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MABUHAY ANG PILIPINO!!!

BAGUIO CITY AND BENGUET

LONG LIVE THE FILIPINO!!!

Mayor orders more businesses closed

BAGUIO CITY – The crackdown on erring establishments operating without any business permit in the Summer Capital continues.

Personnel of the City Mayor Office’s permits and licensing division led by Allan Abayao, police and public order and safety division representatives, swooped down on 23 local establishments at the Maharlika Livelihood Center Tuesday afternoon and presented them with closure orders for operating without business permits.

However, three of the business establishments have already ceased operations when the team delivered the orders at the Center.

Most of the establishments given closure orders were videoke bars, billiard halls and the like. Abayao warned the owners to stop their operations until they can acquire the necessary government permits and other requirements to do so.

He said the establishments were ordered closed not only for failing to possess business permits but also violating local tax ordinance 2000-001 that strictly prohibits serving or selling intoxicating liquor in any stall, booth or store within the market compound including at the Maharlika Livelihood Center, Lower Kayang and Hilltop Market area.

Abayao revealed that more than **Cont. on page 3**



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Put up of pedestrian walkway

in Session road backed

BAGUIO CITY – Mayor Benjamin B. Magalong expressed his all-out support to the proposed pedestrian walkway at the junction of Gov. Pack road and Session road to help in ease the traffic congestion in the area and ensure the safety of pedestrians.

The local chief executive admitted that he already saw the conceptual and detailed plans of the proposed project and he was convinced that the realization of the long overdue project will contribute in efforts to ease the daily traffic jams in the area and ensure the safety of pedestrians considering that they will no longer have to cross the street to be able to go to their desired destinations in the said place.

“The most important thing to consider with the implementation of the project is its benefit in terms of safety to both the motorists and the pedestrians. I am convinced that

the proposed pedestrian walkway will contribute in our efforts to solve the traffic problem in the area and address the safety issues of pedestrians,” Mayor Magalong stressed.

The put up of the pedestrian walkway in the junction of Gov. Pack Road and Session road was proposed by the management of SM City Baguio over a decade ago as its contributions in easing the daily traffic jams in the area and to ensure the safety of pedestrians for they will no longer cross the street but the same was opposed by the Session road Businessmen Association and other cause-oriented groups.

However, Magalong claimed that the situation over a decade ago is totally different from the prevailing situation in the city that it is time for the realization of the project to help in addressing the major problems of the city.

According to him, the

implementation of the project will be at the expense

of the proponent that is why with more reason that it should be pursued because of its expected overall benefits to the city.

He said that he will discuss the matter with the members of the local legislative body for the local government to have a unified stand on the matter considering its expected significant impact in reducing the traffic congestions in the area and preventing pedestrians from being exposed to danger when crossing the road just to reach their desired destinations in the area.

The city mayor asserted the need to put in place the pedestrian walkway so that people will no longer cross the road to reach their desired destinations and to ensure the continuous flow of motor vehicles in the area considering that the junction of Gov. Pack road and Session Road is one of the busiest roads in the city

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ILLEGAL BUSINESSES OUT – Mayor Benjamin Magalong expresses resoluteness in not tolerating anything illegal in the city including the errant businesses. He personally headed the closure of willful establishments at Upper Session Road last July 5 and stormed back to the site when one of them wantonly reopened./Aileen P. Refuerzo

Aggressive towing campaign

in Baguio ordered

BAGUIO CITY – Mayor Benjamin B. Magalong ordered the members of the city’s towing teams to intensify the campaign against illegally parked motor vehicles along national, city and barangay roads to rid the roads from unnecessary obstructions that

impede the smooth flow of traffic.

The new local chief executive pointed out that once the city’s additional towing trucks will arrive, the designated members of the towing teams must intensify their all-out operations not only in the barangays but also in the

central business district area to rid the different roads and streets from illegally parked motor vehicles and obstructions which had been identified as one of the primary causes of monstrous traffic jams around the city.

“We want our people to feel the impact of what we are doing so that we will be able to make a difference in our efforts to improve the prevailing traffic situation around the city,” Mayor Magalong stressed.

Based on the data obtained from the City Engineering Office’s traffic and transport division, the city’s towing team is able to tow an average of 2 to 4 illegally parked motor vehicles in the different parts of the city.

Magalong claimed that the local government was

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Council okays P18.7 million to purchase **Operation of Loakan airport**

LED bulbs for streetlights

BAGUIO CITY – The City Council approved the request of Mayor Benjamin B. Magalong for the appropriation of some P18.7 million to purchase some 1,000 light emitting diode (LED) bulbs and fixtures to replace the busted high-pressure sodium bulbs in the different city barangays.

The local government decided to purchase the desired number of LED bulbs and fixtures to replace the busted streetlights in some 32 barangays after the Benguet Electric Cooperative (BENECO) turned over to the city the management of the over 8,701 streetlights installed all over the city last February.

City Engineer Edgar Victorio Olpindo informed local legislators that since BENECO turned over to the local government the maintenance of the streetlights, there were already more than 700 streetlight bulbs that were busted and need

the appropriate replacement.

He explained the initial replacement of the busted streetlights to LED bulbs is part of the overall plan of the local government to replace all streetlights with LED bulbs which will take some time considering the need for at least P131 million to purchase the required number of LED bulbs to replace all the high-pressure sodium bulbs used in the city's streetlight system.

Under the terms and conditions of the urgent purchase, the winning supplier of the LED bulbs and fixtures will be in charge of the maintenance of the said bulbs during the 5-year warranty period and whatever replacements of busted LED bulbs during the said period will be shouldered by the supplier.

The city engineer added based on the assessment of the city government's technical personnel, it is still best for the city to use the LED bulbs and fixtures

to replace the existing high-pressure sodium

bulbs for efficient illumination of the barangays.

Earlier, the former members of the local legislative body passed Resolution No. 446, series of 2011 that approved the terms of reference for the replacement of all existing streetlights, park lights, including lights in overpasses, flyovers and city government owned buildings and facilities with LED bulbs, and repair and maintenance in a private-public partnership and a cost-saving share scheme.

Further, the local legislative body passed Resolution No. 087, series of 2013 that confirmed the memorandum of agreement entered into by the local government and BENECO on the repair, maintenance and management of the streetlights in the city.

Resolution No. 331, series of 2014 requested BENECO, Inc. to install all the necessary additional LED streetlights and its

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likely - Magalong

BAGUIO CITY – Mayor Benjaim B. Magalong disclosed that the operation of the Loakan airport is possible once concerned government agencies and the local government will be able to effectively and efficiently address the current obstacles to the upcoming flights from different parts of the country to the city.

The local chief executive claimed that as per his meetings with executives of airline companies, there are companies that are interested to provide the needed aircrafts for the Baguio route once the situation in the Loakan airport will be put in place by the Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines (CAAP).

He said that airline companies have been constantly receiving inquiries from returning Overseas Filipino workers (OFWs) on the existence of flights from Davao City, Cebu among other major cities in the country to Baguio and vice versa so that they could directly visit the country's undisputed Summer Capital and help further enhance the city's

local tourism industry and have a big impact on its economic growth.

The city mayor directed the City Buildings and Architecture Office (CBAO) to ascertain the structures that pose obstructions to incoming and outgoing flights so that appropriate actions could be done to pave the way for the possible reopening of the Loakan airport to commercial flights based on the prevailing standards imposed by CAAP.

Earlier, the Regional Development Council (RDC) in the Cordillera chaired by former Mayor Mauricio G. Domogan requested the concerned government agencies to provide the more than P420 million required to operationalize the Loakan airport through the installation of the sufficient instrument landing system equipment among other needed expansions and rehabilitation to make it one of the state-of-the-art domestic airports in the country.

Magalong stated that it is not true that there are no airline companies that are

interested in servicing the Baguio route considering

that based on his recent meetings with him, there are airline companies that are simply awaiting the developments that will be introduced in the Loakan airport.

Commercial flights in the Loakan airport ceased operations over a decade ago following issues on the safety of flights coming in and out of the airport while military and chartered flights remained through the years.

The Loakan airport served as the only available means of bringing in food and other supplies to the country's undisputed Summer Capital during the wrath of the July 16, 1990 killer earthquake which illustrates its vital role in providing the landing area for air transport during emergency situations.

Local government officials were tasked to closely coordinate with their CAAP counterparts to thresh out the issues and concerns that need to be acted upon the soonest to ensure the immediate re-opening of the domestic airport to commercial flights serving the Baguio route. */Dexter A. See*

July 15 declared a holiday

in Cordillera

BAGUIO CITY – non-working day in the Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR) to mark its 32nd founding

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considering the enormous number of vehicles passing through the said area daily.

Earlier studies conducted by traffic authorities showed that one of the contributory factors in the occurrence of monstrous traffic jams in the area is the huge volume of pedestrians coming from opposite directions who cross the road aside from the absence of traffic personnel manning the flow of traffic in the said area.

Once the junction of Gov. Pack Road and Session road is constricted, the situation extends up to the terminal of buses which makes it difficult for motor vehicles to maneuver that often results to monstrous traffic jams. */Dexter A. see*

Mayor orders more...

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230 closure orders are still awaiting the signature of Mayor Benjamin Magalong before these will be served by his office to the intended parties. */Gaby Keith*

anniversary.

The holiday declaration in CAR was contained in Proclamation No. 763 signed by Executive Secretary Salvador Medialdea last July 4.

"On 15 July 2019, Monday, the Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR) will mark the celebration of its 32nd Founding Anniversary," the proclamation read.

"It is but fitting and proper that the people of the CAR be given full opportunity to celebrate and participate in the occasion with the appropriate ceremonies," it added.

The Palace also released three other holiday proclamations in some places to celebrate their respective historic occasions.

The Cordillera will be

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Council confirms appointment

of new city administrator

cal Engineering at the Virginia Polytechnic

BAGUIO CITY – The local legislative body unanimously concurred the appointment of Engr. Bonifacio dela Peña as the new City Administrator of the local government.

Earlier, Mayor Benjamin B. Magalong transmitted to the local legislative body for concurrence the appointment of the new City Administrator pursuant to existing civil service rules and regulations.

The new city administrator stated that he was tasked by the local chief executive to work out the realization of programs, projects and activities in his 10-point agenda and that he will closely work with the different department heads of city hall for

the immediate streamlining of the processes in the issuance of building and other permits being issued to help lessen the lines of people transacting business with the different permit-issuing offices of the city.

He is the current chief executive officer of the BIP Steadfast Ground Inc. and owner of the BIP Engineering and Consultancy Services.

From June 2003 to May 2015, dela Peña served as the Dean of the School of Engineering and Architecture of the Sta. Louis University (SLU) aside from being a professor of the said institution for over 3 decades.

He holds a masters degree in Civil Engineering major in Civil/Geotechni-

Institute and State University after graduating the course Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering at the Saint Louis University (SLU).

Under the provisions of the Local Government Code and similar issuances by the Civil Service Commission, the appointment of the City Administrator and City Legal Officer is subject to concurrence by the members of the local legislative body.

The city administrator is currently tasked to supervise the City Tourism Office, the Sports and Recreation Office and the City Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office (CDRRMO).

When asked on how will he adjust to the shift in his job from a business-oriented

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Isinumpa ang lipunang kapos ang pagmamahal sa mga bata

by: www.rappler.com

Nonchalant. Ito ang salitang ipinukol kay dating hepe ng Philippine National Police at ngayo'y senador na si Bato Dela Rosa. Ayon kay Bato, "Shit happens" kaya't nabaril sa anti-illegal drugs operations ng mga pulis ang 3 taong gulang na si Myca Ulpina.

Walang keber. Nagkibit-balikat. Mas makahulugan ang mga katumbas na salita sa Filipino ng nonchalant. Ayon sa Commission on Human Rights, si Myca at ang iba pang batang nadamay sa giyera laban sa droga ay hindi simpleng collateral damage lamang.

Ayon kay Bato, "Sino ba gusto? Ikaw pulis ka, gusto mo bata matamaan? Never."

May mga precedent ng criminal negligence – sina Danica May Garcia at Francis Mañosa ay tinamaan ng ligaw na balang dapat ay sa kanilang kaanak.

May mga precedent rin ng extrajudicial execution ng mga bata – si Kian delos Santos ang pinaluhod at binaril sa sentido in cold blood.

Mayaman ang ebidensyang kulang na kulang sa respeto sa buhay ang mga alagad ng batas.

Paano tayo makukumbinsi ni Bato na ginawa ng mga pulis ang lahat **EDITORIAL** upang hindi masaktan ang isang musmos?

Paano tayo makukumbinsing sinusunod ng

mga pulis ang rules of engagement na dapat magprotekta sa mga inosente?

Hindi lamang Tokhang at mga tulad ni Bato ang naglalagay sa panganib sa ating kabataan. Bago magpasabog ng verbal dynamite tungkol sa mga isda, muling binuhay ni Senate President Tito Sotto ang pagpapababa ng criminal responsibility sa edad 9 na taon.

At mismong si Presidente Duterte ang nag-veto ng bill na magki-criminalize ng pagmamalupit sa mga bata. Pangulong Duterte, hindi kailangan ng mga bata ng karinyo brutal ng tinagurian mong "loving act of discipline."

Mga bata raw ang magmamana ng Paraiso. Pero hindi naman sinabi ni Kristo na madaliing ipadala sa langit ang mga bata.

Pulis ang kumalabit sa gatilyong kumitil sa buhay ng 3 taong gulang na si Myca.

Pero parang kinalabit din ng buong kapulisan ang gatilyo nang naging berdugo ito ng isang imoral na polisiya.

Kinalabit din ng lipunan ang gatilyo nang nagbingi-bingihan ito at patuloy na dinakila ang isang Duterteng nagpasimuno ng giyera.

Isinusumpa ang lipunang kapos sa pagmamahal sa mga bata dahil parang tinatalikuran na rin nito ang susunod na henerasyon.

Sa susunod na matuwa kayo sa halakhak ng musmos na anak, kapatid, o pamangkin – alalahanin sina Myca at Danica. Hindi sila istatistika lamang. At hindi tulad ng inyong anak, kapatid, o pamangking puno ng buhay – hindi na nila masisilayan ang pangako ng bukas. – Rappler.com



KAKAMPIMO ANG BATAS

An encounter written in the stars

BY: ATTY. BATAS MAURICIO



LIFE'S INSPIRATIONS: "... *That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh...*" (**Genesis 2:24, the Holy Bible**).

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AN ENCOUNTER WRITTEN IN THE STARS: It was, by all indications, an encounter written in the stars. The man, in 1956, was then working as a clerk-typist at a law firm in Sampaloc, Manila. He was 22 years of age, was still unmarried, and was carefree and enjoying his bachelorhood. He had, in fact, just come from the province, trying to find his destiny in the city with his knowledge of typing and a little stenography.

The young lady was just starting to bloom into full womanhood at 20 years of age, even as she was about to graduate from a normal school in Manila, clinching a degree in elementary education in the process. She has barely left her child-like demeanor, cloistered and sheltered as she was by her close relatives from the North, but this did not prevent her from venting her displeasure over the loud talking that a man and a fellow passenger was making in the bus she had taken to bring her home in the house of her parents in Quezon City that fateful day.

"Your voices are way too loud," the young lady told the man who was then sitting at the seat directly at her back. When she said this, she tried to glance at the man, and she saw that he was wearing a white long-sleeves polo, white slacks, and white shoes. He was talking to the man seated next to him, in her own dialect which was the language of her people from the North, the Ilocano dialect.

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STORIES OF YOUNG LOVE IN A PASSENGER BUS: "It seems to me you are also Ilocanos, so why are you talking so loud?" the lady asked in Ilocano, directly addressing the man who, she thought then, could have been someone who was modeling a white attire. At that point, the man apologized, in Ilocano too, to the young woman. He

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then hurried to explain, rather sheepishly, that he and his friend were talking in loud voices because they wanted precisely to grab her attention.

When she heard what the man said, the young lady blushed, telling him and his friend that what they were doing was distracting her attempt to study while she was travelling in the bus. She said she had to study even while she was on board the bus because she was then preparing for her final exams before her graduation ceremonies. The man again offered his apologies, and then maintained his silence.

When the bus reached a place in Quezon City, the woman alighted, and the man strained his neck to look at the place, which was an apartment in Project 3, Quezon City. While the young woman was going into the apartment, the man saw that she looked back to where he was, and, to his amazement, she threw a demure smile at him. The man's heart suddenly overflowed with a joy previously unknown to him, leading him to make a vow to wait for the lady once again to board her bus for home the following day.

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A PLEA FOR A PRAYER OR TWO FOR OUR PARENTS: The man and the young lady became good friends since. And as the days progressed into weeks, and weeks into months, they found themselves meeting more often. In one of their meetings, the man confessed that he, in reality, had been endeavoring to wait on her everyday at the same bus stop, riding the same bus without her knowing that he was also there, from the very first time he had laid his eyes on her.

The frequent meetings between the two blossomed into something more beautiful than mere friendship. At their young ages, their desire to be with one another all the time grew stronger by the day, until they could no longer deny that their hearts have started beating as one---truly enamored and in love with each other. By God's design, they got married on July 08, 1956, and thereafter stuck with each other literally through thick and thin, surmounting even the gravest of marital problems, until they both departed from this world. The man died in 2016, while the woman followed him to heaven in 2018.

On July 08, 2019, some 63 years have lapsed from the very day they tied the knot. And although they are no longer around nowadays, we, their children, continue to recall with fondness and love their marital union, because we know that the two (Mr. Melanio Pauco Mauricio Sr. and Mrs. Salvacion Lazo Mauricio), fully discharged their duties and responsibilities towards each other, and as our parents. I am asking our dear readers here to offer a prayer or two for them. Thank God in His Name of Jesus, Amen!

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REACTIONS? Call 0977 805 9058, 0918 574 0193, 0933 8251308, or my Messenger account in Facebook, Melanio Lazo Mauricio Jr. Or you could email me at batasmauricio@yahoo.com, mmauriciojr111@gmail.com, or send your comments or queries at www.facebook.com/attybatas.

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celebrating its 32nd founding anniversary in Tabuk City, Kalinga wherein Kalinga will serve as the host local government while the Cordillera office of the Department of Public works and Highways (DPWH-CAR) will be the host agency for this year's celebration being the lead agency in the infrastructure committee of the Regional Development Council (RDC-CAR).

Earlier, the RDC-CAR decided to rotate the hosting of the annual celebration of the region's founding anniversary to the different local governments comprising the CAR and the sectoral committees of the region's policy-making body.

Executive Order No. 220 was issued by former President Corazon C. Aquino on July 15, 1987 that created the CAR which will be composed of the provinces of Abra, Benguet, Mountain Province and Baguio City from the Ilocos Region and the provinces of Ifugao and Kalinga-Apayao from the Cagayan Valley region.

Under the said presidential issuance, the CAR was tasked to perform the activities of government in the region, accelerate the socio-economic growth in the region and prepare the region for regional autonomy.

The CAR founding anniversary kicked off Tuesday with the week-long Unity Gong Relay wherein the coveted gong will be brought around the region prior to the culminating program that will be conducted in Tabuk City, Kalinga on July 15, 2019.

After the culminating program on July 15, 2019, the gong will be passed by the provincial officials of Kalinga to the provincial officials of Mountain Province considering that the province will serve as the host local government for next year's CAR founding anniversary celebration.

The creation of the CAR was an offshoot of the September 13, 1987 peace agreement between the Philippine government represented by former President Cory Aquino and the Cordillera Peoples Liberation Army (CPLA) under the leadership of the late Fr. Conrado Balweg.

The Cordillera continues to bank on its services-driven economy to be one of the top performing regions in terms of economic growth over the past two years with its 12. Percent growth in 2017 and 7.1 percent growth in 2018./Dexter A. See

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accompanying fixtures and to charge the power consumption thereof for free as part of the electric cooperative's corporate social responsibility.

Lately, the council passed Resolution No. 023-B, series of 2019 that resolved that BENEKO, Inc. distribute streetlights to the city's barangays to ensure the proper illumination of unlighted areas in the different parts of the city to deter the commitment of crimes and help enhance the local government's law and order campaign.

The local government will be subjecting the urgent purchase of LED bulbs and fixtures to the appropriate bidding process after the appropriation of the funds for the said purpose./Dexter A. See

DISPATCH FROM CRAME

On Jueteng and Bato Dela Rosa's
"shit happens" mindset

BY: SEN. LEILA DE LIMA

President Duterte and Sen. Bato dela Rosa support jueteng as the lesser evil. They actually entertain "going easy" on the illegal numbers game because it is a crime that "feeds people" rather than one that kills them. This is the reasoning used by public officials to justify their acceptance of a monthly payola from jueteng lords, in exchange for "going easy" on jueteng. You go easy on illegal drugs, chances are you are on the payroll of drug lords. The same is true with illegal gambling.

Even Dela Rosa's comparison of jueteng and drugs is misplaced. Duterte is not even against drugs, after he has gone easy on the smugglers of billions of pesos and tons of shabu in the past 3 years. He is actually against the poor. He has ordered their murder whether or not they use drugs. Three (3)-year old Myka could not have been using drugs when the police shot and killed her. It is being made to appear that she was killed for obstructing justice after she let her father use her as a human shield, a story that is doubtful in itself as it is absurd. Dela Rosa might as well introduce legislation lowering the age of criminal responsibility to "at birth" because, anyway, "shit happens".

Jueteng is always a syndicate, an organized crime which involves other crimes like money laundering, drugs, guns for hire, etc. There's no such thing as "only jueteng". It is always connected to other crimes because the infrastructure, network, and culture of crime, including payoffs to police, judges, prosecutors, local and national officials, is reinforced by jueteng. Those who say that jueteng is a lesser evil are most probably connected to it.

In driving out the illegal street vendors of Divisoria and Carriedo, Mayor Isko Moreno told the public that if the illegal vendors ever return to occupy the thoroughfares again, then that only means that he has accepted the reportedly astonishing daily payola of 5 million pesos from the illegal vendors syndicate. So Mayor Isko definitely did not go easy on the illegal vendors, even if their activity "feeds people" and did not kill anybody, because there is a law and Mayor Isko chose to enforce the law.

For a public official, especially a President and a former PNP Chief, enforcing the law is not even a choice. It is a duty and a mandate. Duterte and Dela Rosa only have two choices. Enforce the law against jueteng or legalize jueteng altogether. Of course, legalizing jueteng means the end of payola to jueteng's protectors in government. So better to keep it illegal and just "go easy" on it, to keep the payola flowing to these protectors.

Shit does happen, but it happens more often because we have a President and public officials who are more gangsters than law enforcers.

Republic of the Philippines
Regional Trial Court, Branch 64
First Judicial Region
Abatan, Buguias,
Benguet

IN THE MATTER FOR ADOPTION OF HANNAH FAITH TICLAO PAKILO,

VICENTA SAKIWAT CASALDO.

-Petitioner,

-VERSUS-

LOCAL CIVIL REGISTRAR OF BAUKO, MT. PROVINCE AND THE PHILIPPINE STATISTICS AUTHORITY (PSA),

-Respondents.

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SPEC. PROCEEDINGS
CASE NO. 6419-A-037

AMENDED ORDER

Petitioner Vicenta Sakiwat Casaldo, through counsel, filed the instant verified Petition, praying that after due notice and hearing, the subject child, Hannah Faith Ticla Pakilo, be decreed her legitimate child, for all legal intents and purposes.

Petitioner alleged that she is of legal age, single, in possession of full civil capacity, Filipino citizen, and presently residing at Cotcot, Bulalacao, Mankayan, Benguet.

Petitioner further alleged that the subject minor was born on July 25, 2018,

At the Luis Hora Memorial Regional Hospital (HMRH), Bauko, Mountain Province, the fifth child of Spouses Levi Bekesen Pakilo and Jinggel Martin Ticla. A copy of the child's Certificate of Live Birth is attached to the Petition as Annex "A". The subject minor was voluntarily committed for adoption, as shown in the Social Case Study Report, with the Deed of Voluntary Commitment attached, by the Social Worker of MSWDO Mankayan, Benguet, as well as, the Affidavit of

Cordillera food fair to be institutionalized in Baguio

BAGUIO CITY – The City Council approved on first reading a proposed ordinance institutionalizing the 'Mangan Tako' Cordillera food fair every second week of April as part of the summer vacation activities of the city.

The ordinance authored by Councilor Lilia A. Fariñas states the importance of creating a committee to administer and oversee the programs and activities to be conducted during the conduct of the festival in the city.

Consent executed by the biological parents of the subject minor (Annexes "B", "C" and "K", respectively, of the Petition). Petitioner took custody of the subject child sometime in October 2018.

Alleging that she has all the qualifications and none of the disqualifications to adopt the said minor, petitioner filed the instant Petition.

WHEREFORE, finding the petition to be sufficient in form and substance, it is hereby set for hearing on December 10, 2019 at 8:30 o'clock in the morning before the Session Hall of this Court, and All persons interested may appear and show cause, if any, why this petition should not be granted.

Meanwhile, 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, once a week, for three (3) consecutive weeks, the first publication to be made not later than July 21, 2019.

Furnish copies hereof, together with a copy of the Petition and its Annexes, to the Provincial Prosecutor of Benguet; the Municipal Social Welfare Officer of Mankayan, Benguet; the Regional Director, Department of Social Welfare and Development-Cordillera Administrative Region (DSWD-CAR), # 40 North Drive, Baguio City; the Office of the Solicitor General, #134 Amoroso St., Legaspi Village, Makati City; The local Civil Registrar of bauko, Mountain Province; and the National Statistics Office, Manila, for their information and guidance.

SO ORDERED.
Abatan, Buguias, Benguet, Philippines this 8th day of July 2019.

(SGD) DANIEL DAZON MANGALLAY
Presiding Judge

July 13, 20 & 27, 2019

Based on the proposed ordinance, the committee shall be composed of the City Mayor as the honorary chairperson, the Department of Tourism-Cordillera as the lead agency, the Tourism Promotions Board, the chairperson of the Committee on Tourism, Specials Events, Parks and Playgrounds, the City Environment and Parks Management office, the City Building and Architecture Office, the food and beverage sector, the education sector, and other concerned agencies that may be deemed necessary for the successful conduct of the event.

Among the duties and responsibilities of the committee include the following: to convene and plan for the conduct of the annual event; schedule the programs for the set dates and arrange for its proper venue; facilitate the members of the committee as to their assigned tasks; formulate the rules and regulations in the conduct of food preparation for the delegates from the different participating provinces; cleanliness and maintenance of security and order and other rules to be observed appurtenant thereto; draft working plans for the putting up of stores to house participants and other beautification or landscaping ornaments; delegation of security personnel to patrol the area during the duration of the event, and other activities that may be deemed necessary for the success of the event.

The first edition of the Mangan Tako Cordillera food fair was held last April 8-14, 2019 at the Rose Garden, Burnham Park initiated by the tourism department in partnership with the Tourism Promotions Board, and supported by the agriculture department and the city government, as well as the different local governments in the region that participated in the said activity.

The Mangan Tako Cordillera food festival aims to put the Cordillera cuisine and delicacies into the spotlight to boost culinary tourism in the region that has evolved as a vital component of tourism and in the overall tourism

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person to public service, dela Peña claimed that he will not have a problem adjusting to the situation because he was already in the said situation before when he was in the academe.

On the issue of being the chief executive officer and owner of an engineering company, he explained that he has sufficient technical personnel who facilitate the day to day operations of his business and what he simply does is to oversee the same that is why he can still devote most of his time administering the affairs of the office pursuant to civil service rules and regulations.

Dela Peña assured local legislators that the present administration will be transparent on the implementation of priority development projects that are geared towards making a difference in the current state of Baguio en route to the better Baguio aspiration of Mayor Magalong.

He claimed that concerned departments of the local government will be crafting their short, medium and long-term development plants that will put to work the 10-point agenda of the local chief executive in the next 3 years.

He appealed to officials and employees of the local government for their continuous support for the realization of the present administration's 10-point agenda beneficial to the greater majority of the populace./Dexter A. See

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already able to identify an impounding area of towed illegally parked vehicles which is the property of businessman Dwight Nicolas Bello wherein it is capable of accommodating more than 300 motor vehicles that will be towed by the city's towing teams that will be deployed in the different parts of the city.

Earlier, the city's towing team was mandated to operate from 6 am to 7 pm to ensure that roads and streets will be freed from obstructions to lessen the worsening traffic congestions around the city.

Magalong underscored that illegally parked motor

vehicles that cause traffic should be towed to compel the owners to pay the prescribed fines under existing ordinances so that it will serve as a lesson to motorists not to illegally park their vehicles anywhere in the city.

Under the city's towing ordinance, owners of towed motor vehicles will be required to pay the P150 fine for illegal parking, the P500 per day impounding fee and the P1,500 towing fee prior to the release of their towed vehicles from the designated impounding area.

Initially, the local government started its towing operations with a single two truck to help in ridding the roads and streets on obstructions that usually contributes to the monstrous traffic jams around the city, especially along major roads.

Magalong appealed to motor vehicle owners to cooperate with the city's aggressive campaign against obstructions in all national, city and

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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 July 27, 2019 the tract of land described below:

Location:	Res. Sec. "L", Irisan, Baguio City
Description:	RESIDENTIAL LAND
Area:	270 Square Meters
Appraised Value of Land:	Php 575.00 per square meter
Improvements:	Php 1,850,000.00
Reference:	TSA 131102-3863 VICTORIO J. AFALLA

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

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

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DOUBLE PURPOSE. Ambuklao and Binga hydro electric plant reservoirs, in this photo, are also being looked into as possible location for other floating solar power plants of SN Aboitiz Power. This will not only address the problem of agricultural lands being converted to solar fields but will also address the growing need for electricity to sustain the country's development. (Photo courtesy of PIA-CAR)

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there are 10 steps to achieve zero waste management which include source separation, door to door collections, composting, recycling, reuse, repair and community center, waste reduction initiatives, economic incentives, residual separation and research center, industrial responsibility and temporary landfill.

He said zero waste is an approach that ensures resource efficiency, resource recovery, and protection of scarce natural resources.

"Many communities and cities around the world are pursuing zero waste approach instead of incineration because it is good for the environment, the health of communities, the economy, the earth's resources, jobs, and the climate," he said.

"This is the most beautiful city I have been to in the Philippines, and looking at it reminded me of Italy pushing and promoting zero waste and I can tell that the City of Baguio will be able to achieve zero waste," he added.

Say NO to Waste-to-energy

Connett said the problem with waste-to-energy plants is that it produces some of the most toxic materials known to humans.

"Waste to energy technologies uses high temperature to burn waste and generate electricity or other forms of energy that are harmful to the public," he said.

He said the city can solve its garbage woes by going zero waste instead of using waste to energy technologies.

"Incinerators and 'waste-to-energy plants are facilities that burn waste, usually plastics. It is bad for human health, environment, economy, climate, resources," said Connett, who authored the book, "The Zero Waste Solution"./Pamela Mariz Geminiano (PNA)

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this up for our country and our fellow Filipinos," said Erramon Aboitiz, president, and chief executive officer of Aboitiz power, vowing to continue bringing innovative power solutions, as well as innovative and responsible power solutions for the country's problems.

"This is the first non-hydro project of SNAP, that means there is more to come," he said./Liza Agoot (PNA)

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barangay roads so that motorists will be able to feel the gains of the local government's efforts to ensure smooth travel inside the city.

The previous administration embraced the implementation of the Anti-Road Obstruction campaign that caused the deputization of barangay officials to help in the effort to rid the roads from unnecessary obstructions but the said endeavour was not successful considering that non-cooperation of some barangay officials to the said program that was supposed to bring back the roads to the public unlike the present situation where there are still motorists that insist in illegally parking their vehicles on roads that obstruct the smooth flow of traffic./Dexter A. See

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of the late MEDARDO G. BIDES who died on April 27, 2005 in Sacramento, California, USA has been extra judicially settled by way of an Affidavit of Self-Adjudication executed by his widow, Avelina V. Bides as evidenced by Doc. 225, Page no. 065, Book no. XX, Series of 2019 of the Notary Public atty. Valdoboyd T. Ngipol of Baguio City Dated June 24, 2019

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Cordillera cops start counter-insurgency training



C O U N T E R I N S U R G E N C Y T R A I N I N G. About 80 policemen assigned with the Regional Mobile Force Battalion (RMFB) and Maneuver Force Companies of the Cordillera police have started their 60-day

Internal Security Operations training on Tuesday. The police units handle the internal security threats in the whole region like the Communist New Peoples Army Terrorists. (Photo courtesy of PROCOR PIO)

BAGUIO CITY-- A total of 80 policemen in the Cordillera are undergoing training on internal security operations as part of the capacity building program to combat insurgency in the country.

“PROCOR (Police Regional Office Cordillera) opened a Basic Internal Security Operations Course (BISOC). The class is composed of 80 strong police officers assigned with the Regional Mobile Force Battalion (RMFB), and Maneuver Force Companies of PROCOR,” said Police Maj. Carolina Lacuata, PROCOR information officer, on Wednesday.

training course mandatory for all policemen assigned to the units. It is a foundation course, an enhanced version of the 45-day Special Counter-Insurgency Operations Unit Training (SCOUT), which aim to upgrade the officers’ counter-insurgency skills.

The RMFB and the Maneuver Force companies are units under the regional police office which are utilized as front liners in internal security threat groups, among them, the Communist New Peoples’ Army Terrorist (CNT).

This is also meant to develop the personal effectiveness and capability of a police officer in handling

internal security operations as well as develop initiatives and attitudes that could best help them live up to their duties and responsibilities.

During the opening of the event on Tuesday, PROCOR director, Brig. Gen. Israel Ephraim Dickson, encouraged the police officers to take their training seriously, which they will use to keep Cordillera free from threats of insurgency, terrorism, and criminality.

“Keep in mind that skills alone will not save you, but skills plus proper planning and coordination is equal to operational success,” Dickson said. / **Liza Agoot (PNA)**

Group suggests ways to solve Baguio's garbage woes

BAGUIO CITY—A U.S.-based environmental group on Tuesday proposed to the city government here to practice strategies or ways to curb its decades-old garbage problem.

“Educating the community and other stakeholders about the 10 steps to reduce their garbage to zero waste is both a goal and a plan of action,” said Dr. Paul Connett, American Envi-

ronmental Health Studies Project

(AEHSP) executive director said in an interview.

Connett, who specializes in Environmental Chemistry and Toxicology, was in the city on Sunday to speak on the

topic upon the invitation of environmental organization, Zero Waste Coalition, which has worked with Mayor Benjamin Magalong in advocating and educating the residents about waste management.

Connett said **Cont. on page 7**



BEATING OF THE GONG – Baguio City officials led by Vice Mayor Faustino Olowan and Benguet officials led by Gov. Melchor D. Diclas take turns in beating the Unity Gong that was brought to the city hall grounds last Friday for the Baguio leg of the Unity Gong Relay. / **Rosalia T. See**

Floating solar plant mulled in Binga, Ambuklao

BAGUIO CITY-- The two major water reservoirs in Benguet are being eyed for the possibility of having a floating solar power plant, an executive of a private firm said on Monday.

Lawyer Mike Hosillos, SN Aboitiz Power vice president for corporate affairs, said they hope to have the same floating solar power system in

Magat, he said.

Hosillos added that they need to study the availability of the sun, with both dams located on the mountains of Benguet where there are constant fog and cloudy skies, saying: “Potentially, this can be adapted in Binga.”

Last June 27, SN Aboitiz switched on a 200-kilowatt floating solar power system in Magat dam, which power generation

is currently being used to electrify the

operation of the Magat power plant.

It will be on a 10-month to one-year testing stage to find out its capacity to withstand strong wind and rain as well as the movement of water where it is floating. If found feasible, the company will also look at placing the same in Binga and Ambuklao.

“We can replicate this and scale **Cont. on page 7**

Binga and Ambuklao reservoirs.

“If it is adaptable in Magat, we will probably explore the same solar floating arrangements in Binga and Ambuklao,” Hosillos said.

However, with the location of the two dams on the mountains of the Cordillera, which is higher in elevation than that of the Magat dam, the probable difference is the scale because the area is actually much smaller

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