

# THE JUNCTION

**WEEKEND**

“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!!!**

## City to pursue court case to collect unpaid CJH rental shares



**BAGUIO CITY** – The city is poised to file a court case to improve its “bargaining position” to collect the unpaid rental shares of the city from the lease of Camp John Hay.

Mayor Braulio Yaranon Thursday said city legal officer Carlos Melchor Rabanes is now in the process of preparing the demand letter to collect the arrears. This is in preparation for the filing

of appropriate charges against the Bases Conversion Development Authority/ John Hay Management Council and the Camp John Hay Development Corporation-Penta Capital Fil-Estate Group.

The mayor said the city has to push for the collection especially now that it is now being obliged to pay for the Baguio Convention Center which as per an earlier tripartite

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Dialogue of Deeds

BY JUAN L. MERCADO



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agreement should be shouldered by the BCDA and the CJHDevCo using the city's unpaid shares

The Government Service Insurance System (GSIS) Housing and Real Property Development Group last April 15 wrote the mayor billing the city P35 million as payment for the annual amortization of the purchase price of the convention center.

Group senior vice president Arnaldo Coasay reminded the mayor of the section 3 of the supplemental agreement which provides that the "in the event of non-payment of one annual amortization on its due date which is set to be the 5<sup>th</sup> day of the next month following the end of the year and after a 60-day grace period, upon due notice, this agreement and all other agreements on the property between the CITY and the GSIS shall be terminated."

"Hence, the annual amortization for the year 2004 was due for payment on February 5, 2005. Please consider this bill as our demand for the payment of the above annual

amortization," Coasay said.

The mayor admitted that the city's plan along with the impending tax suit between the BCDA and the CJHDevco for the collection of up to P4 billion in back taxes will result to the further delay in the recovery of the unpaid shares of the city.

However, the mayor said that the city has no other recourse but to sue for collection of the obligation after nothing came out of the negotiation and dialogue initiated by the city mayor with the BCDA and the developer.

The Supreme Court earlier ruled out CJHDevCo's supposed exemption from the payment of taxes including the P1.2 billion in rentals for the lease of the tourist complex. The decision is expected to spark a court battle between the two entities.

The mayor said the city has waited in vain for the BCDA and the CJHDevCo to fulfill their promise to work out the settlement, even partially, of the arrears.

Given the series of conventions, sports tournaments and other special events here this month, mayor Braulo Yaranon has suspended the number coding ordinance for privately owned vehicles from May 1 to 31.

"There is a need to suspend the operation of the number coding ordinance with regards to private vehicles so that tourist influx and participation to the said endeavors may be maximized," the mayor said in an administrative order he issued last April 28.

With the order, privately owned

The mayor said the arrears now amounts to over P600 million based on his computation of the city's 25 percent share from the annual rental as follows: from 1997 to 2001, the annual rental is P425 million per year with interest at 12 percent and penalty charges of 3 percent on unpaid rental; rental fees from 2002 onwards is P150 million per annum with the same interest and penalty charges. — aileen p. refuerzo

**Number coding scheme suspended for May**

vehicles will be allowed within the central business district and other areas normally covered by the number coding scheme the city had adopted to ease traffic flow along main streets during weekdays.

Patterned after that of Metro-Manila, the ordinance bans vehicles with plates ending in 1 and 2 from the regulated zone during Mondays, those ending with 3

and 4 on Tuesdays, and so on.

Among the crowd-drawing activities scheduled this month as noted by the mayor in his order are the Chruch of Latter Day Saints National Convention (May 5-7), First Summer Capital B a d m i n t o n Tournament (May 7-8), Philippine Association of Secondary School Administrators National Convention

(May 12-16), and the Emergency Response Expo "safe Tayo Biyahe Na" and Santacruzán on May 27-29.

"The above mentioned endeavors are expected to draw thousands of tourists to the City of Baguio, using privately owned motor vehicles," the mayor noted. — Rdacawi.

**FMD Outbreak – no cause for alarm**

**BAGUIOCITY** – The infection of nine hogs with the Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) in the city's slaughterhouse during the periods April 7, 14 and 18, 2005 impelled City Veterinarian Brigit P. Piok to proclaim the city under an FMD outbreak.

She stressed however that contrary to popular belief, FMD does not infect humans. Infections in human of the disease are extremely rare.

A thirty-day quarantine of the city's slaughterhouse in Magsaysay Avenue is implemented from April 25, 2005 until May 24 to control the spread of the virus that primarily affects cloven-footed domestic and wild animals.

Other measures identified to control the virus are the closure of slaughterhouse gates 1,2 and 3 to the public. Gate 1 is only open to butchers, employees and goat buyers.

In a letter submitted by Piok to the office of the city mayor, she also affirmed that all hogs inside the slaughterhouse during the outbreak are disposed and butchered to clear the area and conduct thorough cleaning and disinfection after which no pigs will be allowed entry except those to be butchered from 11 P.M. to 8 A.M.

An All-In-All-Out Policy is also implemented where all hogs brought in the slaughterhouse area starting at the entry of Balajadia Street will be slaughtered on that day and those not slaughtered will be condemned.

The inspection of gate pass and permits of all animals going inside the slaughterhouse compound upon entry at Balajadia St. is also strictly observed and violators during the said quarantine period will be issued tickets and citations.

Mayor Braulio Yaranon likewise significantly ordered concerned groups to strictly inspect hogs transported to the city in major checkpoint areas especially along Marcos Highway, Naguilian Road and Kennon Road.

Majority of infected hogs reportedly come from the province of Pangasinan.

The Office of the City Veterinarian is conducting constant cleaning and disinfection of the slaughterhouse area until the quarantine period ends next month.

Piok relates that the country's economy will be the worst affected if the FMD is not controlled.

Independent and commercial hog farmers will meet immense losses, she says, if their hogs are infected and they will subsequently have to lay off some of their labor force, therefore and citations.

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# Mayor creates poverty reduction team

BAGUIO CITY – Mayor Braulio Yaranon last week created the City Poverty Reduction Action Team (CPRAT) to spearhead the implementation of poverty alleviation programs in the city.

The mayor will head the team with city social welfare and development officer Betty Fangasan as vice chair and at the same time as the city poverty reduction action officer.

In his Administrative Order No. 61, the mayor said the team's creation is needed to enable the city to embark on various poverty alleviation programs and to formulate the Local Poverty Reduction Action Plan.

This is in with the Republic Act No. 8425 or the Social Reform and Poverty Alleviation Act that focuses on winning the war against poverty and which identifies poverty alleviation as one of the ten-point agenda for development prompting a poverty reduction-focused Medium-Term Philippine Development Plan.

The said law is in support of thrust of the United Nations Organization (UNO) which identified the eradication of extreme poverty and hunger as one of its priority programs under its Millennium Development Goals.

The mayor said this thrust is also in line with the

provisions of Republic Act NO. 7160 or the Local Government Code of 1991 which devolved the responsibility to improve the quality of life of the people in the communities and ensure the general welfare of the constituents to local government units.

The members of the team are city planning officer Arturo Orig., Association of Barangay Councils (ABC) president Rufino Panagan, vice mayor Reinaldo Bautista Jr., city budget officer Leticia Clemente, city health officer Dr. Florence Reyes, community affairs officer Lawrence Adube, Dept. of Interior and Local Gov't city office head Jose Rapanut and representatives of accredited non-government organizations in the city.

The team will take on the following tasks:

- Orient stakeholders on the legal bases, processes and requirements of local poverty concerns;
- Formulate the City Poverty Reduction Action Plan in coordination with the Barangay Poverty Reduction Action Teams;
- Facilitate the organization of barangay poverty reduction action teams;
- Provide technical assistance in undertaking barangay poverty diagnosis;

- Present the City Poverty Reduction Action Plan to the Development Council and other stakeholders for approval as well as resource support;

- Undertake a comprehensive information, education and communication program to increase awareness, interest, acceptance and support of the various stakeholders and constituents on local poverty reduction agenda;

- Review existing and proposal local policies vis-à-vis the poverty issues of each local sector and the adoption of measures to ensure consistency of application and recommend policy measures to the city council; and
- Ensure integration of monitoring and evaluation of the implementation of the LPRAP.

The action officer will:

- Facilitate the formulation of the city poverty reduction action plan and its integration in the city development plan;
- Operationalize partnerships with non-government organizations, people's organizations and civil society organizations to ensure their active participation in the formulation and implementation of policies and programs;
- Coordinate with various service delivery-oriented government entities at the local level to

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affecting the country's economy.

The entry of imported meat in the country whether they are cheaper or more expensive is also inevitable and "the Philippines cannot export its meat and meat products because of FMD," Piok adds. Meat and meat products such as *tocino* and other cold cuts constitute a significant part of the country's exports.

In meat, the FMD virus can survive for

long periods in chilled or frozen bone marrow and lymph nodes and the virus in serum or other organic material will survive dying and can be carried on inanimate objects, thus, exported cold cuts from our country may be banned.

Piok is also concerned that the disease may affect the country's tourism industry if it is not stopped, as foreign tourists may not visit the country in fear of acquiring the virus

and bringing it back to their respective foreign lands.

FMD is a highly contagious viral infection of cloven-hoofed domestic animals such as cattle, pigs, sheep, goats and water buffalo and cloven-hoofed wild animals. This disease is characterized by fever and vesicles with subsequent erosions in the mouth, nares, muzzle, feet or teats. /MGB

# Franchise issuance suspension okayed

BAGUIO CITY – Mayor Braulio Yaranon last week signed city council Resolution No. 109 series of 2005 requesting the Land Transportation Franchising Board (LTFRB) chief Elena Bautista to suspend the issuance of new franchises for taxi units in the city and its suburbs in the mean time that the city is conducting the investigation on the alleged proliferation of spurious franchises.

The body recently approved the resolution in the light of reports on the proliferation of irregular franchises in the city using the vehicles-for-hire

synchronize their efforts and resources to effectively and efficiently deliver goods and services to the constituents; and

- Provide secretariat services to the team. – aileen p. refuerzo

scheme and the revival of old and expired franchises.

Investigations were also being conducted spearheaded by the council committee on public utilities chaired by councilor Rocky Thomas Balisong. The mayor himself called on the taxi driver and operators associations to cooperate with city government authorities in the conduct of investigation and to police their own ranks against illegal franchise holders.

The mayor said he has begun talks with the head of the taxi group but is awaiting whatever action the city council will come up with to guide him on what to do on the matter.

Balisong during a dialogue with a member of a taxi group also appealed for support from the cabbies and the

operators in identifying the holders of illegal franchises. He said this is in support of the petition being prepared by his office for the cancellation of vehicles-for-hire and other illegal franchises. He said they have started collating evidences and the cabbies' support will greatly help the petition

Earlier taxi driver Luisito Abrio testified that the LTFRB office here has allowed the revival of franchises issued before the moratorium took effect in 1996 in exchange for a fee amounting to P500 a month.

Abrio lamented that the proliferation of these questionable franchises has affected the livelihood of legitimate operators.

He asked the council to help them by moving for the recall of these illegal franchises. /Aileen P. Refuerzo

## Baguio wants John Hay back

Club John Hay owes the city of Baguio the amount of 500 million pesos as its rental and a total of 100 million pesos as its unpaid taxes. That is, as of the year 2004.

*Ang kapal ng mukha nila ano*, don't you think so too?

And they have the nerve to call that place a high-end destination!

Just where in the world will they get the money to pay Baguio now?

## EDITORIAL

John Hay has been destroyed if you are to ask a lot of original Baguio citizens. Most of us think the old American-styled John Hay is better than the elaborately-clad John Hay it is now.

John Hay used to be a very simple and friendly place – a place where the whole family can enjoy and breathe in fresh pine scent.

Now, it just looks like a trying-hard Swiss resort wannabe, a *pa-sosyal* tourist destination in a Third World Country.

The people of Pampanga won back Clark Air Base and the Subic Naval Base from voracious capitalists. *Hindi nila pinayagang mapunta sa mga mukhang pera.*

And look how good they're doing now?

Pampanga is earning from these two former U.S. bases. And Pampangueños and Pampangueñas are much as happy as their local government.

And what about us, the people of Baguio, just what did we and our city get from John Hay after it was turned over by the Americans?

Well, let us count the ways:

- A couple of Baguio citizens were given employment, you can count them with your fingers and toes

- Some local government officials were given their own lavish cottages, and who knows what else they were given with

- They might open up a casino which is really some good news to a lot of Cordillerans

What else did they give us? We just cannot think of anything more!

John Hay gave NOTHING to Baguio and its people.

Maybe it is about time we get back Baguio from the capitalistic sons of bitches who are operating it now before they reach the billion-peso mark.

It is quite unimaginable how they will pay their 600 million *na utang sa Baguio*.

They owe us money and they better pay it.

If not, then they give back John Hay to the people who deserve it most – the people of Baguio.



## FAIR & SQUARE

Proposals To Decongest  
Traffic in the City  
(Part 2)

BY JAMES S. VALEROS



This writer apologizes for coming just now with part 2 of the article. No self-serving excuses, just a bout of dullness. For those who may not have read or even glance at Part 1 published two issues ago, it delved mainly on proposals for short term solutions to decongest traffic in the city. Incidentally, not a single reaction or comment was ever received thereof by this paper or this writer which is not surprising at all by the way. Lethargic citizens pair well with officials lacking in honest to goodness political will and serious intentions, that's why. Just the same though, this writer will finish where he left off if only to put on record that once upon a time one forlorn soul did care to see Baguio a traffic decongested city.

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### The Long Term Solution

Rapid social and economic growth bringing forth aggravated traffic problems in the city requires not only solutions lasting for a term or terms like elected officials coming and going, it must be a continuing concern.

First and foremost, therefore, there should be an office established by ordinance vested with both policy planning and execution powers. That is, one that will continuously research, study and recommend transportation and traffic policies for adoption by the City Council but once adopted by the latter, this office should be given and allowed the capability and autonomy to implement such policies.

We may call it the City Transport and Traffic Management Office or any other similar sounding names. Whatever, it must be unlike the present Transportation and Traffic Management Committee which was merely culled from the Offices of the City Engineer, City Planning, PUSO and Police Director in the concept of extra duties to perform assigned jobs contained in the Action Plans without personnel to permanently perform them.

As the lead office to which all other offices under the supervision and control of the City vested with similar functions shall coordinate, it should be given the following suggested powers and functions:

1. Implement all laws, city ordinances and resolutions and other issuances pertaining to transportation and traffic;

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**BANTAYAN AT SIYASATIN**

Labor day, dapat bang ipagdiwang? Mga accredited smoke emission centers, walang silbi? Barangay Kapten ng AZCKO, dapat na raw palitan! Barangay Kagawad ng Imelda Village gustong bigyan ng leksyon.

BY RUDY "BANTAY SIYASAT" GARCIA

**Labor day, dapat bang ipagdiwang?**

Sa sunod sunod at walang tigil na pagtaas ng mga pangunahing bilihan, pasahe, at ngayon ay bantang pagtaas ng mga kuryente, tubig at ngayon ay ang katatapos na pag-apruba pagkatapos ng mahabang talakayan ng ating mga kongresista at senador, ang Value Added Tax, kahit ba minsan ay nagbigay ng konsiderasyon ang ating pamahalaan upang itaas naman ang sahod ng ating mga manggagawang pinoy?

Sa itinagal ba naman ng panahon na halos wala ng silbi ang ating kasalukuyang sinasahod, nakonsensiya rin ang ating pangulo at nagbigay siya ng order para madagdagan ang sahod ng ating mga trabahador.

Pero kung iisipin ninyo, halos lumangoy na sa kahirapan ang mga pinoy saka nila naisip ito, samantalang kung ano anong mga ek ek ang pinaggagawa ng mga lintek! Eh paano kung huli na, patay na ang kabayo bago dumating ang damo? Eh di ang mga lintek na lang ang kumain ng damo!

Kunsabagay, at least, meron nang dagdag sahod sa ating mga mangagawa, pero teka, hindi raw muna ito maipapatupad ayon sa mensahe ni Sekretari Patricia Sto. Tomas!

Por diyos por santo Tomas, ano ka ba naman, utos na ng pangulo yan, ba't nagpapaka tumpik-tumpik ka pa!

Hihintayin nyo pa ba na may mangyari ulit na katulad ng nangyari sa Hacienda Luisita, Tarlac. Hihintaying nyo pa ba na may mga mag-aklas at may mapatay ulit sa mga ito? Diyos na mahabagin, maawa naman kayo!

O baka naman nagtetengang kawali kayo dahil ang katotohanan ay kakutsaba kayo ng ating tinatawag na mga "big time kapitalist?" Nagtatanong lang po tayo ano? Kung totoo, aba, etong mga ganid na kapitalista, at mga buwaya sa gobyerno ang dapat magdiwang at imbes na "labor day" ang itawag natin sa selebrasyon na ito ay "Devil's Day" na lang. Pweeh!!

Ngayon sabigin nyo mga dear readers kung dapat nga nating ipagdiwang ang Labor Day? Abangan na lang nating ang susunod na kabanata sa ating buhay, Peryod!

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**Mga accredited smoke emission centers, walang silbi?**

Kamakailan ay naghain ang ating lokal na pamahalaan na imbestigahan itong mga smoke emission centers dahil sa mga sasakyan na nabigyan ng sertipikasyon na pasado sa kalidad ng hangin ang ibinubuga ngunit sa aktuwal ay "killer usok" ang lumalabas mula sa tambutso!

Kung paano nakalusot ang mga ito, itanong nyo po sa mga nag-isyu nito at idagdag niyo rin na itanong kung "magkano" para makalusot?

Dapat din sigurong tanungin natin ito sa LTFRB, DOTC, at LTO, at "magkano" rin? Tama lang ang panukalang ito ng ating lokal na namumuno, partikular kay bise Mayor Peter Rey Bautista na siyang pangunahing awtor sa nasabing panukala. Kudos sa iyo apo Peter Rey, baka puwede nyo na ring isama sa inyong panukala na magbitiw na "impromptu" sa kani-kanilang puwesto ang mga walang kwentang tao diyas sa LTFRB, DOTC, at LTO? Kung puwede lang, plis!

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**Barangay Kapten ng AZCKO, dapat na raw palitan**

Isang panawagan ang ipinaabot sa atin ni Mr. Virgilio B. Caga, residente ng AZCKO barangay at ito ay para kina Meyor Yaranon at konsehal Panagan, DILG at ibang konsernadong sangay ng ating lokal na pamahalaan.

**MOSHPIIT**

**Absence makes the heart grow fonder**

BY GRACE BANDOY



I apologize for being absent for the last couple of episodes because I was seriously stricken with the L (laziness) virus! I was so terribly sick I spent a lot of time in my bed and in front of the TV! So you dear readers should understand.

I missed this column so much I had to bring myself to medication and get rid of the L virus, I'm still kinda' sick with it still, but well, I just gotta write this one.

I hope my absence made you guys grew a little fonder, ngeek!

I was so freakingly happy with the turn out of the Amazing Race 7 reality show. Rob and Amber sucked and they lost! Yipppeeeee!! My equally abnormal sister and I were jumping of elation the night we watched Joyce and Uchenna win the one million dollar prize!

They totally deserve it. Rob and Amber throughout the race thought they were gonna win it and they were really such assholes that's why all the other competing teams were totally against them and didn't want them to win. And they did not!

Buti nga sa kanila. It just goes to show that evil never wins in the end. Rob and Amber played dirty. Joyce and Uchenna were the underdogs who were as human as anyone can be. What the heck, they won!

But I was deeply saddened when cutie pie Constantine Maroulis was voted out of American Idol. He was a hottie who made the show a hot one too.

Too bad he's not the one to watch anymore.

But I'm still glad fellow rocker Bo Bice is out to win it off with country girl Carrie Underwood.

Rock rules!

Okay, so what else is up with me?

I will be losing my cell phone soon, Smart recently announced that my Motorola celfone is beyond repair. Huhuhuhuhu

I guess I will have to go on through life without a cell phone, too bad, but hey it's probably not the end of the world.

And well, I'm back at the gym working my butt off.

It feeeelllllsssss greeeeaaaatttttt.

## Fair & Square... from page 4

2. In close coordination with the DOTC/LTFRB, establish, prescribe and regulate economically viable routes of service in the city and their route measured capacities;

3. Formulate plans, programs and implementing rules for the efficient regulation and management of transportation and traffic in the city, in accordance with the policies promulgated by the Sangguniang Panglunsod;

4. To adopt and implement specific measures to effectuate the lawful and peaceful operations of public transport units and facilities; pursuant thereto, the Office shall conduct periodic survey and adopt system of identifying marking, monitoring and controlling public utility vehicles authorized to operate in Baguio City or touch base thereat;

5. Maintain essential records and data relative to vehicles registered, franchises issued per denomination and route, allocations of parking spaces and terminals and other information necessary for policy making and effective management of transportation and traffic;

6. Conduct continuing information and educational program to instill public awareness and discipline, engineering and technical research to expand our limited space, study on circulation patterns, improvement of infra-structural designs, zoning and land use controls, rational traffic and parking system, more efficient regulation of public transportation and ecological hazards caused by motorized vehicles and other related areas necessary to promote the peace, safety and convenience of the general public;

7. Make continuing efforts and improvements to identify, mark and install traffic facilities such as road signs, land dividers and markings, speed stoppers and other devices for the information and safety of road users;

8. Propose revision and continuing amendments to update the existing Comprehensive Traffic and Transportation Ordinance of the City of Baguio ( Ordinance 7-84) and make it relevant at all times;

9. To performs such other functions and duties as may be provided by city ordinances and resolutions or as may be proper, necessary and essential to achieve the purposes by which the Office is created.

Pending the establishment of the office, it is suggested, that is, if the City Council is now convinced to create the same, that it authorizes the City Mayor by resolution to designate existing personnel an/or offices ( like the TTMO perhaps) to perform the preparatory work for this Office, such as, the gathering of information and data relative to:

a) Franchises issued by the LTFRB / Franchising Agency to public utility vehicles units authorized to operate in or at Baguio City, per case number, names of CPC grantees, authorized routes, modes of service, and expiration or validity of their CPCs.

b) Motor vehicles registered by LTO Agencies concerned, both private and hire denominations, according to plate number, ownership and other nomenclatures of the units.

c) Issuances by the City and National Agencies pertaining to transportation and traffic rules and policies.

Summing it all up, it is hoped the solutions proposed both for the short and the long terms would address the major root causes of traffic congestion in the city as had been identified earlier.

Several other cities like Olongapo City, Batangas City, Cebu City to name a few have established their own transportation and traffic management office tailored to fit their respective needs and conditions. Our city which needs it more in order to alleviate our inadequacy in space and to promote and sell our tourism potentials should have more reasons to establish this Office. The creation of this Office had long been recommended by the Baguio City Transport Project which conducted a comprehensive survey and study of the public transport needs of the city way back in 1983. As it is, the need for it has been overtaken by the problems it intended to preempt.

Why the delay?

## DEPTHNEWS

### Dialogue of Deeds

BY JUAN L. MERCADO



From Pope Benedict XVI, the jailed Erap, truculent North Korea to Malacanang, the stress today is on "dialogue". So, what is this process that everyone hails but seem unable to get a handle on?

In his first papal address, Benedict XVI declared : the church wants to "continue to build an open and sincere dialogue...in a search for the true good of mankind..."

Here, the opposition's "chairman emeritus" dialogues with his jailors. But didn't the detained Joseph Estrada fund the Magdalo muntineers for a three-day crack at a proposed junta?

Pyongyang "welcomes" six-nation talks. But not just now. They're busy testing nukes. Our local communists were orphaned earlier by People Power I. The country revolted against the Marcos dictatorship without them.. Now, they wail they've been orphaned again by China's turning capitalist.

Their guru, Jose Maria Sison, may soon be expelled from the Netherlands. European Union courts refused to scrub his "terrorist" tag. Still, he'd deal Filipino communists into any dialogue on "a government of national unity" – after the President is ejected. "Dialogue", in their view, would settle details of the Arroyo regime's execution.

President Arroyo seeks dialogue with Catholic bishops, infuriated by inept governance amidst deepening poverty.

The Arroyo regime is not coercive; neither does it thrive on moral commitment, Inquirer columnist Randy David notes. "President Arroyo...pays her way to power. People stay only for as long as she is useful to them. They neither fear nor respect her". Her periodic resort to threats or public display of piety... breeds antipathy and distrust" – apparently in bishops.

"People are getting more unhappy and eating less," says Lingayen-Dagupan archbishop Oscar Cruz. But he spurns a junta, as the geriatric ex-general Fortunato Abat proposed, or a revolution, as the communists and their multiple fronts, urge.

Bishop Julio Labayen of Infanta and Calocan's Deogracias Iniguez agree with Cruz and his additional suggestion : that GMA be ousted for "incorrigible misgovernance". The feckless spending of coco-levy funds by Coconut Industry Investment Fund's Rolando Golez and other officials is only the latest example.

But who will the President dialogue with on this extra-Constitutional proposal? Individual prelates? Or the 200-plus Catholic Bishops Conference members?

Dialogue is a humane society's bridge towards unity. But irreconcilable agendas can caricature this vital process. They worsen conflict. So, we must peel away illusions about this painstaking procedure.

It'd be useful, right from the start, to see what dialogue is not.

Dialogue is not about gutting words of their meaning. "Grammar without content." At elaborate meetings, participants talk over each other's heads without communicating.

That explains the lukewarm reaction to Speaker Jose de Venecia's effusive call for yet another "Summit." Has anybody ever kept track of so-called "Summit Declarations"?

In his memoirs, Singapore's Lee Kwan Yew admits he was taken aback by Ferdinand Marcos. The Philippine president considered

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## No tuition fee hike in Pines City Colleges

BAGUIO CITY – The Pines City College (PCC) here announced that it will not increase its tuition fees this year in all courses offered by the institution contrary to reports circulated by other camps.

PCC Executive Vice President Dr. Arsenia T. Lumba said this is to offer unrestrained education and help ease burden of the Filipino poor as a result of escalating cost of fuel and basic commodities.

The announcement is a welcome news as various school institutions in the Baguio-Benguet area and the rest of the country troop to Commission on Higher Education (CHED) to apply for tuition fee hike starting this June.

Dr. Lumba said PCC's operation is in full swing and maintaining its present status would not necessitate any adjustment in the tuition fee schedule including its school of nursing, the first private school of nursing in the Cordillera and North Luzon founded in 1969.

Dr. Lumba said this resolution comes along with their

vision to offer quality education and to produce matured and well-rounded students by providing an atmosphere that would help the students appreciate and respect human dignity. She said this would help the student to later function effectively in their chosen careers.

To date, the school, which offers at least ten educational courses, maintains a hospital, the Pines City Doctor's Hospital, which is being upgraded through the construction of a new five-storey building as a prelude to its being a "tertiary teaching hospital."

The new hospital annex will have 18 deluxe private rooms, bigger emergency rooms with minor operating room, a new outpatient facility, more spacious Ob-Gyne and nursery facilities, and a newly created section of pulmonary medicine. All these, Dr. Lumba confirmed, are part of the hospital's phase of expansion plan in its continuous effort to deliver its mission of cost effective medical care to its patients and to meet the needs of its consultants.

## City mulls construction of livestock market at Slaughterhouse compound

BAGUIO CITY – The city government plans to construct a livestock market at the area reserved for its purpose within the slaughterhouse reservation.

Mayor Braulio Yaranon last week created a technical working group (TWG) headed by Dr. Silardo Bested to prepare cost estimates, plans and programs for the construction of said facility on an area covered by Proclamation No. 312. The proclamation dated April 23, 1930 reserves the slaughterhouse site as sanitary camp and livestock yard.

In his Administrative Order

No. 62, the mayor said Dr. Victor Atienza, head of the National Food-and-Mouth Disease (FMD) task force and assistant director of the Bureau of Animal Industry and Dr. Jose Molina, BAI director specifically recommended the immediate relocation of the existing stockyard within the slaughterhouse premises as a measure to control FMD outbreak within the area.

The mayor said the city has allocated P4 million in the budget of the city veterinary office for this purpose.

Bested will be assisted in the TWG by Engrs. Brigida Ancheta of the city

building and architects office, Evelyn Cayat of the city planning office, Moises Lozano of the city environment and parks management office and Drs. Anthony Bantog and Anthony Bucad of the regional and national FMD task forces, respectively.

The city government through the city veterinary office under Dr. Brigit Piok last week implemented control measures to control the FMD outbreak within the slaughterhouse area, which was put under a 30-day quarantine period until May 14.

Piok earlier reported to the mayor that some animals

brought from the lowland for slaughter at the city abattoir were found to be infected by the disease.

This prompted the office to impose the quarantine to subject all animals coming from the lowlands and brought in to the city for butchering to a stricter quality control. During the quarantine period, no hogs will be stocked within the compound.

The control measures also involve the maintenance of cleanliness and stringent regulations in the entry of hogs and vehicles within the area./Aileen P. Refuerzo

## GSIS e-card processing postponed

The processing here of electronic identification cards for members of the Government Service Insurance System, originally set last week, has been postponed later this month to give time for the installation of the processing machine and production lines.

This was learned through a letter from GSIS field office manager Delia Madarazo addressed to mayor Braulio Yaranon and which was received by the mayor's office last Friday.

Madarazo said the Ecard processing center is tentatively

scheduled to open on Thursday at the local GSIS office at the EDY Building along Kisad Rd., "in time for the completion of the project targeted on June 30, 2005".

Madarazo explained that the earlier plan to install the center at the city hall has been set aside "to enable us to install production lines using our office lines within the shortest possible time".

The GSIS originally centralized the card processing in Calasiao, Pangasinan for all government employee-members in Region 1 and the

Cordilera, including Baguio city.

The system, however, acceded to a request of the city council to have the machine brought up to Baguio instead so the local government can save on an estimated P.75 million in transport expenses and allowances should its over 1,000 employees individually travel to Calasiao to get their Ecards.

The resolution-request authored by councilor Edilberto Tenefrancia noted that thousands of work hours would be lost under the centralized scheme.

The council pointed out that "the projected expnses are not included in the current year's apapropriatikon and the cost of man hours lost are not included in the computation".

Mayor Yaranon had also offered the city's multi-purpose hall and other means of support for the decentralized card issuance.

The card processing here is expected to be open to the 17,456 GSIS members from 212 line government agencies and local government units in the Cordillera. – Ramon Dacawi.

Republic of the Philippines  
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT  
First Judicial Region  
Branch 4  
Baguio City  
FAMILY COURT OF BAGUIO CITY

Marlyn M. Baldonado, for and in behalf of Jose Mari Baldonado,  
Petitioners,

-versus-

LOCAL CIVIL REGISTRAR OF BAGUIO CITY,  
*Respondent.*

Sp.Pro. Case No. 1557-R

IN THE MATTER OF PETITION FOR THE DECLARATION OF ILLEGITIMACY OF THE MINOR CHILD JOSE MARI BALDONADO AND CORRECTION OF HIS CERTIFICATE OF LIVE BIRTH

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**ORDER**

A verified petition filed by the petitioners through counsel, alleged among others that: 1. Petitioner is a Filipina, of legal age, single, and a resident of Baguio City. However, for purposes of this suit she may be served with notices and other processes from the Honorable Court through the undersigned counsel at his office herein below indicated. 2. Respondent Local Civil Registrar of the City of Baguio is sued herein in her official capacity and may be served with summons and other notices from the Honorable Court at the Office of the Local Civil Registrar, New Luchan Extension, Baguio City. 3. Petitioner is the natural mother of the minor Jose Mari Baldonado, now 14 years of age, who was born on August 1, 1991 at the Baguio Filipino-Chinese General Hospital, Baguio City. A copy of the Certificate of Live Birth of Jose

Mari Baldonado is attached as Annex "A" and made an integral part hereof. 4. However, Jose Mari Baldonado's Certificate of Live Birth, which was subsequently issued by the Local Civil Registrar of Baguio City, contains erroneous entries, Thus: 4.01. Under Item No. 12. (Date and Place of Marriage of Parents), it was stated therein that Jose Mari Baldonado's parents were married on May 11, 1985 at Cordon, Isabela, when in truth and in fact no marriage took place on May 11, 1985 at Cordon Isabela between petitioner and Jose R. Formoso (Father of Jose Mari Baldonado). Copies of the Negative Certification of Marriage issued by the National Statistics Office ( NSO) and the Local Civil Registrar of Cordon, Isabela are attached as Annexes "B" and Series and made integral parts hereof. 4.02 Under Item No. 1 (Name of Child), the complete name of Jose Mari is entered as "JOSE MARI BALDONADO FORMOSO" instead of JOSE MARI BALDONADO. Since Jose Mari Baldonado is an illegitimate child, given that at the time he was conceived and/or born his parents were not married to each other, he should use the surname of his mother, i.e. BALDONADO. 4.03 Under Item No. 6 (Name of Mother), Petitioner's name was entered as ROSEMARIE BALDONADO FORMOSO, instead of MARLYN MERCADO BALDONADO. Petitioner has no right to use the surname FORMOSO since she wasn't lawfully married to Jose R. Formoso. In addition, the first name of Petitioner should be MARLYN and not ROSEMARIE as shown by Petitioner's Certificate of Live Birth, a copy of which is hereto attached as

Annex "C" and made an integral Part hereof. 5. Considering that, at the time of Jose Mari Baldonado's birth, his parents were not lawfully married to each other, his status is that of an illegitimate child pursuant to Article 165 of the Family Code. It would, therefore, follow, that his Certificate of Live Birth should reflect such status as an illegitimate child and, based on the documents herein attached, the following entries be cancelled and replaced as follows: Entry to be Cancelled: Date and Place of Marriage of Parents: May 11, 1985; Cordon, Isabela; New Entry: NO ENTRY; Entry to be Cancelled: Name of Child: Jose Mari Baldonado Formoso; New Entry: Name of Child: JOSE MARI BALDONADO; Entry to be Cancelled: Name of Mother: Rosemarie Mercado Baldonado Formoso; New Entry: MARLYN MERCADO BALDONADO 6. The cancellation and replacement/correction of the foregoing entries are being sought so that the Certificate of Live Birth of Jose Mari Baldonado would conform to the existent facts and is not being sought for any unlawful purpose. On the basis of the foregoing, the petitioners pray that after due notice, publication and hearing, judgment be rendered directing respondent: (1) to declare the minor Jose Mari Baldonado as an ILLEGITIMATE child of herein Petitioner; and (2) to cancel the following entries in the certificate of Live Birth of Jose Mari Baldonado, and correcting the same as follows: Entry to be Cancelled: Date and Place of Marriage of Parents: May 11, 1985; Cordon, Isabela; New Entry: NO ENTRY; Entry to be Cancelled: Name of Child: Jose Mari Baldonado Formoso; New Entry: Name of Child: JOSE



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**NOTICE OF SPECIAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP ASSEMBLY**

Notice is hereby given to all members of the Benguet Electric Cooperative. Inc. (BENECO) that we will be holding a Special General Membership Assembly on Saturday, 28 May 2005 to be held at the Benguet State University Closed Gym, Km. 6, La Trinidad, Benguet.

The schedule of activities are as follows:

- 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM - Registration per district and issuance of raffle tickets
- 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM - Program Proper
- 10:30 AM - 12:00 NN - Business Meeting
- 12:00 NN - Adjournment / Lunch

Agenda of the meeting:

- I. Proposed amendments to the BENECO By-Laws specifically the following provisions:
  - a. Article I, Section 6 - Membership Fee
  - b. Article III, Section 1 - Annual Meeting
  - c. Article IV, Section 4C - Number of Districts
- II. Resolution opposing NEA's imposition of interest charges on the already condoned loans.

Every member is encouraged to attend this special activity.

**MANAGEMENT**

MARI BALDONADO; Entry to be Cancelled: Name of Mother: Rosemarie Mercado Baldonado Formoso; New Entry: MARLYN MERCADO BALDONADO.

Finding the Petition to be sufficient in form and substance, let the same be heard before the Regional Trial Court Branch 4, Baguio City on August 31, 2005 at 9:30 o'clock in the morning at which place, date and time, the petitioners shall prove their case. Any person interested may appear and show cause, if any there be, why the said petition should be granted.

Let a copy of the Order be published at the expense of the petitioner in the Junction Newspaper, a local newspaper of general circulation in Baguio City and Northern Luzon, once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks before the aforesaid hearing.

Furnish copies hereof together with a

copy of the Amended Petition and its annexes the Office of the Solicitor General, Makati City, the Local Civil Registrar of Baguio City, and the Prosecutor of Baguio City, the petitioner and counsel.

SO ORDERED. In the City of Baguio, Philippines this 21st day of April, 2005.

(SGD.) AMADO S. CAGUIOA  
Presiding Judge

April 24, May 1 & 8, 2005

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## Public urged to adopt preventive measures against rainy day diseases

BAGUIO CITY – The city government under Mayor Braulio Yaranon encouraged the public to adopt preventive measures against diseases that commonly spread during the rainy season.

“It is important that we educate ourselves on the ways of preventing these diseases,” city health officer Dr. Florence Reyes said.

The ailments include influenza, dengue fever, hepatitis-A, cholera and typhoid fever.

In a health advisory, the city emphasized the importance of good nutrition and maintenance of good personal hygiene and cleanliness of the environment in preventing these illnesses.

General precautions prescribed are as follows:

### FOOD:

- Eat properly cooked food;
- Preferably, food must be eaten immediately after cooking;
- Left-over food should be refrigerated and reheated before eating; and
- Food handlers should wash their hands before and after food preparation. If sick, avoid preparing food for others;

### DRINKING WATER:

- Avoid drinking water of doubtful quality;
- If water quality is doubtful, bring into a boil and let it remain boiling for two minutes

### FLOODS:

- Do not wade in flood waters; if unavoidable, wear protective gear;
- Water accumulated in old tires, tin cans, flower pots should be drained, water storage containers should be covered to prevent them from becoming breeding sites for mosquitoes.

Influenza characterized by fever, headache, muscle and joint pains, sore throat and cough can be prevented by having adequate rest and nutritious food and avoiding crowded areas and contact with patients. Immediate treatments include adequate rest, nutritious food, water and juice and Paracetamol.

For dengue fever, prescribed prevention include the cleaning and covering of water storage containers to prevent mosquitoes from breeding, installation of screens on doors and windows, use of mosquito nets and insecticides. Suspected cases must not be given aspirin for fever and must be brought to the nearest hospital for immediate treatment.

Hepatitis A can be prevented by washing hands after using the toilet, before preparing food and before eating and proper disposal of human wastes. Shellfish from water

## Panagbenga audit ready within 10 days

BAGUIO CITY-Mayor Braulio Yaranon last week assured the public through the Ugnayang Panlungsod radio program that the 2005 Panagbenga audit shall be available within ten days.

According to the mayor, the audit of Panagbenga funds was his promise even before the start of the Baguio Flower Festival (BFF) 2005 activities.

Mayor Yaranon also mentioned that funds were released and winners of different the various BFF activities should have been paid in full by now. Any unpaid winner should claim his prize from the city, the mayor said.

“We are taking personal responsibility over the awarding of cash prizes, and we will pay even if it comes from our pocket (personal

funds),” the mayor emphatically added.

During the same media forum, the mayor admitted that the BFF extension activities at Burnham Park was terminated earlier due to observed abuse of stall occupants. He earlier said that the number of stalls in the area ballooned in number than the supposed occupants.

This is not allowed, the mayor said, thus instead of BFF activities conducted until April 30, the stalls were dismantled by the Public Order and Safety Division during the middle of last month.

The extension of Panagbenga 2005 activities at Burnham Park was covered by Administrative Order 44, series of 2005.-juliegfianza

contaminated with human waste should be thoroughly cooked for four minutes or steamed for 90 seconds before eating. Although there is no specific medicine or shorten the course of the illness, sick persons should be isolated and advised to rest and to take plenty of fluids while avoiding fatty food.

Cholera can be prevented by drinking only potable water, keeping food away from insects, washing and cooking food properly, proper waste disposal and proper use of toilet and keeping surroundings clean to prevent flies and other insects and rodents from breeding. Immediate treatment for this disease include ingestion of Oral Rehydration Solution (ORESOL) or a home-made solution composed of one teaspoon of salt, for teaspoonfuls of sugar mixed to one liter of water.

Typhoid fever can be controlled through proper handwashing, proper disposal of wastes, maintenance of clean surroundings, boiling of drinking water, proper washing and cooking of food and avoidance of street food. /Aileen P. Refuerzo

## Depthnews... from page 6

an Asean Declaration as the main outcome, not the future work needed to implement it.

Dialogue is not about defending a deeply-troubled troubled administration, as the President and her spokesmen dearly wish. It is not a recipe for vindication.

But it's also not, as muckrakers like Ernesto Maceda insists, attacking, finding flaws, hanging out dirty linen. Unreformed opposition kleptocrats are overdue for laundering too.

“Dialogue is not meant to make us uniform..or give us a common policy,” the scientist Carlos Valles SJ writes in his award-winning book: ‘Living Together’. “But it will teach us how to live without one, if need be.”

So, what is dialogue?

It is a reasoned presentation of all views: listening and seeking, to understand the others concerns, he adds. The aim is see with his spectacles, to walk in his shoes.

Dialogue does not seek to convince everybody but to be understood by others. It tries to understand the others' point of view. Thus, everyone can break away from atrophied positions.

It helps all accept differences simply because life is in constant flux. There will be always be different approaches, varying perceptions, dissimilar interpretations of the same values

“Maybe at the end, we will disagree as much as before, or, who knows, maybe even more than before”, Valles writes. “But now I carry his views with me, and he carries mine with him. These are bridges of the spirit.”

That's the value of efforts, over the years, by Muslim ulamas, Catholic bishops and leaders of other Christian denominations to “dialogue.”

But a process to ensure basic human decencies can not be rushed. A climate of communication must be painstakingly created. One-shot summits, can not uproot, overnight the miasma of mistrust.

“The distance between man and man is infinite,” Nobel Laureate Rabindranath Tagore wrote, And if God “as eternal bridge did not span the abyss, how can we reach each other?.”

Political upheavals, as the communists and would-be caudillos propose, are no substitute for the steady painstaking work by all citizens for a better country.

If dialogue is to fulfill its role as an instrument for unity, what is needed above all is a “dialogue of deeds”. Only action, not talk, can stave off the gathering storm ahead.

Ang hanap ni Bathala, Ay hindi salita kundi gawa, the old proverb says. “What God seeks is deeds, not words.”

## “No Segregation, No Collection” policy to start on May 18

BAGUIO CITY - It's all systems go for the full implementation of the “no segregation, no collection” policy in the city starting May 18 which was supposed to have been implemented last April 18. The one month “grace period” was allowed by Mayor Braulio Yaranon upon the request of barangay officials that they be given more time to inform their constituents on the segregation of waste materials.

The policy is in line with the Solid Waste Management Act passed by Congress several years ago urging local government units to practice waste segregation in their respective areas.

During last week's Alay Sa Kalinisan (ASK) committee meeting, Ruben Cervantes, the city environment parks management office's (CEPMO) solid waste management division chief, said that there are presently two collection days per week in each

barangay. He explained that by May 18, the first collection day will be for recyclable and biodegradable wastes and the second collection day will be for non-recyclable and residual wastes.

“In the meantime, our office is still picking up mixed wastes in the various barangays with our trucks which already have compartments for biodegradable and non-biodegradable wastes,” Cervantes said.

It was also agreed during the meeting jointly presided by the Mayor and Dr. Reinaldo Bautista, Sr., ASK co-chair, that before the policy's full implementation on May 18, a letter to be drafted by CEPMO and signed by the Mayor, will be given to every building owner or administrator in Session Road, parts of Harrison Road, Magsaysay Road and Abanao Road, informing them of the solid waste management act, **Cont. on page 11**

## Assistance for festival complainants

BAGUIO CITY- Mayor Braulio Yaranon last week during the Ugnayang Panlungsod said that his office shall extend assistance to complainants regarding the supposed anomalies as to the stalls erected, supposedly for a Cordillera cultural trade fair, at the Melvin Jones grandstand, Burnham Park.

He also emphasized that according to verified reports, personnel who allegedly accepted money supposedly as

payment for the stalls are not city employees.

“They are not connected to any city office,” the mayor said, as he urged the victims to file appropriate complaints of estafa in court.

The stalls supposedly paid for are said to be part of a cultural festival trade fair and Baguio Flower Festival extension activities. Earlier dubbed as the Kordillera Kanyaw Festival, it was later claimed to be part of Summer Vacation

Activities (SUMVAC) 2005.

During the early part of April, the construction of native huts and stalls were noticed along Melvin Jones grounds, Burnham Park, which prompted the councilors to inspect the area.

Allegedly, payments were collected for the stalls, but the activity was cancelled by the event coordinator on April 21 due to ‘numerous problems’ during the preparations.

Permission for said stalls for a trade fair as requested from the City Council by

the provincial coordinators was then denied, even as another activity, the peace pact congress was approved.

Members of the city council however were requested to reconsider the holding of a trade fair, in consideration to the vendors who may be gipped of their hard-earned money.

Accordingly, some of these vendors come from Marawi, Laguna, Manila and Bulacan.

Discussion regarding the matter shall take place during this week's council session.-juliegfianza

## Balitang Lokal... from p.12

Ang mga nakuha ay kasalukuyang nasa pangangalaga ng BCPO Crime Lab para sa masusing pagsusuri.

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## Isang lalaki, natagpuang patay at tadtad ng saksak

Isang lalaki ang natagpuang patay sa may Rose Garden, malapit ng Burnham Park, Lungsod ng Baguio noong Mayo 5, 2005 alas siyete ng umaga.

Nakilala ang biktima na si Jessie Suguilan, may asawa, tubong Tubao, La Union at nakatira sa BGH compound, Baguio City.

Nagtamo ito ng maraming saksak sa iba't ibang parte ng katawan na umano'y kaagad nitong ikinamatay.

Ayon kay Linda Baguiled, isang Vendor na nakadiskubre sa biktima, aksidenteng pumunta siya sa naturang lugar dahil sa tawag ng pangangailangan at nagulat na lang daw ito nang makita ang lalaki na nakahandusay sa lupa.

Nang dumating ang mga imbestigador at SOCO Team ng Pulisya, napag-alaman na patay na ang naturang biktima.

Sa kasalukuyan ay wala pang lead ang pulisya para makilala at mahuli ang salarin ngunit ginagawa naman ng mga imbestigador ang kanilang magagawa para sa agarang ikalulutas ng nasabing krimen.

Republic of the Philippines  
 Department of Transportation and Communications  
**LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARD**  
 Cordillera Administrative Region, Baguio City  
**DIONISIO SADYA-AS - Vendor**  
**BOBBY O. SAURI - Vendee**  
 Case No. 98-BC-512/2005-BENG-CAR-544  
**NOTICE OF HEARING**  
 This is an application for the 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 - BUAYAGAN and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit.  
 Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on May 17, 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 evidences on or before the above date, furnishing a copy of the same to the applicant/s and if they so desire, appear during the hearing.  
 This application shall be acted upon by the Board on the basis of its records and the documentary evidences submitted by the parties unless the Board deem necessary to receive additional documentary and/or oral evidence.  
 WITNESS, the Honorable ALFREDO P. MONDIGUING - Regional Director this 3rd day of May 2005.

(SGD)ATTY. BRENDA D. POKLAY  
 Hearing Officer

production and for sharing and exchange are also part of the program.

A watershed management in order to ensure water availability is also allied to the project.

Those who are interested to take part in the urban gardening program may contact Jonathan Tambol at 09186518682, Albert Tomas at 4427295 or the office of councilor Yangot at 4428916.

**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.**

## City looks into unpaid market loan

BAGUIOCITY – Mayor Braulio Yaranon last week directed the Local Finance Committee to look into the city’s unpaid 1989 loan from the Economic Support Fund supposedly for the construction of the city public market.

The PA Systems Secretariat under the Office of External Affairs of the Office of the President earlier wrote the mayor informing of the city’s outstanding arrears amounting to P51,622,854.35 from said loan from March 1, 1989 to December 31, 2004.

Secretary-in-charge Leonardo Kirk Galanza said his office formerly known as Office of the Presidential Adviser for Regional Development (OPARD) secretariat came to know of the city’s obligations while it was updating the collection of ESF loans.

The said loan was accordingly granted to local government units after the abolition of the Presidential Committee on Flagship Programs and Projects.

According to Galanza, the city was granted a principal amount of P12,107,611,27 and because the city has not paid for the past 15 years and 11 months, the amount has ballooned to almost P52 million inclusive of the interest worth P10,734,358.68 and surcharges and penalties amounting to P28,780,883.40.

“In order that your LGU will not incur further penalties and surcharges, may we request for your immediate payment of our past due accounts (principal and interest only), in the amount of P22,841,970.95 within 30 days from receipt thereof,” Galanza noted.

The mayor directed the local fiscal team to look into the matter.

“Kindly study the subject obligations of the city and recommend within seven days the course of action that can be undertaken immediately. Please also provide this office (with) a copy of all documentation pertaining to this case,” the mayor noted in his directive. – aileen p. refuerzo

## Mayor okays brighter lights for barangays

BAGUIOCITY – Mayor Braulio Yaranon has approved the city council’s request for the increase of wattage of the streetlights in the city barangays to brighten up roads and protect residents from crimes.

The mayor last week signed Resolution No. 107 series of 2005 authored by Councilors Leonardo Bayan Jr. and Rufino Panagan for this purpose.

“To cut down on energy consumption, the use of brighter but low wattage bulbs should be resorted,” the mayor noted in signing the measure.

Bayan and Panagan said the barangays need better lighting system “as a safeguard measure to protect the

constituents from crimes that usually occur at nighttime.”

The aldermen said increasing the wattage of streetlights will entail less cost than installing additional ones as more electrical poles, wires and gadgets will be needed.

The body sought an increase of wattage to 250 watts for lights located along main thoroughfares and 160 watts for those along the alleys.

They said the needed lights and accessories are now available at the Benguet Electric Cooperative Inc. (BENECO).

The increased wattage will be shouldered by the city government. – aileen p. refuerzo

## “Avenue of Flags” Proposed

BAGUIOCITY – Councilor Perlita Chan-Rondez has filed a proposed resolution in the city council requesting the City Environment and Parks Management Office (CEPMO) to prepare a plan for the establishment of an “Avenue of Flags” in front of Baguio city hall.

The move is line with the city’s having entered into **several** sisterhood ties with other foreign cities for the past years.

“An avenue of flags where the national flags of our different foreign sister cities will be hoisted is a gesture of our appreciation of these sisterhood ties. It will be part of our tourism enhancement,” the measure stated.

The proposed

resolution added that the avenue of flags will honor and foster the city’s relations with its sister cities and will create an awareness to Baguio residents of their international relations.

“When dignitaries, tourists and guests from these foreign sister cities come to our city for an official visit, relaxation or recreation, this project will serve as a symbol that our city is hospitable and warm to all its foreign visitors and guests,” it revealed.

Should the proposed measure be approved by the august body, a copy will be forwarded to CEPMO officer-in-charge Josephine Chan for her appropriate action./ –GABY B. KEITH

## No Segregation... from p.10

how to go about this and the penalties for its violation.

The letter will also require these building owners or administrators to each have a monitoring report card which they will sign at the end of each day certifying that the tenants in their buildings are practicing waste

segregation. These monitoring report cards will then be submitted every month to CEPMO for evaluation with copies also to be given the Mayor’s Office and the barangay captain of the area where the building is located for information and appropriate action.

The city’s sanitary inspectors

will also be allowed to visit the buildings at any given time during the month and check on the monitoring report cards.

Dr. Reinaldo Bautista, Sr. said that these specific places in the central business district will be the test case or pilot area to see whether the waste segregation policy can be fully and

successfully implemented throughout the city.

“As residents of Baguio, we should all continue to work together in keeping our city the cleanest and greenest in the nation. With all our help, I’m sure this waste segregation policy will succeed,” he stressed. –GABY B. KEITH

# POLICE FILES

Ni Rudy F. Garcia

## Iba ang Nakatimbog!

Akusado sa Rape at Acts of Lasciviousness nasabat at inaresto sa airport!

Isang akusado sa rape at acts of lasciviousness dito sa lungsod ng Baguio ang natimbog at inaresto sa may Centennial Airport, Lungsod ng Pasav noong Abril 27, 2005.

Si Virgilio M. Garcena, akusado, 33 taong gulang, may asawa, mason at nakatira sa No. 89-A, City Camp Central, Lungsod ng Baguio ay nadakip ng 11th RMG combat support company, nakatalaga sa Davao Del Norte sa bisa ng warrant of arrest na inisyu ng RTC Branch 59, Lungsod ng Baguio.

Pagkatapos mahuli, ang akusado ay sinundo naman ng mga operatiba ng Women and Childrens Concern Section, BCPO, Baguio City.

Ang akusado ay nakakulong ngayon sa Baguio City Jail habang dinidinig pa ang kaso.

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## Walang Pinipili!

### Kawani ng Gobyerno, nahold-ap!

Isang kawani ng Gobyerno ang dumulog sa pulisya dito sa Baguio City makaraang siva'y hold-apin ng 2 kalalakhian sa may bukana ng Empire Cinema, Abanao St. Mayo 4, 2005, alas singko trenta (5:30) ng hapon.

Ayon kay Demetrio Pagispis Fianza, binata, 39 taong gulang at nakatira sa 175 Puguais, La Trinidad, Benguet, napansin niya na may sumusunod sa kanya na 2 lalaki habang naglalakal sa may Harrison Rd. hanggang sa Abanao St.

Dahil sa takot, agad itong pumasok sa may lobby ng empire cinema upang magtago ngunit sinundan pa raw siya ng dalawa.

Agad siyang tinakot at pilit kinuha ng 2 lalaki ang kanwang pitaka na may lamang P 3,200.00 at mahahalagang dokumento.

Ayon pa sa biktima natatandaan daw niya ang pagmumukha at identipikasyon ng 2 suspek.

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## Walang Patawad

### Lola, biktima ng Salisi

Isang lola ang nagreklamo sa pulisya dito sa Baguio City na ayon ay biktima raw siya ng salisi.

Ang biktima, si Pelagia Pacion Roxas, Balo, 82 taong gulang, tubong Tarlac at kasalukuyang nakatira sa 184 Laraya St., Quezon Hill ay nasalisihan at ninakaw ng kanyang itim na leather bag na may lamang mga alahas, mga I.D., importanteng mga resibo at perang nagkakahalaga ng humigit kumulang mga sampung libong piso.

Ang insidenteng ito ay nangyari sa may 1st kayang St. Baguio City, mga alas nuwebe ng umaga noong Abril 30, 2005.

Ayon sa biktima, ang suspek ay isang di nakikilalang binatilyo nakasuot ng asul na sombrero (Cap Type) at T-shirt.

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## Walang iwanan,

### Magkaibigan, Nasaksak

Dalawang magkaibigan ang itinakbo sa pagamutan ng Baguio General Hospital dahil sa malubhang sugat na kanilang tinamo makaraang sila'y saksakin ng mga di nakiki-lala at di alam na bilang ng mga kalalakihang vendors.

Ang mga biktima ay sina Danny Mercado, 29 taong gulang, may asawa, tubong Munoz, Nueva Ecija at Robert Atigo, 22 taong gulang, binata tubong Uminga, Pangasinan at parehong nakatira sa P. Zamora St., Baguio City.

Nangyari ang pananaksak sa magkaibigan ng 7:30 ng gabi, noong Mayo uno, sa may Zanducta St., panulukan ng 2nd Kayang St.

Hanggang sa kasalukuyan ay iniimbestigahan pa ito ng ating pulisya at wala pang nahuhuli sa mga suspek.

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## Uncle ang kalaban, pamangkin umawat, tinergas

Dumulong sa station 7 ng Baguio Police Office si Tommy Bayan Y Gabin, 22 anyos, binata, estudyante. At nakatira sa Ampusa, Tuba, Benguet upang ireklamo ang isang di nakiki-lalang drayber ng isang starex van na may plakang WSU 607, at kombinasyon na itim at abo ang kulay.

Ayon sa kanyang salaysay, inaawat niya itong naturang drayber ng van na umano'y sumuntok at pagdaka'y nag-spray ng teargas sa kanwang tiyuhin na si Dexter Gabin ng siya ang napagbalingan ng drayber at siya ngayon ang tinergas.

Ang insidenteng ito av nangyari sa 1st Kayang St. mga alas 3:45 ng hapoh, May 1, 2005.

Iniimbestigahan pa ng pulisya ang reklamong ito.

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## Nagpanggap na pulis para mangotong, guwardiya kasabwat

Isang nagpanggap na pulis ang inireklamo ng dalawang empleyada ng empire cinema na ayon ay matagal ng gumagawa ng ilegal na aktibidad sa naturang sinehan.

Ayon sa dalawang nagreklamong sina Divina De Guzman, ng Navy Base at Abigail Gensoya ng Dontogan, parehong nasa hustong gulang, ang suspek na nakilalang "Robert" ang pangalan ay lumapit at nakipagusap kay De Guzman. Nagpakilala raw itong pulis ngunit nang hanapan siya ng ID ay nanakot pa at sinabing "Masyado kang mayabang, sipsip ka

sa management idedemanda kita, kahit tumawag ka ng pulis".

Ayon pa sa dalawa palagi daw nilang nakikita itong suspek na nangingikil sa mga manood, sa naturaag sinehan, at kasabwat daw ang kanilang guwardiya na si Dean Tanlawan at partikular na target nila ay mga bading.

Ang inireklamong insidente ay naganap noong May 4, 2005, 6:30 ng gabi sa may lobby ng empire cinema at kasalukuyan pang "under follow-up" ng station 7, Baguio City.

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## Nahold-ap sa loob ng sariling sasakyan

Isang di pangkaraniwang hold-ap ang nangyari kina Clarita Mejia, Rodrigo De Venecia at Maylene Carbonel, pawang nakatira sa No. 17 San Luis Village dito sa naturang lungsod ng Baguio.

Ayon sa report, nangyari itong insidente noong Mayo 4, 2005 mga alas diyos 10:00 ng umaga, kunsaan katatapos lang magbayad ng kanilang bill sa telepono at kable ang mga biktima sa Piltel, Session Rd.

Paalis na sana ang mga biktima sakay ng kanilang sasak-yan na nakaparada mismo sa harap ng Piltel nang umano'y biglang may pumasok na 2 lalaki sa loob ng kanilang sasakyan, sabay tutok ng baril at patalim. At dito ay sapilitang kinuka ang pitaka ni Clarita Mejia na nagkakalaman ng P20,000.00 na kawi withdraw lang sa BPI, Session Rd., at mga Resibong pinagbayaran.

Pagkatapos makuha ang pitaka ay tinutukan ng patalim ang drayber na si Rodrigo at inutusan ng 2 suspek na patakbuhan ang sasakyan papuntang Session at pagdating sa tapat ng Casa Vallejo ay agad bumaba mga naturang suspek sabay takbo papunta sa direksyon ng North Drive Rd.

Ayon sa mga biktima, ang 2 suspek av mukhang taga ibang lugar at Ilocano ang salita, namumukhaan daw nila ang mga ito.

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## Dahil sa posesyon ng marijuana, lalaki nadakip

Isang lalaki ang nadakip ng pinagsanib na puwersa ng Drug Enforcement Unit at Intelligence Section ng pulisya dito sa Baguio City dahil sa ilegal na posesyon ng marijuana sa may Victorv Liner Bus Terminal, PNR compound noong Mayo 4, alas 10:00 ng umaga.

Ang nadakip ay si Clarence Gayambas, 31 anyos, may asawa, walang trabaho, tubong Sagada, Mt. Province at nakatira sa No. 52 Gabriela St., Camdas Subd. Baguio City.

Nakuha sa kanya ang isang bulto ng pinatuyong mga dahon ng marijuana na may timbang 750 gramo, at dalawang bulto, isang katamtaman at isang maliit na "Cannabis Resin" na may timbang 337.9 gramo.

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