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QC to require thicker floors for shops

By REINIR PADUA

Pawnshops and other establishments in Quezon City may soon be required to have thicker concrete floors as a measure to prevent burglary.

Mayor Herbert Bautista "expressed his desire for a measure that would require it," Quezon City Police District (QCPD) director Senior Superintendent Richard Albano said in a recent interview.

QCPD deputy director for administration Senior Superintendent Joel Pagdilao said Bautista has asked the city council to craft an ordinance that would require establishments in the city to have thicker floors.

Chief Inspector Rodel Marcelo, who heads the QCPD's Criminal Investigation and Detection Unit, said the concrete floor should be at least a foot thick.

Bautista's request was prompted by cases involving burglars who "would go underground and dig their way into the targeted shop," Albano said.

Recently, the QCPD arrested Jim Bautista in his hometown in Ilocos Sur following a break-in at a pawnshop in Barangay Bagong Bayan.

A witness identified Bautista as one of the men going in and out of a drainpipe about 800 meters away from the site of the pawnshop days before the burglary, the QCPD said.

The pawnshop's employees found a hole in the floor where the ransacked vault was located, with the burglars tracking mud all over the shop.

Albano also said pawnshops and other establishments should be required to have their alarm systems connected to police stations or to the base of the owners.

Recently, the city council required shops in the city to have surveillance camera systems.

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Sutherland opens BPO center in Quezon City

SUTHERLAND Global Services has opened its latest integrated business process outsourcing (BPO) operations center in Cubao, Quezon City.

KS Kumar, global head of operations-Sutherland Global Services, said that, "strategically distributed and optimally sized operations centers are core to our location strategy. Cubao fits well into that strategy framework because of its convenient location, proximity to a large talent pool and excellent infrastructure."

"We are delighted that a leading multi-national such as Sutherland Global Services has selected Cubao. We are certain that, like all of Sutherland's operations in the Philippines, the Cubao Center will very soon be a shining success," said Vice Mayor Joy Belmonte of Quezon City.

The 500-seat center is now operational, delivering integrated BPO services to some of Sutherland's major global clients. The company employs over 13,000 professionals in the Philippines operating from multiple locations across the country. The current expansion further consolidates Sutherland's presence in the country.

Earlier this month, Sutherland was elevated to the Philippine Economic Zone Authority Hall of Fame in recognition of being awarded "Outstanding Employer" for the third time in 2011.

Sutherland is a global BPO and technology enabled services company offering an integrated set of back-office and customer facing front-office services that support the entire customer lifecycle. **RAADEE S. SAUSA**

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NAPA opening

Quezon City Mayor **Herbert Bautista** was the guest of honor at the blessing and ribbon cutting ceremonies of NAPA Restaurant and Bar at Scout Borromeo, Quezon City. The restaurant offers Italian-American dishes and boasts of two major dining areas, al fresco dining and a function room. For more information, call 414-8272 or email *naparestaurantandbar@yahoo.com.*



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GJ Corporation, operator of NAPA (from left): Ramil Gandola, Angelica Santos, Shirley Aguilos, Mayor Bautista, Martin Santos, Executive Chef Berna Hewins, and Gerry Apolinario of Gerry's Grill.

Restaurant ribbon cutting

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RELOCATION: Allied Banking Corp. relocated its A. Bonifacio-Balintawak branch to its new site located at One Cyberpod Centris, Eton Centris, Edsa cor. Quezon Ave., Quezon City late last month. In photo are: (front row, from left) Allied Bank executive vice president Christopher C. Dobles, Quezon City Ladies Foundation chairwoman Joy Belmonte, first senior vice president Rafael Z. Sison Jr. and branch manager Melamor B. Odulio; (second row, from left) senior assistant vice president Art E. Chuaunsu, senior manager Sonny Christi Cabrera, first vice president Alfred L. Chua, and senior assistant vice president Carlos B. Dichoso.

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Pizzeria opens 10th branch

Italian-American cuisine expert Joey Pepperoni Pizzeria opened its 10th branch at SM North Annex with a plateful of fun activities like free face and body painting bearing pizza-inspired images.

Special guest Greg Pimentel, an illusionist, amazed every table with individual magic shows. Delicious helpings of various pizzas, pasta, Insalate (salads), Panini (sandwiches), beverages and desserts were prepared by Italian Chef Giorgio Bucciarelli, Joey Pepperoni Pizzeria's Executive Chef.

The store blessing was graced by dignitaries from Quezon City and SM Supermalls. With New York-style pizzas and great food, Joey Pepperoni knows how pizza should be! For more information, visit www.joeypep.com or visit its branches all over Metro Manila or its first provincial franchise in Iloilo City.



10TH PIZZA STORE BRANCH. Victor Flores, General Manager of Joey Pepperoni Pizzeria, Quezon City Vice Mayor Herbert Bautista, Quezon City Mayor Sonny Belmonte, Chef Giorgio Bucciarelli, Joey Pepperoni Pizzeria's Executive Chef, Ramon Lopez, RFM's Executive Vice President, Hershee Angeles, SM North Edsa-Annex Assistant Mall Manger, Jing Salomon, SM North Edsa- Annex Leasing Manager, and Miko Barranda, SM North Edsa-Annex Operations Officer, are seen during the inauguration of the store's 10th branch.

Business
Shopwise

Yes, c'mon over to Commonwealth



Now open to serve you: At the unveiling of Shopwise Commonwealth are Bienvenido Tantoco Jr., Coca-Cola president Bill Schultz, actress Iza Calzado, Ambassador Bienvenido Tantoco Sr., Quezon City Mayor Sonny Belmonte, Eliza Valtos, Felisissimo Coronel, Nena V. Tantoco, and Shopwise president Donnie Tantoco.
Photo by BOY SANTOS

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QC recorded 11,110 firms in '08

By CHITO CHAVEZ

Quezon City assistant city administrator for general affairs and business permits and licenses office (BPLO) chief Pacifico F. Maghacot Jr. said the steady upsurge of business firms from 2006 to 2007 further bolstered the city's stand of being proclaimed as the richest local government unit (LGU) in the country.

At the executive staff meeting, Maghacot told Quezon City Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. that his office recorded 11,110 new registered businesses for 2008 with the opening of new malls like the Block of SM, Trinoma, and Walter Mart being major contributors in the city's booming business activity.

He also cited the increasing number of information technology establishments on Commonwealth Avenue of being a major contributor in the high average of business firm registrants from 2006 to 2008.

Aside from the establishment of large scale business ventures, Maghacot credited Belmonte for creating an environment-friendly atmosphere providing enterprising individuals with the proper tools to engage in small and medium scale businesses..

"In addition, enterprising individuals invested in small and medium scale ventures taking advantage of the large population and presence of infrastructure support in the city," Maghacot added.

Records at the Quezon City BLPO showed a steady rise in the number of registered business establishments from 56,753 in 2006 to 56,810 in 2007 and 58,196 in 2008.

During the same period, Maghacot reported 33,960 new business firms were registered bringing the annual average of the new registered business category to reach 11,320.

Using only the working days as basis for the computation, Maghacot said that the average daily new business establishment registered in Quezon City is 43 for the same three year period.

The breakdown of the city's new registered businesses for 2008 is as follows: Contractor of goods and services including leasing of apartments, 6,825; retailer of goods including 451 variety stores, 2,494; wholesaler of goods such as household items and drinks, 1,010; eating places like restaurants, carinderia and fast food, 642; manufacturer of goods, 67 and amusement places such as bars and gaming halls, 40.

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Install swingtype doors QC fun houses ordered

By SEL A. BAYSA

Quezon City Police District (QCPD) Director Magtanggol Gatdula and his men were directed to look into reports that several night spots in the city are allegedly using inward or outward swinging doors and locked steel doors, a violation of an existing ordinance.

Also, Mayor Feliciano "Sonny" Belmonte Jr. has given violators 15 days to remove the banned provision "and maintain or install swingtype entrance and exit doors or face closure."

He pointed out that apart from closure, offenders will likewise face cancellation of their business and mayor's permit.

Director Gatdula is under instruction to lock up erring establishment owners and operators of not more than 10 days or a fine of ₱1,000 or both at the discretion of the court.

Reports reaching Mayor Belmonte revealed that certain business establishments offering entertainment or amusement are using inward or outward swinging doors and locked steel doors.

The presence of steel doors in certain night spots in the city was discovered by QC treasurer Dr. Victor Endriga in the course of his recent sortie of these establishments, notably those which failed to pay show tax in the past three years.

Endriga, national president of the Philippine Association of Local Treasurers and Assessors (PHALTRA), likened these erring night spots to "prison".

"Parang mga bilanggo ang mga customers na papasok sa lugar na ito lalo na sa area ng Cubao na nakakandado at may signal pa ang katok bago buksan ng taong pagbabantay sa pintong bakal," he saiod

Endriga said, "ideally, entrance doors of these establishments, which are considered high risk, must be swing type to ensure public safety and prevent accidents similar to Ozone disco tragedy".

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Seven establishments face closure

A Quezon City Councilor has recommended to the City Council the immediate closure of seven establishments in Quezon City for allegedly violating a city ordinance and business permits regulations.

Councilor Dante De Guzman recommended the immediate closure of Sogo Hotel branch in Novaliches; and apartelles Biyahero, Danara on Panay, Ace Apartelle in Cubao, Moco in Quirino, Kiyoti, and Kite Place.

De Guzman said that the establishments were found violating a city ordinance on short time, no business permit, violation of sanitary and health permit, failure to pay their tax, and other violation.

De Guzman gave the owners of the establishments 30 days to correct their violations or else face closure.

An interview with some of the owners of the firms who refused to be identified said that they are doing their best to prevent the closure of their establishments.

They said that they will immediately comply with the requirements to prevent any problems in the future. (Rico Navarro)

Business establishment closure

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BMW brings a Klassik touch to Quezon City

IN customary BMW style and grandeur, Klassik BMW was inaugurated in a one-of-a-kind environment, perfectly suited to its exclusive target market.

The showroom—which is BMW's sixth authorized dealership on Araneta Avenue, Quezon City—was cast in a red glow complementing the elegant Chinese Black and Red themed event for the evening, with the partners of the new venture clad in chic Mandarin jackets to accentuate the theme.

The display of a rare E2002 3 Series (1974) and an E90 320i M Sport was the event's centerpiece, the display also symbolizing the long heritage of excellence that BMW is well known for.

Special guest, **Mayor Sonny Belmonte** of Quezon City, expressed his appreciation that Quezon City had been chosen as the site of the newest BMW dealership. Speeches by BMW Philippines President **Dr. Joerg Breuer** and Klassik BMW principal **Willy Tee Ten** then followed.

The highlight of the formal inauguration proceedings was the unveiling of BMW logos through the decades, signifying the new dealership's embracing of the BMW tradition.



BMW Philippines President Dr. Joerg Breuer and Mayor Sonny Belmonte of Quezon City with (from left) Klassik BMW executives Mike Cua (vice president/after sales), Willy Tee Ten (dealer principal) and Severino Oliva (vice president sales).



Willy Tee Ten



Mayor Sonny Belmonte of Quezon City

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Metro



Quezon City Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. is presented with a model of the SM Tower, made up of four 37-story condo-type buildings that will be constructed on Aurora Boulevard corner Araneta Avenue near SM Centerpoint. Joining the mayor are executives of SM Prime Holdings, led by Henry Sy Jr., city engineer Joselito Cabungcal, city treasurer Victor Endriga and city planning officer Tomasito Cruz. JOEY VIDUYA

SM TOWN

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QC councilor pushes SSS biz center project

Quezon City Majority Floor Leader Ariel Inton has appealed to concerned government agencies to set swiftly on the approval of Social Security System (SSS) business Center in Quezon City.

He said that Quezon City is waiting for the start of the construction to give way for the establishments of a booming business center along East Avenue and EDSA area.

"We in Quezon City council have studied the conversion extensively including the social impact on traffic, environment, safety and other concerns," Inton said.

He said they have reached a consensus in the council that the SSS Business Center is a sound and viable project that will soften the unemployment problem in the city and generate much needed revenues to push sustained economic progress and development.

"We strongly urge the agencies involved to consider our position on this matter because we have already made an in-depth study and examination of this project," Inton, a councilor from the 4th district of Quezon City, said.

He fears that investors might decide to cancel their pledges if construction will not take-off as planned. Inton is optimistic that as soon as construction starts, more investors and business opportunities will be coming in Quezon City.

"The project is a priority project and soon Quezon City will be known as a new business capital to houses other high-end projects that will greatly enhance the living standards of the people in Quezon City," Inton said.

He said Mayor Sonny Belmonte and the city council are committed to encourage more inflow of business and capital, "this is the reason why we have introduced reforms programs essentially to attract more investors to continue the delivery of basic social services to our people."

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Rustan's at Gateway Mall. Rustan's formally opened its branch at the Gateway Mall, its eighth in the country. At the ribbon-cutting ceremony are (from left): Araneta Center senior executive vice president Judy Roxas, Rustan's Commercial Corp. president Bienvenido Tantoco Jr., Ambassador Bienvenido Tantoco Sr., Stella Marquez-Araneta, Bb. Pilipinas-World 2004 Maria Karla Bautista, (partly hidden) Araneta Group president Jorge Araneta, Quezon City Mayor Sonny Belmonte, Baby Fores and Bb. Pilipinas-International 2004 Margaret Ann Bayot.

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NEW CAR SERVICE CENTER: Antonio Enrile-Inton Jr., (center), Quezon City Council Majority Floor Leader was one of the guests during the ribbon cutting of Auto Technika, a new car repair service center in Quezon City complete with highly advanced technology equipment. Auto Technika is located at Mancor Building, Fairview Avenue, Fairview Park, Quezon City. Shown in photo are (from right) Manuel L. Teng, president of Mancor Holdings Corp., Albert Selmer, export manager, Beissbarth GmbH, Corazon L. Teng, executive vice president, Inton and Ramon Medalla, councilor of the 2nd district of Quezon City.

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The Manila Times
B5 FRIDAY, JULY 16, 2004

Surex opens Loyola Heights QC branch

SURE Express Worldwide (Surex), the Philippines' first international delivery center, recently marked its grand opening in Loyola Heights, Katipunan, Quezon City.

As the logistics service retailer of Skynet International Express (SIE) and the exclusive partner in the Asia-Pacific of the United States Postal Service (the handler of over half of the world's mail), Surex provides on-time delivery courier and business services at extremely competitive rates and at the highest security.

Managed by young working professionals, Joseph Leh and Ela Paje, Surex-Loyola Heights is poised to take advantage of a bustling market composed primarily of small- and medium-scale entrepreneurs in the area, as well as village and dorm residents, students, working professionals and other potential clients in the Quezon City area. Joseph Leh is a Management graduate of Ateneo de Manila University, while Ela Paje tucked a Psychology degree from the same institution. They both took on the entrepreneurial challenge as an increasingly attractive and viable alternative to regular high-paying corporate jobs other fresh graduates would seize. "We've always wanted a mailing business," Ela said. Surex is a convenient place for all business delivery needs, because not all packages should be delivered the same way. Moreover, as the new Surex franchise owners noted, the outlet is not limited to being just a mailing station. Backed by reputable affiliates in the international delivery industry and other industries, Surex also offers services ranging from retailing of airplane or cruise tickets, money transfer, Internet services and a whole lot more. For business opportunity inquiries and news updates, log on to www.surexpress.com. The new Surex branch on Katipunan is located at Unit 109, Loyola Heights Condominium, Esteban Abada corner F. de la Rosa Street, Loyola Heights, Quezon City, with tel. no. 436-5320, and e-mail address surex.katipunan@surexpress.com.



Joining Joseph Leh (extreme left) and Ela Paje (third from left), franchisee business partners of the recently inaugurated Surex outlet in Loyola Heights, Quezon City, are guest-personalities (second from left): Joross Gamboa of Star Circle Quest; Hero Bautista who represented Vice Mayor Herbert Bautista of Quezon City; Councilor Dante de Guzman of Quezon City; and Neri Naig of Star Circle Quest.

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AFICIONADO BOUTIQUE OPENS AT TUTUBAN: Another milestone of Aficionado was marked last May 24, 2003 when it opened its 9th boutique at the second level of Tutuban Centermall. Present during the ribbon cutting were (from left) Milagros Cruz, Yzl Cruz, assistant general manager of Aficionado; Quezon City Councilor Wilma Amoranto-Sarino, Joel Cruz, president of Aficionado and its image models Denille Valmonte and Benedict Arce. Also present were the candidates of Circle of Ten Model Search and loyal customers and friends of Aficionado.

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EVENTS

NCRPO opens satellite office



Interior and Local Government Secretary Jose Lina Jr. and Quezon City Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. lead the ribbon-cutting ceremonies during the inauguration of the New York Police Department-patterned satellite office of the National Capital Region Police Office along Edsa and Kamuning Road in Quezon City. The office is expected to further speed up police response to crime and intensify the all-out campaign against all forms of criminality. Looking on are NCRPO Commander Reynaldo Velasco, Deputy Chief for administration Edgardo Aglipay and Quezon City Rep. Nanette Castelo-Daza.

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Special Feature

Telecommunications Industry Update

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Telecommunications: A vital line to economic take-off

By Dino Raymundo V. Directo III
Staffmember

THE STEADY growth of the Philippine economy has opened doors of opportunities to the different sectors of Philippine business. One sector whose growth is spurred by this economic surge is the telecommunications industry.

In an arena once dominated by the Philippine Long Distance Telephone Company (PLDT), Filipino homes and offices can now choose from a pool of 10 telecom firms offering telecommunication lines from as far as Southern Mindanao.



The Philippine telecom industry gears up for the next century

Industry observers point out that the move by the Ramos Administration to implement deregulation and liberal reforms in the industry have provided investors confidence and belief in our domestic telecommunications industry.

Domestic and foreign telecom investors have good reasons to believe in the viability of investments in the country owing to improvements in the country's socio-political structure.

Corporate mergers between local and foreign business entities have become commonplace. It is the most popular and practical way of penetrating the Philippine market. By doing so, investors can benefit from each other's strength as they minimize their respective weak points.

This holds true even for the telecommunications sector. An example would be PLDT's agreement with various international cellular companies for the supply of their mobile phones: Motorola, Mitsubishi, Ericsson and Sony.

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New players

With a much-liberalized playing field to operate on, established names in Philippine business were lured by the strong potential of the telecoms industry.

A dominant player in the broadcast industry, the Lopez group of companies, decided to diversify their business scope even further by putting up their own telecommunications firm.

Thus, Bayan Telecommunications Holdings Corporation or Bayantel came into fore. Established in 1995, Bayantel is a joint venture company with Benpres Holdings Corporation owning 75% and the US-based Nynex Corporation getting a 25% share.

Also joining the race for a place in the industry is Ayala Corporation. Already deeply involved in the field of banking, insurance, real estate and transportation, the illustrious *Español* conglomerate opted to shift gears and extend their expertise and vast resources into telecommunications.

Last year, Ayala Corporation inked a pact with Singapore Telecom International, an affiliate of Globe Telecom, for the implementation of its highly advanced telephone network.

The agreement called for the installation of 700,000 lines within its service area in parts around the NCR, Southern Tagalog and Mindanao.

Taipan John Gokongwei's Digitel has likewise joined the fray by signing up for competition last year with two strategic partners: Telia AB of Sweden and Jasmine International Public Company Ltd. of Thailand.

The partnership agreement gave Telia a 25% stake and Jasmine of Thailand a 10% stake at Digitel. As a means to provide an example for the rest of the industry, President Fidel Ramos granted the Gokongwei firm incentives for the company's expansion program through the Board of Investments (BoI).

The program which involves the installation of an additional 600,000 lines in Regions I to IV, is estimated to cost P32 billion.

Government initiatives

The influx of investments into the telecommunications industry may have not been made possible, if not for the initiatives pursued by the government.

This is in relation to Executive Order No. 59, issued by President Fidel V. Ramos on February 24, 1993, ordering the compulsory interconnection of all NTC-authorized public telecom carriers.

In layman's language, compulsory interconnection means linkage by wire, radio satellite and other relative means of communication of two or more existing telecom operators to allow their respective subscribers access to one another.

This would work in favor of users as interconnection would open more communication lines for easy access, regardless of the telecom system the client is using.

An important factor in interconnection is the creation of a universally-accessible and fully-unsegregated country-wide telecom network.

Interconnection would greatly encourage private sector involvement and generate more investments in domestic telecommunications.

Globe Telecom was the first known Local Exchange Carrier (LEC) to adopt the LEC to LEC interconnection agreement with PLDT.

This move will allow Globe and PLDT patrons to call one another directly once Globe activates their fixed telephone service. Other telecom firms which had done a similar move to interconnect are: ICC Telecoms and Philippine Telegraph and Telephone Company (PT&T) and Digitel Telecommunications Phils. Inc (Digitel).

Telecom giant PLDT also opened its facilities to Smart Communications (Smart) and Isla Communications Company Inc. (IslaCom), enabling them to interconnect and expand their telecommunication capabilities.

Target areas for development

As a response to the needs of the industry players and to hasten telecom industry development, President Ramos signed into law E.O. 109,