



*Pahayagang palaban!!!*

# Jadewell owes the city at least P22 M

Baguio City- From the very beginning, the city was already at the losing end when Jadewell Parking Systems started its operation in the city, four years ago. This was revealed by Asst. City Accountant Almaya Adawe, a member of the audit team, organized specifically to look into the Jadewell operations.

In the committee hearing of the City Council's Committee on Laws last Tuesday, Adawe said Jadewell now owes the City Government a total of P22. 1 million. Accordingly, the parking firm failed to remit P4, 508, 323. 06 as it only paid a total of P1, 737, 554. 46 out of the P6, 245, 877. 53 collectible for the period December 2000 to March 2002, broken down as follows: P2, 370, 784. 20 covering the pay parking operations beside the Ganza restaurant and P3, 875, 093. 33 covering the on-street Ganza. Added to the unpaid amount were the penalties amounting to P209, 044. 45 as penalty for the late remittance and P17, 394, 234. 89 as penalty for unremitting city share. Jadewell, allegedly does not separate its book of accounts pertaining to all other streets, and of the Ganza parking area. Adawe said Jadewell

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Ironic as it is, but this American is on a hunger strike for more than a week now, fighting for the health of every Filipino! Andrew Haralam is protesting against the entry of agricultural products in the country with GMOs, believed to be harmful to humans. A group of Baguio City artists are standing by his side in this noble but seemingly hopeless endeavor.

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## Estafa case vs. Line Card dismissed

Baguio City-The special committee on pyramiding cases of the Baguio City Prosecutors Office dismissed provisionally cases of Syndicated Estafa against Esteban Guerrero of the Line Card Investment and Trading Inc. (LCITI)

In a two-page resolution dated April 24, 2003, the committee said there is no factual

basis to link Guerrero in a pyramiding activity, nor is there a basis for the commission of Syndicated Estafa. In the review and evaluation of the committee on pyramiding, it appears that the 146 complainants merely filled out prepared forms (which acted as their affidavit complaints), where all they had to

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## Ex-US Peace Corps in hunger strike over Bt corn

Baguio City-A former volunteer of the US Peace Corps is on hunger strike as a sign of his protest on the entry of Genetically Modified Organisms otherwise known as GMO's in the Philippines.

Now on his 8th day of hunger strike, Andrew Haralam said not until the Arroyo government decides not to import GMOs he will go on with what he started. Haralam said his going on a hunger strike is his way of informing the people, and the government that foods that are actually being imported by the Philippines and other countries have components that are harmful to humans.

One specific example is the Bt corn, which was recently approved entry to the country by the President. Haralam said the Monsanto, one of the biggest corporations worldwide that manufacture the Genetically Modified corn, merely spoke of the advantages of using seeds that are genetically modified. A farmer who would use a seed that has a Bt (Bacillus Thuringiensis) would harvest more, plus his crop would result to a

better quality, including resistance to pests. But this, according to Haralam, is just part of the marketing gimmick of Monsanto. He said they failed to present the real picture, especially its disadvantages.

They failed to present that through time, the ingestion of food that has Bt, affects vital organs of the body, including healthy cells. An individual, who has so much of it in his system, develops cancer. Birth defects, and neurological disorders, such as the Attention Deficiency Disorder (ADD) were also said to be the adverse effects of GMOs in the body.

But since Monsanto is a business enterprise, he said the corporation dwells more on the profit than on the negative effects on an individual. He also said the President might just be misinformed, because none other than Agriculture Secretary Luis Lorenzo, allegedly gave the President wrong information regarding GMOs.

A former member of the US volunteer Peace Corps, he

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do was fill in the blank spaces for their names, the number of receivable cell cards, and its cash equivalent.

The dismissal was also brought about by the absence of dates, when they started investing at LCITI. Further, the complainants did not elaborate the company's mode of

## Passport services in Baguio on May 24, 25

Baguio City-The Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) Regional Consular Office in San Fernando, La Union shall conduct passporting services for interested residents of Baguio and the Cordillera Administrative Region at the City Hall Session Hall from 8 am to 5 pm on May 24, Saturday. Processed passports shall be released the next day, May 25, 9 am to 12 noon at the same venue.

The announcement came from DFA Officer-in-charge Will-

iam Garcia, who through a letter, informed Mayor Bernardo Vergara that said processing shall be limited to 1,000 applications at a first-come, first-served basis.

It may be recalled that the local government through the City Mayor and the City Council headed by Vice-Mayor Betty Lourdes Tabanda requested for said services from the DFA.

According to Garcia, the passporting process is part of the

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## Weygan wants truth on iodized salt issue

BAGUIO CITY-Was iodized salt merely glamorized?

Councilor Galo Weygan Wednesday proposed a resolution asking the Department of Health regional office here to shed light on an allegation forwarded by a scientist that iodized salt touted for its potency against any diseases related to iodine deficiency loses its power when used for cooking.

Before finally making a decision, he said the possible detrimental effects must be considered seriously. He warned, the side effects could never be reversed. "I hope the refusal of Bt corns in the Philippines will set a precedence for other Asian countries not to support its entry."

Genetic Modification is a special set of technologies that alter the genetic makeup of such living animals, plants, or bacteria. Combining genes from different organisms is known as recombinant DNA technology and the resulting organism is said to

jected to heat leaving its useful only as table salt.

"If this is so, then it negates the purpose of the (Asin) law (because) while it may be alright with people whose culture or practice to use salt only on the table, we Filipinos use it more for cooking," Weygan lamented.

The Asin Law sought to promote the manufacture, sale and use of iodized salt nationwide. Recently, the city council adopted a localized version of the law set for implementa-

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tion in June this year.

"If this allegation is true, then there is a misinformation in the implementation of the law by the Department of Health as this misinformation negates the purpose of the law at the same time causing unnecessary expense among people and further unwarrantedly giving seemingly good business to manufacturers and dealers of iodized salt," he said.

He sought to request the DOH-CAR to confirm the truthfulness of the said allega-

*Book Donation - BCNHS mentors headed by Dr. Elma Donaal receive the book donation from an alumnus, Cathy Miras-Agustín who is the valedictorian of class 1978. The Miras family started to send poor and deserving students to school for the year 2003-04. /Bong Cayabyab*

## Coop federation presses for tax exemption

BAGUIO CITY-The National Membership Council of the Philippine Federation of Credit Cooperatives (PFCCCO) will press for the full tax exemption provision of the Cooperative Code in the face of certain taxes levied on cooperative activities.

The group held its 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual General Assembly and Educational Forum here recently with the theme "Redirection: PFCCCO towards Sustainability."

The governing council headed by Chairman Fr. Mar DJ Arenas of the Parish of the Holy Cross Credit Cooperative lamented that while cooperatives are in the forefront of efforts for rural progress promoting local entrepreneurship by financing small and even "non-bankable" projects, government is answering this with brakes and disincentives such as taxes which hinder the cooperative movement.

Section 61 and 62 of Republic Act 6938 or the Cooperative Code holds that cooperative commercial transactions are tax exempt as

these are meant only for members and that coops contribute to countryside development.

Arenas and Region VII Coop League chair Dr. Sylvia Flores, however, cited banks have been collecting a final tax on income on deposits which is levied on cooperatives with deposits of P10 million and above. Aside from this, council member Perpetua Cezar said there is now a pending proposal to impose a tax on the honoraria drawn by coop officers.

The final tax on income on deposits is a 20% tax imposed on the interest earned on all bank accounts but not on the principal deposits. This is programmed in all computers and automatically debited by bank offices and remitted directly to the Bureau of Internal Revenue. Coops who are diligent enough, though; can secure a certificate of tax exemption from the BIR so that banks will not impose this tax, which is uniformly applied to all deposits.

Council member Rufino Casas of

Bulacan said while some bank accounts of cooperatives run to the millions, this is not an institutional or corporate account derived from dubious or nefarious means but a conglomeration of deposits from workers, small farmers, office employees, market vendors and even children.

A local example is the Baguio Benguet Community Credit Cooperative (BBCCC) which has, as of the end of February 2003, a capitalization of P31,577 175.67 from its regular members and P1,433,606 from its associate members composed of teens and kiddie savings accounts.

PFCCCO manager Dave Pajaron from region X in Mindanao explained that their federation is a tertiary level cooperative organization which counts secondary or regional cooperative leagues as members. Pajaron said based on an informal census and inventory they conducted late last year, they have an effective mass base of over 700,000 individual members nationwide in primary cooperatives

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with over P11.8 billion in working capital resources at their disposal.

"The government seems to have no eye for cooperatives," Dr. Flores said because they regularly submit reports to the Cooperative Development Au-

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**LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARD**  
Cordillera Administrative Region, Baguio City

**REYNALDO ESTIGOV**

**Applicant**

**Case No. 88-01-540**

### NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application for the Extension of Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a PUJ Service for the transportation of passengers and freight on the line: BAGUIO PLAZA-LA TRINIDAD and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit.

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WITNESS, the Honorable ALFREDO P. MONDUGUING - Regional Director this 14th day of May 2003.

(SGD)ATTY. BRENDA D. POKLAY

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**LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARD**  
Cordillera Administrative Region, Baguio City

**ELMER BIOGAN**

**Applicant**

**Case No. 93-CAR-588**

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<b>Applicant</b>
<b>Case No. 88-01-096</b>
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## That stupid Asin law (again!)

**City Councilor Galo Weygan is now seeking for clarification regarding the “allegation” of a local scientist that iodized salt, if used as cooking salt, loses its iodine content.**

**We have already made our position regarding the local Asin Laws (patterned after the national Asin Law), several months back, when Benguet made their local version (followed by Baguio City).**

**We have said this before, and we will say it again. Our local legislators have revealed their ignorance, and have**

**revealed their inability to craft laws, when they**

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**copied the law on iodized salt even if it is obviously flawed. Flawed we say, because a layman with basic knowledge on chemistry would know that iodine dissipates in heat (boiling temperature).**

**If our lawmakers do not know this, then the best they could have done, before crafting this useless law, is to consult, at least their elementary school teachers (we have lots of them). By doing so, they could have been apprised of the basics of the use of iodized salt.**

**The problem with us is that, kung ano ang sinabi sa taas, sunod naman tayo kaagad. Now the blame is being put on the Department of Health for their failure to give proper information on the use of iodized salt. While it is true, that DOH people can be faulted, it is foremost the responsibility of our local lawmakers to at least verify, study and consult experts or those with knowledge on the subject matter most especially so, if the law they are trying to craft is technical or scientific in nature.**

**Our question is, where were these legislators when their Home Economics teachers back in elementary school were discussing the proper use of iodized salt?**

**But it is not yet too late.**

**Here’s what our law makers can do – amend the Asin Law, and stop saying to the people that iodized salt can do magic, and can make them more intelligent. Sure it does help in that it reduces iodine deficiency, it reduces the occurrence of goiter, but it must be used properly as table salt, not cooking salt. That is why it is plain stupid to require traders to sell iodized salt only, and require restaurants and other eateries to use only iodized salt. Surely, our chefs and learned people in the kitchen do not follow that stupid law, crafted by ignorant law makers.**

**And while it is not yet too late, people should not be given false hopes.**

**Amend that stupid Asin Law!**

## JUST A MINUTE

<b>The Prosecution Service</b> <b>2nd Part</b>	
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**BY ELMER MANUEL SAGSAGO**

The investigatory power of a prosecutor includes also the power to conduct what is called a PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION. This is exercised with respect to crimes the penalty of which is imprisonment higher than 4 years and two months. Offenses of this nature are deemed serious and are thus treated differently.

The purpose of this Preliminary Investigation is to find out whether there is factual and legal basis to formally charge a person in Court. In short it is an investigation which is conducted before a complaint is filed in Court for trial.

A person should not be forced to defend himself in Court against a serious accusation, as well as to spend time and money, and to undergo the embarrassment and social humiliation of being accused of a crime, if the charge against him is not supported by strong reasons. It is possible that some criminal complaints are baseless, or filed simply for purposes of harassment, revenge, or to embarrass the person and his family, or to force him to spend. In cases like these, the person wrongfully accused should not be made to undergo the hardships of a trial in court; of having to look for money or property as bail and thus avoid being imprisoned; of having to sacrifice money to pay a lawyer; of having to explain why he is being charged; or having to lose friends and income.

The law says that only the meritorious cases should be filed in Court.

But who determines which cases are to be dismissed and which ones are to be filed in Court? It is the Prosecutor and his decision whether to dismiss or to file is arrived at after a Preliminary Investigation.

A Preliminary Investigation is a right and is part of due process. Therefore the persons charged (called the Respondent) must be informed of the charge against him; given copies of the evidence submitted by the complainant; and then given full opportunity to submit his own evidence to show why the complaint against him must be dismissed. This way the respondent can avoid becoming an accused in Court. Also the government need not spend time and money prosecuting a case which is without basis.

This right includes the right to appeal an adverse resolution (The decision of a Prosecutor is contained in a written document called a RESOLUTION) all the way to the Secretary of Justice. We call this “the right to exhaust his administrative remedies”.

When exercising his INVESTIGATORY POWERS, a Prosecutor acts as a Quasi-Judicial officer in that he exercises full discretion and may not be forced, one way or the other, on what his final Resolution will be. However, this discretion is to be exercised in accordance with law. Thus, if he decides to file a case in Court, it must be because he found that there are sufficient facts to believe that the person charged MIGHT HAVE committed the crime imputed to him. He then prepares and files the formal written accusation in Court which is legally known as the INFORMATION. Otherwise he dismisses the complaint.

Is it possible that the person charged in Court will later be acquitted or that the case be dismissed? Yes, because in a Preliminary Investigation, what is required to charge a respondent in Court is not evidence of guilt beyond reasonable doubt. Whether the accused is guilty or innocent is for the Court to decide. The amount of evidence needed for purposes of filing an INFORMATION in Court is known as “probable cause”. This is simply reasonable suspicion, based on facts, that the accused MIGHT be guilty of the crime charged.

When he believes the acts complained of constitute a crime, the Prosecutor again exercises full discretion as to: (i) what crime was committed and (ii) who ought to be charged as the accused and (iii) whether they will be charged as principals, accomplices or accessories.

It is not for the complainants to dictate what crime is to be filed against respondents. It is for the Prosecutor to determine the proper offense. Thus it is possible that a complainant who was injured believes the act is that of Frustrated Homicide but the Prosecutor may say the act is only Physical Injuries. In short the prosecutor may up grade or downgrade the crime complained of, or he might even decide the act constitutes an entirely new crime different from that complained of.

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## FAIR AND SQUARE

**A Lobby to Convert Vehicle for Hire Service into AUV Service**  
BY JAMES S. VALEROS

## Part 2

The intent and purpose of the ongoing lobby by a group calling themselves as an association of VFH or Vehicle for Hire operators is to obtain a favorable endorsement from the Baguio City Council for their proposed applications for conversion of their franchises from VFH Service to AUV Service under DOTC Dept. Order No. 2002-75. A favorable endorsement or recommendation by the Council is a prerequisite for acceptance of filing applications for franchises with either the LTFRB or DOTC-CAR in view of the moratorium still in effect in the city, that's why.

Once converted to AUV Service, the present vehicles for hire, erstwhile called garage, can now operate on the fixed routes authorized them and charge fares per head or per passengers, not otherwise allowed under their VFH franchises.

At a glance, the conversion seems good and beneficial because, in effect, it will legitimize the present illegal operations of the vehicles for hire or garage. In truth, however, aside from being a violation of the moratorium, as well as, the conditionalities under the same Dept. Order No. 2002-75, the conversion will have deleterious effects to the city, its residents and the general public. And here are the principal reasons why:

1. At present, there are only about 100 units, more or less, of vehicles for hire and garage authorized to base in Baguio while more than 500 of them are with bases of operations located outside Baguio City. While the latter are suppose to touch Baguio City only when ferrying passengers to this city coming from their respective bases of operation located outside Baguio, once converted to AUV service, this City will become the regular terminus of their routes. Therefore, by analogy, it is as if 500 new units of PUJ will be added to the city streets by this conversion, thereby surely aggravating the traffic jam and pollution therein.

2. Necessarily also, with the issuance of AUV Service franchises with fixed routes like: Baguio City-Dagupan or Alaminos/Urdaneta/Carmen/San Fernando City/Bangar/Abra/Buguias/San Jose (N.E)/Tayug and vice versa, to cite a few of the routes they are now operating on and whereat they be applying for under AUV Service, the City Government certainly will be asked by the operators to provide parking spaces or terminals for their units. Where will the City get the space or spaces for the purpose when it could hardly manage to allocate sufficient parking spaces to presently existing private and public utility vehicles?

3. Furthermore, in the event the Council agree to exempt the converting Vehicles for Hire from the moratorium, what will prevent others from asking for the same concession or privilege? It is alright if there are actual demand or urgent needs for public conveyances on the routes to be herein applied for, for we can probably further squeeze them in the name of public interest, but there are none. These routes are not developmental routes but are already well-established routes sufficiently served by public utility buses and jeepneys. Favorably indorsing the conversion of VFH to AUV service will only set a bad precedence which ultimately will sow chaos and more problems for the city government and residents.

By way of a suggestion or advice therefore, unsolicited though it may be, the Honorable Council and Councilors are urged to think hard before jumping into the water so to speak, to buttress these VFH operators lobbying for their own selfish motive. It will be remembered that most of them secured their previous franchises in circumvention of the moratorium under Directors Tapia and Lasaten in 1997 until 2000. Further abetting these operators by allowing them to convert their franchises to AUV service to legitimize their operations and congest the city in the process, will be equivalent to giving premium to the irregular and unwanted acts they have been perpetrating.

I believe it should not happen that way. We are not doing things right in that case. In the public transport service, we do not need operators in bad faith, operators solely motivated by profit. The public deserves better. So it is time for the Baguio City Council and the individual councilors to stand firm and show their constituents they can protect them at the time they are needed such as now; that they are worth the trusts and confidence reposed on them by their constituents.

And, probably also, of the trust and confidence they will be asking again in 2004.

## MOSH PIT

**III-stricken City of Pines (III)**  
BY GRACE BANDOY

These endless diggings happening around the city all-year-round is making Baguio more worst than it already is. They dig, they fix, they cement it and the next thing you know they're destroying what they fixed and start digging again. Why the hell can't they make up their minds about our f---g drainage system!!! Just what the hell do they really want to do so they won't have to fix and destroy every now and then!! Spending hundreds of thousands of taxpayer's money at that!!!

I think Baguio is at its ugliest today. The traffic, pollution, overpopulation, diggings, gigantic constructions on every available space, the corruption, gambling, crimes and an oncoming gloomy season, what more can we ask for?! We want development right?! Well we certainly have it now, and I believe we are expecting more of it in the future. So hold your breaths ladies and gentlemen, these are just a glimpse of the New Baguio the City Government has in store for us all.

The following pieces of written material are products of the author's own imagination whether they were actually based on facts or not....

Botanical Garden – a park sprawled with gigantic trees and exotic flora and fauna will be turned into a parking lot.

The BGH Rotonda – a Baguio landmark will soon be covered by flyovers.

Camp John Hay – a use-to-be nature-filled haven for EVERYONE who would love to walk and breathe fresh pine tree air will soon become an exclusive (I mean for people who have at least a hundred thousand bucks minimum balance on their bank accounts) country club/inn/resort/recreation area/subdivision or whatever they would be calling it in the future.

Burnham Park – Baguio's main feature will soon become an area for countless tiangge festivals and bingo marathons and hard rock concerts and colorful peryas. The young football players will soon be advised to

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## Cell card pseudo-investment scheme

We, reiterate our call on fellow citizens not to fall 'prey' to pseudo-investment schemes of various groups that have proliferated in Baguio and the Cordilleras. These operators currently inveigle the unwary to invest their money in non-existent business in cell phone cards with guaranteed return on investment as high as 22% per month, that would allow an investor to double his money in just 4 and ½ months.

Using fantastically priced cell phone cards as 'bait', the operators offer the investor, cellphone cards at P 275 (current). On a minimum investment of P 22,500, the operators issue a memorandum of agreement to the investor, entitling the latter to draw out 100 cards drawn out within an extended period of one (1) month; 20 cards are issued upon signing of the MOA, and 20 cards weekly thereafter, until all the 100 cards are drawn out. An investment of P 22,500 can increase to P 27,500 in 30 days, or a return of over 22% per month. The investor's money is supposed to double in a period of just 4 and ½ months.

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