delivered relief packs while safety of their homes are yet to be stabilized.

During the heavy rains, the CDRRMO responded to 38 individuals in emergency cases due to trauma and medical needs while 12 individuals were assisted for medical transport per report of Stephanie P. Trinidad,

LDRRMO I - CDRRMO Operations and Warning Section.

Heavy rains also affected six electrical and communication lines including three traffic and street lights while 15 incidences of fallen trees and branches were reported.

At the height of monsoon rains on August 12, the house of Noel Lumintang fell into a 40-50 meter cliff at Green Summerville Subdivision, Bakakeng Norte. Lumintang has already evacuated before the incident.

Over 15 motor and vehicular accidents were

also reported as thick fog enveloped the city causing zero visibility.

While the rains eased by August 16, several major thoroughfares inbound for Baguio City remains closed to motorist due to landslides and road cut including Governor Pack Road near BGH Rotunda which was closed to traffic due to scoured and hanging footing of a welcome arc.

Kennon Road remains closed and motorists are advised to take Marcos Highway or Baguio-Bauang Road. The Tawang-Ambiong Road in La Trinidad is also

closed to traffic due to road cut since August 13.

The Benguet-Nueva Vizcaya Road is open but some portions of the road are one lane passable due to series of soil erosions in Bokod.

The Baguio-Bontoc Road or the Halsema Highway is open but several portions are one lane passable due to soil erosion specifically Ambassador, Tublay; Pilando, Amgaleygey and Pakpakitan, Buguias; Caliking, Paoay, Topdac and Cattubo, Atok. The Busa Section

in Sabangan, Mountain Province remains closed due to road cut, motorist are advised to take the alternate route via Bauko, Mountain Province.

Meanwhile, Cordillera Administrative Region, Ilocos Region, Cagayan Valley, Zambales and Bataan will continue to experience cloudy skies with scattered rain showers and thunderstorms caused by the Southwest monsoon./Jessa Mardy Samidan

La Trinidad to offer investors... from page 8

facturing and assembly, agri-business and food processing, property development, financial institutions such as banks. They need to be accredited to be entitled to the incentives, Olsim stressed.

The first step an investor needs to do is to register with the Local Investment Board (LIB) through the Investment Assistance and Promotions Office.

Investor application will be evaluated and approved by the LIB prior to the issuance of a certificate of registration. Upon grant of registration, the applicant has to pay a processing fee.

To date there are about 8,000 entrepreneurs in the municipality categorized as micro to medium.

In encouraging investors, Olsim said, "If money is idle, it does not accelerate economic growth but if invested it produces repercussions in the local economy as it creates livelihood and employs people." (JDP/SCA-PIA CAR, Benguet)

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degradable wastes can be stored.

Cover the biodegradable wastes with a small amount of soil for drying and repeat the process, until filled. The compost can be used in one to two months for their backyard garden, he said.

Buyucan said they will coordinate with the departments of agriculture and environment and natural resources for technical training on composting in residential and commercial areas.

Earlier, Mayor Benjamin Magalong urged residents and business owners in the city to adopt their own backyard composting methods and technologies to lessen the city's biodegradable waste production.

The mayor said it is high time to instill the practice of composting their biodegradable wastes.

In a meeting with the city's department heads on August 7, the mayor urged departments concerned to prepare business owners along Session Road for the new composting requirement which the city will impose soon.

"Every business especially restaurants should have their own composting facility," the mayor said, tasking the GSO to disseminate information on simple composting methods that can be done by businessmen.

At present, the city government faces a garbage disposal problem due to a large lot area that can be used as landfill. Other jurisdictions adjacent to Baguio have refused to accept the city's proposal to make a landfill that will be used by the BLISTT (Baguio, La Trinidad, Itogon, Sablan, Tuba and Tublay).

Baguio currently hauls its residual wastes to the sanitary landfill in Urdaneta City, Pangasinan. As of 2018, the city government has spent over a billion pesos to manage and haul the garbage to the private landfill./Liza Agoot (PNA)

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Transportation and Communications
LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARD
Cordillera Administrative Region
Baguio City

CLAYTON M. PABLO
Applicant

CASE No. 2015-CAR-662
NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application filed on Aug. 13, 2019 for the approval of EXTENSION of VALIDITY of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate PUJ Service for the transportation of passengers and freights on the line: BAGUIO PLAZA - TUDINGMANGGA and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit.

NOTICE is hereby given that this Board shall hear this application on Sept. 3, 2019 at 2:30 PM the LTRFB Office, Pactical Baguio City in which date and time applicant shall formally submit his/her 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 Engr. LALAIN E. SOBREMORTE, OIC-Regional Director, this 13TH day of AUGUST 2019, Baguio City. **ATTY. LAIRD DIONEL N. URBANOZO**
Hearing Officer

Notice of Extrajudicial Settlement

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of FELICISIMO ESTEBAL, who died on February 9, 2011 at New York City, NY U.S.A was extrajudicially settled by the heirs on August 6, 2019 as evidenced by Doc. No. 76; Page No. 17; Book No. X; Series of 2019 before the Notary Public Vicente Jose M. Angeles.

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2016 or the city's Environment Code, establishments that discharge over 12 cubic meters of waste water are mandated to put up their own waste water treatment facilities to ensure that water being discharged from their businesses to help in sustaining the good water quality of the different bodies of water in the different parts of the city but the same has been grossly violated by existing businesses based in various parts of the city, thus, the need for the concerned offices of the local government to intensify its campaign against those that illegally discharge their waste water to the river systems.

Magalong expressed his gratitude to the owners of big establishments around the city for their positive response to his request for them to put up their own STPs to help the local government significantly reduce the volume of waste water being directly discharged to the various bodies of water considering that one of his priorities is revitalize the city's environment./Dexter A. See

Extrajudicial Settlement of the estate of Spouses Damian and Angelita Domalsin with simultaneous Waiver of Hereditary Rights

Notice is hereby given that the estate of spouses Damian and Angelita Domalsin who died on January 5, 2017 and September 6, 2012, respectively at Baguio General Hospital Baguio City pertaining to a Cogonal land with tax declaration number 7394 located at Loklok Gawana Barlig, Mountain Province is the subject of an extrajudicial settlement of estate with simultaneous waiver of hereditary rights among the heirs as per Doc. No. 25; Page No. 03, Book No. XXXVII; series of 2019 of the notarial Registry of Notary Public Robles G. Calabias of Baguio City on August 14, 2019.

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SALE OF PUBLIC LAND

Notice is hereby given that the Patent and Deeds, DENR-CAR at PENRO Benguet, Wangal, La Trinidad, Benguet will sell through oral bidding at exactly 10 o'clock (10:00) A.M. on December 23, 2019 the tract of land described below:

Location:	Res. Sec. "L", Irisan, Baguio City
Description:	RESIDENTIAL LAND
Area:	232 Square Meters
Appraised Value of Land:	Php1,775.00 per square meter
Improvements:	Php 1,950,000.00
Reference:	TSA 131102-2230 HILARIO REGNER DIOQUINO

No bid shall be accepted that does not equal at least two-thirds (2/3) of the appraised value of the land. In order that a person may be entitled to participate in the bidding, he must, before the commencement thereof, make a deposit of at least ten percent (10%) of his bid. A person bidding in representation of another may do so under a duly executed power-of-attorney and presentation of any authorized identification card. During the bidding, the bidder has to make an additional deposit every time his bid is raised to complete the 10% of his raised bid; otherwise, such bid as raised shall not be accepted. The chairman of the Bidding Committee reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Only deposits in cash, postal money order, certified check, cashier's check and manager's check can be accepted.

All persons interested to participate in the scheduled public auction sale shall submit pre-qualification requirements and subjected to pre-qualification screening on or before fifteen (15) days prior to the day of the auction sale as provided for under the provisions of DENR Memorandum Circular No. 2007-11, series of 2007.

Any bidder must possess all the qualifications and none of the disqualifications to acquire a parcel of land in consonance with the provisions of law; he or his spouse should no be an owner of any home lot within the City of Baguio; he must be equipped with a Certificate of No-Home lot to be secured at the City Assessor's Office and a Voter's I.D. (to verify citizen); marriage contract; and birth certificate, which ever is applicable to be presented to the Bidding Committee before the start of the bidding. non-compliance thereof will be an outright ground for disqualification of any interested bidder.

The successful bidder, if other than the applicant, shall reimburse the latter within a period of 120 days from the date of bidding of the total value of the improvements, the expenses for the publication of the notice of auction sale and the survey cost of the land.

DENR-CAR, Wangal, La Trinidad, Benguet, Philippines, 18 JULY 2019.

(SGD) CARLOS S. ARIDA, SR., PHD
PENR Officer

Aug. 17, 24, 31 & Sept 7, 14, 21, 2019

Baguio to require households, firms to have composting areas



BIODEGRADABLE WASTES. A worker at the city's Environment Recycling System situated at the former Irisan dumpsite applies a 'deodorizer' to the biodegradable wastes from the city market for conversion to compost fertilizer. The city will soon require all

households and establishments to compost their own biodegradable wastes as required under the ecological solid waste management law. (PNA photo by Liza T. Agoot)

BAGUIO CITY – The city government will soon require all households and establishments to have their own composting areas for biodegradable wastes, an official said on Wednesday.

Eugene Buyucan, city General Services Office (GSO) head, said anybody can compost their biodegradable wastes due to its simple procedure and requires only a minimal space even in houses without backyards.

“Makakagawa na tayo ng compost fertilizer pero dapat ang residente mismo mag-adopt pa rin ng waste management, mag compost ng nabubulok na basura (While we are capable of making compost fertilizer from biodegradable wastes, this is not our goal, we are still encouraging residents to manage their wastes and have their own compost),”

said Buyucan, whose office handles the garbage issues of Baguio.

If residents and establishments adopt composting methods, he said the city government does not have to collect biodegradable wastes.

Buyucan said the city collects an average of 50 tons of biodegradable wastes, mostly collected from the city market, which are processed at the city's environment recycling system (ERS) located at the former Irisan dumpsite. After processing, 12 tons of compost is produced.

The official said Republic Act 9003 or the ecological solid waste management act requires that residents manage their biodegradable wastes by having their own compost pits or bins.

The law also encourages residents to segregate their

garbage - biodegradable, residual, recyclable. Business owners are also required to adopt composting methods.

Buyucan said backyard composting is the obligation of residents under the provisions of the law to help the concerned government agencies and local governments address the garbage disposal concerns in their areas of jurisdiction.

He said residents can go into urban gardening in their homes using the compost soil they are able to produce.

“If everybody will do compost, we can have successful urban gardening where residents would be able to produce simple vegetables for their consumption,” he said.

He added that a simple composting method would only require any container where bio- **Cont. on page 7**

La Trinidad to offer investors tax holiday, other incentives

LA TRINIDAD, Benguet - The local government will soon offer tax and other forms of incentives to attract local and foreign investors in the locality.

Valred Olsim, the Local Investment Officer designate and current Municipal

Tourism Action Officer, presented to entrepreneurs the concept, processes and details of the incentives for investors during the Micro Small and Medium Entrepreneurs (MSME) Development Week held from August 10-16.

Olsim said the local government intends to implement this year the municipality's Investments and Incentives Code passed in 2017 which intends to attract new investors and sustain existing investments and encourage their

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expansion to create and maintain a business-friendly environment that will boost economy as it creates job opportunities, increase revenue and income, and provide employment as a way to alleviate poverty.

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Business permit applications in city increasing

BAGUIO CITY – The City Permits and Licensing Division under the City Mayor's Office reported a significant increase in the number of business permit applications during the first month of the present administration compared to those who applied for the issuance of permits during the same period last year.

City Permits and Licensing Officer Allan Abayao disclosed that from July 1-31, 2019, there were some 1,020 permits that were issued by the said office which is 31.08 percent more than the 731 permits that were issued by the local government during the same month last year.

However, he claimed that the number of special permits issued by the local government in July this year which was 1,389 was lower by 11.35 percent compared to the 1,567 special permits as existing investors who plan to modernize, diversify or expand their business ventures.

that were issued in the same period last year.

Last year, the local government issued a total of 28,250 regular and special permits wherein 20,709 were classified as regular permits while 7,541 were special permits.

From January 1 to July 31 this year, Abayao stated that the local government was able to already issue some 20,037 regular permits and some 5,709 special permits or a total of 25,738 regular and special permits.

In terms of closure orders, Abayao revealed that Mayor Benjamin B. Magalong was able to issue some 498 closure orders wherein 460 orders were already served to the establishments while 38 have yet to be implemented.

He explained that 235 of the issued closure orders were issued by former Mayor Mauricio Domogan and were re-issued by Mayor Magalong for consistency purposes.

The city permits and licensing officer stated that there had been a consistent increase in the number of regular business permits that were issued by the local government over the past 5 years and even during the first 7 months of this year which shows that the city remains to be a favourite investment hub of individuals interest-

ed to do business considering that Baguio city is the trade and commerce center of the Cordillera.

Based on the statistics obtained from the City Permits and Licensing office, the local government issued some 17,158 regular permits in 2014, 18,370 regular permits in 2015, 19,083 regular permits in 2016, 19,590 regular permits in 2017 and 20,709 regular permits last year.

Abayao stipulated that the local government will be able to exceed the number of regular permits that were issued last year based on the established trend of increasing number of applications for issuance of regular permits from individuals interested to conduct businesses in the different parts of the city.

Earlier, the local government streamlined the issuance of business permits wherein applicants can be issued their desired permits in less than one hour once their requirements are complete and will be fed into the system for processing.

Abayao appealed to the applicants to ensure that their documentary requirements are complete when processing their applications with the office so that they can be issued the same within an hour after their documents shall have been entered into the system./Dexter A. See

Fiscal incentives include local business tax holiday for two to five years depending on the criteria which they fall. They will also be exempted from permit fees except those that defray municipal services like garbage fees.

Non-fiscal incentives are

general assistance which includes networking, identification of suppliers and partners, participation in business promotion events, assistance in the provision of general services including the provision of relevant data, assistance in site validation among others.

Covered in the incentives packages are identified investment priority areas such as agricultural production, infrastructure, tourism facilities, manu-

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