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“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
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BAGUIO CITY, AND LA TRINIDAD, BENGUET

LONG LIVE THE FILIPINO!!!

Pahayagang palaban!!!

Yangot: Don't give BGH flyover fund to Benguet



BAGUIO CITY - Councilor Leandro Yangot Jr., in a proposed resolution to the city council, is requesting the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) to re-program the BGH flyover fund to widen and improve critical portions of the Baguio side of Marcos Highway instead of diverting the said fund to finance a road network in the municipality of Kapangan in Benguet

and a cable car system in Tinglayan, Kalinga.

This after President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo (GMA), during her recent visit to attend the Philippine Military Academy graduation rites in the city, expressed her unenthusiastic view on the controversial construction of the BGH flyover.

Mayor Braulio Yaranon said that GMA expressed her view and she seemed to be at-
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WEDDING AT THE PARK. Mayor Braulio Yaranon solemnizes a wedding ceremony at the Panagbenga Landscape, Burnham Park amidst flowers and pine breeze for 12 couples including an American who tied the knot with a Filipina bride last Wednesday. By Bong Cayabyab

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BANTAYAN AT SIYASATIN

Alyas Alistair Villacruz, Lumantad!
Task Force, may kinikilingan? Mga Abusadong Drayber, Sampolan. Lungsod ng Baguio, peaceful?

BY RUDY "BANTAY SIYASAT" GARCIA



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Mayor okays BWD well drilling project in front of city hall

BAGUIO CITY – Mayor Braulio Yaranon has approved another well drilling project proposed by the Baguio Water District within the park located in front of city hall to improve water supply service within the Camp Allen site and nearby areas.

The mayor gave the go signal to BWD general manager Teresita De Guzman to commence the project and directed the city police to institute the necessary traffic measures to pave the way for the project.

De Guzman in a letter to the mayor said the project is “in line with (the BWD’s) continuing water source development program.

She said an old well drilling program was completed for the said area in the past but the well situated at the back of the Baguio Fire Station produced water that was tainted with a chemical component making it not fit for human consumption.

De Guzman said a specialized treatment for the water produced by said well was considered but the cost was prohibitive prompting them to de-

cide to abandon the project.

However, the clamor for an improved water supply system in the area persisted prompting the BWD to study other options particularly the viability of the aquifers located in the vicinity.

“We proceeded to study the aquifers in the vicinity and our survey led us to an area below the City Hall frontage specifically a portion of the park along Chuntug street,” De Guzman said.

“We have to admit that this activity entails an amount of site clearing activity in order to accommodate our drilling rig, its support truck, other equipment as well as the crew. We assure you however that whatever modifications we would undertake in the area are only for the purpose of facilitating the completion of the activity. The same would be minimal and reduced to the barest requirement of personnel and equipment access and would be duly restores to its original state,” De Guzman assured. *- aileen p. refuerzo*

Panagbenga 2005 extended until April 15

BAGUIO CITY – In an effort to draw additional funds, the Panagbenga 2005 Baguio Flower Festival Association (PBFFA) headed by Mrs. Nelia Cid, requested the local government for the extension of several Panagbenga – related activities until April 15, 2005.

Activities include a trade fair at the Burnham park area and the extension of advertisements painted at the rooftops in some of the city’s overpasses, among others.

The PBFFA recently declared a deficit in income for this year’s conduct of the said festival.

The PBFFA censured the pull-out of major sponsors from the said event. Nestle Philippines and San Miguel Corporation allegedly withdrew their sponsorships from the flower festival that could have reportedly raked in several millions for the PBFFA.

Several Panagbenga 2005 winners have not yet received their prizes from the contests con-

ducted to celebrate the festival.

The PBFFA is requesting the city government of Baguio for the extension of some of the flower festival activities until April 15 to generate more funds so they will be able to give the prizes of those who won in the festival’s contests.

The mayor approved the said extension until April 15 and said that the local government will support the said association in whatever way it can.

Councilors Leandro Yangot Jr. and Galo Weygan, in a proposed resolution, also requested for the extension of the 2005 Panagbenga Floral Expressions Landscaping activity at the Orchidarium of the Burnham Park.

The vicinity used for the said activity has been left in an unpleasant state after the operator of the Great Amusement Company abandoned the said area, the councilors relate.

Credit, they add, should be given to the participants of the Panagbenga for sacrificing so much of their resources, time and effort and sharing their artistic and intellectual properties to transform the said area into virtually a floral paradise and a spectacular sight for our local and foreign tourists as the area can now be considered as one of the attractive places in Burnham Park. */MGB*

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tuned to the city’s public pulse that the project does not have public support.

The municipality of Kapangan in Benguet, GMA says, would very much need the road to help spur the town’s development.

But the construction of the flyover may still push through even if the president has requested the contractor to stop work and have the funds intended be transferred to more pressing needs in the neighboring province of Benguet, councilor Elmer Datuin argued in a press release last week.

Datuin also blamed the mayor for failing to defend the city from the probable loss of the said fund to Benguet.

“Why should the mayor just easily give up the funding for the flyover,” said Datuin who adds that the mayor appears to be “anti-development”.

The province of Benguet announced its opposition to the construction of the BGH flyover as it will allegedly get the bulk of the savings of the Marcos Highway rehabilitation since most of the highway’s portion falls under Benguet’s jurisdiction and not under the city of Baguio.

Yangot, in his proposal, argued that the diversion of the savings to other areas not within the project area would surely open the floodgates for legal suits like technical malversation against the government.

There is a need, the councilor reiterated, for the flyover contractor and the DPWH to reprogram the funds to improve and widen critical portions of Marcos Highway to

prevent any legal impediment that may result in the delay of the implementation of the project or reversion of fund instead of diverting it to finance a road in Kapangan, Benguet and a cable car in system in Kalinga province.

The mayor, last week, announced that his office will file a complaint to the national government if the contractor and the DPWH insist on building the flyover.

He stressed that the project requires a certificate of 100% availability of funds which the project does not have.

The DPWH reportedly has a forty-four-million-peso-saving from the rehabilitation of the Marcos Highway as its initial fund for the project and is allegedly anticipating twenty-seven million pesos additional fund from the 2005 budget of the city.

The mayor earlier stated that the city of Baguio can not give part of its budget to finance the flyover as there are more significant programs it has to implement.

The construction of the BGH flyover was awarded to Advance Construction Systems Corporation, the builders of the Magsaysay flyover project in 1998 and a notice to proceed was already issued to the contractor by the DPWH.

The said contractor accomplished approximately 1.44% of the programmed scope of work after an initial assessment by the DPWH. President GMA requested for the halting of the said project. */MGB*



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Water refilling station owners organize for quality product and service

Operators of 50 local water refilling stations have banded together to ensure the quality of their product and service even as the city moves towards the establishment of a committee to monitor the quality of drinking water.

Officers of the Baguio Association of Purified/Mineral Water Refillers led by lawyer Nellie Olirez took their oath before this writer after their organization last March 5 at the Cobalt Building of the Baguio General Hospital and Medical Center.

The group aims to come up with policies to maintain quality standards and in preparation for their representation in the Local Drinking Water Quality Monitoring Committee being proposed to be organized.

Other officers are Edison Ang – first vice-president, Lydia Lo – second vice-president, Elisa Banagan – secretary, Marivic Obrador – asst. secretary, Teresita Estacio – treasurer, and Florencio Cardenas – asst. treasurer.

Forming the board of directors are Alejandro Agpes, David Abad, Robert Belda, Jesus Tamale, Lily Cruz, Nelson de Ayre and Luzviminda Onia.

A few weeks before the establishment of

the association, the Department of Science and Technology reported that some of the purified water bought from some refilling stations were tested positive for E. coli bacteria.

The presence of E. coli in water is an indication of fecal contamination.

Ang said there are already 300 water purifying stations in the city, based on the records of establishments selling water purifying machines and equipment.

The city health department, however, could not yet release the exact figure since the renewal of business permits is still ongoing. The date for last year, however, is way below 300.

In a related development, the city, through its integrated water management program, saw the need to create a committee to oversee the extraction and delivery of water resources of the city to ensure equitable access to safe and adequate water.

An administrative order creating the Local Drinking Water Monitoring Committee has been drafted and is expected to be signed by mayor Braulio Yaranon during the Local Health Board meeting last Friday. **Art Killip**

Mayor vows to stop bulk water project at all cost

BAGUIO CITY – Mayor Braulio Yaranon Thursday vowed to do everything to stop the Bulk Water Supply Project in the city to protect the interest of the water consumers.

“We will exert effort and use every possible means to contest the project. We will go to court if necessary,” the mayor told the Usapang Panlungsod media forum when informed that the project may have been awarded by the Baguio Water District to the Benguet Corporation which won the bidding for the project.

Granting that the BWD went ahead and awarded the project despite the objection of the city government, the city can still stop the project by not issuing a business permit to the winning company, the mayor said.

“Why will the city issue a business permit

to a company that will supply water of which safety and potability remains under question?,” the mayor stressed.

The mayor filed before the BWD board of directors a formal objection to the project in behalf of the city constituents on account that it will double the existing water rates and concerns on the potability of the water to be sourced.

He said the projected increase of 135 percent in water rates and the questionable quality of water should have been enough grounds for the BWD board to reject the project.

“The public welfare and interest should be the prime consideration in any proposal to improve the city’s water supply. Certainly, practically doubling existing water charges would be pa-

tently prejudicial, disadvantageous and unduly burdensome to the citizenry,” the mayor noted in a letter to the BWD board of directors.

“This is in addition to the concerns previously raised about the potability of water stored in mining tunnels and sites used for mining purposes, arising from contamination with toxic mining wastes. If at all, bulk water should be sourced from uncontaminated sources like Budecao and other sources,” he said.

During the forum, the mayor chided the members of the BWD board of directors for disregarding the interest of the people of Baguio in the deal and challenged them to resign for failing to measure up with the expectations of the people they are supposed to represent.

“It is important that the BWD board representatives look after the city’s interest if they can’t, then it’s time that they resign,” the mayor said.

The mayor also called for a restudy of the water samples sourced from the company by a neutral agency in view of conflicting results from separate studies done by the Saint Louis University and the University of the Philippines.

The mayor reiterated his position that the city can tap its own resources to supply the water needs of the constituents.

“As long as we keep our forest cover (intact), we can be assured that our underground water sources will be enough to cover the water needs of an even bigger population,” the mayor said. /

aileen p. refuerzo

City hall adopts no-pass, no-vehicle-use scheme

The city has strengthened the security of its official vehicles by seeing to it that no unit shall be pulled out unless covered by travel orders and passes.

Mayor Braulio Yaranon has approved a memorandum from city general services officer Romeo Concio directing guards at city hall to prohibit undocumented use of official vehicles especially after official hours, week-ends and holidays.

“The security guards posted will disallow any government vehicle to leave the parking space without showing a vehicle pass or a travel authority effective March 4, 2005,”

Concio said in his letter to city department heads.

As approved by the mayor, a pass should be secured if the travel is within the city and travel order if the trip is outside Baguio. The documents should be signed by the respective department head or the mayor.

Vehicle passes and travel orders are available in the various offices. Employees needing vehicle service should request for the passes through their administrative divisions, stating their purpose, time and date of travel. **Joel Teofilo Mata**

City to look into Rillera building records

BAGUIO CITY – Mayor Braulio Yaranon last week directed city treasurer Thelma Manaois to check on the records of payments made for the Rillera Building at the city market which was earlier ordered closed for rehabilitation.

Yaranon asked Manaois to prepare and submit a breakdown of amounts paid by the contractors who undertook the construction and occupied the building.

Manaois was also asked to issue a certification as to when the building was first occupied.

The mayor said the

records were needed for the pending case filed against the city by the former occupants of the building.

The Hilltop Market Fish Vendors Association earlier sued the city for injunction over the Rillera building plan. However, another group, the Old Vendors Seekers Association also filed an adjoining case asking the court to direct the city government to grant it the authority to repair and run the Rillera building.

The mayor in an earlier administrative order, directed the closure

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The Fisherman's Ring

By Juan L. Mercado

Worldwide, people are deeply saddened to see a much loved Pope John Paul II slip into comma. Hope persists that he will still pull through. But “the Pope is fading serenely”, a Vatican source said.

Inevitably, attention is focusing on how a 2000-year old institution elects his successor.

It is, perhaps, a measure of how John Paul towered that the conclave that will gather to elect his successor, soon or later, will be governed by reforms he introduced. He laid those ground rules in the 1996 Apostolic Constitution titled : *Universi Domini Gregis*

When a Pope passes, an ancient ceremony automatically kicks in, the Catholic encyclopedia notes. The Cardinal Camerlengo must verify the death. He enters the death chamber and calls the Pope three times by his name: “*Joannes Paulus*”. He calls out a second time only after there is no response to the first. And so with the third.

Thereafter, he authorizes a death certificate. The cardinal vicar for the diocese of Rome — who assists the Pope, as bishop of Rome — is formally notified. But TV and news flashes will have gone out long before that formal process.

The Camerlengo, meanwhile, seals the Pope’s private apartments. The “ring of the fisherman”, on John Paul’s hand, is gently removed and smashed. The papal seal is thereafter broken. Papal funeral rites and the novendieles, the nine days of mourning — already on the drawing board — are implemented.

Cardinals from all over the world will be flying in for the funeral — and the conclave where they will elect the new Pope. Only Ricardo Cardinal Vidal is a voting member from the Philippines. Cardinals Sin and Sanchez are retired.

After the funeral, the 120 cardinal electors enter the Conclave to choose which of them will emerge as Holy Roman Pontiff. John Paul, Vatican watchers recall, brought only a small bag, expecting to return to Poland after the conclave. That was not to be.

There will be missing cardinals. John Paul had created cardinals “in pectore” — in his heart, Speculations swirl around the bishop of Hong Kong, among others. But the names were never made public, to prevent them from harrassment.

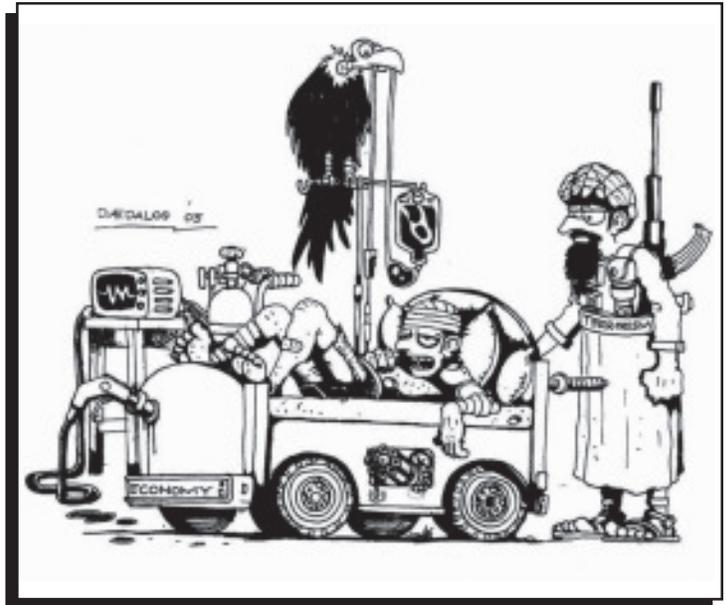
In the conclave, John Paul’s rules will prevail. Cardinals must, in fact, take an oath when they’ll heed the rules — above all maintain absolute secrecy about the voting and deliberations. The cardinals are not permitted any contact with the outside world: no mobile phones, no newspapers or television, no messages or letters or signals to observers. There will be regular sweeps of all relevant areas for listening devices.

During the whole process, the cardinals will be visible, at least twice daily, to the observing world, when they move the 350 metres from the *Domus Sanctae Marthae* to the Sistine Chapel and back again.

The penalty for leakage is harsh : automatic excommunication.

Once seated in the ancient Sistine Chapel, each cardinal

governed by reforms he introduced. He laid those ground rules in the 1996 Apostolic



takes a ballot paper on which is written : *Eligo in suum pontificem*” — “I elect as supreme Pontiff...”.

Like a Philippine board of canvassers, the votes are manually counted by the Cardinal Camerlengo and his three assistants. The ballots are then burned, as well as all notes made.

To be elected Pope, one cardinal must receive more than two-thirds of the votes. If 30 ballots have been cast, without any one being elected , then election by simple majority is permitted.

This may well be the most important change John Paul made, some Vatican observers say. In the past candidate had majority support but fell short of the required two-thirds majority. A compromise candidate is chosen, either an old Pope or one who will be a transition hold over.

Blessed John XXIII was such a candidate. But he stunned the world by convening Vatican II. It’s reforms are still rocking the Church today.. .

Once a cardinal receives the required number of votes, the Dean of the College of Cardinals asks him two questions: do you accept election? And by what name he wishes to be called as Pope?. On giving assent, the cardinal immediately becomes Pontifex Maximus : the “Holy Roman Pontiff”.

The cardinals then pledge their obedience to the new pontiff one by one. Vatican observers recall the touching moment when Poland’s cardinal Wyzinski knelt to pledge obedience to his student Karol Wojtyla who chose to be known as John Paul II.

The new Pope then vests in his white soutane and skull cap. An Italian family in Rome that makes all the Papal vestments has several different sizes prepared in readiness for His Holiness, no matter what his shape or size.

If a new Pope has been elected, the conclave papers are burned with chemicals to give white smoke. Otherwise, they give off black smoke, so that the waiting crowds, and the world, know whether a new new Holy Father will soon emerge from the Sistine Chapel.

As the white smoke summons the crowds,, The Dean of the College of Cardinals then steps onto the main balcony of the Vatican and declares to the World: “*Habemus Papam!*” “We have a Pope!” His Holiness then appears on the balcony and delivers his first apostolic blessing to a waiting world.

DEPTHNEWS

Economics and Dictionaries

BY JUAN L. MERCADO



("Lighten up on the column, " a friend counselled by text. "It's still Easter and we will have enough bad news the rest of the year." Good advise. So, here's a couple of light pieces on world economics 101 and the New Tagalog Dictionary, courtesy of former Manila Times columnist Alfredo Roces. Driven by martial law abroad, Roces became a successful editor in Australia and ultimately settled Down Under – Juan L. Mercado) .

TRADITIONAL ECONOMICS : You have two cows. So, you sell one and buy a bull Your herd multiplies and the economy grows. Then, you retire on the income.

CHINESE ECONOMICS : You have two cows. But you have 300 people milking them. You claim full employment, high bovine productivity and arrest anyone reporting the actual numbers. .

INDIAN ECONOMICS : You have two cows. So, you worship them.

PAKISTAN ECONOMICS : You don't have any cows. So, you claim that the Indian cows belong to you. Then, you ask the US for financial aid, China for military aid, Britain for warplanes, Italy for machines, Germany for technology, France for submarines, Switzerland for loans, Russia for drugs and Japan for equipment. With all this, you buy the cows and claim exploitation by the world. .

FRENCH ECONOMICS : Simple. You have two cows. But you want three cows. So, you go on strike.

AMERICAN ECONOMICS : You have two cows. Then, you sell one and force the other to produce the milk of four cows When the cow drops dead, you profess surprise. But you pin the blame on some nation with cows. Naturally, that nation will be a danger to world peace and mankind. So, you skip the United Nations Security Council, wage war to save the world and grab the cows. .

GERMAN ECONOMICS : You have two cows. You reengineer them so that they live for 100 years, eat once a month and, above all, milk themselves. .

RUSSIAN ECONOMICS : You have two cows You count them and learn you have five cows Again, you count them and learn, this time, you have 42 cows. You count them again and learn that now you have only 17 cows. You give up counting — and open another bottle of vodka. .

BRITISH ECONOMICS : You have two cows. Both are mad.

ITALIAN ECONOMICS : You have two cows. You don't know where they are. Naturally. So, you break for lunch. .

PHILIPPINE ECONOMICS : You have only one cow. So, the government claims there's a shortage of cows. From other nations, the government seeks grants so the country can produce more cows. Donor nations oblige. Then, our officials divide the grants among themselves, and blame the opposition for corruption. We stage People Power 42. The government is overthrown. .

SWISS ECONOMICS : You have 5000 cows. None of them belong to you. You charge others for storing them. .

JAPANESE ECONOMICS : You have two cows. You redesign them so that they are one-tenth the size of an ordinary cow, and produce twenty times the milk. You then create cute cartoon cow images called Cowkimon and market them worldwide. .

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ATTY. BATAS

Surname of Illegitimate Child

BY ATTY. BATAS MAURICIO



Agyamanak, Apo, kadakayo nga agbassa kadaytoy nga kolum. Maragsakan unay iti riknak nga makaawat iti reactions kadakayo, nang-nangruna kadakayo nga agsur-surat wenna mangipat-patulod iti e-mail tapno maipadanon yo kanyak iti problema yo, wenna dagiti parikut yo.

Maysa kadagitoy nga simmurat wenna nag-e-mail ket ni Ms. Kela Abegail B. Reyes, iti Baguio City, maipanggep iti desisyon iti pamilya da nga maisurot iti nagan ni father na a kas maysa kadagidiyay retirees iti Armed Forces of the Philippines nga nangisagpat iti kaso tapno mabayadan da iti sumurok nga P12 billion a kas unpaid pension adjustments.

Dadtoy daydiyay e-mail ni Ms. Reyes, ken iti sungbat ko: "Dear ATTY. BATAS MAURICIO, nabasa po namin ang inyong column sa THE JUNCTION weekend edition, dated March 5-11 2005. Tungkol po sa BENIPISYO NG MGA BETERANO ng AFP. Nais po sana ng father ko na si COL. TOMASITO Z. REYES na ipalista ang pangalan niya. Heto po ang mga detalye: Name: COL. TOMASITO Z. REYES; Serial no. 0-99043; Address: 102 TACAY RD., PINSAO PROPER, BAGUIO CITY 2600; Retired since 1993; Served 26 1/2 yrs. in Philippine Constabulary (PC) and 3 1/2 years in the Philippine National Police (PNP). Ito po ang e-mail address ko kung sakaling may nais po kayong malaman o sabihin tungkol po sa bagay na ito. Kela Abegail B. Reyes (ruggedkelay@yahoo.com)."

Kate, thank you for reading our column in The Junction.

Also, I would recommend your reading my other columns at the Luzon newsweekly, Gazette Philippines Nationwide, which also reaches Baguio and other Northern Luzon provinces, and, of course, my other columns in the other newspapers and magazines circulating nationwide.

Be that as it may, I have already instructed our staff to include the name of your father as one of the claimants in the case that we filed with the Quezon City Regional Trial Court, Branch 223.

That is a case where we are seeking a judicial order to compel the Arroyo Government to appropriate and ultimate release funds to pay the adjusted pension benefits directed by existing laws to be paid to AFP retirees and veterans.

At this stage, we are still accepting names of retirees and veterans, and even their families if they are already deceased, so they could be considered to be part of that case.

If you have the means to do so, please notify the other veterans and retirees in your are there in Northern Luzon of this case.

They can also send their names through this website, or they can simply call our numbers in Metro Manila, (02) 433-75-49 and (02) 433-75-53.

I would like to reiterate that those who will join the case and send to us their names and addresses would not be charged anything. This is for free, courtesy of the Federation of Retired Commissioned and Enlisted Servicemen, or FORCES, under the leadership of Retired B/Gen. Rodrigo Gutang.

-oOo-

Use of the father's surname by his illegitimate child TANONG: Atty. Batas, tanong ko lang po kung pwede po bang gamitin ng bata ang apelyido ng ama kahit na ito'y kasal na sa iba? Ana Rivera ("cutie_barbie_08@yahoo.com).

SAGOT: Opo, pupuwede po, pero may mga kondisyon na dapat munang magawa bago ito papayagan, at ito po ay batay sa Republic Act 9255.

Ayon po sa batas na ito, magagamit na ng batang anak sa labas ang apelyido ng kanyang ama kung ang ama ay lalagda sa birth certificate ng bata, o di kaya ay gagawa siya ng sinumpaang salaysay na kinikilala

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Atty. Batas... from page 5

niya ang bata, o di kaya ay susulat siya ng isang liham na inaamin niya na siya ang ama ng bata.

Kung wala po ang mga ito, hindi pupuwedeng gamitin ng bata ang apelyido ng kanyang ama. Pero kung mayroon kahit isa lamang sa mga ito, maaari ng gamitin ng bata ang apelyido ng kanyang ama.

P a p a n o isasagawa ang pagpapalit ng apelyido ng bata upang maisunod ito sa apelyido ng ama sa kanyang birth certificate?

Kailangan lamang na magsumite ng isang sinumpaang salaysay ang ama o

ang ina ng bata, at isusumite ang salaysay na ito sa Local Civil Registrar kung saan nakarehistro ang birth certificate ng bata.

M a y babayaran siyang isanglibong pisong filing fee at publication fee na tatlong libong piso.

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BUKAL NG BUHAY: Kaya't pagsikapan nating gawin ang mga bagay na makdudulot ng kapayapaan at makapagpapatibay sa isa't isa. Roma 14:19.

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PAALALA:
NAPAPAKINGGAN PO AKO SA PROGRAMANG BATAS NG BAYAN

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M A L A Y - S I A N ECONOMICS : You have two cows. You slaughter one for Hari Raya Puasa and the other for Hari Raya Haji. Just before that, both the cows were wondering along the highways. .

(The following job titles, Ding Roces says, were lifted, he writes, from a new Tagalog Dictionary . "I'm just passing this on and making absolutely no claims to writing any of it." Here are some new honorifics for elected officers and their aides. Enjoy).
President - Pasimuno; Vice-President - Kunsintidor; Secretary - Palsipikador; Treasurer - Kubrador; Auditor - Kasabwat; Business

Manager - Gastador; Public Relations Officer - Tsismoso and Sergeant-at-Arms - Pasaway.

Their aides go by various titles and are known as Taga-istorbo. An assistant is Galamay while an Adviser is Sulsol; Consultant - Manggagancho and Expert - Punong-Yabang.

In their offices, the receptionist sports the title : Palikera; Clerk Typist - Tagaparami ng Papel; Messenger - Tagatulak ng Papel.

Out there, in the arts, service and trade, there are other jobs. The new dictionary has names for them too.

An entertainer is known as

Kerengkeng and a Comedian - Alaskador;. Driver - Kaskasero but a chance passenger is known as Malas na Nakikiangkas.

A plumber is - Taga-tagas; Repairman - Mambubutingting; Gardener - Damuho; Utility Man - Inutil; Watchman - Istambay; Security Guard - Bantay-Salakay; Doorman - Nagpapaluso; Janitor - Taga-limas

Sales Vendor - Pirata; Collector - Mangingikil; Custodian - Taga-ligpit; Dispatcher - Taga-dispatsa; Distributor - Taga-kalat; Delivery Man - Taga-iwan ng Gamit; Circulation Head - Taga-bilog ng Ulo; Purchaser - Palengker.

Have a nice Sunday.

MOSH PIT**Back to Reality**

BY GRACE BANDOY



Don't you just wish everyday is a holiday?! Like the past Holy Week holiday, which I just wish and prayed to go on forever. You don't have to wake up early and go to work. You don't also have to sleep early and party all night instead. You don't have to tire yourself with work. You don't have to go walking around the whole freakin' day doing your chores.

Haaaaay I just wish everyday was a holiday!

The Holy Week holidays kept me inside the house. I was just at home watching tv and eating and sleeping in the afternoons. No work to worry about. *Pa relax relax lang*, and it felt reaaaalllyyyy greeeeaaaatttt!

Except for my piling laundry and my *pamangkin* who is soooooo *makulit* and who incidentally left me recently without a cell phone because *sinawsaw nya lang naman yung cell phone ko sa mainit na kape!*

I went around town hoping some genius can bring my cell phone back to life but to NO avail, I don't own a Nokia phone so it would really take forever before I can have my phone fixed.

Well anyway, after the holidays, we all have to go back to our real lives. *Balik na naman po tayo sa totoong buhay*, which I sort of hate.

Real life for me is excruciating. No money, no high-paying job, loads of *utang* and *utang na loob*, none of my dreams coming true, weird love life, etc. just to name a few.

I hate reality. Sometimes I wish I were some crazy lunatic or something who is living in her own imaginary world. Those people, I believe, are way way happier than the saner persons on earth.

Mas okay pa yung mga baliw eh, solve na solve *silang maga sariling mundo nila!* They don't have any worries whatsoever! *Wala silang iniisip na problema!*

Samantalang tayong matitino ang pag iisip ang daming mga problema.

Pero you know, this is the life we built for our selves so we can't really complain. We can't blame God because He put everything out here for our perusal, He gave us everything we need, *nasa atin na lang siguro kung pano natin gamitin.*

We can't also blame our parents because they want nothing for us but the best.

And we can't blame the government or president GMA for our sorry lives!

I guess we can only blame ourselves for a bad REAL life we're having.

Nakakahiya man aminin, my reality is my own making, so I can't really blame anyone for it. I just have to live with it and try to change it even if I die trying.

That's what I recently re-realized during Easter Sunday. I didn't go to mass or anything like that, in fact, I'm probably one of the most un-religious person you could ever meet. But you don't really have to be going to church and stuff like that to begin to realize that you should start changing your life.

I really don't know how to change my depressing real life into a livelier one, maybe I should try and work harder? Or maybe I should pray harder? Or *siguro mas marami akong itaya sa lotto?* I don't know, the only thing I really know is - *ayoko ng maging dukha!!!!*

I can't live a terrible life forever?! I need a huge huge huge change!!! Maybe I should start doing something about it right now?! And you know what, I hope all of you others out there do too!!!

BANTAYAN AT SIYASATIN

Alyas Alistair Villacruz, Lumantad!
Task Force, may kinikilingan? Mga
Abusadong Drayber, Sampolan.
Lungsod ng Baguio, peaceful?

BY RUDY "BANTAY SIYASAT" GARCIA



Alyas Alistair Villacruz, Lumantad! Sa wakas ay lumantad din ang tunay na "Alistair Villacruz" na siyang gumawa ng sulat at ipinadala sa isang pang-Linggong pahayagan (hindi ang pahayagang ito) na naglalaman ng mga negatibong komento laban dito sa inyong lingkod at ang kolumn na Bantayan at Siyasatin.

Nailathala ang naturang sulat sa naturan ding pahayagan kunaan marami sa ating mga kaibigan at supporters ang nakabasa, na kaagad naman nilang ipinagbigay alam sa akin.

Noong una ay talagang duda ako sa motibo at pagkatao nitong si "Villacruz." Maari kako itong isa sa mga napikon na aking nabanatan o isang alipones ni "Pikon."

Obyus kasi ang ginawang pagtatanggol nitong si "Villacruz" kay Engr. Nestor Lleva, isa sa mga nabanatan ko at nang mapikon ay binantaan ako.

Eh, di totoo nga ang aking hinala dahil kamakailan lang ay bumigay ang totoong "Alistair Villacruz," na walang iba kundi si **Mrs. Evelyn Lleva**, isa ring kolumnista na asawa ni Engr. Nestor Lleva!

Talaga rin naman ano, ang pagmamahal kung minsan ay nakakabulag, hahamakin ang lahat, maipagtanggol ka lamang, pwee!

Eniwey, saludo pa rin ako sa ginawang pag-amin nitong si Mrs. Lleva, at least nagpakatotoo siya, pero sa susunod, sana ay mag "esep-esep" muna siya bago gumawa ng anumang hakbang lalo na pag ito'y alanganin. Huwag sana siyang padalos dalos.

Kapatid ko pa naman siya sa media, kaya't ako'y nagtataka kumbakit masyado niya akong pinersonal. Dapat alam niya ang trabaho at responsibilidad ng isang media, trabaho lang ito at walang personalan. Magsulat at ihayag ang katotohanan, huwag itong iligaw o takpan!

Alam naman nitong si Mrs. Lleva kung saan ako matatagpuan, kaya't walang dahilan na hindi niya alam kung saan ako para sa buong katotohanan, o siya'y nagbubulag-bulagan at nagbibingi-bingihan lamang o sadyang siya'y isang martir na tanga?

O baka naman gustong malaman ni Mrs. Lleva ang aking kakayahan, kredibilidad, at kapasidad? O kaya gusto niyang subukan kung hanggang saan ang aking kaalaman at intelihensiya? (Game ako Mrs. Lleva, just name the place and time, sabihin mo Madame at darating ako!)

Sa susunod... ang katotohanan tungkol sa kaso ng Rooftop Garden, at ipinapauna ko na, puwera dito ang pikon! Maliwanag po ba Mrs. Leyabe, este Mrs. Lleva alyas Karacra este Villacruz?

Anti-Peddling Task Force, may kinikilingan? Kung totoo man ang naisumbong sa akin ng isang vendor diyan sa may Burnham Park. Hinggil dito sa Anti-Peddling Task Force na pinamumunuan ni Emmanuel Reyes, kasama ang isang nagngangalang "Eppie," dapat itong mabusisi at mapaimbestigahan.

Ayon sa sumbong, kinumpiska raw ng naturang Task Force ang mga paninda nitong mga vendors sa may erya ng Burnham Park noong mahal na araw (ay, walang konsiderasyon?) at pinag-mumulta raw sila ng mahigit sa halaga ng kanilang mga panindang nahuli! At wala raw silang inisyu na anumang resibo?!!

Ayon pa, ito raw si Mr. Reyes ay may pagkaarogante at kung umasta ay (parang) akala niya siya si Meyor.

Gusto kong ituwid itong huling sumbong tungkol kay Mr. Reyes. Hindi sa pinagtatakpan ko siya pero kilalang kilala ko ito. Straight at hindi tumatanggap ng anumang lagay o suhol. Wala itong pakialam kung kaibigan ka o kamag-anak basta't lumihis ka sa ating batas, pasensiya!

Sa totoo lang, isa si Mr. Emmanuel Reyes sa mga empleyado ng

gobyerno na walang kinikilingan, tapat sa tungkulin, ganito ang mga taong nasa poder na karapat dapat na magtagal sa kanilang puwesto.

Siguro dito nagkamali ang ibang vendors, gusto siguro siyang suhulan pero pumalpak, nakarinig pa ng di maganda, napahiya, tuloy ngayon ay inaakusahan siya na arogante at mayabang (ng mga vendors).

Okay, para di naman sabihin ng ating mga vendors na binabalewala natin ang kanilang mga sumbong, pakisagot nga po Mr. Reyes ang mga sumusunod na tanong?

Una, totoo ba na kinukumpiska ninyo ang kanilang mga paninda at pagkatapos ay ipinatutubos ninyo sa kanila ng higit pa sa halaga ng inyong nakumpiska?

Pangalawa, totoo ba na wala kayong iniisyung resibo dito?

Pangatlo, totoo ba na itong Task Force na inyong pinamumunuan ay may kinikilinganng vendors pagdating sa pagpapatupad ng ating ordinansa?

Pang-apat, ano ang masasabi mo sa akusasyon na ikaw raw ay mayabang at arogante? (Nasagot ko na po ito).

At pang-lima, totoo ba na itong Anti-Peddling Task Force na ander ng PSDO ay isang enforcement agency ng ating meyor? Hindi kaya ito "private army"?

Huling tanong, magbibigay ho ba kayo ng paliwanag at konkretong sagot sa mga nabanggit na tanong? Oo o hindi? Paalala lang na ang pagsasawalang kibo ay tanda ng pagtanggap na totoo ang mga sumbong!

Hinihintay po namin ang inyong panig boss, tsip Emmanuel Reyes!

Lungsod ng Baguio, tahimik ba at ligtas tayo? Kung ikaw ay isang ordinaryong mamamayan na ang hangad ay isang simple at tahimik na pamumuhay, gusto mo bang dito sa lungsod ng Baguio manirahan, op kors, kung walang gumagala na mga "big time criminals," "hired killers," etcetera. Hindi rin masyado ang nakawan, dukutan, rambolan, holdapan, kidnapan, etcetera ulit!

Sa mga kaso na naireport sa ating awtoridad ilan ang "solved" at "unsolved"? Ilang biktima ang sa ngayon ay naghihintay pa rin ng tamang hustisya?

Pagpaslang kay Romeo Sanchez, panghahalay at pagpatay sa isang dalagita kamakailan lang, mga karahasan na nagiging karaniwan nang tanawin, etcehtera, mga krimen na hanggang ngayon ay wala pa ring kalutasan!

Kamakailan naman ay nagising ang mga residente ng Brawer Rd. dahil sa alingawngaw ng mga putok ng baril mga alas sais ng umaga.

Nang magsilabasan ang mga residente, dito nagtakbuhan sa iisang direksiyon ang isang grupo ng kalalakihan na ang iba ay may tangan na baril.

Isang lalaki naman ang nakagulapay, duguan at maaring biktima ng mga nagtakbuhan ang kaagad namang dinala sa isang ospital ng kanyang kasama.

Ako po mga dear readers ang isa sa residente na nakasaksi kasama ko ang aking anak at asawa na hindi kaagad nakapagsalita at nakakilos dahil sa pagkabigla.

Ngayon, gusto n'yo pa bang tumira dito ng matagal kung patuloy na ganito ang sitwasyon ng ating pis en order?

Kung ako ang tatanungin, **ewan!** Diyak maawatan!"

Mga abusadong drayber, dapat sampolan. Marami sa mga aksidenteng nangyayari sa ating mga lansangan ay hindi masyadong nabibigyan ng pansin ng ating awtoridad. Nagiging pabaya at maluwag sila sa pagpapatupad ng ating batas.

Kung hindi man may diperensiya ang sasakyan, lasing naman ang drayber, kundi naman ay kaskasero!

Dapat bigyan ng kaukulang atensyon ito ng ating pamahalaang

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Republic of the Philippines
 REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
 First Judicial Region
 Office of the City Sheriff
 Baguio City
JOSE V. TULIO
Mortgagee,
 -versus-
 SPOUSES
 ARMANDO BIALA AND NORMA BIALA,
Mortgagors,
 Fore. Case No. 348-05-B

SHERIFF'S NOTICE OF AUCTION SALE

Upon petition for sale under Act 3135, filed by JOSE V. TULIO, hereinafter referred to as the MORTGAGEE, executed on December 28, 2003 by SPOUSES ARMANDO BIALA and NORMA BIALA, with postal address at Baguio City, hereinafter referred to as the MORTGAGORS, to secure their mortgage obligation, which as of as of this date, amounts to FIVE HUNDRED TEN THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED TWENTY THREE AND 78/100 (P510, 923.78) and other expenses of foreclosure proceedings, the undersigned Sheriff, will sell at public auction on APRIL 19, 2005 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon

thereafter, at the Hall of Justice Lobby, Baguio City, and more particularly described as follows:

"A two storey building located at along BPI Subdivision Road, Lower Pinget, Baguio City, containing a floor area of 21 square meters, at first floor and 28 square meters at second floor, more or less.

The building is constructed with mixed materials, as Hollow Blocks and G.I. Sheets and wooden materials. It is Erected under the name of ARMANDO BIALA covered by Under Tax Declaration ARP No. 0553 and 0554 with Property Index No. 102-04-02-09 037.

ARMANDO BIALA and NORMA BIALA are the present Occupants and possessors of the said house and lot. All Improvements therein are included in this mortgage."

Prospective bidders may investigate the title, rights and improvements of the property with regards to encumbrances, if any there be.

Baguio City, Philippines, this 17th day of March, 2005.

(SGD.) REMEDIOS BALDERAS-REYES
 Acting Ex-Officio City Sheriff
 RTC, Baguio City

(SGD.) CRISANTO T. FLORA
 Sheriff IV
 Mar. 19, 26 & April 2, 2005

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

ROMEO LOPEZ

Applicant

Case No. 95-01-466

NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application for the Extension of Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a TAXI Service with amendment of line for the transportation of passengers and freight on the line: LA TRINIDAD TO ANY POINT IN REGION I TO LA TRINIDAD TO ANY POINT 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 April 19, 2005 at 9:00 A.M. at the LTRFB 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 14th day of December 2004.

(SGD)ATTY. BRENDA D. POKLAY
 Hearing Officer

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

ANGELITA M. LORENZO

Applicant

Case No. 2000-01-2560

NOTICE OF HEARING

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

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WITNESS, the Honorable ALFREDO P. MONDIGUING - Regional Director this 9th day of December 2004.

(SGD)ATTY. BRENDA D. POKLAY
 Hearing Officer

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

ROSITA G. DALLIGOS

Applicant

Case No. 2002-BC-541

NOTICE OF HEARING

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

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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 15th day of December 2004.

(SGD)ATTY. BRENDA D. POKLAY
 Hearing Officer

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

CARMELITA VIRAY - Vendor

ROBERTO G. TINIO - Vendee

Case No. 2000-01-2558/2004-BAG-CAR-1424

NOTICE OF HEARING

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

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WITNESS, the Honorable ALFREDO P. MONDIGUING - Regional Director this 14th day of December 2004.

(SGD)ATTY. BRENDA D. POKLAY
 Hearing Officer

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

ELIASARS.S. ADALAN - Vendor

SAMUEL ARCELLANA - Vendee

Case No. 2000-01-2053/2005-BENG-CAR-432

NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application for the Approval of Sale and Transfer of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a PUJ Jeetney Service for the transportation of passengers and freight on the line: BAGUIO PLAZA- TOMAY and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit.

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on April 19, 2005 at 9:00 A.M. at the LTRFB Office, Paodal, Baguio City which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her/their evidences.

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WITNESS, the Honorable ALFREDO P. MONDIGUING - Regional Director this 14th day of March 2005.

(SGD)ATTY. BRENDA D. POKLAY
 Hearing Officer

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

NANCY DOCALLAS

Applicant

Case No. 2001-01-2427

NOTICE OF HEARING

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

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WITNESS, the Honorable ALFREDO P. MONDIGUING - Regional Director this 18th day of December 2004.

(SGD)ATTY. BRENDA D. POKLAY
 Hearing Officer

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

TERESITA SOMBRITO - Vendor

ARTURO B. FERNANDEZ - Vendee

Case No. 2000-01-2096/2005-BENG-CAR-430

NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application for the Approval of Sale and Transfer of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a Vehicle for Hire 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 April 19, 2005 at 9:00 A.M. at the LTRFB Office, Paodal, Baguio City which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her/their evidences.

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WITNESS, the Honorable ALFREDO P. MONDIGUING - Regional Director this 18th day of March 2005.

(SGD)ATTY. BRENDA D. POKLAY
 Hearing Officer

Republic of the Philippines
 Department of Transportation and Communications
LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARD
 Cordillera Administrative Region, Baguio City
SPS. ENRIQUE & VIRGINIA CALDERON

APPLICANTS
Case No. 2001-BC-075
NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application for the Approval of Sale and Transfer of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a PUJ Jeetney Service for the transportation of passengers and freight on the line: BAGUIO PLAZA- TOMAY and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit.

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on April 12, 2005 at 9:00 A.M. at the LTRFRB Office, Pacdal, Baguio City which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her evidences.

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WITNESS, the Honorable ALFREDO P. MONDIGUING - Regional Director this 31st day of March 2005.

(SGD) ATTY. BRENDAD. POKLAY
 Hearing Officer

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

LUNINGNING E. PONGGOS - Vendee
Case No. 88-01-2294/2005-BENG-CAR-434
NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application for the Approval of Sale and Transfer of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a PUJ Service for the transportation of passengers and freight on the line: BAGUIO CITY - QUEZON HILL and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit.

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WITNESS, the Honorable ALFREDO P. MONDIGUING - Regional Director this 31st day of March 2005.

(SGD) ATTY. BRENDAD. POKLAY
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Appellate court rules ncip has no jurisdiction over Baguio dairy farm squatting case

BAGUIO CITY – The Court of Appeals has nullified for lack of jurisdiction the writ of preliminary injunction issued by the National Commission on Indigenous People (NCIP) Cordillera hearing officer to stop the demolition of the illegal structures allegedly owned by the heirs of Ikang Paus at the Baguio Dairy Farm here.

In a nine-page decision issued by CA Associate Justice Jose Sabio Jr. last March 17, the court agreed with petitioners former Mayor Bernardo Vergara and former city demolition team head Nazita Banez that NCIP-CAR hearing officer Brain Masweng had no authority to issue a preliminary injunction as the case does not involve the implementation of Republic Act No. 8371 or the Indigenous People's Rights Act (IPRA).

"...There was no basis for Public Respondent (Masweng) to have issued the writ of Preliminary Injunction, there being no pending controversy before him... Indeed Public Respondent has acted without jurisdiction when he issued the assailed writ of preliminary injunction, absent any main or principal action as provided for under section 69 of RA 8371," the court noted.

In issuing the decision, the court set aside the resolutions issued by Masweng dated July 21, 2003 and September 26, 2003. Masweng was also ordered to dismiss the petition for injunction filed by the heirs of Ikang Paus on the same ground.

Court records showed that the city government in June, 2003 by virtue of Demolition Order No. 17 planned to demolish the structures built by the heirs of Ikang Paus represented by one Olarte Alislis Paus on a land within the Baguio Dairy Farm which is a government reservation for animal breeding station purposes under Proclamation No. 603.

The demolition order was issued by then mayor Vergara based on the complaint of Baguio Dairy Farm administrator Patrocinio Abaya and based on the recommendations of the city engineer's office, the public order and safety division and the anti-squatting committee for violation of Presidential Decree 1096 or the Anti-Squatting Law.

To stop the demolition, the heirs filed a petition before the NCIP-CAR for injunction with prayer for the issuance of a temporary restraining order and writ of preliminary injunction.

The NCIP-CAR granted the TRO prayer on June 25, 2003 and issued the preliminary injunction on June 30 of the same year and subsequently dismissed the city government's motion for reconsideration and motion to dismiss.

This prompted the former city mayor and demolition team head as represented by city legal officer Carlos Melchor Rabanes to file the said petition before the Court of Appeals. *laileen p. refuerzo*

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siguro ng drayber ay eroplano ang kanyang minamaneho. lokal at ibang awtoridad, hindi yung kung kelan may nangyari na saka lang sila kikilos, eh, aanhin pa nila ang damo kung patay na ang kabayo? (maganda siguro sila na lang ang kumain nung damo.)

Simpleng solusyon lang naman yan, bakit hindi nila kumpiskahin ang lisensiya ng sinumang mahulihan na lasing habang nagmamaneho, at huwag nang pahintulutan pa ang mga ito na magmaneho? Ganoon din sa mga drayber na akala mo ambulansiya ang kanilang minamaneho? Bakit di nila patawan ng mas mabigat na parusa ang mga lumalabag sa ating batas trapiko?

Katulad na lang iyong nangyari noong Marso 28 ng umaga, malapit sa panulukan ng Bokawkan at Naguillan Rd., kunsaan isang Texas Taxi na FX na may plakang AYN-670 na pag-aari ng isang Grace Adoog ang mabilis at rumaragasang sumadsad sa isang upuang pader na ikinasira ng huli.

Nagtamo ng malubhang sugat ang drayber at mga sakay nito ganoon din na grabe ang pinsalang natamo ng naturang taksi.

Ayon sa impormasyon, lasing daw ang naturang drayber at mga sakay nito na akala

siguro ng drayber ay eroplano ang kanyang minamaneho.

Paano kung..., nagkataong may taong dumaan nung mangyari ang aksidente, eh di siguradong pisak ito? Paano rin kung nagkataon na isang batang estudyante ito na papasok sana sa eskwela? Hay naku, kelan kaya tayo matututo? Ewan sa mga pabaya at tamad na nasa poder, na walang ginawa kundi magbilang ng kanilang nakurakot na pera! Pweehh!!

Boss, tsip Cutiyog, ikaw ang hepe ng ating Traffic Division at saklaw ng inyong responsibilidad itong nasabing isyu, baka naman pwedeng ikaw na ang maunang umaksyon at pakisampolan mo nga itong mga abusadong drayber na hindi karapat-dapat sa harap ng manibela? Plis! Plis! Plis!

Sa susunod na isyu..., **ibubulgar po natin ang mga nagaganap na anomalya sa mga "trade fairs."** Sino ang mga tatlong meyor natin sito sa lungsod? Mga paupahang bahay, dormitorio, kuwarto, kama o higaan, etcetera dapat imbestigahan! Sino sino sa ating mga konsehales ang nasa likod ng "demolition job" laban kay meyor? ... at marami pang pasasabuging isyu... **ABANGAN!**

Dumpsite fire contained; city pursues solution to waste problem

BAGUIO CITY – Mayor Braulio Yaranon reported that the fire that razed the city's dumpsite at Irisan barangay here had been contained last March 14 but the city's problem on waste management remains far from over.

Teams from the Environmental Management Bureau, Philex Mines, Baguio fire station and the city environment and parks management office conducted the containment operation with support from the Baguio Water District, water delivery services and the Emergency Medical Services.

The high methane content of the trash pile, however, triggered a recent recurrence of the fire, prompting the city's solid waste management board, through city councilor Erdolfo Balajadia to direct its technical working group to immediately study and recommend alternative strategies.

The mayor along with the City Solid Waste Management Board (CSWMB) last week resumed deliberations on proposed measures to address the city's garbage concerns even as the city council remains undecided on the proposed rehabilitation of the city dumpsite.

The heightened concern on waste manage-

ment was prompted by the city's need to comply with a national law mandating the achievement of a controlled status and eventually scrapping of dumpsites and by the critical condition of the dumpsite due to the high level of leachate and methane gas emitting from the site which triggered the burning and continues to threaten the health of the people and the environmental condition in the area.

The board, upon the order of the mayor, last week tackled the interim regulatory policies for the operation of the dumpsite pending its conversion into a controlled dump facility to guide the city on what actions to take in the mean time that it is still working on uplifting the dumpsite's status.

It also took up the conditions stipulated in the notice to proceed for operation of controlled dump facility issued by the Dept. of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) and the options to finalize the City Solid Waste Management Plan as per Republic Act 2003.

The body also assessed the status of the information campaign on the implementation of the mandatory solid waste segregation policy, the effectivity of which was reset

from March 16 to April 16 this year.

Under the policy contained in the mayor's Administrative Order No. 602, all barangays will be required to implement mandatory segregation of wastes with the city government providing the collection and transport services. The mayor said the policy of "no segregation-no collection" will be implemented consistent with the provisions of Republic Act No. 2003.

The mayor reiterated that the city is doing its best to address its waste management program to beat the deadline for the scrapping of open dumpsites as per Republic Act No. 9003 or the National Ecological Solid Waste Management Act.

RA 9003 mandates local government units to adopt an effective waste management program that will no longer require the operation of a dumpsite by year 2007. The same law also requires LGUs to convert their open dumpsites into a controlled disposal facility (CDF) by February 2004.

The city has been given until February 2006 to improve its present garbage disposal system which will include the rehabilitation of the present dumpsite in Irisan.

Mayor turns down Jadewell request for registration of parking tickets

BAGUIO CITY – Mayor Braulio Yaranon last week disapproved the request of Jadewell Parking Systems Corporation general manager Norma Tan for the registration of payparking tickets saying the city

The mayor said the city has been receiving offers from various companies which are now being carefully studied.

The city council still has to act on whether or not they will allow the mayor to enter into a negotiated contract with the private sector for the development, rehabilitation and conversion of the Irisan dumpsite into a controlled dump facility pursuant to RA 9003.

The option for direct negotiation was considered in view of the urgency of the matter.

However, members of the city bids and awards committee maintains that the direct negotiation is against Republic Act No. 9184 which mandates that all procurements should be done through competitive bidding.

The council committee on health and sanitation headed by Councilor Erdolfo Balajadia is expected to come up with its recommendation soon. / *ailen p. refuerzo*

government should not help a "corrupt, illegal and criminal act."

The mayor in an indorsement to city treasurer Thelma Manaois maintained his position that Jadewell should not be allowed to collect parking fees along city streets.

"The position of our office that public funds cannot be collected by a private en-

tity; that collection of public funds cannot be delegated to a private entity; that government authority to enforce the law or ordinance cannot likewise be delegated to a private entity; and that allowing a private entity to appropriate public funds is plain graft and corruption," the mayor said.

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Mayor addresses city hall disrepair

BAGUIO CITY – Mayor Braulio Yaranon last week directed concerned offices here to institute measures for the repair of the City Hall building before the rainy season sets in.

The mayor asked the city building and architectural office (CBAO) under Engr. Oscar Flores and the city engineer's office under Engr. Leo Bernardez to inspect the building and submit as soon as possible plans and estimates for the replacement or repair of the leaking roof, ceiling and other defective parts of the age-old edifice.

The mayor lamented that despite three contracts involving millions of pesos, which were implemented in the past for the renovation of the building, City Hall remains in a

state of disrepair.

"Until now, the roofing leaks badly; the ceilings have deteriorated so that when it rains outside, it also rains inside," the mayor bemoaned.

He said the city has to institute the corrective measures before the rainy season to protect the health of the employees and clients and safeguard as all the records and documents under the city government's care. Engineer Flores informed the mayor that his office had finished the estimate for the ceiling renovation costing P2.6 million.

Flores said the estimate was forwarded to the Bids and Awards Committee secretariat last February 8 for publication and bidding. / *ailen p. refuerzo*

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.

Taxi numbering proposed

BAGUIO CITY- The proposed ordinance requiring a comprehensive taxi numbering system in the city, as authored by Councilor Leandro Yangot Jr., has been referred to the Committee on Public utilities, Transportation and Traffic legislation during the session last week.

According to the Councilor, the move shall enable the city government to "monitor the actual number of taxi units plying the streets," "check the possible violation of the transport franchise moratorium" and "combat the proliferation of corolun taxi units."

The proposed ordinance was filed after the councilor's observation of worsened traffic and air pollution from vehicle exhaust, both which may be attributed to alleged unabated approval of taxi

franchises. This is contrary to the existing moratorium on franchise issuance, revival of expired franchises, and the "kabit system," which caused the burgeoning number of taxi units, the councilor noted.

If finally approved, the procedure for the proposal's implementation includes; payment of equivalent acquisition and sticker cost, presentation and validation of original vehicle franchise issued, and the issuance of a four-digit control number sticker to every legitimate taxi operator, to be placed at the lower right portion of the vehicle windshield.

Concerned offices such as the Baguio City Police Office (BCPO), Land Transportation Office (LTO), Land Transportation, Franchising and

Regulatory Board (LTFRB) shall be tasked in the apprehension of taxi units violating the provisions, 30 days after the final approval of this motion.

Penalty of P1,000 and/or imprisonment of not less than 30 days, P2,000 and/or imprisonment of not less than 3 months shall be imposed for the first and second offense. The third offense shall be heavier with a P3,000 penalty and/or imprisonment of not less than 6 months at the discretion of the court with strong recommendation to the LTFRB for revocation of franchise, the councilor stated.

The councilor expressed optimism that the move shall prove beneficial to the traffic and pollution woes of the city. *Julie G. Fianza*

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and demolition of the Rillera building at the city market to pave the way for the development of the area to maximize its income-generating potential.

The mayor, in his Administrative Order No. 30 said the lease contract covering the said city property had lapsed in 1999 and the city has to take steps to turn the idle but valuable piece of property into a lucrative commercial center.

The mayor tasked the City Building and Architects Office in collaboration with the public order and safety division to clean up and sanitize the area to

prevent it from being a source of disease. He also asked for the fencing of the area to prevent its use for nefarious activities like gambling and drug trafficking.

The mayor later issued a memorandum for the demolition of the unfinished structure which was declared unfit for occupancy after it was damaged by the July 16, 1990 earthquake.

"The Rillera building is now an eyesore, unsanitary and is being used for enriching some people without paying something to the City and more seriously, it is (used as) a

secret place for gambling, drug and illegal activities," the mayor noted in Administrative Order No. 30.

In his order, the mayor noted that Rillera building was built in 1974 by the Hilltop Market and Fish Vendors Association by virtue of a 25-year lease contract with the city government authorized under Resolution No. 180-73. Under the contract, the association will pay P25,000 per year.

The association however failed to complete the construction managing only to build a four-story structure that had no walls, windows and electrical,

Tribal burial practices get sp nod

The dead stay home. The city council recently adopted a resolution filed by councilor Leandro Yangot Jr. recognizing the traditional practice of tribal groups here to bury their departed kin within the compounds of their ancestral homes.

Approval came following a recommendation of the committee on health and sanitation, ecology and environment protection that the practice should be within the premises of the ancestral home and pose no health and sanitation problems to the community.

The committee headed by councilor Erdolfo Balajadia cited a portion of Chapter 21 of the Sanitation Code which provides that

"every funeral shall be in keeping with the customs and traditions of the deceased and in accordance with the expressed wishes and religious beliefs of the deceased provided it is in accordance with the law".

A city health department official also cited the code in recommending approval of the measure, but noted that such burials should not be allowed in densely populated and built-up areas.

The code prescribes the issuance of a death certificate before any burial is made. Likewise, no remains shall be buried in graves where the water table is less than two meters from the natural ground surface or within 50 meters from a

water source. If the burial place is near or adjacent a tourist spot, it should be 1.5-meter deep. Unenbalmned remains should be buried within 48 hours, and within 12 hours when the cause of death is a highly communicable diseases.

Exhumation of remains of those who die of communicable diseases can only be done five years after the burial, and three years for those who died of other causes.

The health official likewise recommended that burial sites outside the city cemeteries should be inspected and approved by sanitation inspectors of the health office. *Art Killip*

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"No city government office should extend assistance to a corrupt, illegal and criminal act," the mayor stressed in the letter.

Tan earlier requested Manaois for the registration of 1,000 booklets of tickets bearing serial numbers A-600001 to 700000.

sanitary, toilet and other facilities.

Despite the condition of the building, the association leased out spaces within the second and third floors of the structure.

However, the association had failed to pay the city its dues until the contract lapsed. *Aileen p. refuerzo*

"Kindly expedite registration soonest possible time to augment our depleted tickets in the field," Tan told Manaois.

The city treasurer later endorsed the request to the mayor for action. The mayor earlier told Tan that the temporary restraining order issued by the Supreme Court has been complied with but warned that the truth on the parking firm's operations will be exposed to proper authorities.

"The sovereign people cannot be fooled all the time, and the colossal fraud, falsification, deceit and imposition and continuing plunder of public funds and violation of the civil liberties of

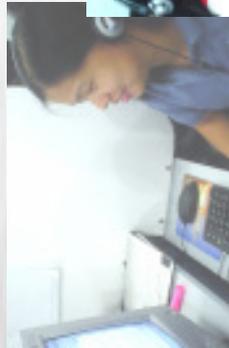
motorists, done with the collusion of public officials will be totally exposed to proper judicial and administrative authorities, and to the sovereign people," the mayor noted in his indorsement to Tan dated March 4.

The Supreme Court on February 9 ordered the mayor to reopen the streets where Jadewell operates. This came after the mayor closed Jadewell's operations on the grounds of lack of business permit.

Yaranon who vowed to seek reversal of the court's decision assured complying with the court order but maintained his position that the public should refuse paying the firm. *laileen p. refuerzo*

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