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BAGUIO CITY, AND LA TRINIDAD, BENGUET

LONG LIVE THE FILIPINO!!!

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palaban!!!

Pagkakaisa para sa Panagbenga - Olowan

Ayusin niyo naman ang Panagbenga!



President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo inducts the National and Regional officers of the Cordillera Indigenous Elected Women Leaders League (CINDEWOLL) at the Mansion last week. The CINDEWOLL is headed by former Benguet Vice Governor Edna Tabanda as the President and USEC Josephine Dominguez as Adviser. Redjie MELvic Cawis PIA

Lungsod ng Baguio - Naniniwala si Councilor Faustino Olowan na isang malaking hamon para sa mga iba pang opisyal ng pamahalaan para sumuporta sa Baguio Flower Festival Association katulad ng ginawa ni Bishop Carlito Cenzone. Ayon sa kanya, kailangan ang pagkakaisa lalo na at malapit na ang naturang selebrasyon.

Matatandaan, na isa si Konsehal Olowan, na nagpakita ng kanyang suporta sa naturang



asosasyon, sa pangunguna ni Mrs. Nelia Cid. Naniniwala ito, na ang Baguio Flower Festival Association ang karapatdapat na mamuno sa naturang aktibidad. At sa pagkai- launch muli

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PILIPINAS, POSIBLENG MAGING DEPENDENT, 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.

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ng naturang asosasyon kahapon (Jan.6,2006) lalong dumilim ang pag-asa na magkaisa ang asosasyon at foundation.

Bilang isang miyembro ng lehislatibo, iisa lang ang minimithi ni konsehal Olowan. Ang magkaisa silang lahat para sa ikatatagumpay ng naturang aktibidad. Walang iba aniyang makinabang kundi ang mga taong-bayan, at alang-ala man lang sa buong siudad, ninanais nito na sana'y magkaisa silang lahat.

Ganunpaman na nakikita na aniya ang kalabuang mangyari pa ito, hindi pa rin nawawalan ng pag-asa ang konsehal, dahil naniniwala pa rin siya na parepareho silang lahat na ang kapakanan ng taong-bayan ang kanilang inuuna at hindi ang kanilang mga personal na kapakanan. Hindi pa rin nawawala ang tiwala niya sa kanyang mga kasama at pagsaludo sa kanilang mga kakayahang... / Imelda Afaga

City Commends NBI-CAR, Agent

BAGUIO CITY – Mayor Braulio Yaranon has approved a city council resolution commending the National Bureau of Investigation-Cordillera Administrative Region (NBI-CAR) for being adjudged as the “Best Regional Office” during the 69th NBI Anniversary in Manila last November 14, 2005.

The measure disclosed that in a year-end evaluation of the performances of all the NBI’s regional offices, the NBI-CAR was found to have lived up to the bureau’s name as one of the pillars in the administration of justice.

“The exercise of exemplary service by the NBI-CAR office and its personnel to the residents of the city of Baguio and the Cordillera region is worthy of admiration and emulation by every government / public servant,” the resolution added.

The Mayor also okayed a separate

resolution this time commending lawyer Bensheen Apolinar of the NBI-CAR for being named as the “Best Regional Agent” during the said event besting all other NBI agents nationwide.

“The exercise of his (Apolinar’s) exemplary service in the pursuit of the drive against all forms of crime and lawlessness in the city of Baguio and the Cordillera region is worthy of admiration and emulation by every government/public servant,” the measure stated. - GABY B. KEITH



PGMA with Kalinga Group. President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo poses with Kalinga delegates during the induction of the Cordillera Indigenous Elected Women Leaders League (CINDEWOLL) at the Mansion last week. Redjie Melvic Cawis

Firecracker injuries down by 60 percent

BAGUIO CITY – Firecracker injuries in the region decreased by 60 percent, the regional health office bared.

A partial report from the Regional Epidemiology Surveillance Unit (RESU) of the Center for Health Development Cordillera said there were 31 fireworks-related injuries recorded in the hospitals in the region from Dec. 21, 2005 to January 1 this year.

“This is a two-fold decrease from 78 injuries monitored during the same period in 2004,” RESU head Dr. Julius Cesar Alcalá noted in his report to CHD-CAR director Myrna Cabotaje.

Of the total, seven were admitted and two had their hands amputated.

“There were no fatalities, no stray bullet injuries and no watusi ingestion,” it was stressed.

Eleven cases or 35 percent of the total were caused by 5-Star, seven or 23 percent by improvised firecrackers, three or ten percent due to kwitis, two by labintador, two by luces, two by 3-Star, one by 1-Star, one by fountain, one by watusi and one with unknown cause.

The age range of the victims was from three to 31 years, most of whom males and the most affected victims were aged 11-15 years.

The cases were distributed as follows: 14 or 48 percent from Baguio; 11 or 36 percent from Abra, four or 13 percent from Benguet and one or three percent from La Union.

“Compared to the same period in 2004,

Baguio City had a decrease of 29 percent from 21 cases, Abra 52 percent from 23 cases, and Benguet, a three-fold decrease from 14 cases.”

The RESU will continue monitoring cases until January.

Among its recommendations were for the local government units to continue the campaign against the use of firecrackers and pyrotechnic devices even after the holiday season and for the public to adopt health measures in the event of said injuries particularly the washing of wounds with soap and water and the immediate seeking of treatment from the health facilities to prevent tetanus. - aileen p. fuerzo



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Defensor signs pact recognizing tribal pine forest management practices in the Cordillera

Environment and natural resources Secretary Michael Defensor and National Commission for Indigenous Peoples chair Jannette Serrano inked Monday an agreement with officials of Mt. Province that would pave the way for the recognition the traditional forest management systems of in the Cordillera.

The vital document was signed with Mt. Province Gov. Maximo Dalog and Leon Langtiwan, head of the province's Indigenous People's Consultative Body in Sagada town, a popular tourist destination known for its lush pine forests planted and maintained through time-honored indigenous practices.

Defensor earlier directed the department's regional office here headed by executive director Samuel Penafiel to draft the agreement, together with a memorandum circular setting guidelines for the recognition, registration and management of these practices within the region.

Sources said similar agreements covering the pine forests of the other provinces will eventually follow, also suited to their traditional management of and access to their pine forest resources.

Presidential Assistant Thomas Killip, municipal mayors and tribal leaders witnessed the signing of the document that covers the traditional management of pine forests in the province.

Defensor's initiative paves the way for resolving the long-drawn conflicts between state forestry laws and customary practices covering ownership and utilization of the pine forest resources which are unique to the Cordillera.

The state policy of government ownership of natural resources, including the forests developed and maintained by indigenous peoples, has restricted villagers in the Cordillera from harvesting lumber and other forest products for their houses and other domestic needs.

Defensor took the cue from a resolution in March last year of the Mt. Province provincial board asking him to issue a policy prescribing guidelines in the registration, management and harvest of planted trees within community, private and customarily-owned lands.

The sangguniang panlalawigan noted that the indigenous peoples who comprise 99 percent of the province have long practiced well-defined traditional management and equitable utilization of natural resources and watersheds within their domains.

It stressed that "as stewards of these watersheds, the people of Mountain Province have continuously maintained the forest vegetation, as shown in the latest satellite data, ...to the benefit of the lowland communities".

The six Cordillera provinces of Abra, Apayao, Kalinga, Ifugao, Benguet and Mt. Province, together with Baguio City, serve as the headwaters of several rivers that feed the lowland farms and generate electric power for the Luzon grid.

"As such, it is but proper that (the Cordillera people) benefit from their previous efforts and such benefits gained may serve as their incentive in continuously maintaining such resources and boost further development in a sustainable manner," the sanggunian resolution said.

Defensor himself pointed out that the presence of indigenous forest management systems tied into the traditional leadership structure in these communities have sustained the Cordillera as watershed cradle of northern Luzon.

Among these indigenous resource management practices are the "muyong" and "pinugo" of Ifugao, "imong" of Kalinga, "batangan", "saguday", "pinucho" and "tayan/tabán" of Mt. Province, "kijuwan" of Benguet and "lapat" of Abra and Apayao.

The document signed expands the limited recognition of the Ifugao "muyong" which was covered by DENR Administrative Orders 96-02 and 96-10 issued in 1996 on the clamor of Ifugao traditional forest owners.

The agreement will mandate the tribal villages to document their practices with assistance from the DENR, NCIP, the provincial and municipal governments.

Studies on the effectiveness of the tribal forest management practices done by forester Manuel Pogeyed and other officials of the DENR prompted them to recommend government recognition of the same.

Ifugao tribal elder Reynaldo Lopez Nauyac noted that the recognition is long overdue, saying "these time-tested practices were in existence long before the Philippine government was established and started imposing its laws over these resources that were protected and handed down through the generations".

The preservation of the muyong, or the family-owned forests that provide year-round irrigation for the Ifugao rice terraces was highlighted in the medium and long-term plan to save the endangered cultural and environmental landscape included in the World Heritage list of the United Nations.

Pogeyed said that in the case of Sagada and the neighboring town of Besao, the existing forests were once camote farms but which were converted into pinestands when rice supply from the lowlands became adequate with the opening of roads.

Defensor worked out the documents with Penafiel, regional technical director for forestry Augusto Lagon, Mt. Province environment and natural resources officer Peter Osbucan, foresters Moises Bai and Rex Sapla, and Pogeyed, now the provincial environment and natural resources officer of Benguet. — Ramon Dacawi.

Gift-giving at BHD

BAGUIO CITY - One hundred underweight and indigent children from the barangays comprising Atab and City Camp health districts were given milk, sugar, noodles, multi-vitamins, and candies in a post-Christmas gift-giving activity at the Baguio Health Department last January 5.

The activity was a project of Barangay Nutrition Scholars (BNS), Barangay Nutrition Action Officers (BNAO), and volunteers from said health districts. The volunteers went caroling from December 12 to 19, 2005 to raise about P 4,000 for the activity

The City Nutrition Office gave the multi-vitamins while Lucia Della, BNAO and wife of the Barangay captain of Dontogan donated the noodles. Other items in the packages were solicited from other barangay officials.

City Camp health district nutrition coordinator, Rafaela Ducusin said the recipient children were recommended by the nutrition scholars assigned in the barangays.

"Nagpapasalamat po ako sa pagbibigay ng regalo sa aking mga anak, kahit papaano ay maranasan nila ang makatangap ng regalo na par na rin sa kanilang kalusugan" (I am grateful for this gift giving, at least my children will experience to receive some gifts and which are for their health") said Jonalyn Boiser from Ferdinand Barangay, a young mother of 5 young children.

Boiser, a 21-year-old mother but whose body structure is of a 13-year-old said she got married at 15 and that she and her husband have no steady income and source of livelihood.

"The essence of Christmas should not only be during Christmas season but every day of the year," said councilor Leandro Yangot who graced the occasion. — art killip

"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)

City Lauds Baguio SEAG Athletes

BAGUIO CITY – Mayor Braulio Yaranon has approved a city council resolution commending local medalists in the recently concluded 23rd Southeast Asian Games (SEAG) in the wushu and judo events held in Manila.

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The resolution disclosed that members of the Baguio City Wushu Federation and the Women's Judo team were chosen to represent the Philippines during the SEAG, a gathering of sports enthusiasts within Southeast Asia held every two years.

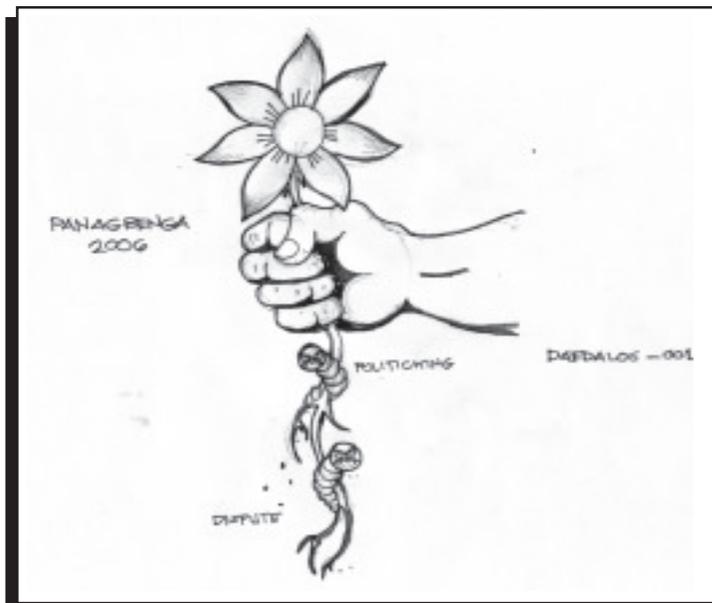
It added that members of the Philippine Wushu Team and Philippine Judo Team, who are bonafide residents of the city, garnered three gold, two silver and one bronze medals in various categories and weight divisions.

In Wushu, the winning athletes are Edward Folayang, gold medal, (70 kg. division); Rhea May Rifani, gold, (52 kg.); Rexel Nganhayna, silver, (56 kg.); Jennifer Lagilag, silver, (42 kg.); and Mark Ediva, bronze medal in the 60 kg. weight division. Meanwhile, Helen Dawa garnered the gold medal in the 45 kg. weight division in judo.

“Their winning in their respective events bring pride and honor to the city of Baguio and the Philippines as a whole and serve as an inspiration to the city's constituents,” the measure stressed.

The resolution also lauds Tony Candelaria (Tan Sui Tong), wushu coach of the Baguio athletes, for “his untiring devotion and dedication in molding the athletes who eventually became outstanding in their field of sports”.

It further calls for the release of the athletes' cash incentives pursuant to ordinance no. 068, series of 1993, as amended by ordinance no. 092, series of 1994. -GABY B. KEITH



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**PILIPINAS, POSIBLENG
MAGING DEPENDENT, atbp.**

BY IMELDA "IMEEH" AFAGA



PILIPINAS, POSIBLENG MAGING DEPENDENT

Sa loob ng sampu hanggang labinlimang taon, malaki ang posibilidad na magiging dependent ang bansang Pilipinas sa mga ibang bansa sa suplay ng pagkain. Ayon kay Department of Agriculture o DA-CAR Regional Director Cezar Rodriguez, dahil sa mabilis na pag-convert ng mga agricultural lands sa residential lands, malaki aniya ang epekto nito sa paglaki ng populasyon, kung kaya't marami na rin ang mga tinataniman ng palay at gulay ang naging residential lands. Hindi na rin aniya lingid ang pagdami na ng mga subdibisyon, memorial parks hindi lang sa mga iba't-ibang probinsya kundi pati na rin rehiyong Cordillera, na kung saang pati na rin ang mga water sheds ay pinagpapatayuan na rin ng mga bahay at gusali.

Sa ngayon, natatakot ang naturang departamento sa posibleng maging kahihinatnan ng mga ito kung saang malaki aniya ang posibilidad na aasa na lang ang ating bansa sa mga produkto ng mga ibang bansa. Paliwanag ng director na hindi dapat bale-walain ang bagay na ito kundi kailangan ng dapat paghandaan.

Sa ngayon, masusing pinag-aralan ngayon ng naturang departamento, ang mga dapat gawin para lang mapaghandaan at mapaglabanang naturang bagay.

CITY ORDINANCE #1-90, MALABO ANG IMPLIMENTASYON

Hindi naging maliwanag ang implementasyon ng City Ordinance 1-90, ito ang naging reaksyon ni City Licensing and Permits Division Head Cristio Lagyop. Dahil dito, nais ng naturang departamento na tanungin ang stand ng lokal na gobyerno, lalo na ang proseso ng mga permits.

Matatandaan, na maliwanag na may kinalaman ang naturang ordinansa sa kung gaano kalayo ang mga establisimento sa mga

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REFLECT

Criticisms

BY RJ CELI



“I don’t like your attitude!” Would you want someone to tell you that? Can you recall the last time you were criticized? This happens to all of us from time to time for different reasons.

Someone perhaps criticized you just honor himself. Criticism may have been disciplinary, such as from an employer or a parent to correct something you said or did but this isn’t always the case.

Were you irritated, perhaps even telling him to mind his own business? Or did you welcome the criticism?

For many, receiving criticism is a painful experience. They became angry or resentful. Others lose confidence, ‘I can’t do anything right’ and they become depressed.

Are you among of those who hate to be criticized? Can you received criticism with less pain or without overreacting? Here are the advice of the Awake! that may help remove or lessen the pain of criticism.

Welcome Criticisms- View their observations as helpful instead of threatening. Welcome it as chance to learn something, Make it a strengthening experience.

Control Your Worst Critic. Be reasonable when assessing yourself. Imagine a close friend receiving similar criticism. You would likely hope that he would listen to the criticism with minimal pain. Asses is honestly and use it for personal improvement. Why not deal it with the same way.

Ask For Details- Your best approach is to ask for more specifics. Motivated by your desire to communicate rather than challenge questions may help your critic and you to focus on specifics. They may reveal whether the criticism is valid or is an overreaction.

Calm Your Critic- What if the one criticizing you is upset? Whether your critic is right or wrong, initially find some way to agree with him or her. Your best move then is to find some point of agreement before discussing any matters of conflicts.

Focus on Content, Not Delivery- Focus on the content of the criticism. Is it true? If it is, do not deny yourself this chance of growth.

Lessen The Severity- You can avoid severe correction by responding promptly to criticism in its lighter form.

PINUPUNA AT PINAPANSIN

the old coin

BY ODELL “BOMBITO” AQUINO



An unemployed graduate woke up one morning and checked his pocket. All he had left was \$100. He decided to use it to buy food and then wait for death as he was too proud to go begging. He was frustrated as he could find no job, nobody was ready to help him. He bought food and as he sat down to eat, an old man and two little children came along and asked him to help them with food as they had not eaten for almost a week. He looked at them. They were so lean that he could see their bones coming out.

Their eyes had gone into the socket. With the last bit of compassion he had, he gave them the food. The old man and children prayed for him that will bless and prosper him and then gave him a very old coin. The young graduate said to them “you need the prayer more than I do”. With no money, no job, no food, the young graduate went under the bridge to rest and wait for death. As he was about to sleep, he saw an old newspaper on the floor. He picked it up, and suddenly he saw an advertisement for people with old coins to come to a certain address. He decided to go there with the old coin the old man gave him.

On getting to the place, he gave the proprietor the coin. Alas, the proprietor screamed, brought out a big book and showed the young graduate a photograph. this same old coin was worth \$3M.

The young graduate was overjoyed as the proprietor gave him a bank draft for \$3M within an hour. He collected the Bank Draft, went in search of the old man and little children. By the time he got to where he left them eating, they had gone. He inquired from the owner of the canteen who told him that they even left a note for him.

He quickly opened the note thinking it would lead him to find them . But alas, the words in the note reads thus: “You gave us your all and we have rewarded you back with the coin” Signed God the Father, The Son and The Holy Ghost. 1 Kings 17:10-16; Matthew 11:28-30.

Have you given your all to Jesus Christ?

Receiving criticism can hurt. You may wish people would leave you alone, stop passing judgment on you, stop making helpful suggestions. But this can’t help stop criticism. Instead of fretting rake advantage of what you can control your response.

When delivering criticism, use few words and avoid picking on every minor fault you observed in a person. This irritates and they may begin avoiding you. Everyone is imperfect and has faults. They cannot work on all of them at the same time.

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paaralan, at simbahan. At ito ngayon ang hindi maintindihan ni Lagyop kung saang nais nitong malaman kung ano talaga ang masasabing stand ng lokal na pamahalaan.

Hindi na lingid sa kaalaman ng buong siudad, na marami ang hindi tumupad sa naturang ordinansa kung saang hindi nasunod ang nilalaman nito. Ganun din sa mga baguhang kumukuha ng mga permits ay hindi rin nahihigpitan ang mga ito kung kaya't masasabing hindi maliwanag ang implimentasyon nito. Di bale ani pa rin ni Lagyop na walang problema sa parte ng mga renewals, dahil dito mahigpit na ipapatupad ang nilalaman ng City Ordinance #1 series of 1990.

MASASAMANG GAWAIN? DI UUBRA SA AKIN – NEREZ

Napatunayan na ng buong siudad ang kalidad at kapasidad ng City Director ng Baguio City Police Office, walang iba kundi si Police Superintendent Isagani Nerez. Bilang isang patunay ay ang matagal na niyang paninilbihan bilang director ng mga kapulisan sa siudad, na kung saang siya lang ang nagtagal sa naturang posisyon.

Kailan lang ay sinaluduhan siya ni Chief PNP Arturo Lumibao, dahil sa magandang record na kanyang naipakita sa tanang ng kanyang paninilbihan sa lungsod ng Baguio, at dito pinahahaba pa ang kanyang pagiging city director, bagay na ikinatuwa ng lahat.

Sa palagi na rin nating pakikipanayam kay Supt. Nerez, atin na rin nalaman sa kanya ng kanyang mga sikreto kung paano niya napagtagumpayan ang kanyang pagiging mabuting lider. Wala siyang masasabing kaaway, dahil na rin sa magandaniyang pakikitungo sa kanyang mga tauhan. Alam din niyang isaalang-alang ang damdamin ng kanyang mga pulis kung kaya't walang nagagalit at nagtatanim ng galit sa kanya.

Pagdating sa trabaho, istrikto si Nerez, lalo na sa mga masasamang gawain. *"Anuman ang nagawa ng isang tao, sibilyan man, opisyal man ng gobyerno, lalo na sa mga miyembro ng kapulisan, hindi ko pinapalampas. Hindi ako kunsintidor at lalong hindi ko pinagatakan ang mga masasamang gawain na nakakasira sa imahe ng PNP. Kung anuman ang kasalanan ng isang indibidual, kahit sinuman ito, kailangang panagutan."* Ito ang maliwanag na mensahe ng director, minsan na ating nakapanayam isa sa mga nakaraang araw.

Ayaw din niya na ginagamit o ipinagmamalaki ng kahit na sinumang kaibigan o kakilala niya ang kanyang panaganan. Aniya, walang kaikaibigan at kakilala pagdating sa masamang gawain. Hindi rin aniya uubra sa kanya ng ganoong gawain. Hindi rin ibig sabihin na siya'y masamang kaibigan ngunit ginagawa lang aniya ang dapat kung saang trabaho lang walang personalan.

Minsan na rin siyang tinangkang palitan o patalsikin, ngunit hindi nagtagumpay ang mga taong naghangad. At dito rin nakita kung paano nagkaisa ang lahat lalo na ang tang-bayan ang mga miyembro nito. Mula ng ito'y umupo bilang city director, maraming na ring grupo ang kanyang binuo na tumutulong sa pagsugpo sa mga masasamang elemento. At dahil dito malaki ang ibinaba ng bilang ng mga krimen dito sa siudad kung saang ikinahanga ni Chief PNP Lumibao.

Sa bagay na ito, atin din saluduhan ang butihing director. Sir, ipagpatuloy mo yan. Keep up the good work!!! At sana'y tularan ka ng iba pa!!!

Genuine Forest and Resource Management

As slow as a pine tree grows, it took too long for the government to mature enough to admit the effectiveness of tribal forest management practiced for centuries up here in the Cordillera. Still, it took somebody as young and daring as environment and natural resources Secretary Mike Defensor to discern that indigenous culture-based forestry, not government policies, preserved this mountain range as the vital watershed cradle of Northern Luzon.

BY RAMON DACAWI

Defensor last Monday readily signed a pact with leaders of Mt. Province for the recognition of the time-honored indigenous forestry systems of the Igorots over the pine stands that are unique to this region. Also bound by the documents were National Commission on Indigenous Peoples Chairperson Jannette Serrano, Gov. Maximo Dalog and Leon Langtiwan of the province's IPs consultative body.

They signed the document in Sagada, that culture-bound and scenic town also known for its man-made pine forest traditionally owned by the families, clans and communities who planted and cared for them. The pact will serve as the model for similar arrangements also covering the pine forests of the other Cordillera provinces. These will be in accord with their own traditional practices, be it the "muyong" or "pinugo" of Ifugao, the "imong" of Kalinga, the "kijuan" of Benguet, the "lapat" of Abra and Apayao or the "batangan/saguday/pinucho" and "tayan/tabán" of Mt. Province.

Previous calls for recognition of indigenous knowledge and resource ownership were voices lost in the wilderness. Over the years, state policies and laws framed in Manila were culturally insensitive and often clashed with long-existing tribal laws on ownership, management and access to our forest resources up here. Long before the Regalian Doctrine was imposed, villagers had been maintaining their forests quite effectively without government intervention and disruption.

In recent years, forestry technocrats in the big city started looking for smarter ways of saving what remains of this country's forests. They came up with borrowed ideas like "community-based forestry management" and, more recently, the controversial "usufruct" plantation scheme. They glossed over the fact that the genuine, time-tested models of CBFM have been up here long before they were born. They could have built on these existing models.

Instead, they hatched the unlamented and aborted "usufruct" scheme that allowed government workers, specially in the DENR, immediate tenurial rights over idle spaces simply because they had just planted seedlings.

We have had discussions with then Negros Occidental Gov. Rafael Coscolluela and other members of the Philippine Watershed Management Coalition on the wisdom of encouraging people to plant seedlings under the "usufruct" scheme. The catch was that participants were supposed to receive immediate tenurial rights over idle spaces simply because they had just planted. The irony was that some of these seedling plantations were beside those of long-time hill dwellers whose own rights over lands they have occupied for a life-time have yet to be recognized.

Up here, the irony was, and is, obviously more encompassing. While state laws restricted tribal access to forest resources that villagers

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need to build or repair their houses, logging permits were issued to firms from the outside to prop up the mining industry. Rivers and tribal lands were dammed to generate electric power needed to spur national development.

The region has been practically mined out and two of the dams up here are now on their death throes. The national government has yet to remit Benguet province's share from gold mine taxes amounting to millions of pesos. Several villages within the resource base have yet to have electricity. It was a bizarre version of the build-operate-transfer scheme: they built and operated the mines and dams and transferred the gold, electric power, together with the taxes, to Makati and Metro-Manila.

A current, particular case in point is that fund being generated from the operation of dams like the 345-megawatt San Roque in San Nicolas and San Manuel in Pangasinan. For every kilowatt hour produced and sold, a centavo is set aside to go to the development of the "host community". Curiously, the Department of Energy, which handles the fund that runs to millions of pesos a year, defined a "host LGU" to be where the dam facility was built.

Unless the infrastructure-based definition shifts to glaringly more just river basin concept, Benguet and parts of Baguio where the water that runs the turbines of San Roque comes from will never get a share from the fund. The fund is to be used for development projects, lowering the cost of electricity and for protection of the watersheds (which are obviously up here).

My relatives in Hungduan, Ifugao, whose "pinugo" forest management ensures regular flow of water to the Magat Dam downstream, have a funny solution to the inequity. They are contemplating on diverting the flow of their river away from the Magat River. They may well succeed with the same technology their ancestors used in carving those rice terraces out whole mountainsides centuries ago.

I've diverted the flow of this sad refrain of an old lament. There you go again, playing that old record nobody listens to anymore, my mind tells me. Forget the water under the bridge, get back on track and to the future.

The signing of the Sagada, witnessed by no less than Presidential Assistant Thomas Killip, mayors and tribal leaders and elders, may prove to be a historical act. It's the result of Defensor's unusual power to listen to indigenous wisdom and to act according to the dictates of reason. Members of his think-tank - regional executive director Samuel Penafiel of the DENR, regional technical director Augusto Lagon, provincial environment officers Manny Pogeyed and Peter Osbucan, foresters Moises Bai and Rex Sapla and their staff - sacrificed their holidays to help him flesh out the document.

Baguio dominates Regional Schools Science Fair

Baguio stamped its class with an 11-7-8, gold-silver-bronze medal aggregate in 15 individual and team events in the Cordillera Regional Science Fair for elementary and high schools in Tabuk, Kalinga last Dec. 7-8.

High school bets accounted for six golds while their younger counterparts added five in dominating the two-day competitions at the Tabuk National High School, according to science and technology education supervisor Benita Caramé in her report to city schools superintendent, Dr. Ceferino Cawaon.

Iris April Datoc topped the science quiz for fourth graders while Rele Alcantara made it in the Grade V category. Angelica Jacalne emerged runner up in Grade III while Richelle Lamayo salvaged the bronze in Grade VI.

Secondary entries Michael Cong-o and Andrew Nathaniel also struck for two golds in the quiz for third and fourth years, with freshman Sam David Felix in third and sophomore Edward Jerriel Ocampo in fifth place.

Vanessa Villanueva ruled the Life Science individual bracket (elementary) with her "Antiseptics and Healing Properties of Kuribetbet Leaves". April Gabitan (Making of Pomelo Insecticide) trailed at third place while the tandem of Carmelo Bautista III and Julius Quiambao (Anti-Bacterial Effects of Aqueous Leaf Extracts... and Malunggay) was second in the team event.

City looks into Asin property lease

BAGUIO CITY – The city government will once again try to put in order the lease of its property presently being utilized as a resort complex in Asin, Tuba, Benguet.

Mayor Braulio Yaranon last Wednesday directed city administrator Peter Fianza to ask Roger Sinot, a long-time operator of the Asin Hotspring Resort Complex, to submit a resort management proposal for consideration by the city.

The mayor said the report should include terms on how Sinot intends to settle his back accounts on rentals and how soon he intends to settle said account.

This apparently is to pursue the city's intention to legalize the operation of the resort which until now is not covered by a contract despite previous attempts to do so.

The city first leased the property to Bernardo

Alexandra Bautista (Automotive Emission Filter from Carbon and Cellulose Fiber) towed Gerard Tabor (Microorganism Control in Packed Tofu Manufacture Using Electrolyte Water) and Jerry Godoy (Electro Reclamation of Combusted Fuel Through Precipitation) in a 1-2-3 finish in physical science (elem. -ind.).

Baguio made a repeat 1-2-3 positioning in the team category through Christopher Chan and Genuine Tomaag (Multipurpose Burner with Built-in Heat Convecton), Joseph Paul Rulla and Nicolai Policarpio (Lead Concentration in Selected Areas in Baguio as Pollution Indicator), and Raphaella Bautista and Racell Baniqued (Effects of Different Duration of Pulsing Treatment on the Post-Harvest of White Calalies).

Larry Caduada's "Seline: An Organic Alternative as Coolant or Refrigerant to CFS's" and Michelle Ann Sumadchat's "Solar Water Heating Panel" made it 1-2 in individual physical science for freshmen. Lester Gacad's "The Effects of the Extracts from Myrtaceae and Andropogon Citrates Leavs on Mosquitoes" ranked second in life science while the investigation of Aiza Martinez and Romeo Ruiz III on the use of soya beans extract as fertilizer for onions and garlic also emerged second in physical science (team).

The city's other golds came from Jose Melindo in science-dama (first year), life science (team - Lye and Lime Mixture for Wart Removal), and physical science (team - Induced Spawning of Cyprinid Loach using African Catfish and Bullfrog Pituitary Gland).

The last two bronzes were from John Ranjo in sci-dama (second year) and a study on bioludge under physical science. - Ramon Dacawi.

Catbagan but when the contract expired, Sinot took over but the contract of lease with the city was never formalized.

In 1992 during the time of former mayor Bernardo Vergara, there were attempts at the city council to formalize the lease with Sinot but the finance committee at that time opposed the plan preferring that the resort's management be subjected to a bidding.

The committee said the resort has not generated any income since Catbagan's term as Catbagan and until that time has failed to settle his delinquency of P176,128 at the time of the lease's termination in November, 1996.

The committee conducted an investigation where it was told by Sinot that he was paying P5,000 monthly rental to the Catbagans. The committee said Sinot's revelation prompted former mayor Mauricio Domogan to ask Sinot to instead directly pay to the city the P5,000 monthly rental but which Sinot did not do. The committee's 1992 reports said Sinot's arrears then amounted to P589,575. - aileen p. refuerzo

Cancer consciousness month marked

BAGUIO CITY - The Baguio Health Department will render free papanicolao (pap) smear for women 18 years and above for the whole month of January as part of the city's observance of Cancer Consciousness Month. Lectures on self-breast examination will also be conducted at the various barangay health centers.

Pap smear is used for the early detection of cervical cancer while self-breast examination is used to detect lumps in the breast, which are signs and symptoms of breast cancer.

Cancer is a large group of diseases characterized by uncontrolled growth and spread of abnormal cells that if left unchecked may result to death. It is curable at early diagnoses and treatment.

The most common types of cancer are of the lungs, breast, liver, cervix, and stomach.

The disease's warning signals are change in bowel or bladder habits, wound that does not heal, unusual bleeding or discharge, thickening or lump in the breast or elsewhere, and indigestion or difficulty in swallowing. Also, change in the size of wart or mole, persistent cough or hoarseness of voice, unexplained anemia, and sudden weight loss.

Cancers could be prevented through avoidance of cigarette smoking, limiting fat intake, increasing fiber content of diet, vitamin C rich foods, daily consumption of green and leafy vegetables, and eating less food with chemicals and preservatives. Also, avoiding excessive exposure to insecticide and chemicals, x-ray, and sunlight.

Treatment and management of cancer include surgery, cobalt radiation, and use of chemicals (chemotherapy) and other alternative medicine recognized by the Philippine Society of Oncologists.

The disease is number three in mortality cases in the city with 155 deaths in 2004 and 188 deaths last year. – art killip

PGMA stroll. President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo with some members of the media and her PSG having a walk around The Mansion. The President is here with the first family for the holidays. Redjie MELVIC Cawis PIA



City to definitely end deal with BWD on Asin Hydro Plants

BAGUIO CITY – The city will definitely sever its ties with the Baguio Water District in relation to the operation of the city-owned Asin mini-hydroelectric plants now being operated by the BWD-commissioned Hydroelectric Development Corporation (HEDCOR).

Mayor Braulio Yaranon last Wednesday directed acting city legal officer Melchor Carlos Rabanes to inform the BWD this early of the city's intention not to renew the contract.

"It is the intention of the city not to renew the contract... when it expires within the year," the mayor noted.

"As a matter of fact, a committee which I created is already studying and will recommend the most advantageous option the city should take to increase the benefits derived from the hydros." The mayor earlier expressed preference for the city to directly manage plants but said a city's direct deal with the HEDCOR is also another point of consideration. He said this scheme will be more beneficial to the city.

The mayor however said he will leave the decision to the task force he earlier created through Administrative Order No. 122 to conduct an extensive technical, financial and socio-economic study to determine the best alternative for the city in the proper administration of the said hydros.

The task force which was composed of the members of the city council and other concerned agencies was given until February this year to come up with the plan.

The operation of the four hydropower plants was relegated to the BWD through a memorandum of agreement forged in September 1, 1981.

Since the contract will expire in September next year, the mayor said he will recommend for the city to take over and operate these mini-hydros to maximize their potential to enable the city to address its increasing power needs.

Fitness buffs find hearts with kids

Physical exercise buffs at the Burnham Park found their hearts healthy enough to reach out during the holidays to orphans in La Trinidad, Benguet and to indigent kids in Irisan Barangay 1 here.

The group calling itself ERC and led by president Ferdinand Cobilla engaged 35 children at Irisan in parlor games and later distributed clothing and snacks last Dec. 30. Two earlier, they were in Puguis, La Trinidad to provide milk supplement to wards of the orphanage.

Donors led by batch '68 of the St. Louis Girls High headed by Tess Alabanza supported the yearly program of the ERC, whose members are out there in the parking sweating out daily at 6:00 to 7:00 a.m. – RD.

By virtue of the 1981 agreement, the management and operation of the four mini-power plants, two of which are located in barangay Tadiangan, one in barangay Nangalisan and one along Camp 6 Kennon Road, all in Tuba, Benguet, was turned over to the BWD who later consigned the management to the Davao Light and Power Company in 1985 and eventually to the HEDCOR in 1992.

In March 2001, a revised agreement covering the power sharing among the city, the BWD and the HEDCOR was forged but was not confirmed by the city council.

Councilor Leandro Yangot Jr. in a privileged speech criticized the BWD deal as disadvantageous to the city.

He said the BWD has reneged from its agreement with the city government when it forged the deals with the Davao firm and the HEDCOR.

He said this lopsided sharing contributed to the city's electric bill problem which ballooned in the 1990s. – aileen p. refuerzo

Mayor nixes lotto endorsement

BAGUIO CITY – Sustaining his position against gambling, Mayor Braulio Yaranon refused to endorse an application to set up another on-line lottery (lotto) sales outlet in the city.

The mayor denied the request of QM Subdivision resident Danilo Garcia for an endorsement of his application with the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office to set up a lotto outlet.

Garcia said the mayor's endorsement was required by the PCSO to support his application for a license to operate a lotto outlet where he said he intends to employ disabled persons.

But the mayor graciously refused saying that although Garcia's purpose of employing disabled persons "is noble," the city cannot endorse the set up of another lotto station in keeping with its thrust to become a model city.

"It is with deep regret to inform you that we cannot grant the same considering that the Character City status prevents approval of more lotto outlets," the mayor wrote Garcia.

Resolution No. 107 series of 2003 declared the City of Baguio as a Character City which encourages character-building in all sectors of society including the city's schools and families.

Yaranon who is known for his vehement stance against gambling has led in campaigns to stamp out bingo, casino, jueteng and lotto in the city.

The city council in 2002 also approved a resolution presented by the lotto probe ad hoc committee then created and headed by Councilor Edilberto Tenefrancia which expresses "the sentiment of the people of Baguio and the policy of the city government against gambling and for other purposes."

The measure sought to attain the following:

Cordillera's elite sportsmen honored today

BAGUIO CITY – The most outstanding athletes and sportsmen from the Cordilleras will be honored today (Sunday) by the City Government of Baguio and the National Correspondents Club of Baguio (NCCB) for their exemplary leadership and highly meritorious achievement in the sports arena.

Leading the core of awardees are the medalists in the just concluded 23rd Southeast Asian Games, the 8th World Wushu Championship held in Vietnam and the ASEAN PARA Games together with a cast of local coaches and officials.

The event in the annual NCCB Kafagway Awards Rites will be held at the Malcolm Square at 2:00 o'clock this afternoon with PNP City Director Isagani Nerez as the guest of honor and speaker.

Special guests include City Mayor Braulio Yaranon, Congressman Mauricio Domogan, Anthony de Leon, General Manager of the Baguio Country Club representing the "presentor" of

"reiterate the long standing sentiment of the people of Baguio that gambling is inimical to the public interest and is contrary to public welfare;

"support the lately announced call of Dept. of Interior and Local Government to make the penalties against gambling stiffer and to impose strong sanctions against public officials and elements of the Philippine National Police who are found to be in the league with gambling operators;

"to suggest to Congress through Rep. Mauricio Domogan and Senator Juan Flavio the amendment of the Charter of PAGCOR (Presidential Decree 1869) and the Charter of the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes (Republic Act No. 1169) so as to give local government units authority to endorse or reject the operations of lotto and casino within their territorial jurisdictions and thereby to give meaning to Section 458 (1-v) of the Local Government Code empowering the Sanggunian Panlungsod to "enact ordinances intended to prevent, suppress and impose appropriate penalties for, among others, 'gambling and other prohibited games of chance;'"

"to encourage and assist the first lines of defense against gambling and other deleterious habits, namely, the home, the school, the church, the media and society in general to do a more sustained and never-ending campaign against the evils of gambling." – aileen p. refuerzo

the prestigious "Kafagway Award" annual activity and City Social Welfare Officer Betty Fangasan.

"The SEA Games honorees will be led by gold medalists wushu disciples Eduard Foliday and Rhea May Rifani, judoka Helen Dawa, boxers Jouvilet Chalem and Alice Kate Appari; marathoner Christabel Martes; karateka Nelson Pacalso and mountain biker Baby Marites Bitbit" said veteran newsman and former Councilor Nars Padilla who conceptualized the annual awards scheme way back 1986.

The silver medalist awardees are Rexel Nganhayna, Jennifer Laguilag, Brent Velasco, Zaide Laruan and Midel Dique while the bronze medalists are Mark Ediva and Estie Gay Liwanen. Bodybuilder Fernando Faroden will also receive an award.

Other honorees are the medalists in the recent World Wushu Championships Benjie Rivera and Nganhayna (gold medal), Rifani (silver medal) and Foliday (bronze medal).

The ASEAN PARA Games awardees are Adeline Dumapong (lone Cordilleran gold med-

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

MANOLO MAMARIL

Applicant

Case No. 91-CAR-146

NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application for the Extension of Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a PUJ Service for the transportation of passengers and freight on the line: BAGOIO PLAZA - CRYSTAL CAVE and vice versa with the use of one (1) unit.

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on January 17, 2006 at 9:00 A.M. at the LTRFB 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 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 14th day of January, 2006.

(SGD) ATTY. GUILLERMO C. KADATAR
Hearing Officer

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alist). Silver medalists Agustin Kitam and Clover Larayan and bronze medalists Domingo Haban, Darwin Lunag and Agustina Batilok.

Padilla said the other awardees include SEAG officials led by Tony Candelaria, Glicerio Catholico, Jr., Dr. Leonora Fe Brawner, Romeo Guido, Billy Alumno, Edzel Ngina, Prospero Asiong, Marquez Sangiao and Manuel de Leon.

Padilla added that the University of Baguio, the University of the Cordilleras and the Baguio Country Club as presentor will also receive special citations.

Other awardees are Texas Instruments Philippines, Inc. as "Sports Patron of the Decade", Eduardo Laureano as the "Athletic Director of the Year" and George de Leon as "Sports Coordinator of the Year".

University of the Cordilleras director Pedro Mendoza will receive the "Sports Lifetime Achievement Award" which is being given by the NCCB-KSA for the first time.

Local newsmen Eufeldion Lobien, Jogan Tamayo Zaldy Comanda, Jimmy Ceralde and Primo Agatep were among the select group of media personalities who will be also given due recognition for their continuous support, coverage and publicity in the field of sports here.

Citation will also be given to Philex Mines, SPO1 Francis Hulanio and retired PNP Inspector Roger Mejia.—(By Bong Cayabyab)

Republic of the Philippines
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT, BRANCH 8
FIRST JUDICIAL REGION
La Trinidad, Benguet
ROBERT G. YAN
Petitioner,
-versus-
FRANCISCO B. WAKIN
Respondent.
EXTRA JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE CASE NO. 05-Exf-1072
PETITION FOR SALE UNDER ACT NO. 31235, as amended by ACT NO. 4114

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Notice of Extra-Judicial Sale

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act No. 3135, as amended by Act No. 4118, filed by ROBERT G. YAN, hereinafter referred to as the petitioner-mortgagee, for the satisfaction of the obligation of the mortgagor, FRANCISCO B. WAKIN, of legal age, single, Filipino, with residence and postal address at Sabkil, Itogon, Benguet, hereinafter referred to as the respondent-mortgagor, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness

of the mortgagor to the mortgagee, which as of December 14, 2005 in the accumulated amount of TWO HUNDRED NINETY NINE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED FIFTY TWO PESOS (P 299, 852.00), Philippine Currency, exclusive of attorney's fees in the sum of ten (10%) percent of the amount due, publication costs, and other legal and necessary fees and incidental expenses to be incurred in the foreclosure proceedings, all secured by the aforesaid mortgage note. The undersigned will sell at public auction on January 31, 2006 at 11:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter at the main entrance of the Benguet Provincial Capitol, La Trinidad, Benguet to the highest bidder, for cash or manager's check and in Philippine Currency, one (1) parcel of land covered by Katibayan ng Orihinal na Titulo Blg. P-7542, said property is more particularly described as follows, to wit:

KATIBAYAN NG ORIHINAL NA TITULO BLG. P-7542 Lot No, 2542, Cad-1062-D, Case No. 6

"Beginning at a point marked "1" of Lot No. 2542, Cad-1062-D, Case No. 6, Sabkil,

Itogon, Benguet, being N., 6-37 W., 6405.69 m. from BLLM No. 1, Cad-1062-D, Itogon Cadastre; thence; S., 72-06W., 46.78 m. to point 2; N., 46-51 W., 73.25 m. to point 3; N., 48-35 E., 35.96 to point 4; S., 50-01 E., 92.63 m. to point 1; point of beginning.

Containing an area of THREE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED FORTY SIX (3, 146) SQUARE METERS

All point are marked on the ground by P.S. Cyl. Conc. Mons. 14x50cms.

Bounded on the SE., & SW., along lines 1-2-3 by Lot 2540; Corner 2 by Lot No. 2543; on the NW. & NE., along lines 3-4-1 by Lot No. 2646; Corner 1 by Lot No. 2641. All adjoining lots are in Cad-1062-D, Case No. 6, Itogon, Cadastre x x x (Complete technical description appears on Katibayan ng Orihinal ng Titulo Blg. P-7542. The boundaries thereof are visible by means of monument and other natural objects with an assessed value of P1,840.00."

Prospective bidders/buyers may investigate the above-described real property regarding the encumbrances thereof, if any. All sealed bids must be

submitted to the undersigned on the above-stated time and date.

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on February 28, 2006 at the same place and time without further notice.

Let, therefore, a copy of this Notice of Extra-judicial Sale be published at the JUNCTION, a newspaper of general circulation on January 8, 15 and 22, 2006. Likewise, let a copy of the same be posted in three conspicuous places, one each in the bulletin boards of the Municipal Hall of Itogon, Benguet; Regional Trial Court - Branch 8, La Trinidad, Benguet; and Provincial Capitol Lobby, La Trinidad, Benguet.

Done this 2nd day of January, 2006 at La Trinidad, Benguet.

FOR THE CLERK OF THIS COURT AND EX-OFFICIO SHERIFF OF BENGUET

BY:

HENRY B. LONGAY, JR.

Sheriff IV

Jan. 8, 15 & 22, 2006

Republic of the Philippines
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT, BRANCH 9 (FAMILY COURT FOR BENGUET PROVINCE)
FIRST JUDICIAL REGION
La Trinidad, Benguet
IN THE MATTER OF CORRECTION OF ENTRIES IN THE CERTIFICATE OF LIVE BIRTH OF MINOR CHRYSTAL P. BAUTISTA.

STEPHEN C. BAUTISTA

Petitioner,

-versus-

THE LOCAL CIVIL REGISTRAR OF LA TRINIDAD, BENGUET & THE NATIONAL STATISTICS OFFICE, OFFICE OF THE CIVIL REGISTRAR GENERAL, QUEZON CITY

Respondents.

SPECIAL PROCEEDINGS CASE NO. 05-C-1324

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NOTICE OF HEARING

Petitioner, through counsel, filed this verified petition on DECEMBER 22, 2005 praying after due notice, publication and hearing that the erroneous entries in the Certificate of Live Birth of his daughter Chrystal P. Bautista be corrected, to wit: (1) The entry as to her Sex be corrected from May 15, 1994 to May 12, 1994 in order to avoid

confusion as to her true and correct identity and to straighten her records.

WHEREFORE, finding the petition to be sufficient in form and substance, the court sets it for hearing on MARCH 30, 2006 at 9:00 o'clock in the morning before the Session Hall of this Court, Capitol, La Trinidad, Benguet and all persons interested may appear and show cause, if any, why this petition should not be granted.

Let this Order be published at tie expense of the petitioner in the JUNCTION, a newspaper of general circulation in Baguio City and Benguet Province, once a week, for three (3) consecutive weeks, the first publication to be made not later than JANUARY 9, 2006.-

Furnish copies hereof together with a copy of the petition and its annexes to the Office of the Solicitor General, Makati City; the Provincial Prosecutor of Benguet; the Local Civil Registrar of La Trinidad, Benguet; the Junction Publishing Company; the petitioner and her counsel.-

SO ORDERED.

WITNESS THE HON. FRANCIS A. BULIYAT, Presiding Judge of this Court, this 28th day of December 2005 at La Trinidad, Benguet, Philippines.

JEFFRY B. TAYNAN
OIC-Branch Clerk of Court
Jan. 1, 8 & 15, 2006

Preparations on to usher in the year of the dog

Preparations are on to usher in the Chinese New Year, a local tradition established several years ago by the city's Filipino-Chinese community in tandem with the city government.

While the year opens on Jan. 29, members of the executive committee headed by mayor Braulio Yaranon targeted the celebration, also known as the Spring Festival in the Chinese lunar calendar, on Jan. 27.

The mayor has invited Ambassador Li Jinjun of the People's Republic of China as guest of honor and speaker during the observance.

The activities, to be capped by a parade and an awards night, will be launched during the regular flag-raising ceremony on Jan. 23 in front of the city hall, according to city administrator and event coordinator Peter Fianza.

Civic leader Peter Ng has been designated to head anew the committee on parade while known medical practitioner and researcher, Dr. Charles Cheng, will chair the committee on awards.

The two have been instrumental in bringing together various leaders of the Fil-Chinese community towards developing the annual celebration marking re-birth and new beginnings.

The parade is expected to be in the afternoon, to end at the Burnham Park in time for the traditional fireworks display. With Ng in the committee are Paul Go, Lorenzo Lim, Tony Lee and Antonio Candelaria.

Cheng said there will be six awardees to be honored this - three each from the Filipino and Chinese communities - in recognition of their contributions to the city and to the strengthening of Fil-Chinese relations.

Nomination forms are available at the city administrator's office, care of Pepito Avena, the committee secretary. The committee is composed of Fianza, William Ang, Simeon Neria, Lorenzo Lim and Jopse Tajan.

William Ang heads the committee on invitations and cocktails, Dennis Sy chairs the finance group, while Neria will handle the food arrangements. Cheng and Willy Cadac are assigned to the media committee while oldtimers Gonzalo Ong, Conrado Romero and Freddie Wong serve as advisers.

With the mayor in the executive committee are Rep. Mauricio Domogan, councilor Pinky Rondez, Cheng, and Dennis Sy. - *Ramon Dacawi*

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ISANG GROSERYA, NIRANSAK

Personal na nagreklamo si Neri Garcia y Forter, 44, may asawa, tubong Mankayan, Benguet na nakatira sa AC-032, Central Ambiong, LTB, sa himpilan ng pulisya ng La Trinidad, dahil sa pagkaransak ng kanyang mini grocery.

Ayon sa kanyang salaysay, sinamantala umano ng mga hindi pa nakikilalang suspetsa ang oras ng pagsalubong ng bagong taon. At ayon sa naging inisyal na imbestigasyon na isinagawa ng mga pulis La Trinidad, sinira ng mga suspetsa ang plywood ceiling na siyang ginawang daanan. Natangay ang koleksyon ng groserya na umabot ng humigit-kumulang na sampung libong piso kasama ang mga alahas, iba pang mga barya, singsing at hikaw, chocolate candies, at tatlong kaha ng sigarilyo.

Sa ngayon, isinasagawa pa rin ang masusing imbestigasyon hinggil sa naturang kaso.

BOARDING HOUSE, PINASOK NG MAGNANAKAW

Isa na namang Boarding House ang pinasok at pinagnakawan ng mga hindi pa nakikilalang suspetsa sa may TA-185-A Km3, LTB. Ayon sa naging reklamo ni Teresa Cayetano y Obayo, 68, tubong Mankayan Proper Kibungan, Benguet na nakatira sa nabanggit na lugar, at may-ari sa naturang boarding house, sa LT Police Office, nagulat na lang ito ng makitang pwersadong sinira ang pintuan ng first floor ng kanyang bahay na inuupahan ng nanggangalang Mary Gail Dacawag, kung saang umuwi sa Tabuk kalinga para makipag-new year. Naghaluhog umano ng suspetsa sa naturang paupahan base na rin sa mga nagkalat na kagamitan ni Dacawag.

Tinangay ng mga suspetsa ang tangke ng gasul, tv set at iba pang mga kagamitan ng biktima. Kasalukuyang iniimbestigahan ng mga



pulis LT ang naturang kaso.

ISANG LALAKI, NAGYABANG AT NAGPAPUTOK

Pinaghahanap ng mga pulisya ng Stn 7 ang isang lalaking nagpapatok sa mismong palengke ng siudad kahapon (Jan. 6, 2006) kung saang nagpanikan ng mga tindera at namamalengke.

Ayon kay Jomar Altiga, 26, binata, isang private miner na taga La Trinidad Benguet, kasalukuyang umanong namamalengke ito sa merkado publiko ng may isang mayabang na lalaki na biglang sumulpot, hinugot ang baril at pinapatok ng dalawang beses. Nagsigawan at nagtakbuhan ang mga tao sa takot a matamaan. At pagkatapos ng pagpapapatok ng hindi nakilalang lalaki, walang anumang lumakad palayo sa naturang lugar.

At ayon sa isinagawang imbestigasyon ng mga nagrespoondeng kapulisan, cal. 45 ang ginamit na baril base na rin sa narekobrang dalawang kapsula sa lugar na pinangyarihan. Batay sa naging deskripsyon ng mga nakasaksi sa insidente, ang suspetsa ay isang payat at matangkad na lalaki, na nakajacket ng dilaw.

DALAWANG LALAKI, SINAKSAK

Dalawang lalaki ang itinakbo sa Benguet General Hospital, nitong nakaraang bagong taong, dahil sa mga tinamong saksak sa katawan. Ang mga biktima ay nakilalang sina Willy Espino y Lino, 23, binata, isang vegetable

porter sa Trading Post, na tubong San Juan, Pampanga, nakatira sa JB-741 Km4 LTB, na nagtamo ng pitong aksak sa iba't-ibang bahagi ng kanyang katawan at si Joven Marzo y Baltazar, 23, binata, isang magsasaka na tubong Balili, Buguias, Benguet at nakatira sa JB-120 Km4, LTB, na nagtamo din ng isang aksak sa kanyang lower rib.

Ayon sa inisyal na imbestigasyon ng mga pulis La Trinidad, patapos na umano ang mga biktima sa kanilang pag-iinuman, bandang 8:30 ng gabi sa loob ng Morning Star Karaoke Bar sa KM4. at paglabas nila, linapitan umano sila ng pitong kalalakihan at doon sila sinaktan, pinagbubugbog, hanggang sa humantong sa pananaksak.

Itinakbo ang dalawang biktima sa BGH ng mga concern citizens habang ang mga pitong suspetsa ay nagtakbuhan palayo sa nasabing lugar. Patuloy pa rin ang masusing imbestigasyon na isinasagawa ng mga kapulisan ng La Trinidad hinggil sa naturang kaso.

PAGHAWAK SA PATALIM, ISANG LALAKINAKULONG

Dahil sa kasong Illegal Possesion of Deadly Weapon, isang lalaki ang nakakulong ngayon sa Baguio City Jail. Ang suspetsa ay nakilalang si Laurence Bulia, 20, binata, isang private miner na tubong Ifugao at nakatira sa Birak, Itogon, Benguet.

Ayon sa naging salaysay ng mga kapulisan ng BCPO PCP1, kung sila ang complainant sa naturang kaso, nakikipag-away umano ang suspetsa sa may merkado publiko. At sa agad na pagresponde ng mga ito sa naturang lugar, nahulihan ang suspetsa ng isang double bladed na patalim na naghahaba ng halos sampung pulgada. Inaresto ang nasabing lalaki at pinilahan agad ng kaukulang kaso bunga ng kanyang pagkakakulong.

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With Panagbenga's theme, "Sa atin ito! Kasama ka na, kasali ka pa," the mayor called for public and private sector support for all the activities which include participation from other regions and foreign contingencies.

"Our lowland brothers such as those from La Union and Marinduque with their Moriones festival experiences, and the Japanese, Chinese and Korean groups in Baguio have signified their willingness to participate in the activities," the mayor intimated.

According to the mayor, Panagbenga 2006 should not be confined to a particular group only, but remain a community affair as "it is intended to benefit even the smallest fraction of the citizenry through the tourism industry, " as everybody is a "stakeholder" in the festival.

The mayor emphasized that the crowd-drawer flower festival is not only known in the local and national level but also internationally, as winning entries in the street-dancing contest were invited to perform outside of the country.

Veteran journalist Cecile Afable backed this up, saying that the flower festival is "God's children's show, for observance and celebration."

As to financial support, finance officer Nelia Cid said that there have been numerous sponsorship offers from big businesses. She added that earnings from the festival shall redound to civic and charity causes, after payment of legitimate debts.

Activities for the Panagbenga have already started with home and salad garden contests, school-based landscaping contest. The Paint-It-With Flowers banner painting contest shall be on Jan. 29; Cultural Chinese Arts and Craft Trade Show on Feb. 4-5; Market Encounter at the Melvin Jones, Feb. 6-Mar. 20; Filipino-Japanese Friendship Festival on Feb. 10-Mar 10 at the People's Park; Fun at Fairyland on Feb. 11-12 at the Children's Playground.

Elimination for the Street Dancing and Drum and Lyre competition shall be on Feb. 11 at the Athletic Bowl, while "Bulaklak Sa Langit," Fireworks Display Competition shall be done on Feb. 12 at the Athletic Bowl.

Ballroom Dancing for Senior Citizens and Country Garden Serenades, both on Feb. 14 at the skating rink; Cultural Korean Trade Show on Feb. 17 at the People's park; Boxing Tournament on Feb. 17 at the Athletic Bowl; Rhythm from the 70's concer at he Burnham Park Skating Rink on

Feb. 18; Palarong Pinoy featuring various indigenous games at the Athletic Bowl on Feb. 18-19.

Victory Liner joins the flower festival with a medical mission on Feb. 20, Tree Planting program on Feb. 21, and Igorot Dance on Feb. 24, at the Victory New Terminal.

On February 25, the Flower Power Grand Parade and Streetdancing participants with South East Asian Games Gold Medalist Athletes shall traverse Session road up to Athletic Bowl. On the same date at 6 PM, Bulaklak rock Battle of the Bands and Acoustic Concert shall be at the Skating Rink; Float Parade and Marching Band competition follows on Feb. 26 with Fireworks Display, Concert and Variety shows in the evening at the Athletic Bowl, Skating Rink and Sunshine Park.

Session Road Cafes shall be open Feb. 27 to Mar 5, Local Arts Scene shall be on Feb. 27 to Mar. 12 at the People's Park, the Sunflower Rodeo Pony Boys' Exhibition at Wright Park shall be on Mar. 5.

On March 11, a kite fest shall be done at the Athletic Bowl. The Gabi ng Pasasalamat Closing and Awarding Night shall be on March 12, 6 PM at the Melvin Jones Grandstand.-juliegfianza

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Panagbenga 2006 re-launched

BAGUIO CITY-Mayor Braulio Yaranon last week reiterated that the 11th edition of the Baguio Flower Festival shall push through as scheduled with the Chinese New Year Spring festival activities on February 27, and the grand opening ceremonies on January 30.

The mayor made the Panagbenga 2006 re-launching pronouncements during the regular Ugnayang Panlungsod with members of the Baguio media, Councilors Jose Molintas, Faustino Olowan and Galo Weygan, veteran journalists Cecile Afable and Gerardo Evangelista, Nelia Cid and Bishop Carlito Cenzon.

The January 30 grand opening ceremony shall feature the "Ipitik," a tapey (native rice wine) tasting activity with prayers soliciting God's blessing on the festivities, inauguration of multi-colored lights at Burnham Park and opening fireworks display with no less than President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo in attendance, the mayor announced

The said activity shall "concretize" the pronouncements done by the mayor, businesswoman and finance officer of the executive Panagbenga committee Nelia Cid said.

Cid heads the 2006 Panagbenga Ad Hoc Management Committee with Bishop Carlito Cenzon as Co-chair. Members of the committee include Cecille Afable as Events and Programs in-charge, Peter Ng, Ways and Means in-charge, and Atty. Wilbert Tan of Fortun, Narvasa and Salazar law office as Legal Counsel.

The Administrative Order appointing the group for festival preparations was among the first issuances of Mayor Yaranon for this year. The AO includes the designation of the Administrator's Office as focal person in support to the Ad Hoc Committee, for all the festival events and other promotional activities. Coordination, provision of assistance, facilitation of permits, and monitoring of all activities shall be the responsibility of the City Administrators Office, as of AO 3, series of 2006.

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