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BAGUIO CITY AND BENGUET

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BIBAK lot clearing set January

BAGUIO CITY – The city government has scheduled the demolition of the illegal structures at the government-owned Benguet-Ifugao-Bontoc-Apayao-Kalinga (BIBAK) lot along Harrison Road this January.

Mayor Mauricio Domogan last Tuesday met with representatives from the city legal office, city buildings and architecture office, Dept. of Environment and Natural Resources Cordillera (DENR-CAR) and the National Commission on Indigenous People (NCIP) to map out plans and prepare the logistics for the clearing operation.

The mayor said a representative of the Philippine Commission on Urban Poor (PCUP) also joined the meeting.

The mayor said the city is also **Cont. on page 6**



BIBAK DEMOLITION - Mayor Mauricio Domogan meets with representatives from the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, National Commission on Indigenous Peoples and other stake holders to proceed with the demolition of illegal structures within the BIBAK compound on January next year. The stake holders of the property approved the creation of a Technical Working Committee for a Master Development Plan for the construction of a regional center in the area during the meeting./By Bong Cayabyab

Sa wakas at tinagal-tagal, madedemolish na rin ang mga professional quatters sa BIBAK!!

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• Marcos sa wakas na sa Libingan ng mga Bayani!!!
• Kerwin Espinosa idadawit mga kalaban ni Digong!!!
BY: NESTOR CASTRO



EL MAESTRO SPEAKS

Thank you, Teacher

BY: CLYDE B. SACPA



Patient losing eyesight; another faces vein clogging

A life-time of hemodialysis continues to financially squeeze patients and their families dry, leading them and their distraught kin to hurling unanswered questions to the sky.

At their wits' end over how to check complications from their common affliction, two patients and their relatives last week requested publication of their plight, praying readers would respond to their appeal for help.

For Samaritans wanting to flesh out the spirit of sharing as the radio begins spinning the carols of the upcoming season, two patients are just a call away: Guigeon Falingchan Tumungeb, 39 and going blind, and Marcelino Salvador, 53 and whose arm veins needed for dialysis are being obstructed and in danger of being totally occluded and useless.

Tumungeb, a native of Tocucan, Bontoc, Mt. Province and father of two, was told he would need about P20,000 to remove a cataract that has dimmed his vision for sometime now.

"We have nowhere to go for help, having exhausted

the kindness of friends and kin over the years that my husband could not work because of his ailment," Guigeon's wife Vanessa, 40, said.

Over the years, Vanessa had knocked on the doors of government officials and agencies in Northern Luzon for help. Such sacrifice enabled her husband to survive since his ailment was diagnosed in 2007.

Like many other such cases, Guigeon, unable to accept his illness, delayed undergoing dialysis which, his wife remembered, started in 2012.

"He will have completed five years of surviving on dialysis this coming January," Vanessa said as if it would be a joyous anniversary of sorts.

They have gone this far in a continuing struggle to keep the family whole.

Vanessa said Guigeon needs to have his sight saved so he can continue seeing his children - Shydel, 17, and Eduard Shem, 15 - grow.

Over in La Trinidad, Benguet, Marcelino's wife Martina, is also at a loss on how to raise P20,000 for an operation to save his arm veins which are in danger of being occluded,

threatening disuse of the "fistula" that was created on the arm to allow the cleansing of the patient's blood through dialysis.

Closure of the veins now threatened by clogging would mean another operation to create another fistula to enable the patient to continue dialysis.

Salvador, father of three sons and a daughter, has been on dialysis since April last year after he was diagnosed for Stage 5 kidney failure.

"The family's only source of income is from the daily wage of Martina as a farm laborer in Buguias, Benguet," noted social worker Melanie Sahoy of La Benguet.

Marcelino, a carpenter sidelined by his illness, traces his roots to Tadian, Mt. Province and Kibungan, Benguet, while his wife is a native of Bekes, Taneg, Mankayan, Benguet.

People who want to reach out to Tumungeb may ring up cellphone number 09099692481 while those who can extend support to Marcelino can call up his wife's cellphone number 09292957111./Ramon Dacawi

Mayor orders closure of bars violating rules

BAGUIO CITY - Mayor Mauricio Domogan last week ordered the closure of restaurant-bars operating without complying with the regulations and

requirements.

In a memorandum, the mayor directed the city licensing division to issue notices to close operation to bars located along Upper General

Luna Road that were found violating requirements on sound-proofing and general rules on sanitation and safety.

Licensing officer II and officer-in-charge Janet

Aguirre said they served the notices and were prepared to close the establishments that still failed to comply last Friday.

The licensing team along with representatives

Erring contractors face fine, imprisonment

BAGUIO CITY - November 15 - The City Government will impose stiffer penalties against contractors who continue to willfully violate the provisions of an ordinance prohibiting the use of job mix and temporary cement batching plants along all national, local and barangay roads in the city.

Section 3 of Ordinance No. 41, series of 2015 that amended Section 3 of Ordinance No. 02, series of 2012 which prohibits the conduct of job mix along major local and barangay roads in the city provides that any person, natural or juridical, found violating the local legislative measure shall be fined P5,000 and immediate revocation of license to operate in case of companies or establishments doing construction works. For individuals, they shall

also be penalized with the maximum imprisonment of 30 days at the discretion of the court.

Originally, Section 3 of Ordinance No. 02, series of 2012 provides that any person found violating the ordinance shall pay a fine of P1,000 for the first offense; P3,000 for the second offense and P5,000 for the third offense or revocation of license to operate in case of companies or establishments doing construction activities in the city.

The local legislative body noted numerous reports of gross violations of Ordinance No. 02, series of 2012 by individuals acting on behalf of construction companies or establishments doing civil construction works along the roads of the city that have greatly contributed to the traffic congestions because erring contractors have used major

portions of the roads for their job mix activities.

Further, the local legislators claimed the conduct of job mix in project sites also contribute to the poor air quality in the different parts of the city because of the unregulated dust particles that emanate from the mixture of construction aggregates being manually done.

The passage of the amendatory ordinance was seen by the members of the local legislative body as the ultimate solution to compel contractors to shift to acceptable construction practices that ensure quality work instead of allegedly compromising the quality of their works by using improper job mix and stiffer penalties should be imposed against erring contractors to end such illegal practice.

Aside from being penalized under the

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from the Baguio City Police Office Station 3 and barangay officials from Upper General Luna and Salud Mitra inspected the establishments last month after residents complained of noise and nuisance from the said restobars.

The team gauged the noise coming from the bars from a certain distance and observed the operation of the bars as how the noise is created and managed.

They found that most of the establishments did not comply with the mayor's instructions to install sound-proofing devices.

They observed that some bars accommodate clients in their terraces causing noise due to loud voices, laughter and even yelling. Noise also emanated from doors and windows of the bars which

they keep open due to lack of ventilation and air conditioning and from customers who mingle near their vehicles.

Other violations noted were the lack of separate comfort rooms for men

and women, fire escape and fire extinguishers, proper garbage storage and parking space which results to traffic congestion and even littering in the area./Aileen P. Refuerzo

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Mayor warns against reverse discrimination of IPs

BAGUIO CITY – Mayor Mauricio G. Domogan warned the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP) and the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) to address the various issues surrounding the selection of the Indigenous Peoples Mandatory Representative (IPMR) to the local legislative body to prevent alleged reverse discrimination.

The local chief executive said the NCIP and DILG must immediately clarify the issues raised on the selection and appointment of IPMR in localities that are dominated by IPs with the others serving as the minorities in the said places.

He claimed there will come a time that the minorities in the areas dominated by IPs will claim that they are now the ones who are experiencing reverse discrimination if the concerned local governments will continue to allow the IPMR to occupy a seat in their local legislative

body where there are more IP legislators.

“We have to make sure on the availability and clarity of the rules governing the selection and appointment of IPMR in localities that are dominated by IPs to avoid suspicion from

the minorities that there is reverse discrimination. We do not object to the appointment of the IPMR but it must pass through the appropriate process which is transparent and clear among those involved.”

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BLISTT told to align events with flower festival

BAGUIO CITY – Local officials and organizers of the Baguio Flower Festival, otherwise known as Panagbenga, urged the municipal officials of the neighboring towns of Benguet to align their crowd-drawing events with the month-long flower festival to benefit from the presence of tourists to the city.

Mayor Mauricio G. Domogan said the proposal for La Trinidad, Itogon, Sablan, Tuba, and Tublay to schedule their major events in the days where there are no Panagbenga activities had been made to the officials several years ago but there had not been a concerted response by the concerned local governments.

The neighboring localities can benefit from the influx of tourists to the city during the Panagbenga season once they schedule their own events on the days where there are no flower festival activities.

“Delegations from the neighboring towns of Benguet and other parts of the Cordillera are welcome to actively participate in the events of the Panagbenga to sustain our efforts to increase the participation of the public to the major events of our flower festival. We want more participation from the public and private sectors to continue to draw the interest of local residents and visitors,” Domogan stressed.

The Panagbenga is usually held from February to the first week of March every year. Local officials of La Trinidad, Itogon, Sablan, Tuba, and Tublay could then schedule their own crowd-drawing events within this period interspersed with Panagbenga activities to generate the interest of foreign and domestic tourists to move around the BLISTT area.

La Trinidad is known for its scenic strawberry and flower farms while Tuba and Itogon are known for their hot springs and trekking destinations.

On the other hand, Sablan is known for its scenic waterfalls and fruit plantations while Tublay is now for its various caves and other resorts worthy of being visited.

Domogan remains optimistic that officials of these municipalities will consider the long-standing proposal as this can sustain the growth of the local tourism industry and contribute in spurring economic development of the BLISTT communities.

Anthony de Leon, co-chairman of the Panagbenga executive


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Field of dreams? Or nightmares?

MY eldest apo, Rene III, turned eight last Monday; the nuke family met then in a field of dreams where he played relaxed beginners' baseball. First time, he hit a single and scored a run, and the next, an extra-inning blast. (I chatted briefly with Kana-Haponesa-Pinay Akiko Thomson, who won four medals in the 1991 SEA Games, where we got 91 golds, I said. One less than Indonesia's haul, she added.)

I played softball in my youth in the rice fields of Pasig, and at San Beda, in my AB years, we became intrams softball champs. Tres was saddened when the Cubs lost to the Indians in the last World Series. His Lola Dulce became a citizen of the Red Sox Nation. I have been a Yankee fan all my life.

Baseball we excelled in when I was young but basketball eclipsed it. Once competitive, in my youth, we no longer are, seduced by basketball, for which we are not built, while Japan has many besoboru major leaguers in the US. Not only in baseball have we lost our way. Why the talk now of suspending the Great Writ of habeas corpus? Even martial law! Susmariano! Has the new order been an abject failure?

And why do Digong and Bato not read the law, including PD 46 of their idol, Macoy, criminalizing receiving gifts? Bato does not seem to know or care that challenging to duels and instigating arson are also crimes.

Digong would pardon him anyway. Soon, litigants will be showering judges with gifts, at Christmastime and B-days and other anniversaries.(?) Bato is being singled out because he bragged about the illegal and unethical gifts. Madaldal.

EDITORIAL

Imee caused the end of Archimedes Trajano in 1977. Imelda occasioned the death of 169 workers in the Film Palace in 1981. Bongbong had a hand in secreting dollars, per Raissa Robles.

Imee, for whatever sins Manongs Eddie and Johnny committed during the dark years, the people forgave them on February 25, 1986 when they kicked your family out, to world acclaim. You headed the Kabataang Barangay in 1977, when, irritated at Mapua by Trajano for asking a "foolish" question, you indicated your displeasure and your sikyus took him out literally, and he was found hours later, gone to a better world.

Which reminds me to say, 'bye, Ronnie Nathanielzs, my friend, also gone to a better world (like my very able assistant, Jun Salonga, the other night, at 65). Thanks for letting Ninoy Aquino talk in Face the Nation on March 10, 1978. Makamandag at may asim pa talaga, as he, razzle-dazzled, on radio-TV, in that historic interview you hosted—with Teddy Owen and Pocholo Romualdez as co-panelists—that for me would never be beyond easy recall. And Ronnie, you did not exploit your closeness to the Marcoses to enrich yourself.

Truth be told, I would not know if I could call Ronnie a friend. We hardly met. The last time I saw the decent fellow was when decades ago, we both were driving in Sucat in Parañaque and our paths crossed; we waved to each other amiably. His vehicle was not fancy and neither was mine; when I first drove it to enter Malacanang, the guards scratched their heads wondering whether to let me in: a Cabinet member driving by himself a Ford Cortina which was more masilla than green? Mgamaralitangtaga-lungsod, ha, ha. (The other evening, my ageing vehicle made tirik at EDSA. Again, cabs.)

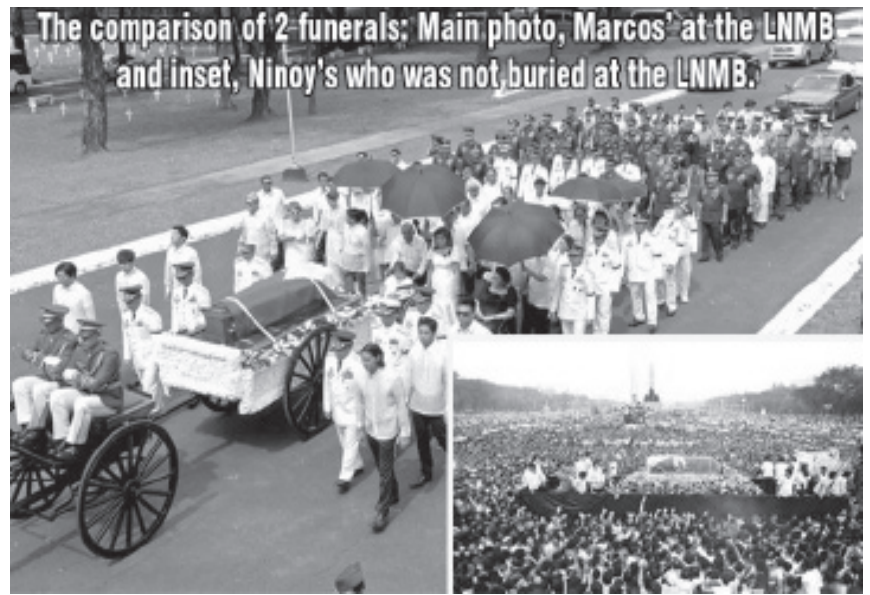
The Marcoses Ronnie served, solemnly agreed with FVR in 1993, to bury Macoy immediately, in the Ilocos where he is adored. They reneged so that when one shakes hands with Imelda, Imee and Bongbong, he should count his fingers afterwards. Imee, FVR was unlike that other general, who, if told by your Pa to jump to his conclusion, would simply ask, "from what floor, Sir?"

I doubt that Macoy would be moved to the LMB within the year. If at all, the Supreme Court should wait for the human rights victims to be paid, from the billions it ordered the kleptocrats to return on July 15, 2003. Lesson for the youth otherwise is, when you steal, you steal big, so that you can run for high government posts.

A Macoy fan, PrezDigong, now, yes, talks of suspending the privilege of the Great Writ. Just an idea, it is said, but rhetoric has a powerful effect on human conduct. Does he admit by implication that his first five months have arguably been a disaster: state of lawlessness, chaotic traffic worse than ever (which he ignores as he is often in Davao or out of the country), EJKs, 49 to 1 peso to the dollar, rudeness towards many people, including Veep Leni, putting on line the Bataan nuke plant, suspending the Great Writ, investors getting ants, the wrong-sulong flip-flopping, e.g., firearms from the US, what to do with the Pinoy TNTs—deportables-deplorableness should they have to come home—thanks to racist PrezTrumpKangkarot, etc.? So ML?

No visa for the Chinese? Are we ready for their TNTs' influx? My late wife would tell me that when she and her shop-till-you-drop sisters would be in Divisoria, they conducted business via calculators; the sellers knew no Tagalog but did good business with our buyers who believe that when-the-going-gets-tough-the-tough-go-shopping.

Change has indeed come. But, in what direction? Again, transforma-



KAKAMPI MO ANG BATAS

Morales violated Ombudsman law

BY: ATTY. BATAS MAURICIO



LIFE'S INSPIRATIONS: "... It is time for you to act LORD, your law is being broken..." (Proverbs 119:126, the Holy Bible).

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PIMENTEL BLASTS OMBUDSMAN ON SENATOR'S OUSTER: Senate President Aquilino Pimentel III on Tuesday, November 15, 2016, joined critics in lambasting Ombudsman Conchita Carpio Morales over her decision to oust Sen. Joel Villanueva, saying neither Morales nor the Office of the Ombudsman have any disciplinary power over an incumbent member of Congress.

In an interview with the program "Tambalang Batas at Somintac" which airs Mondays-to-Fridays at Radyo Agila's DZEC 1062 kHz and its sister stations nationwide and worldwide through Facebook Live, Pimentel clarified that this is because the Ombudsman Act of 1989, in its Section 21, provides that the Ombudsman is not the disciplining authority over members of Congress.

Pimentel told me and my co-host and partner, DZEC Malacanang reporter Ludovico Somintac, that he will allow Morales to correct her error since Villanueva, a first term senator who run and was elected under the Liberal Party of President Aquino, managed to already file a motion for Morales to reconsider her order against him.

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MORALES VIOLATED THE OMBUDSMAN LAW: The question that presents itself for resolution here is, did not Morales know that, under the very law that created the Office of

the Ombudsman, she has no power to suspend or remove any congressman or senator of the Republic?

I am sure that with her vast experience in the judiciary, which was capped by her stint at the Supreme Court, she knew, or ought to have known, the extent as well as the limits of her power as an Ombudsman. I am sure that she knows, or ought to have known, what Section 21 of the Ombudsman Act of 1989 is saying, so that there was no justification for her violating what is contained therein.

For those who have not read Section 21 yet, here is what it provides: "The Office of the Ombudsman shall have disciplinary authority over all elective and appointive officials of the government and its subdivisions, instrumentalities and agencies, including Members of the Cabinet, local government, government-owned or controlled corporations and their subsidiaries, except over officials who may be removed only by impeachment or over Members of Congress, and the Judiciary."

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WHY DID MORALES INSIST ON OUSTING SENATOR? And that is not all there is to it. Morales should also know, or ought to have known, that she could not suspend or dismiss any official who was re-elected in his or her previous position, or elected in another position, when the acts that are being attributed to that official were committed prior to November 10, 2015, since this was the decision of the Supreme Court in a case that questioned her **Cont. on page 6**

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PALSIIT

Kasano ti Agiyebkas ti Daniw?

BY: LEONARDO R. AGUNOY

MASANSAN a kastoy ti masaludsod kadagiti Mummong dagiti mangipatpateg iti Literatura Ilokana, nangruna no kasano ti napintas a panagiyebkas iti putar a daniw a maipatangatang iti radio karaman iti entablado: kasano ti agiyebkas ti daniw? Uray 'toy numo ti biang, nabayag a tawen a nagsursuratak kadagiti daniw a maipatangatang iti radio. Uray pay kadagiti ummong dagiti kakabsat a mannurat iti Iloko. Kawaw ti sungbat dayta a saludsod: kasano ti agiyebkas ti daniw? No kasano ti panagputar ti daniw, adu met ti maibingbinglay a lecture (agpilika ti tipo ti suratem a daniw). Iti kaadda 'toy numo ti biang iti salinong ti GUMIL – Gunglo dagiti Mannurat nga Ilokano, naim-imatangak dagiti imprompto a panagdaniw. Maysa ditang daydi Apo Guillermo I. Concepcion ti Sinait, Ilocos Sur, umuna a publisher ti VIGAN Chronicle. Ket, makaay-ayo man a deng-denggen/im-imatangan ti panagal-allangogan dagiti nalimbong a balikas. Iti panagdaniw ni Apo Concepcion iti tallaong, kasla naimatangak metten iti imprompto a panagdaniw daydi Dr. Godofredo S. Reyes a maaw-awagan a Laureado a Mannaniw iti Kailokuan. Dayta met ti paggaammo 'toy numo ti biang a naipakadawyanen a panagiyebkas ti daniw iti tallaong man wenno babaen iti radio. Dagiti agkakarima a balikas ti masansan man a mangbukbukel iti kasta a daniw a pang-radio kas mangmangngengan. Daniw-parparaangan. Nalalag-an a balikas ti maaramat. Ken gapu ta agkakaaweng, inyayug lattan ti pannakaiyebkasna. Dayta a naynay a wagas ti panagiyebkas ti daniw, pinagbalinko met idi a kas bagnos tunggal agsuratak ti daniw a naisangrat a maibasa kadagiti literary program iti radio. Quatrain ti kadawyan a sukog ti isursurat 'toy numo ti biang a daniw idi. Nabayagen a naisardengko ti agsurat iti radio ta impangrunak ti agsursurat iti pagiwarnak. Mairuangan man ita kaniak daydi saludsod nga awanan ti masnop a sungbatna: kasano ti agiyebkas ti daniw? Ta uray pay daniw-parparaangan wenno sarindaniw ti kangrunaan a maipatpatangatang iti radio, adda latta met daniw a kayat nga ibinglay dagiti mannaniw a saan a nagameran iti rima (rhyme) ti daniwda. Adda met daytay agibinglay ti daniwda nga adda bassit naun-uneg ti mensahena a nagtagilanga a balikas (figures of speech). Wen dagitay addaan iti metapora a daniw. Awan ti masnop a rima dagitoy ken maysa pay, awanan iti rukod/sukog a kas koma ti daniw-parparaangan wenno sarindaniw a quatrain wenno ani man. Wen, adda latta daniw nga addaan iti metapora a naisabsabali ti pannakaisuratna a kas koma ti free verse. Kasano ngarud nga iyebkasmo dayta a daniw a kas koma dagiti adda rimana?

Awan pay ti mannurat wenno literary critic iti daniw-Iloko a nakaibaga no aniada ti pagalagadan ti panagiyebkas ti daniw. Mabalin a kasta nga agpayso ta uray pay dagiti mapagtamdan a mannurat nga Ilokano a nakipagpaset iti maysa a serye ti Radio Balintataw iti DZRH nga imatmatonan ni Apo Cecile Guidote-Alvarez, nadumaduma met ti tonadoda. Uray pay dagiti mannaniw a Filipino a nakipagpaset, adda met bukodda a wagas ti panagiyebkas.

'Toy numo ti biang, adda met essemko a makasursuro no kasano ti umno wenno kasasayaatan a panagiyebkas ti daniw. Tapno ad-adda pay a dumur-as ti panagiyebkas ti daniw. No maikkantayo amin iti gundaway a makasursuro nga agiyebkas ti daniw, ditayonto masdaawen no addanto metten mai-re-

MAGKASANGGA TAYO

- Marcos sa wakas na sa Libingan ng mga Bayani!!!
- Kerwin Espinosa idadawit mga kalaban ni Digong!!!



BY: NESTOR "PAKEN" CASTRO

Marcos sa wakas na sa Libingan ng mga Bayani - Move On, Move On na kasi dapat ang mga kukokontra sa pag libing kay dating the greatest President Ferdinand Marcos Jr., Apo Lakay. Kung si Kristo ay naka pag patawad tayo pa na mga simpleng nilalalang lamang ay hindi maka pag patawad, bakit? Bagamat ako ay natutuwa at ang korte suprema ay kinatigan ang pamilya Marcos at pinayagan sa wakas na ma ilibing si mahal na Apo Lakay. Ang nakapag tataka ay kung bakit nagagalit ang mga kontra dito sa simpleng dahilan na hindi lamang inanunsyo na ililibing na siya, bakit kaya? Mayroon kaya silang plano na mag attend ng libing at kaya masama ang kanilang loob sa hindi pag anunsyo ay sapagkat hindi sila naka pag attend? At least sa mga nangyari nitong mga nakaraang araw ay once and for natapos na rin ang isang kontrobersiyal na issue. Ka ya ang aking huling payo sa aking mga dear readers na kontra sa libing sa libingan ng mga nayani ay MOVE ON NA, MOVE ON NA. Nalpas!!!

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Kerwin Espinosa idadawit mga kalaban ni Digong - Nakow, itong si Kerwin Espinosa ay malapit nang mag bigay ng kanyang mala pang Famas at Oscar awards na matinding dramatics. Tunay na maka aasa tayo na makakarining tayo ng mga first timer na mga pangalan na idadawit sa mga expose na yan. Ang ma sisiguro ko sa inyo mga dear readers ay ang mga first timers nay an ay puros mga kumontra kay PDU30 at siguradong walang kahit na isang supporter ni PDU30 ang ma sasama sa mga expose na yan. Get Back Time Na Mga Dear Readers, kaya abangan ang mga katawa tawang mala pang famas at pang Oscar awards ni Kewin Espinosa. Hi! Hi! Hi! At malamang na kapag nagawa na ni Kerwin ang kanyang dapat gampanan na starring role ay siya naman ang titigokin ngunit sa isang pamamaraan na hindi gaanong halata at hindi kasing brutal at garapal ng sinapit ng kanyang ama.

cord nga album dagiti maiyebkas a daniw a kas dagiti canta!

Adda programa idi a proyekto ti GUMIL Ilocos Norte iti radio babaen iti panangidaulo daydi Apo Jaime P. Lucas, a pakaitampokan dagiti kayatna ti agiyebkas ti daniwna iti tangatang. Daydi Apo Jorge S. Ramos, mannurat ti Bannawag ken kameng ti Philippine Information Agency ti program host ti SANIATA TI KAILOKUAN iti BBC-DWLW iti Laoag City.

Saludo 'toy numo ti biang, ti inrusat ti Bombo Radyo DZVV ti Vigan City iti Ilocos Sur, iti panna-kaipaay iti gundaway dagiti mannaniw a mangiyebkas kadagiti daniwda iti Bombo Harana. Naiyalnag dayta a panagiyebkas ti daniw dagiti mannaniw idi Septiembre 4, 2016, Domingo manipud iti 6:30 – 8:00 babaen iti panangtimon ni Bombo Fernando Berina, Jr. Ket, anian a makaparegta iti panagdengngeg iti panangiyebkas a mismo (phone putch) da Apo Eliseo B. Contillo, Joe Salcedo Somera ken Cherry Hazel Yagin Reyes. Agpapadada a mannurat iti Bannawag!

Segun iti text message ni Apo Joe Salcedo Somera itoy numo ti biang, adu ti main-inaw a pagdur-asan pay ti sagudayen ti Bombo Harana. Saantayo masdaaw, kakabsat, no addanto payen ti mangngangantayo a Dallot, Zarzuela, Bukanegang.

Ala, naimpusuan a panangsaludo kadakayo amin nga adda iti likudan ti Bombo Harana!#

EL MAESTRO SPEAKS

Thank you Teacher

BY: CLYDE B. SACPA

"Our teacher sucks! She wouldn't let us play inside the classroom."

"Our teacher is worse than Hitler. Our teacher is a robot."

"Our teacher is so ugly, she looks like a monkey talking in front."

"I hate our teacher because she is giving us a lot of homework."

"Our teacher is 'maarte' she wants us to speak in English at all times in her class."

"My teacher is not good he failed me in his class I don't like him." (Though the reality is that the student did not complete any requirements given by the teacher.)

"I will never forgive my teacher for punishing me when I locked my classmate in the C.R."

Most of the students will have something bad to say to his/her teacher. Even us when we were young we had said a thing or two that is not good to our teachers.

What we often forget is that teachers are humans too. They are prone to mistakes like us. They deserve forgiveness as you do. They deserve second chance like what you have. Like most of us, they have baggage yet they try hard to give what they have to the students so that they may become better than them.

Some teachers may have not been up to the challenge of being a teacher but a lot of them has dedicated their whole life to the job. A lot of them are not getting the credit they deserve. Why not start the change now and the next time you meet a teacher say thank you. Thank your teacher they're the reason you can read this.

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Domogan stressed. He pointed out the rules should have been properly laid down and that there should have been the necessary request to the local government to allocate the funds for the salaries and benefits of the IPMR and her or his staff as well as the identification of the office and the funding for the operation of the said office that will be established.

According to him, the NCIP and the DILG should first address the issues raised by the various representatives of IP organizations who were deprived of representations during the selection and appointment of the IPMR of the city before issuing the duly selected IPMR the certificate of affirmation and other pertinent documents for her or him to assume office.

Copies of the protest letter of representatives from the Ivadoys, Kalanguyas and Kankanaeys have been furnished the offices of Mayor Domogan, Vice Mayor Edison Bilog, the NCIP and the DILG for their appropriate action on their concerns related to the controversial selection and appointment of the city's IPMR.

An ordinance providing for the rules and regulations for the selection and appointment of the Indigenous Peoples Mandatory Representative (IPMR) is still pending approval by the local legislative body when the selection and appointment of the IPMR done be a lone tribe was undertaken last November 4, 2016.

Domogan suggested it is still best for the concerned government agencies to resolve the rift created by the sudden selection and appointment of the city's IPMR before allowing whoever is selected to sit as the city's IPMR to the local legislative body representing the indigenous peoples in the city./By Dexter A. See

Republic of the
Philippines
REGIONAL TRIAL
COURT
FIRST JUDICIAL
REGION
BRANCH 63
La Trinidad,
Benguet

IN THE MATTER
OF PETITION FOR
CORRECTION
OF ENTRIES IN
THE RECORD OF
MARRIAGE OF
HEREIN PETI-
TIONER WITH
THE LOCAL CIVIL
REGISTRAR
OF TUBLAY,
BENGUET.

MILDRED ABANCE
MARCELINO,
Petitioner.

-versus-
THE MUNICIPAL
CIVIL REGISTRAR
OF TUBLAY,
BENGUET AND
THE PHILIP-
PINE STATISTICS
AUTHORITY (PSA),
QUEZON CITY
Respondents.

Spec. Proc. Case No.
16-C-1882
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NOTICE OF INITIAL HEARING

Petitioner, through
counsel, filed a verifi-
cation petition in this
Court for Correction of
Entries in the Record of
Marriage of herein Peti-
tioner with the Local
Civil Registrar of Tublay,
Benguet, under Rule 108
of the Rules of Court
alleging in essence, thus:

PETITION
WITH ALL DUE
RESPECT TO THE
HONORABLE COURT.

PETITIONER, by
counsel, and to this
Honorable Court, most
respectfully states that:

1. Petitioner is of legal
age, married, Filipino
citizen and with residence
and postal address at DB
077 Ma-e, Bahong, La
Trinidad, Benguet where
she may be served with
notices and other court
processes;

2. Respondents Local
Civil Registry of Tublay,
Benguet is a government

agency in charge with
the registration of births,
marriages etc. and can be
served with summons at
the Municipal Hall of
Tublay, Benguet, while
respondent Philippine
Statistics Authority is also
a government agency and
it is being impleaded as
a nominal party being
the repository of records
of birth and it can be
served with summons
at its office address at
4/F TAM Building, PSA
Compound, East Avenue,
Quezon City;

3. Petitioner was born
on February 4, 1974
at KM 12, Shilan, La
Trinidad, Benguet and
her facts of birth were
duly registered before
the Local Civil Registrar of
Tublay, Benguet. Attached
herein is a machine copy
of the Certificate of Live
Birth marked as Annex
"A" and made integral part
hereof;

4. Petitioner contract-
ed marriage on October
9, 1989 at Tublay,
Benguet, Philippines.
However, in her Certifi-
cate of Marriage, peti-
tioner's date of birth was
indicated as "February 4,
1971" instead of February
4, 1974. Attached herein is
a copy of the Certificate
of Marriage of petitioner
to one Victor Marcelino
marked as Annex "B";

5. To avoid further
confusion and further
errors. Petitioner decided
to file this Petition to
correct the clerical error
stated in her Certificate
of Marriage. Further, in
all the records of peti-
tioner, besides from
her Certificate of Live
Birth, she has been using
February 4, 1974 as her
birth date. Attached
herein are the National
Bureau of Investigation
Clearance marked as
Annex "C" and Taxpay-
er's Identification Card
marked as Annex "D" and
made integral part of this
Complaint.

PRAYER
WHEREFORE, in
view of the foregoing,
it is respectfully prayed
of this Honorable Court
that after due notice,
publication and hearing,
an ORDER be issued
directing the respon-
dents to correct peti-
tioner's date of birth in her
Certificate of Marriage
from February 4, 1971 to
February 4, 1974.

There is a need to
correct the aforemen-
tioned errors to set
straight the records of
petitioner and to avoid
any confusion or misiden-

tification on her part.

Petitioner prays for
such other reliefs just
and equitable under the
premises.

Respectfully Submitted
this 12th day of October
2016 at La Trinidad,
Benguet, Philippines.

PUBLIC ATTORNEY'S
OFFICE
Department of Justice
La Trinidad District
Office Benguet

by:
ATTY. MAYCHELLE S.
ABLOG
Public Attorney II
Roll No. 63359, May 7,
2014

IBP NO. 1003889;
January 14, 2016
MCLE Compliance No.
V-0002707

Noted by:
ATTY. JUNIA
ANTONINA SAYOG
OIC-District Public
Attorney
La Trinidad District
Office

WHEREFORE, finding
the petition to be sufficient
in form and substance, let
the initial hearing be set
on MARCH 2, 2017 at 8:30
o'clock in the morning,
at the Session Hall of this
Court, Justice Hall La
Trinidad, Benguet, and
all persons interested may
appear and show cause,
if any, why the petition
should not be granted.

Let the NOTICE OF
INITIAL HEARING be
published at the expense
of the petitioner in THE-
JUNCTION, a newspaper
of general circulation in
Baguio City and Benguet,
once a week, for three
(3) consecutive weeks,
the first publication to be
made not later than
November 13, 2016.

Furnish copy hereof
together with a copy
of the petition and its
annexes to the Office of
the Solicitor General,
the Provincial Prosecu-
tor of Benguet, the Local
Civil Registrar of Tublay,
Benguet, the Philip-
pine Statistics Authority
(PSA) Quezon City, The
Junction, petitioner and
her counsel.

La Trinidad, Benguet,
Philippines, this 10th day
of NOVEMBER 2016 at
La Trinidad, Benguet,
Philippines.

(SGD) ATTY.
MARIANITA J.
CAOILE-GAYAMAN
Branch Clerk of Court

Publication Dates:
November 12, 19 and 26
2016

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION OF AN EXTRA-JUDICIAL ADJUDICATION OF MOTOR VEHICLE, INCLUDING CPC/FRANCHISE

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of the late NESTOR ANASTACIO AYUNON, who died on 16 APRIL 2013, at BULBU-LALA, LA PAZ, ABRA, Philippines, consisting of a Motor Vehicle, which motor vehicle is more particularly described as an ISUZU JEEPNEY bearing Plate No. AYS-817, including its Certificate of Public Convenience (CPC) / Franchise granted under LTRFB Case. No. 2003-CAR-53, has been the subject of an EXTRA-JUDICIAL ADJUDICATION OF MOTOR VEHICLE, INCLUDING CPC/FRANCHISE dated 04 NOVEMBER 2015, executed by his MOTHER and compulsory legal heir, JESSIE ANASTACIO AYUNON, which instrument was duly entered as Doc. No. 18822; Page No. 71; Book No. 38; Series of 2015, of the National Registry of atty. ELPIDIO C. SIAGAN, a Notary Public for and in the Province of ABRA, Philippines.

November 5, 12 and 19, 2016

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH SIMULTANEOUS WAIVER OF RIGHTS

NOTICE is hereby given that the intestate estate of the late MATHEW JR. P. SUCDAD, who died on 31 JULY 2007, in JF-80 CENTRAL, PICO, LA TRINIDAD, BENGUET, consisting of "a MOTOR VEHICLE, which motor vehicle is more particularly described as ISUZU ELF JIT-NEY, with Plate No. CHC 262" has been the subject of an EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH SIMULTANEOUS WAIVER OF RIGHTS as per Document No. 371; Page No. 75; Book No. XLII; Series of 2016 of the National Registry of Atty. JUN FRED V. PARADO, of Baguio City.

November 5, 12 and 19, 2016

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willing to help the would-be evictees by determining an appropriate relocation site for them.

"If we can find a relocation site for them, we will see what we can do to also help them," the mayor.

He said the PCUP representative informed that they are finalizing plan for a possible relocation site at La Trinidad, Benguet for the occupants.

The Regional Trial Court (RTC) Branch V last Oct. 28 declared as valid the demolition order issued by the city government and dismissed the two cases filed by the lot occupants aimed at stopping the city government from implementing Demolition Order No. 24 series of 2015.

The same court last Oct. 22 denied for the second time the petitioners' motions for the issuance of a temporary restraining order to hold the demolition.

On Sept. 9, the court first denied the motion citing earlier rulings that the claimants have no right over the lot and thus over the structures they built on the area because they do not own the lot and their buildings were not authorized by the owner of the lot.

City legal officer Melchor Carlos Rabanes earlier told city department head that there is no more legal impediment for the city to pursue the demolition of structures on said lots despite questions from the PCUP.

The city has been seeking to rid the site of the occupants who the city said do not possess building permits and who are not members of the urban poor and are using their structures for business purposes without care for sanitation and order.

The demolition was also supported by the Regional Development Council-Cordillera Administrative Region (RDC-CAR) and the DENR-CAR which said the "petitioners' occupation has no legal basis and neither can they qualify as beneficiaries under

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dismissal of then Makati City Mayor Junjun Binay.

Now, Morales must explain why she dared contravene the law which says she could not suspend or dismiss any member of Congress, and the Supreme Court decision in the case of Junjun Binay which said any official who is being sued for acts prior to November 10, 2015 could not be suspended or dismissed once he is re-elected, because he is considered to have been condoned by that re-election.

What Morales did in the case of Sen. Villanueva clearly constitutes betrayal of public trust, culpable violation of the Constitution, and even graft and corruption. I am sure she was fully aware of all of these when she decided to order the dismissal of the lawmaker. Now, why did she insist on proceeding with violating the law and defying a court decision?

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committee, said the municipalities surrounding the city are very much welcome to organize their own events to be included in the schedule of the Panagbenga.

He said the events of other municipalities will form part of the Panagbenga schedule as long as it will not conflict with the major crowd-drawing events of the flower festival./By Dexter A. See

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ordinance, erring contractors will also be penalized by members of the city's Anti-Road Obstruction Task Force once they are caught using portions of roads to conduct their illegal job mix activities.

Some contractors believe the job mixing at project sites is prone to cheating because the standard mixture composition of the prescribed design mix can easily be reduced./By Dexter A. See

(Republic Act) No. 10023 (Act Authorizing the Issuance of Free Patents to Residential Lands) because the lot is not alienable and disposable/Aileen P. Refuerzo

EDITORIAL

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tion? Or transmogrification?

I am asked whether I would revive my Dulce's 1998 TV vow that if Macoy is moved to the LMB, she would ask her siblings whether they should move their Pa's remains from there to Manila Memorial to join Mommy. I dunno as that is more their concern, not mine.

My best guesstimate is that Macoy's transfer won't take place this year. We are moving for reconsideration in another week. The praxis is for the Supreme Court to ask the other side to comment, which I trust would happen. Then it goes on leave for weeks for the holidays (not done when I was young when courts worked between Christmas and New Year). So 2017 it will be, particularly if the SC calls for orals in this cause celebre.

If the Marcoses are adamant, the transfer should not happen while the claims of 75,000 victims are being processed. So it may have to be in 2018, out of prudential considerations. An apology should accelerate the healing. The Marcoses can say sorry and regrets for the human rights violations that took place, without admitting personal culpability. Massive thievery and gross human rights abuse have been established by foreign and local tribunals anyway.

Our motions for reconsideration may not even be decided in 2017; for instance, in the Lenny Villa frat hazing case—he was killed on February 11, 1991—we are still receiving papers from the SC. The case was decided by the high court on February 1, 2012. We didn't receive our copy of the denial of the MR until last April, well into the 26th year.

Easier to decide would be Bato de la Rosa's acceptance of a humongous gift from Manny Pacquiao for him and his family. Round trip to America. Digong's idol, Macoy, issued PD 46, criminalizing the acceptance of gifts even during Christmas by any civil servant. Madaldal athambog Bato does not bother with the law, which he seems to see as an arse. He does not care if challenging to duels is a crime, or urging his men to burn the houses of druggies (what about Lola and baby?).

Digs and tutas in Imperial Manila believe they are above the law. Macoy, a certified criminal genius, would hold liable only a private person gifting a civil servant. A public official, like him and Madama, would not be liable for gift-giving. Galingtalaga. Prez-wannabe Manny Pacquiao also benefits.

On Mayor Espinosa, seemingly salvaged, Digong, quick to condemn without due process those he does not like, is also quick to absolve without any process, either, those he likes. He promises to pardon those who kill for him. But what about those who accept gifts? Is a litigant now free to give birthday and holiday gifts to decisionmakers? PD46 I do not call Palakol ng Diablo but Presidential Decree. A good one so Libingan ponente Diosdado Peralta is not wrong to say Marcos was not "a pure evil." I say, "impure evil". (More than one justice used "verbally" to mean "orally." Not wrong, but imprecise as, strictly speaking, "verbal" covers both oral and spoken.)

Bato is being singled out cuz he bragged that Manny Pacquiao treated him and his family to an all-expenses-paid trip to the US. Fish caught by its mouth. We cannot have rich litigants gifting judges under the horrid incipient MadaldalDigong-Bato Doctrine. Digs hits Noy for drug problem? Why not Doña Josefa who trafficked in drugs at Arellano High School and was arrested by would-be Manila Police Chief Telesforo Tenorio? The Marcoses were dirt-poor then (P. Mijares, *The Conjugal Dictatorship* 257, 1976).

Tibong Mijares' body was never found, said to have been dropped between Manila and Guam; teenaged son Boyet's, badly mutilated, was dropped from a chopper on May 31, 1977, in Antipolo.

We have to arrest the DECAY. Mr. Prez, change course

Development plan for city's Sto. Tomas property sought

BAGUIO CITY – An over-all development plan will be drawn for the city's 137-hectare property at Sto. Tomas, Green Valley.

Mayor Mauricio Domogan last week directed city budget officer and Bids and Awards Committee (BAC) for Infrastructure chair Leticia Clemente, city engineer Elpidio Garabiles and city planning and development officer Evelyn Cayat to prepare the multi-land use plan for the said property immediately.

The mayor also tasked the said officials to submit at once the documents to bid out the road construction project in the area to make it accessible.

He said the plan and the road construction are needed to fast-track the development of the lot which has been reserved and declared for city needs.

The area is eyed as site for its Integrated Solid Waste Management System (ISWMS) project which covers a number of waste management strategies intended for long-term management of the city's wastes among which a waste-to-energy technology, a central material recovery facility, anaerobic digester and health care waste treatment facility, the Environmental Recycling System (ERS) machines and the Engineered Sanitary Landfill if needed.

The area is also eyed for other projects like housing and cemetery extension./Aileen P. Refuerzo

No firecrackers – Mayor

BAGUIO CITY – Mayor Mauricio Domogan is pushing for a ban on the sale of firecrackers and pyrotechnics, except for those used in city-sponsored special occasions. The use of firecrackers should be limited to a specific time and place, with safety measures and crowd control in place, he said.

The mayor is even hoping for the issuance of an executive order from the national government for a total ban of firecrackers.

A city council ordinance in should also be crafted to make the use of firecrackers bought outside the city a criminal offense, the mayor pointed out.

No individual nor property should be endangered during celebrations, he also said, noting reports of unknown or non-environmental-friendly substances in some variants of firecrackers.

He also asked firecracker-selling groups to organize themselves, fulfill requirements of the Bids and Awards Committee (BAC) and join the bidding to qualify as supplier of pyrotechnics. This was his reply to Agnes Montoya's Papatok atbp group request for them to be a priority bidder-supplier of pyrotechnic.

As to claims that several groups sell firecrackers in the public market and around the central business district, Mayor asked for help. Report those who sell illegally, so their wares could be confiscated and destroyed, he said.

Despite warning, firecrackers are used to celebrate the yuletide season, specially new year's eve, with accidents recorded in health facilities both within and outside of the city./Julie G. Fianza

please, for the sake of our Motherland. And my apos.

Five. I hope you know how many apos you have. Ambot? Talagang Kamandag at Kilabot. Bilib. Kudos on your move on Robin Padilla and ageing, sickly inmates.

Oh, yes, Bongbong's near Veep win? He has billions, the Solid North, and the edge of name recall cum organizations. But he lost to an unknown obscure Bicolana with relatively no money, who would take the bus to and from Bicol, who trumped four other Bicolanos in un-Solid Bicol. I would not be as impressed as certain justices were by BB's electoral performance./Rene Saguisag

IP groups question selection process

BAGUIO CITY – Elders of city-based Ivadoys, Kalanguyas and Kankanaeys questioned the selection process done by some indigenous peoples (IP) organizations in the indigenous peoples mandatory representative (IPMR) to the local legislative body, alleging that the process a product of farcical, illegal and serious violation of the provisions of Republic Act (RA) 8371 or the Indigenous Peoples Rights Act (IPRA).

In their protest letter sent to city officials and concerned government agencies, representatives of the Ivadoys, Kalanguyas and Kankanaeys claimed the results, validity, and integrity of the selection process held last November 4, 2016, was not only doubtful but also considered illegal because of issues raised against the process.

The issues raised by the representatives of the IP groups in the city include the fact that the Kalangya and Kankaney groups were illegally and unlawfully excluded in the selection process, there were serious irregularities and anomalies attendant to the selection process, non-observance of the customary consensus rule, and the lack or defective notice on the conduct of the IPMR selection.

The concerned IP group representatives agreed in consensus that because of the blatant defects in the conduct of the selection process, the selection, and its subsequent results should be protested and presented to the general assembly to address and rectify all violations of law, including customary practices and traditions.

The IP group representatives are seeking for the declaration of the results of the November 4, 2016, selection process as invalid.

The IP group representatives called on the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP) and the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) to conduct another selection process to correct the defects of the previous process to guarantee the full representatives of all the city-based IPs. They want to make sure that the selected IPMR shall serve all concerned without any cloud of doubt or distrust and that he or she possess proven integrity, experience, and capability to serve the best interest of the indigenous cultural communities (ICCs), particularly the Kalanguyas, Kankanaeys, and Ivadoys.

The IP group representatives want the local government and concerned government agencies to hold in abeyance any actions that will give effect and due course to the November 14, 2016 IPMR selection, to invalidate or withdraw, if any document was already issued, to take appropriate measures to hold, prevent or avoid the assumption to office of the IPMR who was illegally selected and embrace such other remedies consistent with law and customary practices and traditions.

The IP group representatives believe the selection process done last November 4, 2016 was designed to suit the interest of a single tribe when there are numerous IP groups in the city that also deserve representations during the process for their voices to be heard in the deliberation of issues related to issues affecting the indigenous peoples in the city./By Dexter A. See

Athletic bowl rehab in the works

BAGUIO CITY – The planned development of the Baguio Athletic Bowl into a world-class sports facility is currently in the works with the city government now in the stage of completing the project details and cost estimates for the proposed multi-billion project.

Mayor Mauricio Domogan said the project will be ready for bidding once these requirements have been completed.

He said the project was one of the city's ventures under the public-private partnership (PPP) concept of development.

The city council approved the terms of reference (TOR) for the project in September 2012.

The TOR provides the parameters for the proposed development project to cost P4.3 billion and these terms were prepared by a technical working committee which the mayor formed to ensure that the proposed project will not contravene the master development plan drawn by the University of the Cordilleras at Burnham Park which the city adopted as blueprint for the development of city's premiere park.

As per the approved

TOR, the project will cover an area of 77,257 square meters and will involve the reconstruction and installation of tartan track and oval stadium with international standards, grandstand with 4,000-5,000 seats, surrounding fence, bunker and dugout, treatment unit, lounge, business office and media room, lighting system for night games and bleachers that can accommodate 3,000 people at the same time.

It will also cover the reconstruction of the indoor swimming pool into international standards and other sports-related facilities like indoor tennis court, table tennis room, basketball court, indoor simulation golf range, convention room and sports-related shops and restaurants.

It also includes construction of parking facilities and support facilities and amenities like building as rentable spaces, accommodation facilities and others where the investor can recover investments.

"However, athletes and joggers will not be denied the privilege of using the (facility) as a jogging place and will not pay anything

if they will jog in the area," the city council emphasized.

The terms also called for a review of the preliminary conceptual designs and selection of most advantageous design by the Athletic Bowl Development Committee, preparation of the feasibility study, presentation to the City Development Council for adoption of the finalized project with the study, presentation to the city council for approval of the finalized project with study, presentation of the Regional Development Council for approval, submission and approval of the Investment Coordination Committee.

The construction period will be for two years and upon completion of the project, the athletic oval will immediately be turned over to the city government which will continue to manage and operate the same with all income accruing to the city government.

To recoup its expenses in the development, the developer will operate the other facilities like the swimming pool, tennis court, pay-parking and other support facilities.

The operating period will be for 25 years./Aileen P. Refuerzo

Session Road temporary closed to kick off Christmas in Baguio celebration on December 1

BAGUIO CITY – Christmas season is just around the corner and kicking off the month-long Christmas in Baguio celebration on December 1 is a series of parades.

Thus, mayor Mauricio Domogan recently issued Administrative Order No. 148 temporarily closing both lanes of Session Road to vehicular traffic from the rotunda in front of Baguio Post Office down to the junction of Magsaysay Avenue 12:00

midnight of November 30 up to 12:00 midnight of December 1.

Said closure will give way to a series of parades followed by the ceremonial lighting of the giant Christmas Tree at the Rose Garden, Burnham Park, the Saint Louis University lantern parade, fireworks display concerts at Session road and Malcolm Square as well as the setting up of sidewalk cafes for the different Session road business establishments.

"There is a need to close

both lanes of Session Road in order to allow performers and the viewing public to comfortably maneuver within the area for the opening of Christmas in Baguio," said Domogan.

In the order, the Baguio City Police Office- Traffic Management Bureau is directed to implement appropriate traffic scheme in order to reduce the impact of the road closure to the traffic congestions within the Central Business District area./Jho Arranz



PANAGBENGA 2017 LAUNCHING: Members of the Hapiyo Mi Cultural Dance Troupe of the University of the Cordilleras adds color during the launching of Panagbenga 2017 with the theme, "Inspired By Beauty, Nurtured By Nature"/By Bong Cayabyab

New design for Busol rain harvesting facility okayed

BAGUIO CITY – Mayor Mauricio G. Domogan said he has already given the go-signal for the use of the new design of the proposed P139 million rain harvesting facility within the Baguio side of the 336-hectare Busol watershed to maximize the use of rainwater for various purposes during the dry months.

The local chief executive explained the original design presented by the personnel of the Cordillera office of the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH-CAR) will result in the cutting of many trees within the watershed thus defeating the purpose of preserving and protecting the trees within the forest reservation, thus, city officials requested the DPWH-CAR to re-design the rain harvesting facility to lessen the impact of the project to the trees within the vicinity of the project.

"We are satisfied with the new design of the

facility because the trees that were supposed to be affected will no longer be touched as the facility was redesigned to make sure that no trees will be affected by the put up of the facility," Domogan stressed.

He claimed Baguio receives the highest volume of rain annually that is why concerned government agencies, the local government, and even the residents have to find ways of conserving rain water instead of it just letting flowing into the river systems and reuse this during the dry season.

Aside from the Busol rain harvesting facility, Domogan is proposing the put up of another similar facility within the parking area of the Baguio Convention Center for the center's use during the summer months.

According to him, even owners of new commercial buildings will be required to have their own rain harvesting facilities within their structures to contrib-

ute to water conservation which will benefit their clients during periods of low supply of water which usually happens during peak tourism months and the summer.

He called on the DPWH-CAR officials to finalize the new design of the project and to bid out the civil works so that it will be completed the soonest possible time in time for the next rainy season.

He disclosed funds for the construction of the rainwater harvesting facility was included in the programmed projects of the DPWH-CAR under the national budget this year, thus, the need to implement the project.

Domogan added it is not logical for the government to build the rainwater harvesting facility if it will involve the cutting of a huge number of trees, thus, it was agreed by the concerned parties to redesign it to lessen its impact on the trees within the reservation./By Dexter A. See

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the theme, "Different Colors of Nations".

Also set to kick-off on December 1 are events under the "Silahis ng Pasko 2016" on its 43rd year that has been an integral part of the city's Christmas celebration for many years.

The annual Yuletide offering is sponsored by the city government thru the city social welfare and development office (CSWDO) in coordination with the National Correspondents Club of Baguio (NCCB) headed by newsmen and former councilor Nars Padilla.

A grand opening day extravaganza is slated on December 1 with a children-parents Christmas mardigras at 8 am followed by a grand opening program 9 am at Melvin Jones grandstand, Burnham Park with Mayor Mauricio Domogan and Congressman Mark Go to deliver Christmas messages.

Little Miss and Mister Silahis ng Pasko sa Baguio talent show, children's "kultura-o-rama" and dance fest with day care centers is at 2 pm at Malcolm Square.

On December 3 is Share A Joy, Baguio children's Christmas fun alley and raffle joys with little helping hands, newspaper boys, shoeshine boys, baggage boys and bag sellers. A palalo and raffle for gift items is set at 9 am at the Camp John Hay bell amphitheater hosted by the John Hay Management Corporation.

A PMA Cadet's Day at the Park is set on December 4 with a silent drill exhibition 10 am at Burnham Park followed by a PMA band concert 2:30 pm at Malcolm Square.

On December 3 and 4 is the Quest for the Baguio Lucky Christmas Family 2016 who will be given a red carpet reception, accommodations, sightseeing tours including courtesy calls to ranking government officials.

Immaculate Conception Day festivities is on December 8 starting 9 am with a Thanksgiving Holy Mass for Peace, Solidarity and Progress at the NCCB Shrine of the Brown Madonna, Km. 7, Asin Road, Tuba, Benguet.

On December 11 is the Baguio City High School dancing and singing Christmas Tree starting 2 am at Malcolm Square hosted by the Baguio-Benguet Market Plaza Multi-Purpose Cooperative and the SLU-SVP Housing Cooperative.

A Special Day for Special People program is set on December 17 at 6:30 am with a wheelathon for the orthopedically impaired and walkathon for the visually impaired at South Drive and chess tournament for the blind at Malcolm Square.

At 8:30 am is the Children's palalo participated by handicapped youngsters at Malcolm Square.

The Quest for the Baguio Lucky Foreign Visitors will be conducted from December 9 to 12 in partnership with the Department of Tourism-CAR and offices of the La Trinidad Mayor and Benguet Governor.

On December 25 is the Quest for the Baguio Lucky Christmas Baby hosted by the CSWDO, the Office for Senior Citizens Affairs (OSCA) and Baguio balikbayans. Padilla, in a Santa Claus costume, will also walk the city's roads on this day.

The Baguio Lucky Balikbayan and CAR Sportsmen

Day is on December 30 starting 9 am with a welcome reception, presentation of tokens and conduct of a "Pinikpikan" food festival at Sunshine Park.

On January 1, 2017 is the Quest for the Lucky New Year Baby hosted by the CSWDO, OSCA and Baguio Elderly Assembly.

The Silahis ng Pasko 2016 ends with the 29th Annual Kafagway Sports Award Program starting 9 am at Malcolm Square with the presentation of Achievement and Proficiency Awards to the year's outstanding athletes, sportsmen and supporters of sports development in Baguio and Cordillera.

Other activities include the BAHAG airsoft tournament on December 3 and 4 at Melvin Jones football grounds; Baguio Volkswagen Week on December 5 to 11; PXC Laban MMA Baguio 5 at Baguio convention center on December 10; Alaska Merry Crema's at Juan Luna Drive on December 4; UP Pasiklaban and Torch Parade on December 9;

Volkswagen club of the Philippines and Baguio Grand Volks Canao on December 10 and 11 at Lake Drive and Melvin Jones football grounds; Christmas Cantata at the University of Baguio gym on December 13 to 16; Misa de Gallo at Baguio convention center and other churches on 16 to 24; Gigmiksikan and Tugtog Tugatog on December 17 at Melvin Jones grandstand; and Generous Santa (biggest city-wide exchange gift) on December 18 at Malcolm Square.

A countdown to New Year 2017 will be conducted on December 31 with a grand fireworks display at Melvin Jones football grounds starting 12 midnight./Gaby Keith

Baguio to host 2nd National Coffee Congress 2 agocho trees in Peoples Park about to collapse

BAGUIO CITY – Some eight hundred coffee industry stakeholders will be converging in the city for the Second National Coffee Congress which will be held at the Hotel Supreme Convention Plaza on November 23-25, 2016 to discuss the prospects of the Philippine coffee industry in relation to the prevailing trends in the global market.

Myrna Pablo, regional director of the Cordillera office of the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI-CAR), said speakers from Brazil, the top coffee producer, and Vietnam, the second top coffee producers in the world, will be among those who will be sharing their best practices on how coffee production in their respective countries thrived to become one of their major export products.

Pablo admitted there has been a decline in the coffee production in recent years mostly due to aging trees and poor farming practices as well as the conversion of coffee to other cash crops.

The DTI-CAR official said increasing the pro-

duction and yield of coffee could make the Philippines gain from the booming market of coffee.

According to her, in a bid to revitalize the coffee industry and regain the country's early distinction as the major coffee producer in Asia during the colonial period, the agency and the agriculture department, in coordination with concerned industry stakeholders, convened the first Philippine Coffee Congress in the city in 2013.

Pablo claimed the upcoming gathering will look back and revisit the wider scope of the coffee industry development in the country and it will once again put the country's key players in the said industry under one roof to brace each other and scour for opportunities in the coffee business.

Further, it will also update the participants on the country's coffee road map so that they could look forward and aim for the bigger and brighter spot in the world's coffee industry.

Among the activities lined up for the 3-day

gathering include coffee painting and photography contest, coffee pavilion, coffee cupping, dialogue with the different coffee councils, industry updates, business matching, breakaway sessions and site visits.

Pablo asserted the conference will set the baseline for the coffee industry under the new administration to make coffee one of the major cash crops produced in strategic areas of the country.

The 3-day gathering aims to present the coffee industry status and the official Philippine coffee road map 2017-2022, update the coffee industry stakeholders on the contemporary knowledge and information about coffee businesses and available support systems, discuss best practices and experiences of selected entrepreneurs and their respective business models, and business matching for improved complementation and networking in the coffee industry cluster.

The introduction of coffee to the country in the 18th century paved way for a new

BAGUIO CITY – Personnel of the City Environment and Parks Management Office (CEPMO) declared the two agocho trees within the Peoples Park adjacent to Magsaysay Avenue are on the verge of collapsing anytime, especially during strong winds, if their branches will not be immediately cut to lessen the weight while at the same time leaving the half part of the trees to rejuvenate.

In response to a Memorandum handed down by Mayor Mauricio G. Domogan for the CEPMO personnel to explain the controversial trimming of the two agocho trees that earned the ire of the public, Public Services Officer IV Jones A. Gasib, Public Services Officer III Arturo A. Killip, Jr. and Environmental Management Specialist II Walter U. Aguirre explained prior to the trimming activity done on the two agocho trees, they actually examined the condition of the two big trees and they

noticed that their base and primary roots were very loose due to the effects of Typhoons Karen and Lawin.

The CEPMO personnel pointed out because of the urgency of the trimming activity for reasons of public safety, and to meet the prescribed deadline for the opening of the park on November 20, 2016, they took the initiative to immediately proceed with the trimming even as they also coordinated the matter with the Forestry Division to work out the processing of the trimming permit.

"Unfortunately, Villamor Bacullo, a forester, attended a seminar for three days, thus, causing the delay in the processing of the required trimming permit," their joint reply to the memorandum stated.

With regard to the other tree which is adjacent to the Mido Inn, the CEPMO personnel revealed there was indication of advanced center rot at the main branches

where smaller branches were connected, thus, to prevent the possible spread of rotting stage, there was a need to cut the affected main branches to allow rejuvenation and for new branches to sprout.

According to them, remedial measures have been adopted to plant the site, especially the area near the two newly trimmed agocho trees with four Norfolk pine trees with the height of 10 to 14 feet to replace previously uprooted agocho and pink shower trees and that the same was already coordinated with the contractor of Peoples Park renovation for the same to be fasttracked.

Moreover, the CEPMO personnel apologized to the local chief executive and other authorities concerned for not first obtaining the permit before proceeding with the trimming activity but they assured that the said lapse on their decisions will not happen again in the future./By Dexter A. See

market in the country and the country's location is excellent for growing

coffee since it is among the few that produces the four varieties of coffee which

are Arabica, Robusta, Excelsa, and Liberica./By Dexter A. See

It's all systems go for Christmas in Baguio 2016

BAGUIO CITY – “Let’s not forget that the main reason we celebrate Christmas in Baguio is to share the season’s joy, love and peace to everyone.”

This was emphasized by city administrator and Christmas in Baguio 2016 action officer Carlos Canilao on the city’s Yuletide preparations.

On December 1, the city’s Giant Christmas Tree will be unveiled and lighted at the Rose Garden, Burnham Park starting 5.30 pm with an opening program, countdown and fireworks display.

Designed free-of-charge by Archt. Aries Go in cooperation with the City Buildings and Architecture Office, this

year’s centerpiece, whose original concept was to be constructed wholly with recycled steel and scrap metal, will now be incorporated with twigs in order to be finished on time.

A CBAO representative said that the tree will also be taller than its original planned height to make it more visible to residents and visitors in the area.

Concerts will be conducted at Upper Session Road and Rose Garden by the Philippine Military Academy combo and other local bands while Christmas carols will take place at the New Malcolm Square. The promised world-class venue will have its soft opening on November 30.

The city’s “simple but memorable” Christmas Village made of recyclable materials at Children’s Playground will be launched with the lighting of Burnham park including the orchidarium. Parts of the central business district will also glitter with stellar multi-colored Christmas lights.

Saint Louis University will hold its annual fun run for hope including free medical and legal assistance with performances in between on November 26 and 27 at the Melvin Jones Grandstand. Its world-famous Lantern Parade is set on December 1 starting 6.30 pm thru the city’s main thoroughfares with **Cont. on page 9**

16 events lined up for 2017 Panagbenga

BAGUIO CITY – Organizers of the 22nd Baguio Flower Festival, otherwise known as Panagbenga, initially lined up some sixteen activities for the month-long festivities from February 1 to March 5, 2017.

The theme of the 33-day festivities is “Inspired by Beauty, Nurtured by Nature” to help make local residents and visitors value the importance of initiatives to preserve and protect the environment.

The flower festival will kick-off with the Grand Opening Parade featuring streetdancing contingents from participating elementary and secondary schools, starting from the Panagbenga Park along Upper Session road up to the Melvin Jones grand-

stand on February 1, be followed by the inauguration and opening of the Baguio Blooms Exposition and Exhibition market encounter at the Juan Luna and Lake Drive in Burnham Park from February 1 to March 5, 2017.

On February 12, Panagbenga organizers will be holding the Handog ng Panagbenga sa Pamilya Baguio at the Melvin Jones grandstand which will give local residents free treats through various activities.

The different elementary and secondary schools in the city will also participate in various school-based competitions to held on February 15, 2017, at the City Hall Multipurpose Hall and the Baguio

chance to show their prowess on the golf course during the Flower Tee Golf Tournament on February 17, 2017, at the Baguio Country Club fairways followed by the three-day Philippine Military Academy (PMA) alumni homecoming on February 17-19 in PMA.

Interested exhibitors will have the chance to show their products to the millions of local residents and visitors through the Exhibitor’s Day on February 25-26, 2017 at the Ganza Parking area.

Thousands of street-dancers from schools inside and outside the city will dance their way along the parade route from Upper Session road down to the Melvin Jones grandstand on February 25, 2017 followed by the grand float parade and marching bands competition on February 26, 2017, from the DILG rotunda in upper Session Road down to the Melvin Jones grandstand

On February 27 to March 5, 2017, Session Road, the main thorough-



There is life in coffee - Coffee preparation and serving can be an alternative source of livelihood even to women. Photo shows DTI Mountain Province Provincial Director Juliet Lucas showing to Dir. Myrna Pablo the basic methods of brewing and serving specialty coffee as a barista. Professional baristas will showcase their craft during the 2nd Philippine Coffee Conference at Supreme Hotel on Nov. 23 and 24, 2016./Art Tibaldo

More hydro projects to rise in Benguet, Ilocos Sur

LA TRINIDAD, Benguet – The Hydroelectric Development Corporation (HEDCOR) Inc. is planning to rehabilitate and put up more renewable energy plants in the different parts of the province and neighboring Ilocos Sur to maximize the utilization and development of potential sources of renewable energy and help develop host and neighboring communities.

Christopher Sangster, HEDCOR Inc. Director for Project Development, said included in the company’s overall renewable development plan is the rehabilitation and upgrading of its Bineng power plant in this capital town to increase its capacity from 5 to 19 megawatts with the state-of-the-art equipment for more efficient power generation from the current water supply of the Balili river system.

He revealed the free and prior informed consent (FPIC) process for its Bineng plants and their proposed 45-megawatt Nalatang hydropower project in Kabayan is

ongoing for completion by mid-2017.

“We will continue to be resilient in our bid to develop potential sources of hydropower to help develop host and neighboring communities because environmental preservation and protection side by side with countryside development are important to us,” Sangster stressed.

HEDCOR Inc. is also looking into the possibility of establishing renewable energy plants in Buguias, Bokod, Kibungan and Mankayan towns and in Sugpon and Cervantes, Ilocos Sur to boost the maximum potential of the river systems in the said places to produce renewable energy to infuse the grid with clean energy.

According to him, the company continues to embark on a sustainable and aggressive environmental program with over 205,000 assorted tree seedlings planted within its areas of operation in the different parts of the country which exceeded the 189,000 assorted tree seedlings it planted in its

project sites last year.

HEDCOR Inc. owns and operates some 22 power plants in the different parts of the country and of the said number of existing hydropower plants, 13 are in Luzon with Benguet hosting 11 while the remaining two are in Alilem, Ilocos Sur and Sabangan, Mountain Province.

Sangster pointed out the company remains optimistic that more hydropower plants will be set up in their identified project sites after having secured the consent of the host and neighboring communities to help guarantee rural development in their prospective areas of operation.

He pointed out the need for the company to partner with host and neighboring communities and the sustainable preservation and protection of the environment to efficiently produce clean energy through its run-off system which has been effectively and efficiently used in its various power generation plants nationwide./By Dexter A. See

fare in the city, will be closed to vehicular traffic to serve as a promenade area featuring sidewalk cafes and the display of flower-inspired products

and handicrafts from the different parts of the archipelago.

The traditional Pony Boys Day will be on March 4, 2017, at the Wright Park

while the closing ceremonies and grand fireworks display will be held at the Melvin Jones grandstand on March 5, 2017./By Dexter A. See

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