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Old city ordinance mandates sitting break for sales personnel

BAGUIO CITY -The City Government had long ago frowned upon sales workers standing for long hours without a sitting break way before the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) thought of ending this bad practice.

Ordinance No. 471 series of 1968 requires “all department stores, bazars and other stores to provide stools, chairs or similar adequate facilities to be used by their sales personnel when not actually attending to customers...” and those violating are subject to a punishment of paying P200 fine or imprisonment of six months or both upon the discretion of the court.

However, the said measure is “no longer being complied with and implemented,” according to the findings of the legislative tracking study done by the city council research division **Cont. on page 5**



PCOO Secretary Martin Andanar interviews veteran media Ramon Dacawi on the latter's advocacy and campaign for free dialysis treatment at the PIA-CAR office./PIA-CAR

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nyo nga naman ano,
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ng city ordinance na nag
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BIBAK demolition reset to October 15 Drug test for high school students backed

BAGUIO CITY – Mayor Mauricio G. Domogan announced that representatives of concerned government agencies, the local government and the informal settler agreed to reset the scheduled demolition of some 58 illegal structures that were erected over the 5,000-square meter Benguet-Ifugao-Bontoc-Apayao-Kalinga (BIBAK) property along Harrison Road from August 15 to October 15 to give a final chance for the squatters to negotiate with the owner of their prospective relocation site in La Trinidad town.

The local chief executive explained the decision to reset the demolition of the illegal BIBAK settlers was the consensus of Department of Environment and Natural Resources – Cordillera (DENR-CAR) regional director Ralph Pablo and National Commission on Indigenous Peoples-Cordillera (NCIP-CAR) regional director Roland Calde who emphasized that the resetting of the dismantling of the illegal structures would be the final one.

Under the agreement entered into among the agency and city officials and the informal settlers, it was agreed that the ones who built their struc-

tures in the government property would already stop doing their business activities in the area and for them to start removing their illegal structures as those buildings that will be left standing after October 15, 2017, will be demolished by the members of the city demolition team.

“We have to admit that we are losing our credibility with the repeated resetting of the scheduled demolition of the illegal structures but we hope that our constituents will understand our position because of the representations that have been done by officials of the Presidential Commission on the Urban Poor,” Domogan stressed.

Based on the representations of PCUP officials, he claimed there is still a need for the informal settlers to negotiate with the owner of their identified relocation site on payment arrangements and how will be the development undertaken by the informal settlers in coordination with the concerned government agencies.

According to him, it was made clear to the informal settlers that the October 15, 2017, deadline will be the final one and no more extension that will be granted to them and it will now be up to them to

decide whether or not to remove their structures voluntarily or it will be the members of the city demolition team that will dismantle the illegal structures.

The 5,000-square meter BIBAK property is part of Original Certificate of Title (OCT) No. 1 in the name of the Republic of the Philippines and the said area was ceded to the BIBAK purposely to accommodate the dormitories where BIBAK students are supposed to stay while studying in the city and in other parts of Benguet.

Domogan appealed to the public to understand the decision of the concerned government agencies and the local government in resetting the scheduled demolition of the illegal structures because of the various representations that were made by some responsible officials, particularly the PCUP, because they are closely working for the finalization of the agreement with the land owner of their proposed relocation site considering that something is being done about it unlike in other squatted properties where nothing is being done by the informal settlers to move out of the government properties. / *By Dexter A. See*

BAGUIO CITY – Mayor Mauricio G. Domogan expressed his all-out support to the recent mandate from the education department for the conduct of random drug test to junior and senior high school students in public schools to spare today’s youth from being involved in illegal vices at a young age.

The local chief executive requested concerned offices of the local government to source out the required funds for the mandated random drug test for junior and senior high school students so that it could be implemented the soonest to help in the formulation of the needed interventions that will spare the students from being involved in the use of illegal drugs.

“We have to implement the necessary interventions to spare the youth from the serious negative effects of using illegal drugs at the early stages of their life so that they will be accorded the appropriate guidance for them to shy away from their involvement to the illegal vices. We have to come in this early through the implementation of the random drug test to

our high school students so that we will be able to pinpoint those that need government intervention considering that they will be at a loss once they will continue to be involved in illegal drugs,” Domogan stressed.

He added the local government also entered into an agreement with the religious sector in the city for them to conduct free lectures in public schools regarding the negative effects of using illegal drugs to sustain the government’s unrelenting and uncompromising anti-drug campaign, especially among the youth who are the ones prone to using illegal drugs.

According to him, private schools are also encouraged to seek the assistance of the religious sector to conduct the necessary anti-drug lectures to their students to help intensify the local government’s effort to influence people to abandon the use of illegal drugs because it will not be good for their health and that it would ruin their bright future once they will be addicted to using the prohibited drugs.

On the other hand, Domogan explained that there is no longer a

need for the conduct of a second round of surprise drug test to the officials and employees of the local government because those who were found to be positive for the use of illegal drugs were able to reverse the earlier results of the mandatory drug test for city personnel.

He encouraged the public to report to his office officials and employees who are continuously involved in the use of illegal drugs so that they will be again subjected to the mandatory drug test to validate the reports that are being brought to his attention for appropriate action.

Earlier, 4 local government employees were able to test positive for the alleged use of illegal drugs during the mandatory drug test conducted on all officials and employees of the local government through the marching orders of President Rodrigo R. Duterte.

However, one of them reportedly died because of terminal cancer while the three employees were able to test negative during the confirmatory drug test after they were given a chance to negate their positive drug test results. / *By Dexter A. See*

BOI to Present New Business Opportunities in Roadshow

An investment roadshow meant to guide Filipino and foreign investors in matching their entrepreneurial and

financial capacities will again be held in Baguio City as an effort to steer the country’s economic growth to a broader and

sustainable path. Based on the theme “Scaling Up and Dispersing Opportunities”, the Board of Investments –

Department of Trade and Industry (BOI - DTI) has conducted regional roadshows from the National Capital Region and is scheduled to be in Baguio City

on August 24 at Hotel Elizabeth for a whole morning session. The BOI-DTI roadshow will also present the country’s Investment Priority Plan (IPP) for 2017-2019 that was guided by the current administration’s initiative to address inequality, empower the powerless, highlight inclusivity, and bring prosperity for all. As the country’s fundamental investment policy tool that boosts micro, small and medium enterprises and disperse opportunities for employment and innovations, the IPP serves as the blueprint that helps maintain the country’s competencies. The 2017 IPP will be presented by

Gov. Lucita P. Reyes of the BOI Board of Governors after the opening message of Mayor Mauricio G. Domogan. DTI-CAR Regional Director Myrna P. Pablo will give the opening message and DTI-Region 2 OIC Regional Director Ruben B. Diciano close the morning session of the roadshow.

Other activities of the DTI-BOI Regional Roadshows have been modified to enhance inclusive economic development and it now includes all manufacturing activities including agro-processing, fishery and the development of forest plantations in private lands. Since, the 2017 IPP promotes other

industries such as food processing, IT-related services, digital or technological startups, telecommunications, engineering and construction as well as healthcare services, it also includes overseas shipping, pipeline for oil and gas, training/learning facilities, testing laboratories, domestic industrial zones, and tollways. These and other investment opportunities will be presented by the speakers and interested participants can get in touch with Senior Trade and Industry Development Specialist Andea Tactay of DTI-CAR Regional Office at 4 Carino St. Baguio City. / *A Tibaldo*

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City hall employees no need for second round of drug testing – Mayor

BAGUIO CITY - As part of the campaign against illegal drugs, the city government here has been continuously partnering with other government, non-government, private and religious sectors to assist Persons with Substance Use Disorder (PSUDs) in the city of Baguio.

Being public servants, city hall employees were not excused in undergoing random drug testing last year in order to determine who among the employees are engaged in illegal drugs.

As a result, three employees were found out to be positive in the drug test, however, they

were given a chance and enough time by mayor Mauricio Domogan to change so as not to be dismissed from government service.

The local chief executive was delighted to learn that the said 3 employees passed the confirmatory test.

Domogan disclosed that there is no need to conduct a second round of random drug testing to city hall employees not unless a report and valid evidence will reach his office.

“Kung may

report at ebidensiya na maipapakita sa aking tanggapan na ang isang empleyadong ay gumagamit, nabenta ng nagtutulak ng illegal na droga, that is the time that the concerned employee will undergo random drug testing,” said Mayor Domogan.

Meanwhile, the city has strengthened its Persons with Substance Use Disorder (PSUDs) through the Integrated Participatory Community Building program. A community based drug rehabilitation activity was implemented for 543 identified PSUDs

who were profiled and have undergone psycho education. A total of 294 PSUDs have actually completed the sessions. The integrated drug rehabilitation program holds a promise for a new chance for a normal social life of determined reformists.

“A memorandum of

agreement (MOA) was signed between the city government and different religious sectors to conduct various symposiums, seminars, lectures to high school students in values formation particularly the ill effects of illegal drugs,” added the mayor.

/Jho Arranz

LTFRB criticized for issuing franchise in Baguio

BAGUIO CITY – Members of the City Council criticized the Cordillera office of the Land Transportation Franchising Regulatory Board (LTFRB) for granting to a shuttle company a certificate of public convenience (CPC) to provide the transport requirements of the Loakan-based Texas Instruments Philippines without first securing an exemption from the local government.

The local legislative body returned to the LTFRB-CAR the request of GM Joe Tours and Transport Corporation for exemption from the existing moratorium on the issuance of franchises unacted considering that the regulatory body already granted the requested franchise even without the exemption from the city which is a clear act of allegedly undermining the existing moratorium.

GM Joe Tourist and Transport Services was declared by TI management as the winning bidder for its transportation requirements to service its employees round-the-clock during the scheduled bidding early this year and took over the previous transport provider last July.

Last July 12, 2017, the LTFRB-CAR issued the requested franchise to the transport company as part of the package granted to its officials and employees.

However, LTFRB-CAR officials pointed out the resolution exempting the transportation company from the coverage of the existing moratorium on the issuance of franchises in the city is not part of the requirements to be complied by the company under existing franchising laws, rules and regulations, thus, the issued franchise to GM Joe Tourist and Transport Corporation is valid.

In 1998, the LTFRB issued a Memorandum Circular imposing **Cont. on page 7**

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Duterte refused one-on-one with Taguiwalo on eve of CA rejection

'I wanted to tell him about corruption existing in my office. I have submitted the report. But I wanted to relay it to him personally,' Taguiwalo says

FRUSTRATION. *Outgoing social welfare secretary Judy Taguiwalo says she had hoped to speak with President Rodrigo Duterte before the Commission on Appointments rejected her.*

After her one year of service in the Cabinet, outgoing Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) secretary Judy Taguiwalo said she felt bad about not meeting President Rodrigo Duterte before the Commission on Appointments (CA) rejected her appointment.

Taguiwalo said she requested for a meeting with Duterte but he did not accede. "It was my great frustration. I had a feeling that I would be rejected so I set an appointment with him to thank him for giving me the chance," Taguiwalo said in a Rappler Talk interview on Thursday, August 17.

"I wanted to tell him about corruption existing in my office. I have submitted the report. But I wanted to relay it to him personally," she added without giving further details.

Taguiwalo was also asked if she felt abandoned by the President. Most of the members of the powerful Commission are Duterte allies. Ironically, CA members of the Liberal Party – senators Francis Pangilinan, Franklin Drilon, Ralph Recto, and Paolo Benigno Aquino IV – voted for her appointment.

Recto even delivered a heartfelt speech he had prepared in the event of a Taguiwalo confirmation.

To this, she responded: "I think that eventually, he left it to the CA to decide on my case without his intervention."

EDITORIAL *"In the last analysis, he has the power to influence the members of the CA. Although publicly, he says, 'I don't want to do that because we are independent bodies.' But we have seen in terms of his priority legislation, martial law in [Mindanao], the extension, he is able to call it."*

In the end, Taguiwalo said that in the DSWD she is leaving, they have stayed true to Duterte's order for the department to provide compassionate service.

"Given the problem we faced of slow service delivery, maagap at may pagkalinga – prompt with compassion, patas na pagtrato sa komunidad or equal treatment of communities, regardless of affiliation," she said.

Taguiwalo also reiterated her call for the President to pursue the peace talks with the left-leaning National Democratic Front (NDF). Taguiwalo was an NDF nominee to the Cabinet.

"We know that it has not been smooth. It has its ups and downs but the government panel headed by Secretary [Silvestre] Bello and the OPAPP [Office of the Presidential Adviser on the Peace Process] of Secretary Jess Dureza are still intent on pursuing the peace talks with the NDF. I hope they will still talk," she said./Patty Pasion/Rappler.com

KAKAMPI MO ANG BATAS

**Mindanao roads,
ports, airports up for
construction**



BY: ATTY. BATAS MAURICIO

LIFE'S INSPIRATIONS: *"... But, 'Let the one who boasts boast in the Lord.' For it is not the one who commends himself who is approved, but the one whom the Lord commends..." (2 Corinthians 10:17-18, the Holy Bible).*

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MINDANAO ROADS, PORTS, AIRPORTS UP FOR CONSTRUCTION: The Duterte government is now pursuing projects →



aimed at "achieving a seamless connectivity for Mindanao" through the so-called "Mindanao Development Corridors", in which interregional roads, gateway ports and airports, and the Trans-Mindanao Highspeed Railway System will be built in the next several days, Secretary Abul Khayr Dangcal Alonto of the Mindanao Development Authority (MinDA) said Thursday, 17 August 2017.

Alonto spoke before members of the Rotary Club (RC) of Intramuros Manila, led by its Great President Aries Balanay and Secretary General Prof. Joedy Cruel, as its guest of honor and speaker in its regular Thursday Club meetings. Alonto was invited to the Club by his nephew, President Elect Jamairy Concon Domado of RC Intramuros (see www.facebook.com/attybatas for the photos).

Explaining the idea behind the "Mindanao Development Corridors" project, Alonto said MinDA is at present in the forefront of providing Mindanawons with a high-speed and modern railway system that will be at par with that of our neighbors in the ASEAN (Association of South East Nations) Region...

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MINDANAO INFRASTRUCTURE GOAL: ONE, UNITED, AND INTERCONNECTED MINDANAO: The relevant parts of Alonto's speech follows: "This railway project will go beyond political, cultural, and economic boundaries and hopefully will facilitate social cohesion in Mindanao. In fact, our goal is to create a one, united, and interconnected home for every Mindanawon.

"The corridors program will also be our platform in securing lasting peace and development in Mindanao. To be more precise about it, peace is not just the absence of war, but is also a state when people from all walks of life are able to truly feel, live, and benefit from the development that we envision for them.

"Our main objective in fact is to transform conflict-affected communities and make them productive, sustainable, and fully developed. This is exactly what we aim to achieve with the inclusion of the Bangsamoro Economic Corridors in our long-term and Mindanao-wide connectivity project..."

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FEDERAL SYSTEM WILL ADDRESS CALLS FOR BANGSAMORO SELF-DETERMINATION: In the open forum that followed his speech, Alonto stressed that one big way of pushing through with the projects of the Duterte government aimed at connecting the whole of Mindanao to its business and social centers is through the establishment of a federal system of government.

He said federalism addresses the clamor for self-deter-

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MAGKASANGGA TAYO

**Blackmail, Extortion
mauuwi sa Impeachment**

BY: NESTOR "PAKEN" CASTRO

Ano nga ba yung kasabihan sa Ingles na "Hell hath no fury like a woman scorned?" Para sa aking mga dear readers na hindi alam ang ibig sabihin nito ay simple lamang ito - ang ibig sabihin ay: ang katinidhan ng impiyerno ay walang sinabi sa isang babaeng napahiya o tunay na nasaktan na nais bumawi. Yan po more or less ang translation sa Pilipino.

Ano at sino ba ang aking tinutukoy? Ito ay walang iba kung hindi si Patricia Bautista na asawa ni Comelec Chairman Andy Bautista na siyang inaakusahan na may tagong yaman (hidden wealth), ayon sa kanyang asawa na si Patricia na sa ngayon ay nasa witness protection program na. Nuong unang isinawalat ni Patricia ang hinggil sa kanyang mister ay medyo nagsimpatya pa ako sa kanya, bagama't nung narinig ko na ang panig ng kanyang mister ay mas panig na ako sa ngayon kay Chairman Andy Bautista. Bagama't maraming nagsasabi na ito ay isang away mag-asawa at hindi na dapat ito naisiwalat sa publiko ay mayroon din silang punto ngunit mabuti na rin na ito ay naisiwalat ng magkaalaman na nga kung talagang mayroong tagong yaman itong si Chairman Andy. Sa aking palagay ay mahihirapan si Chairman Andy sa malaking diperensya sa deklarasyon ng kanyang SALN at ng mga pigurang binabanggit ni Patricia kaya sa aspetong ito ay malamang na tama itong si Patricia na tunay nga na may tagong yaman itong si Chairman Andy.

Bagama't ito ay tagong yaman, hindi naman automatic na ito ay ill gotten wealth, magkaiba po yun. Sa aspetong personal ay malinaw rin na sa unang lantad ni Patricia sa publiko sa kanyang presscon na siya ay mala-santi-santita at isang highly moral woman ang kanyang dating ngunit ay sa ngayon ay malinaw na isa itong malaking kalokohan, pagpanggap, at matinding drama ang kanyang isinagawa.

Sa aking pananaw, isa lamang siste na kanyang nais na i-blackmail at maka-extort sa kanyang mister. Bakit ka'nyo? Malinaw na sa ngayon na nuong isang taon pa ay nagde-demand na itong si Patricia ng fifty percent o singkwenta porsiyento (50%) ng sinasabing tagong yaman sa kanyang mister sa halagang P600 million plus. Aba eh dito na nasira sa akin itong si Patricia sapagkat kung tunay na ayaw niya na mayroon siyang kinalaman sa posibleng ill gotten wealth ng kanyang asawa ay hindi siya dapat nag-demand through her lawyer ng ganoong kalaking halaga at dapat ay pinaubaya na lang niya sa korte na humusga kung magkano ba talaga ang dapat na makuha niyang parte sa estado nilang mag asawa. Eh nung hindi na pinagbigyan ni Chairman Andy si Patricia, aba, ayun na at mayroon ng mga panakot na siya ay mai-impeach at mae-expose at umiral na ng tuluyan ang kanyang pagka-gahaman, taksil at isang ruthless na babae. Talaga naman oo, kung sa korte nga ay mayroong isang kasabihan na "those who come to court should come with clean hands," sa pagkakataong ito ay itong si Patricia ang siyang may bahid na ng isang extortionist at blackmailer. At ang kawawang si Chairman Andy sa ngayon ay nakatikim ng the wrath of a scorned woman.

Kaya kayong mga lalake, kapag may tagong yaman at humingi si Misis o X-Misis, aba eh bigay na agad at baka kung saan pa humantong ang takutan at blackmail at matulad kayo kay Chairman Andy. Hi! Hi! Hi!

EL MAESTRO SPEAKS

**The Bloody War on
Ordinary Drugged Juan**

BY: CLYDE B. SACPA

The war on drugs has gotten bloody and it does not show any slowing down anytime soon.

This week the PNP has launched what they call a "one time, big time" Operation against illegal drugs killing more than 50 people and arresting more than a hundred in just one day. This operations were launched in the slump areas where these suspected drug users and pushers conduct their business.

The biggest news this week is not that though, it is the one in it that shocked the masses. That is the killing of a 17 year old boy who reportedly draw a gun and tried to shoot it out with the police. The father of the victim claimed otherwise and pointed out that the police might have executed his child. We just hope and pray that a thorough investigation of the matter will be conducted.

One can't deny the fact that when the gentleman of Mindanao became the most powerful man in the country, he had shown us the extent of the drug problem in our country. We now knew that has grown to reach the wealthy people, it stretches to the law enforcement agency, and the saddest part it has invaded the poor home of most of our ordinary Juan.

I applaud the effort to curb this illegality. As the data shows, criminality has significantly gone low for this year but the number of people being killed for their involvement in illegal drugs shows no slowing down and now it even broke the age barrier of criminal liability. I just hope and fervently pray that we won't be hearing a 9-year old killed because he is a drug-runner.

It is not a secret that if we want to stop a problem we must go to the root cause of the problem. What baffles me with the war on drugs is that it would seem like the operation is only done to the distributor and very few is being conducted to the provider, the real source of this problem. Where are the big drug personalities that were mentioned before? As far as I know only two of them went down and down six feet under they went compared to the thousand small time distributors and user being killed or arrested.

You can't kill a tree by shooting all its leaves, you kill it by digging its roots and cutting everyone of it. We all know that is a Herculean task but if you want to solve the problem, for sure you'll find a way around it. This operation against the distributor won't stop the big fishes. It is still business as usual for them looking for an ordinary, hungry Juan who needs to feed his family at the cost of his life.

I urge the law enforcer to go back to their drawing board and redraw a new plan against illegality before it's too late.

**City will not interfere in
Dairy Farm demolition**

BAGUIO CITY – Mayor Mauricio G. Domogan stressed city officials will not dip their fingers in the ongoing demolition of more than 350 illegal structures built within parts of the 94-hectare Baguio Dairy Farm because the matter is a purely legal issue.

The local chief executive explained the special writ of demolition was issued by the Municipal Trial Court in Cities (MTCC) and not the local government that is why city officials have no right to unduly interfere in the dismantling of the illegal structures amidst the persistent lobbying of the affected informal settlers.

He admitted that the informal settlers have been frequenting his office requesting him to stop the ongoing

Old city ordinance...

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under local legislative staff officer V Dan Ricky Ong.

In her report submitted to Vice Mayor Edison Bilog, local legislative staff officer Michelle Dulay noted that most of the owners, store managers and sales personnel are not aware of the existence of the said ordinance.

Some of those interviewed defended the practice saying providing stools encourages laziness among employees and that customers tend to shy away from asking about the merchandise when the personnel are seated.

Moreover, shoplifting and thievery are hard to prevent when employees are seated thus they are only allowed to sit down during the tagging or bar coding of products and related tasked and that stools are only provided for cashiers and pregnant salesladies.

Most sales personnel suggested that the ordinance be enforced and be amended to include a specific time for sitting breaks and that information dissemination and regular inspection be conduct by implementing agencies.

City health services officer Rowena Galpo deferred to the Occupational Health and Safety Center of the Dept. of Labor and Employment Cordillera to provide expertise and intervention mechanism to improve workplace conditions.

DOLE-CAR Regional Director Exequiel Ronie Guzman agreed to the amendment of the 1968 ordinance to include a provision that workers be given at least 10 minutes sitting break every after an hour of standing.

He also offered findings of a recent study on the risks of prolonged standing to the musculoskeletal condition of a person necessitating the formulation of policies to improve the condition of these workers.

In her report, Dulay recommended that the city council consolidate and approve the pending proposals of Councilor Joel Alangsab to amend Ordinance 471-68 and of Councilor Leandro Yangot Jr. which will require business establishments to provide seats for female workers.

The DOLE central office recently announced its plan to stop companies from requiring female workers to wear high-heeled shoes at work and to require them to provide female workers with rest periods from long hours of standing. /Aileen P. Refuerzo

demolition of their illegal structures erected over the government reservation but he politely informed them that the local government has no jurisdiction over the matter considering that it was an offshoot of a court ruling.

Further, he added he also received several letters from Palace officials requesting him to stop the demolition of the illegal structures but he again replied to the misinformed officials that the demolition order was issued by the MTCC after a tedious litigation of the case, thus, the local government has no jurisdiction over the matter considering the independence of the judiciary from the executive and legislative branches of government.

"We deployed sufficient policemen and employees of the City Public Order and Safety Division to help maintain law and order in the premises of the Dairy Farm while the demolition of the illegal structures is underway. We hope this will put an end to the issue so that the area can be utilized for its prescribed purpose," Domogan stressed.

He extended his congratulatory message to the sheriff and the members of the demolition team for their effective and efficient handling of the situation despite the initial resistance shown by some of the affected informal settlers that prevented violence.

According to him, it will be up to the sheriff to explain to the issuing court the **Cont. on page 7**

NOTICE OF SELF ADJUDICATION BY SOLE

HEIR OF ESTATE OF DECEASED PERSON

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late SOCORRO F. RADO who died on March 7, 2014 in Pasig City, Metro Manila without any will, consisting of one (1) unit of parcel of land situated in the Res. Sec. "L", City of Baguio, Island of Luzon and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-21388 had been the subject of Self Adjudication by the sole heir SARAH LAING PAREDES on 10 August 2017, as per Doc. No. 623, Page No. 125, Book No. XLI, Series of 2017 of the Notarial Registry of Atty. James S. Valeros of Baguio City.

August 12, 19 and 26 2017

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE AMONG HEIRS WITH SIMULTANEOUS WAIVER OF RIGHTS

Notice is hereby given that the Estate of the late PHILIP L. AYAK who died on January 14, 2008 in Baguio City without will, consisting of one (1) unit of Public Utility Jitney with Plate No. AYF 606 covered by LTRFB Case No. 97-BC-319, had been the subject of EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE AMONG HEIRS WITH SIMULTANEOUS WAIVER OF RIGHTS on 15 August 2017 as per Doc. No. 356, Page No. 73, Book No. VI, Series of 2017, of the Notarial Registry of Atty. Lilibeth B. Cosi of Baguio City.

Aug. 19, 26 and Sep. 2, 2017

ERRATUM

In a Notice of Estrajudicial Settlement of Estate of the late CAMILO DUGAYEN published in this paper issue of July 29, August 5 and 12, 2017, the DATE OF DEATH of CAMILO DUGAYEN as published was incorrect, the correct date should have been November 7, 2007 and not November 7, 2017 as inadvertently published.

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ERRATUM

In a Notice of Hearing for Sale and Transfer of CPC Case No. 2012-CAR-784 filed by applicants Mary Carolyn Caliway-vendor and Jeffrey Abalos-Vendee published in this paper issue of October 8, 2016, the correct spelling of the name of the vendee is Jeffrey Abalos and not Jeffrey Abalos as inadvertently published.

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

DIVINA WILLY

Applicant

CASE No. 2012-CAR-716

NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application filed on August 01, 2017 for the approval of EXTENSION of VALIDITY of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate PJ service for the transportation of passengers and freights on the line: BAGUIO CITY - TOMAY and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit.

NOTICE is hereby given that this Board shall hear this application on September 05, 2017 at 2:50 PM the LTRFB Office, Pacdal Baguio City in which date and time applicant shall formally submit his/her/their evidences.

At least ten (10) days prior to the above date, the applicant/s shall publish the NOTICE once in one (1) daily newspaper of general circulation in the Cordillera Administrative Region.

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

This application shall be acted upon the Board on the basis of its records and the documentary evidences submitted by the parties, unless the Board deem necessary to receive additional documentary and/or oral evidence.

WITNESS, the Honorable ATTY. JOSE EDUARDO L. NATIVIDAD, Regional Director, this 11th day of August 2017, Baguio City.

ATTY. JESSIE C. BALAGOT
Hearing Officer

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

JULIET IMADO

Applicant

CASE No. 97-BC01-302

NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application filed on August 01, 2017 for the approval of EXTENSION of VALIDITY of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate PJ service for the transportation of passengers and freights on the line: BAGUIO PLAZA - PMA, KIAS/SPRINGHILLS, APUGAN and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit.

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Hearing Officer

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Cordillera Administrative Region
Baguio City

RICARDO MALUGDOS

Applicant

CASE No. 88-01-2008A

NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application filed on August 03, 2017 for the approval of EXTENSION of VALIDITY of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate PJ service for the transportation of passengers and freights on the line: BAGUIO PLAZA - ACUPAN and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit.

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ATTY. JESSIE C. BALAGOT
Hearing Officer

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

HERMAN PECDASEN

Applicant

CASE No. 2006-CAR-0066

NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application filed on August 03, 2017 for the approval of EXTENSION of VALIDITY of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate PJ service for the transportation of passengers and freights on the line: BAGUIO CITY - CAMP DANGWA and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit.

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ATTY. JESSIE C. BALAGOT
Hearing Officer

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

HELEN ROSALDO

Applicant

CASE No. 2002-BC-129

NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application filed on July 28, 2017 for the approval of EXTENSION of VALIDITY of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate PJ service for the transportation of passengers and freights on the line: BAGUIO PLAZA - IRISAN-YAGYAGAN and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit.

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ATTY. JESSIE C. BALAGOT
Hearing Officer

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Cordillera Administrative Region
Baguio City

DENNIS MANUYAG

Applicant

CASE No. 2003-CAR-593

NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application filed on July 28, 2017 for the approval of EXTENSION of VALIDITY of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate PJ service for the transportation of passengers and freights on the line: BAGUIO PLAZA - SCOUT BARRIO and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit.

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WITNESS, the Honorable ATTY. JOSE EDUARDO L. NATIVIDAD, Regional Director, this 11th day of August 2017, Baguio City.

ATTY. JESSIE C. BALAGOT
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Cordillera Administrative Region
Baguio City

OSCAR DUMALLEG

Applicant

CASE No. 2017-CAR-118

NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application filed on July 28, 2017 for the approval of NEW ISSUANCE of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate PJ service for the transportation of passengers and freights on the line: TABUK CITY - TANUDAN VIA PANGOL (Kalinga) and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit.

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WITNESS, the Honorable ATTY. JOSE EDUARDO L. NATIVIDAD, Regional Director, this 11th day of August 2017, Baguio City.

ATTY. JESSIE C. BALAGOT
Hearing Officer

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Cordillera Administrative Region
Baguio City

JEFREY ABLAO

Applicant

CASE No. 2016-CAR-445

NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application filed on July 28, 2017 for the approval of EXTENSION OF VALIDITY of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate PJ service for the transportation of passengers and freights on the line: BAGUIO PLAZA - AURORA HILL and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit.

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WITNESS, the Honorable ATTY. JOSE EDUARDO L. NATIVIDAD, Regional Director, this 11th day of August 2017, Baguio City.

ATTY. JESSIE C. BALAGOT
Hearing Officer

ERRATUM
In a Sheriff's Notice of Sale Case No. 17-726-S published in this paper issue of July 29, August 5 and 12, 2017, the Psd-1-01421 as published was incorrect, it should have been Psd-1-014521 and not as inadvertently published.
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Republic of the Philippines
 Department of Transportation and Communications
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 Cordillera Administrative Region
 Baguio City
GEORGE BAY-ED
 Applicant
CASE No. 88-01-2288
NOTICE OF HEARING
 This is an application filed on July 31, 2017 for the approval of EXTENSION OF VALIDITY of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate PJ service for the transportation of passengers and freights on the line: BAGUIO PLAZA - GREEN VALLEY - APUGAN - BET-ANG - PULA (Sto. Tomas) and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit.
 NOTICE is hereby given that this Board shall hear this application on September 05, 2017 at 4:05 PM the LTRFB Office, Pacdal Baguio City in which date and time applicant shall formally submit his/her/their evidences.
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 WITNESS, the Honorable ATTY. JOSE EDUARDO L. NATIVIDAD, Regional Director, this 11th day of August 2017, Baguio City.
ATTY. JESSIE C. BALAGOT
 Hearing Officer

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 Cordillera Administrative Region
 Baguio City
SPS. JOSEFINO & JOY BAUTISTA
 Applicant
CASE No. 2008-CAR-154
NOTICE OF HEARING
 This is an application filed on July 28, 2017 for the approval of EXTENSION OF VALIDITY of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate PJ service for the transportation of passengers and freights on the line: BAGUIO PLAZA - PNR and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit.
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 WITNESS, the Honorable ATTY. JOSE EDUARDO L. NATIVIDAD, Regional Director, this 11th day of August 2017, Baguio City.
ATTY. JESSIE C. BALAGOT
 Hearing Officer

**LTRFB criticized for...
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a moratorium on the issuance of franchises for public utility vehicles in the city to regulate the monstrous traffic congestions around the city due to the increasing number of motor vehicles that ply the various routes around the city.

exemption from the local legislative body and that the company must have its private parking area in the city to prevent its vehicles from contributing to the overcrowding of the major streets around the central business district.

The local government also imposed a condition that those applying for franchises for public utility vehicles plying various routes in the city must first secure a resolution of

GM Joe Tourist and Transport Corporation will provide TI with 8 regular buses that will service the route from the Baguio Convention Center parking area to the TI premises in Loakan

and vice versa while one of its buses will serve as back-up in case some of its buses will suffer from mechanical trouble.

The City Council also extended an invitation to the officials of the LTRFB-CAR and Department of Transportation and Railways to appear during the local legislative body's regular session on September 18, 2017, to shed light on the matter and to clarify various questions related to other franchising issues and concerns. /By Dexter A. See



"SMELL NO EVIL" - Members of the SMOKE Free Task Force headed by Mayor Mauricio Domogan cover their nose after a training seminar for the implementation of "The Smoke Free Or Vaping-Free Baguio" otherwise known as City Ordinance Number 34 series of 2017 held at El Cielito Inn./By Bong Cayayab

**Kakampi Mo Ang Batas
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mination of the Bangsamoro people, under a system of government that maintains its loyalty to the Republic. "Unless historical injustices are redressed, and the right to self-determination of the Bangsamor is recognized and respected, Mindanao will always be drawn into a painful and heart-wrenching cycle of war and peace..."

calls for self-determination have not confined solely to the Bangsamoro, but also from a wider base of Mindanao constituents who lament the continuing neglect of Mindanao in government projects. "What is clear is that Mindanao cannot move forward unless such clamor for self-determination and self-reliance is addressed, through a shift to a federal form of

government," he added.

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**City will not interfere...
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issue being raised against the on-going demolition whereby it is claimed that the small structures are the ones being initially demolished while big structures are being left untouched.

He claimed it is proper to give the benefit of the doubt to the sheriff and the members of the dem-

olition team because they might be following a strategy.

It will be recalled that the agriculture department earmarked P2 million to bankroll the immediate implementation of the demolition order issued by a local court after it attained finality to prevent the

continuous mushrooming of illegal structures within the property that affects the use of the property for its prescribed purpose.

The demolition of the Baguio Dairy Farm illegal structures is still underway until such time that the more than 354 illegal structures shall have been dismantled. /By Dexter A. See

Student welfare body strengthened

BAGUIO CITY – The Council for Student Welfare, a body overseeing concerns for the well-being of students in the city will be strengthened.

The city council will amend Administrative Order No. 53 series of 2008 to beef up the composition and the functions of the body as per the recommendation of the city council research division under local legislative staff

officer V Dan Ricky Ong based on the monitoring and evaluation done by local legislative staff assistant Nechel Ocasion.

Mayor Mauricio Domogan recently issued Administrative Order No. 74 series of 2017 reconstituting the said body and providing guidelines for its functions.

As recommended, the body will be co-chaired by the city mayor and vice

mayor with the council committee on education, culture and historical research as action officer and the executive assistant I of the city mayor as student welfare officer and secretary.

The members are the chair of the council committee on social services, women and urban poor and committee on youth welfare and sports development, city

health services officer, city schools division superintendent, regional director of the Commission on Higher Education Cordillera, and representatives of college and university presidents, high school principals and student governments.

The council will serve as "clearinghouse of all issues on student welfare such as tuition fee, student housing and scholarship funding."

It will recommend

policies, programs and activities and legislative measures which will enhance and enrich student life and interests to the city council and other concerned offices.

As additional duties, the council will provide developmental activities that will enhance the leadership skills and core competencies of students; implement programs for the promotion of core values and advocacies being practiced in

family, school and the community; assist in the organization of special events for students related to culture, arts and sports; promote and provide health and wellness programs for students and monitor the implementation of all programs and activities.

A student welfare desk will be established under the office of the city mayor to be headed by the student welfare officer. /Aileen P. Refuerzo

SC enhances capabilities of lower courts

BAGUIO CITY – The Supreme Court (SC) has enhanced the capabilities of lower courts to deliver speedy, expeditious and inexpensive resolution of all criminal cases thru an Office of the Court Administrator (OCA) circular.

Municipal Trial Courts in Cities executive judge Glenda Ortiz-Soriano said the SC has approved OCA-circular no. 101-2017 or the Revised Guidelines for Continuous Trial of Criminal Cases addressed to all judges and clerks of court of first and second level courts, that aims to protect and advance the constitutional right of persons to a speedy disposition of their criminal cases.

“The circular also rein-

forces and gives teeth to existing rules on criminal procedure and other special rules prescribing periods for court actions and those that promote speedy disposition of cases, and introduce innovations and practices for the benefit of the parties,” she said.

Soriano added that the circular takes effect on September 1 this year where the first and second level courts will conduct trials from Mondays to Thursdays at exactly 8:30 a.m. and hold afternoon sessions at exactly 2:30.

Hearings on motions, arraignment, pre-trial and promulgation of decisions are conducted on Friday mornings.

“There are other projects being initiated by the SC to further enhance

and tweak the efficiency and performance of all lower courts. We look forward to their realization in the near future,” she disclosed.

Soriano acknowledged the continuing support of the city government headed by Mayor Mauricio Domogan, Congressman Mark Go and Vice-Mayor Edison Bilog towards the efficient delivery of court-related services to litigants and local residents.

She also expressed the MTCC’s appreciation of the “unwavering support, steadfast and crucial role of the city government as the court’s indispensable partner in delivering legally-mandated services of the judiciary for the betterment of the people of Baguio.” -Gaby Keith

Public consultation on Panagbenga set August 24

BAGUIO CITY – The city council will hold a public consultation on the conduct of Baguio Flower Festival in the city on Aug. 24, 9 a.m. at the Multi-Purpose Hall at City Hall.

The council committee on education, culture and historical research chaired by Councilor Peter Fianza aims to solicit inputs, comments and recommendations affecting the celebration of the Panagbenga.

“The committee will (also) apprise the public on the capacity of the City Government of Baguio to perform its lead role as directed by Resolution No. 129 series of 2017 (Returning to the City

Government of Baguio the Lead Rose in the Preparation and Management of the Baguio Flower Festival starting Year 2018 and every year thereafter),” according to Sangguniang Panlungsod secretary Brenner Bengwayan.

The said resolution was not signed by Mayor Mauricio Domogan who instead suggested the passage of an ordinance “that will clearly implement and sustain the understanding made when the Flower Festival was founded in 1995 which clearly addresses” the following:

The institutionalization of the officers and members of the BFFFI coming from the city

income produced from all the activities to be utilized solely and exclusively for the Panagbenga activities; and all the road the public properties necessary in the conduct of the activities be deemed available without the necessity of pass through the city council.

A proposed ordinance institutionalizing the Panagbenga and for other purposes that seeks to address the mayor’s concerns has been proposed and is awaiting deliberation by the body.

Meanwhile, two other proposed ordinances will be subject to public hearings on Aug. 23 8 a.m. at the Multi-Purpose Hall:

Proposed Ordinance No. 70-2016 authored by Coun. Lilia Farinas requiring all barangays to establish barangay social welfare and development services desks and Proposed Ordinance No. 94-2017 also by Farinas which seeks to institute a “One-Barangay-One-Product” program in the barangays. /Aileen P. Refuerzo



TESDA-CAR REGIONAL SKILLS COMPETITION WINNERS - Mayor Mauricio Domogan, former City Councilor and RTESDC chairperson Betty Lourdes Tabanda and TESDA-CAR regional director Rafael Abrogar II present the winners in the just concluded Regional Skills Competition in Cooking, Restaurant Services, IT Software Solutions For Business, Graphics design, Web design and Welding. The winners received medals, cash awards and certificates during the event./By Bong Cayabyab

Mayor urges public to quit smoking

BAGUIO CITY – The Approved Smoke-Free Baguio Ordinance’s success hinges greatly on the full participation and cooperation of the public.

This was stressed by Mayor Mauricio Domogan during a Smoke-Free Baguio Task Force training-workshop held Tuesday and Wednesday at El Cielito Hotel, here, conducted by the city government and World Health Organization (WHO) country office.

“For the ordinance to fully succeed, we should start with ourselves by not smoking and using tobacco products. We can then be credible in convincing our families, relatives, friends, office-mates and others to not engage in smoking by our example of being smoke-free,” he said.

Councilor Joel Alangsab, the measure’s main author, agreed with the Mayor’s appeal adding that he will continue to oppose any proposed amendments that will water-down or diminish the ordinance’s provisions.

“We will continue to fight for the right of non-smokers and health of the public. We are asking the public’s support for this noble and worthy endeavor,” Alangsab said. Present were city

administrator Carlos Canilao, city health officer Rowena Galpo, city treasurer Alex Cabarrubias, city human resource management officer Augustin Laban III and medical officers Celia Brillantes and Donabelle Tubera. Also joining the two-day activity were representatives from various concerned offices and agencies including the Baguio City Police Office.

Ordinance number 34 series of 2017 or the Smoke-Free Baguio Ordinance, prohibits the use, sale, distribution and advertisement of cigarettes and other tobacco products in certain places, imposing penalties for violations thereof and providing funds therefor, and for other purposes.

The measure’s purpose is to safeguard public health and ensure the wellbeing of all its constituents by protecting them from the harmful effects of smoking and tobacco consumption.

“It shall be unlawful for any person to smoke or allow smoking in public utility vehicles, government-owned vehicles or any other means of public transport for passengers, accommodation and entertainment establishments, public building, public place, enclosed public place, or

any enclosed area outside of one’s private residence or private place of work, except in duly designated smoking areas,” the measure states.

It shall apply to all persons, whether natural or juridical, whether resident or not, and in all places, found within the territorial jurisdiction of the city government of Baguio.

The measure lists the prohibited acts, penalties to be imposed on violators, where the funds will go and creates a smoke free task force chaired by the Mayor whose members include various heads of government offices and other concerned agencies.

The group will aid in the implementation, enforcement and monitoring of the ordinance and protect the same from tobacco industry interference at all times, as well as to conduct educational awareness campaigns, information dissemination and capacity building programs that will inform constituents and train enforcement officers.

For further information about the ordinance, the public can contact CESU at (074) 442-9829; 300-6588; Sanitation at (074) 444-9217; 300-3895; and HEPO at 300-3953. /Gaby Keith

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