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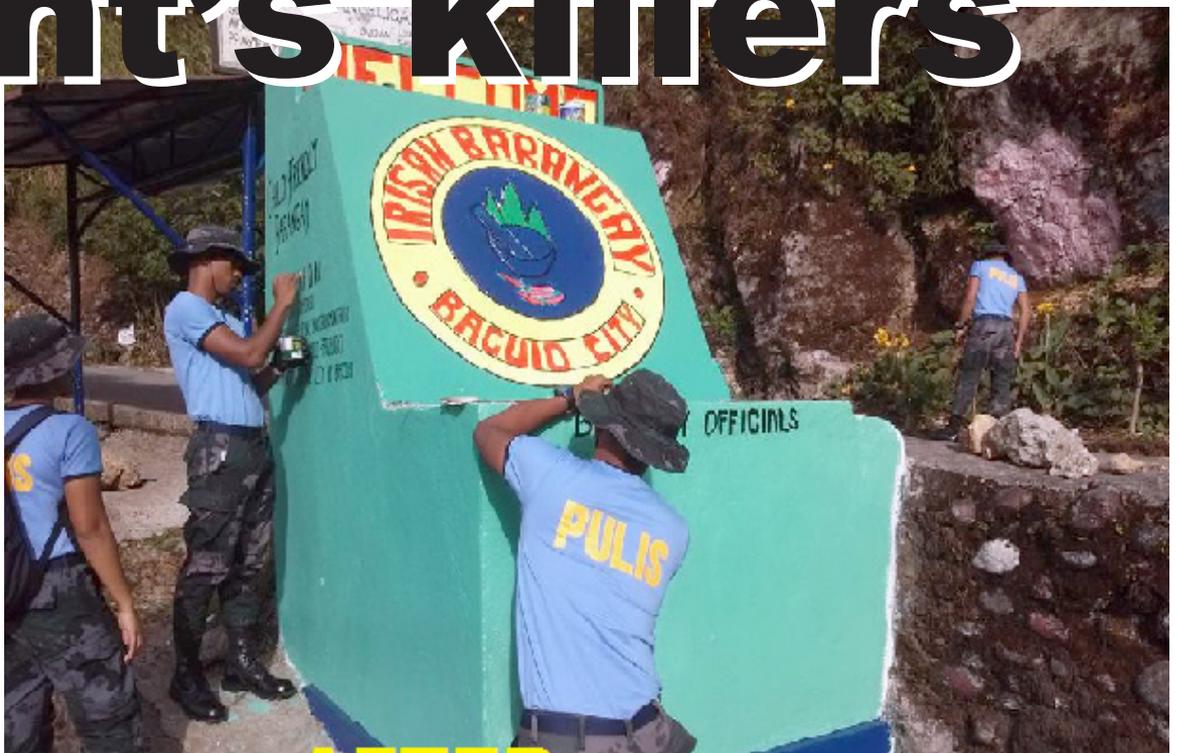
P100K reward for student's killers

BAGUIO CITY – The City Government has put up a one hundred thousand pesos cash reward for whoever could help police investigators to effect the arrest of the three knife-wielding individuals who brutally murdered a 16-year old student of the Pines City National High School (PCNHS) along Labsan Street, Kayang Extension, here, Tuesday morning.

Mayor Mauricio G. Domogan said the cash reward will be taken from one of the accounts of the local government that has sufficient savings to help in the immediate resolution of one of the celebrated crimes that was recently committed in the city and has again tainted the city's peace and order campaign.

"We are saddened by the

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Consultations required for IPMR appointment in barangays

Experts urged to decide on color of Lion's head

BAGUIO CITY – The Association of Barangay Councils (ABC) in the city stated it will conduct massive consultations among its members and various stakeholders in the city's 128 barangays to gather their sentiments, opinions, and recommendations on how to put in place an Indigenous Peoples Mandatory Representative (IPMR) to sit as a regular member of the barangay council for the prescribed term.

ABC President and Councilor Michael Lawana said he will initiate the conduct of consultations among its members by early next year to determine the collective position of the organization relative to the pending proposal to appoint IPMR in the city's barangays and in the local

legislative body pursuant to the provisions of the Indigenous Peoples rights Act (IPRA).

"Our barangay officials have different positions on the matter that is why we need to consult with them and enlighten them on the matter before we will come out with a collective decision. We do not object to the appointment of IPMRs in the city's barangays but there are some compelling reasons why some barangay officials are against the putting in place of an IPMR in their respective councils," Lawana stressed.

Some barangay officials claimed the appointment of an IPMR in their councils will definitely affect their honorarium and the allowances granted to barangay

health workers, barangay nutrition scholars, barangay nutrition action officers and barangay tanods which are all sourced out from the meagre personal services appropriation of their budget considering that there will be an added personnel who will be included in the allocation of the limited allocation of the barangays.

The concerned barangay officials claimed the appointed personnel are equally important in rendering public service to the barangays that is why depriving them of their supposed compensation will greatly affect their performance in discharging their assigned duties and responsibilities that will jeopardize the programs and projects of

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Mayor warns public on treasure hunting in city

BAGUIO CITY – Mayor Mauricio G. Domogan said the city's environment code prohibits any natural or juridical person from conducting treasure hunting activities in the city because these are reportedly destructive to the environment plus the fact that many of those who were previously engaged in it have gone bankrupt.

The local chief executive admitted that a group was able to obtain a treasure hunting permit from the National Museum to conduct treasure hunting

activities within the premises of the Baguio Convention Center to dig up the alleged remaining Yamashita treasure wherein the government can have a substantial share.

"It is clear under the provisions of our environment code that treasure hunting activities are banned in the different parts of the city that is why we advised the members to first seek the necessary exemption from the City Council," Domogan stressed.

He pointed out there

were individuals who were successful in their treasure hunting activities but there were a lot more individuals who were not successful in the said endeavor as they suffered from extreme financial losses.

Further, he said those who were lucky to locate some of the hidden treasures were mostly accidental in nature because their primary purpose in conducting digging activities in certain areas of the city was for construction and not actually for treasure hunting.

According to him, it is still unfortunate that there are still people who believe in rumors that there are still huge Yamashita treasures deposited in

BAGUIO CITY – Mayor Mauricio G. Domogan recommended the hiring of experts to make the appropriate recommendations on how to bring back the original color of the Lion's Head along Kennon road, one of the premier tourist destinations in the city.

The local chief executive claimed the city is currently facing numerous problems that deserve the personal attention of local officials and that it is best for the local government to leave to the experts the decision on what will be the real color of the Lion's Head.

"Everyone knows the color of a lion that is why it is not worthy to debate on what will be the real color that will be used for the Lion's Head along Kennon Road. It is best to leave the matter to the experts so that we can concentrate on finding solutions to the city's existing problems," Domogan stressed.

Earlier, the Baguio City Host Lion's Club signified its intention to change

strategic areas in the city, one of which is the Baguio Convention Center area, but there might be no truth to the matter since a number of rich Baguio residents who were into treasure hunting for several years now have practically become poor.

The group that was able to obtain a treasure hunting permit from the National Museum cited that a 90-year old former Japanese World War II veteran has testified to on the presence of the Yamashita treasure hidden in one of the tunnels within the vicinity of the Baguio Convention Center.

He expressed optimism that most of those involved in treasure hunting were able to learn their lessons the hard way after losing their

the current color of the Lion's Head and bring back the colors black and yellow but the matter was brought to the local legislative body for the deliberation.

He said there is nothing wrong if the old colors of the Lion's Head will be brought back but concerned stakeholders should be consulted to get their sentiments before the implementation of the plan of the Baguio City Host Lion's Club considering that it has been the group that had been maintaining the tourist spot.

According to him, the Baguio City Host Lion's Club should be given the discretion to implement whatever project that it desires to undertake in the said tourist spot so that it will continue to be a major tourist attraction in the city.

In fairness to the prestigious civic organization, Domogan, who is also a member of the Baguio City Host Lion's Club, claimed there is a need for the group to be given

the liberty to decide on what will be the applicable colors for the Lion's Head to help in attracting more visitors. Earlier, the local legislative body invited representatives from the Baguio City Host Lions' Club, barangay officials of Camp 7, officials of the Baguio City District Engineering Office and the stallholders located around the Lion's Head to hear their views on the proposal of bringing back the old colors of the Lion's Head, however, only representatives from the barangay officials of Camp 7 and the City General Services Officer Romeo D. Concio appeared before the regular session of the local legislative body.

Domogan asserted the best people to decide on the matter will be the relevant experts as they will be the ones to also ascertain the type of paint that should be used so as not to allow the paint to immediately fade with the fast changing weather condition in the city./By Dexter A. See#

wealth, thus, it should serve as a reflection to those still interested in such activities.

Domogan appealed to these treasure hunters that they will have no place to do so considering that those who earlier pursued similar activities did not actually get anything in return, except for the fact

that they became practically poor after treasure hunting ate up their riches.

He asserted it is now up to the City Council to decide whether or not to allow the treasure hunting activities of the applicant even with the approved permit from the National Museum./By Dexter A. See

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Cops ordered to fastrack probe on series of deaths

BAGUIO CITY – Mayor Mauricio G. Domogan ordered the Baguio City Police Office (BCPO) to fastrack the on-going investigation on the reported deaths while under investigation in the city to prevent unwarranted conclusions from the public that extra-ju-

dicial killings have been committed due to the government's anti-drug campaign.

The local chief executive revealed that since the new administration took over and launched its aggressive anti-drug campaign, there were 30 deaths that were recorded

in the city with four deaths resulting from legitimate police operations while 26 were described by the police as deaths under investigation.

Of these deaths under investigation, he claimed two were said to be drug pushers while 24 were alleged drug pushers from

the different barangays of the city.

"We do not want the government's anti-drug campaign to be tainted with allegations of extra-judicial killings that is why the police should come out with results of their investigations into the alleged deaths under

investigation to allay the fears of the public that individuals suspected to be involved in the illegal drug trade could just be killed anytime," Domogan stressed.

He admitted several months had lapsed but the BCPO has not yet submitted detailed reports

on the real cause of the deaths under investigation which happened at the height of the government's effort to curb the illegal drug trade nationwide.

According to him, the BCPO leadership was recently reminded to

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Panagbenga 2017 committees

reconstituted anew

BAGUIO CITY – The committees for Panagbenga 2017 from government and private sectors were reconstituted through Administrative Order 175, s. 2016 to avoid overlapping of activities and insure the smooth staging of the major tourism event in the city.

Now in its 22nd year, Panagbenga spearheaded by the Baguio Flower Festival Foundation Inc. (BFFFI) and the City Government of Baguio promotes the city's being the city of flowers, its culture, community spirit, tourism and economic industries.

Activities of Panagbenga are planned, organized and implemented by the program committees, as the policy review committee oversees the implementation, with the executive committee coordinates the activities for proper execution.

Mayor Mauricio Domogan heads the police and program review committee, with Vice-Mayor Edison Bilog as co-chairperson, members are; Councilors Elmer Datuin and Michael Lawana Hotel and Restaurant Association of Baguio (HRAB) officials Anthony de Leon, Frederico Alquiros and Evangeline Payno, Engr. Bernardo Vergara, Arch. Jodie Alabanza, Dr. Julie Cabato, and Ramon Cabrera.

Other members are Department of Tourism Venus Tan, Philippine Information Agency Director Helen Tibaldo, University of the Cordillera VP Dr. Leonarda Aguinalde, Atty. Renato Rondez, Atty. Augustin Laban III of the Department of Education. Congressman Mark Go is honorary chairman of the committee.

The executive committee, among others include City Budget Officer Atty. Leticia Clemente, City Administrator Atty. Carlos Canilao, City Engineer Elpidio Garabiles, businessman Atty. Moises Cating.

The grand streetdancing and opening parade committee is headed by Councilor Elmer Datuin, with co-chair Alquiros and the Panagbenga Cultural committee chair and co-chair, while the grand floral float parade committee is chaired by HRAB head de Leon.

The Let a Thousand Flowers Bloom Handog ng Panagbenga Sa Pamilya Baguio committee is chaired by Alquiros with Councilor Peter Fianza as co-chair, while the Baguio Blooms Exhibition and Exposition committee is headed by Councilor Elaine Sembrano with Annabelle Ramos as co-chair.

Mary Lou Galiste heads the Session road in Bloom committee with **Cont. on page 7**

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To believe, or not to believe, the Philippine president?

Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte frequently makes controversial comments that he or his aides later seek to clarify or quash completely.

Here are some of Duterte's remarks and subsequent clarifications that often leave journalists and the public unclear on his actual position:

- Journalists at fault -

The quote:

Just before taking office, Duterte said in June that journalists could be murdered if they were corrupt.

"Just because you're a journalist you are not exempted from assassination, if you're a son of a bitch."

The explanation:

After UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon expressed concern at the comments, Duterte's then spokesman, Salvador Panelo, released a statement blaming the controversy on "incorrect news reports".

"The president-elect has not endorsed -- cannot -- and will never endorse extra-judicial killings, they being contrary to law."

"He does not condone the killing of journalists nor any citizen for that matter, regardless of its purpose."

- Death threat -

The quote:

Duterte threatened in November to kill human rights activists because of their criticism of his crime crackdown that has seen police and vig-

lantes kill thousands of people:

"Human rights (defenders) say that I kill. I said: 'Okay, let us stop and let them (criminals) multiply. So when harvest time comes, here will be more who will die.' I will include you in that because you let them multiply."

The explanation:

Presidential spokesman Martin Andanar said human rights activists should not fear being killed.

"The president did not mean he would do that. It was just frustration he expressed through language. You know that is how the president talks."

- Split from US -

The quote:

In an October address to Chinese businessmen in Beijing, Duterte signalled his intent to end the Philippines' decades-long alliance with the United States in favour of closer ties with China and Russia:

"In this venue, I announce my separation from the United States."

"America has lost. I've realigned myself in your (Chinese) ideological flow and maybe I will also go to Russia to talk to (President Vladimir) Putin and tell him that there are three of us against the world: China, Philippines and Russia. It's the only way."

The explanation:

After Duterte said upon returning from China he would not sever US ties, spokesman Ernesto Abella urged journalists not to take the president literally:

"Let us not be too literal. You've seen the way he speaks, so in other words watch and understand the context of what he says, okay?"

"Maybe the most important thing here is to understand the words 'cut ties.' He said it's a possibility that he could, that he might... so let's try to use our creative imagination, okay."

- Leaving the UN -

The quote:

In August, Duterte said the Philippines may withdraw from the United Nations in response to UN criticism of his war on crime.

"Maybe we'll just have to decide to separate from the United Nations. If you are that disrespectful, son of a whore, then I will just leave you."

The explanation:

Foreign Secretary Perfecto Yasay quickly insisted the Philippines would remain with the United Nations:

"The president was tired, disappointed, hungry when he made the statement. We must give him leeway. He is also human."

Later, when reporters asked him about the issue, Duterte replied: "Can't you take a joke?"

- Respectful -

The quote:

Just before departing for a September summit in Laos that was meant to include a bilateral meeting with Barack Obama, Duterte used foul language in a warning to the US president against

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Digong's barking dogs just can't get over De Lima!



KAKAMPI MO ANG BATAS

**P130 M the true
bribe for immigration
officials?**

BY: ATTY. BATAS MAURICIO



LIFE'S INSPIRATIONS: "... Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God---children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God..." (John 1:12-13, the Holy Bible).

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SHOULD A PERSON WHO HAS BEEN BAPTIZED BE BAPTIZED FOR THE SECOND TIME? Question: is a person who had already been baptized before still required to be baptized again? The Anak ng Diyos Kadugo Ni Kristo (AND KNK, or the Children of God Blood Kin of the Christ) Church believes that if the previous baptismal did not grant to the believer the right or status of being a "child of God", as the Bible requires, there is a need for another baptism.

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P50 M BRIBE IS JUST TIP OF ICEBERG: If we are to backtrack a little on the raging controversy over the receipt of P50 million as bribe by Deputy Immigration Commissioners Mike Robles and Al Argosino allegedly from international online gambling operator Jack Lam, we will readily deduce that the bribe here will not only be that amount of P50 million.

Fact is, when Justice Secretary Vitaliano Aguirre II started his public disclosures about Lam's efforts to bribe him so the Department of Justice could be Lam's godfather in his casino businesses here in the Philippines to protect illegal Chinese nationals working here, the amount of P100,000.00 per illegal Chinese was being bruited about as the routine fee so the illegals can be allowed to come in and work, even without visas or permits.

Now, if we multiply this P100,000.00 bribe per Chinese illegal national with the figure 1,300 (which is the number of illegal Chinese nationals arrested in Lam's casino at the Clark Freeport Zone), it would be clear that some P130 million would have to be paid for the 1,300 illegal aliens that Lam employed in his gambling businesses.

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IS P130 M THE TRUE BRIBE FOR IMMIGRATION OFFICIALS? The question is, why are we hearing the amount of only P50 million as having been paid by Lam by way of a bribe to Robles and Argosino? What happened to the remaining P80 million from the P130 million which, if we are to believe Aguirre's disclosure, is supposed to be paid for all the 1,300 illegal Chinese nationals who were arrested by the Bureau of Immigration several weeks ago?

Vic Somintac, the Malacanang reporter of Radyo Agila DZEC (1062 kHz on the AM band) and my partner at "Tambalang Batas at Somintac" (which is a Mondays-to-Fridays 6 am to 7 am program at DZEC), and I, believe that if the delivery of the P50 million to Robles and Argosino was not captured by CCTV cameras and then aired on national television and exposed in a newspaper column, the P80 million would also be paid.

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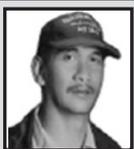


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- PDU30 certified killer!!!
- US Aid sa atin ipinatigil!!!



BY: NESTOR "PAKEN" CASTRO

US Aid sa atin ipinatigil - Yehey, hindi tayo naisama sa isang grant giving aid ng isang grupo sa Amerika dahil daw sa mga dahilan na na-aalarna sila sa mga malawak na human rights violations. Basahin sa ibaba ang maikasing balita hinggil dito.

Sayang ano mga ka Dutertards ko, libre 'yan at wala ng bayad, hindi katulad ng pautang ng Gina este China na mayroong interest.

Sa isang report ay nabasa ko na US\$400 million dapat ang nasabing AID na ngayon ay na-purnada na. Good Bye AID, see you kapag hindi na Pangulo si Lolo Duts! Kung sabagay, ay hindi naman natin kailangan ng AID at mayabang este mayaman ang ating bansa at hindi ba ay first world este third world country pa nga tayo?!! Hi! Hi! Hi! Oh mahal na Panginoon, bigyan niyo po ang ating mga kapwa Dutertards at mga opisyal ng aming bansa na namumuno sa amin ng kinaukulang karunungan (wisdom) para sila ay gumawa ng tama para sa kanilang sinumpaang paglilingkuran ng tama - ang sambayanang Pilipino.

"US says aid package to Philippines withheld over rights concerns"

The United States has not renewed a major aid package to the Philippines because of "significant concerns" about the rule of law under President Rodrigo Duterte, the US embassy said on Thursday.

"This decision reflects the Board's significant concerns around rule of law and civil liberties in the Philippines," embassy spokeswoman Molly Koscina said in a statement emailed to AFP after the country was not selected for a new Millennium Challenge Corporation grant."

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PDU30 certified killer- Oh ayan, mismong sa bunganga ng ating mahal na pangulo nanggaling na siya daw ay naghahanap pa ng ingkuwentro para sa ganoon ay makapatay siya ng tao nuong siya ay Mayor pa. Hi! Hi! Hi! Hindi kaya naiinggit lang itong si PDU30 kay Apo Bobby "Bungo" Ortega na isang tunay at certified na killer (sa tamang lugar)? Oh baka naman puros yabang lang at hyperbole nga ang sinasabi ni PDU30 ayon sa kanyang DOJ Secretary Aguirre na hyperbole lamang ang kanyang mga pronouncements.

Ano kaya sa palagay ninyo mga dear readers, yabang lang ba o may katutuhanan?

Basta, para sa akin ay hindi na dapat nagyayabang pa at nag-kukwento ang isang Pangulo ng mga ganyang bagay na nababagay lamang para sa isang Mayor o Secretary ng DILG.

Alang sinabi itong si PDU30 sa dami ng pinatay kung akin siyang ikukumpara kay Apo Bobby "Bungo"! Inggit ka lang PDU30!!!

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Nais kong batiin ang lahat ng aking mga dear readers ng isang malaki at masaganang Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! May we all have many more to come!!!

Nalpas!#

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Tunggal Madanonan ti Paskua



BY: LEONARDO R. AGUNOY

MANIPUD Septiembre, Oktubre, Nobiembre Mken Diciembre. Namsek dagiti nakallalagip a pasamak iti biang ti tunggal maysa kadatayo.

Dagitoy met laeng a bulan ti kaadda ti pul-o-yan a kunada. Kasaur ti awag ti dadduma a lugar. Kasta pay ti masasao a dugudog.

Kalam-ek ngarud ti panawen gapu iti nalamiis nga apiras ti pul-oy manipud iti bigat agingga ti pumarbangan.

Idi dakami ti ubing, adda ti puor iti tunggal pumarbangan. Naigagara a paginuduan tapno parmeken ti lamiis ti bagi. Babbaket, lallakay, ubbing, aggaarim-utong iti temtem.

Uso idi ti bunggoy ti ag-caroling - pagpagna nga estallope. Manumtumbalay kadagiti kabangibang a purok. Awan ti pagtaengan a pilpilienda a pag-caroling-an: nadaeg wenna kadawyan a pagtaengan. Adda kadagiti lumugar ti anag ken espiritu ti Pascua. Uray kababassitan a banag, adda ipaaginaldo dagiti akimbalay kadagiti ag-caroling. Panawen ti Pascua, panagbibinnuray, panagpipinnateg, panagkakappia. Panagyaman.

Adda matandaanak unay a canta iti Pascua. Kaaduanna a naisangrat a macanta kadagiti adda bassit mabalbalinna, isu daytoy:

DAYTOY A BALAY TI NATURONGMI/
BALAY DA NANANG NGA AM-AMMOMI/
ISU NGATAN 'TAY PAKAGULPIANMI/
'TAY NAWADWAD NGA AGINALDOMI/
AGINALDO... AGINALDO... AGINALDO.../
ALA, NANANG, MANGBUSBOSKAYO/
URAY NO SENSILIO NO SANGASUDO
(sangasako kadagiti mannagangaw)/
URAY NO MAYMAYSA NO PAPEL DE BANCO.../
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DIKA TUMUGAW NGEM TUMAKDERKA/
TA AWATEM TI ITED NI NANANG/
NO BASSIT, AGPANAYONKA/
NGEM NO ADU, AG-DIOS TI AGNGINAKA/
PIEK... PIEK... PIEK, BASSIT PAY LAENG/
KUTAK-KUTAK, AY, MABALBALINEN...
Bassit sa ti naiyawat nga aginaldoda? Nakarkaro
manen ti mirduotda no di nagpa-Pascua ti
akimbalay ti nag-caroling-anda.
Iparaipusda la ngaruden nga icanta ti:
BULONG TI APATOT/
PASCUAYO A NAIMUT/
UMULOG TI MAKARUROD/
TA PANG-UREK TI SARUKOD...

Panawen ti Pascua. Panawen ti panagpipinnakawan, panagpipinnateg. Lagipen ti pannakaipasngay ti Mannubbot iti Sangalubongan. Naipasngay ti nakanumnumo a lugar idiy Belen.

Naipasngay ti Mannubbot iti Sangalubongan. Isu ti pagubbogan ti kangrunaan nga ayat. Awan ti ayat no adda ti gura nga umuk-ukuok iti kaunggan ti puso. Ti ayat, parmekenna ti guranggura. Adda koma kadatayo amin ti anag ti ayat tapno narungrungbo ti pasangbayentayo a Pascua.

Nalab-ay ti panagbiagmo no bin-ig a kusilap ken ngariet ni manggugura kenka ti makitkitam.

EL MAESTRO SPEAKS

The Principle of Extreme Ownership



BY: CLYDE B. SACPA

Being a teacher entails a lot of commitment. It also means that you are the embodiment of many profession rolled into one. There are times that the teacher will become a little bit of a "handyman", "engineer", "nurse", "Doctor", "an attorney" but almost all of the time a leader. Part of being a teacher is being a leader, in her classroom, community or to her co-workers. Teachers cannot hide this fact and whether she likes it or not she must accept this reality with open arms.

Being a leader is something that can break a teacher. All the decisions you'll be making will create a ripple of effect to your surroundings and if you made a mistake critics will be there quicker than a lightning to bring you down. The only way one is able to go through this is through preparation. A teacher must arm himself/herself with the necessary knowledge he/she needs to be an exemplary leader.

One of the most practical and effective principle that a teacher can use in his role as a leader is the principle of "Extreme Ownership" a leadership principle that is widely used by the American Navy Seals and was shared by a Navy Seal vet. Jocko Willink.

Extreme ownership tells us that everything that happens under your leadership is your responsibility and you have to own everything whether it's good or bad or worst. The reason for this is, if you own up full responsibility to the result you'll can come up with solutions that you can actually manipulate hands on. If we compare this to a leader who blames his people of a bad result, the leader would have few options on how to control the situation and most of the time the only option he/she has is to fire those he/she thought messed up. In extreme ownership, the leader instead of blaming his people would say that, Maybe he/she have not explained the project well to his people and he/she will be working hard to make his/her people understand the goal that he/she wishes to achieve.

On another note, having this "Extreme Ownership" principle as a teacher and a leader will influence everyone inside your circle to do the same. Thus creating a better and more productive environment for you. This principle is not new as it is one of the Seven Successful habit of Great people by Stephen Covey, but it is seldom used in the field of leadership. So, my dear teachers go forth and use it in the field. Let's be different let's be efficient#

Ngem, ti ayat, parmekenna ti gura iti barukong-tayo. Lagipentayo ti ayat a namunganay iti panna-kaipasngay ti Mannubbot iti Sangalubongan. THE SWEETEST REVENGE IS TO FORGIVE a kuna ni Isaac Friendman.

Di uliten ti biddut a naaramidan tapno di met maabuso ti ayat nga inwayat ken inaramid ti tao a simkenan ti pusona ti ayat ken pannakaaawat. Liklikan ti agbalin a managbasol iti pada a tao tapno dimo maparnuay ti adu a manggurgura kenka. Money buys everything except love, personality, freedom, immortality, silence, peace, character, clear conscience and true friendship, a kuna ni Carl Sandburg, Mannaniw nga Amerikano.

Pasangbayen ngarud ti masasao a Pascua iti laem dagiti pusotayo. Arakopen, ipateg ken riknaen ti anag ti Pascua. Isu, siak, dakayo, isuda, agpipinnateg-tayo koma tapno naragragsak ti isasangbay ti Pascua kadatayo a sangapada.#

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

JOHN D. TELAGEN,
Petitioner-Mortgagee,

-versus-

SPS. DENNIS TONY W. TINAY & ESTELA B. TINAY,
Respondents -Mortgagors,

CASE NO. 16-EXF-1949

FOR: EXTRA-JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE OF REAL MORTGAGE UNDER ACT 3135, AS AMENDED
X-----X

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S PUBLIC AUCTION SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act No. 3135 filed by Petitioner-Mortgagee, JOHN D. TELAGEN, of legal age, married, Filipino, and resident of No. 291 Purok 1, Asin Road, Baguio City, against herein Respondents-Mortgagors, SPOUSES DENNIS TONY W. TINAY & ESTELA B. TINAY, both of legal age, Filipino Citizens, and residents of Poblacion, Sablan, Benguet, Philippines, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which the respondents have, as stipulated in the real estate mortgage, the principal amount of ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P100,000.00) which shall be paid in one year (from August 28, 2014 to August 28, 2015), and the same shall earn an interest of 7% per month, Philippine currency, excluding, attorney's fees, and other expenses incidental to the public auction sale, the undersigned or his duly authorized deputy will sell at public auction on DECEMBER 22, 2016 AT 11:30 IN

THE MORNING, at the main entrance of the BULWAGAN NG KATARUNGAN, Justice Hill, La Trinidad, Benguet to the highest bidder, for cash or manager's check and in Philippine currency, the real property, together with all existing improvements, with the following description, to wit:

ORIGINAL CERTIFICATE OF TITLE No. CLOA-3516

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

As Surveyed For: DENNIS TONY W. TINAY

Location: Pappa, Sablan, Benguet

Area: SEVENTEEN THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED NINETY EIGHT (17,698) square meters

Boundaries: NW., line 1-2... Lot 573, Cad. 1008-D

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

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

1-2 N. 68 deg. 57' S., 73.29 m.

2-3 S. 82 deg. 19' E., 190.00 m.

3-4 S. 17 deg. 27' W., 117.33 m.

4-1 W. 63 deg. 23' W., 247.78 m.

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

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

Done this 24 November 2016, at La Trinidad, Benguet, Philippines.

FOR THE PROVINCIAL SHERIFF EX-OFFICIO OF BENGUET

(SGD) WHINSTON P. DULAWAN Sheriff IV

Publication Dates: Dec. 3, 10 and 17 2016

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
OFFICE OF THE CITY SHERIFF
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
FIRST JUDICIAL REGION
BAGUIO CITY

BAGUIO MARKET VENDORS MULTI-PURPOSE COOPERATIVE (BAMARVEMPCO)

Mortgagee,

-versus-

LUIS V. OLAIS
Mortgagor.

FORE. CASE NO. 16-688-S

FOR: EXTRA-JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE
X-----X

SHERIFF'S NOTICE OF AUCTION SALE

Upon petition for sale under Act 3135, as amended by Act. 4146 filed by BAGUIO MARKET VENDORS MULTI-PURPOSE COOPERATIVE (BAMARVEMPCO), hereinafter referred to

as the MORTGAGEE, executed on October 2, 2012 by LUIS V. OLAIS of No. 40 New Lucban, Baguio City, hereinafter referred to as the MORTGAGOR, to secure his mortgage obligation which as of September 24, 2016, amounts to ONE MILLION ONE HUNDRED THIRTY THREE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED THIRTY TWO AND 84/100 (1,133,732.84) PESOS, excluding expenses of foreclosure proceedings, the undersigned Sheriff, will well at public auction on January 26, 2017 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter at the Hall of Justice Lobby, Baguio City, and all the improvements existing thereon and more particularly described as follows:

HOWEVER, if any reason/s the auction sale on January 26, 2017 will not push through, then notice is hereby given that the auction sale will proceed on February 9, 2017, also at 10:00 in the morning at the same place as indicated above without need of a separate notice.

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-78705

"A parcel of land (Lot 2-D-2 of the subd. plan (LRC) Psd-327335, approved as a non-division project, being a

portion of Lot 2-D, (LRC) Psd-23192; L.R.C. Record No. F. Pat. No. 236), situated in the Barrio of Res. Sec. "J" (now), Baguio City, Island of Luzon. Bounded on the NE., points 2-3, by Boyok River; on the SE., points 3 to 4, by Lot 2-D-3, on the SW., points 4 to 1, by Lot 2-D-9 (Road); and on the NW., points 1 to 2, by Lot 2-D-1, all of the subd. plan. Beginning at a point marked x x x to point of beginning; containing an area of THREE HUNDRED (300) SQUARE METERS. More or less (complete technical description found in the title)

Prospective bidders may investigate the Title, rights and improvements of the property with regards to encumbrances, if any there be.

Baguio City, Philippines, this 12th day of December, 2016.

(SGD) ATTY. LINDA G. MONTES-LOLOY
Clerk of Court VI & Ex-Officio City Sheriff

(SGD) BOBBY D. GALANO
Sheriff IV

WARNING: it is absolutely prohibited to remove, deface or destroy this Notice of Sale on or before the date of sale under the penalty of law.

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brutal murder of an innocent young student who was simply on his way to school at the time of the commission of the crime. We appeal to possible witnesses to help our investigators ascertain the identity of the suspects so that they will be made to answer for the crime they committed," Domogan stressed.

The local chief executive pointed out there is a need for the Baguio City Police Office (BCPO) to work double time for the immediate resolution of the crime so that it will not be again used to depict a worsening peace and order situation amidst the sudden change in the leadership of the BCPO.

Kenneth Pacheco Velasco, 16, a Grade 10 student of the PCNHS, was on his way to school and decided to take the shorter route when he was waylaid by the three still unidentified knife-wielding suspects, who allegedly took his cellphone, tablet, and P200 pocket money, before stabbing him at least 40 times, most of which were on his neck, that caused his instantaneous death.

The murdered student was described by his parents to be a responsible individual who helped in the household chores and vowed to be the bread winner of the family once he will be able to finish his studies considering that his father is still recovering from a stroke.

Domogan underscored the cooperation of the public in such cases is important because witnesses must provide the investigators with the descriptions of the suspects that could guide them to effect their arrest and answer for the crime that they committed.

According to him, he could not understand why the suspects went to the extent of killing the student when their primary intention was to take his personal belongings and valuables.

He directed police investigators to exert extra effort to identify the suspects and arrest them soonest.

He insinuated that the incident created fear among students making use of the shorter route leading to the PCNHS, thus, barangay officials and law enforcers must make sure that there will be the constant presence of uniformed and non-uniformed policemen in the area to guarantee the safety of those using the route and gather more information about the suspects who perpetrated the crime./By Dexter A. See#

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The question is, to whom will this remaining P80 million be paid? Are we to believe that mere deputy immigration commissioners would be the only ones that would be bribed here? Do they not have officers higher in rank than they, whose palms should also be greased with bribe money? Who are these higher officers?

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SECOND BAPTISM NEEDED FOR TRULY ENLIGHTENED BELIEVERS: When does the baptism of a believer transform him or her into a "child of God"? The Bible, in John 1:12-13, has the answer, and it says: "...but to those who received him, to those who believed in his name, to them he gave the right to become children of God. Their being children of God is not the result of any human will or desire, but they became children of God because they were born of God..."

This seems simple enough.

In fact many are saying they are already children of God because they, too, "received and believed". But there is more to this than simply "receiving and believing". Who, or what, must a person receive and believe in so he or she can become a child of God? The person who cannot say who or what he or she must receive and believe in needs to be baptized again, after receiving enlightenment on this issue.

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PLEASE LISTEN: "Ang Tanging Daan" (The Sole Way): a Bible study and prayer session online could now be heard, 24 HOURS a day, in the Philippines and the world at www.facebook.com/angtangingdaan or www.facebook.com/ANDKNK (and look for "Ang Tanging Daan" broadcasts). Phone: 0917 984 24 68, 0918 574 0193, 0977 805 9058. Email: batasmauricio@yahoo.com.

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH SIMULTANEOUS WAIVER OF HEREDITARY RIGHTS

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

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*criticising the crime war.**"You must be respectful. Do not just throw away questions and statements. Son of a whore, I will curse you in that forum."***The explanation:***Duterte quickly released a statement expressing regret, after Obama cancelled their planned meeting:**"While the immediate cause was my strong comments to certain press questions that elicited concern and distress we also regret it came across as a personal attack on the US president."**But, once out of Laos, Duterte said he had never insulted Obama.**"I never made that statement. You can check it out."*

- Chat with God -

The quote:*Duterte said in October he spoke with God, who ordered him to stop swearing:**"A voice said that you know: 'If you don't stop epithets, I will bring this plane down now.' And I said: 'Who is this?' So, of course it's God. Okay. So I promised God not to express slang, cuss words and everything."***The explanation:***After the comments were widely reported in the Philippines and overseas, Duterte said he was only joking and ridiculed journalists for believing him:**"Those idiots fell for it. I may not be a (law) bar top-notch but I am not that stupid."/AFP News#***Consultations required...**

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their barangays.

On the other hand, some barangay officials claimed there are already officials in their council who are already members of indigenous peoples and appointing an IPMR will increase their representations while other non-IP residents will definitely make an issue on the matter, thus, the need for concerned government agencies to render a definitive opinion on the matter to put the issue to rest.

Further, some barangay officials pointed out there is no compelling reason why an IPMR will be appointed as a member of their councils because there are reportedly no indigenous peoples living in their areas of jurisdiction, thus, the appointment of the IPMR should only be applicable to the barangays with IP constituents.

Other barangay officials in the city challenged the local legislative body to first put in place an IPMR that will serve an example for them to emulate so that IPs will give the sufficient representation in all levels of governance.

Pending before the local legislative body is a proposed ordinance mandating the appointments of IPMRs not only with the local legislative body but also the barangay councils of the 128 barangays pursuant to the existing guidelines promulgated by the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (CIP) that required all local governments to prioritize the appointments of IPMR in their respective local legislative bodies./By Dexter A. See#

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come out with constant updates on the status of these numerous deaths that happened in the different parts of the city to negate the impression of some quarters that those who were killed during the implementation of anti-drug operations were victims of extra-judicial killings.

He admitted the existence of deaths under investigation could be one of the down side of the govern-

Death penalty for suspects in heinous crimes backed

BAGUIO CITY – Mayor Mauricio G. Domogan supports the passage of a law restoring death penalty for suspects of heinous crimes to help in preventing the occurrence of heinous crimes in the different parts of the country that tend to compromise the government's peace and order campaign.

The local chief executive said the recent brutal murder of an innocent 16-year old Grade 10 student of the Pines City National High School is an indication that lawless elements of the society continue to lord it over because of the absence of the imposition of capital punishment.

Further, he added the previous implementation of the death penalty in the country had not been effective because it was EVENTUALLY SCRAPPED BY Congress during the term of former President and now Pampanga Rep. Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo.

"We are supportive of the move by Congress to bring back the death penalty but it should be imposed to those involved in the commission of heinous crimes," Domogan stressed.

He explained suspects of heinous crimes nowadays seem to be not hesitant in the commission of crimes that tend to sow fear among the residents in the places where the crimes are being committed, thus, compromising the peace and order situation of the said places.

According to him, there is a need for the present administration to be firm in the implementation of the death penalty for suspects of heinous crimes so that the people will be able to witness the government's political will in putting an end to the rampant occurrence of prevalence of heinous crimes that affect the stability of peace and order in certain areas of the country.

He expressed optimism that there will be a significant improvement in the overall peace and order situation in different parts of the country once there will be a consistent implementation of the death penalty for suspects of heinous crimes to serve as a reflection of other criminals not to emulate the commission of such crimes as they will be imposed the stiffest penalty.

Domogan recommended Congress must define the limits on the heinous crimes covered by the death penalty to prevent unnecessary conclusions from concerned sectors that government is trying to deprive people of their right to life.

The proposed revival of the death penalty is now pending deliberations with the House of Representatives after the measure was able to hurdle the sub-committee where it was assigned for the conduct of consultations with the concerned sectors of the country.

Domogan claimed there **Cont. on page 8**

ment's anti-drug campaign if the police cannot handle the situation properly, thus, the need for law enforcers to immediately come out with detailed updates on the cases so the public is aware of what really transpired during the said anti-drug operations.

Domogan admitted the government's anti-drug campaign has contributed in improving the peace and order situation in the city because of the significant reduction in the crimes over the past several months.

However, he added there is a need for law enforcers to be vigilant because there might be some individuals and groups, especially the drug groups, who might take advantage of the situation and take the law into their own hands by assassinating their rivals in the trade and then blame the police as responsible for such incidents.

He claimed the fears of the people can only be allayed once there will be positive results in the reported deaths under investigation to send a clear message that the police is in control of the situation./By Dexter A. See#

Final report on results of drug test sought

BAGUIO CITY – Mayor Mauricio G. Domogan requested the City Health Services office (CHSO) to finalize the final report of the results of the drug test conducted recently on officials and employees of the local government to guide decision-makers on the appropriate steps to prevent the public servants from being involved in the use of prohibited drugs that might compromise their ability to render quality service to the people.

The local chief executive said the results of the mandatory drug test conducted on the 1,700-strong work force is just an initial step as those who will be found positive for the use of prohibited drugs will have to undergo the required confirmatory test and other prescribed procedures to contest the results prior to the conduct of investigation on them.

"We have to make it clear that the results of the mandatory drug test on city officials and employees are just preliminary results because those who were able to test positive will have to undergo a stringent process. We should not be judgemental on the matter because the process will go a long way before concluding that an individual is involved in the use of illegal drugs," Domogan stressed.

Initially, City Health Officer Rowena Galpo informed city officials during their regular Monday meeting that there are already five employees of the local government who tested positive for illegal drugs but the final report has yet to be finalized and subsequently submitted to the local chief executive for further assessment and evaluation.

Domogan declined to identify those who tested positive during the mandatory drug test because there are still a number of pro- **Cont. on page 8**

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Councilor Lilia Farinas as co-chair; while school-based activities are taken care of by Atty. Augustin Laban III, Councilor Fianza, Dr. Elma Donaal, Dr. Fernando Eleponga, Planning Officer Evelyn Cayat and Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) head Evelyn Trinidad.

Councilor Lawana heads the pony boys' day with the Baguio Pony Boys' Association President as co-chair. He also chairs the flower tee golf tournament with Andrew Pinero as co-chair. Other events are chaired by City Budget Officer Atty. Clemente.

Other committees and respective chairs are: Closing and Awarding ceremonies, HRAB head de Leon; Finance, Atty Clemente; Advertising and Promotions, de Leon; Solicitation and Marketing, Alquiros; Security, Peace and Order, Traffic and Crowd control, P/SSupt Ramil Saculles; Billboards and Signs, Engr. Nazita Banez; Medical and Emergency, Health Services Officer Dr. Rowena Galpo;

Judges Selection, Councilor Mylen Victoria Yaranon; Media Relations, Andrew Pinero; Foreign Group participation; City Administrator Canilao; Barangay Participation, Councilor Lawana; Secretariat and Protocol; Evangeline Payno.

AO 175 mandates that the committees "come out with necessary ways and means, styles and procedures of running the activities respectively assigned to them, not violative of the rules promulgated for Panagbenga 2017 and subject to the executive committees' powers of supervision and monitoring."

"All net proceeds realized in the 2017 Panagbenga shall accrue to the BFFFI as additional starting fund for the 2018 Panagbenga," the administrative order also states./Julie G. Fianza#

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is a possibility that the proposal to revive the death penalty in the country will pass through the eye of the needle because of the involvement of numerous pro-life advocates trying their best to block the enactment of the death penalty bill into law because it is against the Christian

way of living, citing that there is a need to strike a balance between the right of the people to life and the imposition of stiff penalties to those individuals who were found to have committed heinous crimes./By Dexter A. See#

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cedures that will have to be undertaken before a conclusive decision will be derived from the series of tests on the officials and employees.

According to him, those who tested positive for the use of illegal drugs remain innocent until otherwise proven by the results of the succeeding tests that they must undergo that is why it will be unfair to them if their identities will be prematurely released to the public as it will surely jeopardize their integrity and credibility as public servants.

It can be recalled that all the city officials and employees of the local government underwent

the mandatory drug test upon the marching orders of President Rodrigo R. Duterte to help rid the bureaucracy of unscrupulous officials and employees involved in the use of prohibited drugs that might compromise the deliver of services to the people.

Domogan claimed some of the employees that tested positive for the use of illegal drugs already underwent counselling by experts from the city Social Welfare and Development Office and the City Health Services Office considering that they approached social welfare officers for them to provide them

the needed assistance for them to be brought back to mainstream society.

He said the local government is supportive of the administration's bid to curb the proliferation of illegal drugs which have merited positive results but it also as a down side, particularly the emergence of reported extrajudicial killings that is now being criticized by human rights advocates, thus, the need for law enforcers to take the necessary precaution in the implementation of their anti-drug operations to prevent innocent individuals from being caught in the crossfire./By Dexter A. See#

Air breathability in Baguio

BAGUIO CITY - Data from particulate matter (PM 10) measuring machines show that Baguio air fares "good" to "fair" in most areas, scoring 115 microgram/cm³ where the standard is 150 mu/cm³.

This was announced by Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Environmental Management Board (EMB) head Reynaldo Digamo in a "Kapihan para sa Kalikasan," last Tuesday at their new office along Gibraltar, Pacdal.

This was also the

content of the Baguio-La Trinidad-Itogon-Sablán-Tuba-Tublay (BLISTT) data for the regular monitoring done in 2016, Digamo said. Air in certain places in Tublay and Sablan, and the Benguet Capitol and Km. 5 areas in La Trinidad were regularly monitored.

As the PM 2.5 measuring machine along lower Session road was destroyed, replacements are awaited, pending purchase of 28 units for other areas, he also said.

Digamo said the BLISTT airshed was activated with activities

in emission inventory, area walkability tests, and monitoring.

Area walkability was conducted last month, from upper Session road up to city hall, where certain mobile and non-mobile pollutant sources were pointed out. Validation was done for areas suitable for walking on said route.

As for smoke-belching vehicle monitoring, testing centers around the city are requested to be regulated. Digamo said there are regional monitoring laws for the matter./Julie G. Fianza#

City commends world-class athletes

BAGUIO CITY - The Summer Capital is truly a haven for world-class athletes and other achievers.

Mayor Mauricio Domogan and Vice-Mayor Edison Bilog and councilor Benny Bomogao led other city officials in commending Asian and World Taekwondo

Poomsae champion Jeordan Dominguez and multi-awarded ultra-marathoner Marcelo Bautista in last Monday's flag-raising ceremonies at city hall.

Dominguez, a resident of Holy Ghost Proper barangay, triumphed in the World Wushu Championships in Lima, Peru held last September

29 to October 2, while former Baguio General Hospital janitor Bautista bested other runners in the recent 24-hour Endurance Run in Intramuros, Manila.

Domogan pointed out that their achievements have not only brought honor to themselves and families but to the city and



DRUG BUSTERS MEETING - Mayor Mauricio Domogan and City Social Welfare and Development Officer Betty Fangasan brief DSWD undersecretary Jose Antonio Hernandez on the city government's campaign against illegal drugs and the implementation of the national Rehabilitation Program (PILLAR III). Undersecretary Hernandez, the youngest undersecretary and the grandson of the former City Vice Mayor Antonio Romero is in town to observe and adopt some of the city's drug rehabilitation program where more than 1,900 drug users and pushers surrendered to the police authorities./By Bong Cayabyab

City recognizes Pasadang Pambarangay partner agencies and volunteers

BAGUIO CITY - The different Pasadang Pambarangay partner agencies and volunteers were given recognition by the city government here spearheaded by the Special Services Division of the City Mayor's Office last Dec. 14 at the Baguio City multi-purpose hall.

"Pasadang Pambarangay is a continuing program and endeavor of the city government to bring various services to the grassroots of the society in the different barangays so as to address the problems of the community specifically on health and medical needs, social services, infrastructure, environmental, among others," said community affairs officer Noel Mabutias.

The active and cooperating agencies and volunteers who were recognized include the DZEQ

Radyo ng Bayan, Health Services Office, Department of Interior and Local Government, Liga ng mga Barangay Baguio City Chapter, Baguio Center for Young Adults, Philippine Red Cross Baguio Chapter, Salinas Optical Clinic, City Veterinary Office, Philhealth, Department of Science and Technology, Save Our Women Inc., Rotary Club Summer Capital, Luke Foundation, Saint Louis University Hospital of the Sacred heart, Department of health Regional officer-CAR, Philippine Medical Women Association, Reflexology Association of the Philippines, Traditional Medicine, Emergency Medical Services Baguio Chapter, Technical Education and Skills Development Authority, Family Planning Organization of the Philippines,

Department of Trade and Industry, Contra Diabetes Association, MJ Solane LPG Gas, VIVIXX Academy, Pines City College of Dentistry and Nursing, Public Employment Services Offices and Mega Soft Hygienic Product Inc.

Aside from the recognition, said partner agencies and volunteers were treated for a special lunch for their invaluable assistance and support to the city's program intended to the constituents of Baguio.

"The city has conducted Pasadang Pambarangay to 45 barangays this year benefitting about 9,000 constituents," said Mabutias.

"With the various services rendered, 33.18% availed the medical services, 17.44% (anti-rabies), 6.17% (dental),

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country as well.

"This proves once more that our beloved Baguio is home to many young people whose talents have been recognized in the national and international arena," he said.

The local chief executive also emphasized the importance for

people to avoid engaging in the "vices of man" so that we can reach our full potential and achieve the goals we have in life.

Earlier, the city government held victory motorcades for home-grown achievers including Miss International 2016 Kylie Verzosa, ONE Cham-

pionship Lightweight Champion Eduard Foliday and Asian and World Wushu gold medalist Divine Wally.

Members of the city council also passed several resolutions congratulating them on their outstanding achievements./Gaby Keith#

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7.07% (optical), 3.47% (blood sugar), 5.62% (reflexology), 7.25% (Phil. Red Cross), 3% (family planning information education), 1.85% (TESDA), 7.32% (Phil-health), 1% (DTI), 0.84% (PESO), 0.38% (Save Our Women, Inc.), 1.50% (anti flu), 0.60% (Uric acid test), 0.14% (NIIT), 0.43 (Solane), 0.26% (acupuncture) and 0.83 (free medicines/tempra), he added

In his inspirational message, mayor Mauricio Domogan stressed that the city was able to sustain the Pasadang Pambarangay program for more than 20 years and was already institutionalized with the help and cooperation of the different volunteers which is a clear evidence

that the program has been of great help to the people of Baguio.

Said pasadang pambarangay is avenue where the government can bring accessible, free and effective public service to the people which includes free medicines and vitamins, free blood sugar testing, anti-rabies vaccinations, among others. /Jho Arranz#

Christmas in Baguio activities heat up

BAGUIO CITY - With a few more days left before the entire Christendom celebrates the birth of its Savior, activities for this year's Christmas in Baguio Celebration are reaching fever pitch.

On-going until December 24 is the traditional Filipino Yuletide practice of "Simbang Gabi" or Misa de Gallo at the city's various churches and Baguio Convention Center that started December 16.

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.

A fireworks display at Melvin Jones, Burnham Park on December 31, starting midnight, will usher in the Countdown

to New Year 2017.

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 on January 20, 2017 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. /Gaby Keith#

Enhanced NGP plans out

BAGUIO CITY - The Cordillera Administrative Region has successfully complied with the National Greening Program (NGP), targeting a high survival rates due to two-year maintenance practices in planted areas.

This is according to Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) CAR regional director Ralph Pablo in the Ka-pihan on Environmental Concerns Tuesday at their new office along Gibraltar rd.

At least 40% of the CAR forest cover were planted from 2011 to 2016, Pablo said. As the CAR is rich in natural wealth, sustainable and equitable plans for the protection and preservation of the natural environment should be a priority, he further said.

The CAR ranks third to Caraga region and Cagayan Valley plant-ed

in consonance to the NGP.

As to the NGP roadmap there are 100,000 hectares with some un-plantable areas, needing more than a billion seedlings. Re-planting is being done to insure a hundred percent survival rate, Pablo added.

Project partner Watershed and Water Resources and Research Center (WWRRC) represented by Minda Odsey in the forum said quality seedlings are being produced for the project. Experimental planting sites are in some state universities, with partner peoples' organizations helping out, she added. Success stories of the NGP are being told by involved individuals, organizations and agencies, it was known.

The NGP would have a 12-year expansion from 2016-2028, RD Pablo said, with agro-forestry

as main flagship program in the CAR. Aside from environmental greening, fruit-bearing and cash crop shall be planted in a targeted 100,000 hectares in the uplands. The project, Enhanced NGP (ENGP) would also help in the economic way of the community as well as recharge the water aquifers, Pablo also said.

According to DENR-CAR Assistant Regional Director Augusto Lagon, continuous as well as replacement planting is being done to ensure survival, which as of November 30 is pegged at 83% to 85%. The rate is being validated, he added.

ENGP shall be maintained through community accountability and participation, management, technical and financial assistance from various organi-

Domogan forms Parks Management Authority

BAGUIO CITY - With the recently approved Environment Code of the city of Baguio which will serve as a plan in maintaining this mountain resort as an eco-cultural tourist destination, mayor Mauricio Domogan formally signed Administrative Order No. 183, series of 2016 creating the Parks Management Authority (PMA) as a policy making body for all parks and recreation areas in Baguio.

The PMA will be chaired by city environment and parks management officer Cordelia Lacsamana with members, sangguniang panlungsod committee on tourism special events, parks and playgrounds councilor Elmer Datuin; city buildings and architecture office head Engr. Nazita Bañez; city engineer Elpidio Garabiles; city administrator atty. Carlos Canilao; city general services officer Romeo Concio; in-charge of the Baguio City Museum; representatives from the University of the Cordilleras, Saint Louis Univer-

sity, Association of the Barangay Councils and a member of the Local Finance Committee, United Architects of the Philippines and Philippine Civil Engineers of the Phils. Baguio Chapter.

It is the responsibility of the said body to formulate and review policies and guidelines for the management of the parks and recreation areas in the city for the approval of the city council, to coordinate the planning and preparation of the over-all concept and master plans of all parks and recreation areas in the city, to identify areas for partnership with the private sector relative to the city's Adopt a Park program and screen applications of would be adaptors, to monitor the implementation of priority projects, to prepare and submit related reports to the mayor on the status of the parks and recreation areas as basis for executive decision-making, to coordinate regular public engagement to enhance awareness of the constitu-

ents on the aesthetic environmental value of city parks and recreational areas, and to recommend amendments to all existing codes to conform to the said code.

It is remembered that the code was finally approved after several deliberations and introduction of amendments. However, along with its approval, the same includes more attention on high-risk areas mainly the protection and management of lands within the city focusing on protected areas covering national parks, natural monuments, natural parks, protected landscapes, re-source reserves, strict nature reserves and wildlife sanctuaries.

Domogan stressed that with the passage of the environment code, it is high time to focus and give importance on the protection of all surroundings, conservation, management and administration of the mountain resort so as to sustain its being the Summer Capital of the Philip-pines. /Jho Arranz#

City's continuing support for drug surrenderers

BAGUIO CITY - Combatting the proliferation of drugs in the Philippines is the top priority of the present administration under the leadership of president Rodrigo Duterte.

Baguio is not excused to this kind of problem and to support the war against drugs campaign, the city aims to assist and help Persons with Substance Use Disorders (PSUDs) to become productive and contributing member of the community in attaining a better quality of life.

Non-government associations, government and non-government organizations, private organizations as well as religious sectors are willing to help and share their respective resources in guiding and assisting said drug surrenderers towards a

better future and life.

City social welfare and development officer Betty Fangasan disclosed that a total of 132 surrenderers have already completed the Community Based Emergency Response to PSUDs, their families and stakeholders.

A consultation meeting with the drug surrenderers was conducted by the Department of Social Welfare and Development last Dec. 15 at the Baguio City multi-purpose hall where some surrenderers realized the different programs and services of the different government agencies for the continuing rehabilitation, transformation and re-integration support for recovering drug dependents.

Among the programs and services provided include livelihood, practical skills training,

financial assistance, medical assistance, psychosocial services, information and education campaign, among others.

Moreover, so as not to duplicate the programs and services of the different agencies, the city government here will be drafting an administrative order or a memorandum of agreement on that matter among service providers to delineate their roles, functions and areas of assignment to facilitate service delivery.

As of December 12, the Baguio City Police Office (BCPO) reported that there are 1,900 surrenderers in the city where 1,745 are users and 155 are pushers. While they have arrested/apprehended 22 drug users and 167 drug pushers. /Jho Arranz#

integrated and actively practiced in environmental protection for sustainability, it was agreed.

Accordingly, the Chico

river and Mt. Pulag in Kabayan, Benguet are seen as sustainable development areas. /Julie G. Fianza#

City ready to bid out LET streetlight project

BAGUIO CITY – Mayor Mauricio G. Domogan ordered the City General Services Office (GSO) to assess the city’s Light Emitting Diode (LED) streetlight project to ascertain if it complies with existing standards and ready to be bid out.

The local chief executive claimed the city’s LED streetlight project is long overdue, thus, the GSO must ascertain if the TOR approved in 2011 is still compliant with existing industry standards so that it could already proceed with the public bidding of the project.

“We want to push through with the project but it seems that there are some new trends in the industry that might have rendered our earlier terms of reference outdated so we must reassess our position to prevent further complications once we bid out the project,” Domogan stressed.

He admitted the local government has a commitment with the Benguet Electric Cooperative (BENECO) to replace the

old streetlight bulbs with LED bulbs to convert to environment-friendly and energy efficient fixtures to save on the city’s huge power expenses.

In 2011, the City Council approved Resolution No. 446, series of 2011 prescribing the terms of reference for the city’s LED project but the Bids and Wards Committee (BAC) recommended for the revision of the TOR which was subsequently delayed.

According to him, converting the city’s streetlighting system to LED is the ultimate way to go but the local government must first make sure that the project will ensure quality lighting at the least cost to the government.

He explained the city is guaranteed 30 percent savings on its existing P60 million annual expenses for streetlight once it will convert the existing system to LED with the replacement of sodium bulbs to LED.

BENECO management wants the local government to fastrack the immediate conver-

sion of its existing streetlight system to LED to prevent it from incurring further heavy losses as it is the one maintaining the more than 9,000 streetlight fixtures distributed around the city.

He urged the GSO to come out with its detailed findings and recommendations the earliest possible time so that the city will evaluate what option to take to realize the LED streetlight project.

If the local legislative body will take longer to deliberate on the project, he said it will be best for the city to use the original TOR for the bidding as long as there will be no evident differences in the specifications of the LED bulbs to be used compared to the latest type of bulbs.

He appealed to the BENECO management to continue maintaining and operating the city’s streetlights as the city tries its best to implement this long-delayed LED project to help lessen the huge expenditures of the cooperative. /By Dexter A. See#

City legal office bares accomplishments

BAGUIO CITY – Size does not matter.

Despite being the city government’s “smallest” department in terms of number of personnel, the city legal office has assisted a total of 2,673 clients in their various inquiries and needs from January to November this year.

In Monday’s flag-raising ceremonies at city hall, acting city legal officer Melchor Carlos

Rabanes said his office has rendered 27 legal opinions, done 191 outgoing communications, drafted and reviewed 318 contracts and agreements.

His office’s accomplishment report stated that there were 109 pleadings and communications filed with the Regional Trial Court, Municipal Trial Court, Court of Appeals, Supreme Court, Office of the Ombudsman and other agencies during the period.

There report revealed a total of 398

cases filed in the said courts and agencies as of November 30, 2016, with 360 of these being pending cases as of 2015 and 38 cases received as of November 30 of this year.

Of this number, the city legal office has disposed 40 cases at the end of November this year.

In terms of squatting cases, the city legal office has accomplished 180 resolutions, 54 notices of demolition and 62 demolition orders for the 11-month period.

Rabanes revealed that his office currently has a complement of six lawyers and several other staff to fulfill its mandate and responsibilities to the public. /Gaby Keith#



NEW MALCOLM SQUARE INAUGURATION - City officials headed by Mayor Mauricio Domogan, Con-gressman Marquez Go and vice mayor Edison Bilog cut the ceremonial ribbon during the inauguration of the New Malcolm Square (People’s Park) last December 15./By Bong Cayabyab

“New Malcolm Square” inaugurated

BAGUIO CITY – Mayor Mauricio Domogan, Congressman Mark Go, Vice-Mayor Edison Bilog, councilor Elmer Datuin, budget officer Leticia Clemente and legal officer Melchor Rabanes led other officials and guests during the inauguration of the new-ly-renovated and rehabilitated Malcolm Square last Thursday.

Also known as People’s Park, it is named after American Justice George Malcolm, who spearheaded the creation of the city’s charter.

The activity started with the Baguio City High School Band regaling the crowd with Christmas carols at around 3 pm followed by a ribbon cutting ceremony by city officials then blessing rites performed by Fr. Manuel Flores, Jr. of the Baguio-Benguet Diocese.

A formal program ensued highlighted by the Yuletide Messages of the Mayor and Congressman where they both extolled the “New Malcolm Square” as a world-class people-friendly multi-function events area that residents and visitors to enjoy and also take care of.

Doves were also released by city officials

symbolizing important values that needs to be inculcated and practiced by everyone.

Architect Aries Go, who designed the area free-of-charge, said he observed similar facilities in other countries to learn what’s best to adapt for the city.

Mayor Mauricio Domogan earlier said the P8.9 million project that began last April is expected to restore the area into its original status as a plaza for various public and private activities.

Datuin, who proposed the restoration project, said it was high time to restore the old grandeur and intended purpose of the area as a plaza and open space ideal for all kinds of events.

Among its features are a collapsible and movable stage, bigger capacity audience area, areas ideal for arts and exhibits while the sitting area usually occupied by senior citizens will be retained including the Malcolm bust.

The city buildings and architecture office that prepared the program of work describes the project as follows:

“The project reimagines the park as an open space allowing for multiple types of activ-

ities. The wedge shape and gradual slope of the site is taken advantage of by intro-duc-ing a stepped surface that may function as platforms for viewing during speaker-led events and a stage for others;

“The space would also allow for mobile stages and setups to be fabricated anywhere within the square allowing it to be used for different purposes such as theatrical performances, concerts, fairs and art exhibitions;

“The main square is distinctively defined by randomly striped dark grey and white monolithic tiles. Striped grass and pavers, new timber clad benches and a pedestrian street at one of the edges;

“This street on the south side would accommodate the heavy pedestrian traffic from Session Road effectively extending it and gentrifying the area. This could eventually spur the re-development of the buildings around the square and introduce new destinations for tourists and locals.”

The project also included the rehabilitation of the drainage system and construction of a rainwater catchment retention cistern for flood control. /gaby keith#

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