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City's drug problem serious - Domogan

BAGUIO CITY – Mayor Mauricio G. Domogan revealed the city's drug problem is becoming serious while approaching the 6-month self-imposed timetable imposed by President Rodrigo Duterte to curb the proliferation of illegal drugs in the country.

The local chief executive claimed the 214 drug surrenderers recorded by the Baguio City Police Office (BCPO) from the period November 28 to December 4 shows that there are still numerous drug pushers and drug users in the different barangays who still do their illegal activities trying to put an acid test to the government's all-out campaign against illegal drugs.

"We call on the remaining drug pushers and users in the city to reform and surrender to the authorities and not wait for something to **Cont. on page 7**



OH, THAT SMILE OF JOY! - Schoolchildren of of Mocgao Elementary School in Mocgao, Badeo, Kibungan (all 104 of them) benefitted from the early Christmas outreach program of Benguet Police (PPSC) led by PSupt Edward Aquintey. The children received clothes, slippers, shoes, school supplies, food, and yes, they enjoyed the games too!/Benguet PPO-PPSC photo

Naku po, ibig sabihin ba niyan, baka dadamipaangmgamamamatay? Ayinayan! Mag-bagona kayobagopakayoabutanni "nanlaban" o ni "riding in tandem!"

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Proposed extension of operating hours of liquor stores vetoed

BAGUIO CITY – Mayor Mauricio G. Domogan vetoed Resolution No. 252, series of 2016 adopting an experimental scheme for six months to extend the business hours of liquor establishments in the city, saying that the Baguio City Police Office (BCPO) wants reduced operating hours of liquor establishments because of the prevalence of liquor-related incidents.

The local chief executive returned to the City Council the said resolution, noting that there will be no change in the operating hours of the liquor establishments after receiving a verbal report from BCPO seeking to reduce the business hours of the establishments to prevent liquor-related incidents in the city.

Under existing rules and regulations, the City Mayor has the mandate to veto any resolution or ordinance passed by the legislative body when it runs counter to the general welfare clause of the constitution and other related laws but the City Council can override the said veto by a two-thirds vote of its members.

Ordinance No. 25, series of 1987 which codified the city's liquor ordinances governs the

establishment, maintenance and operation of places of amusement within the city, regulating the sale or serving by, and/or drinking of liquor or alcoholic beverages in certain places and on Sundays and legal holidays and providing for penalties for violations.

This ordinance was amended by Ordinance No. 1, series of 1990, and later, by Ordinance No. 88, series of 2009, to include the business hours of the liquor establishments.

Section 9 of the same ordinance provides that for the sake of the general welfare and protection of the people from the effects of all businesses with amusements such as bars, nightclubs, discos, beer gardens, karaoke or videoke bars, billiards, computer centers and internet cafes, their business hours should be limited to 5 pm to 2 am for establishments with dancing; from 3 pm to 12 midnight for establishments without dancing.

Business owners claim the duration of business hours set nearly seven years ago could no longer meet their costs of operation which include electricity, water, rental fees, business taxes and increase in prices of products and services,

and the complaints of clients that the hours are no longer sensible as compared to other highly urbanized cities and tourist destinations in the country.

The council claimed then a need to extend the hours of operation of the liquor establishments as the present set-up is no longer helpful to their business and tourists or guests that visit the city Mayor Mauricio G. Domogan vetoed Resolution No. 252, series of 2016 adopting an experimental scheme for six months to extend the business hours of liquor establishments in the city, saying that the Baguio City Police Office (BCPO) wants reduced operating hours of liquor establishments because of the prevalence of liquor-related incidents.

However, BCPO authorities are proposing that the liquor establishments' operating hours be reduced because many liquor-related incidents happen during the wee hours of the morning when these establishments close and the police are concentrated in attending to the said incidents instead of patrolling the different barangays to prevent the commission of crimes. *By Dexter A. See#*

5,286 employed by John Hay economic zone locators

BAGUIO CITY – Some five hundred two hundred eighty six indi-

viduals were employed by within the John Hay Special Economic Zone

No stopping Miss Universe visit to Baguio – HRAB

BAGUIO CITY – The 250-strong Hotel and Restaurant Association of Baguio (HRAB) underscored there is no stopping the upcoming visit of some 24 contestants of the Miss Universe to the city early next year amidst the denial of a local court over the conduction of a month-long Christmas bazaar at the Melvin Jones grandstand to purposely help defray the expenses to be incurred in one of the rarest events in the history of the city.

Andrew Pinero, HRAB media officer, said

the group was deeply saddened by the setback of the local government and organizers over the bazaar as it would have been a concrete display of the unblemished partnership between the government and the private sector in managing one of the exceptional events that will happen in the city's history.

"We will continue to silently do our part in the conduct of the event because we believe it is for the benefit not only of our city but also of the country as a whole. We do not want our future options

to be derailed or sidelined because time is now of the essence," Pinero stressed.

HRAB was already able to pay P14 million out of the total P25 million hosting fee to the international organizers of the Miss Universe beauty pageant to guarantee the visit of the selected contestants to the city on January 18, 2017. The first tranche of P7 million was paid to the organizers by the HRAB last November 7, 2016 upon the signing of the contract while the second tranche was again paid last week. The third

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and Chief Executive officer of the John Hay Management Corporation (JHMC), revealed that of the total manpower of the locators within the special economic zone, 4,804 individuals or 91 percent come from the Baguio-La Trinidad-Itogon-Sablan-Tuba-Tublay (BLISTT) area while 482 individuals or 9 percent of the zone's labor force come from non-BLISTT areas.

The top 15 locators inside the economic zone are Convergys with 3,000 workers where 2,710 come from BLISTT and 290 workers are from non-BLISTT areas, SC Reservation with 594 workers,, Le Chef Inc. with 151 employees, Camp John Hay Leisure Inc. with 149 workers,

– 49, Kabadjo Handlers Association – 38, Blackbeard Seafood Island – 37, Tree Top Adventure – 36 and Le Chef Inc. at the Golf Club – 35.

Bello reported the remaining locators employed 30 workers that contributed to the increased employment opportunities for qualified local residents.

Under the provisions of existing ordinance crafted by the local government, companies operating within the jurisdiction of the city must make sure that majority of their work force come from the city's 128 barangays.

Domogan expressed his gratitude to the JHMC management and the locators for employing qualified residents within the BLISTT area,

saying that the increased economic activities in the city will surely translate to more employment opportunities for the qualified residents.

However, he claimed the potentials of the special economic zone has not yet been fully maximized because the developer of the former American rest and recreation center was only able to develop one-fourth of the supposed developable areas, thus, the need to attract more locators to put up their respective businesses in the economic zone for sustained economic growth in the zone.

After the former American military bases, including the Camp John Hay air station, were

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Camp John Hay Golf club with 120 caddies, Maximum Security and Services Corporation JHRA – 81, Le Monet Hotel with 78, Federal Management and Maintenance – 70, Maximum Security and Services Corporation JHSEZ – 68, John Hay Management Corporation – 67, STBN manpower Agency – 62, Camp John Hay Golf Club

(JHSEZ) as of the end of October this year.

In his report to Mayor Mauricio G. Domogan, Zaldy Bello, officer-in-charge of the Office of the President



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Health experts alarmed over younger firecracker victims

BAGUIO CITY – Health authorities in the city are alarmed over the increasing number of children wounded during the celebration of the Yuletide revelry.

Dr. Donnnabel Tubera, Medical Officer IV of the City Health Services Office and chief of the

City Epidemiology and Surveillance Unit, said the easy access of children to firecrackers and pyrotechnic materials has served as a challenge to health and law enforcement authorities to intensify their respective information and education campaign

to prevent injuries this upcoming Christmas and New Year.

Of the 11 firecracker-related injuries in the city for the period December 16, 2015 to January 5, 2016, 72 percent are individuals who belong to the age bracket 9 to 14 while 55

percent of the registered injuries are males and 45 percent are females.

Tubera disclosed half of the children who were injured had direct access to firecrackers or pyrotechnics, while the other half happened to be passer-buys.

According to her, it

is high time for parents to start teaching their children the serious negative effects of using firecrackers and to convinced them to embrace alternative ways of celebrating the coming of the New Year, particularly the sounding of various objects, beating

of gongs or anything that will create noise to drive away the bad spirits and bring success for the coming year.

Tubera interpreted the increase in the number of firecracker-related incidents as a welcome development because

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Political will needed to impose firecracker ban

BAGUIO CITY – Health authorities challenged local officials in the region to have the political will to impose a needed total ban on the selling and use of firecrackers and pyrotechnic materials for the celebration of the Yuletide revelry.

Dr. Amelita M. Pangilinan, assistant regional director of the Cordillera office of the Department of Health (DOH-CAR), said many Filipinos were already injured or have lost their lives because of the unregulated use of firecrackers and pyrotechnic materials during the holiday celebrations over the past several decades, thus the need for everyone to start using alternative ways of welcoming the new year to ensure especially the safety of the children.

"We need to already embrace alternative ways of celebrating the coming of a new year. We continue to embark on scare tactics aside from encouraging community participation to the efforts of government to abandon the use of firecrackers and pyrotechnic materials for the Yuletide revelry," Pangilinan stressed.

The DOH-CAR official admitted no local government in the region was able to pass the appropriate local legislation to impose the total ban although there is a pending proposal in the Baguio City Council to impose one.

According to her, the executive order supposed to be issued by President Rodrigo R. Duterte for the prohibition was not released on time because of the need to conduct consultations with the affected stakeholders before the crafting of the final provisions which will be fully implemented probably by next year.

Pangilinan claimed concerned government agencies have already tried all possible strategies to help convince people to shy away from firecrackers and pyrotechnic materials for their New Year celebration to prevent life-threatening injuries or eventual loss of lives.

She expressed gratitude to City Mayor Mauricio G. Domogan and Tuba Mayor Ignacio Rivera for their public pronouncements against allowing firecracker and pyrotechnic vendors to pursue their lucrative trade which is a giant step towards preventing their constituents from suffering injuries and compromising their bright future.

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Highest two officials of the land don't respect the rule of law

WHAT kind of country have we become that the two highest officials of the Republic don't respect the law, and even flaunt their disdain for it?

President Duterte the other day made his curses and rape jokes during the election campaign look like convent talk when he said: "I will not allow these police to go in prison. Kahit sabihin ng NBI na murder (Even if the NBI says it's murder)."

The NBI (National Bureau of Investigation) had concluded that about two dozen policemen led by Chief Inspectors Marvin Marcos and Noel Matira and Chief Inspector Leo Laraga were indictable for the killing of Albura mayor and alleged drug lord Rolando Espinosa and his fellow inmate Raul Yap—in what the victims had probably thought was the safest place on earth, a tightly guarded cell in Baybay City.

I couldn't believe my eyes when I read that Duterte even said that he is willing to go to jail in place of those policemen, whose arrogant impunity (Marcos had nothing to do with Espinosa's case) was matched only by their cowardice (their killing team numbered 21).

I suspect Duterte's workload has become unbearable. How can he claim, as if he was just being rational: "Who would you believe, word of a criminal or of a police?"

But it wasn't a criminal, presumably Espinosa, who claimed from his grave that he was killed by the policemen. Several senators—especially Senator Panfilo Lacson who was once national police chief and Senator Richard Gordon, whose father was assassinated—said that it was "clearly a rub-out" while veteran NBI investigators heroically did their job even if Duterte had announced his backing for the ruthless policemen.

EDITORIAL The NBI was so meticulous in its investigation that its investigators even found that the witness, one Paul Olandan, who Marcos claimed had told them about the guns and illegal drugs in Espinosa's Baybay City jail cell on Oct. 28—which became the basis for the search warrant they used to barge into the mayor's cell—had made it all up. He was almost a hundred kilometers away on that day in Tacloban City, where he was assistant principal in one of the schools there.

How can a President forget that his main task, under the Constitution, is to enforce the law?

The rejection of the rule of law is really as worse as Vice President Leni Robredo's labelling the Supreme Court ruling allowing the burial of former President Marcos' remains at the Libingan ng mga Bayani "immoral". She has joined the demonstrations against the ruling, in which protesters hurl invectives at the high court justices.

Doesn't the vice-president, a lawyer, know that our rule of law is based not only on the body of laws Congress has passed, but on the Supreme Court, which is the last body to decide what is legal or not?

Robredo's disdain for the rule of law is also evident in her statements that her rival Ferdinand ("Bongbong") Marcos, Jr. will be "stealing" her post, the vice presidency.

Doesn't the vice president know that the body which will decide if Marcos' claims that he was cheated are valid or not is the Presidential Electoral Tribunal consisting of all 15 members of the Supreme Court, and also chaired by its Chief Justice?

Rather than denigrating the integrity of the Supreme Court, aka the Presidential Electoral Tribunal, why doesn't she just make sure, with the billions of funds her Liberal Party has, that the alleged evidence of cheating Marcos presents are proven false, rather than declaring again and again that her vice-presidential position will be stolen by her rival?

Pandora's box

As I wrote here several months back, Duterte's call to the police to "slaughter them all," referring to those in the illegal drug trade, is like opening the Pandora's Box. The term refers to the ancient Greek myth that all the evils of the world were contained inside a box, which the first woman on earth opened and released to the world—defying the chief god Zeus' warning for her not to do so. Even the all-powerful Zeus was powerless to put back all these seven demons back into the box.

That term has come to mean an action taken in the expectation of some good, but turns out to have several unintended, detrimental and far-reaching negative consequences—which becomes nearly impossible to stop or reverse.

Duterte's war against drugs, which he said would save generations of Filipinos from misery is indeed turning out to be a Pandora's box that he has opened. To call on the police to dispense justice on their own has been to allow them to go on killing sprees of suspects, or just "bad characters," in their areas of responsibility.

They justify such executions on the ground that they have all too often experienced arresting, at the risk of their lives, hardened criminals, only for the latter to get judges to set them loose. They simply post bail or get the charges dropped after witnesses don't appear in court because of fear of reprisal, or out of mere aversion to the bother of going to hearings.

Such police killings have been going on but kept secret as far as I can remember, and I learned about them from joining other reporters in their police beats. Unlike in American movies, a suspect surviving a police chase, handcuffed, and read his rights is a very, very rare

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ANG BAGONG TREND: ANG DRUG LORDS LANG ANG NAGSASABI NG TOTOO. PAG KINONTRA MO, AT DI MO SINABI GUSTO NILANG MARINING, SINUNGALING KA AT IKO-CONTEMPT KA!

KAKAMPI MO ANG BATAS

Why were 1,300 Chinese allowed to work in RP?

BY: ATTY. BATAS MAURICIO



LIFE'S INSPIRATIONS: "... And the Good News about the Kingdom will be preached throughout the whole world, so that all nations will hear it; and then the end will come..." (Jesus Christ, our God and Savior, in Matthew 24:14, the Holy Bible).

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WHAT IS THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH OF JESUS IN RP? What is the work---or the mission, if you will---of the Church that Jesus, our God and Savior, established in the Philippines, pursuant to Matthew 16:18 and Isaiah 46:11 of the Bible? A reading of the Bible indicates that the Church of Jesus in the Philippines will lead in proclaiming, and thereby allowing people to be saved by, the truth that Jesus is God and Savior.

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THE ISSUE IS THE ILLEGAL CHINESE WORKERS, PERIOD! The issue that we must not lose sight of in the controversy over the alleged bribe try of online gambling operator Jack Lam against Justice Secretary Vitaliano Aguirre II and Chairman Andrea Domingo of the Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation (PAGCOR) is the apparent smuggling, as it were, of Chinese citizens into the country to work illegally in Lam's casino.

In the face of the conflicting claims of Lam, through his partners here, and of Aguirre, on whether there was indeed a bribe offer or not, it is clear everybody are in agreement that some 1,300 or so Chinese have been working illegally at the Jack Lam-owned Fontana Leisure Parks and Casino at Clark Freeport Zone in Clark, Pampanga.

How did these Chinese workers get into the Philippines? How come they were allowed to come here? And why did Fontana Leisure Parks and Casino allow them to work illegally, as Aguirre had been saying? Did this not violate the franchise given to Jack Lam to operate a casino and should therefore result in the cancellation of that franchise?

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DOJ, IMMIGRATION, MUST DISCLOSE RECORD OF CHINESE WORKERS: Another question that Jack Lam and Fontana Leisure Parks and Casino must answer is: did not their franchise include a provision that requires the employment of Filipino workers in their casino? As far as I can gather, this employment of Filipino workers by licensed foreign gambling operators is mandatorily provided for in their franchises.

On the other hand, I suggest that Aguirre's department and the Bureau of Immigration should disclose to the public the immigration records of the arrested 1,300 or so Chinese workers at Fontana Leisure Park and Casino. The public has a right to know whether these workers legally entered the Philippines, and what their qualifications are that prompted Jack Lam to allow them to work for him.

What is more, our countrymen should also be informed as to whether anyone of those arrested already came into the country before. Sources are telling me that some of them previously came to the Philippines, worked for a while, but were deported back to China because of their inability to legalize

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MAGKASANGGA TAYO

**Mr. President,
bakit ganyan???**



BY: NESTOR "PAKEN" CASTRO

Kayo ang maghusga mga dear readers at pati na rin mga kapwa Dutertards na katulad ko. Bakit ganyan na lang ang pag-sangga at pag-protecta ni PDU30 sa grupo ng CIDG 8? Una, pina re-instate niya kay Chief Bato at nung natodas nila si Espinosa at mayroon ng findings ang NBI, aba eh prinoprotektahan pa rin niya! Tsk! Tsk! Tsk! Mahirap ang ganitong sitwasyon, mga fellow dear Dutertards. Hindi natin masasabi na baka isa sa ating mga mahal sa buhay o tayo mismo ay basta-basta na lang todasin ng mga abusadong Pulis, at anong hustisya ang ating makakamit? Eh di wala!!!

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Duterte: I won't let cops in Espinosa slay go to jail

President Rodrigo Duterte gives the assurance to Superintendent Marvin Marcos and his men a day after the National Bureau of Investigation recommended multiple murder charges against them

MANILA, Philippines – President Rodrigo Duterte said he "will not allow" Police Superintendent Marvin Marcos and cops involved in the operation against the late Albura Mayor Rolando Espinosa Sr to go to jail despite official findings that they are liable for murder.

"I will not allow these guys to go to prison maski na sabihin ng NBI, murder (even if the National Bureau of Investigation says it was murder)," Duterte said at the Urban Poor Solidarity Week in Mandaluyong City on Wednesday, December 7.

"Eh tutal, under ko rin 'yan (Anyway, it is also under me)," he added, referring to the NBI.

Duterte made the statement a day after the NBI released its findings that Espinosa was killed in a rubout. It recommended multiple murder charges against the 24 police officers involved in the operation at the Leyte Sub-Provincial Jail in Baybay City on November 5.

Alleged drug lord Kerwin Espinosa, son of the slain mayor, had accused Marcos of soliciting P3 million from him for campaign funds for his wife, a mayoral candidate in the 2016 elections.

Duterte earlier said he believed in Marcos' version of events – that the mayor had fought back, forcing police to use deadly force during the raid.

Duterte had also admitted that he ordered Marcos' reinstatement despite the decision of Philippine National Police chief Director General Ronald dela Rosa to relieve Marcos from his post due to his suspected drug links.

'No obstruction'

Though he did not want Marcos' team in jail – and even after he said that the NBI was under him anyway – Duterte said he would not interfere in the filing of cases against them.

"I do not obstruct. So the finding of NBI is murder. Good. File a case," he said.

Duterte insisted that as President and thus, head of the police force, it is just normal that he side with the police.

"Kung ano ang sinabi ng pulis, 'yun ang totoo sa akin...Hindi ko pababayaan ang pulis. Kasi sabihin, ako ang may utos eh. 'Kasi sabi mo Sir, hulihin namin tapos 'pag lumaban,'" said Duterte, who didn't complete the sentence.

(Whatever the police says, that is what I believe as true....I won't abandon the police. Because it would be said, I was the one who gave the order. "You said, Sir, arrest then if he fights back.")

The President was apparently referring to his standing order to the police to shoot criminals who fight back. This was Marcos' explanation for the death of →

EL MAESTRO SPEAKS

**Education and Material
Wealth**



BY: CLYDE B. SACPA

Many Filipinos agree that education is quite important. In fact, most parents say that it is the greatest wealth that they can give to their children. Most of all, many believe that it is the bridge that will lead them to a better life.

Because of these, parents work hard to ensure that their children are getting the quality education their child needed. In the urban areas, most parents will send their child to an exclusive or private school as they believe that their children can have a better learning in those kinds of school. They will sacrifice everything for the education of their child.

Apart from the material things they give for the child's education, they are never tired of giving them advice. In their advices, they are very thorough in telling the child that education is the only thing that can make someone rich, and without education one would end up doing odd jobs and will be poor for the rest of their life.

Advices like this had instilled a different view to the child. It made the child think that having a lot of money is the only thing that makes life better. It made the child think that material things are the only thing that matters in life. It made the child view education as a treasure map to get a lot of money.

These are the mistakes most of us commit with regards to education. Education is not the sole factor in making someone rich. Hardwork, wits, and perseverance will make you rich. Education won't lead you to a better life. It is you who can lead you to a better life. What education does is it widens our options and broadens our thoughts for the higher use of our hardwork, wits and perseverance.

So the next time we give advice to the children, we must tell them that they should study so they will have the right instrument when they will make the world a better place for all of us. They should study hard so they'll have the chance to improve the quality of life for their generation. As young as they are, they must be able to see that life is multi-faceted.

That is the essence of education, improvement in all aspect of life.#

Espinosa.

While he believes in the cops' version, Duterte said in another speech the same day that he may still change his mind if the NBI digs up better evidence.

"It's just an investigation. Wala naman kayong witness diyan na nagsabi nakita niya (You don't have a witness who said he saw everything). Come up with something good and maybe I will have a doubt," he said.

During the campaign, Duterte had said that he would pardon convicted police officers who kill criminals, and even civilians, in the line of duty.

In discussing his anti-crime strategy in February, which resonated with many Filipinos, Duterte said he would provide a "pre-signed form" to law enforcers, which would assure the latter of presidential pardon should they get prison terms for deaths during encounters with criminals.

Duterte, then a presidential candidate, also said that if he got elected, he would direct policemen and the military to not be deterred in killing "all" criminals because it is his "personal order."

The President declined to be interviewed after the Mandaluyong event as he was running late for the Armed Forces of the Philippines' change of command ceremony, his second event of the day. /Rappler.com#

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Ipateg ti Nakaparsuaan



BY: LEONARDO R. AGUNOY

PROTECT OUR TREES TODAY FOR TOMORROW THEY WILL PROTECT YOU (US). Sapay koma ta patientayo ken ipapusotayo nga aramiden/annongen ti kababagas daytoy a pagsasao, tapno sangsangkamaysatayo a mangaramid ti maui-parbeng. Kas addang iti panangipateg ti nakaparsuaan., Ibinglayko man kadagiti dear readers ti daniw ni JOYCE KILMER (1886-1918), kakabsat, a napauluan iti TREES:

I think that I shall never see,

A poem lovely as a tree.

*A tree whose hungry mouth is prest,
Against the earth's sweet flowing breast;*

A tree that looks at God all they,

And lifts her leafy arms to pray;

A tree that may in Summer wear,

A nest of robins in her hair;

Upon whose bossom snow has lain;

Who intimately lives with rain

Poems are made by fools like me,

But only God can make a tree.

Malagipko ti lugar a paggaayat ken ayuyangko idi ubingak – ti Sitio San Isidro (akin-abagatan amin a paset ti barangaymi a Baresbes). Nadadael daytoy a disso gapu iti nagsasaruno a layus. Ania pay ita daydi lugar a makaay-ayo? Nagbalinen a ruog ti kinaranggas ti panawen! Ket, pagaammok unay a maysa laeng ti nadakamat a lugar kadagiti saan a mabilang babaen iti ramay dagiti nadadaelen a lugar gapu iti nakaro a panangab-abuso dagiti tattao ti nakaparsuaan. Awan ti naladaw no kayat a ti makiginnunnuod a mangisपाल pay ti agnguynguy-a a nakaparsuaantayo, kakabsat.

PAGPAMPANUNOTAN: Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it. – GEORGE SANTAYANA.#

Kakampi mo ang...

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their stay here.

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CHURCH OF JESUS IN RP TO PROCLAIM JESUS

AS GOD AND SAVIOR: Now that it is clear that Jesus, our God and Savior, established His Church in the Philippines, the next point of inquiry should be the work or the mission of that Church. Matthew 16:18 and Isaiah 46:11 clearly express this work of mission of the Church: to fulfill Jesus' end time purpose, and that is to save souls, by proclaiming Him as God and Savior.

Matthew 24:14 attests to this, when it says that before the end of the world, the Gospel of Jesus will have to be proclaimed first to all the world. Now, what does the Gospel of Jesus consist of? It is that He, Jesus, is God and Savior, and that He truly is God, the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit. The Anak ng Diyos Kadugo Ni Kristo (AND KNK, or the Children of God Blood Kin of the Christ) Church is doing this, precisely, now.

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PLEASE LISTEN: "Ang Tanging Daan" (The Sole Way): a Bible study and prayer session online could now be heard, 24 HOURS a day, in the Philippines and the world at www.facebook.com/angtangingdaan or www.facebook.com/ANDKNK (and look for "Ang Tanging Daan" broadcasts). Phone: 0922 833 43 96, 0918 574 0193, 0977 805 9058. Email: batasmauricio@yahoo.com.

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH SIMULTANEOUS WAIVER OF HEREDITARY RIGHTS

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late Cecilia B. Binuya who died intestate on October 14, 2016 in Baguio City, Philippines have been the subject of a deed of extrajudicial settlement of estate with simultaneous waiver of hereditary rights dated November 17, 2016 by her heirs involving stall no. 2, Caldero Section, City Market, Baguio City under doc. no. 27, page no. 6, Book no. CLVII; Series of 2016 in the notarial register of Atty. Roles G. Calabias of Baguio City, Philippines.

December 3, 10 and 17 2016

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

RONALD PADALLA Applicant CASE No. 2005-BENG-CAR-1363 NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application filed on December 1, 2016 for the approval of Extension of Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate TAXI service for the transportation and freight of passengers on the line: BAGUIO CITY - CAR and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit/s which CPC expires on January 9, 2017.

NOTICE is hereby given that this Board shall hear this application on January 10, 2017 at 2:00 PM the LTRFB Office, Paddal 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.

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

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 ATTY. JOSE EDUARDO L. NATIVIDAD, Regional Director, this 2nd day of December 2016.

GREGORIO R. RETUTA, JR.
Hearing Officer

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

GENALIN URBANOZO Applicant CASE No. 2013-CAR-785 NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application filed on December 1, 2016 for the approval of Extension of Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate TAXI service for the transportation and freight of passengers on the line: BAGUIO CITY TO ANY POINT IN CAR and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit/s which CPC expires on March 19, 2017.

NOTICE is hereby given that this Board shall hear this application on January 10, 2017 at 2:00 PM the LTRFB Office, Paddal Baguio City in which date and time applicant shall formally submit his/her/their evidences.

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WITNESS, the Honorable ATTY. JOSE EDUARDO L. NATIVIDAD, Regional Director, this 2nd day of December 2016.

GREGORIO R. RETUTA, JR.
Hearing Officer

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

AVELINA CUSTODIO Applicant CASE No. 2004-BAGCAR-1002 NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application filed on November 29, 2016 for the approval of Extension of Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate TAXI service for the transportation and freight of passengers on the line: BAGUIO CITY TO ANY POINT IN CAR and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit which CPC expires on October 12, 2017.

NOTICE is hereby given that this Board shall hear this application on January 10, 2017 at 2:00 PM the LTRFB Office, Paddal 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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WITNESS, the Honorable ATTY. JOSE EDUARDO L. NATIVIDAD, Regional Director, this 2nd day of December 2016.

GREGORIO R. RETUTA, JR.
Hearing Officer

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

JAMES SAGAYO JR. Applicant CASE No. 2004-BAGCAR-775 NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application filed on December 2, 2016 for the approval of Extension of Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate TAXI service for the transportation and freight of passengers on the line: BAGUIO CITY - CAR and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit/s which CPC expires on October 12, 2017.

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WITNESS, the Honorable ATTY. JOSE EDUARDO L. NATIVIDAD, Regional Director, this 5th day of December 2016.

GREGORIO R. RETUTA, JR.
Hearing Officer

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

JOHN D. TELAGEN,
*Petitioner-Mort-
gagee,*

- v e r s u s -

SPS. DENNIS
TONY W. TINAY &
ESTELA B. TINAY,
*Respondents -Mort-
gagors,*

CASE NO. 16-EXF-
1949

F O R: EXTRA-
JUDICIAL
FORECLO-
SURE OF REAL
MORTGAGE
UNDER ACT 3135,
AS AMENDED
X-----X

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S PUBLIC AUCTION SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act No. 3135 filed by Petitioner-Mortgagee, JOHN D. TELAGEN, of legal age, married, Filipino, and resident of No. 291 Purok 1, Asin Road, Baguio City, against herein Respondents-Mortgagors, SPOUSES DENNIS TONY W. TINAY & ESTELA B. TINAY, both of legal age, Filipino Citizens, and residents of Poblacion, Sablan, Benguet, Philippines, to satisfy the mortgage

indebtedness which the respondents have, as stipulated in the real estate mortgage, the principal amount of ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P100,000.00) which shall be paid in one year (from August 28, 2014 to August 28, 2015), and the same shall earn an interest of 7% per month, Philippine currency, excluding, attorney's fees, and other expenses incidental to the public auction sale, the undersigned or his duly authorized deputy will sell at public auction on DECEMBER 22, 2016 AT 11:30 IN THE MORNING, at the main entrance of the BULWAGAN NG KATARUNGAN, Justice Hill, La Trinidad, Benguet to the highest bidder, for cash or manager's check and in Philippine currency, the real property, together with all existing improvements, with the following description, to wit:

ORIGINAL CERTIFICATE OF TITLE
No. CLOA-3516

Lot Number: Lot 572,
Cad. 1008-D, Sablan

Cadastre
As Surveyed For:
DENNIS TONY W.
TINAY

Location: Pappa,
Sablan, Benguet
Area: SEVENTEEN
THOUSAND SIX
HUNDRED NINETY
EIGHT (17,698)
square meters
Boundaries: NW.,
line 1-2... Lot 573, Cad.
1008-D

NE., & SE., lines
2-3-4... Lot 775, Cad.
1008-D

SW., line 4-1... Creek
Beginning at a point
marked "1" on plan
being N. 25 deg. 39' E.,
2672.33 m. from BLLM
1, Cad. 1008-D, thence:
1-2 N. 68 deg. 57' S.,

73.29 m.
2-3 S. 82 deg. 19' E.,
190.00 m.
3-4 S. 17 deg. 27' W.,
117.33 m.
4-1 W. 63 deg. 23' W.,
247.78 m.

All sealed bids must be submitted to the undersigned on the above-stated time and date. Prospective buyers/bidders may investigate the above-described real properties regarding the encumbrances thereof, if any.

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on January 25, 2017 at the same time and place without further notice.

Done this 24
November 2016, at La
Trinidad, Benguet, Phil-
ippines.

FOR THE PROVIN-
CIAL SHERIFF
EX-OFFICIO OF
BENGUET

(SGD) WHINSTON P.
DULAWAN
Sheriff IV

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instance. Police almost always shoot dead suspected criminals they corner, after a chase.

However, these police killings have been at a low-level intensity, to use that term, as there is, after all, an announced rule of law. These were also significantly reduced after the establishment of the Commission on Human Rights under Section 18, Article XIII of the 1987 Constitution; the conviction of a number of police officers for human rights violations (mainly in cases of political activists); and the establishment of the Internal Affairs Directorate at the PNP.

Duterte simply told the police to forget this human rights thing since more important was his war against drugs, as this was necessary to liberate our nation from this scourge. He opened the Pandora's box and released the extra-judicial executioners.

The irony is that out of the 3,500 killings in the streets (as reported by the police) since July when Duterte assumed power, probably 90 percent were killed in some slum area or dumped near there, and were all wearing slippers or cheap basketball shorts—sure signs that these were poor people, hardly drug lords, the lowest level of pushers, or mere addicts who take shabu to forget their utterly miserable lives.

Even alleged drug lord Espinosa was killed in shorts and slippers, indicating as in the case of those other mere users, his utter helplessness when he was killed. Many were reportedly killed by the corrupt police who wanted to clean up their involvement in the illegal drug trade.

An alternative narrative for the war vs drugs would be to read every day that the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency, with a battalion of NBI investigators and police special action force troopers assigned to it, raiding a shabu laboratory or warehouse, and arresting—okay, even killing—drug lords wearing expensive shoes.

Enough is enough, and a recent New York Times photo essay entitled "They are slaughtering us like animals" shows the horror of what Duterte released from his Pandora's box. If you're not convinced, check out that essay (<http://nyti.ms/2gCyBBL>). Not just because of the horrific photos but the high quality of its journalism, it will become viral not only here but throughout the world, and shaming us as a nation.

What a country! From a do-nothing idiot to a slaughter-them-all president. There must be an alternative. tiglao.manilatimes@gmail.com/Fb: Rigoberto Tiglao AND Bobi tiglao/
Archives: rigobertotiglao.com#

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

ELIZABETH CRUZ
Applicant
CASE No. 2011-CAR-526
NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application filed on December 1, 2016 for the approval of Extension of Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate TAXI service for the transportation and freight of passengers on the line: BAGUIO CITY TO ANY POINT IN CAR and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit which CPC expires on September 17, 2017.

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WITNESS, the Honorable ATTY. JOSE EDUARDO L. NATIVIDAD, Regional Director, this 2nd day of December 2016.

GREGORIO R. RETUTA, JR.
Hearing Officer

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

NARCISA GAVIRAN
Applicant
CASE No. 99-01-2731
NOTICE OF HEARING

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WITNESS, the Honorable ATTY. JOSE EDUARDO L. NATIVIDAD, Regional Director, this 1st day of December 2016.

GREGORIO R. RETUTA, JR.
Hearing Officer

Republic of the Philippines
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LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARD
Cordillera Administrative Region
Baguio City

NARCISA GAVIRAN
Applicant
CASE No. 99-01-241
NOTICE OF HEARING

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Baguio City

NARCISA GAVIRAN
Applicant
CASE No. 98-BC-1589
NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application filed on November 24, 2016 for the approval of Extension of Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate TAXI service for the transportation and freight of passengers on the line: BAGUIO CITY TO ANY POINT IN CAR and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit/s which CPC expires on _____.

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Hearing Officer

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Cordillera Administrative Region
Baguio City

JULIUS INSAS
Applicant
CASE No. 2014-CAR-278
NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application filed on December 1, 2016 for the approval of Extension of Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate TAXI service for the transportation and freight of passengers on the line: BAGUIO CITY TO ANY POINT IN CAR and Vice Versa with the use of _____ unit/s which CPC expires on _____.

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WITNESS, the Honorable ATTY. JOSE EDUARDO L. NATIVIDAD, Regional Director, this 2nd day of December 2016.

GREGORIO R. RETUTA, JR.
Hearing Officer

City's drug problem... from page 1

happen to them or to the members of their families before they will realize that it is time for them to surrender," Domogan stressed.

From 1,513 drug surrenderers the previous week, the number of drug surrenderers in the city grew to 1,727 surrenderers the following week and still increasing following the government's anti-drug campaign nationwide.

He pointed out the government has given sufficient time to the drug surrenderers to reform by giving themselves up to the authorities to be properly guided back to mainstream society.

According to him, it is unfortunate that there are still drug pushers and users who remain hard headed by refusing to surrender and reform and these are trying to test the limits of the law.

Domogan reiterated the appeal of local officials for the drug pushers and users to help themselves by surrendering to the police to be provided with the necessary technical assistance to enable them to join mainstream society as a reformed citizen and to prevent their lives from being put to danger.

He explained that what is needed is the vigilance of residents on illegal activities of their neighbors and reporting these for proper police action to the nearest police station.

Domogan is grateful to the government's anti-drug campaign because it proved that all the city's 128 barangays are drug-affected as shown by the presence of drug surrenderers from all the barangays, thus, the problem needs a consolidated effort among the government and the private sector in order to address such menace before it goes out of control and compromise the future of those involved.

He said it is proper for local residents to personally

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and fourth tranches will then be paid sometime in January next year before the contestants' scheduled arrival in the city.

Aside from the P25 million hosting fee or \$500,000.00, HRAB will be responsible for the payment of the withholding tax, income tax, food, accommodation, transportation, and the four floats to be used by the contestants when parading in city areas.

Pinero explained HRAB will respect the decision of the court on the matter, saying that just like what the local government will do, the group, through their counsels, will argue its position to clear up things until the case will be resolved.

The proceeds of the month-long Christmas bazaar supposed to be held last December 1, 2016 to January 1, 2017 would be the city's counterpart in the hosting of the visit of the Miss Universe contestants considering the well-covered international beauty pageant will help in providing free mileage for the city in some 160 countries, boosting the projected growth of the local tourism industry.

Pinero also claimed HRAB fully understands the predicament of the city officials supportive of the endeavor after the court handed down its decision but there is a need to push through with the hosting of the visit of the contestants, as out of numerous local governments it is a privilege for the city to be chosen to host one of the events of Miss Universe scheduled in the SM Mall of Asia on January 30, 2017. *By Dexter A. See#*

be aware of who their neighbors are to know whether or not they are involved in the illegal drug trade and cooperate with the authorities by informing the police of the presence of drug pushers and users in their places. *By Dexter A. See#*

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turned over to the Philippine government, some 247 hectares out of the 686 hectares of the Camp John Hay forest reservation was segregated and subsequently declared as a special economic zone in consonance to the privatization of the facility and its conversion into a world-class tourism multi-use center. *By Dexter A. See#*

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people are now seeking medical attention once injured, to prevent them from being infected with the dreaded tetanus. She claimed it is still best for the local residents to refrain from using them for the sake of safety and to prevent their bright future from being compromised or for their bodies to be complete right at the start of a new year.

She disclosed the different public and private hospitals in the city are ready to provide medical treatment to those who insist and become victims of the use of the said materials but they should always inculcate in their minds that prevention is better than cure.

She also claimed it is high time for the local legislative body to enact the required ordinance for a total ban in the city to compel local residents to willfully embrace alternative measures to celebrate the holidays and make sure they are spared from injuries at the beginning of the year.

More than 30,000 local residents signed a manifesto for the local legislative body to enact an ordinance banning the sale and use of firecrackers in the city but local legislators do not seem to prioritize the said matter. *By Dexter A. See*

Health experts alarmed... from page 3

urgent need for local officials to make as their primordial consideration the safety of their constituents, especially the children, who are frequently exposed to extreme danger with the unregulated selling and use of firecrackers and pyrotechnic materials to celebrate the Yuletide season, thus, the elective officials must be the ones to lead in convincing them to embrace alternative ways of celebration of the coming New Year, to drive away the bad spirits and usher in the coming of a fruitful and prosperous new year. *By Dexter A. See*

City Prosecutor's Office reports high solution rate

BAGUIO CITY – The Baguio city prosecutor's office is among the top five prosecutor's offices in Region I according to city prosecutor Elmer Sagsago in Monday's flag-raising ceremonies at City Hall led by Mayor Mauricio Domogan and Vice-Mayor Edison Bilog.

"My fellow prosecutors and I regularly work overtime and even on holidays just to serve the legal needs of the public," he said.

Sagsago revealed that his office has a complement of 19 prosecutors

who are mostly young and majority of whom are women.

For the first three quarters of 2016 (January 1 to September 31) the city prosecutor's office has reported a disposition rate for preliminary investigation of 99.60 percent where 2,010 of a total of 2,018 complaints for disposition were resolved leaving only 8 cases pending ending September of this year.

It also reported a 99.84 percent disposition rate for inquest proceedings for the same period where 633 of the 634 total

number of complaints for disposition were resolved ending September of this year.

For his office's "very good" performance, Sagsago thanked the Baguio City Police Office, Bureau of Jail Management and Penology, City Social Welfare and Development Office, City Budget Office and the city council.

"These offices have continuously assisted the city prosecutor's office in making our job much easier to serve the legal needs of the public," he said. /Gaby Keith#

City to respect court ruling on Christmas bazaar

BAGUIO CITY – The City Government will respect the decision of a local court in issuing the writ of preliminary injunction preventing the Hotel and Restaurant Association of Baguio (HRAB) and the local government from proceeding with the conduct of a month-long Christmas bazaar purposely to generate additional resources for use by the local organizers to defray expenses during the visit of some 24 contestants of the Miss Universe to the city early next year.

Mayor Mauricio G. Domogan said the conduct of future hearings by the court on the matter will surely help the judge understand the real

purpose of conducting the bazaar that will serve as the city's counterpart in hosting the visit of the Miss Universe contestants, saying the local government is open to arguing the matter before the court.

"We cannot do anything but to respect the decision of the court at this time. We will just have to strengthen and argue our position on the matter for the court to be enlightened on the matter," Domogan stressed.

It can be recalled the HRAB wrote to the local chief executive to allow the organization to conduct the Christmas bazaar in the Melvin Jones grandstand to help generate funds for the visit of the beauty queens to the city on January 18,

2017.

The local legislative body then passed Resolution No. 294, series of 2016 authorizing the HRAB to conduct the month-long Christmas bazaar supposedly from December 1, 2016 to January 1, 2016 to help the organizers generate additional sources of revenue.

However, Judge Maria Ligaya V. Itliong-Rivera of the Regional Trial Court (RTC) Branch 5 issued a 7-day temporary restraining order (TRO) stopping the conduct of the bazaar before it subsequently issued the writ of preliminary injunction that permanently prevented the organizers from pursuing the

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Baguio currently ahead in Batang Pinoy medal standings

BAGUIO CITY – With numerous medals in the athletics competition still to be decided as of press time, the Summer Capital's delegation to this year's Batang Pinoy competitions in Davao del Norte and Tagum City has so far garnered a medal haul of 136 medals (55 gold, 39 silver and 42 bronze) putting them currently on top of the

medal standings.

City sports office head Gaudencio Gonzales said that the final medal tally will be known by Monday, December 12.

He added that Baguio came in second to Quezon City in last year's event with the Cebu delegation placing third. The athletes from Cebu are currently in second place this year, Gonzales said.

He revealed that this year, the city fielded 375 delegates composed of 325 athletes, 40 coaches and 10 heads of delegation.

More than 12,900 delegates from 256 local government units participated in the latest Batang Pinoy edition held from November 27 to December 2, Gonzales said. —>



SINGING PROSECUTORS - Baguio City Prosecutors headed by Atty. Elmer Sagsago presents a special song number during the City Hall flag ceremonies Monday to the delight of city officials and employees. / By Bong Cayabyab

Compromise settlement in John Hay row likely

BAGUIO CITY – The long standing proposal of Mayor Mauricio G. Domogan for the existing conflict between the State-owned Bases and Conversion and Development Authority (BCDA) and the Sobrepina-owned Camp John Hay Development Corporation (CJHDevCo) to strike a compromise settlement over the development of the 247-hectare John Hay Special Economic Zone (JHSEZ) saw the light at the end of the tunnel after the new BCDA leadership expressed its willingness to peacefully and orderly resolve the dispute without compromising the government's position on the matter.

Domogan met with newly-installed BCDA president and chief executive officer Vivencio Dizon Wednesday and discussed at length the possibility of swiftly resolving the continuous row for the government to maximize its gains from the development of the former American military installation.

"We were elated over the open-mindedness and common sense displayed by the BCDA president

and chief executive Dizon in assessing and evaluating the present situation in John Hay. We are confident there will be bright prospects of development in the zone once there will be a win-win solution to the problem," Domogan stressed.

He pointed out once a compromise is reached the local government will push that the agreement to be signed will be a tripartite one, wherein to avoid the government's quandary on how to collect its share from operations inside the economic zone, part of the conditions included will be a direct payment to the city of a 25 percent share from lease rentals.

According to him, what is important with the new BCDA leadership is receptive of the government's position for a middle ground to help improve economic activities inside the special economic zone for the additional job generation and improved sources of livelihood for the local residents.

Domogan said he was assured by BCDA that the State corporation will be ready with its position

within the next two months after the conclusion of the ongoing legal audit, so all parties will be aware of what positions to take once the matter will be again brought to their attention without sacrificing the position of the government on the pending case with the Supreme Court (SC).

He disclosed BCDA president Dizon shares his position that the share of the local government will be directly remitted to the local treasury office to avoid the involvement of too much bureaucracy in the disbursement and utilization of the funds.

He expressed optimism President Rodrigo Duterte will be able to complete the appointees in BCDA and its subsidiary, the John Hay Management Corporation (JHMC), so that the government can start addressing issues to maximize the development potentials of the special economic zone, saying the BCDA is on the right track of putting things in the right perspective. / By Dexter A. See#

The young athletes competed in 26 sporting disciplines including archery, arnis, athletics, badminton, baseball, basketball 3 on 3,

boxing, chess, cycling, dancesport, gymnastics, judo, karatedo, lawn tennis, pencak silat, rugby football, sepak takraw, softball, swimming,

table tennis, taekwondo, triathlon/duathlon, volleyball, weightlifting, wrestling and wushu. / Gaby Keith

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in the resolution.

Since the transport groups are the main contributors of carbon dioxide propelled by their vehicles, a mandatory tree planting and clean-up

drive must be undertaken before the renewal of franchise or license be issued to all transport operators as well as drivers.

The resolution was

initiated by senior citizen official for-a-day (SCOFAD) councilor Andrew Sagandoy during the SCOFAD session last Oct. 3, this year. /Jho Arranz#

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title of the newly minted One Lightweight World Championship kingpin. Folayang is now considered by sports journalists and Filipino spectators as the face of Philippines Mixed Martial Arts. This extraordinary and remarkable feat of Folayang and his coach Sangiao has once again placed the Philippines in the limelight and has brought honor and pride not only to their family but to the city of Baguio as a whole.

On the other hand, Wally, under the guidance of coach Candelaria made history as the first Filipina to win gold in the 8th World Wushu Championships held at Jakarta, Indonesia last year and she also won a gold medal in the 9th Asian Wushu Championship held in Taoyuan, Taiwan last Sept. 2 to 5 2016.

In the resolution, "Wally being the reigning Wushu Sanda world champion retained her title in the recently concluded 8th

Sanda World cup held at Xi'an City, Shaanxi Province, china on Nov. 4 to 16 this year";

"Wally, for leading the country to its best performance in the Wushu Tournament as a member of the Philippine Wushu Team, their feat brought pride and honor not only to their families but also to the country and the city of Baguio placing the city in the glare of publicity once again"./Jho Arranz#

City to respect court ruling on...

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project only after the petitioner posted a P2 million injunction bond.

Domogan pointed out there is a need for the concerned parties to respect the decision of the court because it is the essence of being in a democratic set up wherein the government is obliged to comply with the laws

enacted for the purpose.

He ordered the City Legal Office to finalize the position of the local government on the matter which will be submitted to the court for the appreciation of the judge and for the court to be enlightened on the real purpose of the conduct of the Christmas bazaar.

Domogan expressed disappointment that the supposed mode by the local government to help the organizers generate additional funds will not push through, saying that the city cannot just come out with appropriations for the purpose because it will already be too late./By Dexter A. See

Widening of alternate city roads pushed

BAGUIO CITY – The City government will embark on widening barangay roads that serve as alternate routes going inside and outside the city while working out funding of the construction of the outer circumferential road interconnecting the Baguio-La Trinidad-Itogon-Sablan-Tuba-Tublay (BLISTT) areas to effectively and efficiently address expected traffic congestion from future influx of visitors.

Because of the rapid growth in the number of motor vehicles flocking daily to the city proper, the need for motorists to cooperate with the strict implementation of no parking signages and the city's anti-obstruction

policy, as Mayor Mauricio G. Domogan admitted the local government can only implement minimal traffic intervention.

"We are aware that the government is inclined to implement major infrastructure projects that will significantly reduce the travel time from the lowlands to the city that is why we expect the influx of more visitors in the future, thus, the city must be ready to address the expected traffic jams that will happen," Domogan stressed.

He added included among the projects to be implemented next year is the widening of several of the city's barangay roads that serve as alternate routes going to and from

the central business district to be availed by motorists to avoid being caught in traffic in the city proper.

According to him the completion of the interior circumferential road has allowed varied routes going to and from the western part of the city in Irisan and its eastern part in Happy Hallow.

Domogan claimed the priority of the BLISTT Governing Council is for the completion of the outer circumferential road that will interconnect the city with the neighboring towns of Benguet to help boost the tourism industry of the different localities considering there are numerous scenic places which can be visited and

Health advisories on HIV/AIDS

BAGUIO CITY – Testing for Human Immunodeficiency Virus/Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (HIV/AIDS) is encouraged as said cases in the city and the country as a whole has increased.

This was disclosed in the Kapihan at the Department of Health (DOH) Training Center, Thursday last week, with health authorities including DOH Director III Dr. Amelita Pangilinan.

"HIV/AIDS is a chronic, sexually transmitted disease where the virus weakens the immune system, causing the body's inability to fight diseases."

There is no treatment nor cure for HIV/AIDS, it was stated in an advisory disseminated during the forum. Retroviral medications can only slow down the progression of the disease. Prevention includes having sexual relations within a mutually monogamous relationship with an uninfected partner; using condoms, and for those with medical needs,

use of clean needles.

HIV/AIDS is spread by having unprotected sex with an infected person, or with multiple sex partners. Having relations with persons having sexually transmitted diseases would increase the risk of infection, and sharing equipment used for injected illicit drugs. Babies born to an HIV/AIDS infected mother, risk having the disease, passed on during pregnancy, birth or breastfeeding.

Early symptomatic infection shows as fever, fatigue, swollen lymph nodes, diarrhea, weight loss, cough and shortness of breath. Flu-like illness, which occurs 3-6 weeks after acquiring infection in almost half of newly infected people includes fever, muscle soreness, rash, headache, sore throat, mouth or genital ulcers, swollen lymph glands mainly on the neck, joint pain, night sweats and diarrhea.

Baguio City Mayor

Mauricio Domogan in an earlier media forum himself said that each day, 28 individuals are infected with HIV/AIDS, with an infant orphaned every 12 seconds. Eighteen individuals have died of the virus in the city since 1992; with 93 HIV positive individuals: 73 males and 20 females. Most of the cases are transmitted through Men having sex with men (MSM).

The mayor again pointed out the importance of the ABCs of HIV/AIDS prevention: Abstinence, Be Faithful and use of Condoms. Early detection through testing has been added to the precautionary measures.

The city earlier joined the international AIDS day with the theme, "Hands up for HIV prevention," commemorating the death of 35M people with aids. HIV/AIDS infected persons are said to be 78M worldwide.

- juliegfianza#

Dengue cases down

BAGUIO CITY- The dreaded Dengue is on a downhill trail after months of being on the rise in the city and region.

This is the content of the disease surveillance report given during the Kapihan at the Department of Health training center last week.

There is however still a 3% regionwide increase as from January 1 to November 26, there were 10,431 suspected cases with 20 deaths, as compared to the same period in 2015, there were 10,123 suspected cases with 12 deaths.

A 62% decrease is

seen in Abra, with 1,005 cases in 2015 to 377 cases during the same period in 2016; Apayao has 974 previous cases, now 432, a 56% decrease; Baguio had 1,501 to 2,854, a 90% increase; Benguet with 1,949 to 4,176 cases, a 114% increase; Ifugao with 775 previous cases to 1,067, a 38% increase, Kalinga with 2,409 to 778, a 68% decrease; Mountain Province with 744, now 421 cases, a 43% decrease; Non-CAR cases are 766 to 326 cases, a 57% decrease.

There were also clustering of cases: Alem, Pudtol in Apayao; Bulanao and Bulanao Norte in Tabuk,

Kalinga; Balili and Pico in La Trinidad, Benguet; and Camp 7 in Baguio City.

Despite the marked decrease of cases reported, residents are still warned by health authorities to maintain and practice 4-S:

- Search and destroy mosquito breeding places,
- Seek immediate consultation if fever persists with bodily rashes,
- Self-protection measures such as wearing of long pants and long sleeved shirts, and,
- Say Yes to fogging if there is impending outbreak.

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is expected to improve the tourism industry in the areas.

Domogan emphasized the realization of the Metro Baguio growth development will be a major factor in helping improve the development of the surrounding municipalities of Benguet and for the BLISTT to have a comprehensive development plan that will guarantee better economic oppor-

tunities for prospective investors in the said areas in the future.

Part of the initiatives being undertaken by private higher education institutions located in the central business district is for the establishment of their respective campuses outside the city proper to help in expanding development opportunities to potential growth areas not only within the city

but also in the towns of La Trinidad, Itogon, Sablan, Tuba, and Tublay.

He expressed gratitude to the local officials of the neighboring towns for their support and initiatives to help in the realization of the BLISTT development concept that will result to improvement in their respective localities once implementation of the plan is in full swing./By Dexter A. See#

Agencies eye lower firecracker-related incidents this year

BAGUIO CITY – Health authorities in the region are eyeing substantial decrease in firecracker-related incidents this year compared to the recorded incidents last year with the full cooperation of the public.

Dra. Amelita Panglinan, assistant regional director of the Cordillera office of the Department of Health (DOH-CAR), said they are keeping their fingers crossed that the people were able to learn their lessons over the past several years relative to the use of firecrackers and pyrotechnic materials during the Yuletide revelry, thus, the firecracker-related incidents this year will likely decrease.

From December 21, 2015 to January 5, 2016 she noted there were 63 fireworks and firecracker-related incidents monitored in health facilities and other health-related facilities regionwide.

She added the recorded incidents were 10 percent lower than the 70 cases monitored for the same period the previous year. The highest decrease was in Mountain Province with only 1 case with an 84 percent reduction followed by Ifugao with 1 case and an 80 percent

drop in firecracker-related incidents.

However, Baguio City recorded 11 cases for the said period which was a 22 percent increase compared to the 9 cases during the similar reckoning period last year.

Of the 63 recorded firecracker-related injuries, Panglinan revealed there were 61 fireworks-related incidents and 2 cases with still unknown cases.

The DOH-CAR official said most of the injured individuals came from Abra with 25 cases accounting for 40 percent of the total incidents regionwide followed by Apayao with 14 cases, Baguio City with 11 cases, Benguet with 9 cases, Kalinga with 2 cases and Mountain Province and Ifugao with 1 case each.

According to her, all three provinces, except for Baguio and Benguet and Kalinga, had reported decreases in the number of fireworks and firecracker-related injuries monitored as compared to the similar period last year.

According to her, majority of the injured individuals belong to the age group 3 to 10 years old with 30 cases and the median age was 11 while the youngest victim was

3 and the oldest was 59.

Based on the report, 54 individuals representing 86 percent of the injuries were described as active users, 6 individuals or 10 percent were under the influence of alcohol. 56 of those injured representing 89 percent were males while 7 persons accounting for 11 percent were females.

She recommended that local governments must continue implementing the Oplan Iwas Paputok campaign in their areas of responsibility, local governments must prohibit the use of pyrotechnic and firecrackers in residential areas with corresponding punitive actions for persons caught exploding and those causing injury to others, everybody must step up efforts to encourage the participation of the public, parents and children to find alternative ways of celebrating the Yuletide season without adding risk to their health, most especially the children, all concerned must refrain from using children in their fireworks-related activities and for the DOH and other agencies to continue lobbying for the total sale and use of firecrackers. *By Dexter A. See*

Transport group operators and drivers urged to conduct tree planting & clean up drive

BAGUIO CITY - The city council recently approved Resolution Numbered 279 requesting all public utility transport operators and drivers to conduct a yearly tree planting and clean-up drive in the city of Baguio.

It is the city's thrust to have a clean and green Baguio being the Summer Capital of the Philippines, center of education and now the center of excellence for business in the Cordillera region.

"Baguio was a recipient

of the Hall of Fame in terms of Clean and Green programs which followed by other private institutions. On the other hand, the city has been published in the national circulations as among the most air polluted in the Philippines";

"Thus, to revert to the excellent record of the city of Baguio and to help our government's drive to climate change mitigation, the reduction of emitted carbon dioxide in our city, conduct of tree planting activities, and the re-greening of our mountain hills is an important endeavor," stated **Cont. on page 9**



HEROES WELCOME TO THE IGOROT WORLD CHAMPIONS - Baguio-based "One Championship 49: Defending Honor" lightweight champion Eduard "The Landslide Folleyang," winner in the competition held in Singapore last November 11 and 8th Sanda World Cup gold medalist Divine Masadao Wally held in Xian, China on November 04-06 receive a heroes welcome from mayor Mauricio Domogan who was wearing the Igorot g-string. Folleyang and Wally received a City Council Resolution honoring their feat for bringing pride and honor to their families, to the country and placing baguio in the glare of publicity. *By Bong Cayabyab*

City commends another two Baguio's pride in sports

BAGUIO CITY - Another two city's pride in sports, Eduard "The Landslide" Folleyang and Divine Masadao Wally were recognized Friday, Dec. 9 during the City Hall Employees' Week celebration.

City officials led by mayor Mauricio Domogan handed Resolution No. 291: commending Folleyang and his coach Marquez Sangiao for winning the one Lightweight Champion in the "One Championship 49: Defending Honor" held at the Singapore Indoor Stadium, Kallang, Singapore last November 11 and Resolution No.

268: commending Wally and her coach Tan Sui Tong "Tony" Candalaria for winning the gold medal in the "8th Sanda World Cup" in Xian, China last Nov. 4 to 6.

Folleyang, a mixed martial artist and Wushu practitioner is the reigning welterweight champion of the Universal Reality Combat Championship (URCC) and has won several international Wushu tournaments, including gold medals in the last two South East Asian games, a silver in the 2006 Doha Asian Games and bronze medals in both the 2005 World Wushu Championship

and the 2002 Busan Asian Games.

He fought in the main event for the "One Lightweight World Championship Title" under the guidance of coach Sangiao.

He survived dangerous positions in the first round but managed to put an end to the nine-fight winning streak of legendary Japanese fighter Shinya Aoki's via technical knockout in the third round and took home the lightweight belt.

Stated in the resolution, "his sensational victory and his hard training paid off and has earned him

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