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BAGUIO CITY AND BENGUET

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City Firm in Clearing Illegal Structures in the City Market

BAGUIO CITY - Despite the city giving notices to stall owners in the city market to voluntarily remove/dismantle all illegal structures and /or extensions introduced in their stalls, still, there are willful owners who did not comply with the order of the city.

Initial investigation has been conducted by the City Buildings and Architecture Office, Peace and Order Safety Division and the City Market Division of the Treasury Office on the actual occupants of the stalls.

Mayor Mauricio Domogan directed the City Market Division to fast tract the investigation and inventory of illegal structures in order for the city to implement the clearing of the city market.

Domogan stressed, "it is very clear under tax ordinance no. 2000-001 that no alteration, improvement or partition may be effected or constructed without the authority or permit issued by the CBAO and with the approval of the Sangguniang Panlungsod."

Also, BCMA Resolution Nos. 014-2013 and 007-2014 states, "all constructions, extensions and illegal structures caused by leaseholders to their stalls without permission by the BCMA, the city council or the CBAO must be removed immediately."/Jho Arranz



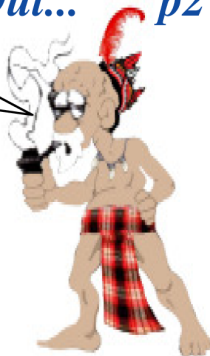
HAPPILY DETHRONED - Mayor Mauricio Domogan is all smiles as he formally turns over the duties and responsibilities as the city's top executive to Scout Official For-A-Day (SOFAD) City Mayor Lorenzo Ian Go while Cong. Nicasio Aliping Jr looks on approvingly during the mass oath-taking ceremony of SOFADs at city hall October 13. - Bong Cayabyab

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Dapat lang na tanggalin ang mga ilegal na istraktura, kaya nga ilegal, bakit papayagan na manatili !!!

LG KOMENTARYO; ISANG PALAISIPAN
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Oplan Kaluluwa Flower, Candle Sale Guidelines Out

BAGUIO CITY – The city government issued the guidelines for the “Oplan Kaluluwa 2014” sale of flowers and candles in observance of All Saints Day on Nov. 1.

A total of 150 stalls will be rented out to vendors who will be allowed to sell from October 26 to November 1 at the Jadewell parking area at Burnham Park.

The city treasury office under city treasurer Alicia Onoza will begin issuing application forms on a first-come-first-served basis on October 21 upon the submission of the requirements by the applicants.

Accomplished forms may be submitted on the same day together with the payment of P720 representing taxes and fees. Those lacking any requirement will not be given the form.

Applicant vendors must be bonafide residents of Baguio, of legal age, must have no flower stall at the city market or Marbay vicinity and must not have committed any violation during the previous years.

It was also emphasized that applicants must not have relatives among the other applicants.

The requirements are two copies of 2"x2" photo, barangay clearance and residence certificate.

Upon submission and payment of fees, the successful applicants will be given their assigned stall number.

They will secure special permit at the permits and licensing division On October 24.

During the sale, only flowers and candles will be allowed for sale and display in the vending areas. Other items will be confiscated.

Swapping of stalls, cooking of food and gambling within the area will strictly be prohibited and the vending area must be clean at all times.

Violation of the guidelines will mean no permit for the next three years./A Refuerzo

Mayor's B-Day Cup Raises P825,000

The trophies at stake last week-end at the par 69 Camp John Hay course – replicas of city mayor Mauricio Domogan with his club and Igorot g-string – may have been too few for an annual tournament that just grows bigger each year.

Still, registrants from all over came in droves, with 257 squeezing their way into the Jack Nicklaus layout, with many skipping lunch just to be in, prompt-

ing the mayor to ask early serving of dinner at the capacity-filled Forest Lodge before the trophies were presented.

For many, there's a whole year to train for the Domogan Golf Tournament 2015. Of the moment that evening was how much the enthusiasts and their sponsors raised for beneficiary programs, civic clubs and charities trying to help this upland community closer to what it should be.

It was a record every-

VP Binay Slams Gov't for 'Selective Justice,' Expresses Sympathy for Gloria

He also called out his accuser, former Makati City vice mayor Ernesto Mercado, for being ungrateful when he said, “Itong testigong ito pinalamon ko po sa kamay ko iyan.”

Vice President Jejomar Binay slammed his critics anew in his speech at the 5th MCLE (Mandatory Continuing Legal Education) Accredited National Convention of Public Attorneys at the Manila Hotel.

Iron predicament

The 71-year-old Binay's heated speech was seen by pundits as his symbolic break from the fold of President Noynoy Aquino.

Ironically, at the same event, the Public Attorney's Office (PAO) gave Binay an “Outstanding Vice President” trophy.

Criticizing the administration

However, Binay's newly received award didn't deter him from blasting the administration.

“There is selective justice. Kaming opisyon ang laging tina-target,” Binay stated. “Matapos mapakulong ‘yung tatlo (sina Senador Bong Revilla, Juan Ponce Enrile at Jinggoy Estrada), wala na. Si Secretary Abad, ayaw magbigay ng dokumento ng DAP (Disbursement Acceleration Program). Si General Purisima...walang kaso.”

Binay went on to express his sympathy for former President and current Pampanga Rep. Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo. He pointed out, “Kababaing tao, naging presidente, may sakit pa, tama ba iyan? Palagay ko hindi tama iyan.”

Mad at Mercado

Once again, Binay declared that he will not be showing up at the Senate for the probe on the Makati City Hall Building II.

“I won't dignify that kind of proceeding by attending it. Ladies and gentlemen, I am the vice president of the Republic of the Philippines,” he said.

As for his accuser, former Makati City vice mayor Ernesto Mercado, Binay had this to say: “Itong testigong ito pinalamon ko po sa kamay ko iyan. Umiiyak pa iyan. Nangyari lamang po iyan (Mercado's accusations) kasi noong matalo s'ya, nawalan s'ya ng delihensya.”/ANC-YAHOO

one was waiting for: P825,000 that the mayor, together with former Rep. Bernardo Vergara, distributed to the traditional and new beneficiaries.

“Alay sa Kalinisan”, the multi-agency and citizen-based umbrella organization that helped catapult Baguio as pioneer to the Hall of Fame in the annual search for the

cleanest and greenest local government units in the country, received P400,000 support.

“Balikatan sa Kaunlaran”, the group working for the city's day care children, got P30,000 share while the Palliative Care Program of the St. Louis University Hospital of the Sacred Heart, received a P150,000 subsidy.

Newcomer Baguio General Hospital and Medical Center Dialysis Patients and Partners Association, established this year by close to 200 patients undergoing life-time blood-cleansing treatment, netted P70,000 from the proceeds.

The support fund came on the heels of “Straight into Baguio's Heart”, a three-bracket foot race for dialysis patients the mayor

Hotel, Restaurant Owners Receptive to Reasonable Tax Increase

BAGUIO CITY – Members of the Hotel and Restaurant Association of Baguio (HRAB) expressed reception to the city government's plan to increase business and real property taxes and suggested measures to temper the effects of the adjustments.

Mayor Mauricio Domogan who attended the HRAB's induction-cum-consultation on tax increase last Wednesday said that the hotel and restaurant owners understood the need for the tax hike but suggested a staggered imposition of the increase in the realty levy and the adoption of an incentive scheme for businesses with environment-friendly waste disposal systems.

“I am happy with the position of the HRAB. I hope that other sectors will also understand the necessity of increasing our taxes so we can give what is due to our city and contribute to making it a good place to live in,” the mayor said.

He said the consultations with the various sectors will continue to get the pulse of the public and determine what is reasonable to both the city government and the taxpayers.

He however cautioned the public against persons who will capitalize on the issue for political gains.

“Some people may ride on this issue to discredit me but I hope our constituents will understand that we are doing this for the sake of our city and because it is now obligatory to increase the taxes as the rates are now outdated and not in accordance with the law,” the mayor said.

The city is eyeing a 10 percent increase in business taxes under Tax Ordinance No. 2000-01 and the updated schedule of fair market values of real properties has been submitted to the Bureau of Local Government Finance (BLGF) and eventually to the city council for approval.

City treasurer Alicia Onoza earlier said the last time the city hiked the revenue rates was in 2001 or 13 years ago. She said the city has practically imposed only a ten percent adjustment from the 1974 rates under Ordinance No. 588 -74 and the city's current rates are comparatively lower than nearby cities like Urdaneta and Dagupan in Pangasinan and San Fernando City in La Union which levy business taxes higher by as much as 500 percent.

City assessor Nilda Navarro said the city is now obliged to update its schedule of real property tax valuation to comply with the New Local Government Code or the Republic Act No. 7160 provision which mandates local government units to undertake a general revision of real property tax valuation every three years. The city last implemented the revision in 1996 and since 2001 when the city government adopted Tax Ordinance 2000-001 which imposed lower assessment levels for real properties, the city has not implemented another revision for humanitarian consideration.

As a result of the city's failure to comply with the revision every three years, the city was named as among those non-complying LGUs by the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) while the city assessor's office has been given a poor rating by the BLGF.

Navarro assured that a minimal assessment level will be recommended to temper the expected huge increase in the market value as a result of the city's passing up on several revision terms since 1996./A Refuerzo

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BCPO Calls for Community Participation In Peace and Order Efforts

BAGUIO CITY - The Baguio City Police Office(BCPO) is encouraging community participation in ensuring peace and order in every city barangay with the rapidly increasing population of Baguio.

BCPO Deputy Director for Administration Police Superintendent Engelbert Soriano, in an interview over PIA Hour radio program, reported that the BCPO with its 600 strong police personnel, is continuously doing its best in maximizing police presence and in bringing in pre-emptive and preventive measures to minimize unlawful activities.

While admitting that it is hard for the BCPO to attain the ideal ratio of 1:500 or 1 policeman for every 500 person given that with the around 500,000 population of the city, tourists, students and workers who come in and out daily add up to the number, the BCPO is doing its best, Soriano said.

He disclosed that presently assisting BCPO personnel are 200 police recruits (100 from the Police Regional Office – Cordillera and 100 from the National Capital Region) who are currently on field training in the city.

Soriano stressed the importance of community participation- for the public including the students to help in keeping themselves and their community safe.

Social responsibility is another key for peace and order to be maintained, he said as he encouraged the public to be vigilant and report immediately any suspicious person or activity in their area.

He also highlighted the importance of CCTV (closed-circuit TV) cameras in households and commercial establishments which help in solving crimes.

According to Soriano, the common peace and order problems in Baguio are physical injuries, mostly alcohol-related, theft and other street crimes, and robbery or forced entry./JDP/CCD – Erin Miana and Kurt Lubos- PIA/UB interns

IPRA Law Corrects Historical Injustice, says NCIP Official

BAGUIO CITY - The passage of Republic Act 8371 or the Indigenous Peoples Rights Act (IPRA) of 1997 is necessary to correct historical injustice, fulfill constitutional mandate and observe international standards.

Thus stated former National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP) – Cordillera Officer-in-Charge Atty. John Ray Libiran during an information education campaign in line with the celebration of the Indigenous Peoples Month.

The IPRA recognizes, protects and promotes the rights of

Indigenous Cultural Communities (ICCs) and Indigenous Peoples (IPs), he said.

The passage of IPRA according to Libiran is to correct historical injustice as such for the longest time the rights of IPs have been trampled upon because there is simply no law that they can invoke to get redress for the grievances on them.

It is a given that the Philippines was not really a clean slate when the colonizers came here, he said.

Social justice is the basis of IPRA, Libiran said equating this to the classic slogan of President Ramon

BCPO Maintains High Modest Increase in Morale; Launches Blue Proposed 2015 Budget Mass

BAGUIO CITY — The morale of the men and women of the Baguio City Police Office(BCPO) remains high despite the many issues facing the police force today.

Deputy Director for Administration PSupt. Engelbert Soriano, in a radio interview, said although there could be an effect to the police such as their outlook and other aspects but their performance in delivering the needed services to the people are not affected.

“Apektado kami sa mga pangyayari sa aming mga kasamahan pero hindi pa nag spill over sa mga kapulisan at hindi din apektado ang aming performance,” said Soriano.

“Overall, the BCPO and including the Cordillera Police force are highly motivated to perform their tasks and duties to the public and to their country,” he stressed.

Among the issues hounding the PNP include the involvement of some

Magsaysay, “those who have less in life must have more in law.”

Under the law, there should be balance and equality, however, the problem in society is that we are not created equal which is a reality in life, he further said.

He explained that the Constitution gives an imprimatur in the passage of such law. It states that the rights of ICCs to their ancestral lands must be respected to ensure their economic, social, and cultural well-being.

He pointed out that even in government, the IPRA is still being questioned as there is still no common understanding of its application. But it should not be an issue anymore by reason of Constitutional mandate, he stressed.

Libiran mentioned that the IPs and the people of Baguio were among the strongest contingents that lobbied

policemen in illegal activities and issues on PNP Chief Director Alan Purisima on alleged plunder, and graft.

The BCPO is doing well and the relationship with the residents and the community is good as well, he said.

Meanwhile, the BCPO recently launched the Blue Mass as another way to boost the morale of Baguio’s Finest through spiritual guidance.

Soriano said the Blue Mass is a holy mass being sponsored by the BCPO every Sunday at 6:00AM at the Baguio Cathedral. The mass aims to enlighten the police officers and strengthen their moral and seek divine guidance in their duties.

As this is for Roman Catholics, Soriano said the BCPO is encouraging their members from the different religious sectors to organize and attend masses at their own churches.

“It is also our own little way of bringing the police closer to God, their families and the community,” Said Soriano./JDP/RMC & Kurt Lubos- UB Intern, PIA-CAR

for IPRA. The fight came from the Cordillera and the legislation was borne here and we brought it to Congress, he said.

It is significant to note that the IPRA was passed prior to the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) ratified by countries in 2007.

When there are forums about ancestral domains of IPs abroad, they are always looking at the Philippines because it is more advanced in terms of IP law, he said.

Countries with IPs like Australia and Canada do not have legislations similar to IPRA but they only have recognition of their rights. All the other countries follow the UNDRIP but the declaration is not binding.

Despite the many controversial provisions, the state law that we have is very powerful and is binding, according to

BAGUIO CITY – Mayor Mauricio Domogan has proposed a modest increase in next year’s budget.

The mayor on Thursday submitted to the city council an executive budget of P1,501,510,000 which is higher by P61,928,000 than last year’s financial plan amounting to P1,439,582,000.

The mayor earlier said he decided on a conservative figure because the city expects a minimal increase in the income from local taxes this year due to the outdated tax rates being imposed by the city on businesses and real properties.

He said the city can only maximize the income from this source if the planned tax reforms to update the antiquated rates can be implemented.

As proposed, the estimated income will come from the beginning balance of P160,000,000; tax revenue amounting to P374,450,000; non-tax revenue – P194,280,000; and external sources – P772,780,000.

The proposed expenses to cover the cost of delivery of basic services are distributed as follows: P536,610,000 for personal services; P608,025,000 for maintenance and other operating expenses; P109,143,000 for capital outlay; P67,076,000 for Disaster Risk Reduction Management Fund and P180,656,000 for development fund.

In his budget message, the mayor said the financial plan addresses the priorities set at the start of his term which are also aligned with the programs of the national government.

The said thrusts were enunciated in the budget call issued by the mayor and city budget officer Leticia Clemente:

*Sustainable environment with green governance as core thrust. The mayor said the programs must only focus on advocacy but also on research and development;

*Sustainable economy to focus on prioritizing revenue generation programs;

*Socially inclusive growth anchored on the inclusion of requirements for the development needs of the community through grassroots participatory budgeting process;

*Responsible and accountable public servants to focus on ensuring a more motivated and effective human resource; and

*Safe and resilient Baguio where programs on climate change mitigation will be prioritized.

Other programs on gender and development, senior citizens and persons with disability, Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (ADIS) and children protection were also addressed in the proposed budget./A Refuerzo

Libiran.

It is very powerful that ancestral land and ancestral domain can be claimed even inside a reservation and the claim has no limit unlike those applied for under the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Libiran said.

Even lands with 18 percent slope or more can be declared as alienable and disposable regardless of classification.

Moreover, only three bodies used to issue titles- the Land Registration Administration, DENR and the Department of Agrarian Reform. Now the NCIP can issue land titles.

Such provisions are being questioned but these are anchored on the principle of social justice, said Libiran. There is the premium which provides more rights to ICCs and IPs because they have less in life, he stressed./JDP/SCA- PIA CAR/Benguet

'Pingpong children'

They best symbolize the concern of the ongoing synod that ends on Sunday: The "pingpong children" shuttle between separated parents, are trapped in wars, or swept in often chaotic immigration waves.

Set up by Pope Paul VI in 1965, the synod convenes to give a pontiff counsel on key issues. Today's extraordinary synod, the third ever held, brought together 184 bishops plus 69 lay people, sisters and priests.

Pope Francis jolted the synod when he added six to the team that will write its "Final Report," which will anchor the October 2015 synod. "That could be a game changer," the weekly America notes.

Note the spread of Francis' choices: the cardinal-archbishop of Washington, an Italian who heads the pontifical council for culture, the president of the Korean bishops' conference, the father general of the Jesuits, the rector of the Catholic University of Buenos Aires, plus the archbishop of Tlalneapantla, Mexico.

Cardinal Luis Antonio Tagle of Manila presided over a session that heard George and Cynthia Campos from Couples for Christ in the Philippines. George is an engineer and Cynthia a psychologist. They have four children. CFC is present in all 81 Philippine dioceses and has been brought to 163 countries.

As a novice, Cynthia was told by the retreat director: "Your work is outside. God will give you a husband who will help you rear children who'll serve Him." That turned out to be George who, at age 46, quit his job of 25 years. "I spent the first

EDITORIAL half of my life serving this firm," he told the owner. "Now, I'll spend the second half serving the Lord."

On her fourth pregnancy, Cynthia was diagnosed with gestational diabetes and pre-eclampsia; her life was at risk. The child had a high probability of being born abnormal. Abort or risk? Choose. "We decided to abide by the will of God." She survived, and daughter Christen is now a healthy adult.

In 1998, breast cancer struck and Cynthia was given three to six months to live. Instead of letting go of CFC service, "we continued—with prayers," she said. "Now, I stand before you cured with a simple medical intervention and antibiotics."

But what about those who do not have a support group? They were stunned when a local church advisory came: CFC is "meant only for couples married in church." The synod can foster "an enlightened pastoral charity," they said. That'd inaugurate innovative forms of "accompaniment," of conjugal spirituality formation, and of inclusionary participation leading to full communion.

In a report, the New York Times quoted Cardinal Tagle as telling a news conference that some of the bishops felt the "spirit" of Vatican II in this synod. He said the mid-synod report was a marker against which bishops could "see what needs to be deepened, what needs to be clarified, and what other things should be raised."

At the synod's first plenary session on Oct. 6, Francis gave what was "akin to a bill of rights that creates a climate of freedom," Gerald O'Connell wrote. Say what you really think. And do so in total freedom and without fear of consequences.

"You bring the voice of local churches through the bishops' conferences," Francis told them. "You bring the realities of the churches, to help them to walk on that way which is the Gospel of the family."

"A cardinal wrote to me after the Consistory of Cardinals in February 2014," Francis recalled. "He said it was a pity that some cardinals did not have the courage to say certain things, thinking perhaps that the Pope thought differently."

"This is not synodality," Francis said. "It is necessary to say everything that in the Lord we feel must be said. We must listen with humility to all that our brothers say. And do so with peace, because the synod is conducted always with Peter who guarantees custody of the faith."

Today's climate of freedom departs from previous synods, where Vatican bureaucrats clamped "discreet but effective censorship," said Archbishop Jose Maria Arancedo, president of the Argentine Bishops. Even more damaging was the "self-censorship" by participants. The second week found disagreement aired by bishops from Poland and the United States.

There's consensus on the question of the indissolubility of marriage. But other positions emerged. How is mercy matched with justice? Is there a path that can open the door to the reception of the sacraments of reconciliation and communion for divorced and remarried Catholics?

"Homosexuals have gifts and qualities to offer the Christian community," says the synod document "Relatio." Reuters reported on Monday. Often they wish to encounter a Church that offers them a welcoming home. "Are we capable of guaranteeing them a further space in our communities?"

It did not change the Church's basic stand on homosexual unions. But it clearly reflects Pope Francis' desire to adopt a more merciful pastoral approach on marriage and family issues, wrote Vatican expert John Thavis.

Mercy can, in some cases, be offered too cheaply in the style of cheap grace—

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ADVOCACY MINDANOW

SURIGAO REVISITED

BY: JESUS DUREZA



BOOM TOWN — I revisited the **Caraga** region these past few days. How it lately transformed to what it is today is just remarkable. **Surigao City** is booming with new establishments. A new, plush towering **TAVERN HOTEL** faces the calming sea. It used to be a seedy hideaway. At the outside patio, many foreigners quaffed chilled beer watching rugby matches on a large TV screen outside. Across the channel, world class **Siargao** surfs beckoned. The roads are well paved and widened. Construction is still underway in several areas. A sprawling soon-to-be inaugurated Surigao del Norte provincial hospital at the outskirts is just waiting for Pres. Aquino's presence. The mining towns along the route from Butuan City are swarming with people especially at the Bad-as junction which can lead one to Placer town, a mining area and to Surigao City on the opposite direction.

POLITICAL — The **MATUGAS** clan's political control still holds strong. The provincial capitol is occupied by lady **GOV. SOL MATUGAS**, a hardworking, gracious chief executive who earned her spurs while previously serving in various capacities at the department of education & sports. When I called on her at her office last Monday well beyond office hours, she was still closeted with her key staff working closed door. It was a non-working holiday. Her husband, **CONG. FRANCISCO "Lalo" MATUGAS (2nd district)** was also set to meet with PNP Provincial **DIRECTOR JULITO DIRAY** when I walked in. He just came from a look-see visit of the new provincial hospital to make sure things were ready for the president's coming. Cong. Lalo's brother, **MAYOR ERNESTO "Nitoy" MATUGAS** runs Surigao City to **complete** the political triumvirate.

In political tandem with the **MATUGAS** clan is the **ROMARATE** family headed by **CONG. GUILLERMO ROMARATE, JR.** of the 1st district who also holds sway with his stronghold at **TUBOD** town (around 40 kilometers from Surigao City) where his daughter, **MAYOR CRISTINA HEMADY ROMARATE ARCILLAS** is town mayor. She struck me as a young, development oriented chief executive who told me over breakfast that she's still even going to school for her master's degree. "It's my dad's wish and dream," she curtly said when I showed quizzical eyes. At the provincial board as senior member is matriarch **MYRNA ROMARATE** who can potentially also go up the political ladder in 2016.

Another Surigao power block is the **BARBERS** family, principally skippered now by former legislator and cabinet member **ACE BARBERS** after the passing sometime ago of his father, legendary **ROBERT BARBERS**, policeman turned **compleat** politician.

MINING — While in Surigao, I visited several barangays around a mining site that was first opened in the early 1930s and closed in the 1980s. The people I talked to were generally supportive of mining. They were even petitioning for the mine's early resumption of operations with strong support from the locals and the officials, principally Cong. Lalo. The locals had seen over the years the benefits brought by mining to them individually and as a community. They had witnessed first hand the benefits of mining not seen or experienced by "outsiders" who, according to them only talk of "horror" stories about mining.

CO-EXIST — Contrary to popular belief, responsible mining, agriculture and community living can and DO co-exist. I saw this at a gold project site at Tubod

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PNoy fails in fight vs. poverty-Credit Suisse

BY: BATAS MAURICIO



LIFE'S INSPIRATIONS: "If you fully listen to, and obey, the Lord your God and carefully follow all his commands I give you today, the Lord your God will set you high above all the nations on earth. All these blessings will come on you and accompany you if you obey the Lord your God..." (Deuteronomy 28:1-2, the Holy Bible).

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PNOY FAILS IN FIGHT VS. POVERTY-CREDIT SUISSE: If anyone from the Aquino government's economic team needed proof that President Aquino failed to improve the lives of Filipinos with his four years in office, they must read the latest report of the Credit Suisse Group, which says that the gap between the rich and the poor in the country remains wide, and there remains a "very high inequality" in terms of wealth distribution among our citizens.

The report also confirmed that about 76 percent of the country's wealth in 2014 is controlled by a very small minority of only about 10% of our richest individuals. This 10% does not mean 10% of the entire 100 million population of the Philippines. Rather, it means that among the country's richest, only 10% of them control 76% of the country's wealth. How many are the people that we can count as the country's richest?

My perception, based on available data, is that, there are only about 100 or so families who can be considered as the Philippines' richest. Consequently, only 10% of this 100 or so families—or only about 10 families—are really very, very rich, because they are the ones that control 76% of the country's wealth. I am quite sure that these 10 very, very rich families are either foreigners or of foreign descent, and not native Filipinos.

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WHY IS PNOY BORROWING WHEN HE HAS P500 B TO SPEND? I am challenging President Aquino's finance, budget, and economic officials to kindly explain reports that his government is seeking to borrow some P284 billion, allegedly to be used in the rehabilitation of areas ravaged by Typhoon Yolanda, when, in the proposed 2015 budget, President Aquino has around P500 billion which he can disburse on his own.

Indeed, the question for Aquino is: why borrow some P284 billion when you, as President, already have, under your control, some P500 billion in unprogrammed funds and lump sum allocations for 2015? Why not use these unprogrammed funds and lump sum allocations for rehabilitation, so that you will not have to borrow so much again?

The problem really is that every time the government borrows from external and internal sources, it is not only the government that becomes indebted and obliged to pay. Every Filipino citizen, in one way or another, will be obliged to pay what the government would borrow, in terms of taxes and other government fees. Maybe Aquino can start thinking about the welfare of his countrymen, for a change?

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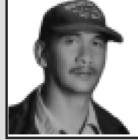
SPIRITUAL ANGLES IN RPECONOMIC WOES: If we look deeper into these economic woes, it is not difficult to see the spiritual and Biblical angles in them. Insofar as the foreigners getting richer and Filipino natives getting poorer and poorer right in the natives' own country is concerned, there is a Biblical admonition that this is going to happen, if the natives will turn their backs on God.

In Deuteronomy 28:15 and 43-44 of the Bible, we are told that if a people no longer listens to God and no longer obeys Him, He will send these people some 53 curses, principal of which is the curse of foreigners getting richer and richer, and becoming political and governmental leaders of natives as well. **Cont. on page 9**

MAGKASANGGA TAYO

Mga Maka-Kaliwa, sinasamantala ang pagkamatay ng Transgender!!!

BY: NESTOR CASTRO



Nais ko lang linawin na ang nangyari kamakailan sa Olongapo City kung saan may pinaslang na isang Transgender (she-male o lady boy kung tawagin) ng isang sundalo (US Marines) ay siyang pinagpipiyestahan ng mga maka-kanan o yun sinasabing mga leftists groups at kung ano-anong bull-shit na ang kanilang ipinagsasabi hingil dito. Nais ko lang linawin na sa aking panananaw ay masahol na krimen (murder) ang siyang naganap at para sa kin hindi mahalaga ang kasarian ng nilalang maging isa kang labakski (Vakla), Macho na babae (tomboyski) o ano man ang iyong gender, ang krimen na murder ay isang heinous crime na hindi dapat na isinasagawa. Ang tanong ngayon ay ano ang kinalaman ng Visiting Forces Agreement (VFA) at pati na ang Edca sa nasabing krimen? Ang sagot ay wala, eh bakit nag-ra-rally ang mga UNGAS na leftists at kanilang nais ipatigil ang edca o ang vfa at palayasin ang mga amerikano sa ating lupain, bakit mas gusto ba nila na ang mga Intsik ang papalit? Kung sabagay, ubod ang sarap ng Chinese Food, lumpia shanghai at pansit canton pa lamang ay ok na samahan mo pa ng birds nest soup, peking duck at kung ano-ano pang masasarap na chinese food aba eh walang sinabi ang hambolgel ng macdo. **Hi! Hi! Hi!** Kaya ang masasabi ko lang sa mga leftists at maka-kaliwa na nag-ingay jan at nag-pro-testa, mag-ingay kayo hangang gusto ninyo at sasamahan ko pa kayo sa inyong pinaglalaban kapag sabihin ninyo sa akin na kaya na natin mga Pilipino na ipagtagal ang ating mga teritoryo (sovereignty) na pilit na inaangkin ng mga Instsik. At sa usapin ligalidad na nararapat lamang na ang akusado na sundalo ay sa atin ma-detain habang linilitis ang kaso ay hindi rin ako sang ayon dito, bakit ka ninyo? Eh tignan naman ninyo ang nating mga detention cells o kulungan, aba eh masmaganda pa ang kulungan ng baboy. Hindi ba ang isang akusado ay innocent not until proven guilty, eh akusado pa lamang eh ikukulong nyo na sa isang selda na parang baboy koral na kung saan ang seguridad ng akusado ay hindi nyo pa magagarantiya! Magpagawa kayo ng ma-ayos na detention cell with a full proof guaranty of security at saka ako sasang-ayon na asa atin dapat na ma-detain ang akusadong kano! Kung tutuusin nga ay ang ganda ng ginawa at ipinakita ng mga kano sa insidenteng ito kung saan nangyari ang krimen ay wala sila ni isang barko na ipinayagang lumakad para ng sa ganoon ay tunay na hindi maka eskapo ang akusado, hindi ba napaka gandang show of good faith yuon! Isipin ninyo na tenga ng ilan araw ang lakad ng ilan libong mga sundalo para lamang tiyak na hindi maka-alpas si sundalong kano na akusado! Kaya mga leftists na maka-kaliwa na Kiao-Kiao ng Kiao-Kiao, kung masyado kayong maingay at ayaw ninyo ng kasalukuyang demokratikong istilo ng America na sinasakyan ng ating bansa, ang aking ma ipapayo sa inyo ay mag defect o di kaya ay mag migrate na kayo sa lunga ni Kim Jong Un sa North Korea at dun kayo mag rally at mag-protesta. **Hi! Hi! Hi! AGA AMO TAYON!!!**

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE RESIDENTIAL HOUSE

NOT ICE is hereby given that the estate of the late YOLANDA LEYVA, who died intestate on December 27, 2012 at Crystal Cave, Baguio City, consisting of Residential House covered by ARP No. 2013-05-008-136746 was extra judicially settled by their heirs on October 9, 2014 is the subject of the Extrajudicial Settlement of Estate of Residential House as per Doc. No. 370; Page No. 74; Book No. 220; Series of 2014 of the Notarial Book of Atty. Leoncio L. Alangde of Baguio City.

Publication Dates: October 11, 18, 25, 2014

A REVELATION OF MODERN-DAY IMPERIALISM

BY: MARVIN WACNAG LIDAWAN

TIGER, tiger, burning bright In the forests of the night, What immortal hand or eye Could frame thy fearful symmetry? The Tiger, William Blake: 1757-1827

What brought the sudden emergence of a leader's control over Ukraine's territories? Despite the interventions of united foreign powers like the European Union (EU) and the United States of America, why does the country still confront conflicts? Could it be the Ukrainian themselves who displayed divided forces and interests awakening President Vladimir Putin's long-planned intentions? Ukraine's Kiev and Crimea citizens' uprisings seemingly brought them into pointless moves due to their expectations' ironic twists and turns that allowed outside force's intervention. Now, the greedy man had the chance to have illustrated one of Imperial Russia's similar victories in the past. A self-daunting leader now kisses and embraces the ghosts of his ancestor's principles: Imperialism which is seen by the world as a cunning gesture in the attempt to rebuild one of the world's formerly known as the biggest domain by reclaiming a territory which was once belong to the Russian Empire as his bastion.

The annexation of Crimea to the Russian Federation is regarded as a form of modern-day imperialistic practice inspired by the former country's colonial triumphs in the past which Putin seemingly wanted to epitomize in his regime to showcase a symbol of galvanizing power. Psychologically, he wanted the whole world to recognize that Russia's power is a deep-rooted undefeated strength that will soon rise even to the contemporary times. He knows that his gestures foreshadow bigger conflict—a behavior displayed defining the notoriety of a leader's humannature. After all, Crimea belongs to his territory ignoring the White House and European Unions' judgmental comments linking him on Imperialistic tendencies.

Imperialism is a practice of an unequal human and territorial relationship usually in a form of an empire, based on ideas of superiority and practice of dominance involving the extension of authority and control of one state or people over another as defined by the Dictionary of Human Geography relating vivid proximity to the actions recently completed by Putin over Ukraine's peninsula.

It is an ideology's application that defines a dangerous pursuit or enterprise that raises 90 per cent possibility of conflicts' outbreaks sacrificing human lives and international harmonious relationship which still exude to the present days.

It would be crucial to look back at the two countries' intertwined pasts to bring clearer background on the ongoing conflicts between the Russian Federation and the Republic of Ukraine.

World history sources say that Federation of Russia traces its roots from the Russian Empire whereby at the end of the 19th century occupies almost 1/6 of the earth's landmass.

The Russian Empire was deposed by the Liberal Party Revolution (LPR) in 1917. The LPR group comprised the Bolsheviks during the civil war that toppled Tsar Nicholas II's regime. In 1922, the Bolsheviks founded the Union of Soviet Socialist Republic (USSR) introducing communism as an ideology.

On the other hand, Ukraine is a continuously tumultuous state by the conflicts it has encountered throughout history. It built its government by the Ukrainian Nationalist Movement (UNM) who fought after the Russian revolution in 1917. Ukrainian government was restored in 1921 paving way to the emergence of Soviet Republic of Ukraine. By 1933 to 1934, Stalin's policy brought intentional famine in Ukraine and about 3 mil-

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Giving service is an opportunity and a blessing by sharing who you are; what you are; and what you can. By giving public service, you are discovering yourself better.

She is Ms. Freda Martinez Gawisan, the Provincial Director for Department of Trade and Industry, Baguio-Benguet. She was born in Bangnen, Tadian, Mountain Province to parents Mr. Luis Gawisan, a retired school principal who was assigned in Pandayan, Elementary, School back in those days; and Mrs. Benita Gawisan, a retired school teacher from Ilocos Sur and Tondo, Manila. She is second among seven siblings in the family. Her parents who were assigned to teach in different places before caused her to spend her elementary education in five different schools where she finally graduated at Pandayan, elementary, School and at the Holy Rosary High school in Kayan, Tadian, Mountain Province for her high school under the care of nuns in a dorm since her parents were strict. She pursued her degree in Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Education; Master of Science in Agriculture; and Doctor of Philosophy in Rural Development, where she is an under thesis for her Ph. D all at the Benguet State University in La Trinidad, Benguet.

Before she joined the DTI in 1988, she first served as an Institutional Officer at the Farm Systems Development Corporation Benguet. Here, it was the first time for her to expose herself in the farm. Since education was the noblest profession before, and until now, being a child of a teacher was a prestige and that going to the farm was not an expected exposure for a child of a teacher, which was not the case for Ms. Gawisan. Instead, she immersed herself in rural life; she lived and stayed with the people, and it was not difficult for her to have adjusted herself since she was young. This time, she has learned to love rural life that brought her into pursuing her doctorate in rural development and is under dissertation. She loves going out to the grassroots level, dealing with people, talking to them and becoming a part of them. Fulfilling an obligation to them is equivalent to having fulfilled ten obligations. "People value things more than what you give," said Ms. Gawisan. After serving as an institutional officer, she was a General Manager at KAISA/FSDC for several months in 1988. Before becoming the Provincial Director of DTI-CAR, Ms. Gawisan rose from the ranks. She was a TIDS, DTI-Benguet; an STIDS, DTI-Benguet; a CTIDS, DTI-Benguet; a Provincial Caretaker, DTI-Abra; a CTIDS, DTI-CAR; CTIDS, DTI Baguio-Benguet; and was the Officer-in-charge, DTI Baguio-Benguet.

In January of 2011, she was promoted as the Provincial Director for DTI Baguio-Benguet. As a Director, Ms. Gawisan supervises overall operation of the office, effective implementation of mandates, and supervision of staff.

"Being a director for me is a blessing. It is not about creating power and abusing it. Instead, harmonious working relationships should always stay between the director, the staff, and the clients. Responsibility is heavier over authority. Go by the rules of the office. If violations are committed, that staff, pays the price of

Simplicity, Humility and Public Service !!!

what is required to be imposed, accordingly. I'm not very strict. I am friendly with my staff always reminding them of the policies of the organization. Even if I'm not around, I tell my staff to process papers for clients without them having to wait for me," narrated Ms. Gawisan.

If what they see in her is what is in-

side her is Ms. Gawisan, in other words, what you see is what you get. Ever since she was a child, she has been living a simple life. She lives things the way she sees them not necessary as a fulfillment since she does not want a sophisticated life and complicate its simplicity. She does not wear makeup. "Every time I serve as a guest speaker, I do not want to be known through a full resume when the emcee introduces me. I go to gatherings not to be introduced but to talk to the people since I believe that there are people who are better than me. I go to places to promote opportunity and not to promote myself.

It's accentuating the best of me so that I'll be remembered of what not I am but who I am. Every time emcees introduce me, I prefer to be introduced as a plain worker in my private capacity and not as a director, yes, but as a director in

the office but not in the field. I don't feel any difference if they call me Director. Everything is temporary, one day I'll be leaving the office and I want my colleagues and clients to remember me pleasantly and not as good riddance. Being a Director, all amenities and power are available but it may

cost your freedom and your staffs, too. Instead, I go beyond of what is required of me. I go beyond what the job requires of me. I do work overtime when needed so it's not only eight hours but more than that," explained Ms. Gawisan.

If there is this common responsibil-

ity for Ms. Gawisan, it is not as a mere leader but a leader in public service who walks her talk. She is consistent and transparent. Since DTI Baguio-Benguet is ISO Certified, she sends back documents for proper accomplishment if something is not right. If not everything has been signed, she has this eagle's eyes on details. She



Madam Freda M. Gawisan, DTI-Provincial Director, Baguio-Benguet. DTI provided 2timbangan ng bayan to the City Government of Baguio. These were installed at the wet market and the old market for use by consumers and businessmen to test reliability of existing weighing scales in the public market.

wants all of her staff to know what is happening to the office's resources since DTI Baguio-Benguet is for everybody. For thirty minutes, after every flag ceremony on Mondays, she sits down with her staff, do group activity and talk accomplishments for the past week

and the goals for the week ahead.

"DTI Baguio-Benguet is my second home. There are times that I spend

time more time with the office than with my family. I take pride of the Department since it's less corrupt compared to other agencies. It's negligible. I think so because we have small staff and manning them and seeing who swerves from normality is obvious. We see our office as a service-oriented one. Not everybody is given the chance to be with DTI. We accept and hire people not because they are endorsed by politicians recommendations because

for me, I want an employee to work on his or her own and as long as he or she is qualified," said Ms. Gawisan.

Single, Ms. Gawisan stays with her parents. She has with them working students who work for them and study at the same time and not just work for the

rest of their lives.

She sends them to school while they work for her. "I am not an outgoing person. Although I occasionally socialize. But while there are no appointments outside, I take care of my 86 year old father and my 83 year old mother since my siblings

are overseas. My parents serve at Philippine Government National Employees Association, an organization for professional government retired employees. "My mother is the Lakambini of the organization. She'll be crowned on October 28. She is a member of the Pugu Women's Association in La Trinidad," she said.

Ms. Gawisan is a vegetarian, a sea food enthusiast except for pusit and catfish. She eats green salad in the evening and prepares kimchi herself. She does not eat meat and only tastes it occasionally in small slices during meetings or gatherings. "I guess because I'm a pet lover and I teach my pets to be vegetarian, too. Psychologically, I am very caring for animals. When I was an OSE in Abra and drove the car myself, I panicked more when I came across dogs on the streets because I did not know if I step on the break or the accelerator whereas when I encountered people on the road, I found time to distinguish what was to step on to stop the car. People have common sense to run or to stop but with dogs, I don't want to hit nor kill one," she said. Ms. Gawisan was sent to Korea and Singapore for trainings on entrepreneurship. She travels to Europe herself to visit her siblings and their families.

"You are paid to do the job required of you so that you should cater to everybody and extend to them your services even if you don't know those people," said Ms. Gawisan. This is why some clients who come to government offices back off if they don't see the people they know because sometimes they find these people whom they do not know that do not want to do the favors' ask from them, she added.

Ms. Gawisan does her work by coordinating with interagency, local government units, and networking when they monitor prices of goods and when they conduct trainings with DOLE, TESDA, and COA for returning OFWs like those who came from Libya during the crisis in that country who wish to venture with business or enterprise from planning, technical skills, and trainings for them. "This is for our OFWs money earned abroad to flourish," she said. She does team work and collaboration to monitor work balance and work load among her staffs. This in spite of DTI-Benguet having more or less 142 employees catering to six provinces and two cities.

Among Ms. Gawisan's noteworthy accomplishments at DTI Baguio-Benguet and as an individual are the following: Initiated the integration of DTI livelihood programs to the Barangayan program of ABS-CBN that gave birth to joint project dubbed as "Kabuhayan sa Barangayan"; maintain close partnership with Benguet State University for the establishment of the Technology Business Incubation Project to facilitate technology transfer for new SMEs and product development trainings to existing SMEs in the food sector; facilitated the inclusion of one municipality to enroll at BPLS program outside the 2 pilot area in the province and city thru close partnership and networking with LGUs; forged joint projects among different government and private sectors for the implementation of the Localized Anti-poverty Program in one of

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Attention: DOTC Secretary Emilio A. Abaya at LTRB Chairman Atty. Winston M. Ginez Part 5



DOTC-CAR at LTRB-CAR ANO BA YANG MGA OPISINA NINYO, PAMPUBLIKO BA YAN O MGA PRIBADONG OPISINA NA PINATAKBO

Sa part 5 ng isyu na ito ng LG Komentaryo ay ating mababasa ang isa sa (napakarami na) na liham mula kay Atty. James Valeros kay Mr. Gregorio Retuta., TRO 3, LTRB-CAR and isa pa sa mga tuta ni Dir. Celina Claver. Kung bakit ang mga ibang opisyaes ng Gobyerno ay ubod na ang **Kakapal Ng Mga Mukha** at mga manhid ay tunay na isang palaisipan. Hindi ba naisip ng mga kinaukulan na opisyaes na itong ating mga ipinalalabas ay lahat naka black and white,

dokumentado at luimalabas rin on-line at siguradong makikita rin ng mga susunod na henerasyon? Kung sabagay, sa tindi na ng kasalukuyan **KORAPSYON** nananatili sa ibang mga kawani at opisina ng gobyerno ay mistulang mga **BINGI, BULAG, PIPI at TANGA-TANGAHAN** na lang ang istilo ng marami sa ating mga **KUPAL** na opisyaes ng Gobyerno!!!



Celina Claver
Regional Director of DOTC-CAR

11 September 2014

Mr. Gregorio R. Retuta, Jr.
TRO 3, LTRB-CAR
Pacdal, Baguio City

Dear Mr. Retuta:

This is a rejoinder to your Comment on my letter of August 2014 as submitted by you to the Regional Direct or upon her behest.

FIRST. Unless you have a good motive for saying that I have resigned as Regional Manager of LTRB for unknown reasons, your mentioning it is irrelevant to the issues at hand. It is also naughty and inviting quarrel. For your info, I irrevocably resigned out of delicadeza arising from an unsigned poison letter accusing me of approving CPC for a fee of up to P15T. The letter was of course instigated by a lawyer and fixers who thought I will again be assigned in Region I after my stint with LTRB Region IV. One of the fixers involved confessed this truth to the me after I have already resigned.

Pls. be corrected also that I did not accuse all my fellow lawyers for covering up the corruption in the LTRB-CAR. In my letter, I alluded to only two lawyers who allowed themselves to be used unwittingly to disguise the corruption arising from fixing activities. You should know who they are because as the one who usually conduct hearings, reception of evidence in your case, you know the lawyers who usually have unexplainable stack of cases for hearing.

SECOND. I do not remember making Entry of Appearance as an issue, yet you made a lengthy discussion of it. The issue relative hereto is your non-implementation of Sec. 12, Rule 4 of the Rules. From the time the Rules were promulgated up to lately, you allowed the "hearing" of applications signed only by the applicants. I remember I have "lectured" n you about Entry of Appearance in lawyers as practiced in the Board en banc since you are not imposing it. I also called your attention to the fact that the cases you were hearing were not filed by lawyers but you retorted that they were because it is notarized by lawyers. But I suppose that by now you know that you were wrong. Still, I am not sure what you do with applications not truly filed by counsel reaching Legal for hearing.

THIRD. Sorry, I don't get what you mean by "a single transaction cannot be accomplished without the presence of single employee, or in the absence of one, the need of multi-tasking by another employee." But what I know is that if some employees can afford to play solitaire games in the computer during office hours or break time, they also have time to prepare applications and tab the documents of the applicants.

FOURTH. Morality is not involved when fixers are able to influence lawyers to cause the mere hearing of cases of their so-called "clients," but the ethics of the legal profession is. The point here is that LTRB-CAR management has an inherent duty and responsibility to see tat that fixing activities are actually stopped by action, not just by issuing written policy or memorandum. It will interest you to know that the Board en banc during the time of Chairman Lantin gave the lawyers (through its Association) the privilege to inform the Board who are fixing and in what manner fixing activities are being carried out. As a result, all applications became cases of lawyers prepared, filed and actually prosecuted by them, while the fixers and the personnel were relegated to mere finders of applicants made entitled to a "finder's fee" only (Atty. Parado told me he knew this because he practiced in the LTRB Quezon City).

FIFTH. I don't know where you got the gall and misplaced courage to interject the parable of Juan Tamad referring to a situation where a lawyer, like me "insist" to have his office in a place not accessible to the "transacting public." For your info, I have my own reasons why I purposely decided not to hold office in Pacdal, and they are:

- I am not comfortable with the fact that DOTC-CAR allowed the construction of stalls and offices within fifty (50) meters distance from the LTO and LTRB, thereby violating the policy enunciated before by LTC (now LTRB and LTO) aimed at precluding unholy alliances between personnel and concessionaires
- The stalls as constructed are without common sanitary amenities, like CR, which is a big problem to people with prostate problem like me.

c) The make-up of LTRB/LTO compound is susceptible to widespread fixing activities as even stall owners who are insurance agents, meters installing shop, etc... Have their own excuse for fixing.

d) Most of all, the size and design of stalls being rented is not suited for a dignified law office; **ok lang ito for notarial office.**

Anyway, I don't believe that the distance of law office from or to the LTRB has something to do with the fact that some lawyers have more cases than others. Atty. Calabias, for instance, has a law office nearby LTRB in addition to his office at Engineer's Hill but since he is not one of the favored lawyers, he has without "one foot high stack" of folders during hearing. It's the same case with the Mabalot Law Office who even has extensive clientele among all lawyers but is not favored.

SIXTH. No wonder hearings of applications are swift because the only task of Hearing Officer as you alleged is verification of authenticity of documents. From what I know, as a lawyer and a former Regional Director of the LTRB, hearing includes the observance of the following:

- At the beginning of the hearing cases are called up on times as indicated in the Notice of Hearing for the purpose of transparency and possible existence of oppositions. There is a second call for those who failed to respond to the first call up of cases.
- Proper manner of appearance of counsel who did not sign the pleading in the first instance pursuant to the Rules of Procedure;
- The presence of the actual o or necessary parties is required particularly in sale and transfer or cases of similar nature like opposition. As far as I know this had not been observed religiously that's why CPCs are sometimes sold and transferred to another without the knowledge of the owner grantee.
- Compliance to the jurisdictional requirement is required for the Board to obtain authority to hear and decide, such as in following:
 - That the application/petition is correct and proper;
 - That the publication was done within the prescribed time (for many years you allowed publication without compliance to the prescribed time because you did not know how to count the 10-day requirement of publication, thus, the jurisdictional requirement were not complied with; you can check the past case records on file);
 - The correctness and completeness of the requirements are not strictly observed such that Ms. Oyaman could still see your inadequacy in this respect.
 - That the participants in the hearing particularly the lawyers and the Hearing Officer are in improper attire (this is neglected).
 - That the Formal Offer and the Affidavit in support thereof are prepared, dated and submitted on he day of hearing, not before, to name a few.

BY THE WAY, speedy and judicious disposition of cases does not mean that hearing will be conducted abbreviady and irregularly. Further, you also claimed that hi have vested interest (whatever that is), reason why I am the only one complaining. You should know better that even as the only one taxpayer complaining, the complaint should and must be addressed, and the same being the duty of people in the bureaucracy serving the sovereign public.

LASTLY, physical improvement in service does not prove that integrity exists as a hallmark of personnel in your agency. In your case, if you will stop seeing "clients and fixers" in your own room of office in violation of your own window policy, that will probably dispel my doubts towards your integrity.

I wish I could say more but my time does not permit me to have that pleasure. Anyway, thank you for your redeeming conclusion that you will seek opportunity to improve service in order to dispel any doubt as to the integrity of personnel in the LTRB-CAR.

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Thank you.

Truly yours,

Atty. James S. Valeros

Ms. Celina B. Claver
Regional Director
DOTC-CAR, Baguio City

Atty. Marilyn E. Taldo
Regional Director IV
CSC-CAR

Ms. Rosario K. Oyaman
CTDO/OIC, LT FRB-CAR

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& EX-OFFICIO
SHERIFF
Baguio City

HOME DEVELOP-
MENT MUTUAL
FUND (Pag-IBIG
Fund),
Mortgagee,

-versus-

RONALD L.
MENESES,
Mortgagors.

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FORECLOSURE
CASE NO. 14-537-S

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

SHERIFF'S
NOTICE OF
AUCTION SALE

Upon petition for sale under Act 3135, as amended, filed by HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND (otherwise known as PAG-IBIG fund), herein after referred to as the MORTGAGEE, for the satisfaction of the mortgage indebtedness of RONALD L. MENESES, hereinafter referred to as the MORTGAGOR, which as of September 19, 2014, now amounts to EIGHT HUNDRED EIGHTY FOUR THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED THIRTY EIGHT PESOS AND 36/100 (P884,838.36), Philippine Currency, inclusive to the foreclosure sale, the Ex-Officio excluding attorney's fees and expenses incidental to the foreclosure sale, the Ex-Officio Sheriff or her undersigned Deputy Sher-

iff, will sell at public auction on October 29, 2014, at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter, at the lobby (fronting the main entrance) of the Hall of Justice Building, Baguio City, the following des cribbed mortgage property and all its improvements existing thereon, to wit:

**TRANSFER
CERTIFICATE OF
TITLE No. T-100334
REGISTRY OF
DEEDS, BAGUIO
CITY**

"A parcel of land (Lot 2, Block 5, Pcs-CAR-001212) being a portion of consolidation-subdivision of Lots

2-Y-2, 2-Y-3, 2-Y-4, 2-Y-5, 2-Y-7, 2-Y-8, & 2-Y-9 (LRC) Psd-234706, situated at rurban code 131102, Res. Sec. "L" City of Baguio, Island of Luzon. Bounded on the NW., along line 1-2 by Lot 10, Block 5, and along line 2-3 by Lot 11, Block 5; on the NE., along line 3-4 by Lot 1, Block 5; on the SE., along line 4-5 by Road Lot 4; on the SW., along line 5-1 by Lot 3, Block 5 all of the conso-subd. Plan. Beginning at a point marked "1" x x x to point of beginning; containing an area of ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY FIVE (175) SQUARE METERS."

Prospective bidders may investigate the title, rights and improvements of the property with regards to encumbrances, if any there be. Baguio City, Philippines, this 30th day of September, 2014.

By:(SGD) LINDA
MONTES-LOLOY
Clerk of Court VI &
Ex-Officio Sheriff

By:(SGD) RUBEN L.
ATIJERA
Sheriff-in-Charge
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ordered included in the 105th city charter anniversary celebration to provide substance to the theme "Sharing Resources, Duties and Responsibilities for the Vibrant Baguio".

Other recipients were the Baguio Correspondents and Broadcasters Club – P25,000; Philippine Military Academy Host Parents Association – P20,000; Baguio City Host Lions Club – P25,000; Baguio Everlasting Lions Club – P30,000; Kindasan Foundation – P30,000; Brotherhood of St. Andrews of the Cathedral of the Resurrection – P25,000; and Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary – P10,000. Another P10,000 was given to a woman suffering from cancer.

The tournament, which coincided with the mayor's 68th birthday anniversary, was sponsored by SM; Security Bank; Banco de Oro; MIESCOR; MOLDEX; Lepanto Consolidated Mining Co.; DMCI; San Miguel Corp.; Mega Pines Realty Development, Inc.; Metyro Clark Waste Management Corp.; Pilipinas Realty Management Corp.; Crown Legacy/Pines View Hotel; Philamlife-Baguio Dumayas Agency; Benguet Electric Cooperative;

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Maluhay Ishai

In behalf of my family, the people and officials of Baguio City, we would like to extend our warmest greetings and congratulations to the management and staff of The Junction on the occasion of your 17th Anniversary.

We uphold the constitutional right of freedom of speech, of the press and of expression but such right should not be over used because every right has its own limitations. May you continue to be a vehicle for accurate, balanced and clear reportage in order to appropriately inform and educate our people on the issues and concerns confronting our community.

Let not your publication be used to discredit and malign groups and individuals in favour of the aggrandizement of others because it will be contrary to the principle of fair and balanced presentation of the news. As always, we have been open to constructive criticisms that most of the time go beyond what is above board but we remain to uphold the conviction that the truth will vindicate us in the future.

As your publication reaches another year of existence, may you continue to elevate your reportage to greater heights in order to earn the trust and confidence of our people.

Again, our warmest greetings and congratulations to one and all.

Maluhay Luyang Ishai

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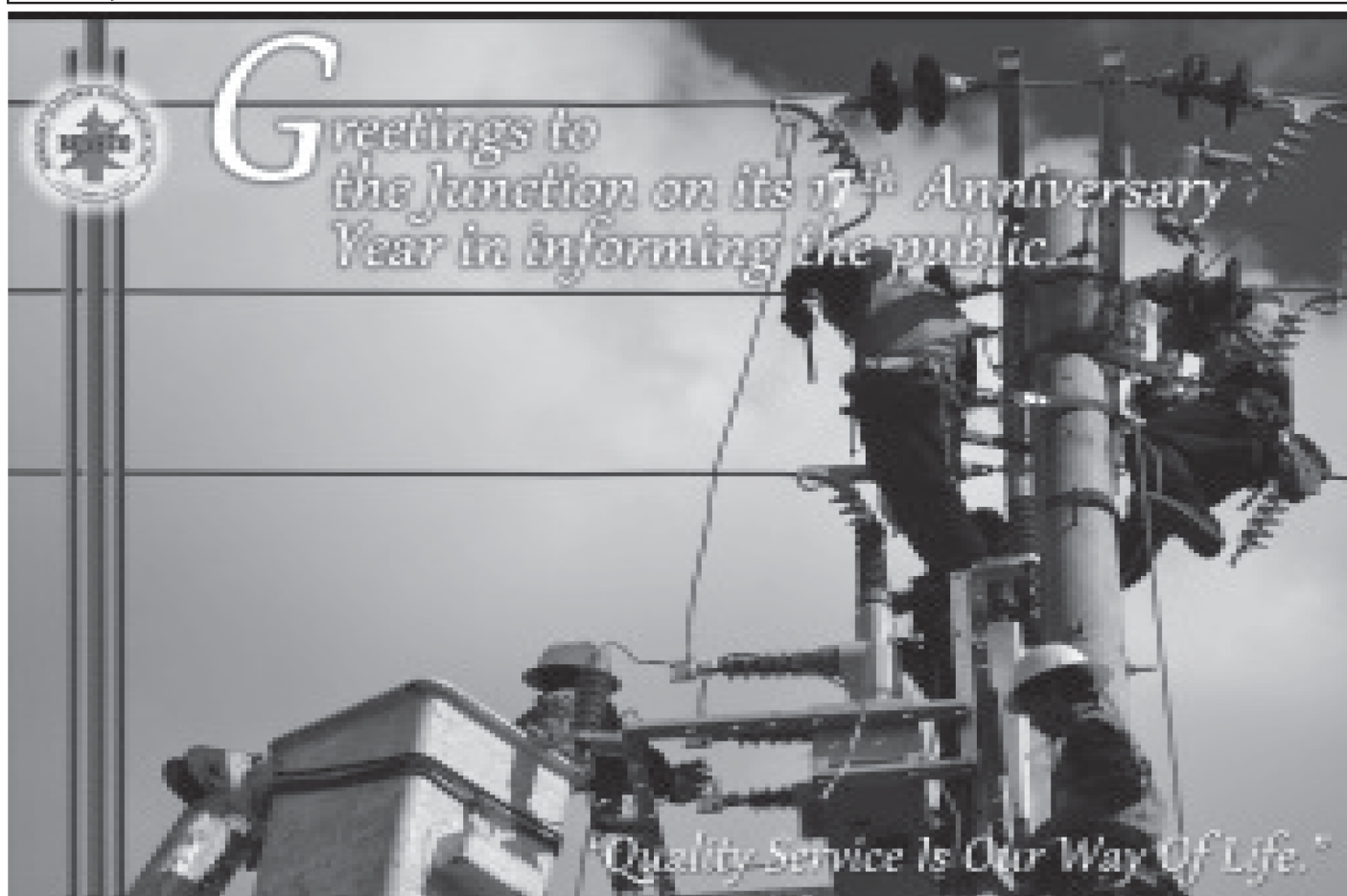
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A Revelation...**from page 5**

lion Ukrainians died. From 1939 to 1940, Western Ukraine was annexed to Germany by Soviet Union based on a secret treaty with Nazi Germany triggering uprisings from Ukrainian insurgent army. By 1943 to 1944, the Russians returned prompting Ukrainian residence to flee in England, France, and Canada and to the USA. The years that followed were struggles for the Ukrainian on their fight to independence especially in the Western region. The 1980's became a legacy of continues protests and the national movement for the liberation of Ukraine was formed with the acronym RUKH. In 1990, Ukrainian sovereignty was granted and in 1996, its constitution was officially proclaimed. However, being a country conceived by a disturbing past, Ukraine is destined to face coming series of dilemmas.

So by November 2013, former deposed president Viktor Yanukovich declared that he won't forge an agreement that would strengthen relationship with the EU. He instead announced that he is seeking closer cooperation with Russia. Protest resulted to the streets among Pro-Ukrainian populace. They demanded closer agreement and ties with the EU instead of Russia. But there was no sign of compromise from his abusive administration that harassed its citizens, illegitimately put people in jail and ruthlessly tortured activists. By February 2014, a sniper killed an activist in front of the president's administrative building followed by the killing of 82 protesters by government troops in Kiev through the command of Yanukovich who fled the capital finding his planned route to Russia evading a warrant of arrest issued by Ukraine's Interim Government and newly declared President Oleksandr Turchinov. The siege continued in Crimea, a Southern region of Ukraine that is nominally autonomous by having its own parliament. The Crimean Port city of Sevastopol is a home to naval bases for Ukraine and Russia who obtained a long-term lease from Ukraine after having declared independence from the communist Soviet Union in 1991 but it does not have the right to disaffiliate. After Ukraine's pro-Russian president stepped down to power, pro-Russian Crimean demonstrated in the streets to secede from Ukraine. Pro-Ukrainian government did the same. Crimean military surrounds Ukraine military bases in Crimea where more than half of the population comprises ethnic Russians. Ukrainian elected officials were ordered to step down at gunpoint and were replaced with pro-Russian politicians. The Crimean self-appointed leaders announced a referendum to split with Ukraine for Russia. It is a voting process backed by President Putin who earlier have been trying to intervene on Ukraine's spurring ties with the EU. Putin was quoted to have stated in the past public speeches that *'Ukraine and other nations who were once held captive by the former Soviet Union should return to Russian control'*, a line which supports and foretells the idea of an imperialistic move.

By March 16, 2014, Crimea voting results showed 97% of voters backed a

union between Russia and Crimea. This resulted to Russia's lower parliament to ratify a treaty making Crimea officially part of the Russian Federation. Such referendum was contradicted by the White House and the EU calling it a violation of International law. To give preliminary sanctions to Russia, the White House and the EU thought of destabilizing Russia's economy while strengthening their support to Ukraine.

It is strongly believe that Crimea isn't only a political but geographical danger to other neighboring countries of the European continent which Russia once disarrayed, gruesomely battered and terrorized in the years of cold war. History chronicles that when the Soviet Union was defaced in 1991, countries including Poland, East Germany, Republic of Ukraine and Latvia among others were fully and finally emancipated. However, time could be tricky considering that residents of Ukraine manifest their varied ideological divisions.

Today even if the regime was replaced by President Petro Poroshenko, the saga of unresolved conflicts continue to ensue between these two countries not over Crimea this time but for other Ukrainian territories which too threaten countries nearby its borders. Whatever lies ahead of Ukraine's confrontation to the present brawl with Russia remains to be seen. Putin's move disregarding the breakthroughs of nations' independence may be his first step to justify his obsession in assembling back the dissolved USSR.

For citizens of countries free from cold war, always believe in the might of solidarity.

Simplicity...**from page 6**

the municipality of Benguet as a pilot area; initiated the conduct of the 1st CARP provincial trade fair in the province of Abra as a joint project of the Provincial CARP Implementing Team and Presidential Agrarian Reform Coordinating Council; initiated the establishment of One Town One Product Pasalubong Centre at the Benguet State University; facilitated linkages with BENECO and the Normis Beach Front for their Corporate Social Responsibility programs; initiated the organization that facilitated the office's advocacy programs on LPG regulation in Baguio-Benguet; initiated an outreach program of the DTI Baguio-Benguet family for 74 pupils of Pugu Elementary School who were victims of typhoons pepeng and ondo; initiated organization of calamity victims in the tent city; assisted development and implementation of the one town one product of the municipality of La Trinidad; and initiated networking with the Sacred Heart Community Action Centre for the development of veggie noodles as part of their feeding programs for children in the community.

The year 2013 was a challenging year considering the constant rise of oil prices that triggered the prices of basic and prime commodities and the calamities and typhoons that brought significant damage to Metro Manila and the

Visayas Region that resulted in the slowdown down of economic activities. In spite of these challenges, DTI Baguio-Benguet dubbed as "Quality Team for Responsive Service," was able to accomplish planned programs, activities, and projects for the year. The bottom-line accomplishments for the year 2013 are as follows: the export sales generated by DTI clients were 5.62 million US Dollars where 97% of the total export was generated by clients in Baguio City and 3% were generated by clients in La Trinidad, Benguet; the domestic sales was 115 million pesos a 5% higher than the target for the year and 20% higher compared to the last five years; the investment generated by DTI clients amounted to 681 million pesos; and the employment generated by DTI Baguio-Benguet though lower than expected because of the none-inclusion of jobs reported under Business Name Registration was able to create 5,580 jobs.

With these accomplishments of DTI Baguio-Benguet, Ms. Gawisan concluded by saying that the earth has so many problems, that you are here on earth to help. Instead of saying how could you help since you are only one while there are billions of people on earth, just make a better you, and the right thing will come out on what is required from you.

The DTI has two programs these are the Entrepreneur and SMEs and the Regulatory. Under the Entrepreneur are the following: trade promotions, training and productivity, business financing; product research and development, shared service facility, institutional support, strategic export promotion- export facilitation, and sustainable investment promotion-investment promotion. Under the Regulatory are the following: price stability- business registrations, licensing and accreditation; business regulation; and consumer welfare and the special project sustenance-comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program; one town one product program; and the personal computers for public school project.

DTI Baguio-Benguet envisions itself as an epitome of quality public service empowering the business sector and the consumers towards a sustainable economic growth driven by a team of responsive, productive and competent human resource.

DTI Baguio-Benguet commits to support the business sector through sustained advocacy for the creation of apposite investment climate and implementation of SME development programs; generate employment, sales, and investments; develop vigilant consumers and socially responsible businesses sector; and develop healthy professional work environment and institutionalize competence-building programs guided by sound and dynamic systems and procedures.

For more information about DTI Baguio-Benguet's programs and services, clients are advised to proceed to the 3rd Floor Manongso Building, No. 17 Private Road, Magsaysay Avenue, Baguio City or visit their website at www.dti.gov.ph.

Advocacy Mindanow**...from page 4**

town in Surigao del Norte. Rice fields are lush and green and productive just across a fence from a tailings storage facility where an open pit mine is located since the 1930's. In the same Tubod town, another big mining company is doing exploration that soon will move to commercial production. The Surigao mineralized mountains are so blessed. No wonder people are upbeat about the future.

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CAMPAGNING — Yes, **MAYOR RODY DUTERTE** is now doing the rounds actively campaigning for the country's shift to a federal system of government. Lately, he went to Cebu City for this. This is a good move, having seen what has been happening in the country in terms of governance which requires systemic changes rather than just changing leaders during elections. This system will empower the locals to govern themselves and determine their own road maps and dismantle the monopoly of a Manila-centric government which has contributed to the corruption spectacle we are seeing today. I concur with him when he said he will not consider running for a national office unless an enabling environment for good governance is in place. A shift to federal is one avenue.

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MEDIA FORUM — I was surprised hearing some members of media in Gen. Santos city openly denouncing the activities of so-called "illegitimate" press which, according to them, still abound in Gen. Santos City. Some denounced the practice of "AC-DC", (acronym for "attack & collect, defend & collect") tactic resorted to by mulcters parading as journalists. It was significant that the expose' came from media members themselves who wished that this practice be curbed. The creation of a multi-sectoral press council through the initiative of the **Philippine Press Institute (PPI)** and **FEMSA COCA COLA** may help remedy this.

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NO THREATS, PLS — I felt uncomfortable reading statements coming from the **MILF** panel chair **Mohaqher Iqbal** himself warning that the dreaded terrorist **ISIS** will spread in Mindanao if the Bangsamoro agreement will not become a reality. Some observers are taking this as a form of a veiled threat to Congress like saying: "pass the **Bangsamoro Basic Law (BBL)** or else...". Although the MILF may be correct in this, it may be more comforting for MILF itself to just allow others to say so. Some are even saying that the MILF cannot even control or effectively deal with their own "rogue" elements like the **BIFF**. What more of the **ISIS**?

We must pass the BBL Law. But let it rise (or fall) on its own merits, minus a threatening environment. **ADVOCACY MINDANOW FOUNDATION, INC. (AMFI)** Follow us at Twitter: [/AMFI_Mindanao](https://twitter.com/AMFI_Mindanao) Email us: info@advocacymindanow.org Visit us: www.advocacymindanow.org



ISRAEL AMBASSADOR'S CALL - City officials headed by Mayor Mauricio Domogan, SOFAD Mayor Lorenzo Ian Go, Cong. Nicasio Aliping Jr and Councilor Elmer Datuin present the city's symbolic key to Israel Ambassador to the Philippines Effie "Ephraim" Ben Matityau while His Excellency's wife and former Ambassador of Panama to Vietnam Lizia Lu looks on during a courtesy visit at City Hall October 13. Mayor Domogan and Ambassador Matityau discuss the possibility of forging sisterhood ties between Baguio and possibly the City of Nazareth./By Bong Cavabyab

City set for Dayaw Festival 2014

BAGUIO CITY - The National Commission on Culture and Arts (NCCA) in partnership with the city government here will be staging the 2014 Dayaw Festival for Luzon this October 22-23 at the Baguio Convention Center with the theme "*Kautubong Filipino para sa Kalikasan at Kapayapaan.*"

Accordingly, Dayaw 2014 is a two day gathering of the different cultural communities in the Philippines. It has a three part program that launches in Luzon (Baguio City), continues in Visayas (Bacolod, Negros Occidental on October 27-28) and closing in Mindanao (Zamboanga City, Zamboanga Del Sur on November 6-7). It will gather 60 cultural communities with over 600 hundred participants all over the country.

Twenty cultural communities will parade on October 22 along Upper Session

Road down to Maharlika Livelihood Center going to Harrison Road and will end at the Melvin Jones grandstand showcasing their traditional clothing. This aims to build awareness to public on the different indigenous people (IP) groups in Luzon as well as to encourage them to participate in the events of Davaw.

On the same date, there will be a forum in the form of Dapayan which aims to address environmental protection through our indigenous knowledge and promote peace and unity; traditional cuisine demonstration where the crowd will have the chance to revisit their childhood memories as they play the traditional games of the IPs; recognition of cultural masters who have contributed in the perpetuation of indigenous cultures in the various cultural communities, especially those who have shared their knowledge and skills in the NCCA School of Living Traditions Program.

An interactive demo on crafts and traditional cuisine, outreach performances and traditional games on Oct.

23. The month of October has been institutionalized as the National Indigenous Peoples' month of every year in the Philippines through Presidential Proclamation Order No. 1906. / Jho Arranz

Puso Para sa Bayan Caravan set on October 25

Said caravan aims to bring meaningful and sustainable support to the poorest of the poor.

"Our caravan endeavors to extend services and goods such as medicines, food, and books to a target of 3,000 beneficiaries. We have served over 10,000 beneficiaries since May 10, 2014," said JC Binay Foundation chairperson Mar-len Abigail Binay.

As support to the event, the city government here will augment manpower particularly volunteer doctors, nurses and ophthalmologists.

Aside from the medical, dental and ophthalmic mission, the citizenry will be expecting other services such as legal aid, livelihood training, video/call conference between families of Overseas Filipino Workers, feeding program and read along, and health and beauty services.

The event will be conducted simultaneously in various localities across the country under a festive and positive atmosphere./Jho Arranz


Number Coding Scheme Suspended on October 23-24

BAGUIO CITY - Mayor Mauricio Domogan issued Administrative Order No. 094 suspending the implementation of the Baguio number coding scheme for private vehicles on October 23 to 24.

Considering that the Jaycees International (JCI) Baguio Senate will be hosting the 47th JCI Philippines Senate National Convention this coming October 23 to 24 in the city of pines, there is a need to suspend the implementation of the coding

scheme for private vehicles to provide our local residents and visitors, particularly our visitors and their families convenient and stress free journey around the city, stressed Domogan.

In the order, "the Baguio City Police Office-Traffic Management Branch (BCPO-TMB) is directed to extend utmost assistance to the organizers, sponsors and participants for the identification of appropriate parking spaces for the huge volume of vehicles that will be expected to come up to the city."/Jho Arranz

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