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BAGUIO CITY AND BENGUET

LONG LIVE THE FILIPINO!!!

Drivers, operators hold rally vs jeepney phase out in Baguio

BAGUIO CITY - Public utility jeepney operators and drivers in Baguio City and Benguet are one with their counterparts nationwide against the planned phase out of jeepneys. But rather than joining the nationwide transport strike last week, they held a protest march to air their stand.

Armed with gongs, placards and tarpaulins, members of transport groups Pinagkaisang Samahan ng mga Tsuper at Operator Nationwide or PISTON - Metro Baguio, Baguio-Benguet Movement Against Phase-out of PUJs and the other operators and drivers association in Baguio City and Benguet marched to the Department of Transportation (DOTr)-Cordiller a Regional Office and staged a peaceful program to call on the government to stop the government modernization plan to phase out 15-year-old and older public utility jeepneys and replace them with modern and environment-friendly vehicles.

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E-bingo operators required to seek no objection from LGUs

BAGUIO CITY – An official of the State-owned Philippine Amusement Gaming Corporation (PAGCOR) disclosed electronic bingo operators are now required to secure a resolution or certification of no objection from local government units in the renewal of their licenses to operate pursuant to the revised guidelines promulgated by the Board of Directors last year.

Marvic P. Baas, senior manager of PAGCOR's licensing department, said e-bingo operators are now required to present a resolution or certification of no objection when renewing their licenses to operate such outlets within the jurisdiction of local governments to make sure that local governments still accept their operations.

In the city, the e-bingo outlet of SM City Baguio has an expired license as of January 15, 2017, and one of the requirements being awaited from the operator is the resolution or certification of no objection from the local government while the e-bingo outlet within the premises of Puregold at Centerpoint along Marcos highway has a license that

will expire on May 8, 2017.

Further, the Baguio Center Mall e-bingo outlet has a license that will expire in March 2018 while the newly approved e-bingo outlet within the Maharlika Livelihood Center under RCC Global Entertainment will pass through the one year provisional franchise before being issued a 2-year license with the required resolution or certification of no objection from the local government.

Baas informed the members of the local legislative body that failure of the e-bingo operators to secure the resolution or certification of no objection from the local government will force the State gaming corporation to close the operation of the e-bingo outlets in the city.

Under the newly crafted guidelines for the operation of traditional and e-bingo outlets, such outlets must be located at least 300 meters away from churches, places of worships, and schools while malls, arcades and government commercial buildings are exempted from the said limitation.

PAGCOR officials were invited by the local legislative body to shed light

on the updated guidelines for the grant of licenses to interested e-bingo and traditional bingo outlets and to guide the local legislators what actions to take on such gambling outlets in the different parts of the city.

Baas explained previously, PAGCOR requires e-bingo and traditional bingo outlets to secure the resolution or certificate of no objection from the concerned local governments hosting their operations during the initial stages of their application but to allow local governments to have the chance to retract their support to such outlets once they no longer like gambling establishments to operate in their respective areas of jurisdiction.

The PAGCOR official advised local legislators to issue the required resolution or letter of objection against existing e-bingo and traditional bingo outlets in the city if they no longer want such gambling establishments to do business in the city due to the numerous complaints from the public regarding the serious negative effects of gambling to the lives of the populace./By Dexter A. See#

Outstanding employees recognized

BAGUIO CITY - With the city government of Baguio's Program on Awards and Incentives for Service Excellence (PRAISE), 26 nominees for outstanding employees

for the second semester, July to December last year were recognized during the regular flag raising ceremony, last week at City Hall grounds.

All the 26 nominees

were screened based attendance, punctuality, wearing of prescribed uniform with identification cards, exemplary accomplishments for the second semester, and

participation on community service.

Administrative aide Gloria Laureta of the city human resource management office was awarded outstanding

City's CCTV surveillance system on test run

BAGUIO CITY – The city government conducted a test run of the closed-circuit television (CCTV) surveillance system during the Baguio Flower Festival main events to assess the effectiveness of the infrastructure installed for the system.

City budget officer Leticia Clemente said this is part of the preparations for the full operationalization of the system before the end of the year.

Clemente said more than 20 personnel with extensive Information Technology (IT) backgrounds and who earlier underwent training on the operations manned the command center on a 24-hour three-shift schedule.

The operation focused mainly on surveillance of situations of public concern at the area spanned by the 70 CCTV cameras installed at the central business district during the two-day festivities.

Clemente said the city is working on the next phase of the project covering the communication system to interlink

the command center with other offices and agencies to facilitate the relay of and response to information and situations of public concern.

This will eventually lead to the assigning of a hotline where the public can report concerns.

At the same time, the city is completing the operational manual to define the standard operations procedures on handling situations in the command center.

Started last year, the project costing P12 million is envisioned to operate in a "coordinative approach method" manned by capable individuals that will implement a "systematic, pro-active, aggressive and immediate" response to any type of situations and emergencies.

The entire system, when completed, will serve as nerve center of all city offices and agencies where all real-time events and information relating to public safety, security and even disaster preparedness can be monitored by a centralized command center and acted upon with

dispatch by concerned agencies.

The command center to be known as the Baguio City Public Safety and Security Command Center is stationed at the Baguio City Police Office.

The whole operation will be covered by an executive order from the city mayor and approval by the city council.

The other phases of the project will involve the installation of more CCTV cameras at the parks and areas near schools and establishments to prepare for the third stage or the so-called "enterprise automation" that will make all the components work as one system by 2018.

With enterprise automation, the city expects to run and maintain all systems including the CCTV footage monitoring, communication, traffic management, disaster preparedness and even criminal intelligence.

Similar facilities are now in place in the cities of Davao, Balanga, Makati, Mandaluyong, Pasig and Manila./Aileen P. Refuerzo#

employee for the semester (OES), first level.

The other first level nominees include Jonathan Alejandro (accounting office), Salvador Belen (treasury office), Elena Berganio (mayor's office), Vanessa Venis Bernardez (administrator's office), Cesaria Buayan (veterinary office), Josephine Cosep (city environment and parks management office), Emilia dela Cruz (social welfare office), David Dumngal (city buildings and architecture office), Edmundo Gundran, Jr. (sangguniang panlungsod), Myrna Holanio (health services office), Ma. Concepcion Itliong (local civil registrar), Juan Manantan (city engineer's office), and Democrito

Monsalud, Jr. (city assessor's office).

Meanwhile librarian Fe Requilman of the mayor's office bested among the other nominees for the second level.

The other second level OES nominees include George Addawe (treasury office), Annie Germaine Alngangeo (social welfare office), Raquel Ancheta (accounting office), Amy Jane Calugay (city engineer's office), Candido delos Santos (health services office), Ranche domantay (city human resource management office), Janathan Fontanos (sangguniang panlungsod), Israel Galvez (city buildings and architecture office), Carolina Gonzales (veterinary office), Caesar Onoza (assessor's office),

and Luz Perez (local civil registrar).

Both Laureta and Requilman received plaques of recognition plus Php3,500 cash incentives each. The nominees also received Php1,500 cash incentives and plaques of recognition each.

Acknowledging and recognizing the exemplary performances of the employees is one way of motivating them to do their duties and responsibilities better.

Mayor Mauricio Domogan urged and encourages all city hall employees to perform their assigned duties and responsibilities better and to serve the people with utmost respect and honesty./Jho Arranz#

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Baguio benefitted from small-large-scale mining operations

BAGUIO CITY Mayor Mauricio G. Domogan belied serious allegations from concerned stakeholders that local governments did not benefit from the operation of mining companies in the region over the past several decades, saying that the

city has significantly benefitted from the operation of small and large-scale mining in Benguet since the companies existed in the early 1900s.

Aside from being instrumental in the attainment of higher degree of education of the children

of mine workers, the local chief executive pointed out mining provided thousands of people not only in the Cordillera but also from other parts of the country sustainable sources of livelihood that resulted in the improvement of their

living condition through the years.

“It is not totally true that local governments never benefitted from mining. We have to be realistic about our statements while it is also true that there are some serious negative effects of

mining, especially to the environment which must also be addressed by the concerned companies being pinpointed for their violations,” Domogan stressed.

On how the city gained from mining over the past several decades, he explained the children of

miners study in the city considering that it is the center for education in the north and the families of miners transact business in the city being the center of trade and commerce.

According to him, mining is a capital-intensive business because of the magnitude of their operations, thus, there are quantifiable and unquan-

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New truck ban rules set

BAGUIO CITY – The city has set new truck ban rules via Ordinance No. 5 series of 2017 approved recently by Mayor Mauricio Domogan.

The measure authored by all the councilors led by Vice Mayor Edison Bilog repealed Ordinance No. 52 series of 1976 and a section of Ordinance No. 7 series of 1984.

In the ordinance, the aldermen acknowledged that “the immense traffic experienced during rush hours is worsened by slow moving trucks, trailers, dump trucks and other freight trucks utilizing the roads” thus the need to amend existing measures “to minimize traffic jams and inconveniences and to maintain smooth flow of traffic within the central business district, city-maintained thoroughfares, streets and roads.”

As adopted, heavy equipment vehicles, trailers, dump trucks and other freight trucks with gross weight capacity of 4,500 kilograms or more are not allowed to enter, traverse, park, load, unload or pass through the streets or roads in the city from 6 to 9 a.m. and from 4 to 9 p.m. beginning from and within the following points:

Baguio City Police Office - Station 10 along Palispis-Aspiras Highway (formerly Marcos Highway); along Kennon Road - Junction of Loakan Road and Camp 7 Bridge; BCPO Community Precinct at Scout Barrio Barangay, Loakan Road; BCPO - Station 3 along Ambuclao Road, Pacdal Circle; City Limit, Bell Church, Km. 3, Halsema Highway; BCPO - Station 9 along Quirino Highway (formerly Naguilan Road); Asin Road beginning at the intersection of the circumferential road going to Sta. Lucia and Suello Village; and perimeter roads/line of the central business district as defined in Section 5 of Ordinance Numbered 01, Series of 2003 or the “Baguio City Number Coding Ordinance.”

These vehicles however are not allowed to traverse roads within the main central business district from 6 a.m. to 9 a.m.

Cargo delivery trucks are only allowed to unload or load dry and wet goods at the central business district area after 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. starting from the following:

BCPO Station 10 at Palispis-Aspiras Highway going towards the central business district and vice-versa; Camp 7 going up to the central business district and vice-versa, except when passing to Military Cut-Off going towards South Drive to Pacdal Circle and or to Loakan Road Section; **Cont. on page 8**

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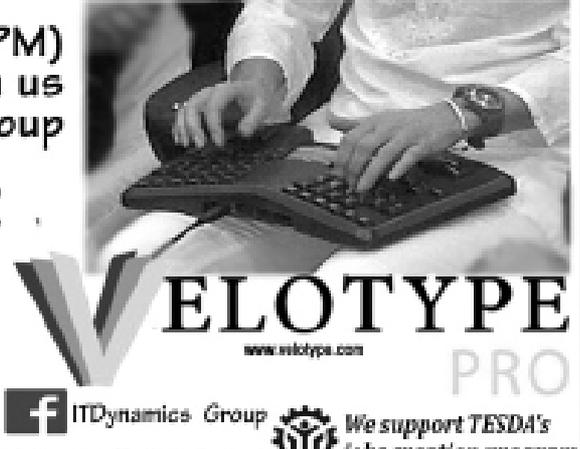
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Duterte creates inter-agency body for war on drugs

The 18-member committee, headed by the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency, is divided into 4 clusters: enforcement, justice, advocacy, and rehabilitation

MANILA, Philippines – President Rodrigo Duterte created, through an executive order, an inter-agency committee and task force to spearhead the fight against illegal drugs.

Executive Order 15, signed on Monday, March 6, designates the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency as the chairperson of the Inter-Agency Committee on Anti-Illegal Drugs or ICAD.

The ICAD's membership – a total of 18 agencies or departments (excluding PDEA) – show how Duterte intends the war against drugs to be an all-government effort.

For example, aside from law enforcement agencies, departments like the Department of Agriculture and Department of Trade and Industry, are part of the committee.

All member agencies are ordered to designate a permanent representative, either an undersecretary or assistant secretary, to the ICAD.



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The ICAD members are:

- Dangerous Drugs Board
- Department of the Interior and Local Gov-

ernment

- Department of Justice
- Department of Health
- Department of Education
- Department of Social Welfare and Development
- Department of Trade and Industry
- Department of Agriculture
- Department of National Defense
- Technical Education and Skills Development Authority
- Philippine Information Agency
- Office of the Solicitor General
- Philippine National Police
- National Bureau of Investigation
- Bureau of Customs
- Bureau of Immigration
- Armed Forces of the Philippines
- Anti-Money Laundering Council

The ICAD is tasked with the "effective conduct of anti-illegal drug operations and arrest of high-value drug personalities downn to the street-level peddlers and users."

It is also ordered to cleanse the bureaucracy of "unscrupulous personnel involved in illegal drug activities," aside from implement the National Anti-Drug Plan of Action 2015-2020.

Clusters

The ICAD will function based on a cluster system. Members are divided into 4 clusters.

The Enforcement Cluster spearheads the conduct of anti-illegal drug operations.

The Justice Cluster ensures the "expeditious prosecution of all drug cases." Their task includes providing legal assistance to law enforcers and public attorneys for the protection of individuals rights, for example, in cases of voluntary surrender or war-rantless arrests during anti-drug operations.

The Advocacy Cluser is supposed to conduct a nationwide advocacy campaign for the government's anti-illegal drug policy.

The Rehabilitation and Reintegration Cluster is mandated to implement drug rehabilitation programs and make sure that former drug dependents and other drug personalities are reintegrated into society and become useful members of it.

The ICAD is instructed to meet regularly, with each member submitting periodic reports to their cluster heads.

All cluster reports are to be submitted to the Office of the President.

The same EO created the National Anti-Illegal Drug Task Force to be established by the PDEA. Its members are law enforcement agencies.

Duterte is supposed to designate the task force's commander who should be a "senior law enforcement officer." The commander reports directly to the PDEA Director General.

The formation of ICAD and the drug task force comes after President Duterte allowed the Philippine National Police to implement the drug war on a limited capacity, with the PDEA as the effort's overall head.

Duterte's decision to revamp his administration's drug war came after the murder of a South Korean businessman by police **Cont. on page 5**

KAKAMPI MO ANG BATAS

HIV/AIDS victimizing more Filipinos day by day



BY: ATTY. BATAS MAURICIO

LIFE'S INSPIRATIONS: "... For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him... Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity... Even their women exchanged natural sexual relations for unnatural ones.. In the same way the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another..." (Romans 1:21, 24, 26-27, the Holy Bible).

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WHY ARE MORE FILIPINOS GETTING SICK WITH HIV/AIDS? Why are so many Filipinos (27 a day now, according to the Department of Health) getting afflicted with the deadly HIV (human immunology virus) and AIDS (acquired immunity deficiency syndrome) virus?

The on-going pervasive permissiveness in Philippine society which enabled previously closeted homosexuals---whether men or women---to come out in the open and then shamelessly flaunt in public their sexual escapades with persons having the same gender as their own, that's what!

Because men and women who are having sex with partners who are of their own kind---men with men, women with women---are now very open with their homosexual trysts to the extent even of posting their pictures with their partners in major social networking sites as if this is some kind of a glorious achievement, others are enticed and encouraged to engage in the same homosexual adventures.

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MEN HAVING SEX WITH MEN, BEWARE: This has caused a boom, in a manner of speaking. According to data released by the HIV/AIDS and Art Registry of the Philippines (HARP) of the DOH, Filipinos acquiring the ailment is fast becoming truly alarming, particularly because HIV/AIDS is still incurable.

As of January 2017 alone, 844 new HIV cases were recorded by HARP, representing the highest number of victims in just a period of one month since 1984, or more than three decades ago. This figure is five percent higher than the number of victims reported during the same month last year.

Out of the 844 new HIV cases for January 2017, six of those afflicted were pregnant women, and it is possible that the babies in their wombs will get infected, too. Then, 90% of the 884 are already having full-blown AIDS, while three already died. Ninety-six percent of those afflicted---around 760---are men who had sex with other men.

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HOMOSEXUALITY IS A CURSE FROM GOD: One way **Cont. on page 5**

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**Drivers, operators hold...
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Carlito Wayas said that the jeepney modernization plan to phase-out jeepneys will deprive many drivers and operators of their livelihood.

"The plan to replace our old jeepneys is a way of oppressing us, the small jeepney operators and drivers, which will ultimately deprive us of our livelihood," Wayas said.

About 8,000 jeepney operators and drivers in Baguio and Benguet will be affected if the order will be released any time. Aside from costly, electric jeeps are not feasible due to the terrains in the city.

DOTr Regional Director Atty. Jose Eduardo Natividad faced the rallying drivers and operators and thanked them for not staging a transport strike in Baguio City and Benguet. He listened to their sentiments and positions then explained to them that there are no department orders or moves for the DOTr to phase-out jeepneys.

"The modernization plan is still being studied and there are no department orders to move for the phase-out of jeepneys. I know there is a draft, anything can happen," Natividad said.

He urged the transport groups to submit their position paper to be reviewed by the agency together with the Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board and promised he will personally submit the same to DOTr Secretary Art Tugade./JDP/RMC-PIA CAR#

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inside the PNP's national headquarters.

This had brought home to Duterte the extent of corruption in the police force, leading him to call for an internal cleansing.

Over 7,000 have died in incidents related to the drug war. Of these deaths, over 2,500 happened during police operations while over 3,600 deaths happened in incidents still being investigated. - Rappler.com#

**Baguio benefitted from...
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tifiable benefits of mining to their host and neighboring communities.

Domogan underscored numerous individuals who come from the mining communities were able to become professionals because of the earnings of their parents which they used in their studies over the past several years and such contribution of mining could not be quantified.

He added the quantifiable contributions of mining is the infrastructure development in the host and neighboring communities, the implemented social development and management programs (SDMP), the provision of livelihood assistance to the miners and their families, the share of the host and neighboring barangays from the national wealth taxes paid by the mining companies apart from the business and real property taxes directly paid to the concerned local governments among others.

However, Domogan emphasized it is the role of concerned government agencies to monitor the compliance of mining companies to stringent environment laws, rules and regulations to ensure that the impact of mining to the environment will be lessened and for whatever damages to be properly mitigated by the concerned mining companies.

Domogan claimed it would be unfair to equate the damages caused by mining to the environment and its contributions to mining, citing the need to actually balance the said distinct issues because it is not conclusive that mining is totally detrimental to the communities where the companies operate./By Dexter A. See#

EL MAESTRO SPEAKS

That Thing Sharper than Blade



BY: CLYDE B. SACPA

Words are sharper than a double edge sword. It cuts deep and the wounds won't heal easily. This saying is often heard but always forgotten. This is due to the fact that we were trained or conditioned to say anything we want every time we want.

What we often forget is that with every word we say has with it our thoughts and most importantly we who said the word are responsible with the effects it would bring. Every word that comes out means a lot to our personality. It is a figure that can show and reflect our thoughts. Through our words people will know what kind of person you are. It shows the environment you're from and it shows you're regards to other human being.

Aside from showing what our character is. Words can also have effects to the one that will receive it. It can demoralize or motivate someone. Words can hurt and it can inspire. It can make someone smile or cry. With these things it bring, we really have to put more thoughts to every word we say. We must know that though we have the freedom to say anything we must also remember that we are responsible to every word we are saying.

As teachers or professionals, we must be the role model of showing responsibility to every word we say. Let us choose every word we say even in the time we are upset. In doing this we can influence other people who in turn will also influence others.

In these days, when even the most powerful person in the country has the propensity to utter out words that majority would consider unprofessional, we the teachers are left out with a heavy responsibility of guiding the young once in the responsibilities we have with each word we are saying. Words once said can never be taken back so let us put more thoughts on our words.#

**Kakampi mo ang Batas
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of explaining this phenomenon----which is bound to afflict more and more Filipinos as the days go by---is through the Bible. In its Romans 1:18-27, it is there stated that men and women will become homosexuals---or persons who are romantically or sexually attracted to people of their own gender---because they no longer recognize God.

Romans 1:26-27 says: "Because of this, God gave them over to shameful lusts. Even their women exchanged natural sexual relations for unnatural ones. In the same way the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another. Men committed shameful acts with other men, and received in themselves the due penalty for their error..."

It is a form of a curse, and it is destined to be penalized with death. Consider this: "Although they know God's righteous decree that those who do such things deserve death, they not only continue to do these very things but also approve of those who practice them..." There is only way then to avoid this deadly disease: we must all go back to God, truthfully and sincerely, by reading His Bible and obeying His commands.

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MAGKASANGGA TAYO

Doktor pinatay, bakit???
(reprint from last week)



BY: NESTOR "PAKEN" CASTRO

Doctor Dreyfus Perlas, isa sa mga doctor to the barrios na pinili ang manilbihan sa Lanao del Sur kung saan kung tutuusin ay pupuwede siyang magtrabaho sa isang tanyag na ospital at kumita ng limpak-limpak (milyones) na salapi ay mas ginusto pa niyang magtrabaho sa isang malayo at mahirap na lugar para manilbihan sa kanyang mga kababayan na mahihirap. Sa tutuo lang sa aking panananaw ay mga tunay na living heroes ang lahat ng mga health workers na nanilbihan sa ating mga kababayang mahihirap at lalung-lalo na ang mga doctors to the barrios. SALUDO AKO SA INYO at MABUHAY PO KAYONG LAHAT!!!

Ang mga katanungan ngayon hinggil sa kanyang pagpaslang (siya ay binaril sa likod habang naglalakad) ay ganito. Sino at bakit kaya siya pinatay? Sa aking pagkakaalam ay maging sa isang digmaan ay hindi binabaril o exempted sa bala ang mga doktor, sapagkat ang mga doktor ay neutral sa isang digmaan o giyera at tungkulin nila na manggamot ng kahit na sinong tao, maging sundalo ng gobyerno, rebelde at kahit na terorista pa na abu sayyaf ay dapat nilang bigyan ng kanilang serbisyong medikal kung nararapat.

Kaya tunay na nakalulungkot ang ganitong balita kiung saan ang isang doctor to the barrios na kailangan na kailangan sa mga barrio at kadalasan ay sila pa nga ay mahal na mahal ng kanilang mga constituents (mamamayan) ay mapapaslang sa isang pamamaraan (binaril sa likod) na tunay na karumal-dumal at kaduda-duda.

Nang aking malaman ang napakasamang balita na ito ay agad kong naisip at pinalangin na wala naman sanang kinalaman ang tokhang at mistaken identity dito sa insidente na ito. Wala naman sanang kinalaman ang ating mga PNP sa pagpaslang sa doktor na ito. Wag naman sanang masama as one of those collateral damage ang pagakapatay sa doctor na ito!!!

Mr. President Digong and Cheap este Chief PNP Bato, lutasin ninyo sa agarang panahon ang krimen na ito ng walang cover-up kahit na ang resulta ng imbestigasyon ay involved na naman ang inyong kapuklisan o ano mang ahensiya o opisina ng gobyerno. Tunay nanakalulungklot ang mga ganitong pangyayari na sana ay hindi basta-basta babalewalain ni Digong ang pangyayari na ito.

Hay naku, ano nga ba ang nangyari sa ating bansa mula ng maupo ang inyong mahal na presidente?

URGENTLY NEEDED
We need the following for a homeschooler:
PART TIME TUTOR(S) FOR GRADES 7 & 8 SUBJECTS. We provide books and teacher's guide or if you have materials, let us know. Provincial applicants welcome as long as you have internet.
Tutoring is via Skype or Facebook. E-mail resume, rate/charges, & schedule (open to evening & weekend sched) to bing_dawang@yahoo.com.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that LYSANDER D. BAROÑA, ERICSON D. BAROÑA and GENEVIEVE B. FUENTES were executed a Deed of Waiver of Rights in favor of their brother, FROILAN JOSEPH D. BAROÑA, as evidenced by Doc. No. 337; Page No. 69; Book No. V; Series of 2017 of the Notary Public Elpidio C. Siagan dated February 11, 2017.

March 4, 11 and 18, 2017

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of ANSELMA RARAS RAPACON who died in Baguio City on November 24, 2016 was extrajudicially settled by the heirs on February 22, 2017 as evidenced by Doc. No. 06; Page No. 16; Book No. IV; Series of 2017 of the Notary Public Romeo D. Lopez.

Feb. 25, Mar. 4 and 11, 2017

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that FLORENCE N. DUGAYEN has executed a Deed of Waiver of Rights in favor of her brother, FLORANTE DUGAYEN (a.k.a. DOODS), as evidenced by Doc. No. 105; Page No. 64; Book No. V; Series of 2017 of the Notary Public Vicente Jose M. Angeles dated February 16, 2017

March 4, 11 and 18, 2017

Republic of the Philippines
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
FIRST JUDICIAL REGION
BRANCH 7
BAGUIO CITY

SPS. ERNESTO AND JOSEFA TRINIDAD,
Plaintiff,

-versus-

MARTIN FELIPE V. TRINIDAD, PHILIPPINE SAVINGS BANK, AND REGISTER OF DEEDS OF BAGUIO CITY,

Defendants.

CIVIL CASE NO. 8319-R

For: Annulment of a Promissory Note dated May 29, 2009 and Cancellation of Entry No. 8606-41-226 on TCT No. T-96516 with Damages

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SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

WHEREAS, the plaintiffs, through counsel filed a complaint dated September 2, 2015, quoted verbatim, as follows:

"With all due respects to the Honorable Court.

PLAINTIFFS, by and through counsel, state:

Plaintiffs-spouses are husband and wife, of legal age, Filipino citizens and residents of No. 65 Lower Brookside, Baguio City; whereas the three (3) defendants, namely: 1) Martin Felipe V. Trinidad

(MARTIN, for short) is of legal age, single, Filipino and a resident of No. 65 Lower Brookside, Baguio City; 2) Philippine Savings Bank (PSBank, for brevity) is a domestic corporation doing banking business in the Philippines with principal office and address in PSBANK Center, 777 Paseo de Roxas corner Sedeno Street, Makati City 1226 and with Baguio City Branch address at Malcolm Square, Baguio City; 3) Registry of Deeds of Baguio City is a government entity and one amongst its functions is to record and register transactions and dealings with real properties in the City of Baguio with its office address at the first floor (or, basement) of the Baguio City Hall and it is being included a party-defendant as a nominal party... where they may all be served with Summonses, processes, and Orders of the Honorable Court.

II

In March 2008 plaintiffs decided to purchase a parcel of land from Alfredo Pascual with the intention, as the latter agreed, to have part of the acquisition costs financed by a bank by entering into a loan agreement. The aforementioned parcel of land is more particularly described as follows:

"A parcel of land (lot 4, Block 3, Psd-1-013600, being a portion of Lot 1-A-1 (LRC) (sd-43372) situated at the Res. Sec "L" City of Baguio, Island of Luzon. Bounded on the NW., along line 1-2 by Lot 5, Blk. 3, Psd-1-013600; on the NE. along line 2-3-4 by Road Lot 3, Along line 4-5 by Lot 3, Block 3, Psd-1-013600; on the SE., along line 5-1 Lot 1-B, Psd-24492. Xxx containing an area of ONE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED (1,200

SQUARE METERS, more or less."

III

As the plaintiffs at that time were bound to go back to the United States of America, they gave defendant MARTIN limited authority to enter into a loan agreement with a bank in order to facilitate sale transaction by and between the parties; hence, they executed on March 19, 2008 a Memorandum of Agreement with defendant MARTIN to obtain loan and to correspondingly enter into said loan agreement. Attached as ANNEX "A" and made part hereof is a copy of the said Memorandum Agreement. The specific provisions of the memorandum of agreement showing defendant's limited authority are hereby reproduced as follows:

"That the FIRST PARTY (Spouses Enesto A. Trinidad and Josefa B. Trinidad) hereby agrees that the title to the property be placed in the name of the FIRST PARTY and SECOND PARTY (Martin Felipe V. Trinidad) for the purposes of obtaining a loan, with PSB or any banking institution, understood that the SECOND PARTY, has no personal right or interest in the property except that he will be also a signatory to loan application for the amount of ONE MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (PHP1,500,000.00) to pay for the parcel of land, later to be subject of Deed of Absolute Sale, to be executed between Alfredo Pascual as the vendor.

That the FIRST PARTY and SECOND PARTY collectively will be applying for the loan for the purchase of the lot of Alfredo Pascual."

IV

On March 24, 2008, to effective the aforementioned memorandum of agreement by and between the parties, plaintiffs executed a Special Power of Attorney authorizing defendant MARTIN to borrow or to obtain a loan/credit accommodations from defendant PSBank the specific amount of ONE MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (Php1,500,000.00). Attached as ANNEX "B" and made part hereof is a copy of the said Special Power of Attorney and its pertinent and relevant provisions are reproduced, thus ---

"To borrow money or obtain a loan/credit accommodations from PHILIPPINES SAVINGS BANK, in the amount of ONE MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (Php 1,500,000.00) and under such terms and conditions as our attorney-in-fact may agree upon with said bank or financing institution, as well as any increase, extension, renewal, restructuring, re-availability conversion thereof, and to bind us as principal on said loan/credit accommodations jointly and severally or solidarily, with our attorney-in-fact or with any other person or entity. (emphasis supplied ours) and, should there be a need for an or any increase of loan, it will only be for the purpose of equity-reimbursement of acquisition cost of the subject real property from Alfredo Pascual ONLY.

V

Acting under such authority, Alfredo Pascual executed a Deed of Sale in favor of the plaintiffs and defendant MARTIN subject to the promissory note entered into by the latter with defendant PSBank for the amount of Php1,500,000.00

VI

On July 23, 2008, defendant PSBank notified, through a letter (ANNEX "C" hereof) of even date, defendant MARTIN of the approval of the mortgage loan of Php1,500,000.00 for ten (10) years for the purpose of equity-reimbursement of acquisition cost. Thereupon, defendant MARTIN executed a Promissory Note (ANNEX "D" hereof) on August 7, 2008 in favor of PSBank via its 'fill-in-the-blank form' for the said specific purpose and particular amount only.

VII

In the processing the loan, defendant PSBank was of full knowledge and very much aware of the extent of the authority of defendant MARTIN as it was shown and handed a copy each of the Memorandum of Agreement, and the Special Power of Attorney; thus, thereafter, a loan for the amount of Php1,500,000.00 was extended to the plaintiffs and defendant MARTIN through the latter by defendant PSBank.

VIII

With the release of the loan of Php1,500,000.00 from defendant PSBank, the acquisition cost of the real property from Alfredo Pascual was fully satisfied, the latter executed the corresponding deed of sale in favor of the plaintiffs and defendant MARTIN which document was 'Entered on' August 5, 2008 with the defendant Registry of Deeds of Baguio City; hence, transfer of ownership/ title of the subject parcel of land was effected and that said Registry of Deeds issued the corresponding Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-96516 (ANNEX "E" hereof) in the names of SPOUSES JOSEFA B. TRINIDAD

and ERNESTO A. TRINIDAD and MARTIN FELIPE V. TRINIDAD. And, with the submission of the necessary copies of the documents adverted to in the preceding paragraphs such as of the promissory note, memorandum of agreement, special power of attorney, the promissory note for Php1,500,000.00 and other papers and instruments to defendant Registry of Deeds, an entry on the Memorandum of Encumbrances was annotated on the title (TCT No. 96516) which is mark thereon as ANNEX "E-1" and reproduced as follows, to wit:

"Entry No. 4349-40-113-PROMISSORY NOTE dated Aug. 7, 2008 in favor of the PHILIPPINE SAVINGS BANK for ONE MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P1,500,000.00), subject to the conditions in Doc. No. 348, Page No. 70, Book No. CCCXLIII, Series of 2008 of Notary Public of Makati City, Atty. Jose Hernandez Dy. Entered Aug. 8, 2008, 8:30A.M. File No. T-96516."

IX

To the total surprise of the plaintiffs, more than one (1) year after plaintiffs and defendant MARTIN executed the foregoing Memorandum of Agreement and Special Power of Attorney, and after the purpose of the execution of the said document was attained and satisfied, that is, to obtain a loan for the purpose of equity-reimbursement of acquisition cost in order for the vendee Alfredo Pascual of the subject real property to execute a deed of sale of his property, defendant MARTIN, acting in concert and in collaboration with defendant PSBank, executed a PROMISSORY NOTE

date May 29, 2009 in favor of defendant PSBank for ONE MILLION PESOS (P h p 1 , 0 0 0 , 0 0 0 . 0 0) Attached as ANNEX "F" and made part hereof, is a copy of the said Promissory Note.

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That the said promissory note (ANNEX "F") was entered on June 2, 2009 with the defendant Registry of Deeds, and was annotated in the Memorandum of Encumbrances on the title (TCT No. T-96516) which is marked thereon as ANNEX "E-3" and reproduced as follow, to wit:

"Entry No. 8606-41-226 - PROMISSORY NOTE dated May 29, 2009 in favor of PHILIPPINE SAVINGS BANK for ONE MILLION PESOS (P1,000,000.00) subject to the conditions in Doc. No. 66, Page No. 14, Book No. CCCLXXVIII, Series of 2009 of Notary Public of Makati City, Atty. Jose Hernandez Dy. Entered June 2, 2009, 8:00 A.M. File No. T-96516."

Knowing fully well the limited authority granted to defendant MARTIN that he can only borrow, secure and obtain a loan of Php1,500,000.00 for the purpose of fully satisfying the acquisition cost of the real property from Alfredo Pascual, defendant PSBank conspired with defendant MARTIN to borrow and obtain a mortgage loan from it in the amount of Php1,000,000.00 thereby executing another Promissory Note (Exhibit "F") dated May 29, 2009 and other documents using plaintiffs' Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-96516 (ANNEX "E") as the security, to the damage and prejudice of the plaintiffs.

XII

Plaintiffs were com-
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pletely flabbergasted by Entry No. 8606-21-226 (ANNEX "E-3") in the Memorandum of Encumbrances pertaining to the Promissory Note dated May 29, 2009 in favor of Philippine Savings Bank for ONE MILLION PESOS (P1,000,000.00). That defendant PSBank cannot feign ignorance over the limitations imposed on defendant MARTIN by the PLAINTIFFS on the Memorandum of Agreement and Special Power of Attorney as the same conditions had been annotated in the Transfer Certificate of Title T-96516 (ANNEX "E") as that in Entry No. 4348-40-113 (ANNEX "E-2") dated March 24, 2008 because the annotation pertaining to the Special Power Attorney had been dated well before the first Promissory Note as Entry No. 4349-40-113 (ANNEX "E-1") dated August 7, 2008, and the second unauthorized Promissory Note as Entry No. 8606-41-226 (ANNEX "E-3") DATED May 29, 2009.

XIII

Consequently, PLAINTIFFS, having been distressed by the untoward, unauthorized and unlawful actions of defendant MARTIN, find the urgent necessity to seek judicial redress for the annulment, revocation and voiding of that PROMISSORY NOTE (ANNEX "F") dated May 29, 2009 and for the cancellation of Entry No. 8606-41-226 (ANNEX "E-3") appearing on the Memorandum of Encumbrances of plaintiffs' Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-96516 (ANNEX "E") due to want of consent of the plaintiffs.

XIV

Due to the unauthorized and unlawful acts of defendants MARTIN and PSBANK, plaintiffs suffered sleepless nights, mental anguish agony, loss of appetite and hurt feelings due to the adverse effect of having to face and pay another indebtedness for P1,000,000.00 for not being even a party to a/any/all documents executed in relation to the said loan, for which reason the said defendants must be assessed to jointly pay the amount of no less than Php100,000.00 as moral damages.

XV

In order for the defen-

dants MARTIN and PSBANK not to trifle with and not to trample upon the rights of others particularly plaintiffs, they must be assessed to pay jointly the amount of Php100,000.00 as exemplary damages.

XVI

Due to the unauthorized and unlawful acts of defendants MARTIN and PSBANK, the plaintiffs in order to protect their rights and interests were constrained to engage the legal services of counsel which they have agreed and have already paid the amount Php50,000.00 as attorneys' acceptance fees plus an agreement to pay an appearance fees of counsel/s in the amount of Php5,000.00 per recorded appearance, for which reason defendants must be ordered to pay and refund to the plaintiffs.

XVII

Due to the filing of this suit, by reasons of the unauthorized and unlawful acts of the defendants MARTIN and PSBANK, the plaintiffs have to come back to the Philippines and from that time on they have already incurred expenses and spent the amount of Php120,000.00 as actual damages, for which the said defendants must be assessed to pay.

PRAYER

WHEREFORE, premises considered, it is respectfully prayed unto the Honorable Court that, after due notice and hearing, judgement be rendered, in these manner, thus---

a) declaring the annulment, revocation, and voiding of the PROMISSORY NOTE (ANNEX "F") dated May 29, 2009, and,

b) ordering defendant Registry of Deeds of Baguio City to effect the cancellation of Entry No. 8606-41-226 (ANNEX "E-3") appearing on the Memorandum of Encumbrances of plaintiffs' Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-96516 (ANNEX "E")

c) ordering defendants MARTIN FELIPE V. TRINIDAD and Philippine Savings Bank to jointly and severally pay the plaintiffs the following amounts, to wit:

- 1) Php100,000.00 as and by way of moral damages.
- 2) Php100,000.00 as

and by way of exemplary damages.

3) Php50,000.00 as attorney's fees plus Php5,000.00 for each and every recorded appearance of counsel/s.

4) Php120,000.00 as actual damages, and,

5) Cost of suit.

All other reliefs just and equitable under the premises are likewise prayed for.

Baguio City, Philippines, September 2, 2015.

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Passed the bar examination this 2015 so he will attend the MCLE to be provided for by the Baguio-Benguet Chapter this 26-29 May 2015 at Hotel Supreme, Baguio City."

WHEREAS, on January 10, 2017, plaintiffs through counsel, filed a Motion for the Issuance of Summons by Publication alleging therein among others that on the 3rd day of November 2015, Atty. Robert B. Mabalot, Jr., plaintiff's counsel, tried to cause the service

of summons together with the copy of the complaint upon defendant Martin Felipe V. Trinidad, at No. 65 Lower Brookside, Baguio City; that upon information from defendant's father Mr. Willy Trinidad, they do not know his whereabouts or had he contacted them as of that date.

WHEREAS, on January 10, 2017, the Court ordered that summons be served upon Martin Felipe V. Trinidad through publication at the expense of plaintiffs Spouses Ernesto A. Trinidad and Josefa B. Trinidad, once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in Baguio City and the Benguet province.

NOW THEREFORE, YOU, MARTIN FELIPE V. TRINIDAD, whose present whereabouts are unknown, is hereby summoned through this medium of publication and is therefore required to file through the Office of the Clerk of Court, your responsive pleading and/or answer to the above quoted Answer with Counterclaim, Cross-Claim within sixty (60) days from notice, serving at the same time a copy of your responsive pleading and/or answer upon plaintiffs' counsel. Atty. Roberto Mabalot, Jr. at Units 5 and 6 Ground Floor, Megatower Residences Sandico St. corner Tecson St., Salud Mitra Barangay, Baguio City. Your failure to do so within the period herein prescribed will enable the plaintiffs to take judgement against you and demand from the Honorable Court the relief and remedies prayed for in their complaint. You are reminded of the provision in the IBP-OCA Memorandum on Policy Guidelines dated March 12, 2002 to observe restraint in filing a motion to dismiss and instead allege the grounds therefore as defenses in the answer.

WITNESS THE HONORABLE MONA LISA V. TIONGSON-TABORA, Presiding Judge of this Court, this 13th day of February, 2017 in Baguio City, Philippines.

(SGD) **KARLDON M. EUSTAQUIO**
Clerk of Court V

Publication Dates:
February 25, March 4 and 11 2017

Republic of the Philippines
FIRST JUDICIAL REGION
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
BRANCH 8
Rm. 201, Second Floor, Justice Hall, Justice Hill La Trinidad, Benguet

VIRGILIO M. YAO,
Petitioner-Mortgagee,

-versus-

SHERRY ANN ANGELES GUESSFORD,
Respondent-Mortgagor.

FOR: Extra-Judicial Foreclosure of Real Estate Mortgage Under Act 3135 as Amended

FORECLOSURE CASE NO. 17-EXF-1966
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NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for extra-judicial foreclosure of mortgage under Act No. 3135 as amended, filed by the Virgilio M. Yao, of legal age, natural-born Filipino Citizen and now a US Citizen, divorced, and a resident of Unit C-65, Zone Ville Condominium, Baguio City, Philippines, for the satisfaction of the loan obligation of Sherry Ann Angeles Guessford, of legal age, Filipino Citizen and a resident of D1 Calihan, Barangay San Francisco, San Pablo City, Laguna, Philippines, that as per statement of account as of 1 February 2017, the mortgagor is indebted to the mortgagee amounting to SIX HUNDRED FORTYEIGHT THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED PESOS (P648,500.00) Philippine currency, inclusive of interest, penalties and other charges. The undersigned will sell at public auction on April 5, 2017 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning at the main entrance of the Bulwagan ng Katarungan Building, Justice Hill, La Trinidad, Benguet to the highest bidder, the parcel of land together with the

DOLE calls on employers to abide by Kasambahay law

BANGUED, Abra - The Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) - Abra Field Office called families with kasambahay or domestic workers to observe the implementation of Republic Act No. 10361 otherwise known as Batas Kasambahay of 2013.

OIC - Provincial Head George Lubin, Jr. emphasized the rights and privileges of kasambahay in the Philippines of which the employers are bound to observe and comply with.

Under the law, domestic workers are entitled to a minimum wage, daily rest period of 8 hours, 13th month pay, 5 days annual service incentive leave with pay, and weekly rest period of uninterrupted 24 hours.

The kasambahay **Cont. on page 9**

Public Apology

I Reggie Garcia expresses my apology to Mr. Anthony C. Bagtang for whatever anxiety I might have caused him during the incident and whatever public commentary I made.

March 4, 11, 18 and 25, 2017

SALE OF PUBLIC LAND

Notice is hereby given that the Land Management Services, DENR-CAR at PENRO Benguet, Wangal, La Trinidad, Benguet will sell through oral bidding at exactly 10 o'clock (10:00) A.M. on April 25, 2017 the tract of land described below:

Location: Res. Sec. "C", South Drive, Baguio City
Description: RESIDENTIAL LAND
Area: 300 Square Meters
Appraised Value of Land: Php 3,725.00 per square meter
Improvements: Php -0-
Reference: TSA 131102-3938 ALONZO LUMACAS

March 11, 18, 25 and April 1, 2017

improvements existing thereon, to wit:

bid to the undersigned on or before said date of auction.

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-38472

A parcel of land (Lot 2, Blk. 8, Psd-131113-006700, being a portion of Lot 1-A, x x x situated in the Barangay Irisan, Municipality of Tuba, Province of Benguet, Island of Luzon xx x containing an area of Forty (40) Square Meters, More or Less. x x x"

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on April 26, 2017 without further notice and publication.

La Trinidad, Benguet, Philippines, this 26th day of September 2016.

FOR THE PROVINCIAL SHERIFF
EX-OFFICIO OF BENGUET
By: DANIEL D. CELINO
Sheriff IV

Publication Dates:
March 11, 18 and 25, 2017

Prospective bidders/ buyers may investigate the above-describe real property regarding the encumbrance thereof, if any and may submit their

Republic of the Philippines
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
First Judicial Region
BRANCH 6,
BAGUIO CITY

In the Matter of the Correction of Entries in the Birth Certificate of Shane Anne Valdez Turqueza

BERNARDO P. TURQUEZA,
Petitioner,
-versus-

THE CITY CIVIL REGISTRAR, Office of the City Civil Registrar,
Respondent.

Spl. Proc. Case No. 2608-R
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NOTICE OF INITIAL HEARING

In a verified petition, petitioner, Bernardo P. Turqueza, through counsel, states that:

On August 17, 1995, his daughter, Shane Anne Valdez Turqueza was born at the Baguio Medical Center, Inc., in Baguio City;

Shane Anne was born to then common-law spouses, he and Anniebeth C. Valdez;

During the time of his daughter's birth, he and Anniebeth C. Valdez were not yet legally married but both were free to marry each other or there was no legal impediment for them to contract marriage.

In Shane Anne's Birth Certificate, it contains erroneous entries particularly the place and date of marriage of her parents which were indicated as follows:

"18. Date and Place of Marriage of Parents
July 10, 1995-Baguio City"

On the same date of Shane Anne's birth, her mother, Annibeth C. Valdez, gave the information to the hospital personnel who prepared the Birth Certificate, that she and Bernardo P. Turqueza were married on July 10, 1995 in Baguio City;

His wife, Anniebeth C. Valdez gave the untruth-

ful information to conceal her dishonour although originally it was the date, July 10, 1995, when she was supposed to marry him, a member of the Philippine National Police, were it not for his eventual re-assignment to Abra Police Provincial office based in Bangued, Abra;

On February 7, 1997, he and Anniebeth C. Valdez finally got married in Candon, Ilocos Sur and solemnized by Hon. Jonathan S. Biteng, Presiding Judge, Municipal Trial Court, Candon, Ilocos Sur;

Pursuant to Shane Anne's parents' subsequent marriage though belatedly, her illegitimate status has already been legitimated. In short, Shane Anne Valdez Turqueza is no legitimated.

Petitioner prays that after due notice, publication and hearing, an order be issued directing the City Civil Registrar of Baguio City to cause the rectification and correction of the erroneous or incorrect date in the Certificate of Live Birth of Shane Anne Valdez Turqueza, as follows:

Date and Place of Marriage of Parents

From: July 10, 1995 - Baguio City

To: February 7, 1997 - Candon, Ilocos Sur

Let the petition be set for hearing on May 19, 2017 at 8:30 o'clock in the morning at the Regional Trial Court, Branch 6, "Bulwagan Ng Katarungan" (Justice Hall), Baguio City at which date, time and place, all persons interested may show cause why the petition should not be granted.

Let a copy of this Notice of Initial Hearing be published in a newspaper of general circulation in Baguio City once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks at the expense of the petitioner.

Let a copy of this Notice of Initial Hearing be posted in four (4) public places at the Bulletin Boards of the City Market, the Post Office, the City Hall, and the Regional Trial Court, all in Baguio City at the expense of the petitioner.

Let also a copy of the Petition and Notice of Initial Hearing be furnished to the Local Civil Registrar of Baguio City, the Philippine Statistics Authority in Quezon City, the Office of the Solicitor General in Makati City and the

Office of the City Prosecutor in Baguio City.

Serve a copy of this Notice of Initial Hearing upon the petitioner, and his counsel.

SO ORDERED.
February 15, 2017.
Baguio City, Philippines.

(SGD) CECILIA CORAZON S. DULAY-ARCHOG
Acting Presiding Judge

Publication Dates:
February 25, March 4 and 11 2017

Republic of the Philippines
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT, BRACH 64
FIRST JUDICIAL REGION
Abatan, Buguias,
Benguet

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF MINOR MANJA GIANNA BREE MAGUID DAWEY,

S P O U S E S
M I C H E L L E
L U M A S O C
A N D C E A S A R
L U M A S O C,

Petitioners,

-versus-

THE CIVIL REGISTRAR OF BAGUIO CITY and the NATIONAL STATISTICS AUTHORITY,

Respondents.

SPEC. PROCEEDINGS CASE NO.

6417-A-036

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ORDER

Petitioner Spouses Michelle and Ceasar Lumasoc, through counsel, filed the instant verified Petition, praying that after due notice and hearing, the subject child, Manja Gianna Bree Maguid Dawey, be decreed their legitimate child, for all legal intents and purposes.

Petitioners alleged that they were married on April 5, 2006 at La Trinidad, Benguet. A copy of their Certificate of Marriage is attached to the Petition as Annex "E". Despite having married for more than ten (10) years now, they remained

childless.

On the other hand, the proposed adoptee, Manja Gianna Bree Maguid Dawey, was born on May 3, 2016 at Baguio City, the third child of Spouses Michael Neil Dawey and Bernette Dawey. A copy of the child's Certificate of Live Birth is likewise attached to the Petition as Annex "B".

The biological parents of the subject child, Michael Neil Dawey and Bernette Dawey, gave their written Joint Affidavit of Consent for the adoption of their child (Annex "D").

Petitioners finally alleged that they have all the qualifications and none of disqualifications to adopt the said minor. Likewise, the minor is qualified to be adopted.

WHEREFORE, finding the Petition to be sufficient in form and substance, it is hereby set for hearing on June 21, 2017 at 9:00 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.

Due to the absence of a regular Court Social Worker in this Court, the Municipal Social Welfare Office (MSWO) of Mankayan, Benguet is hereby requested to CONDUCT the required Social Case Studies (Home and Child Case Study) in this case; to SUBMIT her report to this Court before the date set for initial hearing; and to TESTIFY on her reports.

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 the Cordilleras, once a week, for three (3) consecutive weeks, the first publication to be made not later than February 19, 2017.

Furnish copies hereof, together with a copy of the Petition and its Annexes, to the Provincial Prosecutor of Benguet; the Municipal Social Welfare Office 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 Amorsolo St., Legaspi Village, Makati City; The Local Civil Registrar of Baguio City; and the Philippine Statistics Authority, Manila, for their informa-

tion and guidance.

SO ORDERED.

Abatan, Buguias, Benguet, Philippines this 15th day of February 2017.

(SGD) SERGIO T. ANGGANAY, JR.
Acting Presiding Judge

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New truck ban rules...

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Pacdal Circle going towards the central business district and vice-versa; main thoroughfares of Harrison Road, Session Road, Governor Pack Road to SM City Baguio and vice-versa; Bonifacio Street to Post Office and vice-versa; Harrison Road to Bonifacio Street intersection; Harrison Road to Magsaysay Road until city limit and vice-versa; Buhagan Road (formerly Bokawkan Road) - Harrison Road intersection to Abanao Street, Quirino Highway up via Buhagan Road - Magsaysay Avenue intersection and vice-versa; and from Quirino Highway towards Irisan intersection and vice-versa.

Heavy equipment vehicles, trailers, dump trucks, and other freight trucks covered will be allowed to traverse the following roads beyond 9 a.m. until 3:59 p.m. (window time) and will be allowed to use and traverse the following roads only after 9:01 p.m. until 6 a.m.:

Via Kennon Road

Those coming from or going to Halsema Highway will take Magsaysay Avenue, Buhagan Road, Kayang Extension, Legarda Road, Gregorio Del Pilar Road, Kisad Road, or vice-versa while those coming from or going to Ambuclao Road shall take Pacdal Circle Park Road, South Drive, Military Cut-Off or vice-versa; or Pacdal Circle Park Road, South Drive, Loakan Road, or vice-versa.

Those coming from and or going to Itogon, Benguet, shall take Outlook Drive (behind The Mansion), South Drive, Military Cut-Off, or vice-versa or Outlook Drive (behind The Mansion), South Drive, Loakan Road or vice-versa and those coming from or going to Balatoc Mines and Philex Mines shall take Loakan Road.

Via Quirino Highway

Those coming from or going to Halsema Highway shall take Magsaysay Avenue, Buhagan Road or vice-versa;

Those coming from or going to Ambuclao Road shall take Pacdal Circle Park Road, South Drive, Military Cut-Off, Kayang Extension, Legarda Road, Gregorio Del Pilar Road, Kisad Road, or vice-versa;

Those coming from and or going to Itogon, Benguet, shall take Outlook Drive (behind The Mansion), South Drive, Military Cut-Off, Kayang Extension, Legarda Road, Gregorio Del Pilar Road, Kisad Road, or vice-versa; and those coming from or going to Balatoc Mines and Philex Mines shall take Loakan Road, Military Cut-Off, Kayang Extension, Legarda, Gregorio Del Pilar Road, Kisad Road, or vice-versa.

Vehicles coming from Benguet Exploration and Black Mountain Mines shall:

In going to Quirino Highway (formerly Naguilian Road), take Kennon Road, Kisad Road, Gregorio Del Pilar Road, Legarda Road, Kayang Extension;

In going to Halsema Highway, take Kennon Road, Kisad Road, Gregorio Del Pilar Road, Legarda Road, Kayang Extension, Buhagan Road, Magsaysay Avenue (La Trinidad Road);

In going to Itogon, Benguet, take Loakan Road, South Drive, Outlook Drive (behind The Mansion); and

In going to Ambuclao Road, take Loakan Road, South Drive, Pacdal Circle Park Road;

Cargoes deliverable to particular places and or persons outside the streets or roads specified but situated within the city limits as evidenced by accompanying waybills and or invoices will be exempted from the provision of this Ordinance provided that the delivery will not be done within the prohibited time.

The ordinance provides exemptions to water delivery trucks actually used in assisting fire-fighting, fire trucks, company vehicles of public utilities actually doing repair works, government registered trucks, heavy equipment already at worksite and trucks used during emergency or calamities.

Penalties for violators include fines ranging from P2,000 to P5,000. /Aileen P. Refuerzo#

Council reiterates closure of Marcos highway e-games

BAGUIO CITY - State-owned Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation (PAGCOR) its earlier request to revoke re-iterated to the Cont. on page 9

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repair of canals, roofings, sewerages, drainages, and proper lighting facilities, clean comfort rooms, water supply, ventilation, market repainting, wash area in the livestock section of the slaughterhouse, pest control, and rest areas for senior citizens. The vendors agreed to contribute to the projects, as these facilities are for their use, as well.

Improvement, yet without additional stalls or extensions were requested, as with traffic signages and overpasses for schoolchildrens' and general public safety,

along elementary schools and crowded streets.

The vendors also requested for education on the clean air act, liquid and solid waste management. They also requested that no trade fairs be done at Burnham Park, as it is said to be "beyond the commerce of man."

The porters requested for color-coded uniforms, identification cards and permanent parking areas for their carts. For the satellite markets, proper vendors' business permits and scheduled market days were recommended, as the Mines View

vendors requested for a guardhouse, and lighting facilities.

Increased parking fees to discourage long parking hours, public utility vehicles' staging areas and towing of long-parked vehicles, were recommended.

The vendors recommended strict and constant monitoring by government agencies.

The summit synergizes all efforts and workable plants in a "making the Baguio City Public Market a world class market and make it presentable to residents and to domestic and foreign tourists," the resolution further states. /Julie G. Fianza#



ANTI-MINING - A representative from Mankayan airs his opposition to the mining activities in his town during the public hearing conducted by the House of Representatives Committee On Natural Resources chaired by Carlos Isagani Zarate and Baguio Cong. Marquez Go held at City Hall Multi-Purpose Center last March 9./By Bong Cayabyab

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the license it issued to the operator of the electronic games along Marcos highway because of the alleged misplaced issuance of no objection and business permit by the municipal government of Tuba, Benguet.

Marvic Baas, senior manager of PAGCOR's licensing department, requested the local legislative body to come out with its updated stand on the matter to guide the State gaming corporation to subsequently close the operation of the e-games outlet located along Marcos highway.

The local legislative body earlier passed Resolution No. 133, series of 2015 urgently requesting PAGCOR to revoke the license it issued to the operator of the electronic games and to close the operation of the e-games establishment along Marcos highway because the State gaming corporation was misled in believing that the location of the establishment is within the jurisdiction of Tuba, Benguet, thus, the resolution of no objection and the business permit was secured by the operator in Tuba instead of Baguio City which has jurisdiction over the said area.

never acted on the said resolution that allowed the e-games outlet to continue its operation to date using a misplaced business permit issued by Tuba town.

Baas committed to the members of the local legislative body that PAGCOR will immediately take the appropriate actions to close the operation of the e-games establishment along Marcos highway once it will officially receive the transmitted opposition of the council.

Earlier, the barangay council of Sto. Tomas Proper passed a resolution insisting that the area where the e-games establishment is located is within the jurisdiction of the barangay and that business establishments within the said area get their business clearances from the barangay.

City Assessor Maria Almaya Adawe also added the area where the e-games establishment is located is within the jurisdiction of the city and that it is way outside the jurisdiction of Tuba, Benguet, thus, the municipal government is not authorized to issue business permits to businesses operating in the said place. City officials, religious

groups and various anti-gambling advocates in the city raised an uproar after the sudden emergence of the e-games operation along Marcos highway more than a year ago upon the enactment of a resolution from the Tuba municipal council interposing no objection to the operation of the e-games in the area and the subsequent issuance of the required business permit for such gambling operation.

The local legislative body stood firm on the fact that the area where the e-games establishment is located is within the jurisdiction of the city based on valid documents not only from the barangay but also from the concerned offices of the city government having jurisdiction over the mapping of the area among others.

Baas claimed once there will be a resolution or letter of objection from the local government that is hosting its various games, PAGCOR will be constrained to revoke the license of the amusement operators and subsequently close the operation of the said establishment. /By Dexter A. See#

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is likewise entitled to an employment contract, pay slips and certificate of employment, Lubin said.

Furthermore, the kasambahay should

be provided with the mandatory coverage of Social Security System and Philhealth and PAGIBIG. Premium payments shall be paid by

the employer. The kasambahay with monthly wage of P5, 000 and above per month however, will pay his share in the premium payment contributions./ JDP/MTBB - PIA CAR, Abra#

Ordinance compels city hall employees to wear proper uniform and IDs

BAGUIO CITY - An amended city ordinance for the wearing of proper uniforms and use of IDs was approved by the city council and finally by Mayor Mauricio Domogan last week.

All officials and employees of the city government of Baguio should wear uniforms and use identification cards and name plates when reporting for work, the ordinance states.

Provisions of an earlier ordinance was "painstakingly" reviewed by administrative personnel of the different offices of city hall, and recommended the passage of ...provisions... and dress code..." with fruition in Ordinance 14, series of 2017, it was known.

There are exemptions however for employees to use protective clothing during inclement weather; storms and strong rains. Drivers, field workers, maintenance

employees, revenue collection clerks, health and services employees, and those from the Public Order and Safety Division (POSD), and rescuers under the City Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Committee should also wear uniforms appropriate to their work, and as prescribed by the uniform committee.

Other exemptions are: the religious affiliations or any legitimate practice by the employee requiring him to wear a particular clothing; physical disability/ies and other legitimate health reasons, pregnant employees; those in the mourning period; newly-hired employees; and other analogous circumstances.

Prescribed uniforms are good for two consecutive years.

During no-uniform days, appropriate attire should be used, with consideration as to jeans, paired with collared shirt

or blouse for employees. Prohibitions were set for ripped or tattered jeans, tightfitting, flimsy, transparent clothes, sando, strapless, tank-tops, blouses with over-plunging necklines, micro-mini skirt, walking and cycling shorts, leggings, tights and jogging pants, and rubber sandals, slippers or bakya.

Ostentations display of jewelry, except during special and official celebrations, and use of heavy or theatrical make-up is also prohibited.

Violators of the ordinance would be subject to written warning, reprimand, suspension without pay and dismissal from office, for first up to fifth offense, and final offense.

The city human resource office monitors the employees through their department heads, with a monthly report of violators. /Julie G. Fianza#

City folk urged to switch off lights for earth hour on March 25

BAGUIO CITY – Residents here were urged to join the Earth Hour observance on March 25 by switching off unessential lights in their homes for one hour from 8:30-9:30 p.m.

Mayor Mauricio Domogan made the appeal upon accepting the invitation of the World Wide Fund for Nature Philippines for the city to participate anew in the worldwide energy conservation campaign as a means of combating global warming and climate change.

Now on its 10th year, the campaign according to WWF Philippines Earth Hour Pilipinas national director Angela Consuelo Ibay was participated in by 178 countries and “inspired over 18 million Filipinos to switch off their lights for the planet” last year.

“This year, Earth Hour continues to encourage everyone to help shine a light on climate action helping spread a new era of climate awareness that started when the world came together and agreed on a global climate in Paris last 2015,” Ibay said.

“As the Philippines targets an emissions

reduction of 70 percent by 2030, this global campaign will visually present the need for every Filipino to take action today as climate change affects people of all ages, backgrounds and cultures.”

City environment and parks management officer Cordelia Lacsamana who was tasked by the mayor to spearhead the activities said they will mount a simple but meaningful program to usher in the observance which will be marked by the switching off of streetlights and signages.

A “dance of the gongs” parade is being planned for the occasion starting from the top of Session Road to usher in the switch-off ceremonies at 8:30 p.m. and will wind up at the City Hall grounds for a short program until the switch-on time at 9:30 p.m.

Lacsamana said they will invite cultural troupes from the various schools and groups to participate in the dance parade.

Business establishments along the parade route and within the central business district will be encouraged to participate by switching off

their lights as the parade progresses.

Lacsamana said the use of the native gong in the campaign is symbolic being a vital ritual tool of the Cordillerans.

“The gong and its reverberating sound will drum up support for this worthwhile cause and will be a symbol of our commitment to resiliency and environmental sustainability,” she said.

Inmates at the Baguio City Jail who have been setting records for going beyond the prescribed one-hour of lights out (usually beyond three hours) for the last eight years are expected to again go out of their way to support the program.

Both the ladies and men’s dormitories under chief inspectors Elvis Danglose and April Rose Ayangwa, are expected to mount unique programs in the hope of topping their erstwhile meaningful and moving shows.

Last year, the inmates dished out a Holy Week-inspired presentation along with a fire and environment-inspired dance shows capped by candle lighting ceremonies, the. /Aileen P. Refuerzo#

Better fire safety compliance in city, reported

BAGUIO CITY – Business establishment owners in the city are more compliant to fire safety requirements as shown by the 86.11 percent decrease in the number of Notice To Correct (NTC) issued by the Baguio City Fire Station (BCFS) last year compared to 2015.

There was also a 2.73

percent increase in the number of inspected buildings and business renewals and a 22.68 percent rise in the amount of fire code fees collected in 2016 due to the intensified implementation of Republic Act 9514 or the Fire Code of the Philippines.

This was reported by BCFS fire officer Jocelyn

Month with the theme: “Buhay at Ari-arian ay Pahalagahan, Ibayong Pag-iingat sa Sunog ay sa Sariling Pamamahay Simulan”.

Due to the Safe Baguio Project initiated by City Fire Marshall Joe Fernand Bangyod, she said that there was a remarkable decrease in fire incidents and in the amount of damages last year.

Depidep added that the BCFS conducted 59.1 percent more fire safety seminars and 25 percent more fire drills last year than in 2015.

The agency organized 12 fire brigades and 594 volunteers were trained last year showing a 50



THE "CITY'S BRAVEST" CAN TWIRL AND SWIRL TOO - Members of the City Fire Department lady firefighters dance the latest dance craze to the delight of city hall employees and visitors during flag raising ceremonies and the observance of Fire Prevention Month./By Bong Cayabyab

Market summit held

BAGUIO CITY – In response to approved city council resolution 74, series of 2017, a market, trade and commerce summit was conducted March 3 at the Benguet Electric Cooperative (BENECO) Hall along South Drive road.

The move is seen to make “the Baguio City Market as the summer capitals’ main tourist attraction that is safe, drug and crime-free, clean and orderly...through and inter-agency and concerned stakeholders efforts...” the resolution states.

The stakeholders’ concerns were then threshed out with focus on short, medium and long term plans and action from the concerned agencies.

Participants are those from Blocks III and IV; 1st, 2nd, 3rd Kayang streets; Hangar and Hilltop market; flower,

percent and 149 percent increase, respectively, as compared to 2015. The BCFS also had a 3 percent rise in the number of Certificate of Competency (CoC) issued and 17 percent increase in “Ugnayan Sa Barangay” attended and conducted in 2016.

“The agency wishes to reiterate that fire safety is always a necessity. We all have to observe fire safety measures at home and

vegetable, rice, fruit, wagwagan, carindera, fish and meat sections; roving vendors; barangay satellite markets, slaughterhouse auction area, night market, Mines View, proprietors of bicycles at Burnham Park and barangay officials.

Porters from Hangar, rabbit-Magsaysay area, Dangwa, Hilltop, rice and flower shop section, and Lakandula; and members of the Public Safety and Order Division (POSD) were also represented.

Council committee chair on Market, Trade, Commerce and Agriculture Leandro Yangot, Jr., gave the rationale and background of the summit, with an inspirational message from Mayor Mauricio Domogan. Acting Market Superintendent Policarpio Tamayo gave a market situationer, followed by a trade and market situationer by Department of

Trade and Industry (DTI) Regional Director Myrna Pablo.

Vendors during the later part of the summit admitted that with city support, bigger responsibilities are on their shoulders, with self-sufficiency, discipline and continuing education.

Recommendations culled from the problems as reported include; strict zoning implementation, the need for customers’ parking area, regular collection of properly segregated garbage, regular flushing and scheduled cleaners for the garbage disposal area, hiring of eco-aides, strict implementation of traffic rules and regulations, the no-littering ordinance, no urinating, and no spitting of momma were also focused on.

Assistance from the concerned government agencies was requested for the **Cont. on page 9**

elsewhere. Please bear in mind that fire is a good servant but a dangerous master,” she stressed.

Depidep pointed out that the BCFS also responded to 218 medical assistance and 47 vehicular accidents last year. They also assisted during the Miss Universe visit, the PMA Alumni Homecoming, the Panagbenga Festival and continue to assist in the on-going night market

at Harrison Road.

“The increase in the fire prevention aspect of this agency’s mandate reflects it’s personnel’s devotion to their sworn duties and responsibilities to preserve lives and properties thru proper information dissemination, capability building and constant reminders to the public on the perils associated with devastating fires,” she said. /Gaby Keith and Rebecca Tial (pio intern)#

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