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# Court declares BIBAK demolition order valid

**B**AGUIO CITY – The Regional Trial Court (RTC) Branch V here declared as valid the demolition order issued by the city government for the dismantling of structures at the government-owned Benguet-Ifugao-Bontoc-Apayao-Kalinga (BIBAK) lot along Harrison Road.

In a seven-page decision issued October 28, 2016, Presiding Judge Maria Ligaya Itliong-Rivera dismissed the two cases filed by BIBAK lot occupants aimed at stopping the city government from implementing Demolition Order No. 24 series of 2015 directing the clearing of some illegal structures in the area.

The court said the petitioners failed to show that respondents Mayor Mauricio Domogan, city administrator Carlos Canilao, city buildings and architecture office and the anti-squatting and anti-il- **Cont. on page 8**



University of Baguio student Aleca Breana Dumseng snared silver to become the lone medalist among members of the Philippine Team in the 6th World Junior Wushu Championships (WJWC) in Burgas, Bulgaria recently. Dumseng won silver in the girls' qiangshu-C that was participated in by 40 top athletes from different countries. (RMC- PIA CAR)

Eh di matutuloy na rin sa wakas ang demolition sa Bibak lot! Ang tanong ngayon ay kelan?



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## Mayor asks council anew to act on Asin hydro contract, waive damage claims

**B**AGUIO CITY – Mayor Mauricio Domogan on Monday urged the city council anew to confirm the memorandum of agreement between the city government and Kaltimex Energy Philippines for the privatization, development and operation of the city-owned Asin mini-hydroelectric plants in Tadiangan and Nangalisan, Tuba, Benguet.

The mayor also asked the body to issue the waiver of claims for damages to the affected landowners in Tuba to facilitate the settlement of the rental through the implementation of the court-issued compromise settlement amounting to roughly P2.7 million.

The mayor reiterated his appeal to the city council after Atty. III Isagani Liporada of the city legal office expressed concern on the absence of development on the hydro front almost a year after the signing of the agreement with Kaltimex.

“We hope that the executive and legislative departments can get their acts together because if we do not resolve the issues the soonest possible time, either we lose so much time to so many cases or we lose the facilities to Mother Nature,” Liporada lamented.

Liporada believes that the key in solving the issues would be the formalization of the Kaltimex deal and the settlement of the damage claims.

He said with the confirmation of the contract, Kaltimex “can fulfill its

contractual obligation and can help the city government negotiate directly with the affected parties both in the settlement of the damage claims and the pending cases outside the limitations of the law insofar as the local government unit is concerned.”

The city is now embroiled in a number of cases before the National Water Resources Board and the Dept. of Energy over its application for the transfer of water rights over the mini-plants with the affected Tuba communities, the Tuba municipal government, indigenous people’s groups and the private firm Goldlink Global Energy Philippines which is partnering with the Tuba town in the development of hydro power plants along Asin River.

In a dialogue held last June, Tuba officials made clear with Domogan that they will only allow the reoperation of the Asin facilities on two conditions -- that there will be no diversion of water from the river system and that the concerned barangays should issue resolutions interposing no objection to the operation. The second condition would mean that all issues on compensation have been resolved and the new terms on sharing scheme have been reached between the parties.

As per the compromise agreement, the city will compensate the landowners by way of rentals amounting to three percent of the net surplus

from the operation of the mini-hydro plants subject to conditions that the rentals will be retroactive to year 2007 when the city assumed management of the plant; that the rentals will be subject to increase after three years; and that the rentals shall be payable to Tadiangan-Nangalisan Hydro Ancestral Landowners Association (TNHLA) which will assume the task of distributing the amount to the affected landowners.

As computed, the amount totaled P2,733,897.75 from 2007 to October 2012 when the city operations ceased.

The contract with Kaltimex was signed in January 2015 by the mayor and Kaltimex chairman Krishan Kumar Ralhan and up for confirmation by the august body before the city can issue the notice to proceed.

Upon issuance of the notice, Kaltimex will also submit within six months the detailed working plans with work schedules and the environmental compliance and disposal plan of the project based on a detailed engineering Feasibility Study of the Asin Mini Hydro Power Plants as basis for the construction, rehabilitation, operation, and also for the evaluation and monitoring of the project.

The firm will also be given a maximum of six months from the confirmation of the agreement by the city council to secure all the necessary permits to operate but it will be required to pay the full rental fee for the first

year from the time it commences payment.

By virtue of the MOA, the city government will turn over the mini-hydro-power plants to Kaltimex “unencumbered and without any

## Use of biodegradable plastics in city pushed

**B**AGUIO CITY – Mayor Mauricio G. Domogan wants business establishments in the city to voluntarily shift to the use of biodegradable plastics in their daily transactions to lessen non-biodegradable waste in the city.

“We appeal to our department store and grocery owners to voluntarily shift to the use of biodegradable plastics to help in our efforts to reduce the volume of waste generated from the said establishments and allow residents to maximize the use of the plastics for their daily use,” Domogan stressed.

He claimed the biggest contributors to the volume of plastic waste in the city are the department and grocery stores, and supermarkets, thus, these must shift to biode-

gradable plastics to help significantly reduce the volume of waste generated in the city.

The local legislative body is ironing out amendments to the anti-plastic ordinance to incorporate the concerns on the use of biodegradable plastics in the city, increase the penalties for violators and provide the prescribed rules and regulations for the strict implementation of the ordinance to help significantly reduce the volume of generated waste in the establishments and residences.

According to him, businesses should not wait for the passage of these revisions. While biodegradable plastic would cost the establishment owners thrice more than the ordinary plastics, business establishment

owners could pass on to their patrons the aforesaid cost or decide to solely shoulder the said cost.

However, he explained the shift to biodegradable plastic use should not only be the obligation of businessmen but residents should shift to the use of traditional buri bags, eco bags, biodegradable plastics, among others, when shopping, as their contribution to waste management efforts.

Based on the latest Waste Analysis and Characterization Survey (WACS), the city produces at least 402 tons of assorted garbage daily.

At present, the city is hauling out to the Tarlac sanitary landfill more or less 130 tons of residual waste daily costing an annual appropriation of more than P70 million. / *By Dexter A. See*

## Public warned against buying Dairy Farm lands

**B**AGUIO CITY – Mayor Mauricio G. Domogan warned individuals wanting to own real properties in the city against buying lands located within the 92-hectare Baguio Dairy Farm because no part of that government property is for sale.

The local chief executive

revealed a number of individuals have sought his advice regarding properties being sold within the Baguio Dairy Farm. He reminded prospective buyers that there is an impending demolition of the over 350 illegal structures that were built within the government property.

“We call on the public not to buy lands being sold by enterprising informal settlers in the Baguio Dairy Farm because these sales are illegal and in gross violation of existing laws, rules and regulations. Sellers of lands in the area have no actual proof of ownership of the

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accounts payable to any authorities whatsoever” for rehabilitation, upgrading, expansion, operation and management for a period of 20 years.

Kaltimex, for its part, will undertake the full rehabilitation, upgrading, expansion of the three power plants within four years commencing upon the issuance of the notice to proceed, with a minimum capitalization amounting to P500,000,000 spread over four years as based on the typical plans showing the initial Project Implementation Rehabilitation Schedule it submitted.

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## More barangay volunteers needed in anti-graffiti campaign

**B**AGUIO CITY – Lectures and trainings on the implementation of ordinance no. 41, series of 2008, or the Anti-Graffiti Code of the City of Baguio, are being conducted this month by the Anti-Graffiti Task Force (AGTF) for barangay volunteers who will assist in the city's on-going campaign against graffiti vandalism. Task force operations volunteer Ross Goze said more than 50 volunteers from 28 barangays have already undergone the training-seminar conducted at the AGTF office at the Baguio Convention Center. He is asking the other barangays to also send

volunteers for training. They can visit or call the office at 442-4114 for scheduling purposes. Goze said trainees are given the general overview of the code; the process of gathering inventory of illegal graffiti in their respective areas; the actual information campaign; the proper way

of removing illegal graffiti, and more. The code defines graffiti or graffiti vandalism as "any unauthorized inscription, word, figure, painting or defacement that is written, marked, etched, scratched, sprayed, drawn, painted or engraved on or otherwise affixed, to the extent that

the graffiti was not authorized in advance by the owner or occupant of the property, or despite advance authorization, is otherwise deemed a public nuisance. It shall include all types of unauthorized markings amounting to vandalism and public nuisance. A property owner is not absolutely prohibited from authorizing graffiti-type

artwork for decorative purposes. The code also mentions other prohibited acts, penalties to be imposed for violations and other pertinent details for its proper implementation. Citing the continuing proliferation of graffiti vandalism in Baguio, the City Schools Division headed by then OIC

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## Collection of hotel occupancy tax asserted

**B**AGUIO CITY November 08 – The City Council Committee on Tourism and Special Events want the city's finance officers to maximize revenue generation mandated under Ordinance No. 001, series of 2001, by collecting more realistic amounts of the hotel occupancy tax.

Councilor Elmer O. Datuin, Chairman of the Committee on Tourism and Special Events, said the local government could not collect realistic figures from the hotels operating in the city because the City Treasury Office relies on the honesty of the hotel owners to declare their income from their existing hotel rooms.

"Our city's finance officers must devise a system of monitoring hotel occupancy that will allow for a more realistic collection of the hotel occupancy tax to add to the city's internally generated resources," Datuin stressed.

Under the city's tax ordinance, hotel owners are mandated to pay P5 for every occupied room per night as hotel occupancy tax to be paid to the local treasury office.

However, Datuin revealed that it seems local hotel owners are paying a uniform rate of 30 occupied rooms per month. Foreign and domestic visitors flock to the city, especially during weekends and holidays, which raises doubt on the honesty of hotel owners.

City Treasurer Alex Cabarrubias confirmed the local government is not getting the right revenues from the hotel occupancy tax because it relies on the declarations of the hotel owners on the number of occupied rooms in their respective establishments.

According to him, the local treasury office will devise a system or assign responsible personnel who will conduct an inventory of occupied rooms in the different hotels as basis for the collection of the correct hotel occupancy tax.

Datuin advised the city's finance officers to be aggressive in collecting the right revenues from the taxpayers to help increase the income of the local government while the local legislative body waits for the proposed revision in the city's revenue code that will guarantee higher income and more funds at the disposal of the city for implementing more development projects and better services.

Based on the data from the proposed city budget of P1.76 billion next year, 42 percent of the income will be from internal sources while 58 percent will come from external sources, particularly the

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# Why Trump is like Duterte, and why he's not

Global superpower America and our poor, pathetic Philippines are obviously so different in economic status, political maturity and culture. Yet how uncanny that in the same year, basically the same political phenomenon has enabled two persons of vastly diverse social and economic standings — Donald Trump and Rodrigo Duterte — to win the most powerful post in their respective nations, shocking both countries' elites.

This phenomenon, which some say has become global in scale, is a product of the masses' outrage against the elites and the political establishment, which they decided to express not through endless street demonstrations but by their votes. The communist dogma that the ruling class has and will always control "bourgeois" elections had been shattered to smithereens.

The electoral system is "finally responding to the rise of inequality and the economic stagnation experienced by most of the population."

Those words aren't mine, although they perfectly describe how the Dirty Harry-type foul-mouthed mayor from the South buried in the May elections Manuel Roxas 2nd, the quintessence of the Philippine ruling class both past and present; Grace Poe, the exemplar of celebrity-politics as exploited by Chinese-Filipino magnates; and Jejomar Binay, the embodiment of the rise of the Philippine professional political class.

Those words are those of the brilliant political scientist Francis Fukuyama in an August 2016 Foreign Policy article (yes, before the elections) referring to Donald Trump's trumping of the Republican Party elite's wish to make Jeb Bush its presiden-

**EDITORIAL** tial candidate, and the unknown Bernie Sanders' strong showing versus Hillary Clinton, who was the choice of the two-term President Barack Obama and the Democratic Party elite.

Despite the disdain against him by almost the entire American political elite (including most Republican leaders and the mainstream media), Trump handily won the US presidency because the biggest chunk of the American "masses," the white working class, saw HIS RIVAL Clinton as another sweet-talking representative of the American ruling class. They saw her Democratic Party no longer as the old party of the American common man but of the elite that merely exploits minority groups such as the blacks, immigrants, especially from Mexico (the biggest such émigré bloc there, with Filipinos being the fourth) and the LGBT community, to serve their political goals.

It was, indeed, ironic that it was a wheeler dealer property magnate born with a silver spoon in his mouth who championed the plight of the American working class, and articulated the view that "globalization" and the technological revolution — espoused by US Presidents since the 1980s, Republican or Democratic — emptied their towns of the factories that had enabled them for decades to live the "American dream."

Trump's slogan, "Make America Great Again," sounded idiotic to America's coastal, cosmopolitan citizens living in states like Washington and California, where tech giants Apple and Microsoft are based, or New York, where the world's largest banks have their headquarters.

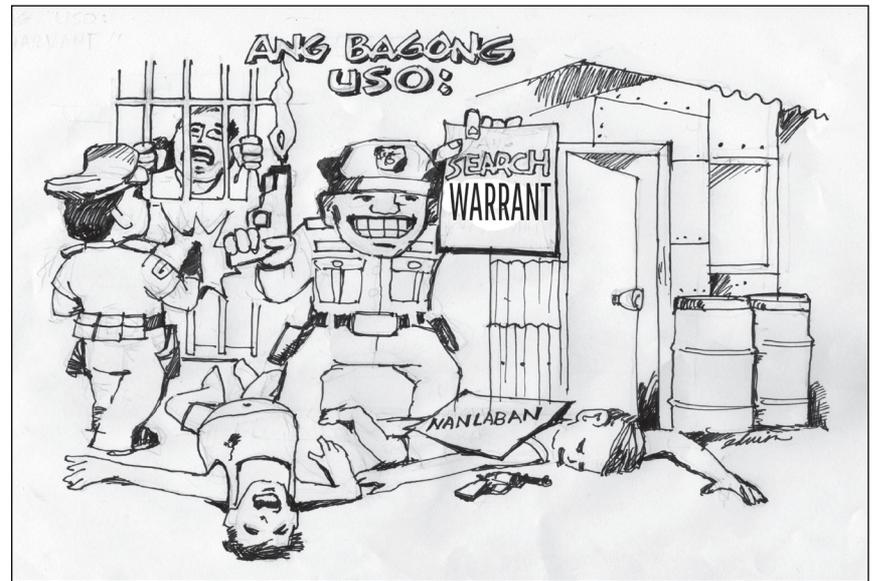
However, that slogan struck a chord among American white workers, who read it as Trump's vision to restore the era of America's great industrial backbone with the factory towns that they ran and which made them in the 1950s and 1960s the middle class that the rest of the world envied.

These had been dismantled by globalization, with Trump in the first presidential debate pointing out how the American Carrier firm fired 1,400 workers who lived in its Indianapolis site and moved to Mexico. How could those workers back Hillary, whose husband Bill, and her supporter President Obama, were the biggest proponents of globalization? Why, Obama was even pushing for a new track for globalization called The Trans-Pacific Partnership, which they thought would encourage American factories to move eastward across the ocean to 12 Pacific Rim countries! Would a 55 year-old welder in an American factory be calmed by the promise of being retrained to learn how to make software programs?

Noam Chomsky

It is also ironic that Trump, A wheeler-dealer capitalist who banned Blacks from his property projects to ensure their market value, would partly get his view — or his rhetoric — of America from a Marxist, Noam Chomsky. This was the man, who six years ago told about the death of the American dream, and because of that, warned of the success of a "charismatic figure" who would run for office promising to cure society's ills: Trump.

We didn't have a Chomsky in our case, a testament to the total control of Filipino minds by the ruling elite. Our communists have been fossilized in the 1950s and can mouth only the ancient Leninist mantra of the "eventual collapse of capitalism." Our professional economists all sing about the virtues of globalization that they have even closed their eyes to the blatant violation of the Constitution by an Indonesian magnate who built a conglomerate on telecom and other public utilities — sectors our Charter categorically prohibited foreigners from dominating.



## KAKAMPI MO ANG BATAS

Christmas 2016: "God is in us"



BY: ATTY. BATAS MAURICIO

**LIFE'S INSPIRATIONS:** "... So the Lord God said to the serpent, 'Because you have done this... I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel...' (Genesis 3:14, 15, the Holy Bible).

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**CHRISTMAS 2016: "GOD IS IN US":** Isaiah 7:14 of the Bible is a very important Biblical authority which is usually cited to prove that some 800 years before Jesus Christ, our God and Savior, was born, His coming to this world to save sinners from sin was already well-predicted by the prophets, among them, Isaiah.

Isaiah 7:14 says in full: "Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel." "Immanuel" means "God is in us".

What many Christian believers seem not to know, however, is the reason why the prophet Isaiah gave out this prophecy about the virgin conceiving and giving birth to a son whom she will name Immanuel. For us to understand the background of this particular prophecy, we must read the significant portions of Isaiah 7.

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**ANNOUNCEMENT OF GOD'S COMING TO EARTH:** Significantly, it would appear that the prophecy was made by God, through Isaiah, to proclaim His protection and provision upon His people who are true to their faith in Him, and that God's wrath and punishment will be on those who plan evil against believers. In fact, the prophecy is firm that God will kill the oppressors and the unjust and the devilish.

From the New International Version of the Bible: "When Ahaz son of Jotham, the son of Uzziah, was king of Judah, King Rezin of Aram and Pekah son of Rema-

liahking of Israel marched up to fight against Jerusalem, but they could not overpower it.

"Now the house of David was told, 'Aram has allied itself with Ephraim'; so the hearts of Ahaz and his people were shaken, as the trees of the forest are shaken by the wind. Then the Lord said to Isaiah, 'Go out, you and your son Shear-Jashub, to meet Ahaz at the end of the aqueduct of the Upper Pool, on the road to the Launderer's Field.

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**WITHOUT FIRM FAITH, WE WILL NOT STAND AT ALL:** "Say to him, 'Be careful, keep calm and don't be afraid. Do not lose heart because of these two smoldering stubs of firewood—because of the fierce anger of Rezin and Aram and of the son of Remaliah. Aram, Ephraim and Remaliah's son have plotted your ruin, saying, 'Let us invade Judah; let us tear it apart and divide it among ourselves, and make the son of Tabeel king over it.

"Yet this is what the Sovereign Lord says: 'It will not take place, it will not happen, for the head of Aram is Damascus, and the head of Damascus is only Rezin.

"Within sixty-five years Ephraim will be too shattered to be a people. The head of Ephraim is Samaria, and the head of Samaria is only Remaliah's son. If you do not stand firm in your faith, you will not stand at all.'

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## Filipino Time/Double Time



BY: LEONARDO R. AGUNOY

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Sadino kadi ti namunganayan ti Filipino Time? Datayo kadi met laeng a Filipino ti namunganayan-na? Limmasag kadin daytoy a kas paset ti kultura-tayo a Filipino? Ditayo kadi mabalin nga aturen no kasken ken adda pay pamuspusan? Wenno naaringantayo iti sabali a puli a kinaludludon dagiti appotayo (ancestors)? Ket, nagbalinen a buriktayo a Filipino a mangitaktakder dayta a buriktayo?

Namunganay ti Filipino Time idi Spanish period. Ta dagiti Filipino Indio, no ibilin dagiti Spanish colonizers, saanda nga insegida nga aggunay. Masansan a maladladawda nga aggunay iti kadawyan nga oras a naitadek. Ne, kinasubeg? Kinaadu ngata ti nasnasken a tamingen? Wenno di kayat ti agtallugod kadagiti map-apo? Apay ngata a kasta, kakabsat?

Gapu ngata daytan ti kunkunada a ni Filipino, mabungsot ti tokak a mabaddekanna? Wenno gapu iti kinasubegna?

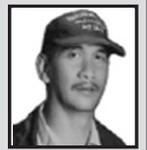
Ket, adda met ti nadumaduma a lugar a maigidiat iti kababalintayo a Filipino. Adda daytay mangmangngegtayo a Caribbean time, Portuguese time, Italian time ken Brazilian time, a kadawyan a pammalagip iti panangrugi nga agluas iti viaje. Masurot dayta, segun ti naitadek nga oras (scheduled time) nga ipasimudaag ti/dagiti pagorasan, kakabsat.

Malagipko nga idi dakami ti agad-adal, kasemsem unay 'toy numo ti biang ti sagpaminsan a pannakaladawko. Lagidawek unay ti bagik no diak makamakam ti Flag Raising Ceremony-mi iti tunggal bigat. Siempre, kas patneng a makipagili, napateg nga ipapuso nga aramiden ti akem-nasionalismo, a. Adda ngamin pampanunotek idin a bunga ti biddutko idi agad-adalkami pay iti elementaria. Inyun-unami ti nagparut ti ruot iti aglawlaw ti school building-mi. Iti ababa a panna, dimin dinar-ayan ti Flag Raising Ceremony. Nupay kasta, inannongmi ti nagtakder idi maipatangatang ti National Anthem!

Ti dimi naliklikan, naammuan ti kassangsangpetna idi nga School Principal-mi a dikami dimmar-ay ti Flag Raising Ceremony. Kapilitan a nag-perform-kami iti playground!

## MAGKASANGGA TAYO

## Espinosa malinaw na EJK sa loob ng bilanggo!!!



BY: NESTOR "PAKEN" CASTRO

ANO ba naman itong mga tropa ng CIDG sa Region 8?! Ano ba namang klaseng kabalalan at kahibangan itong kanilang ginawa?! How much, how much, siguradong kasyang-kasya na pang-retirement ano???

Ang tanong lamang dito ay ito ba ay sanctioned ni Du30 at ni Chief Bato o sadyang binaypass si Chief Bato at ginawa nilang inutil itong si Chief PNP Bato habang nanonood ng boksing sa Las Vegas? Malinaw na pinapaboran o pinag-tataktan pa nga ni Du30 ang mga ginawa ng CIDG samantalang malinaw naman na isang rub out o EJK ang naisagawang operasyon na ang layunin sa simula't sapol ay katayin si Espinosa! Saan ka ba naman nakakita ng tumatawag na ng SOCO na wala pang naisasagawang operasyon? Onli in da pilipins!!!

Tunay na nakalulungkot ang ganitong mga pangyayari kung saan ang isang bilanguan (jail) kung saan supposed to be na naka-secure ang isang high-value witness ay kayang-kaya pa nilang babuyin at balewalain. Bagama't kung inyong iisipin, ito ay government sanctioned at ang hindi ko lang alam ay kung sino sa gobyerno ang nag-bigay ng go signal para todasin si Espinosa. Sa aking palagay ay maaring si Du30, Chief Bato o si DOJ Sec Aguirre, isa sa kanilang tatlo o lahat mismo sila ang nakakaalam sa isasagawang EJK. Obvious naman, hindi po ba mga dear readers?

Huwag na tayong mag-lokohan at masyado naman nilang ginagawang tanga ang sambayanan Pilipino. Ang mas mabuti na kanilang gawin ay aminin at sabihin na lang nila na pinatodas nila si Espinosa for so and so reasons. Sigurado ko na hindi isa sa mga nadawit sa affidavit ni Espinosa ang nagpakatay sa kanya sapagkat bale wala naman kung tutuusin ninyo ang affidavit ni Espinosa sapagkat ang kanyang affidavit ay hearsay lamang at mahina at hindi naman first hand with corroborating testimony.

Kaya, kapag inyong inanalyze ay mas mainam pa na makatay si Espinosa imbisna manatili siyang buhay. Nagawa na niya ang kanyang papel na idawit ang maraming mga inosenteng tao na marahil ay mga kalaban sa politika katulad ni Mr. & Mrs. Richard Gomez. Ang kawawa ay ang mga kanyang nadawit kung saan mananatiling palaisipan na lamang ang mga pangalan na kanyang binangit at isinabit, bagamat hindi na mapapatunayan na sila nga ay patong o protector ng droga at mananatili ang duda sa isipan ng marami na nakarinig na nadawit ang kanilang pangalan na posibleng sila nga ay involved sa droga.

Samantalang kung mananatiling buhay si Espinosa ay maaari pa siyang bumaliktad o mag recant in the future.

Talaga naman itong gobyerno ni Du30, mukhang ipinapairal niya ang kanyang sinabi na nuong siya ay piskal ay sanay sila mag tanim ng intriga, ebidensiya etc... sa mga akusado!!!

Nagawa na ni Espinosa ang kanyang misyon - SOW INTRIGUES! Ngayon, aabangan ba natin ang CREATE OR PLANT EVIDENCE?!

Tunay ng ibinasura na ang human rights sa ating bansa.

Tsk! Tsk! Tsk! AGA-AMO TAYON!

Subliantayo daydiay Filipino Time; Double Time itan! Ket, pudno a narigat, a, ti agdardaras! Ngem, saan ngata a narigrigat ti agur-uray no idasig ti paur-uray, kakabsat? Kastoy ti kunada no kua: matay ti agur-uray; agbiag ti paur-uray!

## EL MAESTRO SPEAKS

## Forgive and forget, shall we?



BY: CLYDE B. SACPA

Most of us will agree that forgiveness is one of the great deed of great people. The greatest teacher Jesus Christ never failed to teach this long time ago. Teachers of other religion never failed to do the same. We the teacher of today, try to do the same and always remind the students of the value of forgiveness. And I think that despite the fact that we know that forgiveness is good, a very few of us don't do it.

Most recently, the Supreme Court of the Philippines released their decision that the late President Ferdinand E. Marcos has the right to be buried at the Libingan ng mga Bayani. A perfect situation to practice what we preach and to show forgiveness to what is known to be the dictator of the Philippines. And another situation where we can determine those great people who put their money where their mouth is, and to determine those who just love doing talks without action.

If we are to look at the qualifications of those who can be buried at the heroes cemetery, the late President Marcos is very qualified, as the Supreme court puts it, he is just a human like us who made a mistake but has done enough to be buried as a hero. Why don't we take the high road of morality and show the act of forgiveness to this man and let him finally rest so we can close this chapter of our history? All of us were and are still victimized by the martial law; we are still paying the damages it created but we cannot hide the fact that he was once a good president and a veteran of WWII. Take the high road fellow Filipinos, show the highest act of forgiveness.

### More barangay volunteers... from page 3

Augustin Laban III issued a memorandum in 2012 disseminating the Anti-Graffiti Code to all public schools district supervisors, secondary school principals, head teachers, teachers-in-charge, pupils, students and all others concerned.

"There is a need for school administrators to disseminate the Anti-Graffiti Code ordinance and inform our pupils and students of the bad effects of graffiti vandalism including penalties for violations thereof," the memorandum stated./Gaby Keith

### Collection of hotel... from page 3

Internal Revenue Allotment (IRA) Datuin admitted the city's budget of P1.76 billion next year is way below the P2.5 billion budget of similar highly urbanized cities with similar or slightly higher population and land area, thus, the city is being left behind in terms of competitiveness and providing basic services to the people. /By Dexter A. See

## Bocaps deputized to implement anti-obstructions order (cont'd from last week)

CAMDAS -- PB Clarence A. Domilies, Kags. Jeanette Floresca, Robert M. Andrada, Clinton L. Baniwas, Lemuel J. Chan, Camille D. Wagang, Tanod Luzviminda Tanduyong and John Pacis;

CAMP ALLEN -- Jacinto D. Lanozo, Paul Sanoy and Cesario Acebes

CITY CAMP CENTRAL -- PB Jessie Bandiola, Kags. Nimrod V. Silanga and **Cont. on page 9**

Republic of the Philippines  
First Judicial Region  
Regional Trial Court  
Branch 7  
Baguio City

In Re: Petition for the Correction of Entry in the Certificate of Live Birth of Angela Beth Caballero Cario,

Angela Beth Caballero Cario,  
Represented by her parent, Lilybeth Boadilla Caballero,  
*Petitioner,*

-versus-

LOCAL CIVIL REGISTRAR OF BAGUIO CITY, HEPOLITO D. CARIO, PHILIPPINE STATISTICS AUTHORITY (PSA), and all persons who have any claim or interest,

*Respondents.*

Spec. Pro. Case No. 2567-R  
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ORDER AND NOTICE OF HEARING

A verified Amended Petition was filed by petitioner Angela Beth Caballero Cario, represented by her parent, Lilybeth Boadilla Caballero through counsel, alleging as follows:

1. "Petitioner minor is represented by her parent, Lilybeth Boadilla Caballero and their address is at No. 142 Tiptop, Ambuclao Road, Baguio City. The Public Attorney's Office is the petitioner's counsel which office is located at the Ground Floor, Justice Hall Building, Baguio City where orders and other court processes may be served;

2. The father of the petitioner minor is Hepolito D. Cario, whose address is in Liteng, Pacdal, Baguio City, where summons and other court processes may be served;

3. The Local Civil Registry of Baguio City is herein impleaded as a nominal party and its capacity as such charged with the registration of entries in all births, marriages and deaths in

Baguio City, as well as the concomitant correction and/or issuance of new birth certificates by reason of the foregoing, and may be served with summons and other processes of this Honorable Court at New Lucban, Baguio City;

4. Likewise, the Philippine Statistics Authority is herein impleaded as a normal party, which office is mandated to carry out and administer the provisions of the Civil Registry Law as provided for in Act No. 3753, and as such charged with the registration of entries in all births, marriages and deaths in the Philippines as well as the concomitant correction and/or issuance of new birth certificate and other processes at Solicare Building I, R. Magsaysay Boulevard, Sta. Mesa, Manila;

5. On May 8, 2000, the petitioner minor was born to parents Lilybeth Boadilla Caballero and Hepolito Dangatan Cario. Such birth is duly registered with the Local Civil Registrar of Baguio City, a copy of the Certificate of the Live Birth issued by the Philippine Statistics Authority is hereto attached as Annex "A".

6. In the said Certificate, the date and place of marriage of parents indicates the following information: 6 November 1997 Malasiqui, Pangasinan. However, Lilibeth Boadilla Caballero and Hepolito Dangatan Cario were not married, a copy of her Certificate of Non Marriage of Lilybeth Boadilla Caballero is hereto attached as Annex "B".

7. The erroneous entry was due to inadvertence and honest mistake, without any intention to defraud or make any misrepresentation."

The Court found the petition to be sufficient in form and substance, thus, an Order was issued directing the issuance of this notice.

WHEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the herein petition is set for initial hearing in the sala of this court on December 9, 2016 at 9:00 o'clock in the morning on which place, date and time, the petitioner shall be allowed to substantiate their petition, and any interested person may show cause, if there be any, 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 Honorable Solicitor General, the City Prosecutor of Baguio City and the respondent Local Civil Registrar of Baguio City. Also, furnish copies of this notice to the Civil Registrar General of the National Statistics Office, the Office of the Clerk of Court for publication and to the petitioner through their counsel.

Pursuant to Sec. 4, Rule 108 of the Rules of Court, let this Order be published at the expense of the petitioner, once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Baguio and the whole Cordillera Region, the last publication of which shall not be later than December 9, 2016.

The Process Server is hereby directed to post copies of this notice on the bulletin boards of this Court, the Justice Hall, the City Hall, the City Market and the Post Office, all of Baguio City.

WITNESS THE HONORABLE MONA LISA V. TIONGSON-TABORA, Presiding Judge of this Court, this 18th day of October, 2016, at Baguio City, Philippines.

(SGD) GARY N. SANTOS  
OIC, Clerk of Court

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

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

MILDRED ABANCE MARCELINO,  
*Petitioner.*

-versus-

THE MUNICIPAL CIVIL REGISTRAR OF TUBLAY, BENGUET AND THE PHILIPPINE STATISTICS AUTHORITY (PSA), QUEZON CITY

*Respondents.*

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

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

PETITION WITH ALL DUE RESPECT TO THE HONORABLE COURT.

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

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

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

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

4. Petitioner contracted marriage on October 9, 1989 at Tublay, Benguet, Philippines.

However, in her Certificate of Marriage, petitioner's date of birth was indicated as "February 4, 1971" instead of February 4, 1974. Attached herein is a copy of the Certificate of Marriage of petitioner to one Victor Marcelino marked as Annex "B";

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

PRAYER

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

There is a need to correct the aforementioned errors to set straight the records of petitioner and to avoid any confusion or misidentification on her part.

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

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

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

by:  
ATTY. MAYCHELLE S. ABLOG  
Public Attorney II  
Roll No. 63359, May 7, 2014  
IBP NO. 1003889;  
January 14, 2016  
MCLE Compliance No. V-0002707

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

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

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

Furnish copy hereof

together with a copy of the petition and its annexes to the Office of the Solicitor General, the Provincial Prosecutor of Benguet, the Local Civil Registrar of Tublay, Benguet, the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) Quezon City, The Junction, petitioner and her counsel.

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

(SGD) ATTY.

MARIANITA J. CAOILE-GAYAMAN  
Branch Clerk of Court

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the city monthly rental fees which for the first two years will amount to P18 million or the peso equivalent of 32 percent of gross power plant production valued at the prevailing selling price, whichever is higher. The amount shall be paid on twelve monthly equal installments every third week of each month without any extension.

On the third year, the rental will increase to P40 million; to P50 million on the fourth year and to P60 million on the fifth and succeeding years until the end of the contract.

On top of the rental fees, the firm will remit one percent to the province of Benguet, municipality of Tuba and barangays Tadiangan and Nangalisan the gross receipts based on the distribution scheme provided for in RA 7160 in Sec. 291 and Sec. 292 of the Local Government Code and three percent of the net surplus (net profit after tax and 1 percent share of the province of Benguet) to the affected surface owners whose properties are affected by the pipelines and plant facilities. /Aileen P. Refuerzo

TIEZA willing to meet with Mayor, Baguio Museum on Dev't Plans

BAGUIO CITY - "Contrary to reports published, we wish to clarify that TIEZA (Tourism Infrastructure and Enterprise Zone Authority) never mentioned the ejection of the Baguio Museum."

This was emphasized in a letter to Mayor Mauricio Domogan by TIEZA chief operating officer Guillen Asido.

Asido also expressed their willingness to meet with the Mayor and other stakeholders on the issue.

The Mayor is pushing for a dialogue with the Department of Tourism, TIEZA and Baguio Museum aimed at resolving the fate of the parcel of land presently occupied by the museum.

Domogan met earlier with board members of Baguio Museum to hear their side on fears that they will be ejected once development plans of TIEZA in the area will commence.

He is advocating for the inclusion of the museum in any developments TIEZA plans for the area.

"We are a stakeholder in this also, we have to talk about this, we have to involve ourselves."

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

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

November 5, 12 and 19, 2016

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

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

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properties they are selling."

He instructed the City Legal Office to set a meeting with the Office of the Solicitor-General, the court sheriff, officials of the agriculture department and other concerned offices of the local government to finalize the details on how to implement the demolition order against the informal settlers after this was upheld by a local court.

Domogan disclosed enterprising informal settlers are selling parcels of land and their shanties in the Baguio Dairy Farm to willing buyers for as low as P50,000.

Last year, the Cordillera office of the Department of Agriculture (DA-CAR), the City Government of Baguio and the Tuba Municipal government conducted a joint census of the illegal structures erected by informal settlers within the Baguio Dairy Farm after a local court upheld the demolition order against these structures with finality.

Domogan explained the sale of the illegally occupied lots within the government property allegedly led to the death of one of the leaders of the informal settlers, thus, the need for the concerned government agencies to immediately enforce the demolition of the illegal structures to prevent more complications once more illegal land sales will be made on unsuspecting individuals.

Earlier, the Presidential Commission on Urban Poor (PCUP) conducted a pre-demolition conference with the local government, the DA-CAR and the affected informal settlers in preparation for the eventual eviction of the latter who built structures over portions of the government property.

Domogan urged individuals wanting to own properties in the different parts of the city to validate the authenticity of the proof of ownership being shown to them by the sellers with relevant government agencies before shelling out their hard-earned money.

He claimed there are numerous enterprising land speculators in the city who were able to cart away millions of pesos of the hard-earned money of unwitting buyers, and he reminds the public to be more circumspect in buying lands being sold at cheap prices.

/By Dexter A. See

## Baguio to get garbage bins for solid waste program

**B**AGUIO CITY – The management of Tiong San Harrison and Tiong San La Trinidad donate to the City Government a good number of garbage bins as its contribution to the local government's clean and green campaign and in support of the green economic program of the trade and industry, and environment departments.

Jasper Golangco, Tiong San Harrison and Tiong San La Trinidad vice president, said the the environmentally-friendly garbage bins are now being fabricated and he expressed optimism that their department store will be able to turnover to the local government at least three dozens to be distributed in strategic areas of the central business district.

"We also want to contribute to the local government waste management efforts by providing our people garbage bins for their use and help them avoid littering anywhere that depicts a bad image of the city," Golangco stressed.

He said the company thought of donating to the local government the garbage bins in line with the green economic program being advocated by the trade and industry and environment departments to instill awareness and solicit cooperation among local businessmen in efforts to inculcate the importance of waste management discipline among local residents.

Golangco said the distribution of the garbage bins in the city's central business district must go hand in

## EDITORIAL

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Many Filipinos even believe that President Fidel Ramos (who supervised the military and police accused, wrongly or rightly, of massive human rights violations during Martial Law) was a great President, when it was he who dragged the country into believing globalization would uplift the country's masses from poverty.

Instead, the past 18 years under globalization policies saw the lowering of our tariffs, so much that the US manufacturers of shampoo and powdered milk that had been here since the 1950s had moved their factories to Indonesia and Vietnam. Such globalization process also saw the rise of foreign monopolists such as the Indonesian Anthoni Salim and Singapore's Singtel to total dominance of our public utilities, and big business abandoning their manufacturing enterprises such as chip-assembly to go into the lucrative malls and condominiums business. Last May, the Filipino masses revolted to elect somebody whom they saw as having the least link to the economic elite and the political establishment.

The masses felt that Duterte's distance from the establishment was more important than his vulgar language, his ribald sex jokes, and his disdain for human life. Similarly, the US white working class felt that Trump's condemnation of globalization to the point of promising to build a wall to keep out Mexicans, was more important than his fondness for groping vaginas, his penchant for lying, his bullying of his rivals, even of his Republican colleagues, his racism and misogyny.

Who can blame the Filipino and American masses? The ruling class, with all their culture and etiquette, have been screwing the masses.

There is one important dimension, though, in which Trump and Duterte differ.

Trump's rhetoric resonated with the American white working class' economic aspirations, and provided a way out of it — stop globalization and undertake measures to force American industries to return to the homeland to restore the jobs they had lost.

On the other hand, Duterte got the masses' support by his promise to kill the vermin of our poor communities — drug lords and pushers, whose shabu our poor has been so vulnerable in getting addicted to because of their need to forget their misery, even for just an hour.

So far, Duterte hasn't given us an idea how he thinks he can solve poverty in the Philippines. What he and his officials have said is merely the thinking of the past five administrations — reducing corruption and opening up the country to foreign investments will bring us to the Promised Land.

The barrenness of the thinking of his economic planning secretary Ernesto Pernia was demonstrated recently when he claimed that it would be good for the country to open media to foreign investments. Will that solve poverty, or even increase employment? Isn't he

aware at all that the media, in almost all countries in the world, limit foreign investments in that sector as this risks giving foreigners control of the very soul of a nation?

Duterte should learn from Trump, who seems to believe that there is something deeply wrong in his nation's economic policies — in his view, globalization — that needs to be changed. If Trump's thinking was like Duterte, he would have also claimed that ending the US drug epidemic is the key to growth.

Loida Nicolas defanged?

If there's one thing going for Duterte with Trump's victory, he can be sure Filipino-American magnate Loida Nicolas, the shadowy specter he thinks has been conspiring to depose him, won't be in any position in the American halls of power to lobby against him.

Nicolas is known to have been a long-time supporter, not only of the Democratic Party, but a personal friend of the Clintons, especially Hillary. I remember that during President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo's trip to the US in 2001, Nicolas hosted a cocktail party at her New York mansion, in which the guest of honor was Hillary.

What's going for the country is that Trump and Duterte would hit it off, not just because they both like 'green' jokes and, as Trump describes it, "locker-room talk." They would recognize each other as birds of the same feather, outsiders who hate the establishment and maestros in appealing to the masses' basest instincts. Both also have expressed admiration for the Russian strongman Vladimir Putin. Trump wouldn't care at all about Duterte's pivot away from the US — he himself wants the US to pivot away from the world.

Trump also wouldn't care at all about the State Department's bleeding-heart concerns over allegations of human rights violations by the Duterte regime. He himself has said he has no qualms having US intelligence torture suspected terrorists if that would save American lives.

There is also the property magnate, Jose Antonio, who has been paying a Trump company \$2 million a year for the use of his name in his \$150 million, 57-story condominium project. Antonio would of course be, using our Filipino term, the effective "tulay" (bridge) between the two presidents. Antonio, even before his Trump Towers had been hobnobbing with Trump given that he has had property projects in Manhattan undertaken and managed by his son, Robbie Antonio.

It seemed prescient for Duterte to have appointed Antonio as his "special envoy for trade and investment" to the US a few days before the elections. However, Duterte, or Antonio, or both were just smart. Antonio actually had also been close to Hillary, introduced to him years ago by President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, who had been the tycoon's and his wife's closest friend even before she entered politics. If Hillary had won, he would be the "special envoy" not to Trump but to Clinton./E-mail: tiglao.manilatimes@gmail.com/Facebook: Rigoberto D. Tiglao AND Bobi Tiglao/Tweeter: @bobitiglao

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legal structures committee "committed grave abuse of discretion" in issuing said order.

"An inalienable public land cannot be appropriated and thus may not be the proper object of possession." This pronouncement of the Highest Court of the land must, hence, put an end to this issue. No right, is therefore, violated by the implementation of the DO 24," the court stressed.

The court said the petitioners were "duly notified of the (order) and were directed to obtain or present the necessary permits over their structures. Nonetheless, they failed to adduce any or prove that they exemption from the operation of the law."

The cases were docketed as Civil Case No. 8285-R filed by the Miranda family led by Manuel Miranda Jr. and Civil Case No. 8285-R filed by 46 occupants led by Eleanor San Pedro.

The Mirandas, according to the decision, tried to prove their long-time possession of the area they are occupying through a letter from a Dept. of Environment and Natural Resources employee but it was not enough, according to the court.

"Sadly, long-time possession, without more, cannot vest any right of ownership especially in this case where the property involved is not alienable and disposable," the court said.

On the other case, the court said, "The petitioners in Civil Case No. 8286-R have miserably failed to show that the public respondents committed grave abuse of discretion in issuing (DO) No.1 24 and the Demolition Advice."

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

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

Acting assistant city legal officer Hannah Calitong said the order "again confirmed the legality and propriety of the implementation of Demolition Order No. 24 series of 2015 directing the clearing of the so-called BIBAK lot."

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

City administrator and city anti-squatting committee chair Carlos Canilao informed the mayor that the PCUP asked the city to verify if there were occupants belonging to the urban poor. The mayor said that based on the city's investigation and as verified from the city's master list based on the census conducted earlier, none of the affected parties can qualify as members of the urban poor.

Canilao earlier said they will prepare for the implementation of the demolition order and will call the stakeholders for a meeting to prepare the requirements on budget, manpower and equipment.

Canilao said no less than the National Commission on Indigenous People (NCIP) offered to help the city by volunteering their personnel and committing fund augmentation to undertake the demolition.

The city will also enlist the help of the BCPO and the military reservists for the task.

The demolition scheduled last September was put on hold after the new administration of the NCIP intervened anew informing of the Duterte administration's policies on demolition.

Domogan immediately apprised PCUP officer-in-charge Dr. Melissa Aradanas on the status of the lot and the circumstances that led to the city government's action.

He said the move is backed by ample investigations that proved that the occupants of the structures do not have building permits and that they are not members of the urban

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control in the future, thus, we have to make sure that the encroachments to our reservations are prevented to impress upon speculators that the local government means business in addressing the construction of illegal structures," Domogan stressed.

He said part of the efforts of the local government, in coordination with other agencies, to protect portions of the watershed from squatting is to fence the 112-hectare portion of the reservation that is located within the jurisdiction of the city and demolish all structures that will be found to have encroached in the said watersheds.

Busol watershed has a total land area of 336 hectares with 224 hectares located within the capital town of La Trinidad, Benguet while the 112 hectares is within the jurisdiction of the city.

Domogan said the demolition of illegal structures earlier identified within the watershed had been overtaken by various equally important issues

poor and are using their structures for business purposes without care for sanitation and order.

The clearing of the area is also sanctioned by the Regional Development Council-Cordillera Administrative Region (RDC-CAR) and the Dept. of Environment and Natural Resources-Cordillera that said the "petitioners occupation has no legal basis and neither can they qualify as beneficiaries under (Republic Act) No. 10023 (Act Authorizing the Issuance of Free Patents to Residential Lands) because the lot is not alienable and disposable.

Last year, the PCUP under the old administration asked the city to defer the dismantling operation pointing out the need to observe proper procedures and to ensure that the rights of the owners will not be violated. The body, after conducting their own investigation, withdrew their objection after proving the city's cause./Aileen P. Refuerzo

and there are reports that more illegally constructions have been observed in the area. These must be removed immediately before more informal settlers come in to damage the watershed.

The local government remains firm in demolishing illegally constructed structures in various portions of the watershed to clear the reservation from buildings and replace them with trees to improve the supply of potable water to over 40 percent of residents in the city.

Busol watershed is the source of at least 20 percent of the city's potable water supply while 70 percent is being sourced by the Baguio water District (BWD) from underground sources.

He said the concerned departments must fast-track the necessary validation and inventory of illegal structures so that demolition orders could be issued for their immediate removal.

Domogan claims the local government will uphold the preservation and protection of forest reservations to guarantee their protection from encroachments so that the local residents will be able to enjoy the benefits of trees in the said watersheds./By Dexter A. See

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hand with the proper information and education campaign for the people to understand that the available bins will be for litter only and not for household waste.

Mayor Mauricio G. Domogan expressed his gratitude to the management of Tiong San Harrison and Tiong San La Trinidad for their expected donation, saying that there is a need for the garbage bins to be installed in the appropriate areas to prevent unscrupulous individuals from carting away the bins.

He cited previous experiences of the local government that when garbage bins were placed around the city, unscrupulous individuals got them as their remembrance or used them to dump their household waste.

Domogan pointed out there is still a long way

for people to internalize the importance of strictly adhering to the segregation of waste at source and instilling discipline on proper garbage disposal.

He said the local government continues to exert extra effort in intensifying the information and education campaign required to make people understand the importance of proper solid waste management to help protect the city's environment from further deterioration.

Golangco said their company will try to make available some of the completed garbage bins during their upcoming Diskwento Caravan at the Baguio Convection Center on November 18-20, 2016 wherein some 100 disturbers will be making available quality products at affordable prices in time for the Yuletide celebrations./By Dexter A. See

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Domogan said.

In his letter, Asido shared relevant documents and provisions with regard to ownership of the lot where the Baguio Museum building stands including the Memorandum of Agreement between Baguio city and Philippine Tourism Authority (PTA) signed on July 11, 1975 and Presiden-

tial Decree 1172 issued on July 12, 1977 granting ownership of the entire Tourism Complex to PTA.

Asido said that PD 1172 has not been superseded by any law up to now and that the PTA, even after its reorganization under RA 9593 as TIEZA, continues to possess rights as owner./Gaby Keith



**NO EXEMPTION** - Baguio City Mayor Mauricio Domogan leads city officials and employees undergoing mandatory random drug test conducted by the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA) in coordination with the City Health Office in support of President Rodrigo Duterte's anti-drug campaign. /By Bong Cayabyab

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# City to bid out operation of public comfort rooms

**B**AGUIO CITY – The City government will bid out the maintenance and operation of the clean public comfort rooms after the lapse of the 15-year agreement entered between the local government and the current operator, R&R Sanitary and Management Services.

City Budget Officer Leticia O. Clemente informed the members of the City Council that the City General Services Officer was earlier tasked to prepare the terms of reference for the public bidding for the long-term maintenance and operation of the city's public comfort rooms located in major parks and public places around the city.

Clemente said the decision to bid out the maintenance and operation of the city's public comfort rooms is due to the upcoming expiration of the current contract.

Members of the local legislative body were

informed by the city finance committee that the operator is only required to pay rentals for the different public toilets that they manage.

The local government decided to bid out the maintenance and operations of the different public comfort rooms around the city sometime in 2001 since it was not able to properly maintain these facilities which earned the ire of visitors and local residents.

Subsequently, the maintenance and operation of the public toilets was awarded to R&R Sanitary and Management Services, a locally-owned company, through a 15-year contract to guarantee the year-round cleanliness of the said toilets.

These clean public toilets gained positive comments from visitors and local residents and the company was given citations by the tourism department over the past several years.

The next terms of reference will be

submitted to the local legislative body for approval before the public bidding.

Earlier, the City Council Committee on Laws chaired by Councilor Faustino Olowan recommended that there should be a unified contract between the local government and the company maintaining the city's public toilets to prevent confusion on the rentals to be paid by the operators to the city and for them to easily understand the contents of the agreement.

Under the existing contract, the R&R Sanitary and Management Services is empowered to repair and improve the different public comfort rooms that they are tasked to maintain at its own expense and that it will recover the investments through the user's fees that it charges.

Local officials will further improve the conditions of the agreement to ensure the quality operation of the toilets before it is bid out. /By Dexter A. See

# Drug prevention week activities, bared

**B**AGUIO CITY – The local government will spearhead the city's celebration of Drug Abuse Prevention and Control Week thru various activities starting November 23.

The event is in coordination with the City Anti-Drug Abuse Council (CADAC) with councilor Roberto Ortega as action officer. The alderman chairs the city council's committee on peace and order and public safety.

Unveiled in Monday's flag-raising ceremony, the calendar of events include a media forum on

November 23, 10 am, at the city social welfare and development office conference hall and a Baguio Emergency Response to Addiction activity every Wednesday and Friday, 1 pm, of this month and December at the same venue.

This month will also see the conduct of an anti-drug advocacy campaign in the city's private and public elementary and secondary schools spearheaded by the Department of Education-Baguio and Baguio City Police Office.

to join can visit Councilor Ortega's office at City Hall or call 446-9101 for more information.

Mayor Mauricio Domogan is urging the public to support the activities as his promised mandatory drug tests for all city government workers has been completed and results are being awaited.

Domogan's push for mandatory drug-testing of all government employees is in support of Pres. Duterte's on-going campaign against the illegal-drugs menace.

Meanwhile, the Mayor expressed dismay over the alleged killing of Albuera, Leyte Mayor Rolando Espinosa Sr., during his weekly forum with the media. He hopes that the on-going investigation will clear up what truly happened and that justice will be served. /Gaby Keith



**RIGHT ON TARGET** - Construction workers lay out the final stage of the rehabilitation of People's Park (Malcolm Square) as the contractor assures the city government officials led by SP Committee On Tourism chairman and Councilor Elmer Datuin that they will meet the Dec 31 deadline. Datuin led the on-site inspection last November 7./By Bong Cayabyab

# Night market earning better than market stalls

**B**AGUIO CITY – The City Treasury Office confirmed the temporary night market along Harrison road is obviously generating better income than the fixed rentals collected by the local government from leaseholders of the market stalls at the city public market.

City Treasurer Alex Cabarrubias reported there are some 1,044 night market vendors along the 500-meter stretch of Harrison road every night with each of them paying P350 every week to the local government.

For this year, the night market operation, which is only good for nine months and a half because of the non-operation of the vendors for at least two and one-half months due to the rains and typhoons, was able to generate income amounting to at least P14.9 million.

Comparatively, Cabarrubias revealed the 1,890 stalls in the public market, the nearly 800 stalls in Blocks III and IV and the

more than 970 stalls in the relocation site account for an annual income for the city in the amount of P26 million only, which makes it appear that the city is not actually earning enough from the nearly 3,000 market stalls.

He disclosed there are some leaseholders in the market who pay to the city only P90 per month while there are some stallholders who pay at least P3,000 in monthly rentals depending on the size of their stalls, thus, the need for the review of the market stall rentals.

According to him, the over 1,500 stalls in Blocks III and IV and the relocation site account for a total of P9 million in annual income while the nearly 1,900 stalls in the city's public market account for only P17 million annual income for the city.

He claimed the fees being charged by the city from leaseholders of the various stalls in the public market have not been revised since 1988, thus,

the need for updating of the city's revenue code.

By next year, the local treasury office projected that it will be able to generate at least P30 million from the fixed rentals of existing market stalls in the public market, Blocks III, IV and the identified relocation site while it also forecasts an income of P14.5 million from the operation of the night market for nine and one-half months.

It is easy to predict the income from the rentals of the market stalls because these are fixed rates, thus, the total income to be derived from the city's public market could go as high as P30 million, including the arrears paid by delinquent leaseholders.

Cabarrubias expressed confidence that the local treasury office will be able to collect the fixed market rentals and the night market fees to help sustain the increase in internally generated resources. /By Dexter A. See

# Inventory of Busol informal settlers up

**B**AGUIO CITY – Mayor Mauricio G. Domogan ordered the personnel of the City Buildings and Architecture Office (CBAO) and other concerned departments to immediately conduct an inventory of informal settlers within the Busol watershed to prevent the city's premier water

source from being further squatted upon.

The local chief executive issued the directive after City Building Official Engr. Nazita F. Bañez made a request for an inventory of the illegal structures within the watershed prior to the issuance of the demolition order for the removal of

such structures constructed by land speculators in the said area.

"We have to remove the illegal structures that were erected within various reservations in the different parts of the city. We have to do it now to prevent the situation from going out of

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