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BAGUIO CITY AND BENGUET

LONG LIVE THE FILIPINO!!!

Baguio chills at 12 degrees Celsius

BAGUIO CITY - The mercury level of the weather instruments in the country's Summer Capital drastically dropped to 12 degrees Celsius early Tuesday morning compelling residents and visitors to bring out their cold weather clothing in preparation for much colder weather condition in the coming months.

Wilson Locando, a weather specialist of the local office of the Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (PAGASA), said the continuous drop in the city's temperature is triggered by the enhanced northeast monsoon that hovers around most parts of Northern Luzon because of the prevailing winter season in China and the North Pole.

"The temperature in Baguio City and other highly elevated areas in Benguet and Mountain Province will continue to drop up to the middle or end of March because of the enhanced northeast monsoon that continues to prevail in the said areas," Locando stressed.

The PAGASA official said that the 12 degrees Celsius recorded Tuesday morning was the lowest temperature in the city this year but added that the temperature could further drop to single digits anytime up to the end of March depending on the development of the northeast monsoon.

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Baguio City Mayor Mauricio Domogan and Congressman Mark Go pledge to ensure ensure an honest, orderly and peaceful elections in the city of Baguio during the first day of the Election Period on Sunday, January 13, 2019 at the Melvin Jones. The COMELEC and the BCPO spearheaded the Unity Walk, Interfaith Prayer and the Pledge of Covenant signing with the candidates of the May 2019 elections to encourage candidates to adhere to the election laws and ensure a generally peaceful election in Baguio City. RMC PIA-CAR

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Comelec, stakeholders join hands vs. vote buying

conduct voter education drive. For legal

BAGUIO CITY -- Various stakeholders in this city, led by the Commission on Elections (Comelec) Baguio, joined together on Thursday to campaign for a "vote-buying" and "vote-selling" free mid-term polls in May with the signing of a memorandum of understanding (MOU).

"This is the first time that the Comelec has initiated the multi-sectoral anti-vote buying campaign in the city. This campaign aims to generate awareness and encourage voters to actively campaign against vote-buying and to report any election-related anomalies," Comelec Baguio election officer lawyer John Paul Martin said in an interview.

During the launching at the University of the Philippines-Baguio, Martin said the crusade aims to protect the electorate from being part of vote-buying, vote-selling, and other unscrupulous practices during elections.

The campaign is supported by the Department of Justice (DOJ),

Department of Education, Department of the Interior and Local Government, Baguio City Police Office (BCPO), Integrated Bar of the Philippines (IBP), Sangguniang Kabataan, various religious denominations, student organizations, civil society organizations and the candidates for different elective positions.

During the launch, an MOU was signed by the different sectors committed to maintain clean and credible elections and let the people exercise their freedom of choice.

"We want voters to choose freely, in the absence of any violence, threats and intimidation. Removing all undue advantage of those who have more resources, give voters more options to choose from," he said.

Martin said there are two aspects of the campaign -- voters' education and legal assistance.

During the voters' education phase, he said Comelec Baguio will brief stakeholders on how to

assistance, the poll body, through its law department, will draft a pro-forma complaint sheet and other documents to simplify the filing of complaints on vote-buying, Martin said.

He said Comelec-Baguio coordinated with DOJ, BCPO and the IBP to develop a simplified procedure for the arrest and prosecution of vote-buying offenders.

"Kung bibigyan kita ng candy at ako ay isang kandidato (If I will be giving you a candy, and I am a candidate), definitely that is vote buying," Martin said.

He added that candidates giving food and non-food items during the campaign period are considered violations under the election code.

"Regardless of the value of that commodity, if it's given in consideration of your election that is definitely considered as vote buying," he said.

"We want real choices to be the ones proclaimed and eventually serve us and run the government," Martin said. (PNA)



Comelec pledge mayoralty

Baguio City mayoralty bets Benjamin Magalong, Councilor Edgar Avila and lawyer Jose Molintas participated in the covenant signing to ensure an honest, orderly and peaceful elections in the city of Baguio during the first day of the Election Period on Sunday, January 13, 2019 at the Melvin Jones. The COMELEC and the BCPO spearheaded the Unity Walk, Interfaith Prayer and the Pledge of Covenant signing with the candidates of the May 2019 elections to encourage candidates to adhere to the election laws and ensure a generally peaceful election in Baguio City. RMC PIA-CAR

City tightens clearance requirements for lots to prevent titling of RROWS

BAGUIO CITY -- The city government will tighten the requirements in issuing clearances for lot registration applications to prevent the titling of lots that are part of road right-of-ways (RROWS).

Mayor Mauricio Domogan said that aside from the usual requirement of a certification that the lot being applied for is within or outside the identified city or barangay needs

being issued by the City Planning and Development Office, the city will impose another requirement this time a certification showing if the lot is within or outside the road right-of-way.

The RROW clearance will be issued by the City Engineering Office for city roads and the Dept. of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) for national roads.

The mayor said this procedure would help

the City Environment and Natural Resources Office (CENRO) identify lots that are within the RROWS and are therefore not qualified for titling.

This was reached during the recent meeting of the City Lands Identification Committee chaired by Mayor Mauricio Domogan and co-chaired by council committee on lands chair Coun. Edgar

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Bike rental in Burnham won't be moved during Baguio Blooms - Mayor

we have decided that the bike concessionaires will

BAGUIO CITY -- Mayor Mauricio Domogan last week assured bicycle rental concessionaires along Jose Abad Santos Drive at Burnham Park that they will not be relocated to give

way to the "Baguio Blooms" Exposition and Exhibition from Feb. 1 to March 10.

"We had a dialogue with the bike concessionaires and they did not agree to their transfer, hence

remain at the Jose Abad Santos Drive," the mayor said in a letter-reply to lawyer Lauro Gacayan, legal counsel for the 12 kiddie bike concessionaires in the area.

The mayor said the city also agreed that Baguio Blooms will only utilize the available space at the skating rink as site of the landscaping and trade exhibition.

The mayor

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Geohazard study sought on Mines View

BAGUIO CITY -- The city council asked departments concerned here to immediately conduct a joint geotechnical investigation to determine the soil condition at Mines View Park.

The body approved Resolution No. 6 series of 2019 proposed by Coun. Elmer Datuinn for the purpose.

Datuinn said residents of

Mines View Park Barangay were

alarmed upon observing ground cracks that are visible within Mines View Park worried that these pose danger to residents, park goers and business establishments operating within and around the area.

"The conduct of a thorough study on the soil condition of Mines View Park is highly required at the soonest possible time to determine what

corrective measures to be instigated, if need be, to prevent possible widespread damage," the resolution noted.

They asked the Dept. of Environment and Natural Resources-Mines and GeoSciences Bureau, the Department of Public Works and Highways-Baguio City District Engineering Office, (DPWH-BCDEO) and the City Engineering Office (CEO) to spearhead the

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Tricycle drivers and operators clean Bontoc Road

Bontoc, Mountain Province – Armed only with their broom sticks and bottles of bleach mixed with water, at least 80 tricycle operators and drivers in this capital town cleaned and swept the thoroughfare of Poblacion, Bontoc.

Without hesitation, the tricycle operators and drivers started their community clean-up drive in front of the Bontoc Municipal Capitol going to Circle Rotunda on January 14, 2019.

The clean-up drive was facilitated by the Bontoc Municipal Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board (BMTFRB) that is authorize to issue franchise to tricycle for it to operate as a public transport.

According to Danay Aquino, the Secretariat of the BMTFRB, they focused on cleaning, brushing and sweeping portions of the road that were tainted with spit of betel nut (momma) and scattered cigarette butts and plastics along the sidewalk of the street.

Per observation, there are those who refused to help and chose to go on with their daily routine ferrying passengers to and from the end point of the central town.

Despite this, Aquino expressed her happiness and gratitude to those who participated in the activity for giving at least

two hours of their busy schedules to help in the cleanliness of the street in Bontoc.

She likewise thanked the Bontoc Municipal Fire Station for volunteering its fire truck and personnel for the flushing of water along the road.

Bontoc Mayor Franklin Odsey who also chairs the BMTFRB was delighted of the action undertaken by the tricycle operators and drivers saying that it is indeed a good act of volunteerism and concern for a clean environment.

Odsey hopes that this will be a continuing activity, adding that it will encourage others to do the same.

Relative to this, the mayor reminded everyone to comply with the “No Spitting of Momma Anywhere” in consonance to a municipal ordinance that prohibits and penalizes unsanitary acts within the municipality.

“This is our own town, thus, we must take the lead in advocating a clean Bontoc. Momma chewers should bring their own spitting bottle and dispose this properly to avoid spitting of betel nut juice on our street. The cleanliness and tidiness of our streets, public buildings and public conveyances reflect our attitude in compliance to the ordinance,” he mentioned.

Municipal Ordinance

No. 125, s. 2008 prohibits the spitting of momma

or momma juice/ concoction /material in any place other than in his private and personal spitting receptacle which must be carried in his person and in a manner that poses no inconvenience or disapproval from other people; and disposing of any momma material or spit unsanitary sight thereat or that evokes disapproval from other people.

In addition, no establishment, residence or place shall be found having its trash receptacle or its premises tainted with traces or indications of momma material. Also, the respective owner, operator, or occupant of establishments, residences, or place of business like vehicle parking/loading areas and retail stands/stalls, shall be held fully accountable for the desirable sanitations of their respective places pursuant to the provision of the ordinance.

Violator of this ordinance shall be fined P500.00 for the 1st Offense, P750.00 for the 2nd Offense and P1,000.00 for the 3rd and succeeding offenses.

To further strengthen the implementation of the ordinance, barangay officials and the Green Police were given the authority by the municipal government to apprehend and issue citation ticket to anyone who violates the ordinance. // **Alpine L. Killa, Bontoc – LGU**

Task Force Kennon Road signs MOU for temporary road opening for residents

BAGUIO CITY-- The Cordillera Regional Disaster Risk and Reduction Management Council on Thursday spearheaded the signing of a memorandum of understanding (MOU) for the use of Kennon Road by the residents along the scenic road.

Members of the Task Force Kennon Road signed the MOU for the Administration and Regulation of Access along Kennon Road within the jurisdiction and area of responsibility of various government agencies and the local government units of Baguio City and Tuba, Benguet.

CRDRRMC Chairperson, Office of Civil Defense-Cordillera Regional Director Albert Mogol said that the MOU is aimed to provide a framework for cooperation among member agencies for a safe and efficient movement of road users along Kennon Road through well-coordinated administration and regulation of access and incident management activities.

“The MOU provides the

role and commitment of each agency and LGUs down to the barangay level for the implementation of the serious control of vehicles passing through Kennon Road,” he said.

Mogol explained that residents along the stretch of the 33-kilometer road had been clamoring through Baguio City Mayor Mauricio Domogan and Tuba Mayor Ignacio Rivera that they be allowed to pass Kennon.

The Regional Development Council proposed that a regulated access be given for residents only along Kennon road following the Sanguniang Bayan Resolution 189-2018 passed by the Tuba titled “Requesting the DPWH-CAR to temporary open Kennon Road for the Benefit of the Residents of Camp 4, Camp 3, Camp 1, Twin Peaks, Tabaan Sur and Ansagan, Tuba in Benguet only,” in view that the closure had adversely affected the lives, business, and livelihood of the residents of the six barangays along Kennon Road.

This prompted a joint inspection of Kennon Road by the Department of Public Works and Highways, Mines and Geosciences Bureau and the OCD to know the condition of the road in December 2018 and eventually, the drafting of the MOU.

Under the MOU, only 10 public utility jeepneys plying the Baguio-Puzurobio Kennon road shall be allowed strictly until Dungon Camp 1 only. Punong barangays shall submit the list of the plate numbers of the privately owned and public utility vehicles allowed plying within the areas and continuously update such list when needed.

For special occasions, punong barangay or the municipal mayor shall issue a certification to allow the visitors vehicles to pass through.

Only light vehicles or vehicles weighing 5 tons or less will be allowed to pass.

The PNP shall install checkpoints and assign personnel in proper

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Baguio chills at 12...

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The cold spell prevails in most parts of Northern Luzon from October to March annually while the warm weather condition will be experienced from April to September every year.

However, he admitted that compared to the lowest temperature recorded in Baguio City, the temperature in other highly elevated areas in Benguet and Mountain Province is around 2 to 3 degrees Celsius lower than the recorded lowest temperature in the city.

Previously, the regular temperature being recorded by the PAGSA in the city range from 15 to 26 degrees Celsius

before dropping to 12 to 24 degrees Celsius during the cold months in the city.

The lowest temperature in the city that was documented by the PAGASA was 6.3 degrees Celsius on January 18, 1963 while the fifth lowest temperature in the city was documented to be at 7.5 degrees Celsius on January 15, 2009.

City Health Officer Dr. Rowena Galpo reiterated the local government's appeal to the residents and visitors to ensure their immune systems are strong by eating the right kind of food, have a regular exercise and have sufficient sleep for them to avoid contract-

ing the so-called cold day illnesses.

Among the common illnesses diagnosed by health experts in the different hospitals and district health centers in the city include pneumonia, cough and colds, bronchitis, and upper respiratory infections.

On the other hand, local and foreign tourists continue to flock to the city during weekends to experience the cold weather.

Last year, the lowest temperature recorded in the city did not drop to single digits but for most of the time, the early morning temperature was between 10 to 13 degrees Celsius. // **Dexter A. See**

The 'kadiri' President

We empower him when we laugh at his sick jokes, we empower him through our silence.

Imagine yourself as the maid violated by Rodrigo Duterte in 1959 or the early 1960s. You're up before sunrise and work through the day and you're dead tired at night. You are awakened by a hand inside your panty and you realize it's one of the sons of the amo (master) touching you. Down there.?

You can only seethe in silence. It does not even occur to you to raise hell, especially when the abuser is the son of the governor of Davao. You're afraid of the boy with the wild temper, who happens to be the apple of the eye of his mother.

Fast forward to today and that boy is the President of the Philippines. The same one who was dismayed that he wasn't first in raping a missionary; who catcalled a reporter during a presscon; who smooched an overseas Filipina worker; and who wanted female rebels shot in the vagina. He's also a father who once dismissed his daughter Sara as a "drama queen," when she revealed she was a victim of rape.

President Duterte has set the bar so low for decency and respect for women, he may have single-handedly advanced rape culture in the Philippines.

It is also a tragedy that the master-servant social divide when Duterte was a horny, cocky teenager has changed very little. Some maids are still molested, raped, and abused in this day and age. Some are still paid below the minimum wage. The tale of the abused maid is great for telenovelas, but it's a story that needs to end in real life.

EDITORIAL This editorial is not so much about the kadiri (gross) President. It's about our collective responsibility to build a nurturing environment for our children, where leaders don't set the example by putting fingers in the private parts of domestic helpers, nor lead the mob that call God and religions stupid, nor craft government policy that leads to splattering suspects' brains on pavements.

Let's change the culture that raised a boy like Duterte. That should begin by voting into office candidates with a strong pro-people platform, candidates who will make life better for workers, including domestic helpers, overseas Filipino workers, women, and the poor.

That's also the same formula that will change the abusive dynamic between president and country: a clean and fair elections have the power to restore checks and balances; cut down the fawning lackeys in government; bring back the voice of reasonable dissent; and curb excesses.

Bottomline, we are as much to blame as this chauvinist, misogynist President.

We empower him when we laugh at his sick jokes, we empower him through our silence, we empower him when we suggest that "ignoring Duterte" would be the best course of action.

We empower him when we nervously tell pollsters we approve of him as President – even if we don't, because it's the "safe" thing to say. We empower him when we buy into the warped fantasy of Malacañang spokesmen that he is "joking" or that his story "is not lewd."

In mock self-reproach, we sometimes say, "We got the leader we deserve." In many ways, that is true. Leaders do not rise up from the void, they are a product of our society, including our malaise. Once in a while, a leader rises up who embodies the worst in us.

On May 13, 2019, let us learn the lesson of 2016. Let us choose leaders who reflect the best in us. #TheLeaderIWant.

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KAKAMPIMO ANG BATAS

Walang flu outbreak sa Pilipinas: DOH, PSMID

BY: ATTY. BATAS MAURICIO



INSPIRASYON SABUHAY: "... At ngayon, ako'y papunta na sa iyo; iniawan ko na ang sanlibutang ito, ngunit sila ay nasa sanlibutan pa. Amang banal, ingatan mo po sila sa pamamagitan ng kapangyarihan ng iyong pangalan, ang pangalang ibinigay mo sa akin... Habang kasama nila ako, iningatan ko sila sa pamamagitan ng kapangyarihan ng iyong pangalan, ang pangalang ibinigay mo sa akin'..." (Juan 17:11-12, Bibliya).

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WALANG FLU OUTBREAK SA PILIPINAS: DOH, PSMID: Sa mga kababayan nating nagkakalagnat, ubo, at sipon mula noong pumasok ang 2019 sa mundo, nililiwanag po ng Department of Health (DOH) at ng Philippine Society for Microbiology and Infectious Diseases (PSMID) sa isang kalatas ngayong linggo na wala naman daw pong "outbreak" (o hindi makontrol na pagkalat) ng mga sakit na ito sa Pilipinas.

Talaga daw panahon lamang ng mga ganitong uri ng mga sakit sa bansa, kaya't wala daw dapat ikabahala ang ating mga mamamayan. Kaya lang, sabi ng DOH at PSMID, kailangan ng mga tao na maging malinis sa katawan (kasama na ang malinis na kamay at wastong pagtatakip ng bunganga pag umuubo), at magpaturok ng flu vaccination.

Sa kabilang dako, batay sa mga nakasaad sa Banal na Kasulatan (ang Bibliya ng Diyos at Tagapagligtas na ang Pangalan ay "Jesus"), kailangan ding magsumikap ang lahat na mag-memorya ng mga Salita ng Diyos, at sumunod, tumupad, o gumanap sa mga nakasulat sa Bibliya, upang maging sandalan ng magandang kalusugan ng bawat isa.

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MGA BERSIKULO SA BIBLIYA, PANLABAN SA SAKIT, PAMPAHABA NG BUHAY: Antimano, may ilang bersikulo ng Bibliya akong naaalaala kung kalusugan at mahabang buhay din lamang mula sa Diyos ang pag-uusapan. Una dito ay ang Kawikaan 3:1-2, na nagsasabing upang dumami ang ating mga araw at humaba ang ating mga buhay, at maibibigay pa sa atin ang lahat ng mga bagay, kailangan nating itanim sa ating mga isip at alalahanin sa ating mga puso ang mga kautusan ng Diyos.

Ang pangalawa ay ang Isaias 40:31, na nagsasabing muling lumalakas at sumisigla ang mga nananampalataya sa Diyos. Ganundin, para sa mga may sakit na, alalahanin din nila ang sinasabi ng Santiago 5:14-16: kung may sakit ang sinuman, kailangang unahin muna niyang ipatawag ang mga namumuno ng mga simbahan upang pahiran sila ng langis sa pangalan ng Diyos, at at ipanalangin sila.

Sa kabilang dako, kahit na ang mga ordinaryong tao na tumanggap at sumasampalataya sa Diyos ay mabibigyan din ng kapangyarihang magpagaling ng mga maysakit, sa Pangalan ng Diyos. Ang gagawin lamang **Cont. on page 5**

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DISPATCH FROM CRAME

"Weather-weather"

BY: SEN. LEILA DE LIMA

For two years now, the advent of a New Year painfully brings to mind the impending anniversary of my detention. In six weeks, I would be under detention for two full years. 2 years of unjust detention as a prisoner of conscience. Guilty of nothing more and nothing less than the sin of "doing the right thing."

I have developed a new pet peeve. It used to be clerical errors: I have an eagle eye in spotting typographical and grammatical errors. Now, what really irks me is when people – most of them well-meaning, but unintentionally infuriating – attempt to summarize my unjust detention and political persecution as a consequence of the political climate. "Weather-weather lang yan, Leila."

It infuriates and hurts me – this unfair oversimplification of what I am going through. It even implies that, when I was under better political climate, I did as my enemies now have done to me.

I protest! Vehemently and indignantly.

I have persecuted no one for political reasons or personal vengeance.

I have killed no one. I have stolen nothing. I have sold or traded no drugs. I have not conspired with anyone to engage in any criminal activity.

I confess to one thing and one thing only: I made powerful enemies by performing my mandate without fear or favor. I am here, under detention, for no other reason than our efforts then at accountability led us up a trail that reached powerful and influential personalities: a former President, a Senate President, Senators, Congressmen, local government chief executives ... and now even an incumbent President.

Under my leadership, the DOJ and its attached agencies simply went where the evidence took us. And despite recent developments – including puzzling and suspicious acquittals – I am certain that Filipinos know the truth of the matter: elections and billions of taxpayers' money were stolen.

As for me, if anyone wants to truly scrutinize and seek the corpus delicti of my alleged crimes, really, you will find no drugs, no money trail, no illicit or unexplained wealth. Instead, look at my public service record. There you will find the investigations that were conducted under my term as CHR Chair and DOJ Secretary, my privilege speeches, the resolutions I filed, my writings, interviews and statements. Those are my "sins."

This is not a matter of "weather-weather".

Even when the political winds blew in my favor, I suborned no false testimonies, I fabricated no evidence, I invented no false and baseless charges – as proved by the fact that the Office of the Ombudsman filed cases after its own investigation, and the decision of the Sandiganbayan in a recent case of acquittal was far from unanimous.

Even when the weather was fair for me, I held nothing more sacred than Truth, Justice and the Rule of Law.

I am reminded of former US Attorney General Elliot Richardson, who is perhaps better known as "The Martyr of Watergate" – the head of the US DOJ who chose to resign than heed President Richard Nixon's order to fire special prosecutor Archibald Cox. At about the same time that the US President was under investigation for the Watergate scandal, three federal prosecutors came to him to report that their corruption investigation has revealed that the official who is first-in-line to succeed the President, Vice Pres. Spiro Agnew, was engaging in extortion and bribery activities.

AG Richardson was a Republican cabinet member, serving a twice-elected Republican President and his very popular Republican running mate. Knowing the peril that the White House was under because of the Watergate scandal, the 3 federal prosecutors fully expected AG Richardson to tell them to shut the investigation down – after all, the worst time to indict a Vice President is when the President is about to be impeached and possibly indicted

Kakampi mo ang batas

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ng mga taong ito ay tataasan nila ng kanilang mga kamay ang mga may sakit, sa Pangalan ng Diyos. Ang tanong lamang dito ay ito: ano ba ang Pangalan ng Diyos na kailangang gamitin ng mga taong nagtataas ng kanilang mga kamay sa mga maysakit?

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MAY MATINDING KAPANGYARIHAN ANG PANGALANG "JESUS": Sa aking pag-aaral ng ibat ibang bersikulo ng Bibliya, aking napag-alaman na ang Pangalan ng Diyos at Tagapagligtas na Siyang Diyos Ama, Anak, at Espiritu Santo, ay "Jesus". Maraming bahagi ng Bibliya na kumikilala na ang Pangalan ng Ama, ng Anak, at ng Espiritu Santo, ay "Jesus".

At maging ang Panginoong Jesus mismo ay nagsasabing may matinding kapangyarihan ang Pangalang "Jesus". Sa matalinghagang pagpapahayag Niya sa Juan 17, ang naging kahilingan ni Jesus para sa Kaniyang mga alagad na iiwanan Niya sa daigdig pag-akyat Niya sa langit ay matindi: ingatan ang mga alagad Niya sa pamamagitan ng Pangalang "Jesus".

Sa totoo lang, wala namang mawawala kung magsusumikap ang bawat isa sa atin hindi na lamang magbasa ng Bibliya, kundi magsaulo o magmemorya ng mga bersikulo sa nasabing aklat, at tumupad sa lahat ng mga nababasa natin. Tapos, sa lahat ng sandali ng ating mga buhay, ke may problema man o wala, lagi nating babanggitin ang Pangalang "Jesus", at ipagpapasalamat natin sa Pangalang ito ang mga biyaya, paggabay, at proteksiyong ibinibigay sa atin bawat sandali. Subukan po natin ito, ngayon na!

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Notice is hereby given to the estate of spouses Felix Abenes and Mercedes Abenes who died on February 2, 1991 and October 31, 2015 respectively has been the subject of an Extrajudicial Settlement of Estate with Absolute Deed of Sale executed by the heirs of said deceased in Baguio City on November 10, 2017 in Baguio City and registered and docketed as Doc. 178 Page. 46; Book XIV; Series of 2018 of the Notarial Register of Atty. Eric O. Ueda of the City of Baguio, Philippines.

Jan. 19, 26 and Feb 2, 2019

too. To their surprise, AG Richardson said no such thing. He didn't decide based on political climate or political affiliation.

He decided based on what is right.

Just as I did. Time and again.

For that decision, AG Richardson received the John Heinz Award for Greatest Public Service by an Elected or Appointed Official.

This February, I will receive an award that I will proudly accept: my second year as a prisoner of conscience.

So, please, spare me the "weather-weather" false narrative.

Bike rental in Burnham...

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said the city consulted with the 12 kiddie bike businessmen on the plan to move them to Juan Luna Drive for a period of one-and-a-half months with the city even willing to waive the rental fees but since they refused, the city respected their decision.

Gacayan said his clients opted out of the proposal on the grounds that Juan Luna Drive is too narrow and cannot accommodate all the tents and the rides of the leaseholders consisting of 32 Go Kart and kiddie bikes for each concessionaire.

"Even assuming that the said 400 bikes could be parked on one side of Juan Luna Drive, the remaining portion of the road is too narrow for two-way biking which is too dangerous and could result in many accidents among our children," he noted./Aileen P. Refuerzo

Task Force Kennon...

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uniform 24/7 at Camp 1 and Camp 7 to monitor and impose exclusive access of residents. In addition, they will report violators of restrictions imposed along Kennon Road. The police officers will be joined by barangay officials.

Signatories in MOU were RD Mogol, DPWH RD Canlas, DILG-CAR Regional Director Marlo Iringan, MGB-CAR Geologist Benigno Espejo, Mayor Domogan, Mayor Rivera and punong barangays along Kennon Road and from the Police Regional Office – Cordillera.

Meanwhile, the DPWH is set to complete some of the critical sections of the road including the Camp 5 and Camp 1 bridges to be able to accommodate the request of the Baguio City government to open Kennon Road for the Panagbenga festivities and the Philippine Military Academy Alumni Homecoming next month.

The DPWH-CAR is targeting to re-open to the public Kennon Road temporarily by February 14 and will again close after the Panagbenga festivities. (JDP/RMC-PIA CAR)

Mayor admits delays in...

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Victor Korchnoi.

The State-owned Government Service Insurance System (GSIS) was the registered owner of the premier convention facility before the local government purchased the same using its share from the annual lease rentals of the John Hay Special Economic Zone (JHSEZ) until the deed of sale was perfected sometime in 2912.

Domogan remains optimistic that the city-owned convention facility will be available for use by April so that those who had been patiently awaiting the availability of the convention center for their gatherings could already make their desired reservations.

Aside from slightly increasing the capacity of the convention center, the ongoing rehabilitation of the facility was aimed at improving its state to be able to attract more groups to hold their local, regional, national and international gatherings in the city.

The local governments owns the whole Baguio Convention Center structure and the one hectare parking space that is situated around the facility to accommodate the huge volume of motor vehicles that will be parked by participants who want to join in the gatherings that will be scheduled in the facility in the coming months.

The Cordillera office of the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH-CAR) is the implementing agency for the rehabilitation and repair but the plans and specifications for the project was done in consultation with the end user that is the local government./Dexter A. See

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

ROMUALDO B. MALLA-AO
-Petitioner – Mortgagee,

-versus-

SPS. ROSARIO ALLIDEM and FLOR ALLIDEM
-Respondent – Mortgagees.

CASE NO. 19-EJF-2099
FOR: EXTRA-JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE of REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE UNDER ACT NO. 3135
O.R No. 7898244 C/7896872 C
Filing and Posting Free
Total amount: PhP3,650.00

SHERIFF'S NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION SALE

Upon petition for extra-judicial foreclosure of real estate mortgage under Act No. 3135, filed by RUMUALDO B. MALLAO-AO, of legal age, married, Filipino citizen with residence at No. 1 San Carlos Heights, Irisan, Baguio City, herein referred to as the petitioner-mortgagee for the satisfaction of the obligation of SPS. ROSARIO ALLIDEM and FLOR ALLIDEM, both of legal age, married, Filipino citizens with residence at Lasong, Tadiangan, Tuba, Benguet, herein referred to as the respondent-mortgagees, which as of December 6, 2018 amounted to FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (PhP400,000.00), Philippine currency, exclusive of unpaid interest, past due interest penalties, attorney's fees, liquidated damages, other charges and expenses incidental to the foreclosure proceedings.

The undersigned announces that he will sell at public auction on FEBRUARY 12, 2019 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 the Philippines Currency the mortgaged property more particularly described as follows:

"Katibayan ng Orihinal na Titulo

Blg. CARP 2017000593
Lot No. 154, GSS-CAR-000953

Beginning at a point marked "1" of Lot No. 154, GSS-CAR-000953, Tadiangan, Tuba, Benguet, being S. 41-19 E., 847.28 m. from Tuba 67, PRS'92, Tadiangan, Tuba, Thence;

N. 19-22 W., 21.33m. to point 2;
N. 57-47 E., m. to point 3;
N. 34-52 E., 21.29 m. to point 4;
S. 68-12 E., 7.74 m. to point 5;
S. 04-13 E., 5.96m. to point 6;
S. 61-26 E., 5.21 m. to point 7;
S. 08-05 E., 12.91 m. to point 8;
S. 55-53 W., 37.22 m. to point 1;

To point of beginning.

Containing an area of EIGHT HUNDRED SIXTY SIX (866) SQUARE METERS.

All corners are marked on the ground by G.S Cyl. Conc. Mons. 15 x 40 cms.

Bounded on the SW., along line 1-2 by Asin Road; on the NW., along lines 2-3-4 by lot 153, GSS-CAR-000953; on the NE., along line 4-5 by lot 617, GSS-CAR-000953; along line 45-6-7 by F-36751; on the E, Along line 7-8 by lot 616, GSS-CAR-000953; and on the SE., along line 8-1 by 161, GSS-CAR-000953.

Bearing Grid-PRS'92

This lot was surveyed in accordance with the law and existing regulations promulgated there under by Marcos A. Badongen, Geodetic Engineer on March 1-June 30, 2011 and was approved on November 23, 2012

Note: this lot is covered by Free Patent Application No. 131113-2012-3016"

This Notice shall be posted for twenty (20) days in the three (3) conspicuous places, viz.: Municipality of Tuba, Benguet, Benguet Provincial Capitol Building; and Bulwagan ng Katarungan, Justice hill, La Trinidad, Benguet and shall likewise be published in the JUNCTION, a newspaper of general circulation in Baguio City and Benguet Province for three consecutive weeks beginning on January 20, 2019.

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

In the event that the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on March 5, 2019 at the same

time and place without further notice.

La Trinidad, Benguet, Philippines, January 14, 2019.

FOR: THE PROVINCIAL SHERIFF EX-OFFICIO OF BENGUET
By: (SGD) CHRISTOPHER C. ORALLO Sheriff IV

Jan 19, 26 & Feb. 2, 2019

3, 2019.

"We are now at least 80 percent in terms of preparations for the second time hosting of the CARAA in the province of Apayao," Provincial Administrator Vincent Talattag said during the CARAA 2019 Planning Conference in Baguio City on January 11.

Tallatag said they are now finalizing the completion of the tartan tracks at the Apayao Eco-Tourism and Sports Complex in Payanan, Luna, the major playing venue of the CARAA, hopefully by the end of January

Concreting of the oval track has just been finished and within the next few days, the contractor will be asphaltting the area before the rubber tracks are

Apayao gears up for CARAA 2019 hosting

APAYAO -The province of Apayao is gearing up for the hosting of the Cordillera Administrative Region Athletic Association (CARAA) annual sports meet set on February 27 to March

installed.

About P60 million was earmarked for the installation of the tartan tracks and the improvement of the different playing venues for CARAA, Tallatag said.

Lawyer Zaide Ravelo, head of the Apayao General Services Office, said the new sports equipment purchased by the province will also be ready by the month's end.

Aside from the new equipment, the refurbishment and repair of the existing facilities are also in full blast including other playing venues located in the municipalities of Pudtol, Flora and Santa Marcela.

The provincial government is tightening the security plan with the Apayao Provincial Police Office and the Philippine Army to ensure safety and security of the different contingents during the week-long sports events.

Medical and emergency responders also have been arranged to ensure immediate response in case of untoward incidents.

DepEd-CAR regional public information officer Georaloy Palao-ay said that the provincial government and DepEd-Apayao asked to move the annual sports meet usually scheduled on the first week of February to a later date to be able to rehabilitate the different playing venues and billeting schools which were damaged by recent typhoons. This would give also time for the arrival of the rubber tracks to be installed in their sports complex.

Apayao first hosted the CARAA in 2013 and hopes to duplicate the success of hosting the regional meet with its Eco-Tourism and Sports Complex that includes an Olympic size swimming pool. (JDP/RMC-PIA CAR)

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

GLORIA BULAYO
Applicant
CASE No. 88-01-3483
NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application filed on December 10, 2018 for the approval of EXTENSION of VALIDITY of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate PUJ Service for the transportation of passengers and freights on the line: BAGUIO PLAZA - LOURDES - DOMINICAN and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit.

NOTICE is hereby given that this Board shall hear this application on Feb 06, 2019 at the LTRFB Office, Pacdal Baguio City in which date and time 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.

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

WITNESS, the Honorable ENGR. ROBERT ALLAN I. SANTIAGO, Regional Director, this 16th day of January 2019, Baguio City.

ATTY. JESSIE C. BALAGOT
Hearing Officer

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

JIMMY PELIAS
Applicant
CASE No. 2013-CAR-524
NOTICE OF HEARING

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MIGUEL H. GAW - WI
Applicant
CASE No. 89-01-815
NOTICE OF HEARING

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Baguio City

MIGUEL H. GAW - WI
Applicant
CASE No. 88-01-3416
NOTICE OF HEARING

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Hearing Officer

Geohazard study sought... ...from page 2

study.

The said departments were tasked to submit a report to the city council and to implement corrective measures immediately.

The Committee on Urban Planning, Lands and Housing recommended the adoption of the measure./
Aileen P. Refuerzo

Dialysis patients see life...

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can still work despite his/her medical condition and earns P200,000 a month can not maintain the cost of his dialysis, especially so if his family is renting an apartment and he has children going to school."

Most patients undergo dialysis twice a week, with each session costing P2,200, aside from being injected with blood-regulating medicine also twice a week at P1,200 per ampule.

Patients here and all over the country found relief a few years back when Philhealth, the Philippines' health care support program, approved a Baguio a city council resolution authored by councilor Peter Fianza doubling its free-dialysis sessions support from 45 to 90 sessions a year.

Mayor Domogan followed up the resolution when he spoke at the inauguration of the Philhealth's office at Teacher's Camp.

Notwithstanding the doubling of the free dialysis sessions, patients who need to be hospitalized are reluctant to do so as their yearly 90-dialysis allocation would be whittled down for each day of confinement.

"With this arrangement, I would be reluctant to be confined even if I have to as I would not be able to complete my dialysis for the whole year," a patient said.

Faced with this predicament, the Baguio General Hospital Dialysis Patients and Partners Association last year submitted a resolution asking the country's senators and congressmen to automatically pool part of their annual medical assistance fund from which hospitals can automatically draw payments for dialysis.

Under the present procedure, patients have to personally make a written request and attach to it their social case studies and medical papers, together with their certificates of indigency, each time they request support from a congressman or senator.

"More than this cumbersome procedure is the fact that legislators tend to favor some patients by issuing them more assistance than others," another patient observed.

On top of these requests, patients in Baguio are asking provincial hospitals from all over the country to set up their own dialysis centers to cope with the growing number of patients who have to travel far to undergo dialysis. This provision is included in the bill, congressman Go said.

They point out that all the provincial hospitals will do is to provide the space where private companies like Fresenius and B-Brown setting up their dialysis machines.

The lack of provincial dialysis centers has forced people from the Ilocos and other regions to travel weekly for treatment at the Baguio General Hospital

Media opposition vs...

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in allowing media practitioners to cover the operations though they are optional witness or witnesses," the resolution noted.

"Such provisions of the law put journalists at danger as they become a participant/s against illegal drug operations, they may be at risk of retaliation from crime syndicates, and during the prosecution of criminal complaints, it may place them and possibly expose them to prosecution from perjury and other offenses in the event of irregularities;"

"During the 10th National Congress of the National Union of Journalists of the Philippines (NUJP), a resolution was passed urging the amendments of Section 21 of the above Act seeking the role of journalists to be removed and not to require them as a witness on anti-drug operations and to limit media participation in drug raids to only media coverage for journalism purposes."/Aileen P. Refuerzo

and Medical Center, the annual resources of which are also depleted by the large number of other patients from outside the Cordillera coming in because of the quality of health care here.

"A case in point is that of a woman from Pangasinan who has no choice but to sleep in the hospital chapel while waiting for her next dialysis as she does not have the resources and medical condition to travel," noted dialysis nurse Carmen Bumatnong.

Meanwhile, the BGHMC patients are still smarting from the so-called "Kalayaan Run" mounted by a group led by Omeng Fallarme, Eric Encarnacion and Bong Reyes last June 9 which they announced was to raise funds for the dialysis patients.

As it turned out, however, the organizers said they spent so much for the materials, food and drinks and other needs, resulting in losses.

Their financial report, however, reflected included staff's salary of P31,000; operational expenses of P49,672; talent fees for hosts and entertainers of P16,000; P18,700 for musicians' food and drinks; transport expenses amounting to P21,930; and P198,500 for physical set-up.

On this, lawyer Salazar, himself a dialysis patient, wrote: "The fact that you have been griping over not being able to receive any money from the proceeds of the Kalayaan Trail Run, is already a source of embarrassment because people are beginning to think that "sobra namang kapal ng mukha natin pagdating sa pagpapalimos ng pera". As I always say: "ipasa Diyos nyo na yan". Karma always balances out injustices;"

To this, a patient pointed out that "we are not mukhang pera but, given our financial and medical condition, we were looking forward to using the would-be funds raised for the fixing of our defective fistulas needed for us to continue undergoing dialysis." →

Construction firms now required to provide safety officer

number of workers; "The employer may determine all matters

BAGUIO CITY – Construction companies conducting business in the city are now required to provide an independent construction safety officers at their project sites to ensure compliance with the safety standards.

The requirement is embodied in Ordinance No. 3 series of 2019 approved on Jan. 14 by the city council authored by all the members.

The move was an offshoot of the June 2018 incident in the city where two construction firm employees died when the barracks they were staying in within the construction project site got hit by a landslide caused by heavy waterflow.

"Apparently, there was no independent construction safety engineer nor officer present who could have advised personnel on safety measures to be undertaken. The incident may have been prevented should there be appropriate measures undertaken pursuant to the (DOLE) Dept. of Labor and Employment No. 13,

Series of 1998, the body noted.

The said DOLE order provides guidelines governing safety and health in the construction industry which the ordinance seeks to address through the appointment of safety officers.

"This Ordinance aims to elevate the quality and competitiveness of the construction industry by promoting good practices in relation to occupational safety and health, project management, supervision and other areas conducive to improving construction quality," the ordinance said.

The measure will cover all construction activities including demolition, whether owned by the private or the government sector and within the jurisdiction of the city government.

"The employer or contractor shall employ at least one independent construction safety officer possessing the necessary qualifications and competencies on the construction site depending on the

relating to the remuneration of its employees and other terms and conditions of their appointment or employment subject however to the protection requirements afforded by the Philippine Labor Laws."

As per procedure, the contractor will have to notify in writing the City Building and Architecture Office (CBAO) of their construction operations/activities including the employment of a safety engineer within 15 days after any construction operations have commenced.

The CBAO in coordination with the City Engineering Office will conduct a concentrated inspection/enforcement campaign in areas where reports of construction is in danger or at high risk.

Violators will be fined P5,000 and will face imprisonment of six months or both.

The sanction will also be apart from administrative, civil or criminal offenses that may be filed against violators./Aileen P. Refuerzo

City tightens clearance...

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Avila, where the officials agreed to toughen the city's stance to ensure that RROWs and even areas considered as critical or danger zones will not be built upon.

During the meeting, the committee also agreed to pursue the survey of all public lands identified for city or barangay needs to make the claims absolute and guarantee their preservation and protection from

unscrupulous land speculators.

The mayor earlier formed a task force to undertake the final survey of all the identified lands while a P5 million fund was set aside to finance the survey.

"By all means we have to finish the final survey of these lands so we can save them from enterprising individuals and allot them for use of the public," the mayor said.

During the meeting, it was also agreed that small parcels of land located in between a titled property and a road will automatically be

made part of a greenbelt area and therefore will also be considered as no-build zones.

As to the lots covered by 211 titles, the mayor said the committee's stand remains that there is no need to open those unvalidated for revalidation as doing so would create more trouble.

"As we all know, these unvalidated lots have long been made alienable and therefore are now occupied thus making them open for revalidation would pit old and new claimants against one another and would result to conflicts. We would not want that to happen," the mayor said./Aileen P. Refuerzo

The patients were also smarting upon learning that a city hall lady employee also solicited P50,000 for the fun run but pocketed the amount./Ramon Dacawi.

4-M trees yearly if bill becomes law: Baguio solon



Baguio-based reporters join the tree-planting activity, which is done by the local media during special events, including the commemoration of those who died during the 1990 killer earthquake. (PNA file photo)

BAGUIO CITY-- Around four million trees would be planted annually if the bill requiring parents to plant two trees for every child born to them is enacted into law, Baguio Rep. Mark Go said on Thursday.

"This shows our collective initiative in helping our environment but most importantly, there will be an increased environmental consciousness and care," Go, author of House Bill 8727, added.

Last January 14, the House of Representatives approved the Family Tree Planting Bill on third and final reading before the plenary. The bill was already transmitted to the Senate.

Go said the law simply wants to encourage Filipinos and everyone in the country to plant a tree and take care of them because they are simultaneously growing with their child.

"Ang mga magulang expected na aalaan

yung itanim nila kasi kasabayan ng anak nila, ganun din yung mga anak dahil itanim ng magulang nila yun noong lumabas sila sa mundo (Parents are expected to take care of the trees as the trees will grow together with their child, which is the same for the children, to care for the trees as their parents planted it when they were born)," Go said.

"The bill aims to give parents and their children an emotional attachment to the trees they plant for them to take care until the trees grow tall," said Go in a phone interview on Thursday. He said the approved bill was already transmitted to the Senate.

Go said based on Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) data, a total of 1,748,857 births were registered in 2014. There is an average of 4,791 babies born daily or 200 babies per hour.

The lawmaker said all parents, whether legally married or not, residing

in the Philippines are covered by the bill.

Under the measure, these trees shall be planted within the premises of their own home or in an area to be designated by the barangay council where they reside with the approval of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR).

"This is a simple way of protecting and preserving our environment and helping the State to achieve its goal of ecological balance," Go added.

The bill directs the Community Environment and Natural Resources Office (CENRO) of the DENR and the Department of Agriculture to maintain a seedling bank that will serve as the ready source for seedlings to be provided to couples.

In Baguio, the city environment code requires couples applying for a marriage license to first plant a tree before a permit is issued to them. (PNA)

Mayor admits delays in convention center rehab

BAGUIO CITY - Mayor Mauricio g. Domogan revealed that there are reported delays in the on-going rehabilitation and repair of the city-owned Baguio convention Center (BCC) that is why its completion was moved from the first week of February to the first week of April this year.

However, the local chief executive claimed that despite the delays in the ongoing construction activities in the city's premier convention facility, the contractor is doing its best to complete the remaining works to make sure that the facility can already be used by April where there are numerous that have been lined up in the city by private and govern-

ment institutions eagerly awaiting the use the newly rehabilitated facility.

"We hope that we will have a newly rehabilitated convention facility early this year so that government and private organizations wanting to use the facility for their gatherings will be able to already book their schedules the soonest," Domogan stressed.

The rehabilitation of the city-owned Baguio Convention Center started in March 2018 after the public works department earmarked some P180 million for the implementation of the project through the representations of local officials with top management of the agency.

Who included the

funding of the project in the agency's approved budget last year.

Supposedly, the rehabilitation and repair project would have cost P180 million but the contractor bidded the implementation of the rehabilitation and repair of the city-owned facility at only P169 million.

The Baguio Convention Center was constructed in 1978 by the Ministry of Human Settlements previously headed by former First Lady and now Ilocos Norte 2nd district Rep. Imelda R. Romualdez-Marcos that served as the venue for the world chess championship match between world chess champion Anatoly Karpov and challenger

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Media opposition vs. move to make them witnesses in drug cases backed

BAGUIO CITY - The city council backed the bid of media groups to oppose a move to make them witnesses and signatories to documents involving illegal drug operations.

The body last Jan. 14 approved Resolution No. 9 series of 2018 "strongly supporting the petition of the National Union of Journalists of the Philippines, Baguio-Benguet Chapter and the Baguio Correspondents and Broadcasters Club to exclude media practitioners as witnesses and from signing copies of

the inventory of contraband/s and other item/s seized during anti-drug raids/operations."

In the measure authored by Vice Mayor Edison Bilog, the body sought the stoppage of the practice "to protect the integrity and welfare of the media practitioners."

The resolution noted that Section 21 (1) and (4) of Republic Act No. 9165, or known as the Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002 spells out procedures in the handling of seized contrabands including the signing of the inventory and the

items' eventual destruction.

A media representative was among those identified to serve as a signatory and witness to said activities.

"As a consequence of the Act, representatives from the media are required to sign the copies of the inventory during drug raid, then to be present in the burning and destruction of confiscated drugs and paraphernalia, and lastly they would still be involved after criminal charges were filed. Also, the signing of copies of inventory during such operation was set as a condition

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Dialysis patients see life-saver in pending bill

Dialysis patients struggling to cope with the daily and life-time pressure of how to support their two- to four times a week treatment in order

to survive expressed hopes Congress would finally pass a pending bill making the life-saving procedure free of charge, as is the case in other countries.

Baguio congressman Mark Go, a co-author of the bill, told patients here

last week that contentious provisions have been removed from the bill in order to make it at par with the medical practice in Western countries where dialysis is done free of charge, it being a life-saving procedure.

"We have removed the section providing that only patients with incomes less than P50,000

a month would be entitled to free dialysis," Go said in a dialogue with Baguio patients.

This provision, patients said, would force those earning more than P50,000 a month to mis-declare their monthly earnings to be legible for the impending government medical support.

As one patient observed: "Even if a patient

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