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# Cordillera police official to be declared 'persona non grata'

**B**AGUIO CITY – The City Council is on the verge of passing a resolution condemning the uncere- monious transfer of SPO3 Alberto C. Tadeo, a veteran policeman of the Baguio City Police Office-Traffic Man- agement Branch (BCPO-TMB), to Apayao upon the alleged instigation of Senior Superintendent Gregorio Lim, deputy regional director for administration of the Police Regional Office (PRO) in the Cordillera and declaring Senior Superintendent Lim as 'persona non grata' in Baguio City for abuse of power.

The resolution initially authored by Councilor Edgar M. Avila but to be authored by all members of the local legislative body once deliberated stated the act of Senior Superintendent Lim in ordering the outright transfer of SPO3 Tadeo to Apayao simply **Cont. on page 5**



Jose Namingit (right), an Ifugao culture bearer puts the "butung" (hip bag) on Dr. Edwin Antonio of the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA) during the inauguration of the Indigenous Peoples Education (IPED) center in Lagawe town. The butung is stacked at the left hip where men place their chewing materials and it symbolizes how their hearts treasure their friendship with other people. (MBL – PIA CAR, Ifugao)

**Saludo**  
kami kay SPO3 Tadeo. Siya ay isa sa mga pulis na aming gina- galang. Walang sinasanto yan. Pag traf- fic violator ka, kahit sino ka man, huli ka (at 'di papaayos yan). Ang mga mayayabang na opisyal ang dapat alisin sa Cordillera!

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EL MAESTRO SPEAKS

Let's keep Democracy Alive

BY: CLYDE B. SACPA





# Baguio City exec asks support to **City library mobile book program, on-going**

## DPWH-BCDO for the implementation of anti-road obstruction program

**B**AGUIO CITY - City Mayor Mauricio Domogan is seeking the cooperation of the Department of Public Works and Highways - Baguio City District Engineering Office (DPWH-BCDEO) in clearing the road-right-of-way of national roads from structures of informal settlers and motor vehicles that impede the smooth flow of vehicular and pedestrian traffic in the city.

Domogan said there are some owners of structures built within the existing road right-of-way of national roads.

These structures were not issued building and occupancy permits as the City Building Office will not issue similar permits to structures built over road-right-of-way, Domogan added.

"The clearing of our

national roads from obstructing structures and motor vehicles should be a joint effort of the DPWH and the local government to send a stronger message to violators that we mean business in clearing national and city roads," he said.

Domogan explained that the DPWH-BCDEO should also sign the demolition orders against those who encroached on the road-right-of-way.

The city, for its part, will issue the demolition order against the informal settlers for their failure to secure the mandatory building and occupancy permit.

Local officials are alarmed over the increasing number of illegal structures that encroach into the road-right-of-way on national roads around the city.

Domogan said closer coordination between the DPWH and the local government is required in formulating a comprehensive plan of action that allow the synchronized issuance of demolition permits for the immediate removal of the illegal structures built on the road-right-of-way of national roads and contribute to both traffic decongestion and beautification.

The mayor issued a warning to land speculators not to build structures on the road-right-of-way of national roads because they will just be wasting their time, effort and resources since the DPWH and the local government will demolish such structures once found to be in violation of existing laws, rules and regulations. (PNA) JOJOL-AMARIA#

## Baguio Water District opens two deep wells to augment water supply in several villages

**B**AGUIO CITY - The Baguio Water District (BWD) has commissioned the operation of two deep wells to help augment and ensure the stability of water supply within the specified area and its immediate surroundings.

BWD general manager Salvador Royeca thanked

the local government unit (LGU) of Baguio City for approving pertinent documents and permits for the well-drilling projects within Lucban Elementary School and Barangay Teodora Alonzo.

Royeca said the well-drilling project at the Lucban Elementary

School currently yields 140 gallons per minute, augmenting the water supply of barangays Happy Homes, Old Lucban, parts of Camdas, Trancoville, Magsaysay, and Dizon subdivision.

The well-drilling project in Barangay Teodoro Alonzo near the City Health Services

**B**AGUIO CITY - Around 800 students from four local public elementary schools and seven day care centers have benefitted from the Baguio City Library Mobile Book Service Program since it was launched in February of last year.

Acting city librarian Fe Requilman said the project lends children's books for up to three days to deserving public elementary schools and day care centers in the city including the showing of films that teaches good morals and

values.

"The mobile book service aims to bring the city library closer to the public especially the children," she said.

Requilman added that they are targeting to serve at least 1000 or more students in the program this year in hopes of developing the public's especially young people's "love of reading for lifelong learning".

She revealed that the on-going project has Mayor Mauricio Domogan's full support being a firm believer and promoter of the power of

reading and education in improving one's station in life.

Later this month, Requilman and her staff will visit various local public elementary schools and day care centers to determine those that will best be served by the program.

The three-storey Baguio City Library is located just across the Children's Playground at Burnham Park and is equipped with a computer room and Person With Disability (PWD) section.-gaby keith#

## "Learn from the past", officials advise

**B**AGUIO CITY - Mayor Mauricio Domogan and Congressman Mark Go are exhorting their fellow officials and government civil servants to learn and improve from the mistakes or shortcomings of last year so that even better and more efficient service can be provided the public this year and beyond.

Both gentlemen also reiterated the importance for every office and department to always work together in unity and for every government personnel to be

respectful and serve their clients to the best of their abilities.

The call was made in last Tuesday's flag-raising ceremony at city hall, the first day of work for 2017, the year of the Fire Rooster according to the Chinese calendar.

Go also mentioned the bills he has sponsored and co-sponsored in the House of Representatives for the six months that he has been at the Lower House of Congress.

Earlier, Domogan urged each resident to include helping the city achieve its goals in

becoming a more orderly, progressive and peaceful place to live, work and conduct business in among their resolutions for the New Year.

The Mayor also emphasized that setting a good example is the best tool to influence others to change the way they live their lives for the better.

He added that everyone should change their undesirable outlook and attitudes in life so that they will be able to set good examples and demonstrate laudable virtues for others to emulate.-gaby keith#

Road and parts of Bonifacio Street.

Royeca said the operation of the two deep wells will ease the load on other deep wells previously supplying the said areas and barangays.

The additional water source will help beef up the program of the water district to locate additional water sources that could be commissioned to address the water requirements of the rapidly increasing population.

Meanwhile, City Mayor Mauricio Domogan acknowledged the efforts of the BWD in locating more sources of potable water to augment the

city's water supply.

Domogan said the local government remains committed in supporting the efforts of the water district to develop additional sources of water that could provide a regular supply of potable water to the residential and commercial consumers.

The deep wells in the different parts of the city will serve as part of the short, medium and long-term solutions of the BWD while pursuing its long overdue plan of a bulk water supply that will guarantee daily supply of potable water for the growing number

of consumers in the city, including expanding its services to the city's 128 barangays, Domogan said.

Several companies signified their interest to implement the bulk water project of the BWD with available sources outside the city.

One of the conditions imposed by the BWD for interested partners to implement the bulk water project is for the sourcing out of water outside the city, including the social acceptability of the areas where the said water will be sourced, Domogan added. (PNA)ZST/JOJOL-AMARIA#



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# Police reports generally peaceful Cordillera during the holiday season

**L**A TRINIDAD, Benguet - The Police Regional Office - Cordillera reported that the holiday season in the Cordillera region has been generally peaceful.

PRO-Cor Regional Director Police Chief Superintendent Elmo

Francis Sarona said that despite reports of firecracker related injuries and cases of indiscriminate firing, the Cordillera region was peaceful during the Christmas and New Year celebrations.

Records from the

Department of Health Cordillera show that there were 16 injuries from December 21, 2016 up to January 3, 2017 due to firecrackers, pyrotechnic devices and related activities.

Two cases of indiscriminate firing were

recorded this year and among the arrested suspects were a retired police officer and member of the Philippine Army in Kalinga.

Baguio City Police Office City Director PSSupt. Ramil Saculles reported that the BCPO

is conducting investigation on an alleged stray bullet incident in Kias, Baguio City.

Sarona attributed the lesser fireworks and firecracker related injuries to the aggressive operations and the information, education and communi-

cation campaign against the use of fireworks and fire crackers and other pyrotechnic materials and indiscriminate firing among the PNP and AFP personnel as well as the other private gun holders and enthusiasts during the holidays revelry.

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## Antamok waste disposal project firmed up

**B**AGUIO CITY - The Benguet Corporation and its development partner, Goldrich Natural Resources Exploration and Development Inc., entered into separate agreements with the City Government of Baguio and the Municipal government of Itogon for the conversion of its Antamok properties into an engineered sanitary landfill with a waste-to-energy compost primarily geared towards sustainable environmental preservation and protection in the concerned localities.

Signing the memorandum of agreement in behalf of Benguet Corporation was BC Executive Director Isidro C. Alcantara, Jr. while Goldrich was represented by its president lawyer Jaime A. Paredes, Jr.. The city was represented by Mayor Mauricio G. Domogan while Itogon was also represented by Mayor Victorio Palangdan.

Under the agreement, BC will be obliged to turn over the physical possession of its Antamok properties in favour of Goldrich that are actually needed for the landfill and waste-to-energy project as well as to allow its developer access to the properties through the company's surrounding properties for the entire economic life of the project, provided, BC shall retain ownership rights over the Antamok properties and shall have access at anytime for purposes of conducting operation and repair and maintenance activities in its underground facilities and other mine structures located in the area.

At the end of the agreement which is initially estimated to last for a period of 25 years and renewable for another 25 years, the possession of the patented lands shall revert back to the mining company.

BC shall also secure the approval from the Mines and Geosciences Bureau (MGB) as part of the mine rehabilitation program of Antamok.

On the other hand, Itogon shall deliver and dispose exclusively in the Antamok project all of the municipal solid waste generated and collected by the communities once the engineered sanitary landfill is ready for operation following receipt of written notice from Goldrich and issue the endorsement necessary for the implementation, operation and maintenance of the Antamok project.

Itogon is also mandated to encourage the maintenance of public assistance and support for the Antamok project and undertake to handle and intervene in community issues or opposition covering **Cont. on page 7**

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# Duterte 'normalized act of extrajudicial killing'

International watchdog Front Line Defenders also calls out the President for threatening to kill human rights defenders who criticize his campaign against illegal drugs.

A recent report by international human rights watchdog Front Line Defenders said President Rodrigo Duterte "normalized the act of extrajudicial killing in his war on drugs" – a campaign which has already seen over 6,200 deaths in the Philippines in the last 6 months.

"In the Philippines – which already ranks as the most dangerous country in Asia for [human rights defenders] – President Rodrigo Duterte normalized the act of extrajudicial killing in his war on drugs, lowering the political cost of murder and thus raising the risk to defenders whose work threatens powerful interests," the Front Line Defenders said in its Annual Report on Human Rights Defenders at Risk in 2016.

The report released this week said that at least 31 human rights defenders (HRDs) in the Philippines were murdered in 2016. The group also reported 31 deaths in 2015.

"By calling for the extrajudicial killing of those involved in the drug trade, President Duterte has helped create an environment where murder is being promoted as an acceptable method of dealing with certain problems," the report read.

Duterte, however, often says contradictory things about his policy on drug personalities. In December, he denied allegations that killings being linked to his war on drugs are state-sponsored.

He even warned the police and the military against killing innocent people, but months earlier he reminded soldiers that no matter how many criminals they kill in the line of duty, he will pardon them and even give them a promotion.

The Front Line Defenders in its report also called out Duterte for "threatening to kill HRDs because of their criticism of allegedly drug-related extrajudicial killings."

The group pointed out that the President's threat "is liable to have a profound impact on the security of HRDs who are already at grave risk."

According to the group, many attacks in 2016 targeted indigenous or environmental rights HRDs in the Philippines who are opposed to extractive or polluting industries.

The report singled out indigenous peoples' rights defender Teresita Navacilla, who was shot dead by two unidentified armed men in Southern Mindanao.

"The attack was alleged to have been perpetrated by soldiers assigned to secure a mining project that the WHRD [woman human rights defender] campaigned against on environmental grounds. There was no progress in the investigation into her murder," the report said.

## EDITORIAL

**Global figures**  
Globally, a total of 281 HRDs were killed in 25 countries in 2016, and 49% of them were defenders of land, indigenous, and environmental rights.

The report noted that "in the vast majority of cases, killings were preceded by warnings, death threats and intimidation which, when reported to police, were routinely ignored."

In a statement on Tuesday, January 3, Front Line Defenders Executive Director Andrew Anderson demanded "an urgent and systematic response" from 6 countries, including the Philippines, for the killings of HRDs.

"This report honors the hundreds of defenders killed in 2016. We mourn their loss and celebrate their lives and achievements. Each and every peaceful HRD killed is an outrage. The scale of the killings in Brazil, Colombia, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico and the Philippines is a bloody indictment of the governments concerned; it demands an urgent and systematic response," Anderson said.

In 2016, many HRDs worldwide were also harassed, detained, or subjected to smear campaigns and other violations. The report also documented hundreds of physical, legal, and social attacks on activists.

Criminalization, according to the Front Line Defenders, was governments' "first choice...to silence defenders and to dissuade others."

In fact, arbitrary detention was reportedly widespread in 2016, ranging from a few hours of detention in Nicaragua to prevent HRDs from attending protests, to years-long house arrests in China.

## Smear campaigns

The organization also called out another leader, UK Prime Minister Theresa May, for criticizing "activist left-wing human rights lawyers" who tried to hold British soldiers responsible for murder in conflict zones.

"This type of stigmatization of human rights defenders, and smear campaigns that place them in physical danger, are tactics employed around the world," said Andrea Rocca, Head of Protection **Cont. on page 7**

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## KAKAMPI MO ANG BATAS

Many Filipinos do not know how to pray



BY: ATTY. BATAS MAURICIO

**LIFE'S INSPIRATIONS:** "... All Scripture is inspired by God..." (2 Timothy 3:16, the Holy Bible).

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## WHY ARE FILIPINOS NOT RECEIVING THE PROMISES OF THE BIBLE?

I consider funny and hilarious, but at the same time totally sad and pathetic, all Facebook posts saying there is a need for Filipinos to pray so that their leaders would turn righteous and upright.

The fact is, it is clear many Filipinos do not understand what it takes for a prayer to be answered, and why Filipino politicians and officials in top government positions turn out to be corrupt and plunderous.

This is sad and totally pathetic, considering that we have been priding ourselves, for as long as I can remember now, that the Philippines is the only Christian nation in the Far East whose citizens believe in God. If we are so deep with Christianity, how come the promises of the Bible about power, wealth, victory and success, have clearly escaped or avoided us?

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**NOT ALL PRAYERS ARE ANSWERED BY GOD:** The truth hurts, really, but it is still the truth. Ask any ordinary believer on the streets of Luzon, Visayas, and Mindanao: what is the prayer that God answers favorably? Almost always, perhaps 99.99% of the time, no one, though they profess to be Christians, can answer that.

Almost always, perhaps 99.99% of the time again, no Filipino Christian will remember the ringing words of Jesus in Matthew 7:21: "Not all who call on me, 'Lord,' 'Lord' will enter the kingdom of heaven..." Not one will remember that not all who says "My God," "My God" will be listened to by God.

Why is this happening? The Bible itself answers this, in Hosea 4:6 which says, quite emphatically: "... my people are destroyed for lack of knowledge..." Indeed, when people who believe in God do not know what Jesus said in Matthew 7:21, and do not know as well what Jesus said was the condition so those who call on Him, "My God," "My God", would have their prayers favorably answered, then destruction awaits them.

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**BIBLE: PRACTICAL INSTRUMENT TO ACQUIRE POWER:** This is the reason why we at the Anak ng Diyos Kadugo Ni Kristo (AND KNK, or Children of God Blood Kin of the Christ) Church, a Christian church established in the Philippines by God to do His work during the end times, endeavor to acquire knowledge that is found in the Word of God, the Bible, through furious Bible studies and prayer meetings among our members.

We believe that the Bible contains the very "breath" of God, the verses written therein having been inspired by God to be written, not only to serve as unreachable commands, but as practical instruments to acquire power to prevail in our daily lives here on earth, and to assure ourselves of salvation in Paradise in eternal life.

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## 2017 resolutions & wishes for Digong

BY: RENE SAGUISAG  
(MANILATIMES.NET)

For 2017, I wish to see Prez Digong marrying Honeylet, to make an honest woman of her, and housing her in Malacañang (and his kulasisis, nearby, if breaking up is really hard to do). The move should save a lot of time and money and arrest an arguable continuing scandal by making an honest couple of the two lovebirds. Maestro, the thousand violins (not violence).

Budget Secretary Ben Diokno has to tell us how much Digong's travels out of Manila and the country have cost us so far. Matrimony may save us a lot in expensive weekly Davao flights. "You'd be so nice, to come to," daily, as the song goes, in the Palace. "Prez and Mrs. Duterte," it can be announced at receptions.

Digs has a Muslim lolo. He may study converting to Islam (but being handicapped by being limited to four wives: for Christians—no limit).

Digong's current arrangement is arguably illegal under the Revised Penal Code, and sinful and scandalous under the Ten Commandments. We cannot have a seeming dynastic criminal-public sinner for a Prez anarchizing us and accelerating Decay.

Also important, with Digong settled in matrimony, prosecutors and judges would not have any problem in worldly romance cases where one charged with adultery argues that a party may not be prosecuted given what the Prez flaunts. The law must be administered with an even hand. What Leila admits, Digong very publicly exhibits. In your face. Moralists are catatonic. His predecessors were not as transparent; the mantra was "deny, deny, deny, until you die."

Best of all, for the nation, a wifey is a Bosswoman. She can moderate, especially if hubby is a Takusa. I know of no other kind. We are all Takusas, a matter of degree, some Super, like me. Sana malagay na sa tahimik ang Tsikboy nating Pangulo.

There's nothing wrong in impeaching any official provided the Constitution is followed. I want Digong to finish his term but he has to change his views on human rights, the death penalty and the like, and be less madaldal at palamura/palenghero. Removing him abruptly will create more problems than it will solve.

I like Digong's peace initiatives with the commies and Muslims but what about the more numerous peaceful lumads? He pledged to do justice to every man.

I wish he would not threaten to treat BSP Guv Say Tetangco and company as druggies whom Madaldal Bato de la Rosa's Pulis Patolas may dispatch to the Promised Land (or where Digong tells Obama to go). Digs blasts the AMLC (Anti-Money Laundering Council) — for following the law of the land.

I wish Rant! Rant! Rant! Digong would not create enemies where we can make no friends. What I think of Washington, D.C.'s officialdom does not extend to ordinary Americans who, by and large, I like, not three out of five of whom are "idiots," per Digong's weird survey. Admittedly, the US is a backward country where Kennedy, Nixon and Clinton had their claim or defense of immunity shot down. We are more majestic in our royalty.

I wish he and Bato would be less hambogand instead focus on easing our traffic problem. The seemingly permanent problem may take a decade to solve but tough Digong can begin. Transport Secretary Art Tugade cannot do it by his lonesome.

Crime went down when Bato's cops were busy attending Christmas parties. I wish Digong would start to bring back work conditions

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## Cordillera police official... from page 1

because he reminded his security escort and driver of violating the city's number coding scheme is considered grave abuse of power and authority and conduct unbecoming of an officer and a gentleman.

Earlier in the morning of December 19, 2016, at the city public market along Magsaysay Avenue, SPO3 Tadeo apprehended a private motor vehicle for violating the city's number coding scheme.

Subsequently, the driver of the vehicle and his passengers identified themselves as fellow members of the Philippine National Police (PNP) assigned to Senior Superintendent Lim and after having identified themselves as PNP members, Tadeo reportedly gave them a warning and reminded them of their violation but did not issue a traffic citation ticket to them and proceeded to perform its routine activities as a traffic enforcer.

The resolution noted that in the afternoon of the same day, to his shock and chagrin, SPO3 Tadeo received an order emanating from Senior Superintendent Lim relieving him from the BCPO-TMB and transferring him to Apayao.

While the transfer of personnel is a prerogative of the PNP and no doubt uniformed personnel could not question the same, the resolution pointed out the proximate cause of the transfer of SPO3 Tadeo was his apprehension of the motor vehicle of Senior Superintendent Lim, who is so full of himself that he feels entitled to a privilege not given to ordinary citizens of the city.

For being a sworn duty, the resolution stated SPO3 Tadeo will now face hardship equivalent to cruelty and unusual punishment two years before his retirement which is considered to be undeserving as he is known for his reputation as a hardworking and dedicated police officer who has proven honor and integrity.

Despite efforts of local officials to reach out to Senior Superintendent Lim for a face to face dialogue between the concerned parties to settle the matter, the police official refused to give in to the said request as if he is an untouchable police officer who believes that he is exempted from whatever rules and regulations that are being implemented in the city.

Further, the actuations of Senior Superintendent Lim is considered a dictatorship on his part that he refuses to listen to the clamor of the officialdom and the people to return Tadeo to the city where he has been effective in performing his duties and responsibilities as a police officer. Copies of the resolution will be submitted to PNP chief Director-General Ronald dela Rosa and the National Police Commission (NAPOLCOM) for their appropriate action./By Dexter A. See#



**WHO WILL POLICE THE POLICE?** - No one is above the law said Mayor Mauricio Domogan during a meeting last January 3 with Baguio's Finest led by OIC City Police director P/SSUPT Ramil Saculles and further advised them to strictly implement the law without fear or favor. Mayor Mauricio Domogan was dismayed over the reported relief of devoted traffic cop SPO3 Alberto C. Tadeo by the ranking regional police officers based in Camp Dangwa. - By Bong Cayabyab

## EL MAESTRO SPEAKS

*Let's keep Democracy Alive*

BY: CLYDE B. SACPA



In a classroom, a teacher asked a question about the different kinds of government. He asks, "What is dictatorship?" A student says, "Dictatorship is a type of government wherein the leader also known as the dictator is the sole decision maker in states matter." The teacher, delighted with what the student answered continues to ask question, "What is Democracy?" One student raised his hand and answered, "Democracy is the type of Government where people are free to elect their Dictator."

It may be a hackneyed joke but it has much connection to reality if we do not understand how democracy works. Democracy according to the dictionary, is the free and equal representation of all people. Wherein even if you're poor, you have the right which is equal and the same as that of the rich person. Wherein even if you are against the way the leaders are acting on some states matter, you are free to express your views and opinions as free as those who supports the ideals you are opposing. As Voltaire once said, "I may not agree with what you said, but I will defend to death your right to say it." That is the true essence of democracy.

What's happening in our country nowadays, is totally different. While it is true that we are in a Democratic Government, if you oppose our leader, some people would think they have the right to curse you, demean you and block or hack your social media accounts. A practice that entails our immaturity and our misunderstanding of the essence of Democracy.

Everyone of us is a part of this Government which means everyone is important. Supporters gives boost to the leaders for them to be able to move forward; Critics offers a different view on things, reveal things that was overlooked, and help the leaders learn and improve themselves as we are moving forward; detractors help keep our leaders always on guard and the by-product of it will be productive leaders.

All of us have our part to play in this kind of government. The beauty of Democracy comes from our diversity, let us keep that beauty by respecting the rights of everybody.#

## Parks management authority formed

**B**AGUIO CITY - A Parks Management Authority (PMA) has been created to serve as a policy-making body for all parks and recreation centers in the city.

This is pursuant to Ordinance No. 18 series of 2016 or the Environment Code of the City of Baguio which provides for the creation of such body, according to Mayor Mauricio Domogan.

In his Administrative Order No. 183 series of 2016, the mayor tasked the city environment and parks management officer to head chair the body with the following as members: city council committee on tourism, special events and parks or playgrounds chair; city buildings and architecture officer; city engineer; city administrator; city general services officer; Baguio City Museum administrator; and members of the city local finance committee, United Architects of the Philippines (UAP), Philippine Institute of Civil Engineers of the Philippines (PICE) local chapters and representatives from the University of the Cordilleras, St. Louis University and the Association of Barangay Councils (ABC).

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Republic of the  
Philippines  
Regional Trial Court  
First Judicial Region  
Branch 60  
Baguio City

RE PETITION FOR  
THE CHANCE OF  
NAME OF THE  
MINOR MATHIAS  
WILLIAM DEVEZA  
KIER V TO  
WILLIAM DEVEZA

MA. CLARIBELLE  
D I M A Y U G A  
DEVEZA

*Petitioners,*

-versus-

ALBERT ZACHARY  
CABJUAN KIER  
III, THE PHIL-  
IPPINE STATIS-  
TICS OFFICE,  
Herein represented  
by LISA GRACE  
S. BERSALES,  
and the LOCAL  
CIVIL REGISTRY,  
Herein represent-  
ed by SYLVIA R.  
LAUDENCA

*Respondents,*

SPL. PROC Case  
No. 2586-R

FOR: CHANGE OF  
NAME

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ORDER AND NOTICE  
OF HEARING

A verified Petition for change of name in the Certificate of Live Birth of minor MATHIAS WILLIAM DE VEZA KIER V, is filed before this court praying that after notice and hearing, the foregoing Petition be granted and that subject child's name be changed from MATHIAS WILLIAM DE VEZA KIER V to WILLIAM DEVEZA.

In support of her petition, Petitioner states:

1. Petitioner is single, of legal age, a Filipino, with address at 051A Purok 8, Irisan, Baguio City. She is the mother of subject minor, Mathias William Deveza Kier V, whose Certificate of Live Birth is hereto attached as Annex "A" and made part hereof;

2. Petitioner and child have been residing in

Baguio City for more than three (3) years now;

3. Respondent Albert Zachary Cabjuan Kier III, herein after referred to as Albert for brevity, is of legal age, single, a Filipino, with address at 61 Amistad Road, Camp 7, Baguio City where he may be served summons and other court processes;

4. Respondent Philippine Statistics Office, a nominal party herein represented by Lisa Grace S. Bersales, may be served notices at the 17th Flr. Cyber Pod Centris Eton Three EDSA, Quezon City;

5. Respondent Local Civil Registry of the City of Baguio, too a nominal party, herein represented by Sylvia R. Laudencia, may be served notices at T. Alonzo St., Baguio City;

6. Petitioner and Albert were intimate sweethearts in 2010. Thus, the birth of subject child on 19 February 2011;

7. Prior to giving birth, Petitioner decided to name her child WILLIAM DEVEZA, William being the English version of Guillermo, the name of Petitioner's father;

8. At the time she gave birth at the SLU Hospital, Petitioner was surrounded by Albert's Family who decided that MATHIAS be added to the baby's given name, Mathias being the Given name of Albert's great grandfather. Additionally, Albert's family decided that the baby's surname be Kier V. They decided so because the baby is the first grandson of the grandparents on the paternal side;

9. Much as Petitioner disliked the addition of Mathias for her son's given name and the use of Kier for the son's surname, she was unable to prevail upon Albert's family;

10. Hence, subject child's being named Mathias William Deveza Kier. This does not only contradict Petitioner's decision as to her son's name. It is wrong. It appears that subject child is legitimate when he is not;

11. For some months, Petitioner and Albert lived together after the birth of subject child. Petitioner couldn't stay much longer with Albert. Albert could not be a father at all. He lied about having jobs. He never gave support to his son. He even stole petitioner's belongings;

12. There's just no point for an illegitimate son to

use the surname of an irresponsible father who gives no support at all and whom the son does not relate with;

13. Soon, Petitioner and son will be traveling to the United States of America where Petitioner's parents reside. To prevent complications in the travel documents of subject child, the Certificate of Live Birth must be rectified; and

14. Petitioner believes it would best serve the interest of her child if his given name in his Certificate of Live Birth be changed to WILLIAM and his surname be changed to DEVEZA.

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Finding the Petition to be sufficient in form and substance, let the same be heard before the Regional Trial Court, Branch 60, Baguio City on March 9, 2017 at 8:30 o'clock in the morning at which place, date and time, the Petitioner shall prove her case. Any person may appear and show cause, why the petition should not be granted.

Let a copy of this Order, together with a copy of the Petition and its annexes be served upon the respondent, ALBERT ZACHARY CABJUAN KIER III, Local Civil Registrar of the City of Baguio, who is hereby enjoined to file its comments and/or opposition, should there be any. Furnish a copy of the Order and Notice of Hearing together with a copy of the petition to the Office of the Solicitor General, Office of the Civil Registrar General, Philippine Statistics Authority and the Office of the City Prosecutor of Baguio City.

At the expense of the Petitioner, the Branch Sheriff is hereby directed to post copies of this Order and Notice of hearing on the bulletin board of the Court, the City Hall, and the Post Office, all of Baguio City. Let this Order and Notice of hearing be published in a newspaper of general circulation in Baguio city and suburbs for three (3) consecutive weeks at the expense of the Petitioner.

SO ORDERED.

DONE IN CHAMBERS,  
this 12th day of December 2016, at Baguio City, Philippines.

(SGD) MARIA LIGAYA  
V. ITLIONG-RIVERA  
Acting Presiding Judge

*Publication Dates: Dec.  
24, 31, 2016 and Jan. 7,  
2017*

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

IN RE: PERITION  
FOR THE COR-  
RECTION AND  
SUPPLICATION  
OF ENTRIES IN  
THE CERTIFICATE  
OF LIVE BIRTH OF  
WALDO BATCHI  
NGAOA,

WALDO BATCHI  
NGADAOA,

Petitioner

-versus-

THE LOCAL CIVIL  
REGISTRAR OF  
MANKAYAN,  
BENGUET AND  
THE PHILIP-  
PINE STATISTICS  
AUTHORITY,  
Respondent.

SPEC. PROCEED-  
INGS CASE NO.  
16-C-258

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ORDER

Petitioner Waldo Batchi Ngaoa, through counsel, filed a verified Petition before this Honorable Court, praying that after due notice, publication and hearing, it shall order the office of the Local Civil Registrar of Mankayan, Benguet to correct the entry under his date of birth, from "December 4, 1954" to November 24, 1951; and to supply the missing entries pertaining to the middle name of mother and father, as "PAGO" and "LAMOGAY", respectively.

Finding the petition to be sufficient in form and substance, the same is hereby set for hearing on March 1, 2017 at 8:30 o'clock in the morning before this Court, at which date and time all concerned may appear and show cause, if any, why the Petition should not be

granted.

Let copies of this Order be published at the expense of the petitioner in the The Junction, for three (3) consecutive weeks. The first publication to be made not earlier than December 25, 2016.

Furnish copies hereof, together with the Petition and annexes to the Hon. Solicitor General, the Provincial Prosecutor of Benguet, the Local Civil Registrar of Mankayan, Benguet, the Philippine Statistics Authority, Petitioner and counsel.

SO ORDERED.

Abatan, Buguias,  
Benguet, Philippines this  
15th day of December  
2016.

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

*Publication Dates:  
January 7, 14 and 21,  
2017*

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

IN RE: APPLICA-  
TION FOR COM-  
MISSION AS A  
NOTARY PUBLIC  
IN LA TRINIDAD,  
BENGUET AND IN  
THE PROVINCE OF  
BENGUET

ATTY. JAKE  
SAGPAEY,

Petitioner.

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NOTICE OF HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a summary hearing on the above-entitled petition for commission as notary public for and the Province of Benguet filed by the above-named petitioner shall be held on February 17, 2017 at 1:00 o'clock in the afternoon before the undersigned Executive Judge of the Regional Trial Court, La Trinidad, Benguet.

Any person who has any cause or reason to object to the grant of the petition may file a verified written opposition thereto on or before the date of the

summary hearing.

Let this Notice of Hearing be published once (1) a week for two (2) consecutive weeks in the Junction, a newspaper of general circulation in Baguio City and Benguet Province, the first publication to be made not later than January 31, 2017.

SO ORDERED.

La Trinidad, Benguet,  
Philippines, this 28th of  
December, 2016.

(SGD) JENNIGER P.  
HUMIDING  
Executive Judge

*Publication Dates:  
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Republic of the  
Philippines  
REGIONAL TRIAL  
COURT  
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La Trinidad,  
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IN RE: APPLICA-  
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THE PROVINCE OF  
BENGUET

ATTY. JESSICA

## Police reports... from page 3

"This noteworthy improvement can be attributed to the full force deployment of personnel during the New Year revelry and the early information operation against the patronization of firecrackers and pyrotechnique devices, indiscriminate firing and crime prevention tips conducted by every unit of offices in collaboration with other government agencies."

He added that the non-issuance of permit by the different local government units to sell and distribute firecrackers contributed significantly in the safe and orderly celebration of the Yuletide season.

Sarona said that the public is now more vigilant with the effects of the use of firecrackers and fireworks so more people adhered to the call of the various government agencies to use other means of merrymaking instead.

Sarona also noted the zero incident of indiscriminate firing among the policemen. (JDP/RMC- PIA CAR)

LUBANTE,  
Petitioner.

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(SGD) JENNIGER P.  
HUMIDING  
Executive Judge

*Publication Dates:  
January 7 and 14, 2017*



# NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of CAMILO S. DUGAYEN who died in Baguio City on November 7, 2007 was extrajudicially settled by the heirs on January 7, 2017 as evidenced by Doc. No. 07; Page No. 45; Book No. V; Series of 2017 of the Notary Public Vicente Jose M. Angeles.

January 7, 14 and 21 2017

## Kakampi mo...

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read the Bible, we in reality are conversing with God, because the Bible itself assures us that the Word is God Himself. Let us therefore read and study the Bible, and then carefully obey its every command, so that when we pray God will favorably listen to us.

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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](http://www.facebook.com/angtangingdaan). Phone: 0922 833 43 96, 0918 574 0193, 0977 805 9058. Email: [batasmauricio@yahoo.com](mailto:batasmauricio@yahoo.com).

## Parks management...

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Apart from being a policy-formulating body, the PMA will be tasked to coordinate the planning and preparation of the over-all concept and master plans of all parks and recreation areas in the city.

It will also identify areas for partnership with the private sector in line with the city's Adopt-a-Park program, screen applications of would-be partners and coordinate regular public engagements to enhance awareness of the constituents on the aesthetic and environmental value of city parks.

The PMA can recommend amendments to all existing codes and must submit related reports to the city mayor on the status of the parks as basis for executive and legislative decision-making. - Aileen P. Refuerzo#

# 2,470 drug surrenderers recorded in Baguio

BAGUIO CITY - Mayor Mauricio G. Domogan remains alarmed over the increasing number of drug surrenderers coming from the city's 128 barangays, citing the need for a more aggressive campaign to rid the city of illegal drugs.

From July 1 to December 31, 2016, the city recorded some 2,360 drug surrenderers with 1,971 of them users and 389 of them drug pushers.

Further, he noted that there were 197 individuals involved in illegal drugs who were arrested during the government's all-out campaign against prohibited drugs in the city. Of the said number, 175 were said to be drug pushers while 22 were drug users.

"We have still a long way to go in the anti-illegal drug campaign but we are confident that we can rid our city from illegal drugs if **Cont. on page 8**

## Editorial...

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at Front Line Defenders.

"Such comments feed an insidious narrative which questions the universal nature of human rights, and puts the burden on activists to defend the legitimacy of their peaceful, critical work."

The Front Line Defenders report also discussed the threats against HRDs in Bangladesh, and in European countries such as Hungary, Poland, Greece, and Turkey, where organizations assisting refugees face harassment due to the "increasing anti-immigrant sentiments and xenophobia." - Rappler.com (Jee Y. Geronimo)

## Antamok waste disposal...

from page 3



**ANTAMOK PROJECTS** - Officials of Benguet Corporation and local chief executives of Baguio City and Itogon sign the memorandum of agreement to operationalize the Antamok landfill project with a waste-to-energy component during simple signing rites held at the Baguio Country Club Friday. In photo (from left to right) are BC Officer-In-Charge Engr. Arsenio K. Sebial, BC Executive Director Isidro C. Alcantara, Jr., City Mayor Mauricio G. Domogan, Itogon Mayor Victorio Palangdan, and Goldrich president Jaime Paredes. PIO photo

the project as well as assist Goldrich for the timely securing, maintenance and renewal of its relevant local business permits, licenses, authorizations and clearances for the continued operations of the project and its related facilities, provided that, Goldrich shall have complied with all material requirements.

For purposes of operating the temporary storage facility, Itogon shall serve all necessary permits from the Environmental Management Bureau and other government agencies.

Pursuant to the agreement, Goldrich is obliged to arrange financing for the Antamok project, plan, develop, design, build, test, and commission the project, implement the project and its related facilities after having complied with all material requirements.

Further, the developer shall manage, use, occupy, operate, repair and maintain all the facilities within the landfill project, secure in its own name, the required permits, licenses, and endorsement required for the implementation, operation and maintenance of the project, deliver to BC its share from the proceeds of the energy generated by the project and shall hold BC free and harmless from all kinds of claims for damages arising from or caused by the fault or negligence of the company, its employees or authorized representatives in relation to the implementation of the project.

For the City Government of Baguio, it is obliged to deliver and exclusively dispose in the Antamok project at least 300 tons of its waste generated and collected within its territorial jurisdiction once the sanitary landfill aspect of the project is ready for operation and shall pay tipping fees in an amount to be agreed upon by both parties

BC plans to convert and develop its Antamok →

# Baguio City Council to implement paperless transaction project this year

BAGUIO CITY - The Baguio City Council will implement a paperless transaction project this year in continuation of the computerization project initiated by the City Budget Office in 2016.

Under the PHP1.77 billion 2017 budget of the local government unit of Baguio City, more than PHP2 million was allocated for the implementation of paperless transactions of the council to save on expenditures in paper and ink for the printing of the agenda, committee reports, attached comments and other related documents needed in the council's regular sessions.

If implemented, the city secretary's office and council secretariat will no longer need voluminous copies of all documents submitted to the local legislative body for pertinent actions of the council members.

This will result in savings of time, effort and resources among those involved in these transactions.

Earlier, the Baguio City Council requested for a PHP5 million budget to fund its paperless transactions but only PHP2 million was included for the acquisition of the project's system hardware.

The implementation of paperless transactions in the city council is part of an effort to provide quality and timely delivery of services to the people and those transacting business with the different offices of the city.

The initial phase of the paperless transactions in the council will pave the way for the implementation of its second phase as soon as funds are made available to support the enactment of a supplemental budget. / (PNA)ZST/JOJOLAMARIA#

# Reigning Miss Universe, candidates to visit Baguio

BAGUIO CITY - Reigning Miss Universe Pia Wurtzbach together with some 32 candidates from around the world are set to arrive on January 18 for an overnight stay in this summer capital as part of the itinerary of this year's Miss Universe pageant to be held in the country.

The beauties will touch down at the historic Loakan Airport with a draw sword **Cont. on page 8**

properties into an engineered sanitary landfill project with a waste-to-energy component, thus, it entered into an agreement with Goldrich whereby the latter was given the exclusive right to conduct feasibility and related studies for the development of the Antamok properties in the solid waste disposal facility.

BC stated the Antamok project is the mine rehabilitation plan to be implemented in the affected areas under the final mine rehabilitation and decommissioning plan approved by the MGB.

More importantly, BC claimed once implemented, the Atamok project will effectively and efficiently address the solid waste management of the Baguio-La Trinidad-Itogon-Sablan-Tuba-Tublay (BLISTT) area pursuant to the provisions of the Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2000 and that the project is imbued with public interest.

The proposed facilities for the project will cover a portion of BC's 60-hectare property to be used for the proposed engineered sanitary landfill and waste-to-energy plants. /By Dexter A. See#



## 2,470 drug surrenderers... from page 7

there is sustained teamwork and unity among our officials and the people we serve," Domogan stressed.

He said the local government has made available the services of the City Social Welfare and Development Office (CSWDO) to help reform the drug surrenderers to allow them to be able to be brought back to mainstream society and become productive citizens.

According to him, there is a need for the law enforcers, barangay officials, and volunteers to sustain the government's anti-drug campaign because it has significantly reduced the occurrence of crimes in the whole city over the past several months.

He expressed surprise over the number of individuals in the city who are involved in the illegal drug trade, citing that the government cannot solve the problem alone, thus, the involvement of the people in the barangays to enable the police to neutralize the activities of individuals identified to be involved in the sale and disposal of illegal drugs.

Based on the number of drug surrenderers over the past six months, Domogan agreed with the contention of some sectors that all the city's 128 barangays were drug affected because of the presence of either drug surrenderers or drug personalities who were arrested in separate drug operations citywide.

Because of the increasing number of drug surrenderers over the past several weeks due to the government's intensified anti-drug operations, he claimed there is also a need for concerned sectors in the city to work double time to arrest those who continue to sell and use illegal drugs and defy lawful orders.

He added everyone wants to live in a drug free community thus everyone must be involved in the neutralizing the activities of drug personalities who continue to peddle prohibited drugs. /By Dexter A. See#

## City benefited from operation of ERS machines

**B**AGUIO CITY – The City General Services Office underscored the local government benefited from the operation of the two multi-million Environmental Recycling system (ERS) machines that were purchased to process a portion of the city's biodegradable waste to high grade compost several years back.

City General Services Officer Romeo D. Concio claimed the processing of some 48 tons of biodegradable waste by the ERS machines daily significantly reduces the volume of solid waste being hauled out by the city to the sanitary landfill in Capas, Tarlac.

He explained the volume of garbage being hauled out by the city daily is approximately 150 to 160 tons daily excluding the 48 tons of biodegradable waste being processed daily by the ERS machines.

Concio added the cost of hauling the 48 tons of biodegradable waste to Tarlac daily is approximately more than P24 million annually, including the freight cost and tipping fees paid to the landfill operator.

"Hauling is still the remaining feasible option to avoid a serious garbage problem in the city while we are working on the establishment of the planned integrated solid waste disposal facility either in Antamok or in Sto. Tomas School area as the case may be," Concio stressed.

According to him, the P12 million being spent by the city for the maintenance and operation as well as the fuel expenses of the ERS machines is much cheaper compared to the P24 million computed expenses of the local government once the 48 tons of biodegradable waste will be hauled out of the city instead of being

## Mayor urges council to enact ordinance on firecracker ban

**B**AGUIO CITY – Mayor Mauricio G. Domogan is urging the local legislative body to enact now the much awaited ordinance imposing a firecracker ban in the city for the succeeding Yuletide revelries.

The local chief executive claimed the sustained decline in the number of firecracker-related injuries in the city over the past several years is an indication that residents are now realizing that there are other alternative ways of celebrating the Yuletide revelries.

During the Christmas eve revelry, he noticed there were a few residents that used firecrackers and pyrotechnic materials to welcome the celebration of Christmas but there were no casualties.

However, he claimed the four firecracker-related injuries that were reported in the city were only registered at the height of the New Year revelry.

For the past three years, the local government refused to issue permits to the organization of firecracker and pyrotechnic **Cont. on page 9**

## 2,470 drug surrenderers... from page 7

welcome and silent drill exhibition by the cadets of the Philippine Military Academy (PMA).

A mini-Panagbenga parade will follow from Upper Session Road going to South Drive and ends at the Baguio Country Club (BCC).

The beauties will experience strawberry picking and tree planting at the BCC and will be treated with a gala dinner. They will spend overnight at the same venue.

Mayor Mauricio Domogan is delighted that the city is one of the places to be visited by the candidates for it will boost tourism with economic gains.

Meanwhile, security is in place according P/Sr. Supt. Ramil Saculles, city director of the Baguio City Police Office.

"We will see to it that the candidates will have a safe and enjoyable stay. We have also in place traffic plans and we appeal for the cooperation of everybody," Saculles said.

The Miss Universe pageant is one of the major activities expected to boost attention and tourism to the country which last hosted said event in 1994.

The coronation ceremony will be held at the SM Mall of Asia Arena on January 30 at 8:00 A.M. to coincide with an evening broadcast in New York. (JBZ- PIA CAR)#

processed by the ERS machines.

While it is true that the machines undergo regular maintenance work anytime of the year, he said the contribution of the machines in reducing the volume of garbage being hauled out of the city has been very significant compared to totally hauling out the city's waste to the landfill in Tarlac.

Further, the operation of the ERS machines is part of the city's integrated solid waste disposal facility once established.

For this year, the city allocated a total of P85 million from the P1.776 billion 2017 city budget purposely for the hauling of the city's residual waste to the Tarlac landfill.

Concio urged local residents to cooperate with the existing policy of waste segregation at source to reduce the volume of waste from their residence to help address the city's garbage problem.

Concio remains optimistic that the local government will be able to realize the put up of its integrated solid waste disposal facility the soonest once Benguet Corporation will give the green light for the project within its property in Itogon, Benguet. /By Dexter A. See#



Governor Pedro Mayam-o and Schools Division Superintendent Sally Ullalim sign the pledge of commitments of state workers to help preserve and promote indigenous knowledge in Ifugao for the benefit of the next generation. (MBL – PIA CAR, Ifugao)

## 2017 Resolution and Wishes... from page 5

in government the way they were when I was young, when cops were welcomed and respected, not feared and avoided. Damn the crooks but like Singapore, government must start competing again with the private sector for the best and the brightest coming out of school. Good working conditions, beginning with pay, leaves, and eventually health care and pensions, reasons we behave when we migrate. North America remains a fave, not China or Russia.

But I had dealings recently with government people who I must commend, up to even the other day (at MARINA). As is said in America, good people should go to the ministry/priesthood, but the best ones should go to politics and government. The Pinoy is no less honest than the next nationality. But pay him above the level of temptation and corruption by laying down the economic foundation of honesty.

I wish Digong would improve his vocabulary for when he gets angry (even Jesus did); no more "PI's!" and the like. Again, the young, we try to teach to be respectful, courteous, magalang, a trait I associate with country, not city, mice. The Prez is aped by the young who should not have him as a role model who inelegantly lashes out at critics as lower forms of life.

I wish for certain course corrections after a bumpy semester when Digong even prefers to be called Meyor, indicating a persistent parochial, not a national or international, outlook. He has to realize he's now king of the hill, of 104 million rabbits, romping every which way. He should be tolerant, if not accepting, of the noises of democracy. And here, I very much appreciate his tolerance of dissent. No gunshots, water cannons, tear gas, truncheons, etc. Stay as sweet as you are, Digs, in this respect.

He will never lack for supporters, being where the power is. But, Bato de la Rosa, less power to you. I have, for my part, all my life, liked and preferred being with the powerless, my fellow life losers.

I wish our people would be more just and less forgiving, like the Koreans, **Cont. on page 9**



## Council okays P1.77-B... from page 10

(COA) as contained in an earlier Audit Observation Memorandum that mandates the BFFFI to have a confirmed agreement with the local government to specifically outline the duties and

responsibilities of the concerned parties in the yearly event.

The council stood firm to the fact that the BFFFI must comply with what is being required from them by the COA

## Mayor urges council... from page 8

materials vendors.

"We hope our local legislators witnessed the initial success of our efforts to spare our people from injuries that might affect their productivity and their bright future, thus, we need then to enact the ordinance on the total ban on the sale and use of firecrackers and pyrotechnic materials to put an end to the illegal sale of the said items in the city," Domogan stressed.

Earlier, the Baguio Fire

Department was able to obtain more than 28,000 signatures from local residents supporting the passage of an ordinance banning the sale and use of firecrackers and pyrotechnic materials in the city to achieve the long overdue goal of zero casualties and injuries to ensure a safe and peaceful Yuletide revelries.

Subsequently, a proposed ordinance was submitted by some local legislators imposing a total ban on the use of

to prevent the reiteration of the contents of the Audit Observation Memorandum (AOM) that was already handed down for the purpose of correcting whatever deficiencies in the conduct of the month-long festivities in the city. /By Dexter A. See#

firecrackers and pyrotechnic materials in the city during the Yuletide revelries.

Domogan claimed now that the local legislative body was able to timely enact the city's budget, it is also equally important for the local legislators to consider enacting the ordinance banning the sale and use of firecrackers and pyrotechnic materials in the city because of the demonstrated reduction in the number of firecracker-related injuries even without the enabling ordinance. /By Dexter A. See#

## Mine company to provide 1M for livelihood project in Ampucao, Itogon

ITOGON, Benguet – The Philex Mining Corporation will provide P1 million in seed capital for a hog-raising project using a state-of-the-art technology to its host community.

Recipients of the P1M seed capital are 67 families living in sitios Sta. Fe and Quarry in Barangay Ampucao in Itogon, Benguet. But the amount will be released upon submission of detailed project proposal and covered by a memorandum of agreement.

Philex Mining Corporation Senior Vice President and Resident Manager of the Benguet Padcal Operations Manny Agcaoili said they will partner with the Sta. Fe and Quarry Livelihood Association (SQuaLA) for the project that does away with water in keeping the pigpens clean.

The technology requires at least a 1.5-square-meter space for each pig and a 2- to 3-foot deep of organic

materials such as coconut husk or newly milled rice hull as bedding on the soil flooring of the pigpen.

The project was hatched following a series of consultations between Philex Mining, the two sitios and Ampucao barangay chairman Eddie Amuasen.

Just recently, 15 officers and members of SQuaLA representing the 67 households, and some mine employees visited the Lily of the Valley Organic Farm, in La Trinidad, Benguet to witness and learn the Korean technology on organic farming and hog-raising.

During the familiarization tour, farm owner and organic-farming specialist, Jefferson Laruan, said the secret to the process he uses to raise hogs in an odorless environment is to mix wood vinegar called mokusaku, into the pigs' drinking water. The mokusaku, he explained, "deodorizes" a pig's wastes. It is also sprayed around the pigpens to counter any

foul smell.

Laruan shared that the pigs he raises which are Hampshire and native breed, are fed with the leaves of organic vegetables grown in the farm and mixed with organic feeds. The farm has broccoli, sweet peas, Baguio beans, French beans, cauliflower, cherry tomato, red and green cabbage, sweet potato, cucumber, spinach, lettuce, leek, lemon, watercress, sugar beet, and kale, among other vegetables. It also has herbs like Swiss chard, mint, basil, tarragon, and rosemary.

"We are excited about this project as it also suits our location. So we will draw up our formal proposal for Philex Mining at the soonest time possible," SQuaLA President Abel Magamba said. (JDP/RMC- PIA CAR)

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the Jews, and the Chinese, of those who destroyed or damaged our lives, values, institutions and processes, for the sake of our future generations. Imee now heads the Ten Outstanding Filipinos judges! Yawa! Excuse me. I wish Digong would use his influence to convince the Marcoses to take the initiative in saying "sorry" and doing justice to the countless victims of Martial Misrule (we are now in our new Police State, with bonuses galore for Bato, et al).

My final wish is for the Prez not to press for the return of the anti-poor eye-for-an-eye-tooth-for-a-tooth-rape-the-rapist death penalty, by public hanging at that. Atavistic. Not severity of penalty, but swiftness and certainty of conviction, deter.

Hardline on drugs has not worked anywhere in the world, an egregiously failed policy. No to EJK and J (for judicial) murder! The lives of the poor also matter as much as the lives of those in power and of the elite who make laws reflecting their biases.

The exchange rate in the Old Testament was 7-1, even 77-1. Then the progressive liberal lex talionis, an eye-for-an-eye. Parity. The New Testament

urged forgiveness and charity for the truly contrite who make amends. Turn the cheek.

For lawyers, again, we recall, in particular—"[t]he German lawyer [who] was . . . particularly prepared to accept as 'law' anything that called itself by that name [and], was printed at government expense . . ." L. Fuller, *Positivism and Fidelity to Law – A Reply to Professor Hart*, 71 Harv. L. Rev. 630, 659 (1958).

"Hitler did not come to power by a violent revolution... The exploitation of legal forms started cautiously and became bolder as power was consolidated. The first attacks on the established order were on ramparts which, if they were manned by anyone, were manned by lawyers and judges. These ramparts fell almost without a struggle." (id.)

I hope and pray that we are not going back to Mussolini in 1925, Hitler in 1933, and Macoy in 1972, when the people acquiesced, maybe even cheered, and the lawyers let the ramparts fall, with hardly any struggle.

Let us welcome 2017 but not to forget the past, like Rizal's being EJKed, thanks to a kangaroo court, 120 years ago, today.

## Typhoid fever cases in Cordillera up by 39%

BAGUIO CITY – The Cordillera office of the Department of Health (DOH-CAR) reported a thirty nine percent increase in typhoid fever cases regionwide for the first fifty weeks of 2016 with 3,841 cases compared to the 2,756 cases during the similar period in 2015.

Dr. Lakshmi Legaspi, DOH-CAR regional director, said there were 2 fatalities due to typhoid fever in 2016, a 71-year old female from Sadanga, Mountain Province and a 33-year old male from Tuba, Benguet while there were also 2 fatalities reported during the same period the previous year.

"Typhoid fever is a systematic bacterial disease with insidious onset of sustained fever, severe headache, malaise, anorexia, splenomegaly, non-productive cough in the early stages of the illness, and constipation more often than diarrhea in adults. The disease is transmitted by food and water contaminated by feces and urine of patients and carriers," Legaspi stressed.

Ifugao reported the highest increase at 293 percent with 224 typhoid fever cases during the reckoning period in 2016 compared to the 57 cases recorded during the similar period the previous year followed by Apayao that registered a 209 percent increase with 272 cases in 2016 compared to the 88 typhoid fever cases in 2015.

Further, Kalinga posted a 146 percent increase in typhoid cases during the first 50 weeks of 2016 with 420 cases compared to the 171 cases during the similar period the previous year while Benguet reported a 67 percent increase with 1,889 typhoid fever cases in 2016 compared to the 1,129 cases during the similar reckoning period the previous year.

On the other hand, Baguio City reported a 45 percent decrease with 212 typhoid fever cases in 2016 compared to the 386

cases during the same reckoning period the previous year followed by Abra that posted a 36 percent decline with 58 typhoid fever cases last year compared to the 96 cases during the same period the previous year.

Typhoid fever cases from non-CAR areas registered a 19 percent decrease with 58 cases last year compared to the 72 cases during the same period in 2015 followed by Mountain Province which posted the lowest decrease in typhoid fever cases with 708 cases last year compared to the 762 cases during the same reckoning period the previous year.

Legaspi recommended that the municipal epidemiology and surveillance unit personnel of Pudtol, Apayao; Paracelis, Mountain Province and Tabuk City, Kalinga to intensify diarrheal surveillance in their areas and report suspect cases to local health authorities immediately.

Moreover, she ordered health personnel to conduct prevention and control activities of typhoid fever and acute bloody diarrhea cases and to conduct testing of water sources at least quarterly.

The DOH-CAR official underscored the importance of conducting disinfection of water tanks or reservoirs and to do information campaign on maintenance of personal hygiene, practice hand hygiene, hand washing with soap and water and using hand sanitizer among others.

She also encouraged people to practice safe food preparation, handling and appropriate food storage as well as enforce suitable quality control procedures in industries that prepare food and drink for human consumption.

People must also collect and dispose of garbage properly, boiled drinking water for 3 to 5 minutes and maintain cleanliness of toilet facilities. /By Dexter A. See



## Mayor orders probe of batang pinoy, tennis court complaints

**B**AGUIO CITY – Mayor Mauricio Domogan ordered separate investigations of two sports-related incidents that became the subject of complaints from concerned citizens here.

In twin administrative orders issued last Dec. 19, the mayor created two committees to handle the probes into complaints on the alleged gambling activity and barring of athletes at the tennis court at the Baguio Athletic Bowl and on the alleged negligence and mishandling of the athletes who joined the Batang Pinoy.

The first team composed of city legal officer Melchor Carlos Rabanes or his representative, city environment and parks management office assistant department head Ruben Cervantes and secretary to the mayor Rafael Tallocoy was tasked to investigate claims that

there were gambling activities happening at the tennis court and that the young athletes were denied full access to the facility in the presence of disgruntled parents.

In Administrative Order No. 186 series of 2016, the mayor said there is a need to investigate the allegations, review the contract or agreement covering the court for the city to come out with revised rules and regulations on the utilization of the facility.

The committee was tasked to find out if there is truth to the report, find out who are responsible and undertake the review of the contract.

In Administrative Order No. 187 series of 2016, the mayor tasked city administrator Carlos Canilao, Office of the Assistant Schools Division Superintendent officer-in-charge Augustine Laban III and Rabanes or his representative to look

into reports on the Batang Pinoy event.

“Complaints had reached our office regarding the alleged negligence and mishandling of the Baguio City athletes relative to their means of transportation from Nasipit Jeepney Terminal going to Butuan City and from Butuan City to Tagum City,” the mayor said.

The incident allegedly resulted to the team’s loss by the default in their event.

“There is a necessity to conduct an investigation regarding the said incident to find out what actually happened, who are responsible among the Baguio City coordinators and importantly, to prevent similar incidents from happening again,” the mayor said.

Both committees were given ten days to complete the investigations with recommended actions. – *Aileen P. Refuerzo*

## City resets BIBAK demolition

**B**AGUIO CITY – The city government through the city anti-squatting committee Thursday agreed to reset the demolition of illegal structures at the Benguet-Ifugao-Bontoc-Apayao-Kalinga (BIBAK) area to a later date but not beyond January 31.

This after the Presidential Commission on Urban Poor (PCUP) relayed to Mayor Mauricio Domogan the possibility of obtaining a commitment from the affected parties to undertake voluntary demolition of their structures.

Committee head city administrator Carlos Canilao said they are intent on pursuing the demolition within the month to avoid further delay in the long overdue operation.

Domogan convened the committee to discuss the possibility of postponing the operation in the light of the PCUP development and of the scheduled Ms. Universe event in the city.

The operation was earlier set for Jan. 17-18 with all the manpower and logistical requirements being readied.

The mayor said the city

still depend on how they plan to go about the demolition especially the time frame.

The PCUP promised to forward the commitment as soon as possible.

The committee also deemed it prudent to postpone the demolition as the visit of the Ms. Universe contestants will fall on Jan. 18.

Canilao said the event will require the city’s full attention in terms of the maintenance of peace and order which cannot be done if the BIBAK demolition will still be pursued at the same time.

During the meeting, the committee signified readiness for the operation with the city buildings and architecture office under Engr. Nazita Banez to take the lead with the manpower and equipment needed.

The operation will be in collaboration with the



**BAGUIO'S P1.77 BILLION BUDGET FOR 2017** - City Budget Officer Atty. Leticia Clemente reports on the city's P1, 776,213,147 budget for the this year approved by members of the City Council headed by Vice Mayor Edison Bilog and signed by Mayor Mauricio Domogan during the City Hall flag raising ceremony last Tuesday. - *By Bong Cayabyab*

## Council okays P1.77 billion 2017 city budget

**B**AGUIO CITY – The City Council approved the local government’s 2017 budget amounting to P1,776,213,147 which is P10 million higher than the earlier proposal of the executive branch.

The P10 million that was added to the original proposed budget of P1,766,213,147 will be sourced out from the sale of fertilizers produced by the city’s two Environmental Recycling System (ERS) machines based at the old Irisan dumpsite for additional assistance to the Baguio General Hospital and Medical Center (BGHMC) amounting to P1.5 million, completion of the rehabilitation of Malcolm Square comfort room, green wall, cistern among others amounting to P2.5 million, completion of the barangay hall at Kayang Hilltop worth P1.2 million and purchase of two trucks for the City Engineer’s Office in the amount of P4.8 million.

The local govern-

ment will be sourcing the city’s budget from the beginning balance amounting to P230 million, tax revenue – P418,95 million, non-tax revenue – P248.715 million, and external resources amounting to P868.55 million.

The city’s budget will be spent for personal services amounting to P649.042 million, maintenance and other operating expenditures – P714.47 million, capital outlay – P’ 402.71 million, non-office expenditures – P118.72 million, disaster risk reduction and management fund – P76.81 million and local development fund – P198.81 million.


However, the local legislative body provided a budget of P12.3 million for the hauling of the city’s residual waste to the Capas, Tarlac sanitary landfill while the remaining P75 million from the appropriation of environment and sanitary services was transferred to the other

maintenance and other operating expenses until such time that the city General Services Office shall have submitted the contract between the local government and the hauler to the council for confirmation.

The local legislators also included as a condition of the approval of the budget the submission of all contracts entered into between the local government and private and public entities for confirmation pursuant to the provisions of the Local Government code of the Philippines that empowers the local legislative body to confirm all agreements entered into by the local chief executive.

On the other hand, the local legislators also required the Baguio Flower Festival Foundation, Inc. to submit its detailed expenses of its income-generating activities pursuant to the findings and recommendations of the Commission on Audit

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Baguio City Police Office under P/Sr. Supt. Ramil Saculles who committed to field in 200 personnel to provide security and the regional offices of the Dept. of Environment and Natural Resources and the National Com-

mission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP) which both pledged funding and logistical support, among others.

The mayor said that after the demolition, the city will shift its focus on developing

the property. He said a technical working group will be formed to work on fencing the property and on drafting a master development plan in cooperation with the stakeholders. – *Aileen P. Refuerzo*