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Pahayagang palaban!!!

Angel "One Legged Man"

Masaya kaya ang Panagbenga?

Villaralbo - Kahanga-hanga!



"Isang kahang-hangang nilalang." Ito ang namutawi sa bibig ng lahat ng sinumang nakakita at nakasaksi sa kahanga-hangang ugali ni Mr. Angel Villaralbo, noong nakaraang dalawang araw na parada ng Panagbenga 2006.

Sa kabila ng kapansanan ni Mang Angel, na may iisang



paa lamang, hindi ito naging sagabal sa kanya para ipakita ang pasuporta sa programa ng gobyerno na

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Spirit of Panagbenga - Baguio residents and tourists alike enjoy the Panagbenga festivities as nearby towns and provinces and as far as contingents from Maragondon Cavite joined in adding color in the Street Dancing, Float Parade, Marching Bands and Drum and Lyre Presentations.---By Bong Cayabyab

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2,000 FORCE MULTIPLIERS,atbp.
BY IMELDA "IMEEH" AFAGA



We believe that the Golden Rule applies to animals, too. We don't accept the prevailing notion that "people come first" or that "people are more important than animals." Animals feel pain and suffer just as we do, and it is almost always humans making animals suffer and not the other way around. Yet in spite of how cruelly people behave towards animals – not to mention human cruelty to other humans- we are supposed to believe that humans are superior to other animals. If people want to fancy themselves as being of greater moral worth than the other creatures on this earth, we should begin behaving better than they do, and not worse. Let's start treating everyone as we would like to be treated ourselves.

Angel... from p1

“Clean and Green.” Nito ngang isinagwang dalawang araw na parada, hindi inalintana ni Mang Angel ang pagod at init ng araw. At sa tulong ng kanyang dalawang saklay, nagawa niyang namulot ng mga kalat sa kalsada. Hawak ang mga supot na pinalalagyan niya ng mga basurang napupulot, walang pagkukunwaring nababanaag sa kanyang mukhang nasihilungan ng maingsing sombrero na naging proteksyon niya sa init ng araw.

Hinangaan ng maraming tao si Mang Angel lalo na ang mga bisita. Anila’y ngayon lang sila nakakita ng katulad ni Mang Angel na sa kabila ng kanyang pagkapilay ay nagagawa pa rin niyang ipakita na may silbi siya sa lipunan.

Bagamat naging sampal man sa parte ng mga walang disiplinang nagkalat, nagsilbing aral naman sa kanila.

Si Mang Angel ay laging nakikita sa kalsada, nakasaklay bilang katulong sa iisa niyang paa, laging may bitbit na camera at masasabing isa ring media na freelancer. Nakikita kahit saan na sa kanyang pamamasyal ay kaugalian na niyang mamulot ng basura. Isang nilalang na may kapansanan subalit mas malaki ang kanyang malasakit sa kalikasan lalo na sa kalinisan. Ikaw ba’y katulad niya?/IA



ENVIRONMENTALISTS’ CALL - Mayor Braulio Yaranon presents the city’s symbolic key to USAID Chief, Office of Energy and Environment Daniel Moore during a brief courtesy call at city hall. With the “Energy and Clean Air” group is USAID-ECAP project coordinator and former Benguet Vice Governor Edna Tabanda— By Bong cayabyab

Dads seek probe into purchase of overpriced fertilizers

BAGUIO CITY - The city council last Monday approved a resolution urging city auditor Julius Fagayan to pursue the investigation of the purchase of overpriced fertilizers and initiate the filing of appropriate charges against the responsible persons.

The measure was authored by Councilors Edilberto Tenefrancia, Erdolfo Balajadia, Leandro Yangot Jr., Elmer Datuin and Rocky Thomas Balisong.

Mayor Braulio Yaranon earlier made a similar request to Fagayan stressing the need for a thorough audit of the

matter “so that appropriate action may be taken against any person or entity involved in the illegal and irregular transaction, without exception.”

“The undersigned (mayor) acted on the purchase, as transmitted by the BAC (Bids and Awards Committee) on the understanding that the BAC has acted in accordance with existing law, rules and regulations,” the mayor explained.

“The undersigned is grateful and deeply appreciates the good work that you Office is doing to see to it that all transactions of the City Government are done in

accordance with law, rules and regulations,” he added.

In the approved resolution, the proponents also noted the need to investigate the matter as the “transaction is apparently anomalous and violative of laws against graft and corruption and must not escape the attention of the city government even if it did not involve city funds.”

The issue stemmed from the city’s purchase of 1,335 liters of fish liquid fertilizers from Star Anvil Trading for use of the nurseries, parks and gardens amounting to P1,734,111.81 last May 25, 2005. The city used the trust

funds owned by the national government in said purchase.

The fertilizer was bought at the unit cost of P1,350.00 per liter but the city auditor found that “the actual canvass of prices of similar item within the locality revealed prices that range from P105-250 per liter.”

“The transaction appears to have resulted in damage to the national government in the amount of at least P1,468,500,” the aldermen noted.

They said the investigation must be pursued “prudently so as not to unnecessarily tarnish the reputations of innocent persons.” - aileen p. refuerzo



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Mayor forms committee to formulate policies to implement Gender and Dev't Code

BAGUIO CITY - Mayor Braulio Yaranon has created the Gender Equality and Development (GEAD) executive committee to formulate policies to effectively implement the provisions of the GEAD Code of the city.

The mayor will serve as honorary chair with the city social welfare and development office as the chair agency of the committee.

Councilor Perlita Chan will serve as action officer with the following offices as members: city council committee on women; city planning and development office; city legal office and the city prosecutor's office.

The GEAD Code, considered as a landmark ordinance, aims to formulate programs and strategies that will "mainstream gender in all development plans of the government, establish mechanisms or structures for gender-responsive policy and respond to needs of women in special circumstances particularly those victims of violence, prostitution, and those belonging to the disabled, indigenous and migrant sectors."

To ensure effective implementation, the measure mandates the creation through an executive order, of an Executive Committee composed of the city prosecutor's office, city legal office, city social welfare and development office, city council committee on women and family welfare and the city planning office to promulgate rules and regulations necessary to carry out the provisions of the code.

Furthermore, a city gender and development unit will be created under the city mayor's office as the implementing arm of the code. Another body, the GEAD Council of Baguio will also be formed composed of 15 members from the government agencies and non-government organizations to serve as policy-recommending body.

The GEAD Code sets programs and strategies to address the concerns of women covering several aspects as follows:

* On the aspect of health, nutrition and family planning, the following programs are spelled out: strengthening of reproductive health care approach; men's involvement on reproductive health; accessible information on sexuality and reproductive health; gender-fair approach to pre-marriage counseling program; and the provision of gender-sensitive health services;

* Women in governance - observance of women's day; gender-mainstreaming at all levels of governance; support for barangay-based women's organizations; organization of city coalition of women; representation of women in local special bodies; transparent criteria for decision-making positions; support for women's studies; and conduct of leadership trainings for women;

* Violence against women and children - support to survivors of violence; creation of gender-sensitive family arbitration committee, multi-disciplinary and multi-sectoral council on family violence; conduct of gender-sensitivity training for persons handling violence against women cases; provision of secure and conducive environment for investigation; provision of support group in court hearings; education on the anti-sexual harassment act; setting up of crisis intervention center; rehabilitation program for perpetrators of violence; research on causes of violence; and adoption of measures to eradicate prostitution; and setting up of media monitoring board;

* Justice, peace and order - continuous review of gender-biased laws; promotion of legal literacy; creation of separate facility for female and minor detainees; GEAD orientations for members of the Integrated Bar of the Philippines and the police personnel; creation of women and children's desks;

* Labor and employment - set up of mechanism to monitor compliance with labor laws; set up of facilities and support system for women employees, grievance machinery on sexual harassment; conduct of survey of domestic helpers; and support for overseas Filipino workers;

* Environment and natural resources - conduct of community-based environment plans and programs;

* Education, media, arts and culture - conduct of gender-sensitive counseling and career program; evening/weekend classes for adults; support for indigenous forms by media; gender-sensitive education; and preservation of cultural identity;

* Trade, industry and tourism - promotion of self-employment initiatives for women, ecotourism and family-oriented activities;

* Other special sectors concern - advocacy on the rights of the differently-abled men and women; and representation of elderly women in barangay organizations.

The code also contains penal provisions concerning health rights, violence against women, justice, peace and order, labor and employment and cultural identity for indigenous people.

A P300,000 fund was appropriated for the initial implementation of the measure. - aileen p. refuerzo

Elderly discount expanded to cover basic commodities

BAGUIO CITY -The discount privilege accorded to senior citizens has been expanded to cover basic necessities or prime agricultural commodities.

The said benefit for the elderly is contained in the Department of Agriculture Administrative Order No. 37 series of 2005 which provides the implementing rules and regulations on the grant of special discounts.

Mayor Braulio Yaranon urged concerned establishments here to comply with the provisions of the law.

Signed by DA Secretary Domingo Panganiban, the said order is pursuant to section 2 of Republic Act No. 9257 otherwise known as the Expanded Senior Citizens Act of 2003 which was signed into law by President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo last Feb. 26, 2004 amending R.A. 7432 which earlier granted discounts on fare, medicines and entrance to amusement centers.

As per A.O. 37-2005, every senior citizen will be given a special discount of five percent of the regular retail price of basic necessities and prime commodities listed as follows: rice (except rice sold and retailed by the National Food Authority); food grade corn and corn grits; fresh fish and other marine products; fresh chicken eggs; fresh pork, beef and poultry meat; fresh vegetables including root crops; fresh fruits and onion and garlic.

The discount will however be subject to the following condition: that total amount of the purchase shall not exceed P650 "per calendar week without carry over of the unused amount" and the said amount should be spent on at least four kinds of items.

The elderly must also be able to present a valid identification card issued by the Office of Senior Citizens Affairs. Senior citizens should also present a purchase booklet which may also be secured from the OSCA to monitor the purchases.

"Whenever practicable, retailers shall provide a special express lane for senior citizens; in the absence thereof, priority shall be given to them."

An elderly who cannot personally purchase these items may appoint a representative by written authority to buy said goods. The representative will be required to present valid government issued Ids along with the ID of the senior citizen and the authorization letter. - aileen p. refuerzo

Rescind Proclamation 1017, end the assault on the Media

Media were among the first targets of Ferdinand Marcos when he declared Martial Law in 1972. The news blackout allowed him free rein to round up political opponents and strip the rest of the nation's citizens of their civil liberties.

EDITORIAL

Once again, the media were among the first casualties as President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo declared a state of emergency. Proclamation 1017 accused media of having "recklessly magnified" claims of anti-Arroyo forces.

In the early morning of February 25 – the anniversary of the 1986 People Power EDSA uprising – policemen raided the offices of the Daily Tribune and have since been stationed there. PNP Director General Arturo Lomibao recommended state control of the newspaper. He further warned that all of Philippine media face the same fate unless they

Obey government "standards," with police doing the evaluation of news coverage and commentaries.

Meanwhile, the National Telecommunications Commission warned broadcast media that it would shut down radio and TV stations inciting the people to sedition and/or rebellion.

Proclamation 1017 is thus a continuing threat to the Bill of Rights, the Constitution, and democracy, of which press freedom is a cornerstone. As responsible media professionals, we are aware of the crucial role of free media in providing a free people the information they want and need.

We therefore demand that Proclamation 1017 be immediately rescinded.

We demand the immediate halt to assaults on the media and press freedom.

We demand immediate withdrawal of troops from the Daily Tribune and other media offices.



ISKUP!!!

2,000 FORCE
MULTIPLIERS,atbp.

BY IMELDA "IMEEH" AFAGA



2,000 FORCE MULTIPLIERS

Laking pasasalamat ni Police Chief Inspector Cayat, COP ng Stn.7, sa lahat ng mga tumulong sa pagmentena ng peace and order sa nakaraang dalawang paradang isinagawa. Masasabing tagumpay aniya dahil sa kabila ng napakaraming taong nanood, wala ang anumang masamang nangyari.

Sa dami man ng bilang ng mga kapulisan na na-deploy sa iba't ibang bahagi ng Central Business District (CBC), hindi nila aniya mababantayan ang dami ng crowd. Kung kaya't dito niya pinasalamatan ang lahat ng mga grupo ng radio communication, NGO's, Junior Police mula sa iba't ibang paaalan, mga Barangay tanods, at marami pang mga volunteer groups. Umabot, ayon kay Cayat, ng humigit-kumulang dalawang libong force multipliers ang tumulong sa kanila sa pagmentena ng katahimikan sa buong lungsod. Sa kabila man ng pagod, uhaw at gutom ng mga ito, hindi nila inalintana sa kagustuhang mapanatili ang katahimikan sa buong siudad.

Hanggang sa ngayon, wala pang mga mabibigat na insidenteng nangyari maliban lang sa paisa-isang kaso ng dukot at nakaw. Na ayon kay Cayat ay inasahang mangyayari dahil sa dami ng mga tao. Ganunpaman, ginawa nila ang lahat ng kanilang makakaya para mabantayan ng maigi ang lahat ng sulok ng siudad lalo na sa matataong lugar. Ganun din na pinag-iingat ni Cayat ang lahat lalo na ang mga bisita o turistang umakyat upang makibahagi sa selebrasyon ng Panagbenga 2006.

RELOKASYON SA MGA RESIDENTE SA MGA SINKING AREAS, HINDI OBLIGASYON NG SIUDAD

Hindi obligasyon ng pamahalaang panlungsod na i-relocate ang mga pribadong kabahayan na kakatayo sa mga sinking areas. Ito ang naging pahayag ni Mayor Braulio Yaranon, kaugnay sa katayuan ng kung may hakbang na nga ba ang pamahalaang lokal sa posibleng relokasyon ng mga esidente ng siudad, halimbawa na ang ilang bahagi ng Crystal Cave, kung sila'y paalisin sa kanilang kasalukuyang tinitirahan.

Isa ang Crystal Cave sa matagal nang tinukoy ng Mines and Geoscience Bureau o MGB-DENR na kabilang sa mga sinking area,

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BANTAYAN AT SIYASATIN

Ako, hinay hinay lang daw?...nakakatawa.

BY RUDY "BANTAY SIYASAT" GARCIA



Ako, hinay hinay lang daw?...nakakatawa..!! hindi ko alam kung ano ang gusting palabasin ng isang kasama naming sa media at mukha yatang gusting supilin ang karapatan ng inyong lingcod bilang isang makatotohanan na mamamayan. Kumbaga, gusting busalan ang aking bibig at takpan ang aking mata, ganoon kaya iyon?

Itong si Madame brodkaster ng isang local na estasyon ng radio na ipinasasabi umano na maghinay hinay lang daw ako dahil iba raw ang kalakaran sa media! Napakalaking pweh! At ano naman kaya ang gusto niyang mangyari, ang ako'y isang mediang bulag, pipi,bingi at walang silbi? Maging dedma lang sa mga nangyayari at nasasaksihan, ibalewala ang mga reklamong ipinaparating? Aba'y ibang klase pala itong lintek na brodkaster at imbes tulungan, ipagtatangol at magbigay ng suportang moral bilang kapatid sa 4th estae, siya pa ngayon ang nagdedemolaralays at nagsusurpress n gating press freedom? Hmmppptt..

Hoy, misis brodkaster ala akong pakelam kung matagal ka na sa larangan na ito, pero pls. huwag mo akong diktahan dahil kanya kanya tayong istayl, ang importante ay puros katotohanan ang dapat nating ihayag, alam ko rin na meron tayong code of ethics, sori, ang alam ko'y wala akong nilabag ditto, at kung matapang man akong magsulat, yan ang aking istayl, ang importante, lahat ng mga ito'y totoo. Intiende!!!! Pweehhhh.....

Magsaysay express girls... namamayagpag! En bisnis is as gud a eber sa ilalim ng tulay este..oberpas sa may magsaysay ave..at ang pinapunto as in point of "flesh trade" au sa harapan ng leisure lodge.

Ipokrito na lang ang nagsasabi na walang bentahan ng laman sa nabanggit na lugar at ditto kumakabig ang leisure lodge dahil ditto karamihan nagaganap ang "yarian"

Delikado ito, una ay dahil walang lisensya ang mga babaing "nagpapagamit" kaya't walang katiyakan na walang nakakahawang sakit ang mga ito. Ganon din na maraming nglipana na mga salisi, agaw cellphone atbp. Na masasamang elemento!

Eh, ano naman kaya ang ginagawa n gating Baguio Health Dept? PCP II Station &, BCPO (ilang dipa lang ito sa estasyon nyu mga ser, bakit?) councilor Galo Wegan ng Anti-Vice coordinating task force, baka puwede nyung pakialaman ito your honor? Kelangan ho natin na maging "character city" an gating lungsod at hindi "sex character" apo mayor, kumilos naman kayo!

Oh kayo mga suki nitong mga magsaysay express girls? Kakabakaba kaba? He! He! Kuwipaw baka "express to d" botika kayo pagnagkataon, at pagnatamaan ng malas...ibang

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kaya't rekomendasyon ng tanggapan ay ang relokalasyon ng ilang residente doon. Ayon kay Mayor Braulio Yaranon, may tulong lamang na maaring maibigay ang local na gobyerno, subalit hindi ang maging tuluyan na nila itong maging obligasyon.

"Actually, it is not the obligation of the City Government to relocate. These are all private buildings. It is their obligation to find a safer area. Of course, the city government will extend assistance, but it does not undertake the relocation. That's their obligation. If the area happens to be a sinking area, then they have to remove their establishment already and transfer to a safer site," paliwanag ng Mayor.

Muling tinutukan ang usapin sa mga sinking areas dito sa lungsod. Kasunod ng nangyaring trahedyang ng mudslide sa Southern Leyte kamakailan lamang. Ipinalabas ang derektiba ng Pangulong Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo sa DENR na maigting na ipautpad and geohazard mapping sa buong bansa upang matukoy ang mga may problemang lugsr at nang maiwasan na may mangyaring katulad ng sa Southern Leyte. Bagamat nauna na ring tinugunan ng siudad ang sitwasyong ito ay aminado pa rin ang alkalde na kulang ang mga hakbanging ito.

Nito lamang nakaraang linggo ay ipinalabas rin ng MGB-DENR ang iba pang mga barangay dito sa lungsod na sink-hole at flood-prone area. Maliabn sa Crystal Cave, kasama dito ang bahagi ng Dontongan, Lourdes at Dominican Barangay. Kasama na rin ang Irisan, Minesview at Quezon Hill.

Itong ay dahil may limestone formation na sa mga Barangay na natukoy na maaring maging dahilan ng paglubog ng lugar o magkaland slide.

BOLUNTARYONG DEMOLISYON, ISASAGAWA SA PAMILIHAN NG LA TRINIDAD

Bubuwagin na ng mga stall-owners ang labinpitong stalls nila sa pamilihing bayan ng La Trinidad bago ang katapusan ng buwang ito.

Ayon kay La Trinidad Mayor Nestor Fongoan, mismo ang mga stall-owners ang kumausap sa kanya at humiling na sila na mismo ang magbubuwag sa kanilang mga pwesto sa pamilihan sa halip na ang pamahalaang local ang magpatupad ng demolisyon.

Dito naman ipinangako ni Mayor Fongoan na kayang irelocate ang pwesto ng mga stall-owners na ito na kasama sa labinpitong stalls sa dating palengke ng La Trinidad. Kaya't sa bisa ng inaprobahang panukala ng Sangguniang Bayan, ookupahin ng mga ito ang ilang espasyo ng panibagong gusali ng pamilihan ng La Trinidad Public Market.

Matatandaang nauna nang hiniling ng Sangguniang Bayan kay Mayor Fongoan ang demolisyon ng mga station stall. Nagpalabas ng direktiba ang opisina ng Mayor para sa naturang demolisyon subalit humingi ng konsideraryon ang mga ito sa Sangguniang Bayan.

Malaking tulong ang pansamantalang pagkakasara ng Session Road sa magandang kalidad ng hangin sa siudad particular nga ang kahabaan ng naturang lansangan.

Ayon kay Engr. Rolly Reyes, Pollution Control Division Head ng Environmental Management Bureau o EMB ng Department of Environment and Natural Resources, tuloy din ang air quality monitoring ng mga ito upang matiyak ang kaayusan ng kalidad ng hangin ng buong siudad ng Baguio at hindi lamang sa may Central Business District Area.

Isa sa mga hakbanging ngayon upang maresolba ang polusyon sa hangin ay ang mga aksyong ginagawa ng Bantay Kalikasan Task Force, kung saan si Engr. Reyes ang co-chairman.

Ang mga lumalabag sa Anti-Smoke Belching Law ang pangunahing puntirya ng Task Force. Bagamat pansamantalang suspendido ang implementasyon nito dahil sa pagdagsa ng mga bisita. Sa mga nauna nang operasyon ng mga ito, nakita na aniya ang pagbabago sa total suspended partikular ng air quality dito sa ciudad.

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“express” kayo mapunta! Sige lang!!!

AVCTF, umarya...Zimah Bar, palusot? Dalawang empleyado ng Zimah Bar sa may Agrix Bldg. ang nakulong (o nagpakulong?) sa loob ng establisimento ng isara ito ng anti vice coordinating task force sa bias ng isang kloyur order na ipinalabas ni meyor Y. yan ang lumabas na balita, pero teka..mukhang may ibang amoy ito dahil imposible na may makulong at kung meron man, tumbukin natin kung sino ang dapat sisihin!

Martes, pebrero 28 ng umarya itong AVCTF upang ipatupad ang mga klosyur order ni meyor sa mga inuman at nauna ditto ang mga inuman sa may Nevada square, at isinunod naman ang mga inuman sa may agrix bldg. panulukan ng bokawkan at magsaysay. At isa na rito ang Zimah Bar.

Nasa alituntunin na ang AVCTF o yung tinatawag nilang “rules of engagement” sa mga isinasarang establisimento na palabasin lahat ng tao kasama na ang mga importanteng gamit ng mga ito bago nila isasara. Maingat sila sa mga puntong ganito kunsaan kelangan andoon mismo ang may-ari o ang manedyer ng establisimentong isasara para sila mismo ang maging saksi at para rin makasiguro walang sablay ang pagsasara, at ito nga ay sinunod nila ditto sa Zimah Bar.

Kaya nakapagtataka naman na may nakulong sa loob na hindi alam ng manedyer? Hindi kaya may ibang dahilan kumbakit may naiwan na tao sa loob? Maliwanag na may responsibilidad ditto ang manedyer dahil naman siguro tanga at estupido ang AVCTF para ikulong ang mga ito?alin kaya ang totoo? Nakulong ang dalawa dahil sa kapabayaan o parte lang ito ng moro moro. Para mabuweltahan ang AVCTF? Nagtatanong lang po tayó. Ok, abangan po natin ang susunod, pansamantala, bantayan at siyasatin po natin ang mga susunod na kaganapan!!

Mga smoke belchers.. makonsensya kayo dahil unti unti kayong pumapatay ng mga nakamamatay na usok na ibinubuga ng inyong mga sasakyan! Nangunguna ang mga trak na may mga killer usok.”

Kawawa naman itong mga batang nakakalanghap na nagiging sanhi ng kanilang pagkakasakit lalo na ditto sa may Bokawkan Rd., kunsaan maraming mag-aaral na naglaalkad ang di maiwasang makalanghap ng mga ininubuga ng mga pesteng smoke belchers!

Makosensya rin sana an gating mga bulag, pipi, bingi at walang sibling mga konsernadong mga ahensya katulad ng LTO, RTAS, LTFRB, RTMO, BCPO TRAFFIC DIVISION, at mga Task Force kuno na puro pakitang gilás at papogi lang ang alam!

Councilor Rcky Balisong, Apo Tserman ng kumite of public utilities and transport, kumilos ka at gumawa ng paraan, kawawa na ang mga madlang ditto sa mga sasakyan na may killer usok!

Ban on use of styrofoam food containers proposed

BAGUIO CITY - Councilors Galo Weygan and Pinky Rondez proposed a ban on the use of polystyrene foam (PSF) or styrofoam food and drink containers and as good packaging material for prepared foods in all fastfood outlets, restaurants, groceries, supermarkets, stores and other food service establishments in the city.

In a proposed ordinance, the aldermen stressed that styrofoam is made with petroleum which is dangerous to the health of humans, being a substance that “non-sustainable, heavily polluting and disappearing.”

“According to reliable and available scientific studies, PSF contains a contaminant chemical called styrene - the single molecule form of polystyrene that usually migrates into and beverages from polystyrene food containers and studies also suggest that styrene mimics estrogen in the body and can therefore disrupt normal hormone functions, possibly contributing to thyroid problem, menstrual irregularities, and other hormone-related problem as well as breast cancer and prostate cancer,” the proponents noted.

Apart from being a health-risk, PSF is also a non-biodegradable material and “takes up too much space in landfills or waste disposal sites and is therefore environmentally unfriendly as it is costly in environmental management.” To date, there is no available recycling program for this type of wastes in the city, according to the proponents.

The aldermen said even McDonald and Jollibee food firms which used to be highly dependent on PSF have recognized the health and environmental perils of the PSF substance that they have stopped using the material.

They said the long-term use and constant exposure to small amounts of foreign substances like “styrene-mimic hormones” found in styrofoam containers will endanger the health of the residents and this should be averted especially considering that the cost of maintaining health and good environment is high.

They said a ban on the use and sale of said material in the city could be the most effective way of preventing this health and environment hazard.

As proposed, the prohibition will be made effective on January 1, 2008 to cover retail food vendors, fastfood outlets, restaurants, groceries, supermarkets, stores and all other food service establishments.

Under the measure, the city health office in coordination with the Dept. of Health will be tasked to implement and prepare the implementing rules and regulations for the effective implementation of the same.

The proposed penalties for violators are fines ranging from P5,000 to P10,000 and revocation of business permits.

The proposed ordinance was approved on first reading by the city council and was referred to the committee on health for study and recommendation. - aileen p. refuerzo



INFORMATION BOOTH - USAID Office of Energy and Environment chief Daniel Moore assisted by Vice Mayor Peter Rey Bautista, Councilors Leandro Yangot, Jr. and Galo Weygan and USAID-ECAP Project Area Coordinator and former Benguet Vice Governor Edna Tabanda cut the ceremonial ribbon of the Energy and Clean Air Information Booth at Session Road last Monday.— By Bong Cayabyab

City to implement Japanese technology transfer program

BAGUIO CITY - The city government will pursue the technology transfer training program offered through a tie-up between the city and the Philippine Kenshusei Zaidan Inc.

Mayor Braulio Yaranon last week created a committee to coordinate and monitor the implementation of the program dubbed Japan TESDA-JITCO technology transfer training program” as provided for in the memorandum of agreement forged between the city and the association.

Under the program, qualified residents will be trained for various skills for free.

The mayor will chair the committee with Councilors Faustino Olowan and Jose Molintas as vice chairmen and action officers. Barangay affairs officer Lawrence Adube, city social welfare and development officer Betty Fangasan and representatives from the Technical Education Skills Development Authority (TESDA) Baguio and the public Employment Service Officer will serve as members.

The committee will be tasked to conduct information drive on the training program in every barangay, facilitate the identification and screening of potential trainees and coordinate with the program proponent for the smooth implementation of the training and deployment activities. - aileen p. refuerzo

that seven people initially tested negative for the influenza were latter found carrier of the disease, though they have recovered.

“Microneutralization, considered the most reliable test, requires use of live virus to interact with antibodies from patient’s blood. Since live virus is required for safety reasons, the test can only be done in a level three laboratory.

“Antiviral drugs can be effective in preventing and treating the disease, but no virus has ever been really cured in medical history. Vaccines are believed to take four months to produce.

“The antiviral drug amantadine was used as preventive or treatment for chickens and some avian flu virus in Asia developed drug resistance against amantadine, stated the Wikipedia.

“The regions of Europe and Asia have reported cases of avian flu. In the Asian region, cases were reported in Vietnam, Cambodia, Thailand, Laos, Indonesia, China, Pakistan, Hongkong, Japan, and, South Korea. Philippine dailies report that the countries identified at risk of avian flu are the Philippines, Myanmar, Singapore, Brunei, Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Sri Lanka, and Maldives.” - aileen p. refuerzo

Dads want city’s bird flu preparedness assessed

BAGUIO CITY - Is the city prepared in case the dreaded avian influenza virus or bird flu strikes?

The city council last Monday agreed to invite concerned agencies to assess the city’s preparedness in the light of the disease’s continued threat to the locality.

Councilor Erdolfo Balajadia who proposed a resolution for this purpose stressed the need for preventive measures in the light of the virus’ treacherous nature and pervasiveness in other Asian and European countries.

He said the country’s current bird flu-free status should not be a reason for authorities to let down guards against the disease.

“Considering the influx of migratory birds which are potential carriers of bid flu there is a possibility that the dreaded disease might affect the constituents of the City of Baguio,” Balajadia noted.

He proposed to invite representatives of the city health office, the Department of Health, city administrator’s office, Dept. of Environment and Natural Resources and the Department of Agrarian Reform to shed light on the preparations being done to avert the entry and spread of the virus.

The alderman earlier advised residents here to be more vigilant and wary in handling domestic fowls, poultry and migratory birds in face of the bird flu threat in the country.

Balajadia also sought the conduct of a massive information and education campaign (IEC) on the disease among the populace.

The community paper Northern Dispatch provided the following fast facts on bird flu culled from the Wikipedia:

“The avian influenza also known as bird flu or avian flu is a type of influenza virus that is hosted by birds, but may infect several species of mammals.

“Avian influenza viruses compose the Influenzavirus A genus of the Orthomyxoviridae family and are negative sense, single-stranded, segmented RNA viruses. The 1997 H5N1-type of avian influenza is identified as the most likely source of a future influenza pandemic.

“The World Health Organization (WHO) warned that influenza epidemic is a future risk. It identified H5N1 as most probable risk. It also divided a pandemic into six phases, ranging from minimal risk of an outbreak to full scale pandemic.

“Prevention and treatment — Standard influenza tests can detect avian influenza in humans but the tests have not always proved reliable. Citing cases in Vietnam, WHO claimed

Mobile Passport services on Mar 25

BAGUIO CITY- The normally tedious and cumbersome processing of passports shall be temporarily eased in the region as the city government of Baguio in coordination with the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) based in San Fernando City, La Union shall sponsor mobile services on March 25 at the City Hall Multi-purpose hall.

According to DFA Officer-in-Charge Eriberto Castillo last week, at least 600 applicants from the Cordillera region with complete documents shall be serviced within one-and-one half days.

Evaluation, Processing and Payment of fees shall be done on Saturday, March 25 from 8 AM to 4:30 PM, while release of finished passports shall be on Sunday morning, 8:00 AM, March 26, at the same venue.

A processing fee of P850 shall be charged for the transactions.

First time passport applicants are requested to bring with them the following documents: original copy of birth certificate; in security paper issued by the National Statistics Office (NSO) and another original copy issued by the Local Civil Registrar (LCR) duly authenticated by NSO.

Married women applicants are required to bring with them the original copy of marriage certificate in security paper by NSO and one issued by the LCR, duly authenticated by NSO.

For fiancée or spouse of foreign nationals, a guidance and counselling certificate of attendance issued by the Commission on Filipino Overseas is required.

Other documents needed are: Certified true copy of voter registration record issued by COMELEC, National Bureau of Investigation clearance, Driver's license, school ID, Professional Regulations Commission ID, Social Security System ID, office ID and postal ID.

Proofs of residency may also be required, such as barangay clearance and residence certificate.

The above-mentioned documents shall also be required for replacement of lost passports, and in addition; police report and notarized affidavit of loss for still valid passports. Documents needed for lost but expired passports would include a notarized affidavit of loss.

Personal appearance is also required for applicants, with three copies of new 4.5 cm by 3.5 cm photograph, colored with plain white background, and with the applicant in a decent

“The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated.”

-Mahatma Gandhi
(a message by Linis Gobyerno)



PROTECTOR OF CIVIL LIBERTY - City prosecutor Benedicto Carantes calls on the police and men in uniform to respect civil rights and not to abuse their authority as the country is in a State of Emergency through President Macapagal-Arroyos Proclamation Order 1017 February 24. Prosecutor Carantes said Monday that his office is open to help anyone whose civil liberty is being abused.—by Bong Cayabyab

attire with collar.

Special documents are needed for minors, which aside from those mentioned are, authenticated copy of dispositive portion of court order on adoption, (for adopted minor/s), and authenticated copy of original or amended birth certificates (for adopted minor/s).

Original certificate of marriage of parents; from NSO and LCR, duly authenticated by NSO; affidavit of illegitimacy (for illegitimate minor); school ID; barangay clearance; clearance from the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD); affidavit of support and consent are also needed.

A special power of attorney for the person applying in behalf of a minor shall also be required. The said document must be authenticated by the Philippine Embassy or Consulate General.

If the minor is travelling with a companion, the original and photocopy of the person's passport is needed.

Other details may be inquired from the offices of Atty. Peter Fianza, City Administrator and Councilor Pinky Chan-Rondez at City Hall.- Glicerio Avena, City Administrators Office

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Sps. Nathaniel Stephen & Evangeline Macaraeg - Applicants
Case No. 2004-BAG-CAR-0759
NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application for the Extension of Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a TAXI Service for the transportation of passengers and freight on the line: BAGUIO CITY TO ANY POINT IN CORDILLERA ADMINISTRATIVE REGION and vice versa with the use of one (1) unit.

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on March 21, 2006 at 9:00 A.M. at the LTFRB Office, Pacdal, Baguio City which date and time the 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) weekly newspaper of general circulation in the Cordillera Administrative Region.

Parties opposed to the granting of the application must file their written opposition 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 ALFREDO P. MONDIGUING - Regional Director this 22nd day of February, 2006.

(SGD) ATTY. GUILLERMO C. KADATAR
Hearing Officer

Mayor Okays Probe on Road Mishap

BAGUIO CITY - Mayor Braulio Yaranon has approved a city council resolution requesting the Baguio City District Engineering Office (BCDEO), Department of Public Works and Highways-Cordillera Administrative Region (DPWH-CAR), to investigate the recent mishap that happened along Harrison Road, here.

Authored by councilor Antonio Tabora, Jr., the measure reveals that sometime last February 5, this year, a passenger jeepney fell in a collapsed portion of said road causing substantial damage to the vehicle.

As a consequence, that portion of Harrison Road now has cracks and fissures that pose danger to the life and limb of pedestrians and passengers or may cause damage to vehicles passing thereat, it claims.

“That portion of Harrison Road needs to be reconstructed to ensure that the quality of work done and materials used are not sub-standard,” the resolution points out.

The approved measure asks the BCDEO, DPWH-CAR to conduct an investigation on the matter since that portion of Harrison Road is under their jurisdiction.

It also cites provisions in the Civil Code of the Philippines which states that, “whoever by act or omission causes damage to another, there being fault or negligence, is obliged to pay for the damage done (Article 2176)”, and that “the State is responsible in like manner when it acts through a special agent; but not when the damage has been caused by the official to whom the task done properly pertains, in which case what is provided in Article 2176 shall be applicable (Article 2180).”-GABY B. KEITH

Brgy dev't empowerment ordinance approved after posting

BAGUIO CITY-The city council last week approved on second reading after posting the proposed ordinance authored by Councilor Daniel Farinas for barangays to be able to negotiate and enter into contracts with the private sector in order to finance the construction, operation and maintenance of infrastructure and development projects.

Councilor Farinas said that the ordinance shall be known as "The Barangay Development Empowerment Ordinance of Baguio City," as anchored on Republic Act 7718, known as "An Act Authorizing the Financing, Construction, Operation and Maintenance of Infrastructure Projects by the Private Sector..."

Committee on Laws Chairman Councilor Elmer Datuin, with members Councilors Rocky Thomas Balisong and Federico Mandapat, Jr., recommended the approval of the said proposed ordinance.

Accordingly, the concept of empowerment and self-reliance shall be extended to the barangay level, with the approval of the proposal. Councilor Farinas also said that appropriate incentives shall be used to mobilize private resources for barangay development, thus contributing to national development.

Some projects could not push through due to lack of funding, but when given the necessary support "could be of great help to the city as a whole and the barangays in particular," the councilor said.

Included in these schemes are Build-Operate-and-Transfer, Build-and-Transfer, Build-Own-And-Operate, Build-Lease-And-



PROVINCEMATES - Newly installed PRO-COR Region Director Raul Gonzales pays a courtesy call to his provincemate Mayor Braulio Yaranon last Wednesday. General Gonzales hails from Luna while the Mayor is from Aringay, La Union. With them is City Police Director Isagani Nerez. --By Bong Cayabyab

Transfer, Build-Transfer-And-Operate, Contract-Add-And-Operate, Develop-Operate-And-Transfer, Rehabilitate-Operate-And-Transfer, Rehabilitate-Own-And Operate, and other similar schemes.

All requirements and documents should however be provided by the barangay concerned.

The proposal shall be discussed extensively before the august body during the third reading. -juliegfianza

P740M budget approved

BAGUIO CITY - The city council on Wednesday finally approved the executive budget amounting to P740,000,000 for this year.

The approved budget is higher by around P21 million from last year's budget of P720,766,000.

The estimated income will come from the beginning balance of P62,110,716; local taxes amounting to P209,450,000; permits and licenses - P14,305,000; service income - P26,350,000; business income - P56,070,000 and other income of P122,423,036 and Internal Revenue Allotment - P249,291,248.

The expense category is distributed as follows: P303,476,171 for personal services; P299,623,324 for maintenance and other expenses; P136,900,505 for capital outlay.

The council's approval came after the submission of the Annual Investment Plan that was completed after a thorough verification and prioritization of the projects.

"The AIP should be responsive to the sectoral needs and to ensure this, a prudent verification of project proposals was done," the mayor said.

The AIP took time to complete due to the extensive prioritization process and the admitted delay in the barangay's submission of their lists of projects.

In his budget message, Mayor Braulio Yaranon said that of the three sectors namely general, economic and social aspects, the budget

Mayor brushes off suspension report

BAGUIO CITY - Mayor Braulio Yaranon Thursday brushed off reports that he was suspended by Malacanang over the Jadewell payparking issue.

"How can they suspend me for doing my job?," he told mediemen reiterating that what he did on the Jadewell issue was mainly to fight for the rights of the local citizens against Jadewell's illegal activities like collecting public revenues and imposing sanctions that should have been a government function.

has put emphasis on the social services.

"Despite limited resources, we continue to bring forth development in the city that is pro-people and pro-environment. The thrust over the Medium Term will put emphasis on good governance in support to human development, sustainable environmental management and a more aggressive promotional strategy to boost the city's economy. All of these initiatives shall be sustained in partnership with the barangays," he noted.

"With the challenges that beset our beloved City, we must necessarily be as prudent and conscientious in our spending and be more innovative in financing those programs that will yield optimum results," he said. - aileen p. refuerzo

He said the said duty of the city executive is clearly elucidated in the provisions of the Local Government Code.

He lashed back at critics who he said will just do everything to remove him from office.

"I tell you that it will take more from these crooked people to oust us," he said stressing that truth and justice will bail him out from any evil design.

He said he trusts that he is on the right track and will continue discharging his avowed duty to protect the interest of his constituents.

News of the mayor's impending suspension emanated from the supposed decision of the Dept. of Interior and Local Government (DILG) on the petition for suspension filed by Jadewell before the Office of the President.

The petition was on grounds of the mayor's alleged violation of Constitution, abuse of authority, oppression and such other charges.

The DILG decision which recommends the mayor's suspension for six months was submitted for signature of Secretary Eduardo Ermita.

During the hearings of the case, the mayor's arguments were anchored on the fact that his actions against the payparking firm are based on his obligation to protect his constituents against the abusive activities of Jadewell.

"I still believe in the adage passed on to me by my grandmother that goes, 'No sino ti mairrurumen, ni Apo Dios ti mangtaraken' (Whosoever is mistreated, finds refuge in God)," he said. - aileen p. refuerzo

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Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on March 21, 2006 at 9:00 A.M. at the LTFRB Office, Paodal, Baguio City which date and time the 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) weekly newspaper of general circulation in the Cordillera Administrative Region.

Parties opposed to the granting of the application must file their written opposition 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 by 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 ALFREDO P. MONDIGUING - Regional Director this 20th day of February, 2006.

(SGD) ATTY. GUILLERMO C. KADATAR
Hearing Officer

14 hurdle tough karate blackbelt promotional tests

Years of rigid training paid off for 14 seasoned traditional karate practitioners who hurdled their black belt promotional examinations before some of the country's top martial arts instructors last Feb. 11 at the Epiphany Church in La Trinidad, Benguet.

Fourth dan blackbelt Edgar Kapawen Sr., chief instructor of the Northern Luzon Karate Association - Orient, and three other masters affiliated with the shotokan (knife hand) school, conducted the battery of tests consisting of full-contact sparring with them and execution of advanced kata exercises selected at random.

second dan blackbelts were veterans Ruben Kapawen, Ernesto Cabradilla, Charles Sokoken and former national champion Edgar Kapawen Jr. The new first dan blackbelts are Josie Digma, Caroline Lacuata, Alexander Sokoken, Wilbur Wap, Herbert Anos, Rogelio Rivera, Brent Focasan, Charles Bukiing, Anjelo Estrada and Joseph Culallad.

Ricardo Roa, JKA-Orient national chief instructor, led the panel of examiners composed of Kapawen, Luzon director Ruperto Torres, and national senior instructor Edito Maribojoc who is based in Cebu city.

The JKA, one of the world's leading and biggest schools, is based in Tokyo, Japan, is affiliated with the International Traditional Karate Federation which follows the style and discipline developed and handed down by Shihan Gichin Funakoshi, the

Okinawan master known as the "Father of Modern Karate".

Among its noted practitioners is former world champion Julian Chees, a native of Maligcong, Bontoc, Mt. Province and now the chief instructor of over 50 traditional karate schools in southern Germany. A former student of Master Kunio Sasaki and Kapawen, Chees had the distinction of being the only non-native German to join the national German team which he led in various international championships.

Sasaki introduced the JKA in the Philippines in the 1960s, starting out with a gym in Manila before moving up to teach at the Baguio YMCA. Among his earlier students here were the late James Brett and Arsenio Bawingan Jr., Ambrose Sagalla, Roger Garcia and Ricardo Pangan, now the regional director of the National Bureau of Investigation. - Ramon Dacawi.

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LYNDON JOSE RIMORIN - Vendee
Case No. 2000-BC-210/2006-CAR-0129
NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application for approval of Sale and Transfer of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a TAXI Service for the transportation of passengers and freight on the line: BAGUIO CITY TO ANY POINT IN CORDILLERA ADMINISTRATIVE REGION and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit.

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on March 14, 2006 at 9:00 A.M. at the LTFRB Office, Paodal, Baguio City which date and time the 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) weekly newspaper of general circulation in the Cordillera Administrative Region.

Parties opposed to the granting of the application must file their written opposition 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 by 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 ALFREDO P. MONDIGUING - Regional Director this 9th day of February, 2006.

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From: Atty. Damaso Bangaoet BFFFI President

"Nothing beats the Original."

Panagbenga activities on final week

BAGUIO CITY- Mayor Braulio Yaranon last week enthusiastically mused that after 10 years, Panagbenga festival has reached greater heights as it has “graduated into a national, nay, an internationally acclaimed festival,” with the mardi gras type parade done last Saturday.

The mayor made the pronouncement during the weekly “Ugnayang Panlungsod,” as he admitted that participation of out-of-town bands and floats showcasing various cultures other than that of the Cordilleras made the big difference for the 11th version of the flower festival.

“The grand parade last Saturday, Feb. 25, surpassed all successes of past parades as it embraced all cultures, special products and resources of the participating contingencies, including neighboring towns and those who came out of their way to lend support,” the mayor said.

“We want them to know that we value their presence so much,” he added, as a rejoinder to the lines earlier coined for the festival, “Kasama ka, Kasali ka pa.”

Mayor Yaranon also happily announced that at the start of the grand parade, there were numerous congratulatory text messages from Filipinos in California, USA who were watching the televised flower festival activities being done along Session road.

“The ad hoc committee (of the Baguio Flower Festival Association, BFFA) did its best, and it would be for the people to give their judgment,” the mayor said when asked about his view on comparisons between the parades of BFFA Saturday, and the Baguio Flower Festival Foundation, the later being done Sunday, Feb. 26.

With five divisions made up for the flower power parade, the participants ranged from the locals to foreign contingents, from the ordinary to the distinct, and from the familiar to the exotic and extraordinary.

The flags being borne by scouts, the Philippine Military Academy Band, Knights of Columbus, Ms. Panagbenga beauty contestants and international contingents opened the first wave of participants. Dragon dancers from the Chinese community followed by the municipality of La Trinidad drum and lyre band and strawberry motif float, Ifugao drum and lyre and Benguet province fresh flowers and vegetables float, made up the first division.

The second up to the fifth division of the cavalcade were delegates from Santa Maria, circus participants, band delegates from Cavite, Don Mariano Marcos Memorial State University (DMMMSU), City of Pasig, Tondo, Bantay Kalinisan, and motif floats from various places.

Mayor Yaranon cited and thanked the presence of medical, communications and assisting groups who were organized to take care of emergency situations during the parade.

He said that the Baguio Flower Festival Association had the foresight take all precautionary measures and possible scenario that may come with all the jostling and crowding of local, foreign tourists, participants and spectators over the parade and other activities including those during closing ceremonies on

March 12.

Immediately after the parades, Session road, the city’s main road, was closed to traffic for “Pan-aaspulan,” an Ibaloi word for “meeting place,” with stalls and diverse wares for spectators and customers’ scrutiny, until today, Sunday, only.

The mayor then emphasized the fact that no public official was involved with the funding, planning and execution of Panagbenga 2006 under the management of the BFFA. “It was a non-political activity,” the mayor said who had staunchly maintained a hands-off policy on matters involving dipping fingers into the public coffers for a private affair.

The remaining events for the festival are: Country Garden Fair, Market Expo at the Melvin Jones, 7 AM to 12 Midnight, on-going until Mar 20; Fun at Fairyland, Children’s Playground, 8AM to 5 PM, on-going until Mar. 20; Session road Pan-aaspulan, 7 AM to 12 Midnight, Feb. 27 to Mar. 5; and Gabi ng Pasasalamat with fireworks display at the Athletic Bowl, 6 PM, on March 12.

Other scheduled events are: Local Arts Show at the People’s Park 8 AM to 10 PM, Feb. 27 to March 5; Dolls of Japan Exhibit and Eiga Sai at the Baguio Convention Center Lobby, Mar. 3-12; and, Kitefest at the Athletic Bowl 8 AM to 5PM on March 12.-juliegfianza

Two npa rebels surrender

Two young New People’s Army rebels operating in Abra recently surrendered following negotiations arranged by their relatives with police and Philippine Army authorities, the 11th Civil Relations Unit of the Civil Relations Service of the Armed Forces of the Philippines.

Maj. Vicente Basilan, CRS unit commander, said in a report to regional PNP director, Chief Supt. Raul Gonzales, that the rebel returnees were convinced to return to the fold of the law by their kin who attended an information campaign launched by the police and the armed forces.

The two were transported to Baguio from Sallapadan, Abra, last Feb. 6 and were later picked up for custody at the 11CRU based at Camp Allen. One of the later accompanied police and army operatives in recovering a cal. 30 Springfield rifle in Bliney, Abra.

Basilan said arrangement were made for scholarships for the two returnees who wanted to continue their high school studies under the Balik-Baril Program.

He recommended that Sr. Supt Pedro Dulnuan and Supt. Joseph Adnol, together with P03 Thomas Eguid be cited for their support to the on-going information campaign, and that the two emissaries who helped in the surrender negotiations be enlisted in the AFP or the PNP. - RD.



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City government hailed for contribution in region's revenue collection

BAGUIO CITY - The Bureau of Local Government Finance (BLGF) Cordillera has lauded the city government for its remarkable contribution in the attainment of the region's collection targets on local revenues for calendar year 1995.

The city generated 55 percent of the total local revenue collection of the region.

For this feat, the city was awarded a plaque of recognition which was received by city treasurer Thelma Manaois during the 1st Semester Regional Conference and Planning Workshop for Provincial/City/Municipal Treasurers and Assessors held last Feb. 23-24 at the Star Mountain Hotel in Quezon Hill here.

Manaois also received a Certificate of Recognition for being the earliest treasurer to submit year-end treasury reports in 1995 in the whole Cordillera region.

Manaois, in a breakfast meeting with the office's division, chiefs, congratulated her staff members for their continued support for the successful implementation of the programs of their office as she encouraged them to continue their efforts and dedication to their duties.

She stressed that the awards received by the office were products of the concerted efforts of all employees in the office. - Jerry C. Guevarra

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