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“The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated.”

-Mahatma Gandhi

(a message by Linis Gobyerno
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MABUHAY ANG PILIPINO!!! BAGUIO CITY, AND LA TRINIDAD, BENGUET LONG LIVE THE FILIPINO!!!

Pahayagang

palaban!!!

Yangot blames mayor for Carnival fiasco



“PULOT WALK” CONTINUES- Volunteer students from the University of the Philippines-Baguio and University of Baguio join the local media here in picking up litters along Session and Magsaysay Roads during the regular “Pulot Walk” every Saturday.--- By Bong Cayabyab

BAGUIO CITY – “Politics of Elimination,” is what councilor Leandro Yangot Jr. calls the political atmosphere in Baguio right now, after a carnival operator accused the councilor of bribery and graft and corruption.

Yangot, in his privilege speech to the city council, admits, he too was shocked, dumbfounded and rendered speechless by the temerity of Eugene

Pelle to come forward and make an allegation, “I wish to reiterate that I did not receive P190,000.00 from Mr. Eugene Pelle or whatever his true name is.”

Pelle accused Yangot for receiving the said amount for the approval and extension of the carnival operation allegedly owned by Pelle at the Quezon Elementary School which the
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BALIK KOLUM
SI BOMBITO!**

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BY ODELL AQUINO



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mayor ordered to close down.

Yangot argued that with Pelle's improper appearance before the city council and accuse him, made the Citizen's Forum of the Sangguniang Panlungsod a political killing field.

He also challenged his accuser to bring out his evidence and that Pelle owes that to the public who heard him during his stint at the Citizens' Forum and that he owes it to Yangot too.

"I filed today a libel case in court so that we will be able to ferret out the truth in this appropriate forum. Again, I challenge you, Mr. Pelle, if you really have evidence, bring it out. You told certain people that you have a tape recording of your conversation with me regarding the P190,000.00. These people are ready to execute their sworn statements. Bring the tape recording out," Yangot said.

"I also dare Mr. Pelle that we both take a lie detector test so that we can establish who has truth on his side."

There is a hand bigger than Pelle's in the move to discredit me, Yangot relates, my opponents are quick to discount that this latest blow on my person is not politically motivated.

"...all roads lead to the recall election," Yangot threatened in his speech as several groups and individuals have allegedly approached him urging him to run in the recall elections. "The time is ripe for recall and I do not just refer to the chronological time. The people are clamoring for recall. They are disillusioned, discontented. True, the people of Baguio overwhelmingly voted for Yaranon. They had big hopes. But the prevailing sentiment of dissatisfaction is as big as their hopes when they trooped to the polls."

"I am very saddened that this unfortunate incident has further rocked the City Council and the City Government. Out of *delicadeza*, I am tendering my resignation as Chairman of the Ethics and Governmental Affairs Committee as well as

my membership in the Committee on Market, Trade and Commerce and in the Committee on Handicapped, Employment, Livelihood, and Cooperatives. I hope and pray that this bite-size, small act will restore some trust in our city council. As I already manifested during the last council session, I am willing to submit myself to an investigation by an impartial body or committee," the councilor concluded in his speech entitled the Politics of Elimination.

The mayor however, denied the allegations of Yangot against him.

And Pelle, in an exclusive interview with the Junction newspaper, also said Mayor Braulio Yaranon had nothing to do with the accusations he set against Yangot and several others.

Councilors Daniel Fariñas, Faustino Olowan, several members of the media and police were also allegedly paid off by Pelle for consideration of the now-defunct carnival operation. /MGB

Kalinga Governor, 4 others acquitted

TABUK, Kalinga - Kalinga Governor Dominador Belac along with four others were recently acquitted from three cases filed against in 1998.

In a decision promulgated on May 24, 2005 by the Sandiganbayan, through Presiding Justice Teresita Leonardo Peralta and Roland Jurado, Governor Dominador Belac, Juan M. Boguen, Noe V. Dannang and Thomas Tubban were all acquitted from criminal cases filed against them on October 5, 1998 for alleged unlawful acquisition of a service vehicle for the Office of the Governor.

The decision said "the accused were misled into approving the transaction... while seemingly trapped in a web of deceit and betrayal, they incur no criminal liability for they are shown to have acted in good faith and with innocent intentions."

In an interview with Belac, he said having acted in good faith had been their best defense for their acquittal. He narrated that in August 1998, he consulted the Local Finance Committee (LFC) and proposed to buy a vehicle for the Office of the Governor, "since we didn't have one", which the LFC agreed, followed by a verbal approval by the members of the

Sangguniang Panlalawigan at that time.

However, the SP did not make the necessary authorization and resolution as they had verbally promised, after the vehicle was purchased to support its procurement resulting to the filing of an administrative complaint in the Office of the President and Office of the Ombudsman on October 5, 1998.

Eight years after, the Sandiganbayan decided to acquit Governor Belac and Provincial Budget Officer Dannang, who were charged with Criminal Case No. 25391 for the alleged falsification of official documents—particularly the advice of allotment where the amount of

P1,500,000.00 was appropriated under Appropriation Ordinance No. 97-04 for the payment of equipment, when no appropriation ordinance was passed for the payment of equipment and such Appropriation Ordinance pertained to as "An ordinance Providing for the Salaries of officials an Personnel of the Province of Kalinga for the period January 1, 1998 to December 31, 1998 and for other purposes".

The court decided that entry 97-04 was clearly an ordinary mistake that often befalls the bureaucracy that has come to rely more and more on the templates embedded in

computer software.

The decision stated that "no malice is inferable from the entry since neither Dannang nor Governor Belac stood to profit from the error. The factual antecedents that led to the completion of the advice of allotment establish their utmost good faith".

It further stated that "it is easy to believe that Dannang did not notice the error because all entries were to him *de kahon* or routine and error-free and he had trust in his personnel and that had he noticed the entry, he would have deleted it because the number was definitely not appropriate for the payment of the service vehicle".

To constitute a crime, according to the decision, "the act must, except in certain crimes made such by statute, be accompanied by a criminal intent, or by such negligence to duty or to consequences. So if Dannang had no criminal intent due to his good faith, Governor Belac should also not be differently treated since it was the former and not the latter who had been responsible for the preparation of the advice of allotment".

For Criminal Case No. 25392, Belac, Dannang with then Provincial Treasurer Juan M. Boguen and then OIC Provincial

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CJHDevCo assures solons: we will pay rent but...

BAGUIO CITY - In an effort to quell fears by some lawmakers that it has no intention of facing up to its obligations, the developer of Camp John Hay, CJHDevCo, reiterated its commitment to settle outstanding rental arrears with the government.

CJHDevCo SVP for Legal and Corporate Affairs Atty. Gina Alvarez said, "At the time the Supreme Court's 24 October 2003 Decision invalidating the JHSEZ tax and duty exemptions came out, CJHDevCo was current and in good standing as far as its rental payments was concerned under the 18 July 2003 MOA. We have long asked for BCDA's written assurance that it would hold CJHDevCo and its sub-locators, concessionaires, buyers and residents free and harmless from any adverse consequence/s of the Supreme Court Resolution as well as BCDA's written continuing guarantee on our enjoyment of the tax and duty exemptions within the JHSEZ. BCDA's unjustified refusal to issue the same has prevented CJHDevCo from continuing with the rental payments."

In order to discuss and settle the

issue of indemnification for all damages CJHDevCo and its sub-locators, concessionaires, buyers and residents would suffer as a result of the Supreme Court Decision invalidating the grant of SEZ tax and duty exemptions in the John Hay Special Economic Zone (JHSEZ) and similar zones other than the Subic Special Economic Zone, CJHDevCo has called for the convening of the joint committee as provided in Article XV, Section 1 of the Lease Agreement with BCDA. Sadly, BCDA has ignored CJHDevCo's repeated call for the convening of the joint committee.

As such, the John Hay developer was constrained to file an arbitration complaint with the Philippine Dispute Resolution Center, Inc. in accordance with the terms of the Lease Agreement to compel BCDA to honor its contractual obligations and guarantees.

On the other hand, tax experts conservatively estimate that the nullification of tax and duty-free incentives by the Supreme Court in October 2003 would expose the John Hay Special Economic Zone

Gloria inaugurates farm infrastructure in Tublay

TUBLAY, Benguet — President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo inaugurated last Friday farm infrastructure support projects in Barangay Tuel, Tublay Benguet which included a 40 meter bridge, a 6.7 kilometers farm to market road and irrigation system and

developer to an estimated P5 billion in back taxes and future assessments.

It may be recalled that the Fil-Estate - Penta Capital Consortium behind CJH DevCo was awarded the Camp John Hay project in 1996. The consortium has already spent around P4 billion for the development of the former American rest and recreation facility, with more than P900 million already paid to BCDA in lease rentals.

Of the amount already paid, BCDA figures state that only around P179 million was remitted to the Baguio City government.

The local government, entitled to a 25% share of the rentals and represented by mayor Braulio Yaranon, on the other hand, vowed to demand for the payment of the said shares from BCDA and CJHDevCo.

They have to pay it, the mayor insisted, for the benefit and protection of the citizens of this city./ *Adam Borja, MGB*

rural electrification for 30 households.

"These projects is not only for Tuel, but will also help all the municipalities of Benguet" the President said of the P50 million —worth projects.

She explained that the Ambongdolantual farm to market road and the Aduyon communal irrigation system that will irrigate 153.84 hectares of land for about 400 families in the area, are projects implemented under the Agrarian Reform Infrastructure Support Project funded under loans from the Japanese government through the Japan International Cooperation Assistance (JICA). The Tuel Bridge, a part of the President's Bridge Program, is

funded from a loan through the Austrian government and counter part from the local government of Benguet.

The President is optimistic that the Philippines will not only rely from foreign loan to fund such projects with the passing of revenue generating measures.

"We need to make the many years of neglect, and we have to begin our pro poor, pro growth, pro-peace agenda by the very painful process of the increasing revenues Now that the revenue generating measures have been passed, we will be able to fund more infrastructures without having to borrow", including education, better health care, better nutrition

more opportunity for women, jobs for the poor and the other things we are dreaming for our people for a long time", Arroyo said.

The President explained that increasing taxes is a fiscal responsibility, the pay-back of this responsibility will be more jobs, a better infrastructure and broader social services even as she appealed for more patience because "the pain we have to bear for now will be the seed of our future economic stability and prosperity", President said.

Mrs. Arroyo expressed her gratitude to the local officials of Benguet for their support to her administration. ***/PIA-CAR

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Accountant Thomas B. Tubban were accused of illegal use of public funds, the court acquitted all four "for the accused had acted upon their absolute honest belief, engendered by their reliance on the word of the legislating officers, that such delivery would be validated and authorized. Their honest reliance on the Sangguniang Panlalawigan at that time that composed the Committee on Finance and Appropriation manifested their good faith".

The four were likewise acquitted from Criminal Case No. 25393, where they were charged against the

Anti-graft and Corruption Practices Act for conspiring the unlawful approval and subsequent release of the amount of P1,076,127.00 as partial payment of the Nissan Safari vehicle of the Provincial Governor purchased from Royce Motor Center Inc.

The accused according to the court decision were not guilty of want or even slight care since they acted in good faith in preparing the check and delivering the same to Royce Motors, particularly as the same was in compliance with the desires of the SP members.

Expressing his

sentiments, Belac said "The people actually are the victims of what happened, because we performed less as expected and that even our families were greatly affected considering that the supposed support given them was wasted in following the case".

The governor advised that, provided an officer or an official acts in good faith for the service of the majority for the common good, he should not be afraid to take steps but, its always good to put everything in black and white and not depend on verbal understanding. **/Gigi Dumallig/PIA Kalinga

City all set for school opening

BAGUIO CITY - It's back to school for the thousands of students enrolled in the various public and private kindergarten, elementary and secondary institutions in the city tomorrow. Mayor Braulio Yaranon said the city is well-prepared for the opening of classes as concerned agencies have

adopted contingency measures to contain the road

crisis and peace and order problems expected to be encountered.

He said the city police under city director Isagani Nerez have mapped out traffic and anticrime plans to prevent the expected traffic snarls and petty crimes that normally occur during the school opening.

School authorities, on the other hand, have also prepared measures to address the perennial problems facing the schools.

The city schools division under Supt. Seferino Cawaon has implemented the nationwide Oplan Batik-Fskuwela of the Department of Education which helped various schools here prepare for the school opening by directly involving the teachers, parents, students and other volunteers in the spruce-up of campuses and in the construction and repair of school facilities including classrooms, desks and even teaching aids.

The mayor said he has full confidence in the police and city school authorities being prepared in handling whatever problem that they may face.

He assured that the City School Board will be on hand to help out in addressing problems on lack of teaching personnel with the use of its funds derived from the board's one percent share from the realty taxes paid by property owners in the city.

Roughly 70,000 students are expected to be enrolled in the various public and private kindergarten, elementary and secondary institutions in the city based on the city schools division's projection of between four to five percent increase in the annual enrollment. - aileen p. refuerzo



DEPTHNEWS

ENGLISH: "AS SHE IS SPEAK"

BY JUAN L. MERCADO



English today is "the most widely learned second language". Scientists write in it. Major newspapers and 24-stations use it. So do international air traffic controllers, businessmen and diplomats. . But it's versions vary widely. Look at how Filipinos use it. .

"Let's make tusok the fishballs," the Inquirer's Bambi Harper cites as an example of "Englog". This is language where there's more English than Tagalog words. "Sigi. you make cuento to me what happened," says your neighbor. Then, there's the superlative : "He's so galing." Or the summer plea : "I'm so init na; make paypay me naman."

The proportion of English words can be reversed, though. That's when you get "Taglish". It's used either for the banal or profound. In an Easter Sunday homily, the Jesuit theologian Catalino Arevalo recalled how disciples, on the road to Emmaus, didn't recognize the Man who spoke to. The tomb was empty as the women said, Cleofas complains to the risen Christ walking alongside. "But him they did not see."

Resurrection changed the Galilean. And Father Arevalo notes our teenagers have a phrase for this: "You are very other na". Or naiba ka . Thus, it was only later that the disciples recognized Him, as the gospels tell us, "in breaking of the bread."

There are variants like "Colegiala English.." Ms Harper claims. Maryknoll? Saint Theresa's? , St. Scho? Assumption? Or Ateneo accent. And so on.

Filipino professionals — doctors, engineers, teachers etc — tend to speak this version. This English-influenced group endeavors to speak straight English; but they may even tack on an American accent. "By the time the call centers are through with us, we should all sound like we came from Iowa," she claims.

But nothing beats the one-word Filipinisms, former Manila Times columnist Alfredo Roces e-mailed from his Australian retirement residence. Get these down pat and you can scrap those traditional Pilipino dictionaries, this editor says. Here's a partial list :

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BANTAYAN AT SIYASATIN

BWD, inutil din? Operation kapkap, dapat paigtingin. Councilor-guilty or not guilty? Opisyal ng COA, imbestigahin!

BY RUDY "BANTAY SIYASAT" GARCIA

**BWD - Bwisit Walang Danum!**

Hay buhay, pagising mo sa umaga, hanap ay almusal, ang siste dahil sa hirap ng buhay ngayon kahit yata pandasal wala! Kaya't imbes kumain, idaan na lang sa paligo, pero ano ka, pati tubig, napagdadamutan na rin? Talaga naman oo, Buwisit Walang Danum! Marami ang nagtatanong kung ano ba talaga ang silbi ng ating Baguio water District kung hindi nila mapunuan ang pangangailangan ng sting mga kababayan, tubig, tubbiiiigg!

Op kors marami na naman sigurong palusot ang puwedeng idahilan ng mga ito katulad ng kakulangan kuno ng pondo, ganito ganyan etc. etc.

I halimbawa natin ditto sa may Broweer Road ng Campo Filipino Barangay. Ang dating po ng tubig dito mula sa main pipeline ng BWD ay MWF at kadalasan kung hindi man palagi na dumadating ang tubig sa alanganing oras ng madaling araw kung kelan nasa kasarapan ng tulog lahat ng kasambahay.

Pag naiwang bukas ang gripo, patay kang bata ka, babayaran mo ang tubig mo na hindi mo nagamit, dagdag na hindi ka man lang nakaipon para magamit kinabukasan.

Pagising mo naman sa umaga, wala ng tubig sa gripo, oh, di ba naman maliwanag na panloloko yan?! At di rin ba na wais talaga ang mga lekat? Pero take note, na kung scan sa singilan ng bill at pagputol kung hindi makabayad sa takdang panahon, mabilis pa sila sa alas kuatro pweee!

Ngayon naman ay mayroon umano silang inihatag na proyekto, ito ngang "bulk water" kuno pero ayon sa impormasyon, mayroon daw itong bahid ng kurapsyon! How true!! Hmmm, malalaman natin ito kung ito ngang kanilang proyekto ay para sa interes ng sting mamamayan o pansariling interes ng iilan? Dapat sigurong bantayan at siyasin natin ang anumang aksyon nitong BWD para hindi naman kawawa balang araw ang mga kapatid hating sila Juan De la Cruz. Ano sa palagay niyo? Bantayan....

Operation Kapkap, Dapat Paigtingin!

Mukhang nakakabahala na ang kasalukuyang nangyayaring krimen sa ating kapaligiran! Karamihan ay armado ng patalim o di kaya'y baril ang mga suspek.

Ano kava ang ginagawa ng ating kapulisan at hindi yata makontrol ang paglala sa sitwasyon ng ating pis en order?

Bakit kaya kung kelan nila gustong mag-operation kapkap ay saka lang nila ito isinasagawa? At madalang pa nila itong gawin, ano kaya ang rason? Hindi ba kaya ng sting mga pubs na gawing regular ang kanilang operation kapkap? Katulad ng iba na masipag at regular ang kanilang operation k? (hindi po kapkap) operation Kotong!

O baka naman, saka Lang sila umaksyon kung may bumulagta ulit diyan! Ningas Kugon? Op kors!

Tsip Isagani Nerez ng BCPO, baka puwede ninyong pakitingnan ito. Magconduct naman kayo ng personal at direct superbisyon sa inyong mga tauhan. Magrandom check kayo sa lahat ng inyong presinto para makita ninyo mismo ang galaw ng inyong tauhan. Ok ho ba ito Tsip?

Opisyal ng COA, dapat daw imbestigahan

May nakapagbulong sa atin na isang kaibigan na isang opisyal daw ng Commision in Audit sa may La Trinidad ay dapat daw idaan sa lifestyle check at isama na rin daw ang asawa nito.

Ayon sa kaya, nakakapagduda daw ang klase ng pamumuhay nitong si Eric Dumaguing, kumbaga, lantaran daw ang pagpapakita nila ng kanilang luho kaya't dapat lang daw silang imbestigahan!

MOSHPIIT

June - Save our Environment and No Smoking Month!

BY GRACE BANDOY



This month of June is the observance and celebration by the whole world of the environment and is also a No Smoking month for us in the country. I have been an anti-smoking hardcore fan ever since, and my being an anti-smoking aficionado was more intensified when my dear dad died of complications from his years of smoking.

People find it quite hard to believe that I don't smoke, I mean sure, I did smoke some cigarettes before but if you are to add all the cigarette shit I smoked my whole life – it wouldn't add to a whole pack!

I'm pretty sure some of you are even thinking na nagmamalinis ako or something but those who really know me will swear to God that I don't smoke.

Well, anyway, like I often say it in this column – smoking never does good to anyone. I don't know, I think it's just paporma for most smokers that's why they smoke. For others, maybe it's true they are addicts to it. But for whatever reason it really is, stop smoking na for Christ's sake! You'll die of it in no time I tell you.

Dr. Florence Reyes once told me she wanted to start an anti-smoking crusade and I wish to join her in it.

She told me this when I went to her office almost two years ago to have her sign the transportation permit for my dad's cremation in Dagupan. She asked the cause of my father's death and I told her it was from his years of smoking (my dad started smoking when he was 14).

Then she told me that her father died the same way too – from smoking. I wish we could soon start that crusade against smoking she told me about, before it's too late for the millions of smokers out there.

You know, it's never too late to quit smoking and add ten more years to your life. What's so bad about that di ba? Nothing!!

It is also World Environment Month this June and if no smoking month is something we should think about, the environment is something way more serious.

The environment concerns all of us and our future and this whole world we live in.

In Baguio, the environment is now our major concern. The continuous concreting of everything here and our worsening garbage problem is bringing our city into the brink of becoming a major environmental disaster.

We have become an environmentally-unfriendly city. Too bad and it's too sad.

But you know what, we can still do something about it if we start right now. It's not yet too late pa naman lalo na because we have a mayor who is much concerned with preserving and bringing back Baguio's old glory.

We should be thankful we have a mayor like him. But he can't restore Baguio by himself, he needs the help of all of us.

And if it's for the sake of our beloved city, we should all unite. Forget about all those political shit cramming our city right now and forget all our differences.

Let's all join hands to re-create our city and make it into the beautiful Baguio it was once.

Pansamantala, binibigyan po natin ng pagkakataon itong si Mr. Eric Dumaguing na ibigay ang kanyang panig, sa ngalan ng patas na pagpapahayag.

Mr. Dumaguing hinihintay po naming ang inyong sagot...!

Sa susunod na isyu...eksklusibong one-on-one na panayam kay Mr. Eugene Pelle ang "whistleblower" na nag akusa kay Councilor Leandro Yangot na tumanggap ito ng suhol na P 190, 000.00, Abangan...

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Start with the the all-around, all-purpose word for everything :. "Ano" (A-noh).

As a noun, you ask : Where's your ano?, i.e. Where's your father/mother/ dead-uncle's-second-cousin, etc. It also serves as a pronoun in interrogation like : Ano? (What?). You prefer a verb? Then, say : "Anuhin mo". It can mean paint or kill ot , maim or castrate.....

An adjective? This is so ano. What? Pretty? Big or small? Astounding, perhaps?. Instead of exploding with "what the hell", you can use this an interjection: Ano!

Above all, there the all-purpose question, whether dealing with traffic gridlocks or obnoxious politicians : "Did you ano your ano? That way, you can croon along with the street ballad : "But in truth, my love, I'm so ano with you."

Then there are everyday words. Consider : Para (pah-rah) ! This directs the jeepney driver to stop, usually in the middle of the road, as the individual yelling intends to leap from the vehicle. Heard of takusa (ta-kuh-sa)? This is derived from takot sa asawa. Scared stiff by the wife, this describes males married to feminine reincarnations of Hitler. What about lagot (Lah-got)? This is a prophesy of evil things to come.

Indyanero (in-jan-neh-ro) is one who doesn't show up at a meeting. Japorms (Jah-porms) is a person who dresses bizzarely. Kilig (keel-leg) is excitement when one's sweetie rounds the corner. . But gigil (gee-gil) is a near-uncontrollable desire to bite something.

As the nutty song goes : "When I finally got the nerve to date you / I almost became indyanero, / Because I didn't think I had the right japorms./ When you're around, I'm kilig / When you're not, I get gigil. But what about English "as she is write"? That too can be startling. Read this essay on "The Cow". It was cribbed from an Indian Civil Service exam:

"The cow is a successful animal. Also he is quadrupud, and because he is female, he give milk, but will do so when he is got child. He is same like God, sacred to Hindus and useful to man.

"But he has got four legs together. Two are forward and two are afterwards. His whole body can be utilised for use. More so the milk. What can it do? Various ghee, butter, cream, curd, why and the condensed milk and so forth. .

"Also he is useful to cobbler, watermans and mankind generally. His motion is slow only because he is of asitudinious species. Also his other motion is much useful to trees, plants as well as making flat cakes in hand and drying in the sun.

"Cow is the only animal that extricates his feeding after eating. Then afterwards she chew with his teeth whom are situated in the inside of the mouth. He is incessantly in the meadows in the grass. .

"His only attacking and defending organ is the horn, specially so when he is got child. This is done by knowing his head whereby he causes the weapons to be paralleled to the ground of the earth and instantly proceed with great velocity forwards.

"He has got tails also, but not like similar animals. It has hairs on the other end of the other side. This is done to frighten away the flies which alight on his cohoa body whereupon he gives hit with it. .

"The palms of his feet are soft unto the touch. So the grasses head is not crushed. At night time have poses by looking down on the ground and he shouts his eyes like his relatives, the horse does not do so... "This is the cow." P.S.: "Very moooooooving," Ding Rocas adds. "We are informed that the candidate passed the exam". ####

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PINUPUNA AT PINAPANSIN

**The Great Mayor Y
Councilor Yangot biktima ng
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By ODELL AQUINO



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Councilor Yangot biktima ng demolition job**

Malugod kong binabati ang lahat ng mga taga pagbasa ng Pahayagang Palaban the one the only smallest, black and white newspaper in the cordillera the junkyon este The Junction Newspaper. Kaya ko gusto ang pahayagang ito ay sapagkat ito ay katulad ko rin na maliit, alam nyo naman ang maliit lamang ang nakakapuwing ngunit ang malaki naman ay nakakabulag!!!

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Marahil magtataka kayo mga dear readers kung bakit na isipan ko na na muling mag balik kolum writing ay sapagkat medyo nadadala na rin ako ng maraming mga kanyang at pangungutya mula sa ating mga kaibigan na kung saan na toto-rata na ang aking taenga sa dami ng mga sumbong hingil sa mga karumaldumal na nagaganap sa ating lungsod at lalo na dyan sa may city hall. Pero sa toto lang mga dear readers, isang taon na kasi mula ng maka upo ang ating kagalang galang na the Great Mayor Y. Y oh Y Mayor Y ? Pinag kasunduan po namin yan sa aming pahayagan (ako at ilan sa aking mga fellow columnists) na hindi naming pupunahin at papansinin si The Great Mayor Y sa panahon ng isang taon , para bigyan siya ng pagkakataon na manungkulan at mamuno ng walang bumabatikos at nanggugulo mula sa ating pahayagan. Ngunit , tunay na nakalulungkot ang mga naging pangyayari at mga kaganapan kung saan napakaraming daing at sumbong ang nakararating sa inyong lingkod at mismong ako ang nakakakita ng mga KARUMALDUMAL, MGA KORAPSYON AT MGA KATARANTADUHAN na pinag gagawa nitong si The Great Mayor Y at ng kanyang grupo ng LBM at mga PASTOR ng mga DEMONYO, ano say mo Ms. Grace Bandoy? Kayat abangan ninyo mga dear readers sa susunod kong kolum ay unti unti na natin ibubunyag at hihimayin ang mga pinaggagawa ni The Great Mayor Y. HATAW na po ang ating gagawin, walang preno , mga never been exposed ay unti-unti na nating ilalabas para mas maliwanagan ang ating mga kababayan sa Baguio. Kayat abangan ninyo mga dear readers the one the only six pooted is back, yun madalas na pinipilit gayahin at kopyahin ni Danny de Vito.

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Sa alam ko mga dear readers ay sa 2007 pa naman ang susunod na halalan , eh bakit ganito pa lamang ka aga ay dine-demolish na itong si Councilor Leandro Yangot? Alam ninyo mga dear readers, hindi ako taga hanga nitong si Councilor Yangot ngunit , sa mga na obserbahan natin ay mukha talagang isang matinding demolition job itong nakaraang bintang nitong isang nag ngangalang Eugene Pelle na ayon sa kanya ay tumanggap daw ng suhol na halagang P 190, 000.00 itong si Konsehal para payagan ang operasyon ng karnabal (hati hati daw ang ilan mga konsehal sa halagang iyon, bakit hindi ba ako kasa ma sa hatian ginoong Y este Pelle !?!? he!he!he!) . Talaga naman O O , sino kayang napaka BOBO at na paka TANGA ang naka isip ng ganitong uri ng demolition job laban kay Konsehal Y, sino kaya, sa palagay ninyo ang mayroon na paka kitid na utak ang nag pa kana nito at hindi ba nila naisip na hindi naman nila mapapatunayan ang ganitong akusasyon kayat maaaring bumalandra ito sa kanila? Sa palagay ninyo mga dear readers sino kaya o kaninong kamay ang nasa likod ng demolisyon na ito? Tanungin nga natin si The Great Mayor Y ? PWEEEE.....

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Hingil sa mga isyung nais ninyong ating ibunyag o talakayin, maaari niyo akong kontakin sa Mobile Number (0910) 5210317 o mag padala ng email sa info@linisgobyerno.org o di kaya sa odell_aquino@yahoo.com.

“Address food, energy prices to mitigate inflation”—Neri

Food and energy prices are two urgent concerns that the government needs to focus on to mitigate rising inflation, Socioeconomic Planning Secretary Romulo L. Neri said recently.

“While oil prices have adversely affected inflation, the government needs to concentrate on the production and prices of food to successfully mitigate inflation,” he said. Supply side pressures particularly from food and energy prices led to increasing inflation in the last quarter of 2004.

Speaking before cadets of the Philippine Military Academy, Baguio City, Neri said a further rise in overall inflation was mitigated by the easing of food prices as a result of timely importation by the government. Still, the impact of higher oil prices continue to drive inflation up, as it stood at 8.5 percent in April 2005.

Neri, who also heads the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) added that the continued rise in oil prices poses significant risks in the growth of the country. While “global tensions” may have contributed in oil price movements, most analysts insist that the price rises are driven primarily by demand growth coming from China and India. However, although the spectacular growth of these countries benefits all, it strains existing resources.

“Oil price volatility makes business more cautious about investing, especially in the oil sector itself where investment is needed through the production chain,” explained Neri. In turn, low investment will continue to limit excess capacity, keeping price volatility high.

Thus, the Administration is placing much attention on creating greater competition in the power sector and increasing energy diversification especially through the use of natural gas and geothermal energy.

Recognizing the impact of higher oil prices through its effects on inflation and growth, the Department of Labor and Employment, upon the directive of President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, has formed a five-man independent panel to review the Oil Deregulation Law.

The panel includes: Mr. Carlos Alindada; Chairperson; Ms. Mercedes Garcia; Mr. Peter Lee Yu (an economist); Mr. Jose Leviste Jr.; and Mr. Alberto Suasing (transport sector). Mr. Cedric Bagtas, a representative of the labor sector, joins the team.

The country’s chief economic planner said in response to the rise in world oil prices, the government has adopted some mitigating measures like discounts on prices of spare parts and fuel used by jeepney and bus operators, and the continuous monitoring by the Department of Energy-Department of Justice (DOE-DOJ) task force on fair fuel price increase.

April 2005 inflation was recorded at 8.5 percent. Year-on-year headline inflation remained at 8.5 percent for the third consecutive month, bringing the January-April average inflation rate to also 8.5 percent.

CJHDevco assessed P71.9 M in back taxes

BAGUIO CITY – The Pandora’s box has been opened. The worst fears of the developer of the country’s premier forest resort are slowly becoming real.

Contrary to public statements of the Bases Conversion Development Authority (BCDA) that the Supreme Court (SC) ruling nullifying the John Hay SEZ incentives has no impact yet, CJH Development Corporation (CJHDevCo) on Thursday (May 26) was slapped by the Bureau of Customs (BOC) for import duties and taxes from 1998 to 2004 amounting to P71.98 million.

The customs assessment comes in the heels of the Bureau of Internal Revenue’s (BIR) denial of the developer’s request for authority to print non-VAT receipts and invoices, opining that CJHDevCo has become an ordinary corporation subject to the regular corporate income tax and value added tax imposed under the Tax Code of 1997 last Monday (May 23).

Both the BOC and the BIR cited the 29 March 2005 Resolution and 24 October 2003 Decision of the SC nullifying the John Hay SEZ tax and duty exemptions as the basis for their action.

“This only proves that we are not hiding behind the Supreme Court ruling. The impact of the SC Decision is immediate and real. This clearly evidences a material breach of BCDA’s warranty on the 5% of gross income earned incentive embodied in Article XVI, Section 18 of the Lease Agreement,” official spokesperson for the developer Atty. Gina Alvarez said.

“With this mounting tax problem, BCDA can rest assured that CJHDevCo will seek indemnification. We will pursue all legal steps to protect our rights as spelled out in our lease agreement,” Alvarez added.

The same SC Decision spurred City Treasurer’s Office of the City of Baguio last January to assess CJHDevCo with some P101.93 million in real estate taxes since the developer took over the 246-hectare Camp John Hay (CJH) property in 1996.

It can be recalled that the John Hay SEZ tax and duty exemptions was a guaranteed enticement by the BCDA when it invited the private developer to bid for the development of CJH and was in fact written into the lease agreement inked by the parties.

Customs District Collector Edward O. Baltazar, in a letter dated May 26, 2005, said “all importations of (CJHDevCo) has thus lost their duty and tax exemption privileges earlier accorded by Proclamation No. 420.”

“In view thereof, demand is hereby being made for (CJHDevCo) to settle your liability with this Port amounting to P71,983,753.00 representing duties and taxes due on all your importations from 1998 to 2004,” his letter said.

Baltazar requested CJHDevCo to settle the amount within 15 days, or else his office will be constrained to take the necessary legal actions against the developer.

“BCDA has accused us of employing ‘scare tactics’. Isn’t it more frightening when the business sector, including the public in general, could not count on the government to honor its word? And isn’t it the mother of all scares when, after failing to honor its word, government threatens an illegal takeover?,” Alvarez said.

It may be recalled that the BCDA last week announced it is seriously considering a takeover of Camp John Hay. However, Baguio solon Mauricio Domogan commented that the takeover plan was ill-advised, saying, “Takeover is easier said than done. I still believe Camp John Hay is better managed by the private sector.”

The Baguio legislator emphasized the need for BCDA and the developer to sit down and come up with a win-win solution for the problems besetting CJH. But this, he said could only start when both parties honor the terms of the lease agreement they signed in 1996.

Meanwhile, the City Council of Baguio, concerned over the on-going media tussle between the BCDA, JHMC and CJHDevCo, on Monday conducted an inquiry in aid of legislation to find common grounds for settlement of the CJH row.

After hearing the side of both BCDA and CJHDevCo, the city dads urged the government through BCDA-JHMC to sit down with CJHDevCo to settle their differences amicably for the sake of the people of Baguio who stand to be most affected.

For its part, CJHDevco has been willing to sit down with BCDA to discuss a solution to the problem created by the cancellation of the SEZ tax and duty privileges by the Supreme Court.

BCDA, on the other hand, has put financial conditions on CJHDevco even before talks on an amicable solution can be started, to which CJHdevco has refused on the ground that it cannot agree to such conditions unless BCDA agrees to make good its John Hay SEZ tax guarantees, or define, quantify and acknowledge the financial impact of the tax ruling on CJHDevco and its sub-locators.

“It is not only the future of the people of Baguio at stake here but the larger picture which is the privatization program of the government. Who will believe in government now if they can just unilaterally disregard contracts,” Domogan said.

Domogan was the former mayor of Baguio City when the lease agreement between CJH DevCo and BCDA was entered into. *Adam Borja*

Republic of the Philippines
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
First Judicial Region
BRANCH 7
Baguio City

IN THE MATTER OF
AMENDMENT OF
THE NAME OF
REGISTERED
OWNER UNDER
TRANSFER
CERTIFICATE OF
TITLO NO. T-31905
AND REPLACEMENT
OF THE LOST
OWNERS
DUPLICATE COPY

BANK OF THE
PHILIPPINE
ISLAND, herein rep.
by its Vice President,
MA. CONCEPCION
V. ESLAO,
Petitioner,
LRC. CASE NO.
1463-R

**ORDER AND
NOTICE OF
HEARING**

The petitioner Bank of the Philippine Islands, represented by its Vice President, Ma. Concepcion V. Eslao, through counsel filed a verified petition graying among others that after due notice and hearing, an order be issued directing the Register of Deeds of Baguio to the change the name of the registered owner under Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-31905 from Share Realty Inc. to Bank of the Philippine Islands and to declare as null and void the owner's duplicate of Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-31945 which has been lost and to direct the Register of Deeds of Baguio to issue a never owner's duplicate copy thereof which shall be entitled to like faith and credit as the original one.

The petitioner is a banking corporation, duly organized and existing under the laws of the Philippines with principal office address at Ayala Ave. cor. Paseo

de Roxas, Makati City, Metro Manila, and herein represented by its Vice President, Ma. Concepcion V. Eslao. The petitioner wholly owns SHARE REALTY INC., a realty corporation with principal office address at BPI Bldg. Ayala Ave. corner Paseo de Roxas, Makati, Metro Manila On December 23, 1992, Share Realty was dissolved by shortening its corporate term. As a result, its assets, particularly a parcel of land along Harrison Road, Baguio City covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-31905 of the Register of Deeds of Baguio, and liabilities were assumed by the petitioner. The registered owner appearing on the aforementioned title is Share Realty Inc., which has been dissolved. There is then a need to amend the name to reflect the present and true name of the owner of the parcel of land covered by TCT No. T-31905.

Furthermore, the owner's duplicate copy of TCT No. T-31905 was kept at the branch office of the petitioner at Harrison Road, Baguio City. In a recent inventory of titles conducted by the petitioner, the title cannot be found. Diligent efforts to locate the same failed, thus, it is now considered lost. The fact of loss has been recorded with the Register of Deeds of Baguio City.

Lastly, the title has never been delivered to any other person or entity.

Finding the petition sufficient in form and substance, let the same be heard before this Court on July 29, 2005 at 8:30 o'clock in the morning at the Regional Trial Court, Branch 7, Room 313, Justice Hall, Baguio City, at which place, date and time, petitioner will prove its case, and any interested person may show cause if there be

any, why the petition should not be granted.

Let a copy of this Order and Notice of Hearing, together with a copy of the petition and its annexes be served upon the Honorable Solicitor General, Makati, Metro Manila and to the Office of the Land Registration Authority, Quezon City. Likewise furnish copies of this Order and Notice of Hearing to the Office of the Register of Deeds of Baguio City, the Office of the City Prosecutor, the Share Realty, Inc., the counsel for the petitioner and the Office of the Clerk of Court for publication.

Since the petition seeks for the amendment of the name of the owner registered in the title, let this Order and Notice of Hearing be published at the expense of the petitioner, once a week, for three (3) consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Baguio, the last publication of which that shall appear thereon shall not be later than July 29, 2005.

The Branch Sheriff is hereby directed to post copies of this Order and Notice of Hearing on the Bulletin Boards of the Court., the Justice Hall, the City Hall, the City Market, all of Baguio City, as well as in a conspicuous place within the parcel of land covered by the title in question.

SO ORDERED.
Baguio City, Philippines, this 10th day of May, 2005.

(SGD) CLARENCE J. VILLANUEVA
Presiding Judge
May 22, 29 & June 5, '05

Republic of the Philippines
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
First Judicial Region
BRANCH 59
Baguio City
(ADDITIONAL)
FAMILY COURT OF
BAGUIO)

IN RE: IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE MINOR CHILD RAYMALYN COLAS AWAKAN WITH PRAYER FOR THE CHANGE OF HER NAME IN HER CERTIFICATE OF LIVE BIRTH TO RAYMALYN AWAKAN TULINGAN SPOUSES MILAGROS AWAKAN-TULINGAN and EDUARD TULINGAN,
Petitioner,

-vs-

THE OFFICE OF THE LOCAL CIVIL OFFICER OF BAGUIO CITY,
Respondent.

SP. Pro Case
No. 211-A

ORDER

The petitioners SPOUSES MILAGROS AWAKAN-TULINGAN and EDUARD TULINGAN filed this verified amended petition praying that after due notice and hearing judgment be rendered declaring for all intents and purposes RAYMALYN COLAS AWAKAN as the legitimate child of herein petitioners and ordering the name of Raymalyn Colas Awakan in her certificate of live birth be changed and corrected to RAYMALYN AWAKAN TULINGAN and the name of the petitioner EDUARD TULINGAN be reflected therein as the name of her father.

Finding the petition to be sufficient in form and substance, let the same be heard before the Regional Trial Court, Branch 59, Baguio City on

October 17, 2005 at 8:30 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 petition should not be granted.

Let a copy of this Order be published at the expense of the petitioners in the newspaper of general circulation in the City of Baguio and in Benguet province once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks. The petitioner are directed

to make an appointment with the Court Social Worker for the purpose of conducting the required case study on the minor RAYMALYN COLAS AWAKAN. The Court Social Worker is required to submit to the Court the case study not later than October 12, 2005.

SO ORDERED.
This 24th day of May, 2005 at Baguio City Philippines.

(SGD) ILUMINADA CABATO-CORTES
Judge
May 29, June 5 & 12, '05

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Transportation and Communications
LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARD
Cordillera Administrative Region, Baguio City
TERIO CODIAMAN
Applicant
Case No. 97-01-1934
NOTICE OF HEARING
This is an application for the Extension of Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a PUJ Jitney Service for the transportation of passengers and freight on the line: BAGUIO CITY - PLAZA LONG LONG via Pico and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit.
Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on June 14, 2005 at 9:00 A.M. at the LTRFB Office, Pacdal, Baguio City which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her/their evidences.
At least ten (10) days prior to the above date, the applicant/s shall publish the NOTICE once in one (1) weekly newspaper of general circulation in the Cordillera Administrative Region.
Parties opposed to the granting of the application must file their written opposition supported by documentary evidence on or before the above date, furnishing a copy of the same to the applicant/s and if they so desire, appear during the hearing.
This application shall be acted upon the Board on the basis of its records and the documentary evidences submitted by the parties unless the Board deem necessary to receive additional documentary and/or oral evidence.
WITNESS, the Honorable ALFREDO P. MONDIGUING - Regional Director this 3rd day of June 2005.
(SGD) ATTY. BRENDAD. POKLAY
Hearing Officer

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Transportation and Communications
LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARD
Cordillera Administrative Region, Baguio City
MARION ANN OKUBO
Applicant
Case No. 2000-01-2629
NOTICE OF HEARING
This is an application for the Extension of Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a TAXI Service for the transportation of passengers and freight on the line: BAGUIO CITY TO ANY POINT IN CORDILLERA ADMINISTRATIVE REGION and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit.
Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on June 14, 2005 at 9:00 A.M. at the LTRFB Office, Pacdal, Baguio City which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her/their evidences.
At least ten (10) days prior to the above date, the applicant/s shall publish the NOTICE once in one (1) weekly newspaper of general circulation in the Cordillera Administrative Region.
Parties opposed to the granting of the application must file their written opposition supported by documentary evidence on or before the above date, furnishing a copy of the same to the applicant/s and if they so desire, appear during the hearing.
This application shall be acted upon the Board on the basis of its records and the documentary evidences submitted by the parties unless the Board deem necessary to receive additional documentary and/or oral evidence.
WITNESS, the Honorable ALFREDO P. MONDIGUING - Regional Director this 1st day of June 2005.
(SGD) ATTY. BRENDAD. POKLAY
Hearing Officer

Republic of the Philippines
 Department of Transportation and Communications
LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARD
 Cordillera Administrative Region, Baguio City
GABRIEL CASTRO
 Applicant
Case No. 2001-01-905
NOTICE OF HEARING
 This is an application for the Extension of Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a PUJ Jitney Service for the transportation of passengers and freight on the line: BAGUIO CITY - ALAPANG VIA SAMOYAO-PERIL via Pico and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit.
 Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on June 14, 2005 at 9:00 A.M. at the LTRFB Office, Pacdal, Baguio City which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her/their evidences.
 At least ten (10) days prior to the above date, the applicant/s shall publish the NOTICE once in one (1) weekly newspaper of general circulation in the Cordillera Administrative Region.
 Parties opposed to the granting of the application must file their written opposition supported by documentary evidence on or before the above date, furnishing a copy of the same to the applicant/s and if they so desire, appear during the hearing.
 This application shall be acted upon the Board on the basis of its records and the documentary evidences submitted by the parties unless the Board deem necessary to receive additional documentary and/or oral evidence.
 WITNESS, the Honorable ALFREDO P. MONDIGUING - Regional Director this 12th day of May 2005.
 (SGD) ATTY. BRENDA D. POKLAY
 Hearing Officer

Republic of the Philippines
 Department of Transportation and Communications
LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARD
 Cordillera Administrative Region, Baguio City
BERNARD CUARESMA
 Applicant
Case No. 2003-CAR-583
NOTICE OF HEARING
 This is an application for the Extension of Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a TAXI Service for the transportation of passengers and freight on the line: BAGUIO CITY TO ANY POINT IN CORDILLERA ADMINISTRATIVE REGION and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit.
 Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on June 14, 2005 at 9:00 A.M. at the LTRFB Office, Pacdal, Baguio City which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her/their evidences.
 At least ten (10) days prior to the above date, the applicant/s shall publish the NOTICE once in one (1) weekly newspaper of general circulation in the Cordillera Administrative Region.
 Parties opposed to the granting of the application must file their written opposition supported by documentary evidence on or before the above date, furnishing a copy of the same to the applicant/s and if they so desire, appear during the hearing.
 This application shall be acted upon the Board on the basis of its records and the documentary evidences submitted by the parties unless the Board deem necessary to receive additional documentary and/or oral evidence.
 WITNESS, the Honorable ALFREDO P. MONDIGUING - Regional Director this 16th day of June 2005.
 (SGD) ATTY. BRENDA D. POKLAY
 Hearing Officer

CSC, CESB to conduct Unified Third Level Exam System

The Civil Service Commission (CSC) and the Career Executive Service Board (CESB) announce the conduct of unified CSEE-MATB written examination system for third level in the career or government service on July 17, 2005.

The Unified Third Level Examination System was adopted in CSC Resolution No. 050660, dated May 19, 2005, to strengthen the recruitment and selection process in the third level to ensure that only those with proven capacity, competence, and strength of character can join the managerial and executive corps in the civil service.

The CSEE-MATB written examination is open to the ff. applicants: 1.) Those from the government service who are occupying second level positions with salary grade 18 or higher; 2.) Incumbents of third level positions in the government service; 3.) Those from the PNP with the rank of at least Senior Inspector or its equivalent and from other uniformed services of comparable rank; 4.) Those occupying the rank of a Captain or higher

in the AFP; and 5.) Those from the private sector who are incumbents of a managerial position, and supervising/managing at least five (5) staff. Other requirements are: Must be a citizen of the Philippines; of good moral character; has not been convicted by final judgment of an administrative offense; and has not been dishonorably discharged from the military service or dismissed for cause from any civilian position in the government.

Application forms are now available at any CSC Regional or Field Offices and may be downloaded at the CSC website: www.csc.go.ph. Applicants may file applications with any CSC Regional or Field Offices with the ff. requirements: 1.) CS Form No. 100-A, Revised 2005; 2.) Examination fee of PHP700.00; 3.) 4 copies identical passport size (1½" x 2") ID pictures with full name tag taken within the last 3 months; and 4.) Any valid ID such as GSIS ID, SSS ID, Driver's license, Office ID, NBI ID, BIR ID, etc.

Deadline for filing of application is June 30, 2005.

Republic of the Philippines
 Department of Transportation and Communications
LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARD
 Cordillera Administrative Region, Baguio City
REYNALDO STA. MARIA
 Applicant
Case No. 90-CAR-281A
NOTICE OF HEARING
 This is an application for the Extension of Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a PUJ Jitney Service for the transportation of passengers and freight on the line: BAGUIO CITY - PLAZA PINGET via Pico and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit.
 Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on June 14, 2005 at 9:00 A.M. at the LTRFB Office, Pacdal, Baguio City which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her/their evidences.
 At least ten (10) days prior to the above date, the applicant/s shall publish the NOTICE once in one (1) weekly newspaper of general circulation in the Cordillera Administrative Region.
 Parties opposed to the granting of the application must file their written opposition supported by documentary evidence on or before the above date, furnishing a copy of the same to the applicant/s and if they so desire, appear during the hearing.
 This application shall be acted upon the Board on the basis of its records and the documentary evidences submitted by the parties unless the Board deem necessary to receive additional documentary and/or oral evidence.
 WITNESS, the Honorable ALFREDO P. MONDIGUING - Regional Director this 31st day of May 2005.
 (SGD) ATTY. BRENDA D. POKLAY
 Hearing Officer

Republic of the Philippines
 Department of Transportation and Communications
LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARD
 Cordillera Administrative Region, Baguio City
SAMUEL DOQUE - Vendor
NIXON O. POLO - Vendee
Case No. 2000-01-873/2005-BENG-CAR-674
NOTICE OF HEARING
 This is an application for the Approval of Sale and Transfer of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a TAXI Service for the transportation of passengers and freight on the line: BAGUIO CITY TO ANY POINT IN CORDILLERA ADMINISTRATIVE REGION and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit.
 Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on June 14, 2005 at 9:00 A.M. at the LTRFB Office, Pacdal, Baguio City which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her/their evidences.
 At least ten (10) days prior to the above date, the applicant/s shall publish the NOTICE once in one (1) weekly newspaper of general circulation in the Cordillera Administrative Region.
 Parties opposed to the granting of the application must file their written opposition supported by documentary evidence on or before the above date, furnishing a copy of the same to the applicant/s and if they so desire, appear during the hearing.
 This application shall be acted upon the Board on the basis of its records and the documentary evidences submitted by the parties unless the Board deem necessary to receive additional documentary and/or oral evidence.
 WITNESS, the Honorable ALFREDO P. MONDIGUING - Regional Director this 9th day of May 2005.
 (SGD) ATTY. BRENDA D. POKLAY
 Hearing Officer

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 Department of Transportation and Communications
LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARD
 Cordillera Administrative Region, Baguio City
CRISTINA T. LABINIO
 Applicant
Case No. 2004-BAG-CAR-2238
NOTICE OF HEARING
 This is an application for the Amendment of line of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a Vehicle for Hire Service with conversion of service from Vehicle for Hire to AUV-Aircon Filcab for the transportation of passengers and freight on the line: ABATAN, BUGUIAS, TO ANY POINT IN CORDILLERA ADMINISTRATIVE REGION EXCEPT BAGUIO, LA TRINIDAD, ITOGON, SABLAN, TUBA TO LA TRINIDAD-ABATAN (B.L.I.S.T.) and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit.
 Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on June 14, 2005 at 9:00 A.M. at the LTRFB Office, Pacdal, Baguio City which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her/their evidences.
 At least ten (10) days prior to the above date, the applicant/s shall publish the NOTICE once in one (1) weekly newspaper of general circulation in the Cordillera Administrative Region.
 Parties opposed to the granting of the application must file their written opposition supported by documentary evidence on or before the above date, furnishing a copy of the same to the applicant/s and if they so desire, appear during the hearing.
 This application shall be acted upon the Board on the basis of its records and the documentary evidences submitted by the parties unless the Board deem necessary to receive additional documentary and/or oral evidence.
 WITNESS, the Honorable ALFREDO P. MONDIGUING - Regional Director this 7th day of march 2005.
 (SGD) ATTY. BRENDA D. POKLAY
 Hearing Officer

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Packaging system of local products encouraged

BAGUIOCITY — “Entrepreneurs are good navigators, they know how to navigate in difficult environment”, says Dr. Raul Hernandez as he encourage group of Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) to work with the government to create jobs for the underprivileged during last week’s Forum on the Establishment of an R & D Packaging Center at the University of Baguio here.

Hernandez said having a better packaging system of local products in the Cordillera will boost the economy of the region.

He explained that proper packaging is one of the necessities in the promotion of products to be globally competitive.

“We must excite our customers through an attractive and well design packaging materials so that prospected customers will be satisfied in the value of their money upon buying our products” Hernandez said

Hernandez said doing a job perfectly right from start is an excellent start of a business plus a continuing improvement and having a total quality management.

Additional strategies which can help in the success of a busi-

ness include life long training of labor force where we invest heavily on education especially on information technology; value system or work ethics; promote private savings; focus on quality, speed and transparency; develop aggressiveness in the international markets; among others.

“Let us not be afraid of China, instead look for a big market of Philippine product for the 130 million population of China”, Hernandez said.

He likewise explained that out of 84 million Filipinos, 30.4 % are in the poverty line while 13.8 % are in the bottom or in absolute poverty.

The Overseas Filipino Workers consists of 10 % of the total population, 52% in the labor force, 15.6 million are found in the informal sector or those who owns small and medium enterprises.

From this figure of SMEs nationwide we could create more jobs through the partnership of the private sector with the government sector in order to arrest the prevailing situation of poverty in the country which is one of the thrusts of the administration, Hernandez added.

Filipinescas Independence Day performance in Baguio

BAGUIOCITY — Philippine Life, Legends and Lores will be presented through a dance concert by the Filipinescas Dance Company on June 12, 2005 at Camp John Hay – Trade and Cultural Center, here.

Divina Bautista, President of the National Delphic Council Philippines (NDCP) said the Filipinescas Independence Day performance in Baguio is a rare dance event.

“Baguio is lucky to be able to have an opportunity to witness this artistic event and resurrection”, Bautista

said.

She said the dance company had been in hibernation for sometime, and it is staging a comeback presentation in the city.

The choreographic work was last staged in 1974 and previously seen in four continents and received generous acclaim.

“Filipinescas was choreographed by Leonor Orosa Goquingco, the country’s only National Artist for Dance”, Bautista said.

However, this is now under the active

custodianship of the De La Salle-College of Saint Benilde with the supervision of Goquingco who oversees the rebirth of Filipinescas, She said.

Bautista explained that the Filipinescas dance concert is the second of the three events organized by the NDCP in an effort to raise funds to field a Philippine delegation to the forthcoming Second Depich Games to be held in Kuching, Sarawak, Malaysia in September this year.

“The delegation will also include Baguio-based artist-

residents to represent the country in the field of arts and culture”, Bautista added.

The dance concert is sponsored by NDCP in association with the CAP John Hay Trade and Cultural Center and the local government of Baguio.

Tickets at 500, 200 and 100 pesos are available at Café by the Ruins, John Hay Manor, Narda’s (Session Road) and the Rural Bank of Itogon (UB General Luna).

For more details contact: Divina Bautista @ 442-6590 or David Baradas @ 444-5131.

Philippines Posts 4.6% growth in the first quarter of 2005

Higher oil and consumer prices, sluggish exports and reduced imports, and the decline in output from the farm and mining sectors dampened economic growth in the first quarter of 2005 as the country’s Gross Domestic Product (GDP) decelerated to 4.6 percent, from 6.4 percent in 2004. With the 6.7 percent growth in Net Factor Income from Abroad (NFIA), coming mostly from the increase in compensation income of our OFWs, the Gross National Product (GNP) likewise decelerated to 4.7 percent, from 6.4 percent in the previous year.

The seasonally adjusted GDP posted a

healthy growth of 1.1 percent in the first quarter of 2005 from 0.8 percent in the fourth quarter of 2004. On the other hand, seasonally adjusted GNP decelerated to 0.6 percent from 1.4 percent in the previous quarter.

The growth of the economy was carried by the steady increases in Services and Industry. Services grew by 6.9 percent from 6.6 percent a year ago while Industry held on to a 4.2 percent growth from 4.7 percent last year. The economy, however, was pulled down by the lethargic performance of Agriculture, Fishery and Forestry, which declined by 0.1 percent from a growth of 8.6 percent. Services, which comprise

about 48 percent of total GDP, provided the biggest contribution to GDP growth with 3.23 percentage points. The leading contributors to the sector’s growth were Trade, Transportation, Communication and Storage (TCS), and Ownership of Dwellings and Finance.

Industry, which accounts for about 32 percent of GDP contributed 1.38 percentage points to total GDP growth. All sub-sectors posted higher growths but the decline of Mining and Quarrying caused the overall deceleration of industry during the quarter.

Agriculture, Fishery and Forestry, which accounts for

about 20 percent of total GDP suffered a reversal during the first quarter of 2005, contributing negative 0.02 percentage point to total GDP growth as most of the major crops, except Coconut and Banana, decline during the period. Fishery and Poultry were the saving graces, providing 2.17 percentage points to total AFF growth. Seasonally adjusted Services continued to grow registering a 2.6 percent growth from 0.6 percent in the fourth quarter. Industry contracted by 1.2 percent from a hefty growth last quarter of 3.3 percent while the AFF recovered by posting a 1.6 percent, a welcome turn around from the debacle its

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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.

Baguio's environment concerns highlighted during Env't Day launching

BAGUIO CITY - Migration remains to be a main factor in the city's struggle against environmental destruction.

Mayor Braulio Yaranon noted this during the Usapang Panlungsod media briefing last Thursday which tackled the celebration of the World Environment Day set today.

The mayor said the uncontrolled influx of people from the lowlands to Baguio has continually led to the ballooning of population of this city designed originally for 25,000 people. He said this has resulted to problems like squatting, water shortage, large waste production and

drawbacks in sanitation and health concerns, all of which inevitably affect the city's environment. World Environment Day secretary general Ed Reyes told the briefing that Baguio was chosen to host this year's event to highlight the city's struggles against the environmental problems being faced by the city. He said that although it is not the only highly urbanized city in the country saddled with environmental problems, Baguio has drawn the concern of environmentalists because of its stature as the country's Summer Capital.

Mayor Yaranon however pointed out that

BAGUIO CITY- For the effective implementation of Republic Act no. 7438, Councilors Jose Molintas, Federico Mandapat Jr., Erdolfo Balajadia and Faustino Olowan proposed an ordinance mandating that arrested persons or under custodial investigation be provided competent and independent counsel, and

although the city cannot stem migration, it is nevertheless undertaking measures to temper its underlying effects. He said there has been no letup in the city's campaign against squatters coupled with the city's continuing effort to put more teeth in the implementation of the anti-squatting laws.

The water concern, he said, is ably tackled by the Baguio

Custodial investigation institutionalizing and funding proposed

that funds be allocated for the purpose.

Aside from RA 7438, the proposal was anchored on Article III of the 1987 constitution, stating that a competent and independent counsel should be provided "to protect and guarantee the safety and respect of the right of any person under investigation for the

Water District of which well drilling project is doing wonders even without the bulk water project, according to the mayor.

He said programs are also continuing in addressing problems on solid wastes, health and sanitation throughout the city through the concerted effort between the government and non-government sectors. - aileen p. refuerzo

commission of an offense."

Accordingly, arrested persons not assisted by counsel "normally suffer from inherent coercive psychological atmosphere," which may result to torture, extortion or illegally obtained confession, thus the need and implementation of RA 7438.

Republic Act 7438 defines the rights of persons arrested, detained or under custodial investigation, the duties of the arresting, detaining and investigating officers, including the provision of a competent and independent counsel for the person arrested. Penalties for violations are included in this act.

The RA which was enacted April 27, 1992 also states that fees for the counsel

"shall be paid by the city or municipality where the custodial investigation is conducted."

Anchored on this provision, the councilors proposed the allocation of P200,000 from city funds as initial amount "or payment of counsel in mentioned cases.

Said funds shall be received by the City Peace and Order Council (CPOC) and issue guidelines on the disbursement.

The Integrated Bar of the Philippines (IBP) Baguio-Benguet Chapter, Baguio City Police Office and other Law Enforcement Agencies in the city shall also be enjoined to cooperate for the effective implementation of the ordinance. - juliegianza

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suffered the previous quarter.

In the Net Factor Income from Abroad (NFIA), compensation inflow grew by 4.2 percent from the previous year's growth of 2.4 percent as a result of the higher earnings as well as increase in stock and deployment of OFWs during the period. This, together with the decline in Property Income and Property Expense by 15.9 percent and 4.0 percent, respectively, translated to a growth in net income flow of 6.7 percent during the quarter compared to the 7.0 percent in the previous year.

The slowdown in the expansion of the

economy during the quarter translated to a lower growth in per capita GDP to 2.5 percent from 4.2 percent in 2004. Likewise, the increase in the per capita GNP of 2.6 percent fell short of the 4.3 percent gain last year and per capita PCE decelerated to 2.9 percent for the first quarter of 2005 from 3.6 percent in the previous year.

Higher prices of goods and services brought about a reduced rate in consumer spending in the first quarter of 2005. Thus, despite the hike in remittances of the country's OFWs, the growth of PCE dampened to 5.0 percent from 5.7 percent in the

previous year. Government Consumption Expenditures (GCE) remained restricted, declining further to negative 0.9 percent in the first quarter of 2005 from the 4.1 percent growth in 2004.

In spite of the continuing recovery of Construction in the first quarter of 2005, fixed capital formation dropped by 2.4 percent from a growth of 5.0 percent last year due to decreased investments in Durable Equipment and Breeding Stocks. Durable Equipment dropped to negative 7.5 percent from the 8.9 percent growth in the previous year while the combined breeding stocks, orchard development

and afforestation declined by 0.4 percent from the 2.3 percent increase in 2004.

The country's total merchandise exports grew at a slower pace of 3.2 percent in the current quarter of 2005 from the 9.2 percent growth registered in 2004. Growth was driven by Principal Merchandise Exports, which rebounded to a 13.4 percent growth from negative 7.7 percent last year; and Monetization of Gold which likewise recovered to a remarkable growth of 754.2 percent following its huge decline of 87.2 percent in the same period last year. This was weighed down, however, by the lackluster performance

of Others (these include the electronic products that make up more than 50 percent of total merchandise exports), which plummeted to negative 6.9 percent from a growth of 29.7 percent in 2004.

Exports of Non-Factor Services rose by 2.7 percent in the first quarter from a vigorous growth of 28.2 percent in 2004 as diminished growths were experienced by most of its subsectors.

Total Merchandise Imports plunged to a negative growth of 4.7 percent in the first quarter of 2005 from 4.6 percent in the previous year. Others provided the boost to Total Merchandise Imports as it grew by 4.2 per-

cent from negative 2.2 percent in 2004. The growth however, was dragged down by Principal Merchandise Imports, which dropped by 7.4 percent from a growth of 7.2 percent as thirteen (13) out of the fifteen (15) principal imports posted negative growths; and Imports on consignment, which fell by 16.9 percent from a 9.8 percent growth in 2004.

Imports of non-factor services picked up by 8.0 percent in the first quarter of 2005 from 2.0 percent in 2004. GNP Implicit Price Index (IPIN) during the quarter stood at 435.0 percent; a 7.2 percent increase from last year.

EMPLEYADO NG T.I. NAKARNAPANG KOTSE

Isang Receiving Specialist ng Texas Instrument ang nagpunta at nagreklamo sa himpilan ng Pulisya dito sa Lungsod ng Baguio hinggil sa umano'y pagkarnap sa kanyang kotse na isang Honda Civic, berde ang kulay at may plakang USA 930.

Ayon sa salaysay ni Honey Steel Bayawa Belvis, 23 taong gulang, ipinarada umano niya ang kanyang kotse sa harap ng Ganza Restaurant, Bumham Park, noong Mayo 27, 2005 mga 7:30 ng umaga, sumakay umano siya ng pampasaherong jeep para pumasok pagkatapos.

Nang bumalik siya sa kanyang pinagparadahan mga 4:30 ng Hapon, parehong petsa, ay natuklasan na wala na umano ang kanyang sasakyan.

Under follow-up pa ito ng ating Pulisya.

MAMI VENDORS, BINUGBOG AT HINOL-AP

Dalawang Mami Vendor ang dumulog sa Station 7 ng Baguio City Police Upang ireklamo ang di umano'y mga kinse (15) na kalalakhian na nambugbog at nanghold-ap sa kanila sa loob ng Cheerway Videoke, sa Chugum St. noong Mayo 28, 2005, 10:30 A.M.

Ayon sa mga biktima na nakilalang sina Raffy Edariol at Dominic Jereos, parehong Mami Vendors at nasa hustong gulang, umiinom umano sila sa loob ng videoke Bar nang makursunadahan silang bugbugin ng mga suspek at sapilitang kinuha ang kanilang mga pera na nagkakahalaga ng P1, 700.00 at P1, 500.00.

GUSALI, NILOOBAN

Isang gusali sa may Gen. Luna Road, Baguio City ang nilooban at ninakawan ng mga di nakikilalang mga suspek sa pagitan ng 8:30 PM, mayo 28 hanggang Alas 7:00 A.M., Mayo 29, 2005.

Ayon sa inisyal na imbestigasyon, nilooban at ninakawan ang 2nd Floor ng Gochu Building kunsaan anim na kuarto ang naiulat na nawawalan ng iba't ibang gamit, ng mga tenants.

Base sa salaysay ni Marco Bucasan, isang tenant, isinarado umano niya ang gate ng nabanggit na gusali bago siya umuwi mga 8:30 ng gabi, Mayo 28. Bumalik umano ito kinabukasan Mayo 29, 2005 mga 7:45 ng umaga, napansin niya na wala na ang kandado ng Main Gate, at ganoon din na bukas ang

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Ni Rudy F. Garcia



ibang kuwarto ng mga tenants sa 2"d Floor.

Kasalukuyan pang iniimbestigahan ito ng pulisya.

WALANG PINIPILI, PISKAL KINATALO NG MGA MANDURUKOT

Malas ang inabot ng dalawang mandurukot na sina Dacoris Daclawan Marzan at Reynald Jonal Bie, mga suspek sa pandurukot kay Prosekyutor Dizon ng Baguio.

Ayon sa ulat, inaresto ni P03 Banglayan ng COMPAC1 Market ang mga suspek sa reklamo ng nabanggit na Piskal na diumanoy dinukutan sa kanang bulsa ng kanyang pantaloon sa may Zanduetta St., Mayo 29, 2005, 7:30 A.M.

Ikinulong kaagad ang mga suspek pagkatapos silang matimbog.

BWDEMPLOYEE, BINUGBOG AT HINOLD-AP

Nagreklamo sa pulisya si Jonathan Tagued, 22 anyos ng nakatira sa Sto. Tomas at empleyado ng Baguio Water District makaraang siya'y pagbubugugin at hold-apin diumano ng apat na kalalakhian.

Ayon sa kanyang salaysay, nakaupo siya sa may bandang Chugum St., Alas onse ng gabi noong Mayo 30 nang may lumapit sa kanyang mga 4 na lalaki at siya'y pinagsisipat at pinagsusuntok.

Bukod anya sa bugbog na inabot, nakuha pa ng mga suspek ang kanyang 3310 cellphone, Drivers ID at Brown na pitaka.

Under follow-up pa ito ng ating kapulisan.

OPISINA NG DENR, NINAKAWAN

Inside Job?

Ito ngayon ang masusing iniimbestigahan ng pulisya dito sa Lungsod ng Baguio kaugnay sa napaulat na pagnanakaw sa Opisina ng DENR Region 1, Casa Valejo, Session Road.

Base sa report, natuklasan umano ang pagnanakaw sa nabanggit na opisina noong Mayo, 30, 2005, alas 8:00 AM,

kunsaan nakuha umano ang CPU ng kanilang computer na nagkakahalaga ng P 42, 000.00 printer at AVR.

Nakapasok umano ang mga suspek sa pamamagitan ng pagbasag sa salamin ng pintuan.

Wala pa umanong lead ang mga imbestigador sa kasong ito.

NEGOSYANTE, BIKTIMA NG BUKAS-KOTSE

Dumulog sa presinto ng pulisya ang negosyante at biktima umano ng mga bukas kotse na nakilalang si Danilo Bernabe, 50 taong gulang at nakatira sa Green Valley, Baguio City.

Base sa kanyang salaysay, ipinarada niya umano ang sasakyan, Toyota Grandia sa loob mismo ng Baguio Cathedral Compound upang magsimba kasama ang pamilya sa naturang simbahan.

Nang bumalik sa paradahan, ay nakitang bukas ang sasakyan at nawawala sa loob ang bag na may lamang digital camera, 2 cellphone, 50, 000 yen, 120 dolyares at belt bag.

Ang naiulat na insidente ay nangyari noong Mayo 29, 2005, 4:05 PM sa nabanggit na compound ng simbahan.

LABORER, SINAKSAK MALUBHA

Isang lalaki ang iniulat na sinaksak ng mga di kilalang suspek sa may panulekan ng Hilltop Road, Baguio City noong Hunyo 1, 2005, alas siyete Diyes (7:10) ng gabi.

Base sa record ng pulisya, ang biktima ay nakilalang si Agustin Cadap, 22 anyos, walang asawa, laborer, tubong Aangan Benguet at kasalukuyang nakatira sa Longlong, La Trinidad, Benguet.

Ayon sa inisyal na imbestigasyon, ang biktima ay dinala umano ng isang nangangalang "Arnold", kasamahan ng biktima sa pagamutan ng Baguio General Hospital -MC sanhi sa tinamong saksak sa katawan na ayon ay nakursunadahan lamang ng mga suspek.

Kasalukuyang pang nasa nabanggit na ospital ang biktima para sa masusing obserbasyon, samantalang nagsasagawa naman ng follow-up ang pulisya para sa maaring pagkakalalanlan ng mga suspek.