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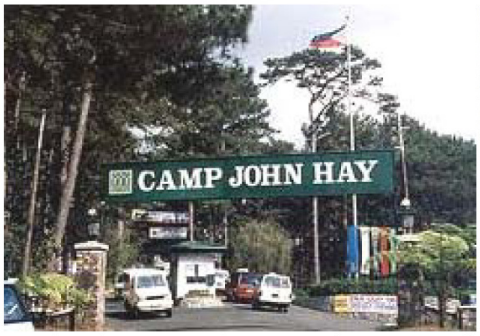
Delinquent Lessee Rescinds Contract to Evade P3-B Obligation to Gov't -BCDA



Left photo is Camp John Hay, the way it was with no hassle and for all to enjoy. Right photo is the so called world class Camp John Hay Resort meant to be enjoyed only by the rich, the high and mighty. !!!

"The delinquent lessee of Camp John Hay cannot go scot-free from paying its P3.024 billion arrears." Thus declared Dean Santiago, vice president for business development of the Bases Conversion and Development Authority (BCDA), upon learning that the Sobrepena-owned Camp John Hay Development Corp. (CJHDevco) served notice to "rescind" the Restructured Memorandum of Agreement (RMOA) between the BCDA and CJHDevco signed on July 1, 2008.

"This is an ill-disguised ploy," Santiago pointed out, adding, "this is another attempt at evading payment by unilaterally rescinding their contractual obligations to the Philippine Government after benefiting from the John Hay property." He also pointed out that "the lessee reportedly has grossed double-digit figures in billions of pesos. It must be asked by the public where the money went."

BCDA officials said the lessee cannot escape their obligation to pay their mounting debts.

The Sobrepena-led lessee has been delinquent in paying its arrears beginning the third year of the

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Lawmaker Calls for Speedy Passage of FOI Bill

Senate minority leader Alan Peter Cayetano urged his colleagues in Congress to ensure the speedy passage of the Freedom of Information (FOI) bill now that the president has certified it as urgent.

As the principal author of the FOI bill in the Senate during the 14th Congress, Cayetano welcomed the president's move and called on the members of both the House of Representatives and the Senate to be vigilant in seeing to it that the bill is not diluted and its original purpose not changed.

The senator said individual government agencies can start doing their part in promoting transparency and accountability in the government even while the debate on the bill is still in progress.

"I wouldn't mind that agencies are given a lead time to draft their respective FOI manuals. What's important is that we will have complete transparency in the government," he said.

The minority leader said he will propose measures to aid the easy and speedy implementation of the FOI bill when the bill reaches the Senate floor.

"Anything that has to do with contracts, waivers of rights, loans, commercial dealings with government, etc should be available online instead of requiring our citizens to request it prior to release in order to ease the implementation of the FOI act," he pointed out.

Cayetano also reiterated that passing any of the versions of the bill filed in Congress would be better than not having an FOI law at all.

"I hope that by the end of the 15th Congress, we can proudly present to the world our country's version of the FOI law that will attest to our government's commitment to demand transparency and accountability from public officials."

City Gets DPWH Commitment to Fast-Track Road Works

BAGUIO CITY – Mayor Mauricio Domogan appealed to the public to bear with the inconvenience caused by the implementation of various road projects here even as he assured that the Dept. of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) has given its commitment to the city to fast-track and complete the projects before the Baguio Flower Festival staging next month.

The mayor said Baguio City District Engineering Office Engineer Ireneo Gallato served notice to begin implementing 18 road improvement works in various areas of the city this week to ensure completion of these projects before the Panagbenga.

He said Gallato committed to time the implementation of the projects properly this year to avoid conflict with the scheduled events and activities of the city and prevent inconvenience that will discourage tourists from coming up to the city for the said events.

"I hope the DPWH will comply with its commitment to fast-track the projects to prevent further inconvenience and I hope that our people will also understand the need to implement these projects," the mayor said.

The road works are located in Governor Pack Road 1 and 2, Kayang St., Leonard Wood Road, Quirino Highway, Harrison Road, Abanao Road, Abanao Ext., Chanum St., Andres Bonifacio St., Government Center, M. Roxas St., PMA-Cut-off Road, PMA Road and Marcos Highway.

Residents of Marcos Highway voiced out complaints over transport difficulties after the road repair works were started last week in the area.

Baguio public transport group head Perfecto Itliong Jr. expressed doubt that the 30-day target completion will be met by the contractor of the said project and suggested that the contractor implement a round-the-clock work to ensure that the deadline will be met.

He said the traffic management measures should be implemented in the areas affected particularly along Marcos Highway to allow smoother traffic flow and ease the commuters' burdens while the project is being undertaken.

Itliong led a transport leaders' consultative forum last Thursday to discuss the city's traffic situation in face of the said road improvements./A Refuerzo

Alderman seeks Reduction in 2012 BFP Proposed Budget

In an apparent move to safeguard taxpayer's money Honorable City Councilor Peter C. Fianza last Monday sought the reduction by Two Million Pesos (P 2,000,000.00) on the proposed budget for 2012 of the Bureau of Fire Protection and Safety-City Office.

Reiterating the need for judicious spending, Councilor Fianza during the budget deliberations of the City Council noted that there may have been an overestimation of the proposed costs for the purchase of several firefighting equipment and accessories as contained in the proposed budget of the BFPS-CO. The alderman in particular cited the proposed purchase by the said office of fifty eight (58) Fire Coats with Trousers in the amount of Two Million Nine Hundred Thousand Pesos (P 2,900,000.00), fifty seven (57) Fire boots in the amount of Five Hundred Seventy Thousand Pesos (P 570,000.00), Fifty Seven Fire Helmets in the amount of One Million One Hundred Forty Thousand Pesos (P 1,140,000.00), ten (10) Leather gloves in the amount of Forty Thousand Pesos (P 40,000.00), and four (4) Spine boards in the amount of Eighty Thousand Pesos (P 80,000.00).

He revealed further that through his own research on the costs of the abovementioned firefighting equipment and accessories it would appear

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Mayor Rues BCDA-CJHDevCo's Latest Falling out Over John Hay Rental Payment

BAGUIO CITY – Mayor Mauricio Domogan Wednesday admitted that the failed negotiations between the Bases Conversion Development Authority (BCDA) and the Camp John Hay Development Corporation (CJHDevCo) over the payment of lease rental over Camp John Hay will prolong the city's suffering over the non-collection of its share from the rental.

"The case will drag on and naturally we will suffer the consequences as we cannot collect out share which could have been used to fund developmental projects in our city," the mayor lamented.

CJHDevCo reportedly sought the rescission of its Restructuring Memorandum of Agreement with BCDA signed in 2008 for BCDA's alleged failure to deliver contractual obligations and demands, among which the set-up of a one-stop action center, which the developer said hindered them from raising revenues to pay the rental payments.

The mayor however expressed

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Jeepney Loading Areas Allocated

BAGUIO CITY - Mayor Mauricio Domogan last week issued Administrative Order 4, series of 2012 for the allocation of loading areas along Perfecto street and Harrison road for Aurora Hill and Trancoville public utility jeepneys.

This was after deliberation of the Traffic and Transportation Management Committee (TTMC), as chaired by the mayor, which tackled said transport matters during their recent meeting.

One loading area each for Aurora Hill and Trancoville public jeepneys are designated along Perfecto st, in front of the Old Plaza Theatre.

Another loading area along Harrison road, in front of the demolished building formerly housing Rosebowl restaurant, is allotted for same jeepney trunklines. The AO specified one loading area each for Aurora Hill and Trancoville jeepney lines.

To prevent clogging of vehicles in that road stretch, there shall be no loading of passengers along Perfecto st corner Magsaysay avenue, and Harrison road from entrance of Harrison Tiongsan grocery to Km. 0 Plaza Garden, the AO states.

Signages shall be prepared and installed by the City Engineer's Office (CEO) while the Traffic Management Branch of the Baguio City Police Office (TMB-BCPO) shall cause the enforcement of the AO.

Dispatching, orderliness and cleanliness of the loading and unloading areas shall be handled by an operator-drivers' group and supervised by barangay officials and tanods who has jurisdiction over the area.

Minor traffic adjustments shall be made during the implementation, and as may be determined by the TTMC.

As to the AO, the implementation shall take effect immediately./juliegfianza

DENR Official Supports Law on Stiffer Penalty on Illegal Logging

BAGUIO CITY — Department of Environment and Natural Resources(DENR)- Cordillera executive director Clarence Baguilat believes that

the bill seeking the imposition of life imprisonment on illegal loggers, if finally approved, would instill fear to those who intend to or are into illegal logging more so if this is unbailable offense.

Under the Sustainable Forest Management Act of 2011 or HB 5485 which was recently passed by the House of Representatives, harvesting gathering or collecting timber or other forest products from any forestland with a market value of more than P500,000 and without authority from the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) would be illegal and punishable with life imprisonment.

Those who buy logs, flitches and lumber from illegal loggers will also suffer the same penalty.

If this bill finally becomes a law, the DENR will implement it with full force as we should really protect our few remaining virgin forest covers, Baguilat added.

Meanwhile, Ifugao Congressman Teodoro Baguilat Jr. said he supports the bill, but he emphasized that there should be qualification for exemption covering ancestral lands of Indigenous Peoples (IPs) who cut trees for their traditional subsistence like wood carving and other domestic use.

Long before, the IPs have lived in the forest and get their livelihood from there but they are not involved in any massive logging or cutting of trees, Baguilat said.

He also cited the IP's traditional and sustainable forest management practices like the inhabitants of Ifugao who practice the "muyong "system which is a recognized watershed rehabilitation technique, a farming system and an assisted natural regeneration forest conservation strategy./JDP/JBZ- PIA CAR

Uniforms for Drivers And Conductors to be Enforced

BAGUIO CITY – A uniform system shall be required of all drivers, conductors and inspectors of all utility vehicles plying their routes in the city, as issued in Administrative Order 008, 2012 of Mayor Mauricio Domogan.

This is in compliance with the Baguio Tourism Summit and to the Memorandum Order of the Land Transportation and Franchising Regulatory Board (LTFRB) that Public Utility Vehicle operators provide the required uniforms for their personnel while on duty.

Thus, after deliberation by the TTMC and as approved, all drivers, conductors and inspectors of PUVs in the city should be in their uniforms on scheduled days.

As to standards PUJs in the city are composed of four (4) Trunklines, with their respective uniforms.

Green Trunklines - Kennon Road, Marcos Highway, Loakan Road. Drivers' uniform for Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays (MWF) shall be light blue t-shirt with collar; for Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday (TTS); green shirt with collar.

Yellow Trunkline - Naguilian Road or Quirino Highway, Asin Road. Drivers shall use when plying their routes, on MWF; light blue t-shirt with collar, while during Tuesday-Thursday-Saturday, yellow shirt with collar.

Blue Trunkline - Trinidad, Halsema Highway, Rimando rd, Aurora Hill, Bonifacio rd, Trancoville-Magsaysay Road. Drivers' uniform shall be light blue t-shirt with collar for MWF, and for TTS, white shirt with collar.

Red Trunkline - Leonard Wood Road, Itogon, Binga, Ambuklao Road, South Drive. MWF uniform shall be same as the other trunkline route drivers; light blue t-shirt with collar, while on TTS, red shirt with collar.

All the drivers shall use casual or Sunday attire during Sundays. They should also have with them at all times, their Department of Transportation and Communication-LTFRB Identification card, with seatbelt, and with early warning devices. They should sport proper haircut, not wear slippers, short pants and sando; and wholly hygienic in appearance.

Van and utility van express drivers, taxi drivers, school service, tourist transport and shuttle service drivers should wear during MWF, short sleeve white polo or white t-shirt with collar.

On Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays, van and UV express drivers shall use green shirt with collar while taxi drivers shall use red shirt with collar. School service drivers, tourist transport drivers and shuttle service drivers shall use yellow shirt with collar, on mentioned days.

Trucks for hire drivers are also required to be in maroon shirt with collar from Mondays to Sundays, every trip, while drivers-conductors and inspectors of public utility buses shall wear white polo uniform, short sleeves bearing the name of the driver, conductor or inspector, and logo of the company/business name (if applicable). Drivers, conduc-

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Cordillera Folks urged to Protect Springs

BAGUIO CITY - Springs used to flow all year round along the mountainsides of the Cordilleras which is considered as the watershed of the lowlands. Countless of springs have been flowing into the region's river systems that rush down the valley bottoms and onwards to the lowland plains.

The springs are traditional sources of potable and irrigation water in their abundance, water for irrigation made highland vegetable and rice production possible all year round.

Springs also made water available to livestock grazing along the mountainsides. The animal stocks need not travel down to the river during the heat of day just to drink.

That scenario about our springs providing clean, cool, fresh and abundant water have been changing in the last two-three decades, according to Mr. Ruben Dulagan, regional coordinator of the Department of Agriculture's (DA) program on High Value Commercial Crops (HVCC).

Because of denuded mountains, a lot of the region's mountainside springs have either disappeared, some overflow with water only during the rainy season while the low area springs are either silted or eroded, Dulagan said.

There are still several viable springs that must be harnessed for domestic and productive uses in agriculture, livestock and even fisheries and we need to protect them, Dulagan emphasized.

'We ask our people to look for springs that DA could develop together but that they should safeguard the water source and ensure the viability of our joint efforts and investments," Dulagan said.

The DA's assistance is the provision of plastic pipes to transmit water from identified springs to the farm, he said.

Local communities must work together to save mountain springs because they do not require a source of power and a pump to lift the water to its point of use compared to using water from springs in low areas, Dulagan added./JDP/JBZ PIA CAR

Book Burning 2012

"You'll have to pay P22,937 duty on these five donated books," the Manila brorkerage firm said, day after Christmas. Unless claimed within 30 days, the books will be deemed "abandoned".

What will be torched?

Five copies of the new missal, published last autumn by the U.S National Conference of Catholic Bishops. It reflects changes since English was first used in the mass, during Vatican II, in the 1960s.

The Catholic Bishops Conference here will finalize similar revisions later this year. Study commissions and individual researchers are slogging through a draft. "The U.S. text will be a useful study aid," said this Nevada donor.

"A Republic of Letters " (PDI/ 28 May 2009) noted that taxes for books, under Finance Department Order 17-09, fractured the Florence Agreement, wrote then Inquirer columnist, now Information undersecretary Manuel Quezon III. "The Philippines has been a signatory since 1952.

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. The Agreement waives duties on "educational, scientific and cultural materials". . . Exception are publications "for advertising," Bureau of Customs then claimed that Republic Act 8047, in one word – "only" — authorized taxes on books.

Bunk, snapped Ateneo's Joaquin Bernas, SJ "I don' t believe Congress would attempt to repeal a treaty commitment by the mere insertion of one word. Neither may customs attempt to insert for whatever purpose what Congress did not insert."

"The best way of gauging enlightenment of a nation is to examine the attitude of its officials towards books," the Manila Chronicles I.P. Soliongco wrote in 1957. "If this test were applied to the Philippines, it would be found that we're one of the most backwards in the world.

Inquirer columnist Quezon provided that overdue test in 2009. Amor propio, however, prodded customs bureaucrats to stonewall, noted Makati Rep. Teodoro Locsin Jr. President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo made sympathetic noises about freedom of ideas. She did nothing. "A barking dog never bites", a 13th century French proverb says.

"There are risks and costs to a program of action," John F. Kennedy wrote "But they are far less than the long-range risks and costs of comfortable inaction." It fell upon the new Aquino administration to start dismantling book curbs. However, this reform moved jerkily.

Finance Secretary Cesar V. Purisima rushed a clarification in Department Order No. 57-2011, dated Dec. 9. This order amplifies guidelines to facilitate inflow of books.

Books for personal use no longer require any government endorsement to secure exemption from customs duties and value-added taxes, Purisima said. Just declared them upon entry into the country.Personal use mean quantities do not exceed 12 copies of any one work when imported by an institution. There is a cap of six copies when imported by an individual.

DoF's order however "has yet to be implemented at the ground level…by Customs and courier services" Senator Pia Cayetano found ("We haven't been notified of this new DoF order", our broker emailed 28 days after Purisima issued it.) "I want to ensure there won't be cumbersome paperwork in importing books for personal use," Cayetano added. She'd take up with DoF too stiff criteria for commercial book imports

Books have had a turbulent track record here. In many public schools, many are unable to read even when they reach grade 4. Many drop out before that because of poverty. Yet, we're taken aback when our kids repeatedly trailed in International Mathematics and Science tests?

Extortionate book taxes here interlocked with flawed textbooks. For over a decade, Miriam School supervisor Antonio Calipjo Go documented gross factual and grammatical errors that studded science and English textbooks.

. His criticism sapped textbook publishing moguls balance sheets. Publishers hounded Go with nuisance suits. Some columnists pounced on Go. Hostile newspapers ignored the formal request, from the Press Council, to publish rebuttals by Go. Was that the coup d' grace for Council?

A sea-change occurred when the Aquino administration took over. Representing the President, Education Secretary Armin Luistro told Go that his documented criticisms were welcome. They served as incentives to reform.

The Senate looked into this issue. Little came of that effort. In 1997, a House of Reprsentatives probe, led by then Rep. Raul del Mar, documented similar flaws.

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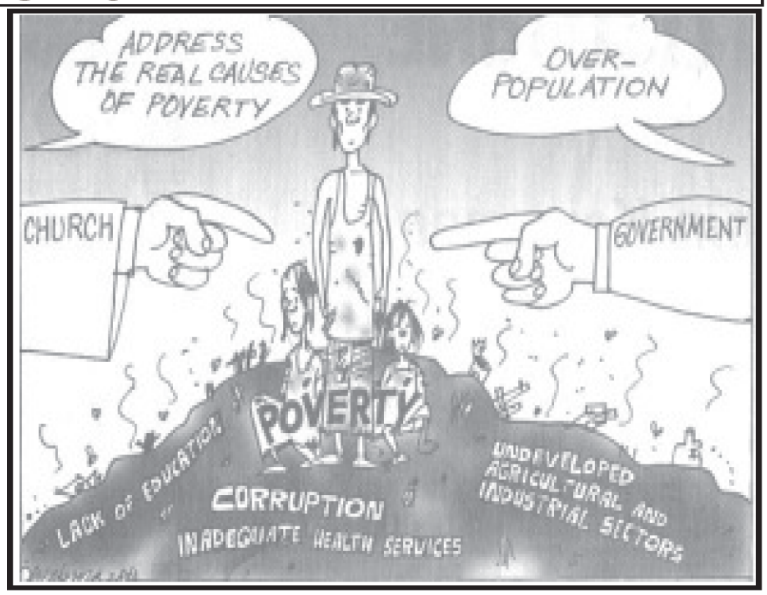

THE PEACE COMBATANT

Require Transparency & Consultation In Road Repairs & Infra

BY: ARTURO BOQUIREN

We all want good roads, overpasses, bridges, streets, and a city. Nobody wants potholes, road cuts, and a street that can accommodate only the healthy to the exclusion of the elderly and disabled. We want our roads and streets to be useable not only by who have two hands and feet but also by those who may lack one foot or one hand if not lacking all two hands and feet.

Just as important, we want our roads, streets, bridges, and overpasses to be constructed or repaired without anything being wasted to corruption. We also want them to be constructed or repaired in a manner that they would cause the least disturbance to motorists, public utility vehicle drivers, commuters, and the public.

Unfortunately, roads and other city infrastructure (example: the Abanao overpass near Empire Theater) are being constructed without the benefit of consultation and transparency. The ongoing construction of the Abanao overpass, for example, is worth millions of pesos and, yet, does not appear to merit the expenditure of taxpayers' money given what appears to be its inferior design.

The Marcos Highway is being repaired at maximum disturbance to the public, causing severe traffic jams and probably resulting to lower incomes for jeepney and taxi drivers plying the road. Many roads in the city are being too frequently repaired causing one to wonder whether they have been purposely built to be inferior not only for the unscrupulous to earn corruption money from the construction but also corruption money for the repairs that will be required for an inferior road or infrastructure.

One wonders if good roads are being repaired not really because the roads needed the repair. Citizens are not assured whether the repairs are taking place just so there will be more opportunities for the unscrupulous to earn corruption money from the road repairs.

In the era of the internet and websites, there must be full disclosure of the budget for roads, bridges, overpasses, and the like. How many steel bars were used? How many kilos of steel? What quality? What are the costs? How much volume of concrete? How much cement was used? How many hours of labor? How much went to hauling? Who are the contractors? What company? Company address? Surely, information on these should be easy to put on websites. Surely, details on the infrastructure can be available easily. Information on these would allow transparency and would reduce the temptation to pad the number of cement used, the hours of labor utilized, the kilos of steel employed. These can also encourage the formation of citizens' audit in the near future.

Most important, public consultations

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ADVOCACY MINDANOW

Let's Arm Media!

By: Jesus Dureza

A publisher and radio commentator, Christopher Guarin in General Santos City is the latest murder victim. He was shot a few days ago in his car while driving his family home after his radio program. He managed to jump out after the first volley but he was finished off when they caught up with him. He is 2012's first media man to die violently. Whether he was murdered because he was a media practitioner or a businessman is still an issue but of no moment now. This brings back to public debate the need to allow media men as a policy to bear arms for their personal protection as they ply their usually dangerous trade. Especially those in the provinces and security-challenged areas. Today's regulations allow civilians, like cashiers whose nature of work requires special protection, to bear arms and carry them outside residence. Others, including media men will have first to show proof of specific threats to their lives and limbs before they get their permits to carry (PTC) from the firearms and explosive unit of the PNP. And the fees are pretty stiff, including the process, so that only those who can afford, with some connections get theirs in a jiffy.

In the case of Chris, he got his threats beforehand alright but even if he applied forthwith for a PTC, his PTC would not have been issued by then when he was attacked. I met him last when I visited Gensan during a media summit a few weeks ago. Chris had just started a modest daily news sheet called TATAK NEWS. With what happened to him, and others, we should go beyond condemning this blatant attack. Aside from solving the crime, the authorities must assist media men from being helpless victims of those armed criminals. Several others before Chris suffered thesame fate.

MY YOUNGER DAYS —— I recall during my exciting life as a young reporter, right after college, I had to arm myself always with a gun to protect myself. In fact I felt I was not fully dressed leaving the house then without feeling the heavy metal discreetly tucked in my waistline. It started because of an incident. I wrote a bylined article headlined by the Mindanao Times about the smuggling of bales of used clothing called "ukay ukay " and reported the alleged connivance of a local Customs official. The following day, the said Customs official accosted me in our favorite coffee shop ("Merco") and threatened me with a drawn gun. I was shocked and so scared I just left in a huff. Then I started arguing with myself whether I should write a follow-up story on the smuggling case. Or should I stop taking coffee at Merco, which was just across the street? I made a decision. I went to see the Constabulary provincial commander then, the late Major Rogaciano Espiritu, reported the threat and asked for his help. He " issued" me a pistol, complete with MR &MO papers (memorandum receipt and mission order) and I went back to the Times office that night, shut the door and windows and fired a few rounds at a sturdy post near my desk to get the feel of it. I hid the bullet marks with a hanging calendar! The next TIMES issue, I had another headline follow-up story about the smuggling. Then I swaggered to Merco across the street hoping to meet my favorite Customs official ready for a "showdown" if he would try the same trick on me again. Of course nothing of that sort happened. We were patched up by common friends. But I did not stop writing about the anomalies at the Customs office.

Another case in point. At the height of NPA atrocities in Davao City and the high incidence of military abuses in the early '80s, I was president of the Davao chapter of Integrated Bar of the Philippines. I had to speak out and denounce the NPAs as well as the abusive military men. But in doing this, I had to carry a gun, already cocked everywhere I went. I had it in my desk drawer. Then on my lap while driving my Volks to office. Otherwise, I would not have the balls to denounce the bad guys. Everyday, policemen and civilians were gunned down in the streets by the NPAs sparrow units. Being a helpless sitting duck to them was the last thing in my mind. Of course I was shit scared in some instances, especially when an anti-personnel armored carrier parked in front of my house in the middle of the night right after I lambasted a military commander for maltreating curfew violators in the south. Lucky me but there were no major incidents. But the gun made me bolder and freer to do what I felt was the right thing to do.

ARMING CIVILIANS — If journalists or other civilians for that matter feel protected or that they feel secure that they are not so helpless during crisis situations, they will not be easy prey to attacks and threats. They will not be left at the mercy of the bad guys. Journalists will not be easily cowed into silence. But then we cannot expect adequate and full protection from the police and the authorities. That's just physically impossible.

This now brings me to my point: I strongly and vigorously support the arming of civilians, with proper legal documents and permits. No, not with the not-so-legal MR or MO but with proper PNP firearms explosive unit's issued license and permit to carry. Then, it is a must that they undergo proper orientation and training on gun handling. If the bad guys know that his prospective victim has the capability to fight back, he will definitely think twice before he does something.

Here come gunless society advocates who oppose arming civilians. Well and good! But what are they doing about criminals who are illegally armed? If the bad guys can freely flaunt the law brandishing weapons while the law-abiding civilians don't bear arms as the gunless proponents posit, then don't you think we are leaving the civilians and the good guys at the total mercy of the bad guys? As stated, the police and authorities cannot physically protect all of us.

We must then do our own share and do something to protect ourselves. The law of survival and self-defense is innate — a natural law in all of us. Allowing persons to own and carry firearms is one way. But having said this, there Cont. on page 10

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Ang Korona Ni Pinoy- Part 3 Jonh Hay Ni Sobrepena Sobrang Siniswirti!!!

By: Odell P. aquino

Hi ! Hi ! Hi ! Iririescind daw ng Camp John Hay Development Corp (CJHDevCo) ipapawalang bisa na nila ang kanilang kontrata sa pag lease ng Camp John Hay . Ayon sa balita ito ay isang stratehiya para ma iwasan (ma-delay) ang pagbayad sa kanilang upa na umabot na sa tatlong bilyon piso (Php 3B) sa kasalukuyan . Hi !Hi ! Hi !. Ang gagaling talaga ng mga dating opisyales ng BCDA, mga dating opisyales ng City Government ng Baguio etc… , na pinayagan nila ang katakot takot na restructuring of payment ng CJHDevCo hangang sa umabot sa ganito kalaking halaga. Kung gawin kaya ni Juan Dela Cruz ang ganitong hindi pagbayad ng upa ng ilan taon sa kanyang land lord ano sa palagay ninyo ang gagawin kay Juan Dela Cruz? Una sa lahat ay hindi magagawa ni Juan Dela Cruz ang hindi magbayad ng mahabang taon sapagkat sisipain siya ng kanyang land lord maliban sa demandang aabutin ni Juan Dela Cruz. Hi Hi Hi , ang gobyerno nasional at lokal ay tunay na sobrang makatao sa mga kapakanan ng CJHDevCo. Kung sabagay kawawa naman talaga ang mga Sobrepena et .al…., Hi! Hi! Hi!, MR. PNOY , dito masusubukan ang inyong **daang matuwid** kung ano ang inyong gagawin? Ito bang ka-awaawang CJHDevCo ay papayagan ninyong manalili sa John hay at patuloy na mangongobra ng mga upa sa mga locators etc…, at mag-dedevelop ng John Hay kahit na ganoon na kalaki ang utang nila sa taong bayan? Business as usual ba para sa CJHDevCo Mr. PNOY??? O gagawin ninyo ang tama ayon na daang matuwid? Abangan natin ang mga susunod na kabanata !!! At ito naman ingay (pakunwari) ng kasalukuyan bagong liderato ng BCDA, ano ba ito mga Bossing OPLAN PAKILALA ?! Hay! Yay ! Yay! ang susuwirti nga naman ng mga ilan nilalang na sila lang ang anak ng Diyos!!! Talagang its more FUN in the Philippines, sabi ng Department of Tourism. Hi ! Hi ! Hi !

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Impeachment trial na ni Korona para matangal ang Korona Ni PNoy. Hi ! Hi ! Hi !. Tutuk na sa ating telebisyon at abangan ang mga latest news breaking drama este sarsuela . Bakit, mayroon pa ba sa inyo ang naniniwala na ang magaganap na impeachment trial ay magiging isang tunay na impeachment trial kung saan ang nararapat na tamang proseso ay siyang masusunod ng sag anon ay lumabas ang katotohanan? Pakingan at panuorin na lang ninyo ang impeachment trial for entertainment purposes sake, pasok sa isang tenga at labas din sa isa, at least true to life drama at hindi isang teleserya lamang na mayroon director at script writer. Sa impeachment trial ng Korona ni PNoy , isa ang script writer (na sa Malacanang) at ang mga senador ay ang mga Director. Kitang kita naman sa pagsampa pa lamang ng reklamo sa senado ay shinortcut na ng lower house, eh ano pa ba ang ating ma aasahan sa darating na trial , kung sa umpisa pa lamang ay hindi na nila inobserbahan ang due process at kanila ng shinortcut ! Kaya ako , handang handing makipag pustahan (P 500 ko laban sa inyong P 250) , sure ball na ma-iimpeach itong si CJ Corona at tunay ng matatangal ang Korona ni PNoy!!! Hi ! Hi ! Hi !

KAKAMPI MO ANG BATAS

COA Hits Gov't On Calamity Funds

By: Batas Mauricio

LIFE'S INSPIRATIONS: "When hard pressed, I cried to the Lord; he brought me into a spacious place. The Lord is with me; I will not be afraid. What can mere mortals do to me?" (Psalm 118:5-6, the Holy Bible).

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GOV'T HAS EXPLAINING TO DO ON DISASTERS: Based on a report of the Commission on Audit (COA), it would appear that the Department of Budget and Management (DBM), Congress, and even the Office of the President, will have some explaining to do for the death and destruction arising from the natural calamities that hit the country during the past year or two.

The COA report, publicized by Manila's newspapers, said that funds needed for emergency and disaster preparedness at the barangay level, including funds for barangay security and for rescue and relief operations for barangays affected by calamities, were not released, thereby disabling local government units from preparing for the calamities, and responding effectively after they happened.

In its report, COA said it was told by the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) that the needed disaster funds could be released only upon prior approval of the Office of the President and, by necessity, of the DBM, and then, inexplicably, even of Congress, which approval did not come.

As a result, even when the DILG was already pleading for the release of funds at the height of Typhoons "Basyang" in July 2010 and "Juan" in October 2010, where about 130 people were killed, not a single centavo was released by the DBM and by the other agencies of government. Wow! So, where were these funds while our countrymen were dying? Earning interests in the banks?

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HYPOCRISY IN CARING FOR OTHERS: This is terrible, not only because it showed the government's apparent lack of concern for Filipinos victimized by the growing ferocity of rains, floods and strong winds visiting the country, not only because of the clear inability of the government to hew to its "tuwid na daan" (straight path) doctrine, but more because it represents the hypocrisy which the Bible condemns with regard to expressing concern for others, without actually doing good to them.

In James 2:4-20 of the Bible, we find the following: "What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them? Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food.

"If one of you says to them, `Go in peace; keep warm and well fed,' but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead. But someone will say, `You have faith; I have deeds.'

"Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by my deeds. You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that—and shudder. You foolish person, do you want evidence that faith without deeds is useless?"

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FILIPINOS THINK ECONOMY IS WORSE NOW: Pulse Asia's latest survey on what Filipinos think about the economy belies government claims that our countrymen are now feeling better, if we are to believe media reports on the matter: "45% of the respondents said they believed that nothing changed in a positive or negative way, a figure lower than the 54% recorded in October 2010. However, 38% said the economic situation worsened, up from 16%, while 18% said it improved, 12% points down from 30 percent in October 2010…"

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PH Economic Future Looks Bright In '12

By: Ismael Amigo Sr

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION: Never ever forget to write my column throughout the Year of the Dragon. With it here we go…

A high-ranking World Bank official hinted economies of the United States and that of Europe may remain the same as they are now even as he pointed out Philippine economy may take an upward swing.

In fact, the World Bank averred Ph's economy may grow up to 4.2 percent this year due to the full recovery of public spending and exports.

We hope that with the Season of Hope now over, WB's economic term on public spending do not only dwell on the public's Christmas Season spending but rather, on the Aquino Administration's ability to keep its faucet open or flowing on public infrastructure projects this year.

The year 2011 where even our good friends in congress felt the pinch on budgetary slash on projects for public service was very much of a regretful kind of economic state as when one holds the purse on white knuckles, mula Aparri hanggang Jolo would also feel the economic pinch.

But it's so good to note each one of us got away with and enjoyed the spirit of Christmas complete with Noche Buena kahit papano along with New Year's Eve handaan.

To our distressed Kababayans in CDO and nearby Iligan, just have faith God is with you and all of us will be able to recover in time, in His time. For them, there had been no reason not to celebrate the Christmas just passed for it is the time we all commemorate the birth of Jesus, our Savior.

Back to WB's report, it said that in its latest Philippines Quarterly Update, the Washington-based lender said the country's gross domestic product (GDP) is projected to grow 4.2 percent in '12 from an earlier forecast of 5 percent.

GDP refers to the total value of final goods and services produced in the country.

"Higher 2012 growth hinges on improvement in exports, acceleration of PPP projects and private sector investment, and a full recovery of public spending with possibly a medium-size fiscal stimulus," the lender said.

For this year, the economy is projected to grow 3.7 percent from an earlier forecast of 4.2 percent.

"Our projection hinges on the successful implementation of the government's disbursement acceleration program and an acceleration in private consumption and investment, which have begun to grow faster in the last quarter. In addition, lower growth in the fourth quarter of 2010 should provide the added base effect boost. Significant downside risks largely stem from the weaker external environment and less than satisfactory public spending," the World Bank report said.

The Aquino administration earlier announced a P72-billion disbursement acceleration plan to ensure that the budgeted items are spent by year end to boost the economy.

The economy grew by 3.6 percent in the first three quarters of the year because of weak exports and government spending.

The World Bank also said that the growth prospects in the medium to long-term could be sustained at above 5 percent, provided that reforms to address structural bottlenecks are implemented.

It may be recalled that WB accordingly released P2.2 billion in financial assistance to the Philippine government for the full recovery of areas hit by "Sendong."

If handled properly, said assistance could keep Ph's economy afloat until next Christmas along with the government's plan for "all-out, extensive spending on infrastructure projects this year.

Indeed, the Philippine economic future looks bright in the Year of the Dragon you may even consider wearing shades.

Five Wanted Persons Including City's Number 1 TMWP Nabbed in a Single Day

Efforts of the Baguio City Police Office personnel paid off as they arrested five wanted persons in the span of 24 hours including the recommended number 1 most wanted person at the city level. In line with the implementation of LOI Manhunt CHARLIE and IMPLAN TUGIS with the direct supervision of BCPO City Director, PSSUPT DAVID Q LACDAN, the following wanted persons accused of various crimes were neutralized.

At about 12:30 PM of January 9, 2012 at Naguilian Road, Baguio City, personnel of this station arrested MARVIN DELA CRUZ LANCE, 33 years old, married, driver by calling and presently residing at Central Fairview, Baguio City by Virtue of Warrant of Arrest issued by Hon Mia Joy Oallares Cawed, Presiding Judge, Regional trial Court, First Judicial region, Branch IV for a Case of Violation of Sec (a) of RA 9165 docketed under Criminal case Number 31307-R with recommended bail of PHP.20, 000.00. The accused is presently detained at BCJ.

Police Station 10 under the supervision of PSI JAIME LAWEY AQUINTEY, Station 10 Commander served the warrant of Arrest of "Rommel", 16 years old, out of school youth, scrapper and resident of Sto. Tomas Proper, BC at his address on or about 3:00PM of Jan 9, 2012 by virtue of warrant of arrest issued by Hon Mia Joy C Oallares-Cawed, presiding judge of RTC Br 4, BC docketed under criminal case numbers 32392-R and 32391-R for Theft with recommended cash bond amounting to PHP30,000.00 and PHJP3,000.00 respectively. Suspect was turned over to SDC, Balenben, Irisan, BC as per issuing court. Arrested accused was listed number 5 top most wanted person Station Level.

Randolph Manzano y Ta-a, 46 years old, married, college instructor, residing at La Trinidad, Benguet was arrested by virtue of warrant of arrest issued by Marybelle Demot Marinas presiding judge of RTC, Benguet Branch 9 under Criminal Case Nr 11-CR-8676 for violation of RA 9262 with recommended bail bond amounting to PHP120,000.00. Said accused was arrested at about 3:45PM of January 9, 2012 at SLU compound Bakakeng, BC. Further, arrested person was turned over to the issuing court and was released by virtue of recognizance by his father judge Rodolfo Manzano (ret) and signed by executive judge Danilo Camacho.

In the afternoon at around 4:30 PM of January 9, 2012 at Purok 4, Maligcong Village, BC, Vrenillie Cawed y Fos-oy, 25 years old, single, self employed, native of Malegcong, Mt Province and a resident of Pinsao, BC was arrested by virtue of Warrant of Arrest for a case of qualified Theft docketed under criminal case nr 31986-R issued by Hon Cleto R Villacirta III presiding judge of RTC Br 6, BC with recommended bail bond amounting to PHP 10,000.00 for her temporary liberty. Suspect is included in the TMWP for the 1st Quarter of 2012 under Station Level. Accused is presently detained at the BCJ.

The Number 1 Top Most Wanted Person (City Level) for the 1st Quarter CY2012 submitted at the Intelligence Branch, BCPO on January 3, 2012 was arrested at about 8:00 PM of January 6, 2012 along Magsaysay Avenue, Baguio city in front of a shopping Bazaar for a case of **Violation of Article 202 of RPC (Vagrancy)**. Case was referred to Prosecutor Merlita Espinosa who ordered the detention of the suspect at the Baguio City Jail on basis of Partial Inquest Resolution. Suspect was identified as ALFONSO SURINGA FONTANOS aka *Alfonso Surinnga* 32yo, married, born at Baquit, Pangasinan, unemployed and presently residing at Balatoc, Itogon, Benguet.

Upon conduct of background check and case tracking, the suspect was found out to have five more existing warrants of arrest which were subsequently served at around 10:00 AM of January 9, 2012 at the Baguio City Jail where he is presently detained. (1) Warrant of Arrest under CC# 125986 issued on Oct 26, 2010 by Hon Roberto P. Mabalot, Presiding Judge of MTCC, First Judicial Region, Branch 1, Baguio City for a case of Reckless Imprudence Causing Damage to Property with a recommended bail of Twenty Thousand (20,000.00) pesos. (2) Bench Warrant of Arrest under Criminal Case Numbers 125628-29 issued on Oct 21, 2011 by Hon. Maria Clarita Casuga Tabin, Presiding Judge of MTCC, First Judicial Region, Branch 4, Baguio City for a case of Resistance and Disobedience to an Agent of a person in Authority & Vagrancy. (3) Bench Warrant of Arrest under Criminal case Nr 127204 issued on Aug 3, 2011 by Hon. Maria Clarita Casuga Tabin, Presiding Judge of MTCC, First Judicial Region, Branch 4, Baguio City for a case of Attempted Homicide. (4) Bench Warrant of Arrest under Criminal case Nr 31200-R issued on July 25, 2011 by Hon. Mia Joy C. Oallares-Cawed Presiding Judge, Regional trial Court, First Judicial region, Branch IV for a case of Light Threats. (5) Bench Warrant of Arrest under Criminal case Numbers 32000-R issued on Oct 21, 2011 by Hon. Mia Joy C. Oallares- Cawed Presiding Judge, Regional trial Court, First Judicial region, Branch IV for a case of Light Threats./ Karissma Gacusan Sta Juana/Police Inspector/CPIO, BCPO

DOT Targets to bring in 10M Foreign Tourists by 2016

BAGUIO CITY, Jan. 13 (PIA) - - To become the 'must experience' destination in Asia, is the strategic vision of the Department of Tourism's (DOT) National Tourism Development Plan 2011 to 2016 as it targets to bring in 10 million tourist to the Philippines.

This was shared by DOT Regional Director Purificacion Molintas during the Regional Tourism Summit held at Hotel Supreme here, Wednesday, that was attended by various local chief executives, government line agency officials and multi-sectoral leaders from various parts of the region.

According to Molintas, the goal for such vision is to develop an environmentally and socially responsible tourism industry that delivers more widely distributed income and employment opportunities targeting 6.62 million international arrivals and 34.78 million domestic travellers by 2016, contributing 6.78% to Gross Domestic Product and directly employing 6.6 million people.

"The goal set by Tourism Secretary Ramon Jimenez is to bring in a minimum of six up to a maximum of 10 million foreign tourists in the country by 2016," Molintas said.

She also disclosed that they are now converging their programs with the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) and the Department of Transportation and Communication (DOTC) for the fast development of infrastructures particularly roads leading to key tourist destinations and the improvement of all airports that would link such destinations to other parts of the country and abroad.

Included in the development plan are 21 strategic thematic tourism destination clusters, covering 77 Tourism Development Areas, in Northern, Central and Southern Philippines.

Molintas also reported that they have initially set eight tourism products to promote namely nature based, cultural, sun and beach, shopping, leisure and entertainment, MICE (Meetings, incentives, convention and exhibition), health and wellness, cruise and nautical tourism.

As part of efforts to promote the country as a must experience destination, Molintas also confirmed that DOT has already set a new international campaign slogan, "It's More Fun in the Philippines."

She also reported that 2011 was good year for tourism with more than 3.5 million foreign tourists visiting the country from January to November of last year which showed a 12.66 increase compared to the 3.12 million foreign tourists recorder during the same period in 2010.

Other speakers invited in the said Tourism Congress were John Hay Management Corporation (JHMC) President and CEO Jamie Louise Manzano-Agbayani, Mountain Province Congressman Maximo Dalog Sr. who chairs the North Quad Special House Committee, Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines (CAAP) Area Manager II Ronald Estabillo, Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH-CAR) Regional Director Edilberto Carabaccan and Tourism Infrastructure and Enterprise Zone Authority (TIEZA) consultant Atty. Niño Aquino./JDP/LD-PIA CAR

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Cordillera Administrative Region
Baguio City

SANDY ASMIN - Vendor
ARCADIO BANTIAG-Vendee
Applicants
Case No: 2003-CAR- 742

NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application for the Sale and Transfer with Extension of Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a MINI - BUS Service for the transportation and passengers and freights on the Line: BAGUIO SAITAN ROSARIO and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) Unit.

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on on January 18, 2012 at 10:00 A.M./P.M. at the LTFRB Office, Pacdal, Baguio City in 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 may 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 CELINA B. CLAVER-Regional Director this 7th day of Dec 2011.

(SGD) Atty. ANABEL A. MARZAN-NULLAR
Attorney IV

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
FIRST JUDICIAL REGION
BRANCH 6,
BAGUIO CITY

OFFICE OF THE EX-OFFICIO SHERRIF

TACIA DESSAIX,
Plaintiff,

-versus-

SHIRLEY ELADJOE and EDWIN ELADJOE,
Defendants,

CIVIL CASE NO. 7175-R

For: Collection of Sum of Money and Damages

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NOTICE OF SALE ON EXECUTION OF REAL PROPERTY

WHEREAS, by virtue of the Writ of Execution issued by Atty. Mylene May G. Adube-Cabuag, Clerk of Court V, Regional Trial Court Branch 6, Baguio City on December 12, 2011 in the above entitled case, wherein TACIA DESSAIX, herein referred to as plaintiff, and EDWIN ELADJOE herein referred to as the defendant, cause to be made the amount P 1,100,000.00 with legal interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum from the date of extra judicial demand , i.e., February 2, 2010 until the date when this Decision becomes final and executory and thereafter, the total amount of the obligation, inclusive of the legal interest shall be subject to another twelve percent (12 %) interest until fully paid. Further, defendants jointly and severely are ordered to pay plaintiff P 30,000.00 as attorney's fees and expenses of litigation and the costs of suit and the lawful fees for service of this execution.

WHEREAS, on December 23, 2011, thru the Register of Deeds of Baguio City levy was made upon all rights, title , claim participation and interest the defendant Edwin Eladjoe have or might have over the property, the property together with all the improvements existing thereon which is more particularly described as follows:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T- 92107

" A parcel of land (lot 1, Pcs-CAR -00123 being a portion of Lot 1-B, Psd-1-013726 and Lot 1-C, Psd-1-013726, Decree No. 59376, LRC Rec . No. 12056), situated at Residential Section "H", City Of Baguio, Island of Luzon, Bounded on the SW., along line 1-2 by Lot 2 (LRC) Psd- 63753; on the NW., along line 2-3 by Lot 1-A, Psd-1-013726; on the NE ., along line 3-4 by existing road; on the SE., along line 4-1 by Lot 2 Pcs-CAR-000123, Beginning at a point marked "1" on plan being N . 65 deg. 09 E., 1030.39 m. from triangulation Station " SKYLINE" , Baguio City, thence x x x containing an area of THREE HUNDRED NINETY ONE (391) SQUARE METERS, more or less."

Now, therefore, by virtue of sad Writ of Execution and in accordance with Sec 18, Rule 39 of the Rules Of Civil Procedures, the Clerk of Court VI and Ex-Officio Sheriff of the Regional Trial Court , Baguio Cityor thru her deputies hereby gives notice to the parties concerned and to the public in general that on February 15, 2012 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter in front of the Lobby of the Hall of Justice, Baguio City, will sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder, for CASH, all rights, interest and participation of defendant Edwin Eladjoe, in the above-described property together with all its improvements existing thereon in order to satisfy the amount of judgment debt contained in the Writ of Execution plus lawful fees and expenses of Execution and Sale.

Interested parties are hereby enjoined to investigate for themselves the title of the said real property described above and encumbrances thereon, if any there be.

Baguio City, this 10th day of January 2012.

ATTY. REMEDIOS BALDERAS-REYES
Clerk of Court VI & Ex-Officio Sheriff
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Over P3m - Worth of Marijuana Blocks Intercepted In Kalinga

LA TRINIDAD, Benguet — About 125 blocks of dried marijuana fruiting tops with an estimated Dangerous Drugs Board value of PP3,125,000.00 were intercepted at a mobile checkpoint along the national road in Sitio Loyocan, Lacnog, Tabuk City, Kalinga last January 9, 2012.

The cannabis blocks were loaded in a gray-colored Daewoo sedan bearing plate number TLM 760. Said contrabands, which approximately weigh 125,000 grams, were wrapped in newspapers and placed in five cartons.

The suspects resisted arrest by taking on the government operatives to a car and foot chase where only one of the three suspects was pinned down. He turned out to be the driver of the vehicle and was identified as Alex Panner y Olyog, 29, single, elementary undergraduate, farmer, native of Bugnay, Tinglayan, Kalinga, resident of Agbannawag, Tabuk City, Kalinga.

Investigations reveal that one of the two suspects who evaded arrest is the owner of the vehicle and is reported as a notorious marijuana trafficker.

A case for violation of Section 5 (Transportation of Dangerous Drugs) is being prepared for inquest proceedings against Panner and the two others.

The anti-drug operation was carried out by members of the 3rd Maneuver Company of the Regional Public Safety Battalion, Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency – Cordillera Administrative Region, and Kalinga Provincial Public Safety Company and Anti-illegal Drugs Special Operations Task Group./ EF-PDEA CAR

Marijuana Bricks Found Inside Traveling Bag

TABUK, Kalinga — Police operatives manning a check-point, here, took custody of a black traveling bag containing 11 dried marijuana bricks that was abandoned on a seat inside a bus coming from Bontoc, Mt. Province en-route to this city.

Police turned over the contraband to the Philippine Drugs Enforcement Agency (PDEA) at the police provincial headquarters. PDEA said the illegal drugs has Dangerous Drugs Board value of P275,000. No suspect was arrested.

This is the second bust operation, this week, by the police in the province on illegal drugs, after the interception of 125 dried marijuana bricks, last Monday. The contrabands are believed to be transported to other places passing through Tabuk.

Meanwhile, the police said a case has been filed at the Provincial Prosecutor's Office against Alex Banner, suspect in the Monday apprehension of 125 dried marijuana bricks for violation of the Anti-Dangerous Drugs Act./LL-PIA CAR,Kalinga

The Peace Combatant .....from page 4

must be held with regard to design. Can the designs withstand the wear and tear of normal road use? How come are the roads being repaired too quickly? Were the designs inferior in the first place? Further, can our road be senior-citizen and disabled-person friendly? Can our senior citizens and disabled persons climb the overpass stairs? Should we put up a spot for senior citizens and the disabled to cross our streets? Or should society ignore them and force them to climb the overpasses? Should our society confine the elderly and the disabled to their homes?

The take of the Peace Combatant (and probably the Junction) on these concerns is for a mechanism to be put up that would institutionalize public consultations on road designs and plans. In fact, the consultations should also include public consultations on road repairs. For instance, the jeepney and taxi drivers associations as well as barangay officials should be consulted on these. There must be a best way of conducting the repairs and the consultation can address the question. The consultations can also be occasions for the public officials and the government agency responsible for the road repairs and construction to defend their budget. The availability of information in the website can serve to discourage corruption as transparency of information is promoted.

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SP Supports Proposal to Increase IRA of Local Govt Units

BONTOC, Mt. Province – The Sangguniang Panlalawigan(SP) here passed a resolution strongly supporting the proposal of Batangas Congressman Hermilando I. Mandanas for a P500 Billion increase in the Internal Revenue Allotment (IRA) of local government units (LGUs) for 2012.

The SP stated in its resolution that it is but proper that LGUs throughout the country obtain their just share from the 2012 IRA so as the basic services for the deprived municipalities and provinces will be addressed and attended to.

The SP was informed of Mandanas' proposal through Resolution No. 449, S. 2011 of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Marinduque strongly supporting the proposal of the congressman and urging all other local government units in the country to support the same.

It is mentioned in the Marinduque SP resolution that the LGUs have 40-percent share from the total taxes collected by the national government, including value- added tax, excise tax and documentary stamp tax. However, in an inquiry and study conducted by Congressman Mandanas, it revealed that the LGUs are not getting their share since 1992.

Since 1992, the LGUs have been deprived of their respective share in national internal revenue taxes amounting to no less than P500 billion, it added.

The resolution also mentioned that with the additional P500 Billion, LGUs will be able to expedite the delivery of long delayed and urgently needed basic services, it will help create jobs, stimulate the economy, and enable the implementation of the public-private partnership programs nationwide./JDP/JBS-PIA CAR, Mt. Province

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MARY JANE FABIANA - Vendor
TESSIE N. TACLOY -Vendee
Applicants
Case No: 2002-BC-362/2012-CAR-23

NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application for the Sale and Transfer with Extension of Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a PUJ Service for the transportation and passengers and freights on the Line: BAGUIO CITY - LAMTANG and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) Unit.

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on on Febeury 15, 2012 at 10:00 A.M./P.M. at the LTFRB Office, Pacdal, Baguio City in 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 may 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 CELINA B. CLAVER-Regional Director this 12th day of Juaruay 2011.

(SGD) Atty. ANABEL A. MARZAN-NULLAR
Attorney IV

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Cordillera Administrative Region
Baguio City

ARTURO WASING
Applicants
Case No: 2001-BC-537

NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application for Extension of Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience with Conversion to LPG Fed Engine to operate a TAXI Service for the transportation and passengers and freights on the Line: BAGUIO CITY TO ANY POINT IN CORDILLERA ADMINISTRATIVE REGION. and Vice Versa with the use of one (4) Unit.

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on on Febeury 15, 2012 at 10:00 A.M./P.M. at the LTFRB Office, Pacdal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her/their evidences.

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WITNESS, the Honorable CELINA B. CLAVER-Regional Director this 10th day of Juruary 2012.

(SGD) Atty. ANABEL A. MARZAN-NULLAR
Attorney IV

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Baguio City

JOHN HENRY NEPOMUCENO - Vendor
SHIRLEY A. TEH -Vendee
Applicants
Case No: 2003-CAR-1456/2012-CAR-16

NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application for the Sale and Transfer of a Certificate of Public Convenience with Dropping and Substitution of unit to operate a TAXI Service for the transportation and passengers and freights 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 on Febeury 1, 2012 at 10:00 A.M./P.M. at the LTFRB Office, Pacdal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her/their evidences.

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WITNESS, the Honorable CELINA B. CLAVER-Regional Director this 4th day of Juaruay 2011.

(SGD) Atty. ANABEL A. MARZAN-NULLAR
Attorney IV

Delinquent Lessee Rescinds Contract to Evade P3-B Obligation to Gov't -BCDA.....from page 1

memorandum of agreement. The 25-year lease agreement between BCDA and CJHDevco was signed in 1996. In 1999, there was a request for the deferment of payments for 1997 and 1998. This was granted on August 5, 1999.

In 2000, CJHDevco asked for a restructuring agreement for failure to pay its lease obligations. It was signed in July 14, 2000.

Again in year 2003, CJHDevco asked for another restructuring, and the agreement was signed on July 18, 2003. In 2008, another restructuring agreement was signed making it the third. All in all, CJHDevco requested and was granted one deferment and three restructuring agreements in a span of 12 years since the start of the original contract in 1996.

The major issues are all against CJHDevco – notably, the non-payment of the arrears that have ballooned to P3.024 billion. In contrast, the issue raised by the lessee on the non-operation of the One-Stop Action Center (OSAC) comes across as a convenient excuse to escape their debt obligation and to "turn the tables" against BCDA, Santiago said.

In fact, it is a non-issue because contrary to the lessee's claim, the OSAC has been operational. It has in fact issued several building and other permits to CJHDevCo, totaling 22 building permits in 2009, 28 permits in 2010 and eight in the first quarter of 2011. A total of 60 locators have already been granted permits to operate.

Several sectors in Manila and Baguio have been urging BCDA to compel the Sobrepeña group to pay. Lately, with the assumption to office of BCDA President and CEO Arnel Paciano Casanova, vigorous efforts were exerted to collect from the delinquent lessee with BCDA sending demand letters for the Sobrepena group to pay.

Published reports show that the Sobrepena group has left a trail of delinquent payments in their other business involvements, notably the failure of College Assurance Plan to pay its pre-need planholders.

The same group owes government more than P2 billion, as a result of its failure to pay rentals to the government when the state allowed it to operate the Metro Railway Transit (MRT).

In contrast, BCDA has had productive relationships with prestigious groups and developers of Bonifacio Global City, Newport City, McKinley Hill, and the SCTEX.

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are also exceptions and different situations to factor in. For one, being armed or not should be an individual decision by the person concerned. Because there are also situations where being armed in certain places is not necessary or is an inconvenience or worse, an invitation to more dangers than being secure. Hence, let's treat this on a case to case and situational basis.

CHRIS NOT ARMED — In the case of the recent Gensan incident of Chris Guarin, I was informed by the victim's friend Inquirer correspondent Aquiles Zonio that Chris was unarmed at the time he was shot. Otherwise, after the first volley of gunfire at him while in his car with his family, instead of jumping out of the car and running away and being finished off helplessly, he would have been able to fight back if he were armed. But that's on hindsight and water under the bridge.

I was informed that Gensan's gutsy lady Mayor Darlene Antonino Custodio is assisting media men along this line. She even volunteered to shoulder the cost of getting the necessary firearm papers and permits. (The cost of licensing and permit to carry, by the way, is a bit stiff. A total of about P12, 000 to P15, 000? And the process a bit stiff too.) Thank you for taking the right step, Mayor Darlene. I'm volunteering to help train them to shoot fast And straight! LOL!

My bottom line however is that media men need not always rely on the help of generous souls, like the Gensan city mayor (or in my case before, the Constabulary commander) to get the protection they need. They should owe it to no one. A policy to implement it is what is needed.

GUN LICENSING BILL — By the way, I got word during my hosting of the PPSA national shooting competition last month, that there is a pending bill in Congress rationalizing gun ownership and licensing. Instead of a permit for every firearm, the license will be issued to the individual person with specification on what firearm he is qualified to own and carry. Similar to a driver's license where a person with license can drive any registered vehicle. Of course the firearm, just like the vehicle must also be separately and generally registered. Let's discuss and support this bill if appropriate. Write or text or email your congressman.

SPORTS SHOOTING — And before I forget, here are a few things to remember: Don't carry a gun if you are not legally authorized.

Don't carry a gun if you have not been oriented and trained how to handle it properly and safely.

Don't point your gun at someone or something unless you are prepared and willing to shoot that target. (you may mount your most hated person's picture — but not your mother-in-law's, please —in the practice range as target if you wish!)

Owning and firing a gun, by the way, is not all about defending one's self or harming or shooting at someone. It's also an exciting sport! Go ask President Noynoy. He's not only a straight talker. He is a straight shooter too!

Editorial.....

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The Department of Education's committee on instructional material "did not do a single thing since the 1997 inquiry," German national Helmut Haas said. His Grade 5 son's copy of "The Wonderful World of Science" textbook, for example, claims "algae is a fish and dust a minute organism."?

We have no monopoly on narrow minds. Malaysia 's Internal Security Ministry used the draconian Printing Presses and Publications Act of 1984 to ban 45 books lest "they disrupt peace and harmony". Beijing proscribed the secret journal of Premier Zhao Ziyang: "Prisoner of State."

Thailand forbids sale of the book "The King Never Smiles." Written by Paul Handley, this biography of the widely-admired, now ailing, monarch Bhumibol Adyulyadej documents his less than-exemplary successors. Will the creeping liberalization by the once paranoid Burmese junta lift bans, on even travel books like "Lonely Planet?"

"The man who does not read good books has no advantage over the man who can't read them,". Mark Twain said./Juan L. Mercado

Alderman seeks

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that the BFPS-CO ostensibly chose those with the highest or costliest price.

A quick browse thru the internet (e.g. Sulit.com) reveals that the price of a complete firefighting suit hovers between P 26,000.00 to P 35,000.00 while the proposed cost as recommended by the BFPS-CO amounts to P 50,000.00 per suit. The internet advertised price of fire fighter boots cost about P 3,000.00 to P 5,000.00 while the BFPS-CO proposes to purchase boots costing P 10,000.00 and spine boards which cost between P 6,000.00 to P 15,000.00 in the internet are proposed by the BFPS-CO to be purchased at the cost of P 20,000.00 each.

Not only that, Fianza also made the observation that the proposed purchase of two (2) units of half body mannequin (used for Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation [CPR] exercises) for this year was in the proposed amount of One Hundred Forty Thousand Pesos (P 140,000.00) or Seventy Thousand Pesos (P 70,000.00) per unit, while a price quotation given by a local supplier to the City last year came up to about P 30,000.00 only per unit.

The proposed budget of the BFPS-CO for CY 2012 is in the amount of Thirty Three Million Seven Hundred Sixty Nine Thousand Pesos (P 33,769.000.00), as reflected and contained in the proposed executive budget CY 2012 submitted by Honorable City Mayor Mauricio G. Domogan to the City Council for latter's consideration.

In coming to the defense of the proposed budget of the BFPS-CO Honorable City Councilor Edison Bilog suggested to the council that the concerned personalities be invited to explain and defend their proposed budgets in order to obtain satisfactory explanations from them. It can be recalled that the proposed budget of the BFPS-CO was reported out by Honorable Ex-Oficio City Councilor Joel A. Alangsab who was assigned the task of conducting budget hearings on the proposed budget of the BFPS-CO.

Finally, Councilor Fianza stated that there are other items in the proposed budget of the BFPS-CO, apart from those he mentioned during last Monday's regular council session, which seems to have been overestimated as to cost and thus reiterated his position that the said proposed budget be reduced by 2 million pesos to reflect the reasonable costs of the items intended to be purchased.

The suggestion made by Councilor Fianza might be taken up again during the next budget deliberation of the council when the proposed budget of the BFPS-CO will be discussed further./ Briccio Domondon Jr., Information Officer, Sangguniang Panlungsod (SP)

Mayor

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hopes that the two parties can still find ways to settle the issue without resorting to a court battle.

Last year, hope flickered on the issue after the two parties resumed negotiations on the arrears payment where CJHDevCo presented a payment scheme but which was apparently rejected by the BCDA.

BCDA vice president of the BCDA dismissed CJHDevCo's move to file a formal rescission of the RMOA as an "ill-disguised ploy" to "evade payment" of its mounting obligations but vowed that the developer "cannot go scot-free from paying its P3.024 billion arrears."

The developer managed to have the MOA on the lease revised and the lease rental payment restructured to lower levels not only once but several times by suing over inconsistent tax laws and other claims.

The exact amount of the city's share has still to be determined due to the numerous revisions of the terms of the lease agreement between the BCDA and the CJHDevCo over the years.

The original agreement pegged the lease rental at P425 million annually for the first five years starting in 1996 and P150 million annually thereafter.

The city's share from the rental was supposed to be 25 percent or P106 million for the first five years and P35,500,000 for the succeeding years.

However, the lease agreement was restructured in 2000 and in 2003 resulting to the reduction of the rental figures./A Refuerzo

Uniforms for Driver

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tors and inspectors should wear long pants of any color and shoes. Slippers/sandals and sando, and short pants are not allowed.

All drivers are required to sport proper haircut, of totally hygienic appearance, have their DOTC-LTFRB identification card, and have seat belt and with early warning device for ready use.

The AO shall be enforced by the Traffic Management Branch of the Baguio City Police Office (TMB-BCPO), as authorized.

As stated, the AO shall take effect immediately./juliegfianza

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EDDIE D. AMANDO
Applicants
Case No: 99-01-1436

NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application for Extension of Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a PUJ Service for the transportation and passengers and freights on the Line: BAGUIO PLAZA - LABBEY via HILLTOP , and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) Unit.

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WITNESS, the Honorable CELINA B. CLAVER-Regional Director this 12th day of Junuary 2012.

(SGD) Atty. ANABEL A. MARZAN-NULLAR
Attorney IV

Mayor Clarifies Tree Cutting

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people and others are all represented', He said.

Domogan added that since July of 2010, he has only issued 7 Tree Cutting Permits within Camp John Hay and 3 permits within Happy Hollow Barangay.

"The 7 permits we issued to CJH was initiated either by JHMC or CJH Dev. Co. and it was issued after investigations had been conducted by the multi-partite monitoring team', Domogan said.

He also said verifications were made that the trees subject of the applications were causing danger to life and property.

Meantime, the permits issued within Happy Hollow Barangay has been initiated by the Department of Public Works and Highways, the Barangay officials and a private lot owner.

Said trees as per investigation was causing danger to life and properties.

Domogan added, 'this permits were not issued indiscriminately or in haste but have undergone the process'.

'The text message which implies that it is our office that issued Tree Cutting Permits to allegedly cut 300 trees in fornt of SM for the its expansion is unfair', he stressed.

"It is not our office that issued the tree cutting permits, it is the DENR which issued earth-balling and tree cutting permits to SM", he said.

Domogan also said that his administration will continue to support and implement Executive order 23 which declares a moratorium on the cutting trees./paul rillorta

Benguet Officials .....

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advocating to electric consumers' clamor accordingly for better services with lower electric rates and with an electric cooperative duly accredited by the Cooperative Development Authority (CDA).

Republic Act 9520 or Philippine Cooperative Code of 2008 calls for the conversion of electric cooperatives to regular cooperatives and be transferred under the supervision of the Cooperative Development Authority (CDA). BENECO has not yet converted to a regular cooperative.

The SP members in crafting the measure claimed that the instant division of the BENECO and the creation of BAELCO will adversely diminish and stunt the projected development of rural areas and communities which are still being targeted for energization for their own development and economic growth.

They say that the operation of a different electric system for Baguio City separate from BENECO clearly prejudices the rights and privileges of all communities being catered to by the electric power generating utilities, which likewise are being safeguarded by the Electric Power Industry Reform Act (EPIRA) of 2002.

It must be established that the main and sole source of electric energy for the province and other provinces including Baguio City are provided by the electric power generating dams located in the province such as the Ambuklao and Binga dams, the officials stated.

Governor Nestor Fongwan is also opposed to the separation of a franchise for Baguio as there were no consultations that took place.

He said giving another franchise to BAELCO contradicts concept of BLISTT or the Baguio-La Trinidad-Itogon-Sablan-Tuba-Tublay. The concept is an alliance of the developing areas on population growth, land management, housing, tourism, infrastructure, natural hazards and plan implementation within the outskirts of Baguio City for economic upliftment and development. He said if they are questioning the management of BENECO then they just question management but not to have a separate franchise./SCAro-PIA CAR

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REYNALDO GAYO
Applicants
Case No: 94-CAR-492

NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application for Extension of Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a TAXI Service for the transportation and passengers and freights on the Line: BAGUIO CITY TO ANY POINT IN CORDILLERA ADMINISTRATIVE REGION. and Vice Versa with the use of one (4) Unit.

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on on Febeury 1, 2012 at 10:00 A.M./P.M. at the LTFRB Office, Pacdal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her/their evidences.

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This application shall be acted upon the Board on the basis of its records and the documentary evidences submitted by the parties unless the Board deem necessary to receive additional documentary and/or oral evidence.

WITNESS, the Honorable CELINA B. CLAVER-Regional Director this 4th day of Junuary 2012.

(SGD) Atty. ANABEL A. MARZAN-NULLAR
Attorney IV

Republic of the Philippines
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Cordillera Administrative Region
Baguio City

FLORALYN C. BOLAOEN
Applicants
Case No: 2005-BENG-CAR-1334

NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application for the Approval of Extension of Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a TAXI Service for the transportation and passengers and freights 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 on January 11, 2012 at 10:00 A.M./P.M. at the LTFRB Office, Pacdal, Baguio City in 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.

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This application shall be acted upon the Board on the basis of its records and the documentary evidences submitted by the parties unless the Board deem necessary to receive additional documentary and/or oral evidence.

WITNESS, the Honorable CELINA B. CLAVER-Regional Director this 15th day of Dec 2011.

(SGD) Atty. ANABEL A. MARZAN-NULLAR
Attorney IV

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DARIO ANTERO
Applicants
Case No: 2004-BAG-CAR-436

NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application for Extension of Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a TAXI Service for the transportation and passengers and freights on the Line: BAGUIO CITY TO ANY POINT IN CORDILLERA ADMINISTRATIVE REGION. and Vice Versa with the use of one (4) Unit.

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on on Febeury 1, 2012 at 10:00 A.M./P.M. at the LTFRB Office, Pacdal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her/their evidences.

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This application shall be acted upon the Board on the basis of its records and the documentary evidences submitted by the parties unless the Board deem necessary to receive additional documentary and/or oral evidence.

WITNESS, the Honorable CELINA B. CLAVER-Regional Director this 6th day of Junuary 2012.

(SGD) Atty. ANABEL A. MARZAN-NULLAR
Attorney IV

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Electric Coop Separation Endorsed By Mayor

BAGUIO CITY – Mayor Mauricio Domogan has backed the council resolution asking for a separate electric cooperative for the city, even as he is open for a comprehensive study on the proposal. Said proposal, through Congressman Bernardo Vergara has been filed at the House of Congress; as House Bill 5518.

Baguio Electric Cooperative (BAELCO) in the filed bill seeks separation from Benguet Electric Cooperative (BENECO) which triggered adverse reactions from different sectors, line agencies and even local government units.

Earlier also, member-consumers who attended the BENECO general assembly in Bokod, Benguet gave dissenting opinions on the proposed separation.

The mayor however stood pat on his action, saying the bill should be studied objectively; if BAELCO could manage an electric cooperative independently. Other individuals who oppose the separation may speak up as to alternative concepts, if there are any.

The question here, the mayor said is: "is it beneficial to the cooperative members (and users), to separate (the electric cooperative)?" Lower electrification costs and therefore lower electric bills if passed on to Baguio consumers, is being eyed supposedly as the result of the independent management of BAELCO.

However, electric acquisition costs are being questioned if ever the separation pushes through. The waters from the dams of Benguet are to be the main source of power of BENECO./juliegfianza

Sino ang mag wawagi ? Ma iimpeach kaya si Chief Justice Corona, abangan ang mga susunod na kabanata , umpisa na ang drama at sarzuela!!!

Mayor Clarifies 'Tree Cutting' Issue

BAGUIO CITY – a plan to cut down trees inside the Camp John Hay reservation and SM City Baguio has earned a deluge of complaints from residents here.

'Issued Tree cutting permits´ which was supposed to be local in scope has now reached the President that a text message from Secretary Jesse Robredo inquiring on the issue has prompted City Mayor Mauricio Domogan to answer.

In his letter addressed to Sec. Robredo dated january 6, the mayor said, he does not issue tree cutting permits within Camp John Hay and outside the 13 barangays surrounding it unless it passes thru the multi-partite monitoring team of Camp John Hay Development and the latter has made favorable recommendation for its issuance'.

'this is a mandatory requirement for all stake holders like JHMC, CENRO-DENR, Environmental management Board, John Hay Development Corporation, Indigenous

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Benguet Officials Oppose Hb 5518 Granting Franchise to Separate Electric Coop for Baguio

LA TRINIDAD, Benguet - Provincial officials expressed their opposition to the proposed separation of franchise on the distribution of electric power from the existing Benguet Electric Cooperative (BENECO) serving Baguio City and the province for more than four decades now.

The Provincial Board passed a resolution on first reading expressing opposition to House Bill No. 5518 entitled, "An Act granting separate legislative franchise to the Baguio Electric Cooperative (BAELCO) to operate the electric system in the City of Baguio and appropriating funds thereof" filed in Congress by Baguio City Representative Bernardo Vergara.

BENECO, a non-stock and non-profit entity, was established in October 1973 and granted by the National Electrification Commission the sole franchise to operate an electric light and power service for a period of 50 years.

On the other hand, BAELCO was established in 2007

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Benguet to Promote Frost as a Tourism Attraction

BAGUIO CITY - From December to February when temperature in the region especially Baguio City and Benguet gets cold to vey cold, frost or what is locally known as 'andap' is a common phenomena especially in the highland areas of Benguet.

Benguet Governor Nestor Fongwan, in a recent media forum at the Department of Tourism (DOT-CAR) regional office, affirmed that 'frost' is now occasionally being experienced in some part of their province, but he assured that it has very minimal effect on their temperate vegetables production. Farmers today, he said, are more intelligent and prepared to respond in preventing their farm inputs from getting damaged by frost bite.

Fongwan disclosed that they are now working out plans to promote the frost in a positive way, veering away from the usual negative reports on frost in the province. They plan to promote it as an attraction for tourists - for them to actually see and experience frost in the hinterlands.

He stressed that the provincial government is very keen on actively promoting the province's tourism industry, as what they have depicted in its foundation anniversary or Adivay Festival last November through the theme, 'Exploring Benguet's Best'.

He also affirmed that year in and year out, even with their small budget, they make sure that they allocate certain funds for tourism infrastructure so that they can also ensure to give the tourists, both local and foreign, the safety and convenience while visiting the different scenic spots of the province.

"We already established several view decks, additional streetlights, made improvements on the comfort rooms along the major roads around the province and put up additional community police action centers on strategic parts of the province road network," Fongwan said.

Meantime, DOT Regional Director Purificacion Molintas lauded the provincial government of Benguet for having the most allocation and accomplishments as far as tourism infrastructure is concerned among the provinces in the Cordillera./JDP/LD-PIA CAR

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