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City orders Magsaysay, Bayanihan building occupants to leave

BAGUIO CITY – The City Buildings and Architecture Office (CBAO) issued the appropriate directives for owners and tenants of both the Bayanihan and Magsaysay buildings to vacate their leased areas as the said structures are considered to be dangerous and hazardous to the public.

Arch. Johnny Degay, officer-in-charge of the City Buildings and Architecture office (CBAO), said that a notice to vacate due to the dangerous and ruinous conditions of the structure pursuant to Section 214 of Presidential Decree (PD) No. 1096, or the National Building Code, was already served to the lessor, manager, administrator, and lessees of Bayanihan building.

He claimed the lessor and the 86 lessees were directed to

vacate the building within 30 days and for the lessor to be required to demolish the said structure or renovate the same to incorporate the appropriate safety measures for the benefit of both the lessees and the public transacting business with them.

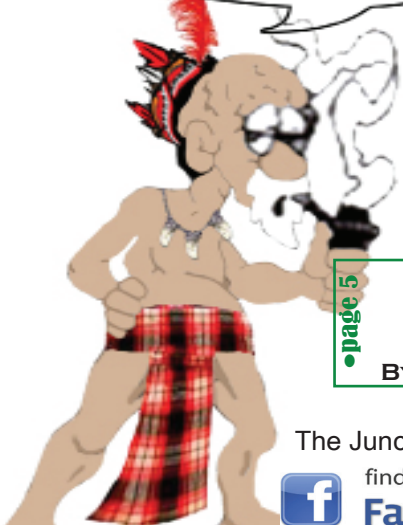
On the other hand, the assistant department head claimed the same notice to vacate was earlier served to the tenants of Magsaysay building which is owned by the city government and that the same notice will lapse on October 13, 2019.

After the lapse of the deadline of the notice to vacate issued to the tenants of the Magsaysay building, Degay disclosed the city government will execute the demolition of the **Cont. on page 3**



ROAD CLEARING. Mayor Benjamin Magalong has started the road and sidewalk clearing in the city upon assumption in office on June 30. The road clearing included orders to contractors to clear the debris obstructing roads or face sanctions. (Photo courtesy of Benjie Magalong FB)

Ay, usto ta lakay la unayen dagita Bayanihan ken Magsaysay Building Nasakit nga panunuten ngem mas nasak-sakit to adda masaktan.



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Baguio's longanisa festival set this weekend amid ASF scare

BAGUIO CITY -- Now on its third year, the longest longanisa festival will be held on Sunday (October 6) as part of the Hotel and Restaurant Tourism (HRT) weekend event here.

"It will be 7.5 kilometers-long, which will be held by around 1,000 people spread, along the uphill portion of Session Road (back and forth)," said Andrew Pinero, Hotel and Restaurant Association of Baguio (HRAB) spokesperson and the customer relations manager of the Baguio Country Club, on

Wednesday.

The longanisa will be displayed uncooked and sold to the public at a cheap price.

Pinero said the event marked the third time the HRAB, in partnership with Alabanza meat shop -- the maker of what is now known as "Baguio longanisa" -- made it an attraction of the HRT weekend.

He said the 16,000 pieces of medium-size longanisa was already made and is now stored in freezers at the Baguio Country Club.

"Naka-store na lang

siya sa walk-in chillers and freezers sa club (it has been stored in the walk-in chillers and freezers at the club) ready for the event. Vonda (Alabanza) has designed a way where the storage is well sanitized and the shelf life will be longer," Pinero said.

He assured that the pork meat used for the longanisa is free from the African swine fever (ASF) virus, which is plaguing the hog industry in various provinces.

"We assure the public that the longanisa we will display for the event was fully inspected by the



NMIS," Pinero said.

Pinero said the event was planned even before the ASF rocked the hog industry.

"It's so unfortunate that there is an ASF issue at the time we are launching it but we are very confident that people

will continue to patronize our longanisa," he said.

He said the meat establishments made sure the pork came from the Cordillera, where there is no reported case of ASF.

The Alabanza longanisa, which is now known as "Baguio longanisa,"

is sought after by both residents and tourists, Pinero said.

"Our longanisa has reached a status synonymous with that of Nueva Ecija, Quezon province and other areas," he said. (PNA)

Baguio road-clearing compliance high: DILG

BAGUIO CITY -- The city government's compliance here with President Rodrigo Duterte's order to clear and reclaim public roads from obstruction is high, the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) city official said on Tuesday.

"Maganda ang (They have a good) performance. We are actually preparing a comprehensive report from the time it started. Isama siguro natin yung initiative ni mayor (Benjamin Magalong) prior to the directive of the President plus yung ginawa until noong September 29 (We will probably include the initiative of the mayor prior to the directive of the President plus the operations until September 29),"

said Evelyn Trinidad, city director of DILG-Baguio.

On October 2, the DILG-Baguio must submit the report to the regional office, which in turn, is required to submit to the national office on October 11.

Trinidad said the substantial result of the operations are sidewalks cleared of vendors, tarpaulins and waiting sheds.

The director said the sidewalks at the city market, which used to be full of stalls, are now utilized by pedestrians.

"Napakiusapan naman ang mga vendor not to sell using the sidewalks kasi sila din pala yung may mga pwesto sa loob na naglalabas lang sa kalsada para makita sila agad ng mga bumibili. Pero nag-agree naman

sila na hindi na maglabas (We were able to talk peacefully to the vendors not to sell on sidewalks because they have their stalls inside the market and they bring out their wares on sidewalks. They who agreed not to sell on sidewalks)," she said.

Trinidad said Magalong started the clearing and recovery of sidewalks upon assumption in office on June 30, way before the President issued the order.

She also said the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) has started its road-right-of-way reclamation of highways as part of the city's additional compliance to the directive.

"Pumunta ako noong Friday marami akong nakita na nag self-demolish at nag increase yung accomplishment (I visited last Friday [Marcos highway] and I saw that there were several [owners] who demolished on their own which increased the accomplishment at the area," Trinidad said.

The DPWH and the city government jointly implemented the demolition of structures encroaching on the Baguio side of Marcos national highway's 30-meters from the center.

Proposed executive budget pegged at P2.2B

BAGUIO CITY -- The city executive department has pegged the tentative budget estimate for the year 2020 at P2,230,000,000.

Mayor Benjamin Magalong led the review of the proposed budget during the Budget Forum on the 2020 Executive Budget held Sept. 24 as a take-off activity for the finalization of the financial plan that will be presented for deliberation and approval by the city council.

The city's total budget for 2019 was P2,180,656,133.66.

City Budget Officer Leticia Clemente presented the budget estimate based on tentative income projections on local and external

sources of income by the city treasury office under City Treasurer Alex Cabarrubias.

Based on the projections, the total estimated income for 2020 is P2,030,000,000. A total of P864,062,938 of the amount comes from internal sources and P1,165,937,062 from external funds.

The internal sources consist of tax revenues and non-tax revenues while the external sources come from shares from national taxes and others.

The tax revenues are categorized as individual and corporation (professional and community tax), property (real property, special education tax and transfer taxes), goods and services (business, delivery trucks and vans, amusement

and franchise taxes), hotel occupancy tax and fines and penalties.

The non-tax revenues are broken down as service incomes (permit, registration, clearance and certification, supervision, regulatory enforcement, inspection, verification and authentication, processing and occupation fees, sealing and licensing of weights and measures, fines and penalties service income); business (rent income, parking fees, receipts from market, slaughterhouse and cemetery operations, sales revenue, garbage fees, interest, business and other incomes); and miscellaneous incomes.

The external sources meanwhile from shares from national taxes (Internal Revenue Allotment,

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CASE No. 2007-CAR-0300 A

NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application filed on Oct. 1, 2019 for the approval of EXTENSION of VALIDITY of a Certificate of Public Convenience with Dropping and Substitution of Unit to operate PUB Service for the transportation of passengers and freights on the line: BAGUIO CITY - BONTOC and vice versa with the use of six (6) units.

NOTICE is hereby given that this Board shall hear this application on October 21, 2019 at 9:00 AM the LTRFB Office, Paddal Baguio City in which date and time applicant shall formally submit his/her/their evidences.

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

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

This application shall be acted upon 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 Engr. LALAIN E. SOBREMONTTE, OIC-Regional Director, this 1st day of OCTOBER 2019, Baguio City. **ATTY. LAIRD DIONEL N. URBANOZO**
Hearing Officer

Baguio hog dealers, vendors hold lechon fest

BAGUIO CITY -- Thousands of residents and even tourists lined up along Session Road to partake of the free pork lechon served for free on Sunday (Sept. 29).

The Baguio City Market Authority (BCMA) and the Baguio Meat Vendors Association (BMVA) teamed up with the Baguio City Hog Dealers and the city government of Baguio to hold the "Baguio Lechon Festival" to show that pork and pork products in the city are safe from African Swine Fever (ASF) and other diseases.

At least 50 lechon baboy were served to the public for free.

"Ang purpose po natin sa event na ito ay para ipakita sa publiko na ang ating lugar ay free from African Swine Fever at anumang sakit ng baboy," BMVA President Ruperto Alvar said.

This was seconded by BCMA President Nancy Alabanza who said that with the lechon festival, the meat industry in Baguio City will maintain its salability and that the

public will continue to patronize pork meat and other pork products.

With news of ASF affecting hogs in some areas like Bulacan and Rizal, meat vendors in Baguio have noted a decline in sales of pork meat and other pork products.

Alviar explained that the entry of pork and other meat products in the city is being strictly checked and monitored by the National Meat Inspection Service. The hogs are checked prior to butchering and again before and during delivery to its intended market or clients.

Although the Department of Agriculture explained that eating ASF-infected meat will not pose a health risk to humans, it is still prohibited to be sold and be eaten for sanitation purposes and to ensure that other hogs will not be infected as well.

In his recent visit at the Benguet Agri Pinoy Trading Center, Agriculture Secretary William Dar announced that

the Cordillera Region is still free from ASF as he

assured that the Department is working closely with the veterinarians of local government unit and the hog raisers to ensure that the rest of the provinces will be ASF-free.

On Saturday, October 5, the second lechon festival will be staged at the Baguio Public Market with at least 50 lechon baboy to be given to the public for free.

Meanwhile, the Hotel and Restaurant Association of Baguio will hold the "longest longanisa" parade along Session Road on Sunday, October 6 as a highlight of annual Hotel and Tourism Weekend. It is also a way to support the meat industry of the city. (JDP/RMC-PIA-CAR)



More than 3,000 residents and tourists in the city of Baguio partake of the the sumptuous lechon during the Baguio Lechon Festival along Session Road over the weekend. (RMC-PIA-CAR)

1,629 Filipino youth pass PMA entrance exam

inations, the PMA Cadet

BAGUIO CITY -- The Philippine Military Academy announced that 1,629 Filipino youth passed

the 2019 PMA Entrance Examination conducted last August 25 in 41 testing centers nationwide.

PMA Public Information Officer Major Renan Afan said more than 33,000 examinees took this year's entrance examination of the premier military school in Asia. This breached the 2018 record of 28,000 examinees, making it the most number of examinees in the record of the PMA.

Successful examinees will undergo the next phase of the selection process for PMA Cadetship which is the Complete Physical Examination to be conducted at the AFP Health Service Command at the V Luna in Quezon City.

Successful applicants will go through medical, psychological and physical examination to determine their fitness to undergo the four-year military training in the academy here in Baguio City.

After the series of exam-

Procurement Board will deliberate and select the most qualified candidates to compose the PMA Class of 2024. From the more than 1,000 passers, only the top 400 will be chosen. They are expected to report to the PMA on June 1, 2020 for the oath taking ceremony and start of their cadet training.

PMA cadets will become full scholar of the government with free college education with a well-rounded curriculum. They will receive stipend while studying, be given different trainings with the use of state-of-the-art facilities and the opportunity to serve the AFP and have a career as an officer in the Philippine Army, Philippine Navy or Philippine Air Force.

Afan thanked the public's continuous trust in the institution. He said the annual increase of PMA examinees can be attributed to the people's trust in the PMA and the AFP which has a high approval rating. (JDP/RMC-PIA-CAR)

City orders Magsaysay...

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building to pave the way for the put up of an open parking within the said area.

During the previous administration, the Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP) declared the Magsaysay building a fire hazard that prompted the State-owned Government Service Insurance System (GSIS) to deny the insurance being requested for the said government structure.

Under the annual budget of the city government for this year that was prepared during the previous administration, some P20 million was earmarked to renovate the already dilapidated structure for the safety of the lessees and the public doing business in the said area.

The proposed demolition and renovation of declared dangerous and hazardous buildings by the city government is aligned with one of the 15-point collective agenda of the present administration on effective disaster risk reduction and management.

Degay expressed optimism the lessees of both buildings will voluntarily vacate their leased areas and not await for the city government to evict them from their leased spaces.

At the same time, he stated that the city government will continue to inspect all structures in the different parts of the city so that the dangerous and hazardous structures will be appropriately corrected putting emphasis on the safety of both the lessees and

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Baguio City

DANIEL T. TRINIDAD
Applicant
CASE No. 2010-CAR-328
NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application filed on Oct. 4, 2019 for the approval of EXTENSION of VALIDITY of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate TAXI Service for the transportation of passengers and freights on the line: BAGUIO CITY TO ANY POINT IN CORDILLERA ADMINISTRATIVE REGION with the use of one (1) unit.

NOTICE is hereby given that this Board shall hear this application on October 21, 2019 at 9:00 AM the LTRFB Office, Pacdal Baguio City in which date and time applicant shall formally submit his/her/their evidences.

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

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

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

WITNESS, the Honorable Engr. LALAIN E. SOBREMONTA, OIC-Regional Director, this 4TH day of OCTOBER 2019, Baguio City.

ATTY. LAIRD DIONEL N. URBANOZO
Hearing Officer

Mayor seeks bocaps' cooperation in road clearing operations

LA TRINIDAD, Benguet -- Mayor Romeo Salda sought the cooperation of barangay officials in identifying road obstructions and

illegal structures in their respective areas to facilitate the ongoing road clearing operations.

Salda called on the various punong barangays for their cooperation during a joint meeting of the Municipal Peace and Order Council and the Municipal Development Council.

The clearing of public roads being used for private purposes by the local government units is upon the order of President Rodrigo Duterte thru Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) Memorandum

the transacting public and to avoid the occurrence of unnecessary incidents that will pose a threat to life and limb.

The OIC city building official urged owners of structures to continue improving the same in compliance with prescribed standards of safety. /Dexter A. See

Circular 2019-121.

Salda praised Balili punong barangay Billy Bilango who was very supportive during the operations and hopes other barangay will do the same in this continuing endeavor.

Presented also during the meeting were recent reports on the road clearing operations along the national highway from Km 3 to Km 6 under barangay Balili.

Almost all identified obstructions along the stretch were cleared of obstructions

and illegal structures in close coordination with concerned parties. The few isolated portions are still undergoing due process.

Latest reports of the Municipal Police Office were violations on vehicular traffic impediments which reached around 400 for the month.

Among the notable issues are titles issued along roads prior to road construction, titled lots within public roads, removal of paved sidewalks during widening and cleared areas being used

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Was Mocha Uson a candidate covered by the appointment ban?

By: Emil Maraño III (www.rappler.com)

Five months after failing to get a seat in the party-list elections, AA-Kasosyo's first nominee Mocha Uson has been appointed by President Rodrigo Duterte as deputy executive director of the Overseas Workers Welfare Administration (OWWA).

After the news broke, the internet was abuzz with questions on why the controversial blogger was appointed considering there is an appointment ban on losing candidates within one year after the elections.

The ban being cited is in Section 6 of Article IX (B) of the 1987 Constitution. It provides:

Section 6. No candidate who has lost in any election shall, within one year after such election, be appointed to any office in the Government or any Government-owned or controlled corporations or in any of their subsidiaries.

Many said Uson fell under the category of "candidates" in the May 13, 2019, elections and, thus, couldn't be appointed until after May 13, 2020.

Curiously, however, Rule 4, Section 3, of Commission on Elections (Comelec) Resolution No. 9366 (promulgated February 21, 2012) provided that:

The one year prohibition from being hired or rehired in a public office after their party-list organizations fail to secure the needed votes to qualify them for a seat in the House of Representatives, shall not apply to them.

The above-quoted provision, however, had been deleted in subsequent reiterations of the resolution, so questions arose as to whether or not that exemption would still apply this time.

EDITORIAL

On June 19, 2019, the Comelec en banc resurrected that exemption in Minute Resolution 19-0677:

After due deliberation, the Commission RESOLVED, as it hereby RESOLVES that the one (1) year prohibition from being appointed to a government position is not applicable to nominees of losing Party-List Groups as the nominees are not the candidates but rather the party-list itself. Thus, the one (1) year prohibition from being appointed to government positions is NOT applicable to nominees of losing Party-List Groups.

Does the Comelec have the legal basis for such interpretation? It must be noted that Resolution No. 9366, where the exception was first adopted, was supposed to be an implementing rule for Republic Act No. 7941 or the Party-List System Act. Interestingly, no such counterpart provision can be found in the law itself, so it can be argued that the exception was rather a pure invention of the Comelec and, thus, cannot hold.

However, while it can be admitted that Comelec cannot carve an exception to the constitutional prohibition by a mere administrative resolution, it cannot be denied that it is within its authority to define who are considered candidates and those who are not. So that if one is treated as "not a candidate," then the prohibition in Section 6 of Article IX (B) of the 1987 Constitution does not apply.

So who is a "candidate"?

In Comelec Resolution No. 9991 (October 2, 2015) or the "Omnibus Rules on Campaign Finance," for example, the Comelec defined a "candidate" thus:

Any person aspiring for elective public office who has filed a certificate of candidacy and has not withdrawn the same before the start of the campaign period. It may also refer to any registered national, regional, or sectoral party or organization or coalition thereof that has filed a manifestation to participate in the party-list elections, provided that it has not withdrawn its intent to participate in the elections before the start of the campaign period.

In this definition, it is very clear that Comelec considers the "party or organization or coalition" as the candidate, but not their nominees. Thus, following this definition, party-list nominees are not required to file their Statement of Contributions and Expenditures (SOCE), which are mandatory under the law for all "candidates."

Curiously, however, examination of the pre-election rules would show an entirely different treatment.

Under Rule 4, Section 3, of Resolution No. 9366 (as amended by Resolution No. 9413), "non-elective" government officials and employees are deemed resigned upon acceptance of their party-list nomination. Under the same resolution, petitions to deny due course and disqualifications can also be filed against "party-list nominees." Under the Omnibus Election Code, these petitions can only be filed against "candidates."

Analyzing these rules, it would appear that, under the Comelec's rules, party-list nominees are treated as candidates before elections, but strangely not after elections.

One can ask, will exempting party-list nominees from the SOCE filing and the appointment ban not violate the

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KAKAMPIMO ANG BATAS

Retired PNP general raises issue vs. Albayalde on "ninja cops"

BY: ATTY. BATAS MAURICIO



LIFE'S INSPIRATIONS: "... Your rulers are rebels, partners with thieves; they all love bribes and chase after gifts..." (Isaiah 1:23, the Holy Bible).

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BTo all those who listened to the Senate Blue Ribbon Committee hearing in the mid-afternoon of Thursday, October 03, 2019 where the subject still dwelt on the so-called "ninja cops" (or policemen who are said to be selling shabu or other illegal drugs confiscated by them from suspected drug dealers), I believe that many of you also experienced hair-raising sensations as soon as a retired general of the Philippine National Police (PNP) started talking about the scam.

Making his disclosures against the suspected "ninja cops" who were seated just a few inches away from him, former PNP General Manuel Gaerlan directly accused the policemen of peddling outright lies in their account of the raid they conducted on a house inside the Lakeshore Village in Mexico, Pampanga. The policemen, led by Lt. Col. Rodney Raymundo Louie Baloyo of the Pampanga Police Provincial Office, are facing a Senate inquiry into their possible roles as ninja cops.

According to Gaerlan, the reports made by Baloyo and his men about an alleged buy-bust operation on a house inside Lakeshore Village to allegedly arrest a Chinese drug lord are not true but are mere falsities. "As per our own validation, that operation was not a buy-bust operation," Gaerlan added.

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DOCUMENTS ON THE PAMPANGA SHABU RAID "DOCTORED":

In his testimony as a resource person during the Senate Blue Ribbon Committee hearing on Thursday, October 03, 2019, retired police Gen. Manuel Gaerlan managed to draw out the fact that Lt. Col. Rodney Raymundo Louie Baloyo and his men merely fabricated or doctored documents to clothe with legitimacy their operations at the Lakeshore Village in Mexico, Pampanga, although it was just really a case of "hulidap" (which is a local slang for "arrests for extortion").

Gaerlan claimed that he was compelled to testify before the Senate Blue Ribbon Committee about the Baloyo operations because he and the other high ranking officials of Regional Police Office No. 3 not only felt greatly bothered by the criminal activities of Baloyo and his men, but that the officers also resented being considered by Baloyo and company as "stupid officers" who are either ignorant of what was happening in Region 3, or were afraid to do anything.

As a result of Gaerlan's accusations against Baloyo and his men in his testimony, the Senate Blue Ribbon Committee decided to confirm and implement its earlier ruling that Baloyo was "in contempt of the Senate" because of his repeated evasiveness in directly answering the questions of the Committee members led by Chairman Richard Gordon, ordering his detention at the Pasay City Jail, where he will be confined until he decides to be truthful in his answers, or until the term of the senators composing the Blue Ribbon Committee ends in 2022.

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RETIRED PNP GENERAL RAISES ISSUE VS ALBAYALDE ON "NINJA COPS": In the hearing on Thursday, October 03, 2019, of the Senate Blue Ribbon Committee on the so-called "ninja cops" (or policemen who are said to be selling shabu or other drugs confiscated by them), I half-expected that the Philippine National Police Director General Oscar Albayalde (who was also present then) would be implicated further on the mess by retired PNP General Manuel Gaerlan, one of the witnesses on that day.

My reason in entertaining this expectation was that, **Cont. on page 6**

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FAIR AND SQUARE

***Suspending or Scrapping
LTFRB******M.C. No. 2019-016 is******Unfair and Unjust*****BY: ATTY. JAMES S. VALEROS**

Following the issuance of Memorandum Circular (MC) No. 2019-016 by the LTFRB on 26 March 2019, allowing 200 additional taxi units to operate on the route Baguio City / La Trinidad to any point in CAR, four (4) legal entities, a corporation and three (3) transport cooperatives, filed Applications for Qualification with LTFRB-CAR to qualify for issuance of Certificate of Public Convenience (CPC).

After evaluation by the Pre-Qualification Committee of LTFRB-CAR, these applications which did not qualify are now with the Board en banc in Quezon City for further deliberation and review for possible grant of Notice to Apply for issuance of franchise or CPC.

In the interim, oppositions against the implementation of MC No. 2019-016 from existing taxi operators and the Local Government Units particularly Baguio City have mounted despite the fact that implementations thereof have already begun. The Baguio City Council has in fact introduced a Proposed Resolution, (PR Nr. 0095-19) opposing the implementation of the MC. And, no less than City Mayor Magalong who is also opposing the grant of CPC thereof has disclosed that DOTr Secretary Tugade, after his meeting with him, has called on the LTFRB to suspend the issuance of the 200 franchises applied for under MC 2019-016.

Meanwhile, two (2) of the applicants for issuance of franchise under this MC, that is, ERMADRADA Taxi Transport Corp. (ERMADRADA for short) and

DISPATCH FROM CRAME

On Senate's contempt citations vs lying
witnesses during the Senate investigation
into BuCor anomalies

BY: SEN. LEILA DE LIMA

Good to know that the Senate, acting firmly, has cited for contempt the likes of BuCor officials Benilda Bansil and Veronica Buño for lying in the proceedings before the Justice and Human Rights Committee, jointly with other Committees. They should have similarly dealt with Rafael Ragos and Jovencio Ablen for their own lies, as a replay of their appearance before the 2016 House Committee inquiry and the ongoing trial in my drug cases, about my alleged links to the Bilibid drug trade and alleged delivery to me of illicit money.

Senate must always exercise extra caution in accepting and presenting so-called resource persons like Bansil, Buño, Ragos and Ablen who are themselves involved in anomalies and are, quite plainly, "planted" witnesses to suit some sinister motives.

They're no different from the NBP inmates-witnesses who are brazenly mouthing false and scripted testimonies against me. These resource persons are easily swayed into perjuring themselves in order to curry undue favors from the powers-that-be, like immunity, retention in employment and even monetary perks or reward. Sell their souls, if they must, to save their own filthy skin.

Ang dapat kasing tinatanong tungkol sa mga tunay na nangyayari sa BuCor/NBP ay yung mga matinitong opisyal at kawani sa BuCor, yung mga hindi sangkot sa anomalya at hindi magpapa-pressure na magsinungaling.

They should also ask decent and honest NBI officials and agents about Ragos and Ablen or what they have become. Remember that NBI itself objected, but to no avail, to DOJ's exclusion of Ragos from the Information to turn as state witness against me, —→

TRUSTED BLIST ALLIANCE OF TRANSPORT MULTI-PURPOSE COOPERATIVE (TBATMPC for short) who have completed the requirements for qualification and who have invested millions for the purchase of fifty (50) units each and to show their financial capabilities or networth as required by LTFRB are now worried that MC No. 2019-016 will thereby be suspended or scrapped by virtue of an alleged Draft Order by DOTr Secretary Tugade to Chairman Delgra of the LTFRB.

For, it will be noted that MC No. 2019-016 though issued by LTFRB pursuant to Department Order No. 2017-011 (Omnibus Franchising Guidelines) and Executive Order No. 202 empowering the LTFRB to issue rules prescribing and regulating routes and modes of service, as well as, having consulted concerned stakeholders to include the City of Baguio and determined public need to exist owing to the cancellation of the 183 abandoned taxi franchises, still the MC is being opposed by the City Mayor and the City Council for reasons that it violated the moratorium, that the existing units of taxi are sufficient to serve the city and that the traffic and parking problem will be aggravated for which they do not.

Come to think of it, however, considering that more than one-half of the public utility vehicles, mostly taxis, are operating with illegal franchises issued in violation of the moratorium, filing a petition for cancellation of the thousands illegal CPCs issued in violation of the moratorium since 1996 would be a better option for the City Council and the City Mayor now to effectively declog traffic congestion rather than just opposing and disallowing the additional units of applicants who have fully complied with the requirements of MC No. 2019-016 which is unfair and unjust.

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constitutional "equal protection clause" vis-a-vis the regular candidates? This, to me, is a perfectly "ripe" question begging for judicial intervention, and I do hope that someone can raise this before the appropriate court.

So why this confusing and inconsistent treatment?

As I would always say, we have bad election laws. The antiquated Omnibus Election Code was promulgated way back in 1985. After its passage, there have been 35 years' worth of piecemeal, uncoordinated, and unstudied amendments. Unless you practice election lawyering, it is virtually impossible to make sense of the legal framework or simply to know which provision applies and no longer applies. This is made worst by the Supreme Court, which seem to be as confused with its conflicting and ever flip-flopping interpretations.

One example is that single line in Section 11 of Republic Act No. 8436, which was added by some probably bored lawmaker, and unwittingly re-wrote the Omnibus Election Code. Under the —→

an anomalous deal he struck with then Sec. Aguirre.

Ragos and Ablen were already presented as prosecution witnesses in one of the drug cases against me, and duly cross-examined by defense counsels, revealing cracks and falsities in their testimonies, thereby casting serious doubt on their credibility.

I don't know why certain colleagues of mine are still dealing with, and listening to Ragos, providing him further platform to spout lies and appear "heroic". Are they too naïve to be deluded by such a character and/or his handler/s?

Truth is too sacred to be sacrificed or trampled upon to serve some selfish personal or political agenda.

I take this moment in pushing for early passage of an enhanced anti-perjury bill, Senate Bill No. 373, which I refiled this 18th Congress.

FASTRACK

***Yes to fraternities and
hazing with regulation*****BY: FREDDIE J. FARRES**

amendment, a person who files his certificate of candidacy is considered a "candidate" only at the start of the campaign period. This innocent line, as ruled in *Penera vs. COMELEC* (GR Number 181613, November 25, 2009), was taken to mean the abolition of the prohibition on premature campaigning. The same innocent line also rewrote campaign finance rules, and changed the rules on election offense prosecution and the rules on campaigning.

The Comelec, for a decade now, has significantly lobbied for the compilation and harmonization of all election rules under one law — that is, to make the Omnibus Election Code "omnibus" once again. Unfortunately, until today, the proposal has not moved in Congress, and I do not see it moving anytime soon. Until it happens, we have to contend with loophole-ridden election laws and regulations that the likes of Mocha Uson and friends can easily take advantage of. — Rappler.com

Emil Marañon III is an election lawyer specializing in automated election litigation and consulting. He is one of the election lawyers consulted by the camp of Vice President Leni Robredo, whose victory is being contested by former senator Ferdinand Marcos Jr. Marañon served in Comelec **Cont. on page 6**

Republic of the
100Philippines
REGIONAL TRIAL
COURT
FIRST JUDICIAL
REGION
OFFICE OF THE
CLERK OF COURT
La Trinidad,
Benguet

FOR: EXTRAJU-
DICIAL FORE-
CLOSURE OF
REAL MORTGAGE
UNDER ACT 3135,
AS AMENDED

HOME DEVELOP-
MENT MUTUAL
FUND (Pag-IBIG
Fund),

-Petitioner

-versus-

BAGUIO LA
TRINIDAD ITOGON
SABLAN TUBA
GOVERNMENT
EMPLOYEES
COOPERA-
TIVE HOUSING
ASSOCIATION,
INCORPORATED
(BLIST-GECHA,
INC.) (HARRIET T.
SANTOS, awardee
of BLIST-GECHA,
INC.)

-Respondent

CASE NO.
19-EJF-2152

X-----X

NOTICE OF
SHERIFF'S PUBLIC
AUCTION SALE

Upon extra-judicial
petition for sale under
Act No. 3135 filed by Peti-
tioner, HOME DEVELOP-
MENT MUTUAL FUND
(PAG-IBIG FUND), a govern-
ment financial institu-
tion duly organized
and existing under and
by virtue of Republic Act
No. 9679 with principal
office at Petron Megapla-
za Building, 358 Sen. Gil
Puyat Avenue, Makati City,
Philippines, against herein
respondent, MARIO L.
REFUGIA, an awardee of
BAGUIO LA TRINIDAD
ITO GON SABLAN
TUBA GOVERNMENT
EMPLOYEES COOP-
ERATIVE HOUSING
ASSOCIATION, INCOR-
PORATED (BLIST-GE-
CHA, INC.), a non-stock,

non-profit, organization
duly registered with and
existing under and by
virtue of the laws of the
Republic of the Philip-
pines, represented by its
current President Paquito
T. Moreno Jr. of legal age,
Filipino, and with postal
address at BLIST-GE-
CHA Subdivision, Brgy.
Tadiangan, Tuba, Benguet,
to satisfy the: Home
Financing Program of
BLIST-GECHA under
the Group Land Acqui-
sition and Development
Program (GLAD) in the
amount of TWENTY
TWO MILLION THREE
HUNDRED FIFTY
FOUR THOUSAND
FIVE HUNDRED FIFTY
SIX PESOS and 62/100
(P22,354,556.62); and the
Home Financing Loan of
HARRIET T. SANTOS
which as of August 15,
2019, amounts to NINE
HUNDRED EIGHT
THOUSAND NINE
HUNDRED NINETY
EIGHT PESOS AND
89/100 (P908,998.14),
Philippine currency,
inclusive of interest and
penalty charges, but
excluding attorney's fee
and other expenses relative
to this foreclosure sale, the
undersigned or his duly
authorized deputy will
sell at public auction on
OCTOBER 22, 2019, AT
11:00 IN THE MORNING,
at the main entrance of the
BULWAGAN NG KATA-
RUNGAN, Justice Hill, La
Trinidad, Benguet to the
highest bidder, for cash
or manager's check and
in Philippine currency,
the real property, together
with all existing improve-
ments thereon, with the
following description, to
wit:

TRANSFER CERTIF-
IFICATE OF TITLE NO.
T-65906

(A transfer from TCT
Nos. 35648-35688)

A parcel of land (Lot
32, Block 7, of the cons-
subd. plan, PCS-CAR-
001180, being a portion
of the cons. of Lots 3-A to
3-00 (LRC) PSD-138453),
rurban code 131113,
situated in the Barangay
of Tadiangan, Municipi-
pality of Tuba, Province
of Benguet, Island of
Luzon. Bounded on the
NW., along line 1-2 by
Malasmas Sumakey; on
the NE., along line 2-3
by Lot 31, Block 7; on
the SE., along line 3-4 by
Road Lot 7, both of the
cons.-subd. plan; along
line 4-1 by Lot 2 (LRC)
Psd-124190. Beginning at
a point marked "1" on the
plan being N. 73 deg. 46'
W., 3004.28 m. from trian-
gulation Sta. "Limestone"
Baguio TS: thence:

Republic of the
Philippines
FIRST JUDICIAL
REGION
REGIONAL TRIAL
COURT
OFFICE OF THE
CLERK OF COURT
Justice Hill, Justice
Hall
La Trinidad,
Benguet

FOR: Extra-judicial
Foreclosure of Real
Estate Mortgage
Under Act 3135
Amended

HOME DEVELOP-
MENT MUTUAL
FUND (otherwise
known as Pag-ibig
Fund)

-Mortgagee,

-versus-

BLIST-GECHA, INC.
(awardee Matias B.
Sagorsor)

-Mortgagors.

N. 26 deg.	56'
E., 9.60 m to point 2;	
S. 63 deg.	05'
E., 10.00	m to
point 3;	
S. 26 deg.	56'
W., 10.48	m to
point 4;	
N. 58 deg.	03'
W., 10.04	m to
point of beginning.	

Containing an area of
ONE HUNDRED (100)
square meters.

All SEALED bids
must be submitted to
the undersigned on the
above-stated time and
date. Prospective buyers/
bidders may investigate
the above-described real
properties regarding the
encumbrances thereof, if
any.

In the event the public
auction should not take
place on the said date, it
shall be held on November
19, 2019 at the same time
and place without further
notice.

Done this September
19, 2019, at La Trinidad,
Benguet, Philippines.

FOR THE PROVINCIAL
SHERIFF
EX-OFFICIO OF
BENGUET
(SGD)WHINSTON P.
DULAWAN
Sheriff IV

Sept. 21, 28, Oct. 5, 2019

FORECLOSURE
CASE NO. 19-EJF-
2151

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SHERIFF'S NOTICE
OF PUBLIC AUCTION
SALE

Upon extra-petition for
extra-judicial foreclosure
of mortgage under Act
No. 3135, as amended,
file by Home Develop-
ment Mutual Fund, for
the satisfaction of the loan
obligation of BLIST-GE-
CHA, INC. (awardee
Matias B. Sagorsor),
that as per demand
letters, the mortgagor is
indebted to the mortgagee
amounting to SEVEN
HUNDRED EIGHTY
THREE THOUSAND SIX
HUNDRED EIGHTEEN
PESOS AND TWENTY
THREE CENTAVOS
(Php783,618.73) Phil-
ippine Currency, as of
August 15, 2019. The
undersigned will sell at
public auction on October
22, 2019 at 10:30 o'clock in
the morning at the main
entrance of Bulwagan ng
Katarungan building,
Justice Hill, La Trinidad,
Benguet to the highest
bidder, the parcel of land
together with the improve-
ments existing thereon, to
wit:

TRANSFER CERTIF-
IFICATE OF TITLE NO.
T-65921

"A parcel of land (Lot
47, Block 4, of the consol-
idated subdivision plan,
Pcs-CAR-001180, con-
taining An area of 101
square meters, located
at Barangay Tadiangan,
Municipality of Tuba,
Province of Benguet."

Prospective bidders/
buyers may investigate
the above-described real
property regarding the
encumbrances thereof,
if any.

All sealed bids must be
submitted to the under-
signed on or before 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 November
12, 2019 same time,
without further notice and
publication.

La Trinidad, Benguet,
Philippines, this 19th day
of September 2019.

FOR THE PROVINCIAL
SHERIFF
EX-OFFICIO OF
BENGUET

BY: (SGD) DANIEL D.

Republic of the
Philippines
REGIONAL TRIAL
COURT, BRANCH
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(FAMILY COURT
FOR BENGUET
PROVINCE)
FIRST JUDICIAL
REGION
La Trinidad,
Benguet

IN THE MATTER
OF CORRECTION
OF ENTRY IN THE
CERTIFICATE
OF LIVE BIRTH
OF MINOR LEE
KUAN BAOIDANG
MENCION AS
O HIS MIDDLE
NAME FROM
"SUBADAY TO
BAOIDANG" AND
HIS SURNAME
FROM "BAOIDANG
TO MENCION".

JULIET S. BAOID-
ANG-MENCION,

-Petitioner,

-VERSUS-

THE LOCAL CIVIL
REGISTRY IF THE

MUNICIPALITY
OF LA TRINIDAD,
BENGUET, AND
THE NATIONAL
STATISTICS
OFFICE,
-Respondents.

SPECIAL
PROCEEDINGS
CASE NO.
19-SP-1995

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ORDER

Petitioner, through
counsel, filed this verified
Petition praying that after
due notice, publication
and hearing, decision be
rendered directing the
Local Civil Registrar of
La Trinidad, Benguet and
the Philippines Statis-
tics Authority to correct
the name of LEE KUAN
SUBADAY BAOIDANG to
"LEE KUAN BAOIDANG
MENCION" in his Certifi-
cate of Live Birth.

WHEREFORE, finding
the Petition to be sufficient
in form and substance,
this Court set it for initial
hearing on November 27,
2019 at 9:00 o'clock in
the morning before the
session hall of this Court,
Justice Hall, La Trinidad,
Benguet. All interested

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

Let this ORDER be
published at the expense
of the petitioners in THE
JUNCTION, a newspaper
of general circulation in
Baguio City and Benguet
Province and the Cordille-
ra Administrative Region,
once a week, for three
(3) consecutive weeks,
the first publication to
be made not later than
October 13, 2019.

Furnish copies of this
ORDER, together with
copies of the Petition and
its annexes, to the Office
of the Solicitor General; the
Office of the Provincial
Prosecutor of Benguet;
the Local Civil Registrar
of La Trinidad, Benguet;
and the Philippine Statis-
tics Authority, Quezon
City. Likewise, furnish
copies of this ORDER to
The Junction and the peti-
tioner and counsel.

SO ORDERED.

This 27th day of
September 2019 at La
Trinidad, Benguet, Phil-
ippines.

(SGD) MARIETTA S.
BRAWNER-CUALING
Presiding Judge

October 5, 12 & 19, 2019

Proposed executive...

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national wealth
and economic
zones), govern-
ment-owned and controlled corporations (Philippine Charity Sweepstakes
Office), extraordinary receipts (grants and donations in kind) and capital or
investment receipts (gain on sale of property, plant and equipment).

Included in the total was the beginning balance amounting to P200 million.

The expense component to cover the cost of delivery of basic services is
still being finalized to be distributed to the following categories: personal
services, maintenance and other operating expenses, capital outlay, Disaster
Risk Reduction Management Fund and development fund.

Also up for review is the proposed Annual Investment Plan (AIP) which
lists the projects of the city government for 2020.

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Kakampi mo ang batas

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the report
submitted by
Lt. Col. Rodney
Raymundo Louie Baloyo to higher PNP officials about their Mexico,
Pampanga raid, which Gaerlan said was a mere fabrication, contained
the signature of Albayalde, as the direct superior police officer of
Baloyo who conformed to what Baloyo reported. Albayalde's signature
in that document was disclosed by a senator who was given a chance
to propound questions to Baloyo.

When Gaerlan was asked to comment on Baloyo's report (that
contained Albayalde's signature), the retired PNP general right away
fired off that the report was packed with mere lies. What I understood
from that comment by Gaerlan was that Albayalde's signature therein
also constituted a lie, and was in fact meant to legitimize that report
even if it was not truthful. It was a pity that senators failed (or really
did not want?) to touch this explosive issue. Let's hope our senators
will take this up next time.

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REACTIONS? Call 0977 805 9058, 0918 574 0193, 0933 8251308,

CELINO
SHERIFF IV

Sept. 28 and Oct. 5 & 12,
2019

or my Messenger account in Facebook,
Melanio Lazo Mauricio Jr. Or you could
email me at batasmauricio@yahoo.com,
mmauriciojr111@gmail.com, or send your
comments or queries at www.facebook.com/
attybatas.

Comelec-Baguio registers close to 6K new voters

BAGUIO CITY -- The Commission on Elections (Comelec) here registered some 5,931 new voters during the two months special registration.

Comelec-Baguio City election officer John Paul Martin said Thursday there were at least 640 registrants for the Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) and 5,291 non-SK or the regular voters who are first-time registrants.

Aside from the first time voters, Martin said 5,195 voters availed of other services such as reactivation and transfer of registration.

With an additional 11,126 voters, Baguio now has more than 130,000 voters.

Martin said the 10,000 target quota for the registration period was exceeded.

Comelec conducted



OFF-SITE VOTERS REGISTRATION. A total of 11,126 voters availed of the two-month special registration from Aug. 1 to Sept. 30. At the Philippine Military Academy, 942 soldiers and cadets registered. (PNA file photo by Liza T. Agoot)

several off-site registration activities in schools, offices, and the Philippine Military Academy (PMA), where 942 cadets and soldiers registered.

Martin said most of the applicants were received during the last two

weeks of registration in September.

"We were averaging at that time at least from 500 to 600 clients a day," he said.

During the last day of registration on Sept. 30, there were at least a

hundred applicants who were accommodated.

"We had to cut off the registration on the last day to prevent employees from rendering overtime. They had enough time to register prior to Sept. 30," Martin said. /Dionisio Dennis, Jr. (PNA)

UniWide OUT OF Baguio... from page 8

case.

However, the Mayor informed the Uniwide lawyers that the company's proposals to be able to be part of the implementation of the market modernization project were unacceptable.

Among Uniwide's proposals was for it to be allowed to invite business partners in the implementation or for the same to sell the project to a liquid developer so that it can recover the losses it incurred during the pendency of the case filed by embattled market vendors' associations that questioned the constitutionality of the market development ordinance and the validity of the contract entered into between the company and the city government on August 24, 1996.

Magalong claimed the city government is firm in pursuing the development of the market in partnership with the concerned stakeholders to meet current needs.

One of the present administration's 15-point collective agenda is for the city to have a modernized public market that is culturally-inspired.

Earlier, the city government informed the court assigned liquidator of Uniwide it already considered the market development contract between them and the city deemed terminated and that the city opposes the proposed assignment of the same to a subsidiary.

In turn, the city created a technical working group composed of private and public architects to prepare the comprehensive conceptual plan of the modernized market that will be the basis for the detailed project feasibility study.

In 1995, the City Council passed Ordinance No. 038, series of 1995 prescribing the guidelines for the proposed development of the public market that resulted to the crafting of the plans that paved the way for the conduct of a bidding for the P1.7 billion market development based on the previous computations.

On August 24, 1996, the city government

Editorial

as chief of staff of retired Comelec Chairman Sixto Brillantes Jr. He is a partner at Trojillo Ansaldo and Marañon (TAM) Law Offices.

Mayor seeks bocaps'... from page 3

as parking areas.

One recommendation presented is the presence of the Department of Public Works and Highways representatives during operations for the delineation of road perimeter in establishing public use and other related concerns.

The local government units are mandated to give weekly reports on the implementation of the directive on road clearing.

A provincial road clearing validation team led by the DILG was organized to validate and monitor the LGUs' compliance to the directive. (JDP/SCA-PIA-CAR, Benguet)

Proposed executive... from page 6

City Planning and Development Officer Evelyn Cayat will present the projects to the City Development Council in a meeting set Oct. 8.

The CDC which is chaired by the city mayor will decide on what projects to adopt.

Both the proposed executive budget and the AIP will be subject to the approval of the city council. /Aileen P. Refuerzo

awarded the market development project to Uniwide being the lone complying and responsive bidder, but the same was questioned by some groups of market vendors who assailed the award of the contract and the case dragged for over twenty years following the rulings of the lower and appellate courts in favour of the city government's market development plan that would have made the same as one of the most modern market structures north of Metro Manila. /Dexter A. See

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

GL/LIZARDO TRANSPORTATION CORP.
Applicant
CASE No. 2007-CAR-0299
NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application filed on Oct. 1, 2019 for the approval of EXTENSION of VALIDITY of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a PUB Service for the transportation of passengers and freights on the line: BAGUIO CITY - CONNER, KALINGA, APAYAO and vice versa with the use of two (2) units.

NOTICE is hereby given that this Board shall hear this application on October 21, 2019 at 9:00 AM the LTRFB Office, Paddal Baguio City in which date and time applicant shall formally submit his/her/their evidences.

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

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

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

WITNESS, the Honorable Engr. LALAIN E. SOBREMONT, OIC-Regional Director, this 1st day of OCTOBER 2019, Baguio City. **ATTY. LAIRD DIONEL N. URBANOZO**
Hearing Officer

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

ALFREDO C. MEDINA
Applicant
CASE No. 99-01-1843
NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application filed on Oct. 1, 2019 for the approval of EXTENSION of VALIDITY of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate TAXI Service for the transportation of passengers and freights on the line: BAGUIO CITY TO ANY POINT IN CORDILLERA ADMINISTRATIVE REGION with the use of one (1) unit.

NOTICE is hereby given that this Board shall hear this application on October 21, 2019 at 9:00 AM the LTRFB Office, Paddal Baguio City in which date and time applicant shall formally submit his/her/their evidences.

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WITNESS, the Honorable Engr. LALAIN E. SOBREMONT, OIC-Regional Director, this 1ST day of OCTOBER 2019, Baguio City. **ATTY. LAIRD DIONEL N. URBANOZO**
Hearing Officer

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

JOCELYN A. PANAYO
Applicant
CASE No. 91-CAR-453
NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application filed on Oct. 4, 2019 for the approval of EXTENSION of VALIDITY of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate TAXI Service for the transportation of passengers and freights on the line: BAGUIO CITY TO ANY POINT IN CORDILLERA ADMINISTRATIVE REGION with the use of one (1) unit.

NOTICE is hereby given that this Board shall hear this application on October 21, 2019 at 9:00 AM the LTRFB Office, Paddal Baguio City in which date and time applicant shall formally submit his/her/their evidences.

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WITNESS, the Honorable Engr. LALAIN E. SOBREMONT, OIC-Regional Director, this 4TH day of OCTOBER 2019, Baguio City. **ATTY. LAIRD DIONEL N. URBANOZO**
Hearing Officer

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

GL/LIZARDO TRANSPORTATION CORP.
Applicant
CASE No. 2007-CAR-0300
NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application filed on Oct. 1, 2019 for the approval of EXTENSION of VALIDITY of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a PUB Service for the transportation of passengers and freights on the line: SAGADA (MT. PROVINCE) - BAGUIO CITY and vice versa with the use of four (4) units.

NOTICE is hereby given that this Board shall hear this application on October 21, 2019 at 9:00 AM the LTRFB Office, Paddal Baguio City in which date and time applicant shall formally submit his/her/their evidences.

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WITNESS, the Honorable Engr. LALAIN E. SOBREMONT, OIC-Regional Director, this 1st day of OCTOBER 2019, Baguio City. **ATTY. LAIRD DIONEL N. URBANOZO**
Hearing Officer

Benguet teacher doubles as handy man



EDUCATOR/HANDY-MAN. Teacher Ben Cangsa of Taloy Sur National High School in Tuba, Benguet is happy not just as a teacher but for doubling as the school's maintenance man. He says he started to be both when he joined the school 24 years ago and still does up to now. Photo shows teacher Ben (seated) with students of Technology and Livelihood Education subject of the school. (Photo courtesy of TSNHS)

City hall enhances security due to threats on mayor

BAGUIO CITY executive. Security was enhanced at City Hall starting Oct. 3 due to the death threats reportedly being received by Mayor Benjamin Magalong as a result of his testimony on police involvement in drug reselling scheme at the Senate hearing on the Good Conduct Time Allowance (GCTA) of the Bureau of Corrections.

City Administrator Bonifacio Dela Pena said this is a precautionary measure to prevent any spillover effect of the threats on the chief

executive.

"As the mayor himself disclosed, a lot of people are now threatening his life and it may also have an effect on our institution he being the mayor. That's why as our response, we deemed it best to also adopt some measures to secure our place of work, our employees and the public," Dela Pena said.

He said the Interlink Security Agency which is manning the City Hall and premises immediately responded by imposing security checks among those entering the

building.

They also limited the entry and exit points to just three and added canine security.

"The threat may or may not happen at all. But at the end of the day, it is the people's protection that we are concerned here and that is what we are prioritizing with this move," Dela Pena said.

"We beg for the public's understanding on these current security changes which are for the benefit of all of us." /Aileen P. Refuerzo

Uniwide OUT OF Baguio market development deal

BAGUIO CITY - The city government already shut its doors to the defunct Uniwide Sales

and Realty Development Corporation as its partner in the long overdue devel-

opment of the city's public market.

Mayor Benjamin B. Magalong met with

the new set of lawyers of the corporation last week in Manila where Uniwide proposed some conditions for the company to be still part of the project to allow it to recover the alleged P300 million it incurred during the pendency of the

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ALOY SUR, TUBA, Benguet-- Ben Cangsan teaches the Technology and Livelihood Education (TLE) of Grades 7 to 10 at Taloy Sur National High School (TSNHS) but he also doubles as the maintenance man of the school's two sites.

"It's my part in giving quality education," said Cangsan, 51, who had been a public school teacher for 24 years at TSNHS- the first school he served since 1995, where he also hopes to retire.

He served as a volunteer teacher for two years before he became a permanent or regular employee under the Department of Education (DepEd).

Aside from handling the TLE classes, he also handles the electrical, carpentry, plumbing and other clerical works in the school. His clerical work, on top of his teaching job, is something that makes him happy and fulfilled.

He also helps to make several chairs and desks for the students.

Starting as a teacher over two decades ago,

Cangsan said he was not happy with what he was doing as a mentor but he went on because his profession puts food on the table and provides for his family.

But as time passed, he realized that his profession, specifically the chores he performs, also satisfies him as he contributes to the students' education and helping the school as well by preparing

their classroom prior to an "observation" for their promotion.

"When students achieve something, like when TSNHS becomes a consistent rank 4 for consecutive years in the National Achievement Test (NAT), I always ask myself what I contributed and I tell myself I am part of the achievement," he said.

Teaching is a decent job Cangsan recalled that he had always wanted to become an engineer but his family cannot afford to send him to the University in Baguio City.

In the end, he settled to take up an industrial education course major in furniture and cabinet making at the community school - Benguet School of Arts and Trades in Bokod town. The school, later on, became the Bokod campus of the government-run Benguet State University (BSU).

"We will survive financially especially for a family of three. I have five children but my wife is helping in our finances, although her job is not regular," he said.

He has five children- the oldest child, 22 years old,

having graduated from the University with the course Information Technology is now working.

His second child is in 5th-year college, his third child is studying under the Alternative Learning System while his two youngest children are in Grades 10 and 7.

When asked about his thoughts on the possible increase in the teacher's salary, he said "Thank you kung talagang ganyan at least may dagdag ('Thank you if that is true, at least we have a pay increase)," he said.

Who is a teacher?

Cangsan defines a teacher as "somebody who will share the knowledge and guide the youth," and do functions other than what is required as a passion to help the educational system.

For him, teaching is not only a decent profession, but personally, it will secure his future.

While the school has hired a utility person and there are now three other male teachers, he continues to do what he used to do for 24 years. / Liza Agoot (PNA)

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