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Buffet meals and unli rice, contributory factors to obesity?

BAGUIO CITY - Nutritionists-dieticians and other health advocates are looking at the buffet and unli rice restaurants as a factor in the increase of overweight individuals in Baguio City and Benguet.

Restaurants offering eat-all-you-can buffet meals and eateries serving unlimited rice customers including children in the city and nearby areas of Benguet to have been on the rise. More people eat at these types of restaurants due to lesser amount to be paid with more food to be eaten.

Dr. Pelin Belino, Dean of Department of Human Nutrition and Foods of the Benguet State University, said that although studies are yet to be made to prove that the emergence of buffet and unli rice restaurants contributes to the increase of overweight, these

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Mabuti naman at may mga kababayan pa na kayang mag-buffet at mag unli rice sapagkat maraming kababayang mahihirap na di man lang makakain ng matino sa tatlong beses isang araw!!!



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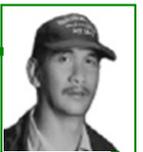
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Family in crisis appeals for help **Baguio dad orders fast tracking of drainage repair works**

BAGUIO CITY - A family in Irisan barangay facing a double crisis after two of its members fell seriously ill is in dire need of assistance.

"I do not know what to do anymore so I am asking anyone, everyone to help us. Just help us please," a distraught Maria Magdalena Combis appealed.

Combis' 26-year old daughter Charo May has been battling stage 4 breast cancer since 2013 and her husband Wilfredo, 61, is just recovering from brain operation after suffering a stroke recently.

Charo May is scheduled to undergo her third of the six-cycle chemotherapy on August 4 and badly needs cash to purchase oxygen and other medical needs.

Social welfare officer Jeterda Junio of the city social welfare and development office said Charo May has been in and out of the hospital and was confined at the Baguio General Hospital last June 14 due to difficulty in breathing. "She became weak and thin," Junio said.

"The family is in crisis situation and could not cope with the expensive medical treatment. (The father's ordeal) affected also the physical, social and economic well-being of the family," Junio related.

The parents are presently unemployed and their two other children Christian, 23 and Carlo, 21 have long stopped schooling. Instead they are now employed as laborers earning a measly P5,400 a month.

"With this, the

economic condition of the family is below poverty threshold," Junio said.

Before her cancer diagnosis, Charo May was a third year finance management working student of the University of the Cordilleras but stopped due to financial constraint and worked in two establishments to augment the family income.

She underwent continuous medication and chemotherapy sessions through the assistance of relatives, donations, financial and medical assistance from the social welfare office and the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO).

Those willing to help the family may visit their residence at 34B Purok 28, Irisan barangay or call 09301600817 / 09487900848. /Aileen P. Refuerzo

City department heads to hold regular powwow

BAGUIO CITY - City government department heads Monday agreed to hold regular meetings also every Monday to forge a closer working relationship and facilitate action on concerns and issues.

City budget officer Leticia Clemente and city administrator Carlos Canilao said the Monday assignment will enable the officials to interact more and discuss and face issues head on for faster solution and action.

"It will allow us to openly discuss our concerns department-head-to-department-head," Clemente said.

It will be held immediately after the regular executive-legislative breakfast meeting led by Mayor Mauricio Domogan at the city multi-purpose hall.

A test run last Monday saw the executives discussing issues on the gender and development programs' need to be streamlined in departmental planning and on the need for coordination in the purchase of the supplies by offices involved in disaster preparedness, rescue and relief with the onset of the typhoon season.

The executives also agreed to return the ambulance earlier donated by the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO) which has not

been serving its purpose because of its unsuitability to the city's road condition.

The heads also agreed to keep track of the performance of their workforce to upgrade their capability and effect better service to the public.

It was agreed that Canilao as the city admin will preside over the regular meeting. /Aileen P. Refuerzo

BAGUIO CITY - With the onset of the rainy season, Mayor Mauricio G. Domogan ordered the city engineering office to work double time in repairing the drainages around this mountain resort.

During the Monday morning flag raising this week, the local chief executive said that it is a priority for the city government fix defective drainage and institute the appropriate repairs so that water will immediately flow into the system and prevent the accumulation

of water.

"We need to immediately attend and repair the drainages because it pose danger to the general public and the local government is liable for whatever accidents that might happen to people as a result of poorly maintained drainages," Domogan said.

He cited that there were several accidents that happened because some iron grill covers of the drainage were removed.

Domogan said the city government is mandated to maintain drainage

systems for the convenience of the public, especially during heavy downpour so that flooding in major roads could be prevented.

It is best for the concerned offices to cover the open drainage systems in order to prevent untoward incidents that will compromise the safety of life and limb considering that open drainage systems are usually the cause of untoward incidents that compromise public safety, Domogan stressed. /JBZ PIA CAR

Utility firms required to go underground in city

BAGUIO CITY - The City Council approved on first reading a proposed ordinance requiring all public utility companies utilizing wires and cables to install underground lines and obliging the firms to

convert their overhead lines within the central business district into underground lines to lessen the eye sore and uninterrupted services to the public.

The ordinance authored by Councilor Leandro

B. Yangot, Jr. stated that it will be the policy of the City Government to impose this requirement starting with those in the central business district area.

Under the proposed local legislation, all existing utility overhead lines, whether wires or cables, within the central business district shall be converted to underground lines within a period of six months from the approval of the ordinance.

On the other hand, all public utility companies found to have violated the pertinent provisions of the ordinance shall be meted a penalty of P5,000 plus cancellation of their permits and closure of their business establishments.

Yangot pointed that as one of the premier tourist destinations in the country, the city has always been implementing tourism and safety programs that help attract visitor's year-round.

However, he noted that the tangled dangling wires of public utility companies and cable networks are eyesores and pose eminent danger to the public.

Yangot said that due to the safety challenges to persons and properties, an appropriate legislation is needed to address these



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Baguio dengue cases increase by 400%

BAGUIO CITY – The City Health services Office reported that dengue fever cases in the city increased by over four hundred percent from 239 cases from January 1 to July 20, 2015 to 1,875 cases during the same period this year.

Dra. Rowena Galpo, City Health Services Officer, said 64 percent or 1,199 cases were residents of the city's barangays while the rest of the reported dengue cases are from nearby municipalities and provinces.

56 percent of the dengue cases were males while the remainder were females and that the age range of the affected patients were from 3 months to 82 years old.

Galpo revealed among the actions taken by the concerned offices to help combat the rapid increase in dengue fever cases include the purchase of two ultra-low volume space spray machines, emergency hiring of two fumigators, training of Emergency Management Services (EMS) and City

Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (CDRRMC) staff as pesticide applicators to augment manpower, policy development through consultative meetings for the crafting of the dengue ordinance of the city, signing of appropriate lawful orders to mobilize the available city resources against dengue, dengue advocacy meetings with barangay officials, private-public partnership meetings with stakeholders to discuss inter-agency response against dengue and misting of the affected barangays.

The City Health Officer disclosed there were 30 barangays covered by the misting operations since May 18, 2016 but there are still more barangays to be covered by the said activity up to next month.

On the other hand, Galpo claimed there were 12 schools that were covered by the misting operations from June 1-9, 2016 as part of the Brigada Eskwela and the schools were located

in the barangays with reported clustering of dengue cases.

The barangays that were subjected to misting operations were Camp 7, San Vicente, Lourdes Extension, Dominican-Mirador, Asin road, San Luis Village, Quezon Hill Proper, Middle Quirino Hill, Lower Quirino Hill, Santa Escolastica, Pacdal, Loakan Proper, Pinsao Pilot, Irisan, West Quirino Hill, East Quirino Hill, North Sanitary Camp, Bakakeng Central, Bakakeng Norte, Engineer's Hill, Kias, Lucnab, Fairveiw, Pinget, Lopez Jaena, Hillside, Dontogan, Balsigan, Camp 8 and Victoria Village while the schools that were also provided misting operations are Gen. Emilio Aguinaldo Elementary School, Josefa Cariño Elementary School, Baguio Central School, Loakan Elementary School, Pinsao Elementary School, San Vicente Elementary School, Quirino Elementary School, Pinget Elementary School, Bakakeng Elementary School, Lucban Elementary School and Magsaysay Elementary School.

Galpo reminded local residents to observe cleanliness inside and outside their homes, particularly the destruction of the breeding ground of dengue-carrying mosquitoes, considering that the efforts to combat the sudden surge in the dreaded illness is a combined approach among all concerned stakeholders in the city.

She added the concerned offices of the local government will continue the conduct of regular meetings with the task force, dengue program coordinators, surveillance unit head, health education and promotion officer to map out the necessary plans to prevent dengue outbreak in the city./By Dexter A. See



CITY HALL'S DANCING QUEEN - Civil Registrar Sylvia Laudencia (center) leads her staff in a dance number to the delight of city officials and employees during City Hall flag raising ceremonies July 25./By Bong Cayabyab

Council reiterates invitation to DPWH officials on diggings

BAGUIO CITY – The City Council reiterated its previous invitation for regional and district officials of the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) to appear before its regular session on August 1, 2016 to shed light on the snail-paced implementation of their projects and the unabated citywide diggings causing monstrous traffic congestions in the central business district area.

The local legislative body expressed disappointment over the failure of regional and district officials of the agency to appear in last Monday's regular session without even sending a written notice stating the reasons for their non-appearance.

Members of the council were to air the sentiments of the public in relation to the on-going implementation of city infrastructure projects, particularly the non-compliance of the erring contractors to simple project specifications and their failure to install appropriate early

warning signages and flagmen in chokepoints within their construction sites.

The appearance of regional and district officials of the DPWH before Council's regular session was fundamental in seeking explanations and justifications on the very slow implementation of their projects and the contractors' failure to fulfil their commitments to complete most of their projects within the central business district by the first week of July.

It will be recalled that last May 23, 2016, DPWH officials committed to complete the drainage projects in the central business district area will be completed within this month but ocular observation will confirm that several of these projects now the cause of the monstrous traffic jams in the central business district.

The inability of contractors to install the appropriate early warning signages and the capacity of regional and district

officials of the DPWH to strictly monitor the compliance of the contractors to such simple provisions in their contracts is being questioned by some legislators and these should have been clarified had these entities appeared before the legislative body.

Obvious contractors' lack of adequate personnel to immediately complete their projects, especially in the central business district, is leading to traffic jams resulting to loss of valuable time for those who are working.

Observers opine that the regional and district offices of the DPWH must verify with concrete proof that winning contractors must be financially and technically competent to implement projects in a timely manner with the highest quality prescribed in their contracts.

The council will decide on its future actions against the DPWH officials who will again snub the next Council meeting without justifiable reasons./By Dexter A. See

Waste management update: technology selection, site negotiations on

BAGUIO CITY – The city is in the process of selecting the best waste technology while negotiating for the possible site for its Integrated Solid Waste Management System (ISWMS).

City general services officer Romeo Concio said that of the 22 proposals for waste management schemes received by the city, ten have been short-listed.

This will whittle down to only five by the middle of August and analysis and studies will continue until the best proposal is selected.

Concio said the proponents offered various technologies and schemes including waste-to-energy, plastic-to-diesel and several biodegradable techniques.

"We are considering

everything and assessing them based on the city's needs and capability," Concio said.

As to the site, Concio said negotiations with the Benguet Corporation (BenguetCorp) continue after Mayor Mauricio Domogan's meeting with company representatives recently on the firm's reoffer for the use of its abandoned Antamok open pit mines in Suyoc, Itogon, Benguet as possible site for the city's ISWMS.

Concio said the city is awaiting the draft of the memorandum of agreement currently being finalized by the BenguetCorp board.

The mayor earlier said he has signed the MOA with the firm for the sole purpose of jumpstarting the negotiations.

The MOA will be deliberated on by the BenguetCorp board and will be returned along with the proposed terms of reference to the city for approval and confirmation by the city council.

Concio said the city expects no environmental question this time as the city no longer plans to put up an engineered sanitary landfill.

He said the city will make sure that the technology chosen will not in any affect the environment including the river system in the area.

The area was first offered to the city government as possible location for the city's engineered sanitary landfill in 2008 but was withdrawn in view of the prospects of

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Ateneo president hits killings in Philippines



CATHOLIC VOICE. Ateneo de Manila University president Father Jose Ramon Villarin joins other Catholic leaders in condemning the recent spate of killings in the Philippines. File photo by UCPRO/Ateneo

'If real change is to happen, it can only come when we hold before us the value and sanctity of every person's life,' the Ateneo president says

Ateneo de Manila University president Father Jose Ramon Villarin on Friday, July 29, condemned the recent spate of killings in the Philippines.

Villarin also referred to the bloody war against illegal drugs waged by the administration of Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte, who ran on a platform of change.

EDITORIAL The Ateneo president said "real change" will happen only when Filipinos "respect the sanctity of every person's life."

Villarin issued this statement after the murder of Emmanuel Jose "Em-J" Pavia, an Ateneo teacher and alumnus. Pavia is also the son of two Ateneo teachers.

Unidentified killers shot Pavia to death "on his way home to Barangka, Marikina," he said.

"Though official investigation continues, under no circumstances can the killing of such a young and dedicated teacher be spared condemnation in the strongest terms," Villarin said in his statement "on the passing of Ateneo alumnus and teacher Emmanuel Jose 'Em-J' Magno Pavia."

The Ateneo president then turned to the "primal feelings of frustration, anger, and fear unleashed by the violence that continues to stalk our people," especially the poor.

"We recognize the willful efforts of government, the private sector, and civil society to rid our communities of this drug menace and to institute measures that protect persons and property from such violence," he said.

"However, Christian faith tells us that Jesus came so that all may have life and have it more abundantly (Jn 10,10). Because of the fundamental Gospel value and sanctity of each person's life, the death of anyone regardless of virtue cannot but diminish us, and any society or culture that encourages and multiplies death cheapens life for everyone," he added.

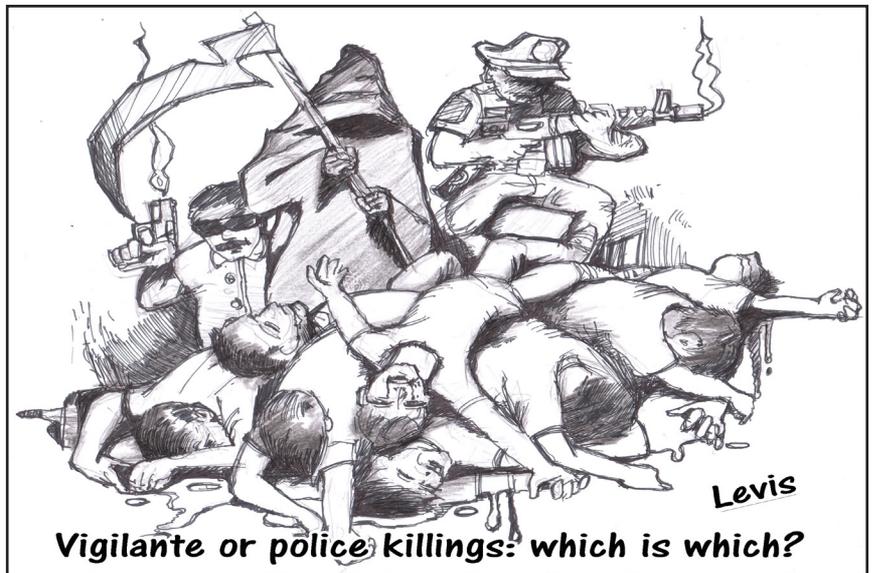
'Real change'

Villarin also said: "We join our voice with other sympathetic voices in civil society. We find resonance with the sentiments of our friends from the La Sallian community on this pressing concern."

Leaders of Catholic nuns, the president of De La Salle Philippines, and the Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines, among others, have voiced their concern over the killings since Duterte won the presidency. Given the scope of the problem, Villarin on Friday urged members of the Ateneo community to:

- "Promote reverence for life, respect for human rights, and restorative justice"
- "Espouse best practices in crime prevention and control"
- "Watch over the enforcement of equality before the law, due process, and mandated judicial processes in instances of criminal arrest"
- "Lobby against the potential reinstatement of capital punishment and the lowering of the age of criminal liability"

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FAIR AND SQUARE

Letter to President Duterte (Reprint from last week)



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His Excellency
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Dear Mr. President:

For so long, we have been the recipients of poor and inefficient service from incompetent and corrupt personnel of the DOTC-CAR and its two (2) agencies, the LTFRB-CAR and the LTO-CAR.

DOTC-CAR was established almost at the same time as DOTC CARAGA on experimental basis by then DOTC Secretary Rainerio Reyes for the purpose of combining the functions of LTO, LTFRB and supposedly other DOTC sectoral offices in the administrative regions and put them all under the control and supervision of the Department through only one regional director. It was not implemented in all administrative regions as intended however, hence, we have LTO, LTFRB and other sectoral offices still separate from each other under one (1) regional director.

Not that this experiment of small DOTC in the region was a structure not suited or unwieldy to manage but, just like in the case of DOTC-CAR, the defect lies in the caliber of regional directors appointed by the President who were not qualified to handle an expanded regional office. So, we have had regional directors incapable and incompetent to render proper service and to stop FIXING ACTIVITIES and RED TAPES which are the roots of corruption in the DOTC-CAR particularly in the LTFRB-CAR and the LTO-CAR, despite Rep. Act. 6713 and Rep. Act 9485.

Corruption in the DOTC-CAR perpetrated through fixing activities and red tape primarily account for the following irregularities to date, among which are the following:

1. Thousands of irregularly-issued PUV franchises many of which were granted fraudulently and spuriously, notwithstanding the moratorium existing in Baguio City and other parts of CAR since 1998 to the present, thus contributing to the worsening traffic congestion of Baguio City.
2. Failure of its law enforcers to contain continuous colorum and out-of-line operations of PUVs, thereby also causing the almost debilitating traffic congestion during peak hours in the city.
3. Inefficiency and corrupt practices of DOTC-CAR personnel concerned who because of corruption, allow and tolerate for-hire motor vehicles to use the city roads and streets as garage and terminals.
4. The inability of officials and rank-and-file personnel in the DOTC/LTO/LTFRB-CAR to efficiently and competently perform their duties and functions on time, even as they are prescribed in their respective Citizens Charter.

With all due respect Mr. President, I have to call the attention of the Honorable

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BY: NESTOR "PAKEN" CASTRO

Tutuo kaya ang pagka gahaman ng opisyal ng PNP na ito - Ayon sa aking mga DPA -impormante, ito raw opisyal ng PNP na ito ay kinorner daw nya lahat ng intelihensya na supposed to be na mapupunta sa ibat- ibang unit na sumasalilalim sa kanya, at pati na rin ang intelihensya para sa mga medyas este media ay kanya rin ipina bawasan kung hindi ay tangalin na ng tuluyan. Ayon sa aking deep penetrating angel (DPA) kung maaari nga daw ay pati na rin por da boys ng mga politiko ay gusto rin nya ipa cut or at least ay bawasan ang katwiran ni Mr. Pulis Titing Matulis ay tatal naman daw ay siya rin ang nadidikdik at na sisi kapag may mga raid o hulian. Hi !Hi !Hi! Kung tutuo ang inpo na ito ay ang masasabi ko lang ay tama yan Ser, solohin mo lahat para ikaw lang ang Happy. Tatal naman ikaw lang ang anak ng Dyos! Hi !Hi ! Hi! Tunay na madaling makalimot ang marami sa mga nasa kapangyarihan at mistulang hindi nila naalala ang mga nangyari katulad nung panahon ni Pangulong Erap kung saan ninais ng isang Prinsepe Atong Ang ang solohin lahat at pati na rin ang isang matinding Haring Chavit Singson ay kanyang ibinalewala kaya ayun na sipa ang mga GAHAMAN, sipa si Emperor Erap at kasama na rin si Prinsepe Atong. Ang isang very basic at simpleng leksyon lang naman ay ang isang GAHAMAN na hindi marunong ng o nagsasagawa ng spread the sunshine ay hindi tatagal. O tignan mo yun SUWAPANG NA TONGRESMAN na yun, mabuti na lang sa awa ng Dyos ay hindi na uli lumabas. Kaya kung tutuo ang inpo na ito ay sigurado ko na hindi magtatagtal ang ganyan istilo ng mga SUWAPANG NA GAHAMAN PA, PWEEEE... BUMALIK KA SA PROBINSYA SA BUNDOK!!!

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Mga drug lords asan na - Mr. President tigang este Digong, Ser, asan na po ang mga sinasabi ninyong drug lords na inyong itutumba at patitigilin ? Yuon po ba ang mga limang heneral na pinangalanan ninyo ng walang anuman ebidensya ??? O baka naman yun isang Peter Lim na inyong kakompare at election campaign donor/ supporter ang tinutukoy ninyo na drug lord ??? O baka naman yun na ang mga nasa loob ng munti na sina Golangco ang company??? Alam naman ninyo Mr. President tigang este Digong, inaasahan ng mamamayan Pilipino ang inyong pangako na patitigilin ninyo ang malalaking drug lords at hindi lang ang puros mga naka tsinelas ang inyong tinotodas, o baka naman hanggang puros pipitsugin tulak lang ang inyong kaya, at sigurdong may mga kaso pa ng mga salvaging ng mga inosenteng Juan dela Cruz!!! Ibunyag na ninyo ang pangalan ng mga Polpolitiko (Mayors, Gobernatongs, Tongressmen, Senatongs) na involved sa drug trade maging supporter, pusher at protector sila. Please name names Mr. President, SIR.

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Pres Du30 -OVERACTING (OA)- ano ba naman klaseng pang famas awards ang nakikita natin na dramang matindi ni Pres Digong, ano ba naman klaseng overacting ang kamakailan ang nakikita natin sa social media at naipapabalita, ano ano ito ka ninyo, eto ang tatlong halimbawa ? No. 1- ang kanyang convoy ay humihinto sa traffic at mga traffic lights, ano bang kalokohan ito eh ibig mong sabihin hindi ganuon ka halaga ang oras ng pangulo kaya pwede sya ma stak sa traffic, Oh C'mon, dapat ay hindi na humihinto sa traffic lights ang Pangulo sapagkat napaka halaga ng bawat minuto o segundo ng oras ng Pangulo kaya dapat ay exempted sya sa traffic. Sya lang po. No. 2- nakita natin na kunwari ay dumadaan siya sa screening sa airport kung saan dumadaan pa sya sa x-ray machine saman-

talang ang kanyang mga PSG security ay nilalampasan lang ang mga ito, Oh C'mon Mr. President. Kaya nga mahigpit ang check point sa airport ay dahil sa mga taong katulad ninyo , pero ang iyong mga secutiry ay hindi naman dumadaan sa security check, eh ano yun at pa kunwari ay sa economy class pa naka sakay, ngunit na ka cordon off din naman sa ibang pasahero, bayad kaya lahat mga upuan na yun o complimentary ng airline??? Dapat ay mag private jet ka na lang Mr. Prsident para wala ng abala sa mga ordinaryong mamamayan etc.... No. 3- isa pang nakakataw ay pinakita pa sa social media na pumipila pa sa isang linya papunta sa buffet table sa Malacanang para kumuha ng pagkain, ang galing nga naman ano, istail Pope Francis yan Mr. President, hindi po ninyo original yan at si Pope Francis pinakita nay an na siya ay pumipila sa cafeteria ng Vatican, ang tanong ngayon ay pipila ka rin bas a ibang mga buffet table sa ibang mga lugar??? Hindi ko lang lubos na maisip na ang isang pangulo ay pakunwaring pipila pa sa isang buffet table, bakit, once again ay hindi ba ganuon kahalaga ang oras ng pangulo ??? But in fairness sa inyo Mr. President, gusto ko yun gagawin ninyo na isimplify ang darating na SONA at saka na rin ang ayaw ninyo na tawagin na His Excellency, aprub na aprub po ako duon at isang malaking YES at bilib ako sa mga moves nyo na yan, kung sabagay titulo lang naman kasi yan at wala naman sa titulo yan, kung hindi nasa gawa, na sa accomplishments ang bottom line. MABUHAY PO KAYO PANGULONG DIGONG



Land Transportation Office Employees Union Oath taking of new set of officers and board of directors of the Land Transportation Office Employees Union was held on July 22, 2016 at the office of Asec. Edgar Galvante. Seen taking their oath before Asec. Galvante are the union officers and directors (from left to right) : Nestor A. Castro (Press Relations Officer), Dante Bordeos (Treasurer), Agnes Ganzon (Assistant Secretary), Celina Lunar (Secretary), Jessalyn Anne Bascuguin (Auditor), Martha Fortades (VP), Mercedes Gutierrez (President), Asec. Edgar Galvante, Adela Desini (Assistant Treasurer), Restituto Lazo (BOD), Susana Adivino (BOD), Roberto Valera (BOD), Paquita dela Cruz (BOD), Jimmy Abuedo (BOD), Ma. Perpetua Felicidad Ubaldo (BOD), Asuncion Cruz (BOD), Louie Miranda (BOD). Not in the photo are Raul de Guzman (Sergeant -at- Arms), Eric Estrellado (BOD), Rodel Pagdanganan (BOD).

KAKAMPI MO ANG BATAS

Duterte confirms his gov't submits to God



BY: ATTY. BATAS MAURICIO

LIFE'S INSPIRATIONS: "... Holy Father, you have given me your name..." (Jesus Christ, our God and Savior, in John 17:11, the Holy Bible).

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DUTERTE'S SONA CONFIRMS HIS GOV'T SUBMITS TO GOD: To me, the most important part of President Duterte's first State of the Nation Address (SONA) on July 25, 2016 was his recognition that his government will never be separated from God. Addressing the spiritual heads of different religious group, he said: "... I believe quite strongly that there should never be a separation between God and State..."

This to me was greatly significant for a number of reasons. First, it indicates that despite Duterte's tough-talking ways and radical approaches to solving the problems of illegal drugs, corruption, and criminality, which could often encourage extrajudicial killings, he is a man who submits himself to God, amenable to seeking and applying His principles in governing the country and its people.

In short, Duterte is a man who has a healthy faith in the Almighty, who does not shirk nor shy away from publicly acknowledging that faith, unlike almost of his predecessors who leave out belief and faith in God in many of their pronouncements. I am quite confident now that despite many shortcomings, Duterte has the Spirit of God in him, which is the main ingredient of good and efficient leadership. Mabuhay!

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WHAT IS THE TRUTH, DELOSO, EBDANE? Can a provincial governor, like former Zambales Governor Hermogenes Ebdane Jr., sell vast areas of land in his province to foreigners, like the Chinese, and allow them to use the land as a reservoir for weapons like missiles or nuclear bombs? This is a question that is now nagging many, after incumbent Gov. Amor Deloso raised an alert in an interview with media.

The clear answer to this, based on the news accounts that appeared in Facebook, is no, lands in our country can never be sold to any foreigner. Then, it is also clear under the 1987 Constitution that no nuclear weapon can ever be allowed in any part of our country. If Deloso's accusations (see <http://tankler.com/mayor-deloso-claims-chinese-military-presence-in-stacruz-6882> and <http://www.manilatimes.net/zambales-gov-belies-chinese-presence/275937/>) are true, criminal cases await the responsible officials.

Now, I am calling upon both Ebdane and Deloso to submit themselves to public questioning and clarify whether there is any truth to this matter. It is not just a violation of the Constitution that is at state here. The safety and well-being of the entire country, which can be obliterated in seconds with even a mere erroneous pushing of nuclear buttons, are compromised.

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STARTING PRAYERS WITH THE NAME OF GOD: A closer reading of the Holy Bible will show that in Isaiah 41, there is a prophecy by the Prophet Isaiah that a "man" will be called by God from the east and who will be allowed by Him to achieve victory and success over kings and princes. The distinguishing characteristic of that "man" is the manner by which he prays to God.

This "man" (who I believe is actually a group of believers led by their leader), "will call on my name", says God, as stated in Isaiah 41:25. This is significant, especially if we consider that during the time of Isaiah, there was no specific name yet by which God was called. Yes, **Cont. on page 8**

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

IN RE: PETITION FOR THE ADOPTION OF MINOR CAELAN LEE FROST AND MINOR SHYNE CEDRICK LAPAY RIVERA

SPOUSES RICK LEE FROST and JOCEL LAPAY FROST, Petitioners,

-versus-

LOCAL CIVIL REGISTRAR OF BAGUIO CITY, LOCAL CIVIL REGISTRAR OF QUEZON CITY, MELODY B. KAFILAS, ERICSON E. RIVERA AND THE PHILIPPINE STATISTICS AUTHORITY, Respondents.

Special Proceedings Case No. 16-A-1046

x-----x ORDER

Petitioners, through counsel, filed this verified Petition for Adoption, praying that after due notice, publication and hearing, the prospective adoptees, CAELAN LEE FROST AND SHYNE CEDRICK LAPAY RIVERA, be declared the legitimate children and legal heirs of the petitioners.

WHEREFORE, finding the Petition to be sufficient in form and substance, the petitioners are directed to meet and confer with the Court Social Worker for the conduct of the Child and Home Study in relation to this Petition. The Court Social Worker therefore is directed to conduct a Child and Home Study and submit to this court her

REPORTS, incorporating therein her findings and recommendations, and furnishing copies thereof to the Office of the Solicitor General; to the Office of the Provincial Prosecutor of Benguet; and the Office of the Regional Director of the DSWD-CAR, Baguio City. The said offices may or may not file the Comment to said REPORTS.

The REPORT of the Court Social Worker should be submitted to this court at least fifteen (15) days before the initial hearing of this Petition, which shall be on October 5, 2016 at 9:00 o'clock in the morning.

Let this ORDER be published at the expense of the Petitioner in The Junction, a newspaper of general circulation in Baguio City and Benguet Province and the Cordillera Administrative Region, once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks, the first publication to be made not later August 14, 2016. All interested persons may come to court and show cause, if any, why this Petition should not be granted.

Furnish copies of this ORDER, together with copies of the Petition and its annexes, to the Office of the Solicitor General; the Office of the Provincial Prosecutor of Benguet; the Local Civil Registrar of Baguio City; the Local Civil Registrar of Quezon City; Meldoy B. Kafilas; Erison E. Rivera; and, the Court Social Worker and the Office of the Regional Director, DSWD-CAR, Baguio City. Furnish copies of this ORDER to the Junction and the petitioners and counsel. SO ORDERED.

In chambers, this 18th day of July 2016 at La Trinidad, Benguet.

(SGD) RUFUS G. MALECDAN, JR. Acting Presiding Judge

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

La Trinidad, Benguet

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF THWIKXIEH ALIYAH DAGANG LAYOG,

SPOUSES ERNESTO J. DAGANG AND JOAN DIZON-DAGANG, Petitioners,

Petitioners,

-versus-

THE LOCAL CIVIL REGISTRAR OF BAGUIO CITY, Respondents.

Special Proceedings Case No. 16-A-1044

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Petitioners, through counsel, filed this verified Amended Petition for Adoption, praying that after due notice, publication and hearing, the prospective adoptee, THWIKXIEH ALIYAH DAGANG LAYOG, be declared the legitimate child and legal heir of the petitioners and that she shall be known as THWIKXIEH ALIYAH DIZON DAGANG.

WHEREFORE, finding the Petition to be sufficient in form and substance, the petitioners are directed to meet and confer with the Court Social Worker for the conduct of the Child and Home Study in relation to this Petition. The Court Social Worker therefore is directed to conduct a Child and Home Study and submit to this court her REPORTS, incorporating therein her findings and recommendations, and furnishing copies thereof

to the Office of the Solicitor General; to the Office of the Provincial Prosecutor of Benguet; and the Office of the Regional Director of the DSWD-CAR, Baguio City. The said offices may or may not file the Comment to said REPORTS.

The REPORT of the Court Social Worker should be submitted to this court at least fifteen (15) days before the initial hearing of this Petition, which shall be on September 22, 2016 at 9:00 o'clock in the morning.

Let this ORDER be published at the expense of the Petitioner in The Junction, a newspaper of general circulation in the Baguio City and Benguet Province and the Cordillera Administrative Region, once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks, the first publication to be made not later August 7, 2016. All interested persons may come to court and show cause, if any, why this Petition should not be granted.

Furnish copies of this ORDER, together with copies of the Petition and its annexes, to the Office of the Solicitor General; the Office of the Provincial Prosecutor of Benguet; the Office of the Civil Registrar of Baguio City; and, the Court Social Worker and the Office of the Regional Director, DSWD-CAR, Baguio City. Furnish copies of this ORDER to The Junction and the petitioners and counsel. SO ORDERED.

In chambers, this 18th day of July, 2016 at La Trinidad, Benguet.

(SGD) RUFUS G. MALECDAN, JR. Acting Presiding Judge

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concerns for these concerned entities to fix their lines and if necessary adopt underground installations.

It will be recalled that the matter of converting the overhead lines of public utility companies to underground wiring or cable system had been deliberated in the previous councils but the proposed measure had not progressed beyond third reading due to the concerns raised by concerned companies to meet the huge investment required for the conversion to underground wiring system and the

Republic of the Philippines REGIONAL TRIAL COURT FIRST JUDICIAL REGION OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT La Trinidad, Benguet

BENGUET STATE UNIVERSITY MULTI-PURPOSE COOPERATIVE, Petitioner-Mortgagee,

Petitioner-Mortgagee,

-versus-

HILDA K. AGUSTIN, Attorney-in-fact of FRANCIS DIWAS, Respondent-Mortgagors.

Respondent-Mortgagors.

CASE NO. 16-EXF-1897 FOR: EXTRA-JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE of REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE UNDER ACT NO. 3135 as AMENDED O.R. No. 2203592C/2203177C Amount: Php2,000.00 Date: March 17, 2016 x-----x

SHERIFF'S NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION SALE

reliability of the said system in the future.

The council will conduct consultations with stakeholders to listen to their issues and concerns as well as their recommendations on how the city and concerned government agencies can resolve these eyesores and risky situation posed by dangling cables and wires in the central business district area.

It was learned that low-lying wires are owned by cable and telephone companies while those at a higher elevations are owned by the local electric cooperative./ By Dexter A. See

Upon petition for extra-judicial foreclosure of real estate mortgage under Act No. 3135, as amended, filed by the BENGUET STATE UNIVERSITY MULTI-PURPOSE COOPERATIVE as represented by its manager, JANE T. ASIONG, of legal age, married, Filipino citizen and with office address at BSUMPC Bldg, Ballili, La Trinidad, Benguet, hereinafter referred to as petitioner-mortgagee for the satisfaction of the obligation of HILDA K. AGUSTIN, of legal age, Filipino citizen, with residence at Ekip, Bokod, Benguet and Attorney-in-fact of Francis Diwas, herein referred to as respondent-mortgagor, which as of May 20, 2014 amounted to TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND (Php200,000.00) PESOS, Philippine currency, exclusive of interest, penalties, filing fees, cost of publication, attorney's fees and other expenses incurred relative to the foreclosure proceedings.

The undersigned announces that he will sell at Public Auction on August 9, 2016 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter in front of the Bulwagan ng Katarungan, Justice Hill, Poblacion, La Trinidad, Benguet to the highest bidder for CASH and in Philippine Currency the mortgaged property together with all the improvements thereon to wit:

932-D, Case 1, Bokod Cadstre situated at Poblacion, Bokod, Benguet containing an area of THREE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED FORTY NINE (3,649) SQUARE METERS.

Katibayan ng Orihinal na Titulo Blg. P-24613 With Tax Declaration of Real Property No. 2010-13-01-01369 Lot No. 1727, Cad-

This Notice shall be posted for twenty (20) days in three (3) conspicuous places, viz.: Municipality of Bokod, Benguet; Capitol Building, Poblacion, La Trinidad, Benguet and Bulwagan ng Katarungan, Justice Hill, La Trinidad, Benguet and shall likewise be published by The JUNCTION, a newspaper of general circulation in Baguio City and Benguet Province for three (3) consecutive weeks.

Prospective buyers/bidders are hereby enjoined to investigate for themselves the real property herein above described and the encumbrances thereon, if there be any.

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on August 30, 2016 at the same time and place without further notice.

La Trinidad, Benguet, Philippines, July 18, 2016.

FOR: THE PROVINCIAL SHERIFF EX-OFFICIO OF BENGUET

By: (SGD) CRISTOPHER C. ORALLO Sheriff IV

Copy furnished: All parties concerned; Junction Newspaper, Baguio City

Publication Dates: July 23, 30 and August 6, 2016

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of BENITA E. TAYAG who died in Baguio City on May 11, 2016 was extrajudicially settled by the heirs on June 8, 2016 as evidenced by Doc. No. 321; Page No. 75; Book No. IV; Series of 2016 of the Notary Public Vicente Jose M. Angeles.

July 23, 30, and August 6, 2016

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

La Trinidad, Benguet

IN THE MATTER OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION OF MINOR M. MORALES A.K.A. MELESION

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

Leo Sadiri B. Quiaoit
 Applicant/s
 Case No. 2002-01-961
NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application for the extension and change color of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a PUJ-JITNEY Service for the transportation of passengers and freight on the line: Baguio Plaza-Scout Barrio and vv with the use of one (1) UNIT.

NOTICE is hereby given that this application shall be heard by this Board on 8-9-16 at 2 P.M. at the LTRFB Office Pacdal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her/their evidences.

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

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

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

WITNESS, the Honorable, Atty. JOSE EDUARDO L. NATIVIDAD – Regional Director this th day of July, 2016.

GREGORIO R. RETUTA, JR
 Hearing Officer

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

LEONARDO BALLERA
 Applicant
 Case No. 2013-CAR-056
NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application filed on July 5, 2016 for the approval of EXTENSION OF VALIDITY of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate PUJ service for the transportation and freight of passengers on the line: BANGUED-ABANG, BUCAY, ABRA AND VICE VERSA with the use of one (1) unit/s which CPC expire on August 29, 2016.

NOTICE is hereby given that this application shall be heard by this Board on August 9, 2016 at 2:00pm at the LTRFB Office Pacdal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her/their evidences.

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

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

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

WITNESS, the Honorable, Atty. JOSE EDUARDO L. NATIVIDAD – Regional Director this 5th day of July, 2016.

GREGORIO R. RETUTA, JR
 Hearing Officer

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

SILVERIO PARROCHA
 Applicant
 Case No. 2011-CAR-844
NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application filed on July 5, 2016 for the approval of EXTENSION OF VALIDITY of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate PUJ service for the transportation and freight of passengers on the line: DAGUPAN-BALAWAG VIA OMAO RANCH AND BACK VIA SAME ROUTE with the use of one (1) unit/s which CPC expire on October 31, 2016.

NOTICE is hereby given that this application shall be heard by this Board on August 9, 2016 at 2:00pm at the LTRFB Office Pacdal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her/their evidences.

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

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

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

WITNESS, the Honorable, Atty. JOSE EDUARDO L. NATIVIDAD – Regional Director this 5th day of July, 2016.

GREGORIO R. RETUTA, JR
 Hearing Officer

MORALES.

SPOUSES GILBERT G. GUILLERMO AND LOMINA DIANO-GUILLERMO,
 Petitioners,

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THE NATIONAL STATISTICS OFFICE (NOW PHILIPPINE STATISTICS AUTHORITY OF PSA) AND THE LOCAL CIVIL REGISTRAR OF BAGUIO CITY,
 Respondents.

Special Proceedings
 Case No. 16-A-1048
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ORDER
 Petitioners, through counsel, filed this verified Petition for Adoption, praying that after due notice, publication and hearing, the prospective adoptee, M. MORALES a.k.a (no first name) MELESIO MORALES, be declared the legitimate child and legal heir of the petitioners and that she shall be known as SHANIAH FAYE DIANO GUILLERMO.

It is likewise prayed for that a New Certificate of Live Birth be issued to the adoptee with the petitioner husband as the father and the petitioner wife as mother of the said child, amending her original Certificate of Live Birth.

WHEREFORE, finding the Petition to be sufficient in form and substance the petitioners are directed to meet and confer with the Court Social Worker for the conduct of the Child and Home Study in relation to this Petition. The Court Social Worker therefore is directed to conduct a Child and Home Study and submit to this court

**Buffet meals...
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kinds of restaurants offer foods that have higher calories and fats which affect the regular diets or eating behaviour of persons. Belino said that in the past years, fast food chains have been contributing

her REPORTS, incorporating therein her findings and recommendations, and furnishing copies thereof to the Office of the Solicitor General; to the Office of the Provincial Prosecutor of Benguet; and the Office of the Regional Director of the DSWD-CAR, Baguio City. The said offices may or may not file the Comment to said REPORTS.

The REPORT of the Court Social Worker should be submitted to this court at least fifteen (15) days before the initial hearing of this Petition, which shall be on October 6, 2016 at 9:00 o'clock in the morning.

Let this ORDER be published at the expense of the Petitioner in the Junction, a newspaper of general circulation in Baguio City and Benguet Province and the Cordillera Administrative Region, once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks, the first publication to be made not later August 14, 2016. All interested person may come to court and show cause, if any, why this Petition should not be granted.

Furnish copies of this ORDER, together with copies of the Petition and its annexes, to the Office of the Solicitor General; the Office of the Provincial Prosecutor of Benguet; the Office of the Civil Registrar of Baguio City; and, the Court Social Worker and the Office of the Regional Director, DSWD-CAR, Baguio City. Furnish copies of this Order to the Junction and the petitioners and counsel.

SO ORDERED.
 In chambers, this 20th day of July, 2016 at La Trinidad, Benguet.

(SGD) RUFUS G. MALECDAN, JR.
 Acting Presiding Judge

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**Editorial
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in mass and social media as well as in pronouncements of government and civil society”

• “Address the root causes of violence, including all forms of addiction and bigotry, and help develop effective campaigns and programs against these”

Villarín said: “At the advent of a new administration, the hope of authentic social change and personal transformation is raised before us once more. These cannot be truly achieved with fear as primary motivation or retribution as auxiliary deterrent.”

“If real change is to happen, it can only come when we hold before us the value and sanctity of every person’s life,” the Ateneo president said. – Rappler.com

**FAIR AND SQUARE
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Secretary since his Department exercises administrative control and supervision over all DOTC-CAR personnel; the Honorable Chairman of LTRFB whose Board exercises operational control over the franchising and regulatory function of LTRFB-CAR; and the Honorable Assistant Secretary of the LTO whose Office exercises operational control over the registration of motor vehicles, licensing of drivers and law enforcement functions of the LTO-CAR, all of whom I believe can do so much to address the irregularities in the DOTC-CAR, besieged by inefficiency and corruption.

Mr. President as a citizen and advocate of good governance, I have a duty to bring out these problems to your attention. I am ready to furnish all concerned the details of how these problems in the DOTC-CAR have come about.

Thank you very much, mabuhay po kayo!

Very respectfully,

Atty. James S. Valeros

(This letter was sent before the President’s Memorandum ditching “His Excellency” and the term “Honorable,” in the case of cabinet members- JSV)

Individuals who opt to eat at fast-food chains and other restaurants instead of at home with home-cooked meal increase their risk of becoming obese, she explained. Pelino added that most people also have lesser movements such as exercise or jogging after consuming much food from the buffet and unli rice meals.

National Nutrition Council Cordillera Regional Nutrition Program Coordinator Rita Papey, in a kapihan media forum, reported that overweight or obesity is a growing concern in the Cordillera with a 33 percent overweight/obesity rate based on 2015 National Nutrition Survey data. This is higher than the average national rate

NOTICE OF EXTRA JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late FRANCISCO JUCAR ESPINUEVA who died intestate in Los Angeles, California, on 14 August 2015, consisting of a Savings Account deposited with the Bank of the Philippines-Baguio City Abanao Branch under Account Number 8533-0002-59 was extrajudicially settled per Doc. No. 510; Page No. 103; Book No. X; Series of 2016 before Notary Public Melanie A. Abenes of Baguio City, Philippines.

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of 30%. She reported that for pre – school children, Cordillera recorded the second highest prevalence rate among all regions in the country, and ranked third or fourth in other age groups. NNC-CAR bared that the primary reason for obesity is sedentary lifestyle. People today are not much into physical activities; rather they focus more on electronic gadgets. They also ride instead of walk even if going to short distance destinations./JDP/RMC-PIA CAR

FASTRACK

Collateral damage

Reprint from last week



BY: FREDDIE J. FARRÉS

First of all let me just make it clear that this columnist is not in favor of extrajudicial killings nor am I trying to justify the spate of seemingly wanton killings or salvaging (depending on how you look at things occurring) on a daily basis. In fact, my heart cries out to the families of innocent victims, those alleged to have been what I would say at the wrong place at the wrong time.

One seeming incident of such would be the recent news on the killing of Jefferson Bunuan, a 20-year old student/scholar of the Kaibigan Foundation who was ironically a criminology student who accordingly intended to become a cop, but sad to say was killed by the cops. According to reports he merely slept over at the place where the encounter occurred. Therefore, one lesson for us all is to avoid suspicious company.

To back track a bit, let us try to understand that according to Pres Du30, we are in a war with the drug trade and this country could eventually become a narco-politics state. This pronouncement of the President, I earlier took with a grain of salt and brushed off as some sort of exaggerated baseless claim, but after what we have seen with all the thousands of drug users who are turning themselves in, it turns out that it appears to be a factual claim and indeed, the war on drugs is one very serious war. This may need drastic measures to solve. Speaking of drastic measures, they say that in times of serious and/or desperate situations, desperate and/or drastic means of solution may be the only answer. This being the premise, since the President is fully aware of our very corrupt judicial system, assuming that the full extent of the law will be observed in dealing with those who are in the drug users/pushers law enforcers lists and therefore the so called due process is observed accordingly, perhaps the President believes that if you merely arrest these pushers, given the very corrupt judicial system, give them some time and they will be back on the streets sooner than you expect with their usual trade.

If this is the situation and you were presented with a possible solution to this problem, perhaps the ongoing purging through the Oplan Double Barrel and Oplan Tokhang is indeed the only way to go, and I happen to believe that it is the only way to go!

In fact, one thing noteworthy in all of this ongoing operations is that there are areas that for the past weeks, did not even register a single police blotter at PNP stations on reported petty/index crimes, which is therefore a safe conclusion that majority of these index/petty crimes (cellphone snatching etc...) are drug related.

However, unfortunately, in a war there is always what they call as collateral damage and as defined by Wikipedia is "Collateral damage is a general term for deaths, injuries, or other damage inflicted on an unintended target. In military terminology, it is frequently used for the incidental killing or wounding of non-combatants or damage to non-combatant property during an attack on a legitimate military target." There is of course the Commission on Human Rights (CHR) which is an independent constitutional office. They should attend to their mandate and do their job accordingly. At this point, we can just hope and pray that there may be no more victims of collateral damage.

Waste management...

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reopening the mining operations and the objection of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, the area being part the Upper Agno River basin watershed.

BC head Philip Romualdez then offered the area at no cost for a period of 30 years or more.

Whether the same terms apply would depend on the decision of the BenguetCorp board.

The mayor said that if plans materialize, the area will be used to house the city's ISWMS technologies designed for the long-term solution of the city's dragging waste problem.

It consists of several waste management strategies among which a waste-to-energy technology, a central material recovery facility, anaerobic digester and health care waste treatment facility, the Environmental Recycling System (ERS) machines and the ESL./*Aileen P. Refuerzo*

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He was already referred to as "Yahweh" or by some other Name, but it is only in the New Testament that God's name was clearly identified, and that is Jesus.

So, is there a group which, when its members pray, starts off with the Name of God, right away? Yes, there is, and this is the "Philippine-born" Anak ng Diyos Kadugo Ni Kristo (AND KNK, or the Children of God Blood Kin of the Christ) Church, whose prayers begin and end with the Name of God. This group says, "O Jesus, our God and Savior, You who are our God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit". More of this next issue.

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Court commends city for dumpsite rehab

BAGUIO CITY – The Court of Appeals has commended the city government for its efforts to rehabilitate the Irisan dumpsite.

In a resolution dated June 27, 2016, Associate Justice Ricardo Rosario cited the monitoring report submitted by the Dept. of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) and of the city government on the activities inside the closed facility.

The DENR reported that the "facility remained closed for dumping and was secured, as it is secured, with perimeter fence."

"As previously observed the Irisan Dumpsite has not been used for dumping, the area has slowly been covered with natural vegetation or grasses and weeds," the reports notes.

The DENR also noted the presence of mounds of compost inside the facility and the continued operation of the Environmental Recycling System for the processing of the biodegradable wastes.

"The retaining walls, its buttresses, perimeter canals, storm/surface runoff canals, fence and other engineering structures, are still intact, serving their purpose."

The city for its part submitted its semestral updates on the closure and rehabilitation plan of the facility

EMB to extend aid to LGUs for solid waste facilities

BAGUIO CITY – The Environmental Management Bureau (EMB) is willing to extend the appropriate assistance to all local government units for the establishment of the necessary solid waste disposal facilities to help address their respective garbage problems pursuant to the provisions of Republic Act (RA) 9003 or the Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2000.

EMB Director Gilbert Gonzales informed stakeholders that aside from the establishment of engineered sanitary landfill in the different cities and municipalities, there are other available state-of-the-art technologies that could be put in place in order for local governments to comply with the closure of their respective open dumpsites and controlled dump facilities for health reasons and improved state of their environment.

"Our regional offices will be available to extend assistance to concerned local governments wanting to adopt available technologies to address their respective garbage problems in case there are serious problems confronting the local governments from pursuing the establishment of engineered sanitary landfills in their areas or a cluster of cities and municipalities," Gonzales stressed.

The EMB official agreed there is a need to review the existing guidelines on the compliance of local governments to the solid waste management law because of problems on the inadequacy of lands to put up landfills, the presence of conflicting claims over available lands and the mountainous terrain of highland areas like the Cordillera that deprive local governments the chance to comply with the requirements of the law.

According to him, other technologies like the put up of waste-to-energy plants among others will be readily available for local governments to embrace depending on their updated solid waste management plans so that those who cannot qualify for the establishment of landfills will have alternative modes of addressing their respective garbage problems.

However, Gonzales emphasized that solutions to the garbage problem of localities should not be solely lodged with the city or municipal governments but formulating solutions to such problems is an individual and collective effort of local residents who should first strictly adhere to the segregation of waste at source in order to initially lessen the garbage being dumped in the pickup stations in their respective places.

He explained local governments must first formulate their respective solid waste management plans in order to provide details on how local officials will effectively and efficiently address pressing solid waste management issues in their respective areas of jurisdiction within **Cont. on page 9**

saying the two ERS machines continue to accommodate and process daily delivered wastes collected from the city market and barangays.

It also informed that the development plan is place for the conversion of the site into an eco-park center and that the 10-year ecological solid waste management plan has been approved by the National Solid Waste Management Commission.

"The Court commends the efforts of the concerned government officials for the rehabilitation of the closed Irisan dumpsite," the court said.

The submission of periodic monitoring reports on the status of the facility was among the court's requirements when it approved the compromise agreement for the settlement of the Writ of Kalikasan case against the city government and city officials over the use of the Irisan dumpsite in 2012./*Aileen P. Refuerzo*



Ano kayo bulag? Justice Leonen slams fellow SC magistrates on GMA verdict



Supreme Court (SC) Justice Marvic Leonan has accused his fellow magistrates of failing to see the evidence when they acquitted former President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo of plunder.

"If any, what the majority reveals as insufficient may be the ability of the judiciary to correctly interpret the evidence with the wisdom provided by the intention of our laws on plunder and the desire of the sovereign through a Constitution that requires from public officers a high degree of fidelity to public trust," he stated in his dissenting opinion.

"We diminish the rule of law when we deploy legal interpretation to obfuscate rather than to call out what is obvious," he added.

Leonen explained that the P366 million were disbursed as additional Confidential and Intelligence Fund (CIF) from the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO) only after Arroyo approved the requests to release them.

"She bypassed layers of supervision over the PCSO. The approvals were in increasing amounts and each one violating established financial controls. The former President cannot plead naivete. She was intelligent and was experienced," he said.

"The scheme is plain except to those who refuse to see," Leonen stressed. <http://politics.com.ph>

Philippine Red Cross Baguio recognizes partners for their continuing support

BAGUIO CITY - The Philippine Red Cross Baguio Chapter recently recognized various institutions as well as individuals for their continuing and unending support to the institution during the Blood Donors Month recognition ceremony last July 27 at SM Baguio Events Center with the theme, "Blood Connects Us All."

Testimonial plaques were given to the University of Baguio for its 18 year service achievement with 2,311 blood units collected; University of the for its 14 year service achievement with 1, 498 blood units collected; and, Alpha Phi Omega-Gamma Pi Chapter (UP-Baguio) for its 13 year service achievement with 1,024 blood units collected.

Said testimonial plaque is given to individual or group that has given 1,000 units of blood in ten years.

For its five years in partnership with at least 500 blood units collected, the Blood Services Platinum Award were given to the Philippine Military academy with 2,323

blood units collected, E-Carda Media Production and Promotions (98.7 Z-radio "Tambalang Sagip Buhay") with 1.060 blood units collected, ABC-CBN TV 3 Baguio with 623 blood units collected, SM City Baguio with 555 blood units collected, Pines City Colleges with 552 blood units collected, and MOOG Controls Corporation with 515 blood units collected.

The Scroll of Honor, which is awarded to institution or group which has given a minimum 200 of cumulative total of blood within a minimum of four years distinguished service as a leader, official or unit went to the SLU Boys High Batch 87, City Government of Baguio, and APO-PHI (Baguio-Benguet).

Baguio Central University and Rotary Club of Downtown Session received the Diploma Service who has given a minimum of 100 units of blood cumulative total within a minimum of two years distinguished service as a leader, official or unit.

Moreover, Certificates of Appreciation were given to the Government Service Insurance System, Philippine Dental Association Inc., Baguio City Dental Chapter, City Health Services Office, Maharlika Livelihood Complex, Philippine Biblical Theological Seminary, Teacher's Camp-Cabinet Hill barangay, Abanao Square Mall, Technical Education and Skills Development, Lex Libertatis, and Baguio City National High School.

Chapter certificates of appreciation were also given to Jollibee Food Corporation (Harrison Branch), Overseas Workers Welfare Association, 51 Talk, Baguio Vegetable Retailers Savings and Credit Cooperative, BAMAPCOM Entrepreneurs Multi-pur-

DA pours P300M to heirloom rice industry

BAGUIO CITY - The Department of Agriculture will pour about P300 million assistance to the waning heirloom rice industry in 2017.

A recent visit of Department of Agriculture (DA) Secretary Manny Pinol resulted to positive developments and changes the Department will do in the industry. Among these is the categorization of the heirloom rice as high value crop.

DA-Cordillera Regional Director Lorenzo Caranguian said the assistance will include the rehabilitation and reconstruction of damaged rice terraces and massive training of farmers with the aim of adding other sources of income.

Towards this end, the Department also plans to give two cattle to every farmer to milk for value adding.

DA also aims to mechanize some of the indigenous methods of farming employed without necessary altering the

produce.

The assistance is part of the Government's goal of rice sufficiency by 2019.

The 2015 Cordillera's Economic Performance revealed that among the sectors contributing to economic growth, Agriculture is the only sector that poised negative growth which contracted by 4.1 percent.

Caranguian explained that the loss of 7000 hectares standing crop of rice in Kalinga and climate change that brought Two Typhoons in the country contributed to the negative growth.

He added that the heirloom rice industry which spans 12 hectares in the province of Ifugao is pulling the region "down in terms of yield".

The P300M for the heirloom rice industry, which is on top of the regular DA funding is seen to make positive growth for the agriculture sector in the region. *JDP/BKQ-PIA CAR*

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a 10-year period so that the use of open dumpsites and controlled dump facilities will no longer be patronized and the use of available technologies that will allow local governments to earn from their tons of garbage will be realized for the greater welfare of the public in the future.

Gonzales advised local

officials and technical personnel of local governments to closely work with the EMB regional offices in order for them to be able to craft the appropriate strategies that will help them address their solid waste problems which is one of the major problems of localities nationwide. *By Dexter A. See*

pose Cooperative, Philhealth-CAR, Baguio Center for Young Adults, Triskelions' Grand Fraternity-Sorority and ABC 360.

Barangays Quezon Hill, Asin Road, Ferdinand, Outlook Drive, Victoria Village, Manuel Roxas, Pinsao Pilot, MRR-Queen of Peace, Irisan, Sta. Escolastica Village, Padre Zamora, Holyghost, Aurora Hill Proper and Pacdal also received chapter certificate of appreciation.

Also recognized as

support group includes Hamada Publishing Corporation (Baguio Midland Courier), Sunstar Baguio, General Services Office, City Health Services Office, Philippine Medical Women's Association, Department of Health-CAR, 98.7 Z-Radio, and Philippine Information Agency-CAR.

New members of the Blood Galloners composed of voluntary blood donors who help sustain the blood bank in the city of pines were also acknowledged. *Jho Arranz*

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3. The Tribunal's Decisions on the Scope of its Jurisdiction

The Tribunal has addressed the scope of its jurisdiction to consider the Philippines' claims both in its Award on Jurisdiction, to the extent that issues of jurisdiction could be decided as a preliminary matter, and in its Award of 12 July 2016, to the extent that issues of jurisdiction were intertwined with the merits of the Philippines' claims. The Tribunal's Award of 12 July 2016 also incorporates and reaffirms the decisions on jurisdiction taken in the Award on Jurisdiction.

For completeness, the Tribunal's decisions on jurisdiction in both awards are summarized here together.

a. Preliminary Matters

In its Award on Jurisdiction, the Tribunal considered a number of preliminary matters with respect to its jurisdiction. The Tribunal noted that both the Philippines and China are parties to the Convention and that the Convention does not permit a State to except itself generally from the mechanism for the resolution of disputes set out in the Convention. The Tribunal held that China's non-participation does not deprive the Tribunal of jurisdiction and that the Tribunal had been properly constituted pursuant to the provisions of Annex VII to the Convention, which include a procedure to form a tribunal even in the absence of one party.

Finally, the Tribunal rejected an argument set out in China's Position Paper and held that the mere act of unilaterally initiating an arbitration cannot constitute an abuse of the Convention.

b. Existence of a Dispute Concerning Interpretation and Application of the Convention

In its Award on Jurisdiction, the Tribunal considered whether the Parties' disputes concerned the interpretation or application of the Convention, which is a requirement for resort to the dispute settlement mechanisms of the Convention.

The Tribunal rejected the argument set out in China's Position Paper that the Parties' dispute is actually about territorial sovereignty and therefore not a matter concerning the Convention. The Tribunal accepted that there is a dispute between the Parties concerning sovereignty over islands in the South China Sea, but held that the matters submitted to arbitration by the Philippines do not concern sovereignty. The Tribunal considered that it would not need to implicitly decide sovereignty to address the Philippines' Submissions and that doing so would not advance the sovereignty claims of either Party to islands in the South China Sea.

The Tribunal also rejected the argument set out in China's Position Paper that the Parties' dispute is actually about maritime boundary delimitation and therefore excluded from dispute settlement by Article 298 of the Convention and a declaration that China made on 25 August 2006 pursuant to that Article. The Tribunal noted that a dispute concerning whether a State has an entitlement to a maritime zone is a distinct matter from the delimitation of maritime zones in an area in which they

issues, are commonly considered in a boundary delimitation, but can also arise in other contexts. The Tribunal held that it does not follow that a dispute over each of these issues is necessarily a dispute over boundary delimitation.

Finally, the Tribunal held that each of the Philippines' Submissions reflected a dispute concerning the Convention. In doing so, the Tribunal emphasized (a) that a dispute concerning the interaction between the Convention and other rights (including any Chinese "historic rights") is a dispute concerning the Convention and (b) that where China has not clearly stated its position, the existence of a dispute may be inferred from the conduct of a State or from silence and is a matter to be determined objectively.

c. Involvement of Indispensable Third-Parties

In its Award on Jurisdiction, the Tribunal considered whether the absence from this arbitration of other States that have made claims to the islands of the South China Sea would be a bar to the Tribunal's jurisdiction. The Tribunal noted that the rights of other States would not form "the very subject-matter of the decision," the standard for a third-party to be indispensable. The Tribunal further noted that in December 2014, Viet Nam had submitted a statement to the Tribunal, in which Viet Nam asserted that it has "no doubt that the Tribunal has jurisdiction in these proceedings." The Tribunal also noted that Viet Nam, Malaysia, and Indonesia had attended the hearing on jurisdiction as observers, without any State raising the argument that its participation was indispensable.

In its Award of 12 July 2016, the Tribunal noted that it had received a communication from Malaysia on 23 June 2016, recalling Malaysia's claims in the South China Sea. The Tribunal compared its decisions on the merits of the Philippines' Submissions with the rights claimed by Malaysia and reaffirmed its decision that Malaysia is not an indispensable party and that Malaysia's interests in the South China Sea do not prevent the Tribunal from addressing the Philippines' Submissions.

d. Preconditions to Jurisdiction

In its Award on Jurisdiction, the Tribunal considered the applicability of Articles 281 and 282 of the Convention, which may prevent a State from making use of the mechanisms under the Convention if they have already agreed to another means of dispute resolution.

The Tribunal rejected the argument set out in China's Position Paper that the 2002 China-ASEAN Declaration on the Conduct of Parties in the South China Sea prevented the Philippines from initiating arbitration. The Tribunal held that the Declaration is a political agreement and not legally binding, does not provide a mechanism for binding settlement, does not exclude other means of dispute settlement, and therefore does not restrict the Tribunal's jurisdiction under Articles 281 or 282. The Tribunal also considered the Treaty of Amity and Cooperation in Southeast Asia, and the Convention on Biological Diversity, and a series of joint statements issued by the Philippines and China referring to the resolution of disputes through negotiations and concluded that none of these instruments constitute an agreement that would prevent the Philippines from bringing its claims to arbitration.

The Tribunal further held that the Parties had exchanged views regarding the settlement of their disputes, as required by Article 283 of the Convention, before the Philippines initiated the arbitration. The Tribunal concluded that this requirement was met in the record of diplomatic communications between the Philippines and China, in which the Philippines expressed a clear preference for multilateral negotiations involving the other States surrounding the South China Sea, while China insisted that only bilateral talks could be considered.

Exceptions and Limitations to Jurisdiction

In its Award of 12 July 2016, the Tribunal considered whether the Philippines' Submissions concerning Chinese historic rights and the 'nine-dash line' were affected by the exception from jurisdiction for disputes "historic title" in Article 298 of the Convention. The Tribunal reviewed the meaning of "historic title" in the law of the sea and held that this refers to claims of historic sovereignty over bays and other near-shore waters. Reviewing China's claims and conduct in the South China Sea, the Tribunal concluded that China claims historic rights to resources within the 'nine-dash line', but does not claim historic title over the waters of the South China Sea. Accordingly, the Tribunal concluded that it had jurisdiction to consider the Philippines' claims concerning historic rights and, as between the Philippines and China, the 'nine-dash line'.

In its Award of 12 July 2016, the Tribunal also considered whether the Philippines' Submissions were affected by the exception from jurisdiction in Article 298 for disputes concerning sea boundary delimitation.

The Tribunal had already found in its Award on Jurisdiction that the Philippines' Submissions do not concern boundary delimitation as such, but noted that several of the Philippines' Submissions were dependent on certain areas forming part of the Philippines' exclusive economic zone. The Tribunal held that it could only address such submissions if there was no possibility that China could have an entitlement to an exclusive economic zone overlapping that of the Philippines and deferred a final decision on its jurisdiction.

In its Award of 12 July 2016, the Tribunal reviewed evidence about the reefs and islands claimed by China in the South China Sea and concluded that none is capable of generating an entitlement to an exclusive economic zone. Because China has no possible entitlement to an exclusive economic zone overlapping that of the Philippines in the Spratly Islands, the Tribunal held that the Philippines' submissions were not dependent on a prior delimitation of a boundary.

In its Award of 12 July 2016, the Tribunal also considered whether the Philippines' Submissions were affected by the exception from jurisdiction in Article 298 for disputes concerning law enforcement activities in the exclusive economic zone. The Tribunal recalled that the exception in Article 298 would apply only if the Philippines' Submissions related to law enforcement activities in China's exclusive economic zone.

Because, however, the Philippines' Submissions related to events in the Philippines' own exclusive economic zone or in the territorial sea, the Tribunal concluded that Article 298 did not pose an obstacle to its jurisdiction.

Lastly, in its Award of 12 July 2016, the Tribunal considered whether the Philippines' submissions were affected by the exception from jurisdiction in Article 298 for disputes concerning military activities. The Tribunal considered that the stand-off between Philippine marines on Second Thomas Shoal and Chinese naval and law enforcement vessels constituted military activities and concluded that it lacked jurisdiction over the Philippines' Submission No. 14(a)-(c). The Tribunal also considered whether China's land reclamation and construction of artificial islands at seven features in the Spratly Islands constituted military activities, but noted that China had repeatedly emphasized the non-military nature of its actions and had at the highest level that it would not militarize its presence in the Spratlys. The Tribunal decided that it would not deem activities to be military in nature when China itself had repeatedly affirmed the opposite. Accordingly, the Tribunal concluded that Article 298 did not pose an obstacle to its jurisdiction.

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overlap. The Tribunal noted that entitlements, together with a wide variety of other