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'Domogon, tumanggap ng suhol' - Yaranon

Musta kaya ang Twin Panagbenga?



Nakatakdang isasagawa ngayong araw (March 10) ang pagdinig sa korte, ang kaso ng Uniwide Development Corporation at ng lokal na pamahalaan ng siudad, noong panahon ng pamamahala ni dating Mayor Mauricio Domogan.

siudad, subalit ito ay hindi natuloy pagkatapos na magdemanda o magpila ng kaso ang mga Market Business Sector na umabot hanggang sa

WOMEN'S PLIGHT - The plight and sentiments of Baguio's women are shown as they march down Session Road with placards calling for their protection from abuse and equal rights marking the observance of International Women's Day celebration last Tuesday.-By Bong Cayabyab

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Post - Panagbenga Blues and then some
BY GRACE BANDDY



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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korte. Dahil dito, walang nangyaring development at nanatiling kaawa-awa ang hitsura ng merkado publiko, kung saang isa ito sa mga tinutuya ng mga bisita na dumadayo dito sa ciudad. At sa habang panahon mula ng maipila ang naturang kaso sa korte, ngayon lang dumating ang panahon na ito ay buklatin muli. Ang nasabing pagdinig ay handang tetestigo ang presidente ng Uniwide pabor sa legal na pagtanggap nila sa naturang development. Lumabas din ang balita na inakusaran umano ni Mayor Braulio Yaranon na tumanggap si Congressman Domogan ng suhol mula sa Uniwide, para sa pagpapatupad sa naturang development sa merkado publiko.

Proposal for city's comprehensive solid waste plan endorsed

BAGUIO CITY – Mayor Braulio Yaranon has endorsed a proposal for the preparation of the city's comprehensive solid waste management plan for the next ten years to the city for approval. The body last Monday deferred action on the proposal due to the need for further study albeit the council committee on health and sanitation led by Councilor Erdolfo Balajadia recommended approval of said concern.

The city council recently pushed for the completion of the Comprehensive City Solid Waste Management Plan to guide the city in dealing with its garbage woes and asked the City Solid Waste Management Board to pursue the plan pursuant to the requirements of Republic Act No. 9003 or the National Ecological Solid Waste Management Act. The council further authorized the board to employ technical experts to help in the drafting of the long overdue plan.

The proposal was submitted by Engr. Nazita Banez, acting city environment and parks management office assistant head and waste management action officer to the mayor last Feb. 24 after the council decision. Banez said it was prepared by the Jaime V. Ongpin Foundation Inc., one of the city partners in its environmental and cleanliness programs. The proposed methodology includes data gathering and workshops. Experts on the field will be employed in the preparation of the plan. The project with projected cost of P1.1 million is proposed to be jointly undertaken by the city government, the JVOFI and partner Foundation of Sustainable Society Inc. within three months. – aileen p. rerfuerzo



GENERAL'S CALL - Newly installed Philippine Military Academy superintendent Brig Gen. Leopoldo Maligalig briefs Mayor Braulio Yaranon as the former paid a courtesy call at City Hall last Thursday.— By Bong Cayabyab

City acts to control spread of tree pests

BAGUIO CITY - To save pine trees in the city from further Bark beetle (*Ips calligraphus*) infestation, the City Environment and Parks Management Office (CEPMO) will cut down infested trees to control the spread and multiplication of the pest.

City Mayor Braulio Yaranon directed CEPMO on the recommendation of the Ecosystem Research Development Sector of the Department of environment and natural Resources (ERDS-DENR) for a complete inventory of infected trees, which shall be subject for sanitation cutting. A study conducted by the ERDS-DENR revealed that bark beetle, locally known as "baka-baka", is the main cause of death of pine trees in the city and not the suspected parasitic effects Ivy vines.

Chan, CEPMO Officer in charged, tasked the Forest and Watershed Management Division (FWMD) to conduct the inventory, cut the infested trees, and apply possible silvicultural treatment to infested trees that could be saved. "Bark beetle poses potential threat to our urban forest, if not mitigated, these might invade the forested area of Camp John Hay, Busol, and the Philippine Military Academy reservation", Chan said. FWMD said that in Burnham Park alone, a total of 17 mature trees died due to bark beetle infestation and were recommended for immediate cutting to prevent the insects from penetrating to susceptible trees. Pascual Abaclod, head of the FWMD, said that a tree surgery and other silviculture method will be applied to some infected trees to

spare them from being cut.

The ERDS-DENR said tree injuries is also a factor in helping the increase of bark beetle. A freshly wound or chop to trees is attractive to insect and finally Abaclod explained that bark beetles chances to attack the injured portion of a tree where they construct irregular holes inside the wood and caused the weakening and dying of a tree.

Abaclod urges city residents to avoid damaging trees with activities such as nailing, bolting, and girdling of trees. The City Ordinance 5-90, prohibits the nailing and bolting of any sign, placards, and structure to any part of a tree and the Philippine Forestry law (PD705) imposed penalty of fine or imprisonment to those causing damage to trees. - danny killip



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Mayor orders extensive preparations for La Niña

BAGUIO CITY – Mayor Braulio Yaranon last week directed the City Disaster Coordinating Council and concerned offices here to begin extensive preparations for the impending onslaught of the La Nina phenomenon in the country. The mayor said mitigating measures are needed to avert damages and loss of lives during the La Nina episode expected to hit the country in the next two months.

The Philippine Atmospheric Geophysical Astronomical System Administration (PAG-ASA) said the country's weather condition during the La Nina episode will be characterized by normal to above-normal rainfall up to May with a probability of more typhoons and flooding in low-lying areas which may trigger landslides and mudslides in critical places. The mayor who heads the CDCC directed city administrator Peter Fianza and city engineer Leo Bernardez who serves as CDCC action officer for administration and operations, respectively to spearhead the implementation of preparedness, mitigation and prevention measures as recommended by Cordillera Regional Disaster Coordinating Council (CRDCC) chairman and Cordillera Police Regional Command Raul Gonzales. Gonzales in a memorandum to all chairmen of the city and provincial disaster councils in the region stressed the need for preparations to "minimize the

adverse impact of La Nina" in view of the landslide tragedies that hit the country previously and recently in Leyte. He enjoined the disaster bodies to undertake the following measures: *Claring, desilting, declogging, repair and rehabilitation of waterways; *Conduct of hazard assessment to identify flood and landslide prone areas; *Monitor water level by source like dams, reservoirs, as well as the effects of the current water level situation on the agricultural sector; *Conduct sustained intensive information, education campaign activities on the nature and effects of La Nina; *Calling on the community to dredge canal, creeks and other tributaries which tend to overflow during rainy season; *Identification or determination of families needing evacuation; and *Enhancement of local disaster response team especially at the barangay level. – aileen p. refuerzo

Ordinance Proposed to Formalize Baguio's Sisterhood and Twinning Program

BAGUIO CITY - To formalize structures for the development and sustainability of the city's sisterhood and twinning program, a proposed ordinance known as the Sisterhood and Twinning Ordinance was filed last week. Councilor Perlita Chan-Rondez, in her proposal, said that the City of Baguio, pursuant to its desire to become a progressive Local Government Unit, has been establishing sisterhood ties with domestic and international cities forged through independent and mutual desires for such twinning and sisterhood arrangement.

"The City of Baguio is committed to establishing sister city alliance with other cities of like qualities for the purpose of fostering long term mutual partnerships that assist communities gain a national and global perspective to the challenges they face through planned cultural, educational, business, and humanitarian assistance exchanges," she noted. Under the proposed ordinance, a Baguio Sisterhood and Twinning Committee is proposed to be created composed of the mayor, the city council

committee on tourism, Sangguniang Kabataan president, city administrator, secretary to the mayor, city budget officer, Dept. of Interior and Local Government regional director, the supervising tourism officer, public information officer and the Baguio Tourism Council chairperson. The committee will act as an advisory body to the City Government regarding sisterhood and twinning concerns to enhance communications and activities between the City of Baguio and its sister cities., to implement the goal and objectives of the sister City program, and to advise the council on the establishment of new sister city relationships.

The committee also has the power to review the activities and program of this commitment, and has the power to review and advise the Mayor and the council on all requests from persons or groups desiring to establish a sister city relationship. The proposed ordinance also set guidelines on the initiation of the establishment of a sister-city relationship and set the criteria for

Dads seek gsis explanation on alleged irregularities in death benefits

BAGUIO CITY – The city council will ask the Government Service Insurance System (GSIS) here to explain the alleged irregularities in the claim of death benefits. Councilor Leandro Yangot Jr. who broached the matter in a proposed resolution noted that many city government employees who enrolled in the GSIS memorial cash and service plan known as Genesis Plus Plan, were not able to avail of the funeral benefits or services as promised despite having paid in full the premiums.

He said the GSIS employees told the city workers that they were not paid the benefits because of some problems in the higher level of the GSIS management. "It is appropriate for the GSIS to clarify this issue and explain why qualified members have not availed of the burial benefits as contained in the general provision of the GSIS Genesis Plus Plan," Yangot noted. Under the Genesis Plus Plan, the GSIS agrees with the planholder or any member of his family or third person predeceasing him whom he may designate to arrange and pay for the services of a servicing mortuary through its authorized marketing and servicing arm, the Paz Memorial Services Inc. A similar case also happened to a city worker in the past where the Paz Memorial Services refused to grant her deceased husband the services because of the GSIS' alleged failure to pay the company out of the planholders' premiums. The body will write the GSIS for the explanation. – aileen p. refuerzo

establishing such relationships.

An annual plan is also recommended for the committee to include activities and services such as representing the City of Baguio as a community at public events and celebrations in the affiliated city, presenting exchanges with residents or official of the affiliated city, building knowledge and better understanding of the affiliated city among Baguio residents through exhibitions from the affiliated city, maintaining and strengthening cultural and ethnic ties, and promotion programs aimed at improving international relationship with emphasis on the affiliated city.

The council approved the proposal on first reading and referred to the committee on tourism for study and recommendation. - Rebecca Anoyan

Discount on early quarterly payment of realty taxes restored

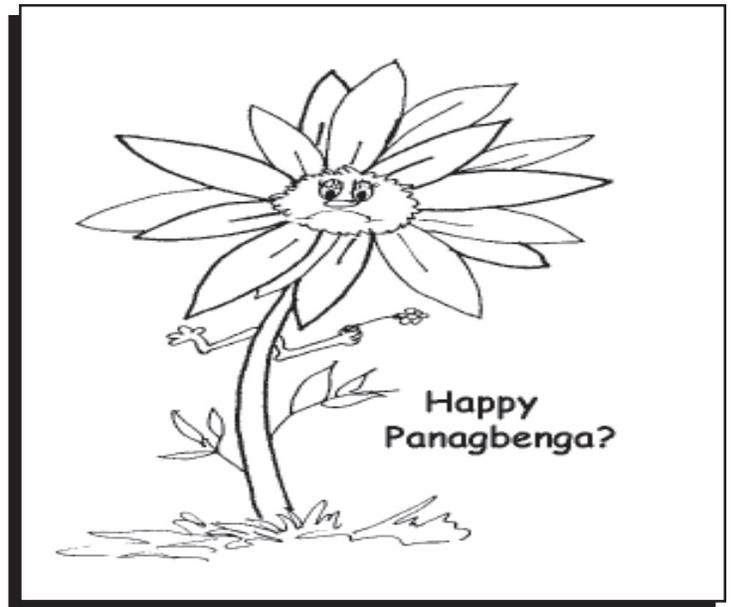
BAGUIO CITY – The city council last Monday voted to restore the grant of a discount on the early payment of quarterly installments for real property taxes as an

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added incentive to the

taxpayers in the city. The body approved on third and final reading an ordinance authored by Councilor Elmer Datuin amending section 1 of Tax Ordinance No. 2005-03 entitled, “Amending section 106 Chapter XV of Tax Ordinance No. 2000-01. Datuin noted that in Tax Ordinance 2000-001, a 10 percent discount was granted to those who settle their tax obligations in full every quarterly installment before the deadline. However, the said provision was omitted when the tax measure was amended by Tax Ordinance 2005-003.

“There is a need to restore the clear provision of Tax Ordinance No. 2000-001 on 10 percent discount every quarterly installment paid in full to encourage prompt and full payment by the taxpayer that will redound to a more effective tax collection,” Datuin noted. As per the provisions of Tax Ordinance No. 2005-03, the city grants discounts to those who settle their realty taxes in full before the deadline. The discounts amount to 20 percent of the amount due if the tax dues are paid in full for the whole year on any day of January, 15 percent if paid in full in February and 10 percent in March. – aileen p. refuerzo



ISKUP!!!

“MAGANDANG KINALABASAN NG PANAGBENGA, HINDI PASAPAT”– DOT,atbp.
BY IMELDA “IMEEH” AFAGA



“MAGANDANG KINALABASAN NG PANAGBENGA, HINDI PASAPAT”– DOT

Kung may isang bagay man na dapat bigyang pansin sa susunod na selebrasyon ng Panagbenga, ito ay ang pagkakaroon ng isang maayos na Organizational Structure na mamamahala sa selebrasyon. Ito ang ipinahayag ni Dept. of Tourism Director Purificacion Molintas.

Aniya, bagamat naging maganda naman ang kinalabasan ng Panagbenga 2006, sa kamay ng dalawang organisasyon, kanyang ipinahayag na mas mainam kung maisasaayos ng organizational structure ang pamamahala sa Panagbenga, sa pamamagitan ng mas maayos na organisasyong hahawak sa Pangbenga at higit na positibo ang imaheng kalalabasan ng siudad.

Isa naman sa positibong naging resulta ng Panagbenga 2006, ay may maraming aktibidad aniya na natunghayan ng mga bisita ng lungsod at ng mga residente. Lumabas din ang Best of the Best Competition ng mga participants maliban sa mga talento ng mga taga siudad.

Kaugnay nito, matatandaan sa nauna ng panayam sa kinatawan ng Baguio Association of Hotel and Inns o BAHAI, ipinahayag na ni BAHAI Vice-President Jerry Beltran, na naging maganda naman ang mga kita ng Hotels & Inns sa selebrasyon. Sa mga napabalitang may mga nagtaas ng kanilang mga room rates noong kasagsagan ng mga aktibidad ay ipinahayag pa ni Beltran, na sa organisasyon ng BAHAI, wala ito sa kanilang polisiya.

“LT MAYOR FONGWAN, NAGHIHIGANTI...” - TRADERS

Dahil sa panibagong Local Revenue Code ng bayan ng La Trinidad, napapanahon na ang pag-aaral sa Lease Contract ng mga traders sa Trading Post. Ito ang naging pahayag ni La Trinidad Mayor Nestor Fongoan, bilang tugon sa naging pahayag ng grupo ng mga traders, na ang nakatakdang pagsusuri sa Trading Post at ang panibagong Revenue Code, ay isang paraan ng pagiging Vindictive o paghihiganti ng alkalde.

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MOSHPIIT**Post – Panagbenga
Blues and then some****BY GRACE BANDOY**

Hey, I'm back, again, for the nth time! Well, I got really lazy writing these past few months and have been extremely busy with some other work thus my very long absence – which I believe some of you sorely missed hehehe.

Okay first up, the recent Panagbenga. I totally hated it when I saw an EX – city official waving his hands to the crowd during one of the street parades and feeling like he is the city's mayor or something. I mean, just what the fucking hell is he doing there?! Joining the parade and all! Ang kapal naman ng mukha niya.

The shower of rose petals during the street parade perpetrated by Domogan and Bangaoet was I think, super corny. It was a total act of exaggeration. To show the city mayor that their flower festival is more festive than the city's? I dunno, I really thought it was corny.

This flower festival, for me, was just fine. There was nothing we've never seen before, as Simon Cowell puts it, there was no WOW Factor. It was just ordinary and plain. But I guess the tourists who came up here to join in the festival were awed, and that's what's important really. If these tourists are happy then so should we.

Speaking of Simon Cowell, my sister and I are gaga again over the new season of American Idol. I think a guy's going to win this time. This guy, Ace Young, who totally reminds me of last season's Constantine Maroulis, is suuuppppeerrr HOT! I think he's gorgeous and has this very seductive voice, but I don't think he's gonna win. It will be one of the guys but not him.

I also totally dig Kellie Pickler, the cute country girl, who is just plain cute. I just totally think she's cute. Period.

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It's raining and isn't it supposed to be the start of Summer?! Our weather in the Philippines is starting to become weird. Our rainy days are turning out to be the summer season and our summer has become wet! I wonder why that is, maybe it's because of the ozone layer we destroyed with our pollution addiction.

This weird phenomenon should get us all thinking – of protecting our environment. Of course it's the 20th century and all but it doesn't mean we should all not care about the stuff that really matters – the environment!

I know its cliché, but hey we REEEAAALLLYYY should protect our environment!!! And there's no time to waste, we should start now if we haven't started yet.

Plant more trees, save our seas, clean the air and eventually we'll be saving ourselves in the process. Just think about it.

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The movie Fearless, starring the not-so-good-looking Jet Li, is a must – see. I really don't need to say more just go and watch it!

Violent reactions anyone? Email: grazerb@yahoo.com

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Hindi ito ang kanyang layunin, ayon kay Mayor Fongoan. Kung tutuusin aniya matagal nang dapat suriin o tingnan ang mga posibleng pagbabago sa lease contract ng mga Trading Post Traders sa taunan sanang kalakaran ng kontrata. Subalit dahil sa ngayon lang nagkaroon ng panibagong Revenue Code ng bayan, kaya't ngayon pa lamang isasabay ang mga pagsusuri sa kanilang mga Lease Contract.

Kinukwestyon din ng mga ito ang legalidad ng koleksiyon ng buwis, dahil sa kawalan pa ng Trading Post Code. Subalit, ayon pa sa paliwanag ng Mayor, iba ang saklaw ng Trading PostCode sa Revenue Code.

Walang kinalaman aniya ang ipinapatupad nilang koleksyon sa kawalan ng Trading Post Code, dahil ang Revenue Code ang siyang basehan ng koleksyon ng pamahalaang lokal ng La Trinidad.

Matatandaang taong 1995, ng hindi inaprobahan ng Benguet Provincial Board ang panukalang Trading Post Code. At hanggang sa ngayon wala pang nabubuong Trading Post Code, na siya sanang maglalaman ng regulasyon sa operasyon ng naturang pasilidad.

Nakatakda ring humarap ang mga traders at ilang mga opisyal ng pamahalaan local ng La Trinidad sa Provincial Board, upang talakayin ang mga usaping kaugnay sa Revenue Code na kinukwestyon ng mga traders.

**KALAYAAN NI REP. BELTRAN – ISINISIGAW NG MGA
MILITANTE**

Isang signature campaign para sa agarang pagpapalaya kay Rep. Crispin Beltran. Ang pagtulong na isinusulong ng mga militanteng grupo ng siudad at ng rehiyon ay bilang suporta sa malawakang kampanya ng mga ito sa buong bansa.

Isinabay ang pangangalap ng lagda sa paggunita ng International Women's Day sa Igorot Park kamakailan. Si Rep. Beltran ang chairman ng KMU o Kiluasang Mayo Uno.

Matatandaan na inaresto at ikinulong si Rep. Beltran, makaraan ng ilang araw ng deklarasyon ng pangulong Gloria Macapagal Arroyo sa Proclamation 1017. Ayon sa Secretary General ng Gabriela, ang Proclamation 1017 ng pangulo ay isang malinaw na paraan nito upang supilin at patahimikin ang kanyang mga kritiko.

Kinokondena rin ng mga militanteng grupo ang sitwasyon ngayon ng iba pang mga mambabatas na nasa protective custody ng kongreso. Bagamat nasa protective custody ang mga ito, limitado pa rin ang kanilang mga galaw. At maliwanag anila na pagsupil pa rin ito sa kanilang mga kalayaan

Binawi man ng pangulo ang kanyang naging proklamasyon, naniniwala pa rin ang mga samahan ng mga militante, na ang pangulo mismo ang maituturing na panganib ng bansa. Pinag-itan ng pangulo ang mga progresibong partylist gaya ng Bayan Muna, Gabriela, Bayan at Anak Pawis, Bilang patunay na ang kalagayan ngayon ng mga mambabatas sa ilalim ng mga direktiba ng pangulong Arroyo.

MEDIA OUTFITS, TINUTUTUKAN NG NTC

Mahigpit ngayon na tinututukan ng National Telecommunications Commissions o NTC, ang operasyon ng lahat ng mga Media Outfit. Ito ay magkatapos na pinagsabihan ang naturang ahensya sa kanilang responsibilidad. Ito ang ipinahayag ni Engineer Melanie Fernando, Chief of Operations Divisions ng NTC-CAR.

Ayon sa kanya, irekord nila ang anumang operasyon ng mga Media Outfit na nagpapalabas ng mga Seditious na mga balita. At sinuman aniya na matuklasan na media outfit na lumalabag sa kanilang patakaran, ito ay haharap sa kaso at posibleng mapasara ito oras na mapatunayang lumabag sa batas.

Projects for bidding out

BAGUIO CITY- Mayor Braulio Yaranon last week issued an invitation through the Bids and Awards Committee for contractors to apply for eligibility and to bid for the city's infrastructure projects for implementation within the next months. The invitation to bid is extended to contractors duly registered with, classified by the Philippine Contractors Accreditation Board (PCAB) and within the Small A-General Engineering category.

Among the projects for bidding are: construction of canal at Happy Homes, Old Lucban through City Engineers Office (CEO), with the approved budget for the contract as P92,150, for completion within 12 calendar days; installation of concrete covering and improvement of canal at Labsan st, Interior Kayang extension through CEO, the budget for the contract as P72,750, within 15 calendar days; flood control at Purok 5 and 6 at Padre Burgos brgy, through CEO, P92,150; for 14 days; riprap at Baguio City National High School, Sto Tomas annex through CEO, P72,750; 9 days. Other infrastructure projects for bidding are, improvement of road at North Sanitary Camp through CEO, P48,500, for completion within 10 days; road improvement at Sto. Tomas school area, P33,897.62; for completion within 28 days; improvement of pathway along Purok IV at Mines View through CEO, P97,000, 10 days; riprapping of the surrounding areas of the watershed at Sto. Rosario Valley, P48,500, to be completed within 10 days; road opening between Upper Rock Quarry Brgy and Upper Quirino Magsaysay, CEO, P187,937.50, 16 days; improvement of drainage canals at Upper Market, CEO, P90,937.50, to be completed within 15 days; rehabilitation of sewer/water canal from the strawberry house to the main canal of Kayang Extension, CEO, P145,500, 33 days; rehabilitation of rain drainage at Palma Urbano, CEO, P97,000, 14 days; construction/repair/rehabilitation of sewerlines at Roman Ayson at Campo Filipino, CEO, P291,000, 29 days; restoration of riprap along Cangco residence at Purok 3, Imelda Village, CEO, P291,000, 18 days; restoration of riprap along Costales residence at Purok 2 at Imelda Village, CEO, P97,000, 10 days; construction of proposed pathway at Block 16 Workingmens Village at Leonila Hill, West Bayan Park, CEO, P97,000; and, road improvement at Laskmi, Purok 5, Pinsao proper, CEO, P97,000, 43 days.

Letters of intent from prospective bidders and issuance of eligibility documents shall be received from 8AM to 5PM, Mar. 17-23 at the Planning and Development Office (PDO), City Hall, while deadline for submission of accomplished eligibility documents is on March 28 at the same office. Notices of eligibility and non-eligibility shall be issued before the end of office hours on March 30, deadline for buying and issuance of bid forms as well as site inspection shall be 5 PM, April 5, while submission of bids shall be on April 11, from 8 AM to 2 PM at the PDO. The opening of bids shall be done immediately after on the same date, at the office of the BAC chairman. Other details of each contract such as equipment

Mayor enacts P740M budget for 2006

BAGUIO CITY – Mayor Braulio Yaranon Wednesday enacted the city's annual budget for this year amounting to P740,000,000.

The mayor signed Ordinance No. 8 series of 2006 which was approved by the city council the other week. 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 – P31,600,000 and other income of P396,184,284.

The expense category is distributed as follows: P303,476,171 for personal services; P299,623,324 for maintenance and other expenses; P80,215,500 for capital outlay and P56,685,005 for development fund. As per the ordinance, "any amount earmarked for a specified outlay shall be used solely for the purpose it was intended and shall not be used for any other purpose without authority from the Sangguniang Panlungsod through a formal enabling Resolution or Ordinance. It was also stressed that no amount from the development fund will be disbursed until the city council's approval of the Annual Investment Plan. The AIP's submission was delayed due to the extensive prioritization process employed and the admitted delay in the barangay's submission of their lists of 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. In his budget message, Mayor Braulio Yaranon said that of the three sectors namely general, economic and social aspects, the budget 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

needs, supervision requirement and scope of work may be seen at the website: www.baguio.gov.ph, www.procurementservice.org or at the BAC bulletin board, Baguio city hall lobby.-juliegfianza



BAGUIO KIDDIE JOURNALISTS Baguio elementary and high school students with their advisers proudly show off their respective awards, medals and trophies in the just concluded National Schools Press Conference in Kalibo, Aklan last Feb. 20-24 as they pose for posterity with city officials headed by Mayor Braulio Yaranon during simple rites last Monday.— By Bong Cayabyab.

Mayor sees no need to renegotiate or rescind Jadewell contract

Baguio City - If Mayor Braulio Yaranon will have his way, the city council should maintain status quo on the issue of the payparking until the Supreme Court hands down its decision on the legality of the operation of the Jadewell Paking Systems Corporation. In his Usapang Panlungsod media briefing last Thursday, the mayor said the options being studied by the city council particularly the proposed rescission of the contract or renegotiation with the parking firm should be ruled out as these would only give presumptions that the that the contract is legal when in fact the court has yet to finally decide on that aspect.

The mayor said he believes that the Supreme Court will give fair judgment on the case. During the briefing, the mayor also disclosed plans to file counter-charges against the parking firm. "We'll be filing other cases. In fact, we have not yet started our counter-attack," he said. One of the charges being studied is the plunder charge.

The mayor last Monday directed the city treasurer to give an update on the payments made by the Jadewell Parking Systems Corporation. "For official purposes, please prepare and submit a breakdown of all payments made by the (Jadewell) out of its payparking business on city streets and the Ganza Parking Area at Burnham Park from December 2000 when it started operations,"

the mayor wrote in a memorandum to city treasurer Thelma Manaois dated March 6. He said this will be the basis of pursuing the case based on his stand that Jadewell's activities are illegal. He said the law provides that if the amount generated from such illegal activities exceeds P50 million, then the perpetrator can be liable for plunder. The mayor reiterated his position that the city continues to be defrauded by the parking firm saying that the income it has been collecting out of the use of city streets remains to be public funds. The income sharing of 80-20 percent Jadewell-city earning remains to be disadvantageous to the city. He also maintained that Jadewell's act of collecting and imposing fines and penalties is illegal and

Street tree ordinance approved on second reading for publication

BAGUIO CITY-The city council last week approved on second reading before publication the proposed ordinance regulating the planting, maintenance, protection, control and removal of trees in and upon public areas within the city limits. Authored by Councilor Antonio Tabora Jr., the proposal sought the provision for the removal of trees or extensions but with consideration for the general public and public utilities, specially those with materials and equipment which may be affected. Removal of the trees may also contribute to "obstruction of rights-of-way, and may be injurious to sewers, electrical power lines, water lines and serve as a threat to life and limb of every individual," Councilor Tabora stated in his proposal.

Thus, the councilor proposed the creation and establishment of a City Tree Board, with members from the Council committee on Environment, and City Environment and Parks Management Office (CEPMO). The Tree Board shall study and update annually a written plan for the care and preservation and disposition of trees and shrubs in parks. According to Councilor Tabora, Jr., the CEPMO shall develop and regularly review and revise the Baguio City Right-of-Way Tree Program standards, with copies which should be made available to any interested person in the city. Thus, the proposal states that only persons given proper

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in violation of section 130 of the Local Government Code which prohibits private companies from collecting public revenues. He said this also against the provisions of the public highways law which prohibits any person from using public streets for private business and of the Civil Code which declares streets as "beyond the commerce of man." He said these laws are more supreme than the city ordinance that allowed Jadewell's operation which he said should have not been approved and implemented at all. — aileen p. refuerzo

Street tree... from page 7

authority from the city, or have paid the set fee, including employees of public utility companies shall plant, prune or excavate within ten feet of a street or park tree.

This is to ensure the maintenance of a safe line clearance. Property owners with tree overhang over any street or right-of-way within the city shall prune the branches so as not to create view of any street intersection, with a clear space of 13 feet, six inches over the street and at least eight feet above the sidewalk. Dead, diseased, broken or decayed limbs which may be considered dangerous to the public should also be removed by their owners. Debris from said removals should be cleaned by the owner within the day, the proposal also stated. In cases where no property owners could care for, nor maintain the trees, the city shall have the right to plant, prune, maintain and remove trees within public right-of-ways.

This should be done to “preserve, enhance the symmetry and beauty of such areas,” the councilor added. Street trees may also be planted, the councilor said, as long as the “selection and location of said trees is in accordance with the ordinance.” However, it shall be unlawful to plant poplar, cottonwood, willows, elm or bamboo trees in public right-of-way, sewer or water easement. Native or drought tolerant, low water requiring trees and landscaping materials shall be considered. Violators of the provisions of the ordinance or those who fail to comply shall be subject to fine not to exceed Two Thousand Pesos (P2,000). If the violation results to the mutilation or damage to a tree, the cost of repair or replacement shall be borne by the violator. All provisions of the proposed ordinance shall also be subject to provisions in the Local Government Code. The proposal shall be discussed fully during the next council session.-juliegfianza

“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)



BAYANIHAN SPIRIT — Students and passersby eagerly watch City Administrator Peter Fianza and City Sports Coordinator Edison Villafuerte install the nets of the two sets of new basketball boards worth P14,600 donated by Coyeesan Hotel Plaza proprietor Alfred Co An who was represented by his son Coycesan Human Resource Department supervisor Anson Tiu Co and James Ty. Through “Bayanihan Spirit”, the new basketball boards were installed a few hours to the joy of the students as they played basketball. With them are City Human Resource Officer Jose Dacawi and Cesar Lachica of the City Administrator’s Office— by Bong Cayabyab

Water code on second reading after posting

BAGUIO CITY—The city council last week approved on second reading after posting the proposed city water code authored by Councilors Erdolfo Balajadia, Edilberto Tenefrancia and Jose Molintas. According to the proponents, “the management of water resources is necessary in ensuring the viability and sustainability of a finite resource such as water,” thus the proposed water code. Accordingly, Baguio’s water supply has been managed by the Baguio Water District for the past 29 years, with at least 37,114.58 cubic m. everyday from operational sources, spring sources, surface diversions, rain basin, pipelines and reservoirs.

Said sources, however, are influenced by seasonal factors such as rainfall. Rapid urban development has also affected water supply in the city, reports say, with increase in water consumption posing shortage specially during summer months. Anchored thus on Presidential Code of 1976, and the Local Government Code of 1991, the councilors considered the need for the water code. The code contains provisions such as integration of all strategies in policy-making and implementation in consonance with national policies, plans and programs into local development initiatives in managing water goals and activities. Interdisciplinary interventions, public participation and intersectoral approach shall be taken in consideration for water issues to be addressed, the proposed water code states, so as to ensure that the citizenry is well-informed and aware of all water governance programs.

The proposal also takes into

consideration all recognized traditional, natural, social and engineering sciences in the implementation of water-related programs and projects. For effective implementation in the locality, however, the city councilors are mulling legislative measures with water governance in mind coupled with sustainable development goals, envisioned for ecological, social and economic security of the general public. Grass-root levels, thus, community-based management and indigenous management of ecological balance in consonance with the local government code are also envisioned in the implementation of said plans.

Classification of water according to use, according to facility and service area is included in the code. The granting of water permits for water excavation and drilling, operation and maintenance of water supply, storing and treatment and eventually distribution of water supply for commercial consumption. Operation of drinking water, recycled water and waste water facilities are also considered in the code. Permits may then be secured from the City Treasurer’s Office (CTO), City Health Office (CHO), or City Environment and Parks Management Office (CEPMO) if the code is finally approved. Laboratory testing, examination of water samples from commercial water distributors to ensure sanitary handling and distribution environmental standards, and other protective measures are also detailed in the proposed code.

A body to be known as City Water Governance Council with the mayor as head and inter-agency heads as members are envisioned to be created to oversee all activities in the code. Penalties including cash fines, imprisonment or in the case of business establishment for water supply, cancellation or revocation of business permit may be imposed on violators of the code.-juliegfianza

Republic of the Philippines
Regional Trial Court,
Branch 9
(Family Court for Benguet Province)
First Judicial Region
La Trinidad, Benguet
IN THE MATTER OF
PETITION FOR
CHANGE OF
MIDDLE NAME
AND SUPPLEMENTATION OF MISSING AND CORRECTION OF ERRONEOUS ENTRIES IN THE CIVIL REGISTRY
Rebecca Fujishima Waig-Miguel,
Petitioner
-vs-
The Municipal Civil Registrar of Kapangan, Benguet and the National Statistics Office, Manila, Respondents.
Spec. Proc. Case No. 06-C-1338

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ORDER
Petitioner, through counsel, filed this verified petition on February 23, 2006 praying after due notice, publication and hearing that the following erroneous entries be corrected and the omitted entries be supplied in her Certificate of Live Birth, to wit: (1) the entry as to her Middle Name be supplied with Fujishima, (2) the entry as to First Name of Father be corrected from Igo to Eggo, (3) the entry to the last name of Mother be corrected from Ifing to Fujishima, and (4) the entries as to the Middle Names of Father and Mother be supplied with Mateo and Lunas, respectively, and (5) the entries as to the Date and Place of Marriage of Parents be supplied with May 15, 1952 and Kapangan, Benguet, respectively, in order to set straight her birth records and to avoid confusion as to her true and correct identity.

WHEREFORE, finding the petition to be sufficient in form and substance the court sets it for hearing on JULY 13, 2006 at 9:00 o'clock in the morning before the Session Hall of this court, Capitol, La Trinidad, Benguet and all persons inter-

ested may appear and show cause, if any, why this petition should not be granted.

Let this Order be published at the 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 MARCH 12, 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 Kapangan, Benguet; the Junction Publishing Company; the petitioner and her counsel.

SO ORDERED.
La Trinidad, Benguet, Philippines this 3rd day of March 2006.

FRANCIS A. BULIYAT SR.
Presiding Judge

March 12, 19 & 26, 2006

Republic of the Philippines
Regional Trial Court,
Branch 4
(Family Court of Baguio City)
First Judicial Region
IN THE MATTER OF
PETITION FOR
CHANGE OF FAMILY NAME AND CORRECTION OF ENTRIES IN THE CERTIFICATE OF LIVE BIRTH WITH CHANGE OF STATUS FROM LEGITIMATE TO ILLEGITIMATE OF THE MINOR KIMBERLY FAITH CORONEL SANTOS

Russel Coronel-Gonzales
(mother) rep. by her Attorney-in-Fact Teresita C. Dalisay,
Petitioner
-vs-

The Local Civil Registrar of Baguio City
Respondents.
Spec. Proc. Case No. 1642-R

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ORDER
A verified petition

filed by the petitioner Russel Coronel-Gonzales represented by her Attorney-in-fact Teresita C. Dalisay, through counsel, alleged among others that:

1. That petitioner is of legal age, married Filipino citizen, and a resident of No. 443 'Upper Rock Quarry, Baguio City, herein represented by her Attorney-in-Fact and guardian/custodian TERESITA C. DALISAY, as could be shown by the attached Special Power of Attorney, marked as Annex "A", where she could be served with summons and other court processes;

2. That the respondent Local Civil Registrar of Baguio City is impleaded as a nominal party and as the subject office that will implement the court order relative to this case, which office would be served with court processes and other notices at the Health Center Building, T. Alonzo Street Baguio City-;

3. That petitioner RUSSEL CORONEL-GONZALES is the natural mother of minor KIMBERLY FAITH CORONEL SANTOS who was born on March 2, 1993 at Baguio City, as could be shown by her Certificate of Live Birth which is attached hereto, marked as Annex "B";

4. That in the Certificate of Live Birth of said minor child, the date and place of marriage of her parents was entered as DECEMBER 10, 1992 AT BAGUIO CITY, but in fact her natural parents were not, legally married, air could be shown by the attached Certification, marked as Annex "C", since the natural parents of the child did not ever get married contrary to said entry no. 12 and 13, respectively, which errors need to be Willed, corrected and properly changed;

5. That the petitioner RUSSEL CORONEL-

GONZALES sought correction of the records of the minor child at the Local Civil Registrar of Baguio City, but the same could not be administratively undertaken and therefore, she is constrained to take this actions;

6. That this petition is being filed with utmost good faith for the change of the family name of herein minor child being the natural daughter of petitioner Russel Coronel-Gonzales, in her Certificate of Live Birth issued by Local Civil Registrar of Baguio City and National Statistics Office, in order to avoid inconveniences and problems in the future, due to said errors and inconsistent entries;

7. That his petition will be supported by other documentary evidence to justify the filing of the petition, which documents will be presented in court, during the presentation of evidence by the petitioner.

On the basis of the foregoing, the petitioner pray that after due notice, publication and hearing, the family name of minor child of herein petitioner be changed from KIMEBRLY FAITH CORONEL SANTOS to KIMERLY FAITH D. CORONEL and status of the minor child be changed from LEGITIMATE to ILLEGITIMATE and the proper entries of the date and place of marriage of the parents be cancelled and corrected accordingly. Other reliefs just and equitable under the circumstances are likewise prayed for.

Finding the petition to be sufficient in form and substance, let the same heard before the Regional Trial Court, Branch 4, Baguio City on June 22, 2006 at 8:30 o'clock in the morning at which place, date and

time the petitioners shall prove their case. Any person interested may appear and show cause, if any there be, why the petition should not be granted.

Let a copy of this Order be published at the expense of the petitioners in the JUNCTION, a newspaper of general circulation in Baguio City and Benguet Province, once a week, for three (3) consecutive weeks.

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

SO ORDERED.
This 1st day of February, 2006, at Baguio City.

AMADO S. CAGUIOA
Judge
March 12, 19 & 26, 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 LYNDENC. BUGTONG
Lynden C. Bugtong,
Petitioner
-vs-

The Local Civil Registrar of Kabayan, Benguet and the National Statistics Office, Office of the Civil Registrar, Quezon City,
Respondents.

Spec. Proc. Case No. 06-C-1336
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ORDER
Petitioner, through counsel, filed this verified petition on

February 21, 2006 praying after due notice, publication and hearing that the following entries in her Certificate of Live Birth be corrected at the Date and Place of Marriage of Parents be supplied, to wit: (1) the entry as to her Sex from Male to Female, (2) the entry as to her Middle Name from C. to Charey, (3) the entry as to the ages of her father and mother from 39 and 42 to 42 and 39, respectively, and (4) the entries as to Date and Place of Marriage of Parents be supplied with May 15, 1963 at Baguio City in order to set straight her records and to avoid confusion as to her true and correct identity.

WHEREFORE, finding the petition to be sufficient in form and substance the court sets it for hearing on JULY 13, 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 the 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 MARCH 12, 2006.

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

SO ORDERED.
La Trinidad, Benguet, Philippines this 3rd day of March 2006.

FRANCIS A. BULIYAT SR.
Presiding Judge

March 12, 19 & 26, 2006

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Cordillera Administrative Region, Baguio City

MAURICIO SANTOS

Applicant

Case No. 2003-CAR-933

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, 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 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 1st day of March, 2006.

(SGD) ATTY. GUILLERMO C. KADATAR
Hearing Officer

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Transportation and Communications
LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARD

Cordillera Administrative Region, Baguio City
NAPOLEON OGNAYON

Applicant

Case No. 91-CAR-382

NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application for the Extension of Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a PUJ Jitney Service for the transportation of passengers and freight on the line: Baguio Plaza - San Roque - San Luis 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, 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 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 6th day of March, 2006.

(SGD) ATTY. GUILLERMO C. KADATAR
Hearing Officer

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Transportation and Communications
LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARD

Cordillera Administrative Region, Baguio City
GEORGE BAY-ED

Applicant

Case No. 96-BC-238

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, 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 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 7th day of March, 2006.

(SGD) ATTY. GUILLERMO C. KADATAR
Hearing Officer

Jabbar raises P17,000 for leyte tragedy; fianza clarifies issue on turn-over

Donations raised through street performances by Jabbar, the four-year old German Shepherd of dog trainer Sonny San Pedro, were turned over Friday to mayor Braulio Yaranon for the victims of the recent killer-mudslide in Southern Leyte.

San Pedro and Baguio booster Nars Padilla, handed over P17,000 to the mayor. Padilla, who helped organize the dog show series, earlier recommended in his live report over Big FM radio station that the amount be used for notebooks and other school supplies of children who survived the February 17 tragedy.

In his broadcast, Padilla said the turn-over was originally set after the flag ceremony last Monday in front of the city hall but that city administrator Peter Fianza did not include the same in the program.

Fianza wa saddened by the comment, saying he personally inserted the turn-over in the order of the program which, he clarified, was prepared and printed a day before Padilla made the arrangements.

"Mr. Padilla suggested when I met him last Saturday afternoon that the turn-over be done during the flag ceremony," Fianza said. "As the program was already printed a day before by the office of councilor Pinky Rondez, I said I would insert the same."

"I saw Mr. Padilla before flag-raising ceremony but when the turn-over was announced, he apparently had left already," Fianza said. "Humanitarian efforts like this should really be acknowledged, and we tried to do our best to do so, even if the program was already printed before he made the request."

Fianza showed a copy of the program on which he personally wrote in ink "Dog show and turn-over of donation to St. Bernard, Leyte disaster - Nars Padilla & Jabbar & Sonny San Pedro".

"Whatever, what's important is that Mr. Padilla, Mr. San Pedro and Jabbar made efforts to reach out to the victims of the tragedy," he added.

The program prepared by Rondez focused on the launching of "National Women's Month".

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**From: Atty. Damaso
Bangaoet
BFFFI President**

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“ILLEGAL LOGGERS, NALAMBAT NG MGA PULIS LA TRINIDAD!”

ISANG Isuzu Elf truck na naglalaman ng mga illegal na pine tree lumbers, ang nasabat ng mga elemento ng La Trinidad Police Community Precinct 2, bandang alas diyes y medya ng gabi noong Marso 6, sa Km6, Betag, La Trinidad, Benguet. Kinilala si Wilson Quimaquin na taga Bauko, Mt. Province, na nagmamaneho ng naturang truck, kasama nito ang nagngangalang Floro Bilog. Walumpung piraso ng tablang 1x12x12 o 960 brdft at apatnapung pirasong 2x3x12 o 240 brdft na lumber ang nakitang sakay ng mga ito sa likuran ng Elf truck. Sa inspeksiyong ginawa ng CENRO La Trinidad, umaabot sa P36,974.80 ang halaga nito.

Ayon kay La Trinidad Chief of Police Jesse Perez, nahaharap ngayon sa kasong paglabag sa PD705 o Revised Forestry Code ang dalawa. Maliban sa paglabag sa PD 705, dalawa pang kaso ang posibleng kaharapin ng mga suspetsa, dahil sa Illegal transfer of Plate number. Matapos lumabas sa imbestigasyon na peke ang ginamit na plaka ng mga ito, at ang truck ay kabilang accessory to the crime.

Ang accessory to the crime ay may multang sampung libong piso habang P7,500 naman ang illegal transfer of plate number. Ayon pa kay Fidel Apolonio Forest Protection Officer ng CENRO, walang mga permit ang nasabat na mga lumber kaya't malinaw na illegal ang transportasyon ng mga ito

MAGNANAKAWNG TELEPHONE WIRE, BAGSAK SA KULUNGAN

Nakakulong ngayon sa Baguio City Jail, ang apat na suspetsa sa pagnanakaw ng telephone wire ng PLDT o Philippine Long Distance Telephone Company. Ito ay matapos na arestuhin ng magkasamang puwersa ng



Intelligence and Investigation Group at Station 3, ang mga suspetsa sa may Tiptop, Ambuklao Road, Baguio City, sa ganap ng ala una y medya ng madaling araw noong March 10. Nakilala ang mga nasabing suspetsa na sina Joel Aburi, Jerry Tundagi, Ely Fernandez at Guiel Sacupen.

Una dito, nakatanggap ang opisina ng Intelligence and Investigation ng report, na may apat na kalalakihan sa nabanggit na lugar, na kasalukuyang namumutol ng kable. Sa agad na pagresponde ng mga awtoridad, naaktuhan ng mga ito ang mga suspetsa na kasalukuyang isinasagawa ang nasabing pagnanakaw.

ESTUDYANTENG MAY BARIL, NAHULI AT NAKULONG

Agad na nagresponde ang mga kapulisan ng Stn 7, pagkatapos makatanggap ng isang tawag mula sa isang Security Guard ng isa sa mga establisimento na matatagpuan sa Central Bussiness District, na nakahuli ito ng isang lalaki na may dalang baril, bandang alas nuebe kinse noong gabi ng Huwebes (March 9).

Ayon sa imbestigasyon, nakilala ang suspetsa sa pangalang Laurence Laureta, 20, isang estudyante, tubong Rosario, Pangasinan at kasalukuyang nakatira sa Bayan Park, Aurora Hill, Baguio City. Nakakulong ngayon ang naturang susetsa pagkatapos na makuhanan ito ng baril sa kanyang poder na isang kal. 22 at 4 na bala. Nakaharap ngayon sa kasong Violation of RA 8294 o Illegal Possession of Fire Arms.

ISANG NPA, SUMUKO NA NAMAN

Isang miyembro ng New Peoples Army o NPA at kabilang sa nakalista sa Order of Battle sa Abra Provincial Police Office, ang boluntaryong sumuko sa mga Police at Military officers sa Bangued Abra kamakailan lang. Ang nasabing rebel returnee ay nakilalang si Harvey Crisologo y Pabila, alias “Ka Revo”, 25 taong gulang, residente sa Talampac, Lacub, Abra at regular na miyembro ng NPA, sa silong ng SYP Unit Command.

Sumuko ito sa Abra PPO Headquarters sa Camp Juan Villamor, Bangued Abra., Ang pagbabalik ni Crisologo sa poder ng batas ay sa pamamagitan ng tulong ng Asst. Chief of Police ng Lacub Municipal Police Station at ng Municipal Mayor na si Cesar Barrona.

Public hearing set on coding amendments

BAGUIO CITY – The city council will hold a public hearing on the proposed amendments to the city’s vehicle number-coding scheme on March 16, 10 a.m. at the Session Hall. The proposals include that of the city police office which pushes for the adoption of the “odd-even” traffic coding scheme following the failure of the window system experimented on last year to ease the traffic problem. City police chief Isagani Nerez said that under the proposed odd-even set-up, all vehicles with plate numbers ending in 1,3,5,7 and 9 will be prohibited to enter the coding zone during Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays while those ending in 2,4,6,8 and 0 will be banned during Tuesday, Thursdays and Saturday.

Nerez said this scheme will be easier to implement and will be effective in solving the traffic problems as it will cut by 50 percent the daily volume of vehicles within the prohibited zone. The other proposals to be studied are the proposed ordinance of Councilor Faustino Olowan to include the vehicles of persons with disabilities (PWDs) in the exemption and that of Councilor Daniel Farinas which seeks to make permanent the exemption of private vehicles from the scheme during holidays and special occasions.

Olowan explained that the said privilege should be granted to the PWDs considering their physical difficulties. He however explained that only PWDs who are registered with the Dept. of Social Welfare and Development and the city social welfare and development office will be included in the exemption to prevent abuse. Farinas meanwhile, said the exemption during special occasions particularly during days declared special legal holidays, the duration of the Panagbenga Flower Festival, Christmas and New Year break, summer season during the months of March, April and may and other occasions or events sponsored by the city, must be made permanent to avoid inconvenience and confusion to the residents and tourists. The council committee on laws chaired by Councilor Elmer Datuin has invited heads and members of the organizations of tourist-related establishments, jeepney, taxi and bus groups and other affected sectors. – aileen p. refuerzo

Ayon kay Police Chief Supt. Raul Gonzales, Regional Director ng Police Regional Office o PRO-COR, si “Ka Revo” ang pang-apat na rebel returnee na tinanggap ng Cordillera Police mula pa noong buwan ng Pebrero taong kasalukuyan. At siya ang pangatlong sumuko sa Abra Municipal police. At sa ngayon kasalukuyang nakaharap si Crisologo ng interrogasyon sa pamamagitan ng mga awtoridad.

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

ALPHA FADLEN
Applicant
Case No. 99-01-1868

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 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 10th day of March, 2006.

(SGD)ATTY. GUILLERMO C. KADATAR
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THE JUNCTION WEEKEND

City Engineer asked to assess necessity of flyover project

BAGUIO CITY – Mayor Braulio Yaranon wants the city engineer to take a second look at the Baguio General Hospital overpass project here to determine whether or not it is really necessary. In a memorandum dated March 6, the mayor directed city engineer Leo Bernardez to “examine and verify the plans and specifications of the P44 million Overpass Contract... which was bidded out and awarded to Advance Foundations Systems Development Corporation, to determine whether or not the said bidded out project will be ‘usable’ as an overpass for vehicles from Marcos Highway to Governor Pack Road.” The project was disrupted on two occasions due to the opposition lodged by local residents and the mayor himself who cited irregularities in the procedures involving the project and its adverse impact to the environment. It was first suspended after President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, in her visit to the city, brought out the possibility of canceling it and realigning the funds to other projects in the region. But after several months, the Dept. of Public Works and Highways, which maintained that the project is legal, viable and useful, issued a resumption order for the project to continue.

Early this year, however, the mayor was able to convince the contractor, the Advance Foundations Systems Development Corporation, to temporarily stop the project until the Commission on Audit (COA) gives an audit report on the project to prove if it really complied with all the requirements set under the law. The mayor in his letter to the COA, pointed out the fact that the project which will cost P88 million in all of its three phases has no corresponding certificate of availability issued by a competent official as required by the law. He said the law requires that before a project is bidded out, a certificate of availability of funds to cover it should be issued by the proper finance officer. The flyover project will run from Marcos Highway over the BHG rotunda into Governor Pack Road and will also include portions of Kennon Road, Kisad Road and the Burnham Park reservation. – aileen p. Refuerzo

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