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Pahayagang palaban!!! Head Of Newborn Rolls Infront of Mother At Baguio Gov't Hospital



BAGUIO CITY -- The Diaz couple showing the picture of their "dismembered" newborn daughter. -- Artemio A. Dumlao

BAGUIO CITY -- It may have been the best gift of young Baguio couple Bernabe and Amy Diaz on Easter Sunday their baby girl Ayesa Bea Mae. Their first born from three-time miscarriages in the past would have been a dream come true. But the world seemed to have forsaken them. Ayesa Bea Mae was lifeless. Worse, headless.

To doctors of the Baguio General Hospital, it was an abnormality. Still in a deafening silence over Wednesday last week's delivery of Ayesa Bea Mae Diaz, physicians claim to be waiting for the result of the autopsy.

The National Bureau of Investigation-Cordillera is probing it, 24 year old gasoline attendant Bernabe said with a very heavy hearts tone. We will have to wait, the young father said in a very deep tone.

But for the newborn's mother, the loss was as if it was the end of the world. If she was dead inside, it would have been easier to accept, Amy said. **Cont. on page 10**

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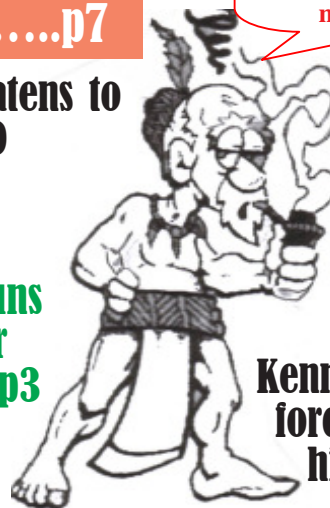
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Ayus! masama mang pakinggan ngunit katangahan na' yan. Ang problema, baka makalusot na naman ang mga may kasalanan!



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Filipino Scientists Bats Price Control, Food Security and Self-sufficiency Policies Amidst Rice Crisis

BAGUIO CITY – Filipino scientists are proposing an immediate price cap on rice to avoid spiraling market prices together with medium and long term policies to develop the domestic rice industry at the heels of the current crisis in rice supply and prices.

The Filipino scientists group AGHAM through its president Fenyl Cosico said the current crisis is a result of policies that prefers imports in addressing domestic supply shortages

and the government's almost total withdrawal from developing the rice industry".

AGHAM is Samahan ng Nagtataguyod ng Agham at Teknolohiya para sa Sambayanan or Advocates of Science and Technology for the People. Cosico, an NFA employee claimed that we have been importing an average of 800,000 metric tons of rice since 1996. This has gone over a million in the past three years and has risen

to around 2.4 million metric tons this year. This dependence on rice imports make us vulnerable to world market price and supply fluctuations."

She noted that domestic rice prices follow world prices largely because of the increased imports of rice from countries like Vietnam, Thailand and Pakistan.

"Domestic production is unable to satisfy our rice needs because of the generally backward conditions of production riding on widespread landlessness of farmers

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Hawker threatens to chop-off POSD personnel's head

BAGUIO CITY – It seems the axiom, "while the cat is away the mouse will play," finds no application in City Market anymore... Two weeks ago, Public Order and Safety Division (POSD) personnel got rocks the size of melons for confetti as they tried clearing easements at Burnham Park from 'em rodents the size of man. POSD chief Gregorio Deligero then said, "One of these days, it's my

men getting the gurney if we don't get the help we need."

Deligero nearly turned from chief to seer when a rodent of the kingdom mammalia, city market specie of the illegal vendor genus, ran after a POSD guy probably believing the latter's head was cheese. A Baguio City Police Office memorandum to Deligero revealed that on March 24, a few ticks before 2:00pm, one Rendo

Macoy Calomente, allegedly resisted confiscation of his goods, "kicking a POSD man and threatening two others with a bolo."

The report was prepared by P/Sr. Insp. Willaim Sagmayao. Deligero said, "We always operate with police assistance... curiously, illegal vendors are really getting bolder, hitting back despite the police."

Visibly peeved, he observed, "The police memorandum indicated that my men were "disin-

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Cagayan Girds For Its Own Wind Power Project ala Bangui Bay

Bangui, Ilocos Norte Cagayan province is girding for its own wind power project in Pamplona town ala the famous giant windmills in Bangui town in Ilocos Norte. Governor Alvaro Antonio is enthusiastically supporting the pushing for the alternative power source that would produce 27 megawatts of electric power, said lawyer Ferdinand Dumlao, chairman of the board of the proponent Northeast Wind Systems Corporation (NEWS).

The Pamplona Wind Energy Project (PWPP) is touted as a landmark in commemorating Cagayans position on global warming and protection of the environment, added Dumlao. A wind study has already been conducted in Pamplona and is positive,

Atty. Dumlao

said. Gov. Antonio is facilitating the agreement of all stakeholders including electric cooperatives in Cagayan to finally endorse the project. We are also now negotiating for sales agreements that will also be included in the proposal for funding by international funding agencies (not necessarily by the DANIDA), Dumlao explained.

Hopefully, the Pamplona project that is receiving much welcome from Cagayan officials and residents, will start during the last quarter of 2009, added Dumlao. Northwind Power Development Corporation (NPDC) five years ago built the 25 megawatt wind power project along Bangui bay in Ilocos Norte. Dumlao who also chairs the firm said, the project has provided electricity to Bangui town and its

environs and has also been a must-see for tourists heading the northern tip of the country.

Fifteen giant windmills funded by the Danish Development Agency (DANIDA) has become a tourist spot especially among scenic lovers who devour on the UFO-looking windmills as a favorite backdrop for photographic shoots at the Bangui bay enveloped by a massive green hill on the east.

This August, another five windmills will be commissioned by the NPDC to deliver some 8.33 megawatts of power. The Ilocos Norte experience on the windmills is our inspiration for another project in Cagayan, Dumlao said, adding, such success is giving cues also for Gov. Antonio and Cagayan province for their own wind power project for the people./Ace Alegre

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City trains guns vs. Sinot over Asin resort

BAGUIO CITY – When you believe “the best defense is offense,” you’re obviously defending the wrong front.

The City Government last week started stockpiling ammo against one Roger Sinot, the erstwhile manager and currently “de facto” operator of the City-owned Asin Hot Springs Resort (AHR). During the executive-legislative meeting, March 24, vice mayor Daniel Farinas goaded executive officers to “look into the possibility of bidding out the recreation facility,” foreboding of another city takeover that earlier saw the Asin Hydro tacked un-

der city administration. He said, “There are a number of bidders lining up, expressing interest in running the facility, which by far, can be more beneficial to the city government compared to what the city is in right now.”

City administrator Peter Fianza during the same meeting reported that his office, the City Treasurer’s Office (CTO), and the City Legal Office (CLO) are currently looking through records to firm up the city’s demands for payment for “use of area” against Sinot. Records show that Baguio bought the AHR from one Lucio Ramirez sometime in 1935 with a proviso that the same be maintained as a “public bath house and swimming pool.

Sometime in 1967, adverse claimant Bernardo Catbagan, Jr. filed a case of recovery

of property against Baguio over the said lot. The case dragged on until the Court of Appeals, which in 1980, dismissed the Catbagan complaint. But not after Catbagan, in 1976, was able to

secure a 20-year lease contract with the city for the operations of the AHP.

The Catbagan lease expired in November 22, 1996. Despite the termination however, Sinot assumed operations of the AHR in 1994 without authority from the city government. His predecessor Catbagan died the same year. On April 8, 1999, then mayor (now congressman) Mauricio Domogan called the attention of Sinot and demanded the latter pay

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THE BOMB THAT WENT PFFFT. Court employees and bystanders patiently wait outside the Justice Hall building (pix 993) after a prankster, who probably had a case lined up for the day, decided to extend court respite by calling three offices about an “imaginary bomb,” which the BCPO’s explosives and ordnance disposal unit (pix 116) successfully disarmed “imaginarily” after a thorough search of the building. **By Bong Cayabyab

Macho Husbands Hitting Breadwinner Filipina Wives

BAGUIO CITY Being a working mother commands admiration and respect in Philippine society.

But perhaps Filipino husbands raging machismo cannot accept it, there is an increasing trend of violence against wives who become the family breadwinners.

Men who are left home hit their breadwinner-wives because of insecurity, Baguio City womens rights lawyer Mia Oallares Cawed claimed during a regular

press briefing Usapang Reproductive Health organized by the UNPF-supported Phil. NGO Council on Population Health and Welfare Inc. (PNGOC).

Filipinas becoming breadwinners is now the source of husband and wife fighting and oftentimes leads to abuse on the woman Cawed, an accredited Department of Social Welfare and Development-Cordillera legal advisor said.

There is an increasing trend in the Cordillera region on that, the lady lawyer claimed. And the violence crosses economic borders, meaning from down to the poorest to

the rich, husbands without jobs who are insecure of their wives going out to work turn physical to work turn physical to recoup their psychological lost of the status. Legal cases keep piling up at the DSWD-Cordillera especially working mothers in the C,D and E categories because those in the AB categories directly go to the courts for annulment or other cases. There is really an interestingly hike in such kinds of cases Atty. Cawed said. She continued, we hear of less of such kind of violence emanating from being the breadwinners in the AB cat-

egories because in these families they have the so-called names to protect, thus it is kept within themselves to avoid the stigma. That is why, I myself approves of divorce because it is a choice for a way out from an abominable situation, Cawed said. Still, more than 85 percent of the OFWs in CAR are women, thus becoming eventually the breadwinners of their families back home.

In 1994 alone, over 300,000 Filipina women left the Philippines to seek work in other countries. Philippines constitutes the world’s largest “exporter” of female labor. Filipina migrant laborers, now half of the migrant labor population, contribute—along with their male counterparts—\$6 billion in remittances Head Of

Newbornto the Philippines per year, \$1.8 billion of which helps finance the interest on the national debt, said Mary Rose Fernandez in her *Commodified Women* Peace Review, 1997. Of the 1.52 million overseas Filipino workers (OFWs) that left the country in 2006, 50.4

percent of those were women.

This translates to 764,000 women shipped overseas in 2006, higher than the 2005 figure of 660,000 females who went abroad. It goes back to the Filipino machismo culture (that still lingers), the lady lawyer claimed. They cannot accept

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PROBLEMA Sa Housing and Land Use Regulatory Board (HLURB-CAR)?

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Magsumbong at mag-ingay para mabawasan ang katiwalian sa Gobyerno!!!

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.

Democratic Contagion

“We have three things are going for us in Malaysia,” the brilliant economist mused, over coffee, at the United Nations offices in Bangkok. “We have a little oil, some rubber—plus a few Chinese like me.”

He made that sardonic crack, years back, to spotlight performance by talented Chinese-Malaysians. What about other factors today? That’d include transparent elections Malaysia staged this month. That drill showed up, for example, the shabby 18,983 voters who sneaked in and registered twice, just in our Autonomous Region of Muslim Mindanao.

Led by ex-deputy prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim and his People’s Justice Party, Malaysian voters trounced the dominant United Malays National Organization. Chinese who make up a quarter of the population, plus Indians (8%) and Malays (55%)

EDITORIAL booted the sclerotic National Front coalition.

Malaysia’s policy of positive discrimination for economically-lagging Malays helped tamp down confrontations, over the years, in a racially-diverse country. But the Front systematically gagged dissent. And it converted the policy “from a means for redistributing wealth to the disadvantaged (into) a vehicle for corruption and cronyism,” the Economist noted.

Nonetheless, Prime Minister Abdullah Badawi “accepted the setback with grace”, despite persistent racist baiting by UMNO leaders. Opposition leaders avoided gloating. “Such maturity and restraint may not last,” the Economist added “That the change happened at the ballot box, not in the streets, makes it all the more cheering”.

Indeed, the polls reassured Association of Southeast Asian Nations members. An increasingly mature Malaysia would calm nerves in next-door Thailand. Radical Islamic groups stir trouble along the prickly southern Thailand–Malaysia border.

Expansion of democratic space in Malaysia contrasts with what’s unraveling in Burma, the most run-down Asean member state. Like Filipinos, a Malaysian’s life expectancy is 73 years. But it’s only 60.8 years for a Burmese. Infant mortality rates, in Burma, are seven times higher than Malaysia’s 10 out of every 1,000 births. The paranoid Burmese junta even junked elections, in 1990. That came after Nobel Laureate Aung San Suu Kyi and her National League for Democracy swept 82% of parliament’s seats. Instead, Ms. Suu Kyi has been detained for 12, of the past 18 years. The world community trashed suppression of the “Saffron Revolution”: the non-violent protest, led by Buddhist monks, for return of freedoms. It’s hand-picked delegates, who dawdled 14 years in drafting a constitution, will now complete the draft, the junta said. This still-to-be-seen charter authorizes elections in 2010. But ethnic minorities and opposition candidates are excluded. And Ms Suu Kyi is barred from running because “she married a foreigner”: the late Oxford University professor John Adris.

“The election promised by the military regime is a complete sham,” said eight Nobel Laureates led by Desmond Tutu of South Africa. It’s exclusion of significant groups from the regime’s “roadmap” show the junta’s “version of reconciliation is flawed”.

“We stand firmly in support of our fellow Nobel Laureate Aung San Suu Kyi and have repeatedly called for her release, as well as the release of Buddhist monks and all political prisoners,” Tutu and colleagues wrote. Nations “should “immediately impose arms embargoes and targeted banking sanctions on Burma.”

Democracy isn’t catching on in Burma. But is that the case in Malaysia? The once timid Kuala Lumpur press now publishes “wish lists”, unthinkable prior to the elections. One list asks for the notorious Printing Press and Publications Act be scrapped. Under this law, government censored simply by withholding licenses for media.

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Graduation, etc.

BY RUDY “BANTAY SIYASAT” GARCIA



Bago ang lahat mga suki, malugod kong binabati ang lahat ng mga estudyante sa elementarya, sekundarya, kolehiyo, bokasyunal, mga kadete sa PNPA at PMA na magtatapos sa kanilang pag-aaral o maggradweyt na sa taong ito. Ang mensahe ko ay pagbutihin nila ang kanilang nasimulan, umpisa pa lamang iyan dahil marami pang darating na pagsubok. Basta’t maging positibo, sigurado, at tama ang iyong magiging hakbang at siguradong magiging maayos at tagumpay ang buhay ng iyong pipiliin. Huwag “kumawala” at laging manalig sa “kanya” (ang Diyos), ialay ninyo ang mga diploma ninyo sa inyong mga magulang na siyang nagsakripisyo at nagtiis para lamang maitaguyod ang inyong pag-aaral! Sa lahat ng mga gradweyts at mga parents Kongrats..HAPI GRADUATION!

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“Palpak” kaya ang naging desisyon ng ating Korte Suprema sa pagkatig sa inihaing mosyon ni dating kalihim Romulo Neri na gamitin ang kanyang karapatan sa Executive privilege para hindi siya “maigisa” ng husto sa senado hinggil sa dinidinig na ZTE NBN Deal Scandal? Sa nasabi kasing desisyon ay hindi maaring itanong kay Neri ang mga ibang pinag-usapan nila ni Pangulong GMA na umani tuloy ng batikos at usap –usapan na ginawa ito para takpan ang katotohanan? 9-6 ang naging bilang ng botohan sa mga mahistrado, kumbaga, lamang ang bilang iyong mga mahistradong pumabor kay Neri, pero ang Chief Justice na si Onorabel Puno ay hindi pumabor. Saludo tayo diyan.

Ang tanong, ang desisyon bang ito ay makakabuti sa ating mga pinoy o hindi? Para sa mga ilang sip-sep sa palasyo, tama ang naging desisyon, at dapat daw itong igalang! Taliwas naman ito sa iba dahil ito raw ang magbubunsod para lalong magumon sa katiwalian ang ating gobyerno. Kung ako ang tatanungin mga suki ay talagang “palpak” ang naging desisyon. Nakakalungkot kasing isipin na nagkakaroon nga tayo ng imbestigasyon sa mga alegasyong katiwalian pero kung ang mismong korte ang magsisilbing instrumento para itago ang katotohanan, aba eh, ibang usapan na iyan. Ano na lang ang kahahantungan ng mga kasong katiwalian sa mga darating na araw kung meron ng depensang pamantayan o magiging batayan ang mga akusado? At paano na rin ang mga gustong tumestigo? Baka itikom na lamang nila ang kanilang mga bibig, at kapag ganyan nga ang mangyari, naku mga suki, baka ang bansang Pinas na ang magiging “most corrupt country in the world” nakakahiya! PWE!

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LANTARAN na raw ang bentahan ng Kidney organs dito sa ‘pinas. Naghihirap na talaga ang ating mga kababayan, pati kanilang parte ng

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THE PEACE COMBATANT

Rice and fuel woes

BY ARTURO BOQUIREN



Our situation is increasingly becoming extremely uncomfortable. This is not to say though that things have been comfortable earlier. The only difference between the current and earlier situations is that life for the majority of Filipinos has turned from bad to worse. Usually, it has simply been bad. Of course, this is not something new and we all know this. And, that is exactly the point.

We remain as vulnerable as ever to crises. Occasionally we earn a space of comfort but we soon revert back to our persistent, recurring, and chronic national problems: high prices, rising fuel costs, hoarding, shortage of food and other supplies, and rising/intensifying poverty. Our problems as a nation have no end really and our people are demanding fundamental solutions.

Take rice for instance. Government has been drumbeating that traders are mixing inferior rice with superior rice thereby shortchanging the consumer. However, this is really a symptom of the problem rather than the cause. But government finds it convenient to present it as the main problem in the effort to hide the real problems: government failure to preempt the emergence of the problem, rising farm costs and government failure to assist farmers, failure of supply to meet demand and government failure to anticipate the shortage and act even before the problem emerge. In other words, traders are being used as the scapegoat for government failure!

Governance is not primarily about addressing problems as they emerge. Governance is primarily about anticipating problems even before the problems emerge. It involves studying trends and executing proactive measures. It is not about waiting in comfortable offices to receive complaints. It primarily involves going out from the comfort zones to see problems firsthand, act on them, analyze problem patterns and make diagnoses, and acting to prevent the emergence of the problems. Of course, obvious problems have to be acted upon.

What makes our national problems recurring is that they have systemic roots. We rely too much on market forces when rational decision should recognize that markets have risks even as government actions have risks. The world is not risk-free and rational choice must involve dispersing risks over a wide portfolio options. The situation is similar on how we should manage our assets. The peso can rise and fall and this is true also for the dollar, yen, and euros. Rational decision demands that we reduce risks by dispersing our exposure to various currencies, proportionate to the risks of each currency.

In the same manner, we must use both market and non-market institutions to meet society's needs. The market is not always up and one leading author in development economics says that governments that have relied on the market when the market is in up-swing and those that relied on governance rather than on the market when the market is on the downswing are those that perform better.

Thus, we have staple and other supply problems because we have relied on the market for too much and government has not been acting enough. We relied too much on globalization and the World Trade Organization for our supplies when rational choice requires that we must not place all our eggs in one basket.

Thus, it is not the traders that should primarily be blamed for our woes. Rather, it is the failure of government to be proactive. The same thing is true for our other supplies like fuel. In the case of fuel, government must have acted earlier to tap non-conventional sources of energy. Of course, these problems have other dimensions. One is that graft and corruption continues to dominate in our national life. The other pertains to the dominance of monopolies and oligopolies in the nation and in the world. For now, however, we mention the more obvious.

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P/Supt. Gueverra bulag at bingi?

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THE GREAT P/SUPT MOISES GUEVERRA-

Masyado na talagang manhid ang marami sa ating mga opisyal. Isang halimbawa nito ay ang patuloy na kobrahan at tayaan ng jueteng sa Lopez Building sa Kayang St. kung saan nanawagan na tayo sa dalawang kagalang-galang na opisyal na hepe ng BCPO na si P/Supt. Moises Gueverra at ang Barangay Captain na si Benjie Pinlac, ngunit mukhang nagbulag-bulagan at nag bibingi-bingihan ang dalawang MAGAGALANG at MAGIGITING na ito. Magalang at magiting, PWEEEE.... Anyway, sa ganitong sitwasyon ay wala na kaming mga nasa Linis Gobyerno na natitirang gawin kung hindi sampahan muli ng reklamo sa mga kinaukulang opisina itong dalawang kagalang-galang na opisyal na ito na parehong bulag at bingi!!! Paminsan-minsan kasi makinig din kayo kay Bishop Oscar Cruz at baka tamaan din kayo ng hiya!?!?

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THE GREAT GERRY VERZOSA & CO-

Kayo sa BENECO wala na rin ba kayong natitirang kahihyan kahit na konti lang??? Sa Manila, bihirang bihira mag brown out, samantalang dito sa Baguio wala ng inatupag kung hindi scheduling of brown outs, at kapag minalas-malas na katulad ng nangyari nitong nakaraang Martes kung saan may na disgrasyang poste ng Beneco sa Bokawkan Road, aba eh labindalawang oras bago nila maisaayos ang problema! Mabuti na lang at karamihan sa mga tanga este taga Baguio ay masyadong mababait at pinalalampas nila ang **napaka samang public service** ng BENECO (kung sa Makati o sa Quezon City mo gawin 'yan aba eh hindi ka lang sibak, demanda ka pa...PWEEEE...). Kung sabagay long overdue at matagal ng ipinaglaban ng pahayagang ito ang honest to goodness conversion ng BENECO into an HONEST to GOODNESS CO-OPERATIVE owned by the people that benefits the people and not just a few na mga ANAK NG DIYOS. The problem has been around and has been going on for the past 10 years at least, and things have not improved or gotten better, but the situation has even turned to the worst and that is always the situation when it comes to VERY C _ _ _ _ T practices. Papaano, maraming nag galing-galingan na mga medias at iba't ibang ayaw na ma involve at makialam o magbigay ng kinaukulang suporta sa naturang karapat-dapat lamang na conversion, kaya ayun sino rin ang kawawa eh di tayong mga tanga este taga Baguio. At sinong MASAYA, eh di si the **VERY HONEST AND VERY COMPETENT** Mr. GERRY VERZOSA together with his equally VERY COMPETENT BENECO BOARD. Ilang beses ko ng sinabi ito, OK na rin ang Korap at medyo madali-daling tanggapin ang isang Korap na pamamalakad basta't maayos ang serbisyo sa publiko; ngunit kung parating PALPAK at nagdurusa ang taong bayan at tapos ay INEFICIENT at ubod ang PALPAK, aba eh anak ng lintik, sila lang talaga ng ANAK NG DIYOS **at tayong lahat ay puros BOBO AT TOLONGES!!!!** Eto pa, nakakatawa Mayor Bautista Sir, paano ninyo ipo-promote ang City of Baguio as the IT and/or Business Center of the North sa dalas ng mga brown outs? NO WAY -WALANG MATINONG INVESTOR NA TUTUNTONG SA ATING LUNGSOD SA TINDI NG MGA BROWN OUTS. Anyway, mayroon tayong kasabihan na "you get the leaders you deserve" so ganuon din sa Beneco, we get the electric company we deserve which so happened to be runned by *#%&^@*%&^gt*(-(!!! .*

FAIR AND SQUARE

The Law of Supply and Demand In Public Transportation (Part 2)

BY JAMES S. VALEROS



Really, has the LTFRB or its regional agency in the Cordilleras, the DOTC-CAR, proved itself equal to the challenge of effectively balancing the supply and demand for public utility vehicles in BLIST, in Baguio City in particular?

The question is asked because unlike in other economic activities where the delicate balance between supply and demand is better left to the interplay of market forces, it is not the case in public transportation where regulation has been found more effective in providing convenient service to the public and at the same time in protecting the investment of the transport providers to ensure continuity of efficient and continuous service.

Unfortunately, gauged alone from the net effects that can be observed among the service providers, that is, the operators and the drivers of public transport in the city, it appears that either the LTFRB or DOTC-CAR has not been up to such a challenge. This, in spite of the awesome powers given to them by law and which are readily available at their disposals.

For, when many of the operators of public utility vehicles could hardly met their break even operations, or when the take home pay of their drivers could hardly satisfy the basic necessities of their family of four, it is indicative of the fact that public transport supply is far greater than what is regularly demanded by the consuming public. There could be no other conclusion.

If the whole day traffic congestion in the city is further factored in the equation, it becomes even more manifest that the running supply of for-hire units in the city far exceeds the need for them by the public.

Stated otherwise, it simply means that under the situation obtaining the LTFRB or the DOTC-CAR has simply failed to efficiently regulate or effectively balance the supply and demand of transportation units in the city.

Come to think of it, it should have been an easy task for LTFRB and DOTC-CAR to maintain a balance in the supply of public utility transport vis a vis the demand of the riding public since they have all the powers and the tools given by law and the rules to regulate. They can conduct an honest to goodness RMC (Route Measured Capacity) survey to allow only the entry of the needed supply of PUVs commensurate to the current demand by commuters. They can impose or implement moratorium on the issuance of new franchises when saturation in the volume of PUVs has been reached. And recently, they have been given law enforcement powers to implement franchising rules. Under the Public Service Law they also have the power to amend, modify or revoke at any time any certificate issued whenever the facts and circumstances upon which said certificate was issued have been misrepresented or materially changed.

With these powers, the DOTC-CAR in particular not only can anticipate the imbalance in the projected supply and demand of PUVs, it can also remedy the over supply of PUVs presently obtaining in the city due to violations of the moratorium in the past years.

As to how that remedy can be achieved to attain balance in the supply and demand of public transport utilities which is what we all desire for us in the city, that is for the present DOTC-CAR management to seriously think about. We can only hope it will succeed.

NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE

Notice is hereby given that estate of the late Aida R. Bernal, who died intestate on May 22, 1997 at La Trinidad, Benguet, has settled by her heirs through a deed of extrajudicial settlement recorded in the Notarial registry of Atty. Melita Amylesha D. Macaraeg as Doc. No. 217 on Page No. 044, Book No. V, Series of 2008.

March 29, April 5, & 12, 2008

TELL IT AS IT IS

Graduation

BY JENNY OCAMPO-ANDRES



March is about to end ..and a lot of candidates for graduation anticipate the day they will take the stage to receive their diploma.. the fruit of laborious academic output. And of course the list of fresh graduates (especially from college) would mean a new pool job-searchers. Graduation is also the time we look back how students and alma mater truly lived up to the standard of quality education.

Quality education doesn't only mean good grades and medals and awards but it is the kind of citizens that were produced during the time of acquiring a degree... and character building.

A lot of schools may have produced graduates but are they competitive? are they citizens aimed at service and not just earning.. are they citizens living up to decent and moral standards despite the corruption around ?

Graduation is not the end of learning but the beginning of a life that would make a person part of a greater community called the workforce... called the real world...where more lessons are learned... Graduation.. may it spell hope to all to our graduates!

HAPPY GRADUATION TO THE GRADUATES OF 2008!

for your messages email me @jennyjlaw@yahoo.com

NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late Joseph Bacday who died intestate on February 10, 2006 at Parapad, Ambiong, La Trinidad Benguet was Extra-judicially settled by the sole heir on February 27, 2008 as evidenced by Doc. No. 204; Page No. 41; Book No. XXIV; Series of 2008 of the Notarial Registry of Atty. Jerome W. Selmo

March 29, April 5, & 12, 2008

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

LARRY CAOILE
Applicant

Case No. 2001-01-2339

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 of passengers and freights on the line: BAGUIO PLAZA - CRYSTAL CAVE and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit.

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on May 6, 2008 at 9:00 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 FEDERICO J. MANDAPAT, JR. - REGIONAL DIRECTOR this 18th day of March 2008.

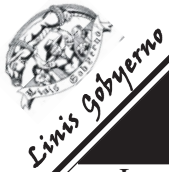
(SGD) GREGORIO R. RETUTA, JR.
Hearing Officer

City trains

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mandated from the city to vacate its hydroelectric facilities in Asin. He is likewise one of those who engineered demands which ranged from the bizarre to the simply unthinkable against the city - TV sets to endorsements for civil works projects that can hardly be equated with land issues of residents affected by hydro water pipes. Fianza however clarified, "The AHR issue is entirely separate from the issue regarding the hydros."

"In fact," he said, "The claims of the city against Sinot over the AHR came ahead of TNHALA claims."

The last audit of AHR payables, which was in 2002, placed Sinot's arrears at almost P600,000. However, the current balance covering periods 2003 to 2008 have yet to be computed./ISL



Jueteng Laganap sa Baguio, Betting Station sa CBD mismo!!! **Attn:P/SUPT. Moises Guevarra, PB Benjie Pinlac**

Lantarang tayaan at rebisahan ang diumano ay nagaganap sa Unit No. 5 ng Lopez Bldg, Kayang St. Ito ang impormasyong ipinarating sa atin ng isa nating imporamante na ayon sa kanya ay, ang istasyon na ito ay ilang taon ng nag-ooperate at nagbubulag-bulagan lang daw ang ilang mga kawani ng Media (pati na rin daw ang isang reporter na kasapi sa pahayagang ito), at ang ilang mga miyembro ng PNP.

Ayon sa aming dawalang impormante na handang magtestigo at magbigay ng kanilang sinumpaang salaysay, ang nasabing istasyon ng tayaan at rebisahan ay lantarang nag-ooperate at kitang kita ng katabing mga carinderia at isang dental clinic.

Ayon pa sa aming impormante, nakalulungkot sapagkat may isang bagong tayong NGO na di umano ay supposed to be isang volunteer group against criminality na doon pa mismo nagsasagawa ng kanilang oath taking para sa kanilang new members - right beside this betting station!

Ang tanong tuloy ng aming impormante is "hindi na ba bawal ang jueteng at ligan na ba ang operasyon nito kung

saan ang mismong mga miyembro ng grupo ng NGO na ito ay NAG-BUBULAGBULAGAN? Malinaw sa amin sa Linis Gobyerno na matagal ng nagbubulag-bulagan ang ilang mga miyembro ng PNP at mg mga Media(s), ngunit bibigyan natin sa pagkakataong ito ang hepe ng Kapulisan na si P/Supt. Moises Guevarra at ang Pinuno ng Barangay na si Mr. Benjie Pinlac at ating hintayin kung ano ang kanilang planong isagawa. Mga di umano'y kagalang-galang na gentlemen, aantayin namin ang inyong aksyon kung mayroon man kayong balak na isagawa at umaasa rin kami na hindi kayo muling MAGBUBULAG-BULAGAN ATTUTULUG-TULOG sa pansitan!!!



Istasyon ng Jueteng sa tabi ng Center Mall : Makikita sa larawan ang isa pang Jueteng betting station na matatagpuan sa Gomez Bldg., Dagohoy St, katabi lamang ng Center Mall. O, ano pa ang inaantay ninyo TAYAAN NA at kung nalalayuan kayo sa Kayang St., maaring sa Dagohoy St. na lang kayo magpunta.

At para naman sa bagong organisa na volunteer group against criminality, baka naman hindi ninyo alam na ilegal ang sugal na Jueteng, siguro ay tanungin ninyo ang inyong mga pinuno at advisers, etc...???



Entrance to Lopez Bldg. Along Chugum St. corner Kayang St. for easy betting. Come one come all, hindi na kailangan pang lumayo!



Napakadaling tumaya, may mga guides pa sa mga nakaraang numerong labas. O ano pa inaantay ninyo, halina na, tara na at magsi-tayaan na tayo!!!

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
FIRST JUDICIAL REGION
OFFICE OF THE PROVINCIAL SHERIFF
La Trinidad, Benguet

SUMMIT BANK (RURAL BANK) OF TUBLAY (BENGUET), INC.,
Petitioner,

-versus-

AURELIO GALANGCO,
Mortgagor.

FORECLOSURE CASE NO. 08-ExF-1263

FOR-EXTRA-JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE OF

REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE UNDER ACT 3135 AS AMENDED

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SHERIFF'S NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135, as amended, filed by SUMMIT BANK (RURAL OF TUBLAY (BENGUET), INC.), herein referred to as the Petitioner against AURELIO GALANGCO, of legal age, married, Filipino, and with residence and postal address at No. 18 Dominican Hill, Baguio City, herein referred to as the Mortgagor, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of the filing or the petition

amount to FIVE HUNDRED SIX THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED SIXTY EIGHT and 83/100 (Php. 506,968.83) PESOS, Philippine Currency, excluding interest and penalties and other charges accruing thereon until fully paid, Attorney's fees amounting to Three Thousand Pesos (Php.3,000.00) and all cost and expenses of the foreclosure proceedings.

That the undersigned or any duly authorized sheriff will SELL at public auction on APRIL 8, 2008 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter in front of the Benguet Justice Hall, (Bulwagan ng Katarungan), Justice Hill, La Trinidad, Benguet, to the highest bidder for CASH and in Philippine currency, the hereunder described real property, together with all

the buildings, improvements and/or accessions now existing thereon, or which may hereafter be constructed or placed thereon to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-39835 (Registry of Deeds - Province of Benguet)

"A parcel of land, lot 5, of the subdivision plan Psd-131106-005340, being a portion of Psd-169196 situated in the Barrio of Pung-ol, Municipality of Itogon, Province of Benguet, Island of Luzon, Bounded on the N., along line 1-2 by Lot 4 of the subd. plan; on the E, along line 2-3 by Public land; on the S., along line 3-4 by Elias Julio, Psu-169194; on the W., along line 4-1 by

Public land. Beginning at a point marked "1" on plan, being N, 6 deg. 24' W., and 486.44 m. from triangle. Sta.

"EVELAND", Itogon, Benguet, thence N. 75 deg., 18' E, 244.46 m. to point 2; thence S. 21 deg., 27'E, 41.28 m. to point 3; thence S. 67 deg. 24' W. 272.22 m. to point 4; thence N. 0 deg. 31' W., 80.86 m. to point of beginning; containing an area: of FIFTEEN THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED NINETEEN (15,219) SQUARE METERS, more or less. All points referred to are indicated on the plan and are marked on the ground as follows:

All points are by PS Cyl. Conc. Mons. 15 x 40 cms.; Bearings True; Date of Original Survey; 2 -11-58 and the subdivision survey was executed by Eng. Emmanuel

Pacleb under the supervision of Engr. Antonio V. Abyado on Dec. 2-3, 1996 and was approved on 3/17/97.

All sealed bids must be submitted to the undersigned on the above-stated time and date.

Interested bidders/buyers are hereby enjoined to investigate for themselves the title of said property and the encumbrances thereon, if any there be.

La Trinidad, Benguet, this 11th day of March, 2008.

FOR THE PROVINCIAL SHERIFF'S EX-OFFICIO OF BENGUET

BY: (SGD) GREGORIO G. TADEO Sheriff IV
March 16, 23, 30, 2008

Republic of the Philippines
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
FIRST JUDICIAL REGION OF COURT
La Trinidad, Benguet

ANDREW B. GAWA,
Petitioner-Mortgagee,

-versus-

SPS. ROSALIND BUGTONG and GALUAN BUGTONG

Respondents-Mortgagors.

FORECLOSURE CASE NO. 08-Exf-1268

FOR: EXTRA-JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE UNDER ACT 3135 AS AMENDED

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SHERIFF'S NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION SALE

Upon petition for foreclosure of real estate mortgage under act 3135 as amended filed by Andrew B. Gawa, with postal address and residence at 33-C Tabora Barangay, M. Roxas St. Baguio City, Philippines herein referred to as the Petitioner-Mortgagee against Sps. Rosalind Bugtong and Galuan Bugtong of Bineng, La Trinidad, Benguet herein referred to as the Respondents-Mortgagors, the principal amount of which is Three Hundred Ninety-Five Thousand Pesos (Php 395,000.00), Philippine currency which has long been due since May 10, 2000, with a monthly interest of three percent (3%) or a total of ONE MILLION SIX HUNDRED FIFTY ONE and ONE HUNDRED PESOS (Php 1,651,100.00) and which amount

stated exclude attorney's fees in an estimated amount of P50,000.00, Sheriff's fees, filling fee, postage and other expenses incidental to this foreclosure proceedings. That the undersigned announces that he will sell at public Auction on April 22, 2008 at 9:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter in front of the Bulwagan ng Katarungan, Justice Hill, La Trinidad, Benguet to the highest bidder for cash and in Philippine Currency the parcel of land described as follows:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-5988

"A parcel of land (Lot 2, of the subdivision plan (LRC) Psd-107328 being a portion of land described on plan Fp-10884. LRC Rec. No Free Patent) situated in the Barrio of Bineng, Municipality of La Trinidad, Province of Benguet, Island of

Luzon. Bounded on the NE., points 12 to 13 by property of Gaoan; On the SE., points 13 to 1 by property of Duque Palgue; and points 1 to 5 by Lot 1; and on the NW., points 5 to 9 by lot 3; and points 9 to 12 by Lot 4, all of the subdivision plan. Beginning at a point marked "1" on plan, being S. 34 deg 38'E., 3843.34 m. from BLBM No.1., Bo. Banengbeng, Mpl. Dist. Of Disdis; thence N. 52 deg 37' W., 24.65 m. to point 2; thence S 41 deg 45'W., 60.45 m. to point 3; thence N. 55 deg. 53'W. , 24.42 m. to point 4; thence S. 86 deg 41'W., 15.77 m. to point 5; thence N. 1 deg. 43'E., 64.39 m. to point 6; thence N. 54 deg. 05'E., 25.41 m. to point 7; thence N. 31 deg. 20'W., 8.23 m. to point 8; thence N. 56 deg. 31'E, 24.59 m. to point 9; thence S. 87 deg. 15'E ., 16.64 m. to point 10; thence S. 58 deg. 19'E., 18.01 m. to point 11; thence N. 54 deg. 43'E., 41.85 m to point 12; thence

S. 5 deg. 06'E., 76.87 m. to point 13; thence S. 38'W., 25.44 m. to the point of beginning; containing an area of EIGHT THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED EIGHTY FIVE (8,985) SQUIRE METERS, more or less. xxx

Prospective buyers/bidders are hereby enjoined to investigate for themselves the real property herein-above and the encumbrances

thereon if any there be.

La Trinidad, Benguet, Philippines, March 28, 2008

FOR THE PROVINCIAL SHERIFF EX-OFFICIO OF BENGUET

By: (SGD) JOSELITOS. TUMBAGA Sheriff IV
March 30, April 6 & 13, 2008

NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late Flora N. Buyocan, who died intestate on December 20, 2007 at Baguio City, has been settled by her heirs through a deed of extrajudicial settlement recorded in the Notarial Registry of Atty. Melita Amylesha D. Macaraeg as Doc. No. 068 on Page No. 14, Book No. V, Series of 2008.

March 15, 22 & 29, 2008

Republic of the Philippines
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
FIRST JUDICIAL REGION
Branch 5
Baguio City

ESTER PONCE RESUELLO,
Plaintiff,

-versus-

MARINA G. MATEO,
Defendant.

CIVIL CASE No. 6001-R
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NOTICE OF SALE ON EXECUTION

WHEREAS, by virtue of the writ of Execution issued in the above-entitled case, dated February 22, 2008, for the payment by the defendant of the sum of P475, 000, 00, Levy was made by the undersigned on March 5, 2008 with the Register of Deeds Of Baguio City, over the rights, interest and participation of the defendant MARINA G. MATEO on the herein described real property including the existing improvements thereon, to wit:

KATIBAYANNG ORIHINALNA TITULO
Blg. P-2242
Lot No. 44, Ts-01-02-0002

“Beginning at a point marked “1” of Lot No. 44, Ts-01-02-0002, Polo Field Subdivision, Res. Sec. “D” Baguio City, being N., 68-65 W., 944.00 m. from Triangulation Station “Circle” Baguio Townsite; thence xxx .

Containing an area of THREE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY ONE (371) SQUARE METERS.

All points are marked on the ground by B.L. Cyl. Conc. Mons. 15x60 cms.

Bounded on the SE., along lines 1-2 by Lot 46, Ts-01-02-0002; and along line 2-3 by lot 123, Ts-01-02-0002; on the SW., along line 3-4 by Lot 45, Ts-01-02-0002 on the NW., along line 4-5 by lot 42, Ts-01-02-0002; on the NE., along line 5-1 by Sunflower St. (8.00 m. wide).

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NOW THEREFORE, by virtue of the Writ of Execution and in accordance with Rule 39, Sec. 19 of the Rules of Court, the undersigned Sheriff will SELL at public auction on APRIL 25, 2008 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning and soon thereafter at the lobby of the Hal of Justice of Baguio City, herein described property including the existing improvements thereon to the highest bidder, in CASH and Philippine Currency, to satisfy the judgment obligation plus the fees and expenses of the execution sale.

This Notice of Sale will be published in the The Junction a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Baguio and suburbs, once a week for two (2) consecutive weeks and not less than twenty (20) days before the sale.

Prospective bidders are enjoined to investigate the title to the encumbrances if any there be.

Baguio City, Philippines, March 24, 2008.

FOR THE EX-OFFICIO SHERIFF OF BAGUIO CITY

BY: (SGD) NESTOR F. RIMANDO Sheriff IV

March 30 & April 6, 2008

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Transportation and Communications
LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARD
Cordillera Administrative Region
Baguio City
DELFIN PACALSO, JR.
Applicant
Case No. 87-01-982 B
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 of passengers and freights on the line: BAGUIO PLAZA - UCAB and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit.
Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on May 6, 2008 at 9:00 A.M./P.M. at the LTRFB Office, Pacdal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her 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 FEDERICO J. MANDAPAT, JR. - REGIONAL DIRECTOR this 25th day of March 2008.
(SGD) GREGORIO R. RETUTA, JR.
Hearing Officer

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Transportation and Communications
LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARD
Cordillera Administrative Region
Baguio City
JOHN C. LEO
Applicant
Case No. 98-BC-1146
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 of passengers and freights on the line: BAGUIO PLAZA - BONTIWAY via BADIWAN and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit.
Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on May 6, 2008 at 9:00 A.M./P.M. at the LTRFB Office, Pacdal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her 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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WITNESS, the Honorable FEDERICO J. MANDAPAT, JR. - REGIONAL DIRECTOR this 15th day of March 2008.
(SGD) GREGORIO R. RETUTA, JR.
Hearing Officer

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Transportation and Communications
LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARD
Cordillera Administrative Region
Baguio City
ANDRES BALANGUE
Applicant
Case No. 88-01-746
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 of passengers and freights on the line: BAGUIO PLAZA - GREEN VALLEY (Barangay Dantogon) and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit.
Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on May 6, 2008 at 9:00 A.M./P.M. at the LTRFB Office, Pacdal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her evidences.
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WITNESS, the Honorable FEDERICO J. MANDAPAT, JR. - REGIONAL DIRECTOR this 25th day of March 2008.
(SGD) GREGORIO R. RETUTA, JR.
Hearing Officer

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Transportation and Communications
LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARD
Cordillera Administrative Region
Baguio City
RAFAEL BULAWÉ
Applicant
Case No. 99-01-501
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 of passengers and freights on the line: BAGUIO PLAZA - QUEZON HILL and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit.
Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on May 6, 2008 at 9:00 A.M./P.M. at the LTRFB Office, Pacdal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her 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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WITNESS, the Honorable FEDERICO J. MANDAPAT, JR. - REGIONAL DIRECTOR this 25th day of March 2008.
(SGD) GREGORIO R. RETUTA, JR.
Hearing Officer

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Transportation and Communications
LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARD
Cordillera Administrative Region
Baguio City
ARTURO SANTILLAN- Vendor
RAFAEL BULAWÉ- Vendee
Applicant
Case No. 96-BC-716/2008-CAR-158
NOTICE OF HEARING
This is an application for Sale and Transfer with Extension of Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a PUJ Service for the transportation of passengers and freights on the line: BAGUIO PLAZA - SAN CARLOS HEIGHTS EXTENSION via Quezon Hill and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit.
Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on APRIL 29, 2008 at 9:00 A.M./P.M. at the LTRFB Office, Pacdal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her 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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WITNESS, the Honorable FEDERICO J. MANDAPAT, JR. - REGIONAL DIRECTOR this 18th day of March 2008.
(SGD) GREGORIO R. RETUTA, JR.
Hearing Officer

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Transportation and Communications
LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARD
Cordillera Administrative Region
Baguio City
FELIPE COSALAN, JR.
Applicant
Case No. 97-BC-736
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 of 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 May 6, 2008 at 9:00 A.M./P.M. at the LTRFB Office, Pacdal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her evidences.
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WITNESS, the Honorable FEDERICO J. MANDAPAT, JR. - REGIONAL DIRECTOR this 15th day of March 2008.
(SGD) GREGORIO R. RETUTA, JR.
Hearing Officer

Head of newborn Infront. from page 1

But she was a healthy girl as shown by ultrasound examinations and the ECG before the delivery, she claimed in Filipino.

Amy narrated that she began to feel laboring Wednesday night (April 17) and was rushed by his husband to the hospital minutes before midnight.

After being readied for a normal delivery, Amy began to labor hardly. One attendant, she claimed in Filipino, named only as Edward forcibly pulled the head of my baby.

Literally, in a bone-tingling tone she said, I saw my baby's head roll to the floor. And my baby's body was left inside my womb. On-duty government hospital obstetrician-gynecologists had to operate her cross-section (CS). Bernabe and Amy's buried their dismembered daughter on "Sabado de Gloria", the time when the Christian world was joyfully celebrating the rising of Jesus Christ from Roman persecution. Mind-boggling questions left unanswered

We were told that our child suffered from an abnormality, Amy said though in disbelief because the baby was in the pink of health during prior ultrasound exams and ECG. The certain Edward, who according to Amy was the one who pulled off her baby's head, was later found out to be Edward Dulawan, a medical intern at hospital. He is reportedly a son of Ifugao Provincial Health Officer Mary Jo. He used his bare hands against my baby's head, not a forcep, Amy insisted.

BGH Ob-Gyne chief Teresita Agbanlog, opted to remain mum pending the NBI's official autopsy report. They said it may take a month to finish, Bernabe said in anticipation of a findings in their favor and hinting his worries that they cannot match the "influence" of the BGH doctors.

A government physician also at the BGH speaking on conditions of anonymity said what attending physicians could have done after finding difficulty in normally delivering the 2,400 gram baby is to temporarily fracture the shoulders of the baby for it to move out of the womb and normalize the fracture after it got out. Apparently, attending government physicians including the medical intern were also astonished with the situation. They tore off their name tags, Amy said. Patapos na kasi nun duty ni Dra. Cariaga, kaya in-endorse ako ke Dra. Dela Cruz (Marietta), Amy added. The intern Edward was the one delivering the baby, the young grieving mother reiterated.

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Filipino Scientists.. from page 2

engaged in the rice sector. When the local rice industry should be backbone, government's disinterest has broken this to our detriment.", Cosico explained. Low Productivity Woes The lady agriculturist from NFA further said that less than 1% of farmers use tractors and power tillers. Only five bags of fertilizer from the recommended eight per hectare is being used. Only 15-20% of total harvests, 65% at post-harvest level are recovered due to lack of mechanization, thus a low productivity of around 3.5 MT/hectare making the country one of the lowest in Southeast Asia.

"There is lack of credit support for small rice farmers and mostly limited to the promotion of hybrid varieties. Infrastructure development is lacking as in irrigation which cover only 45 per cent of total irrigable lands. Government limits its palay procurement to only about 2-5% of total palay production and instead spends scarce funds in rice importation", lamented Cosico. These woes, Cosico went on, is further aggravated by the existence of a rice cartel and unscrupulous traders and government officials that manipulate stocks and prices, as well as scandals like the P729 million fertilizer fund scam of Jocjoc Bolante."

"To immediately prevent runaway rice prices, a price cap and price control should be implemented", stressed Ms. Cosico. "Prices should be maintained at reasonable levels for consumers. NFA has previously set this at around 18 pesos per kilogram. It should not be allowed to deviate from this."

AGHAM is pushing for ensuring rice stocks and improving local production towards lessening imports. Construction of required irrigation systems and development of post-harvest facilities should be done, Cosico said. Palay procurement should be increased from its current level to at least twenty five per cent (25%) of the total palay production, she added./ Ace Alegre

City trains from page 3

P5,000.00 in monthly rentals since assuming AHR operations. The city, via resolution 109-2000, subsequently moved to recover the property from Sinot, directing the CLO to file necessary civil action. Later in 2002 however, councilor Nicasio Aliping proposed resolution seeking to annex the earlier council resolution to give Sinot a new lease. The resolution was eventually referred to the drawer due to election season.

Curiously, while Domogan placed demandable monthly rentals at P5,000, the proposed monthly dues was cut to P3,000 under the draft agreement contained in the 2002 botched negotiations. While the proposal was pegged at P3,000 per earlier recommendations of Sinot himself, his standing proposal to pay measly P2,500 monthly is "equally disturbing," observed some officials who knew Catbagan used to pay a rate of P5,000 monthly several years earlier. Sinot leads the self-styled Tadiangan-Nangalisan Hydro Ancestral Landowners Association, Inc. (TNHALA) which earlier de-

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Hawkers Threatens..

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terested" in filing a case against the lone perpetrator."

"But we're definitely filing a case. That is no threat... that's a promise."

A top-level official who spoke on condition of anonymity observed, "The number of vendors would not have grown to this unmanageable and rowdy bunch had it not been for the 'humanitarian reasons' that legislators of lore have been citing just to please everybody."

"We need stiffer fines and penalties and more people willing to sacrifice their lives and limbs to implement what ordinance has been approved," he added.

"I hope our local officials realize that having order always has a price. But I believe too that housewives have enough power to reinstall them in their seats in exchange for an obstacle-free market day."

Deligero said, "Our number's not really getting any bigger and current laws don't really afford us protection... it would only be a matter of time when we lose one of our men." It could be remembered a team of city legislators and executive officials visited Marikina, to observe "best practices" the city may adopt. As an offshoot, 10-councilors joined hands, proposing a measure consolidating all anti-easement encroachment measures. As to what extent the POSD men shall be getting in terms of protection under the consolidated measure remains to be a mystery until council plenary discussions on the measure finally takes place./ISL

Macho Husbands.....

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their wives as dominant, because all along, they have been on the top of it all including looking for food, etc. Thus they turned their frustration to physically abusing their wives, Cawed claimed.

Senior Police Inspector Tess Pucay, chief of the Baguio City Police Women and Child Service however said that the parameters wherein they can look into the victimization of working women by their non-working husband is yet to be developed within the PNP system, particularly in the women and child protection service./Ace Alegre

Diretsahan

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katawan ibinebenta na sa mga dayuhan, baka bukas, puso na rin ang kanilang ibebenta. Hindi nakakapagtaka, dahil ang iba diyan, ibinebenta na ang bansa sa dayuhan, pati kanilang kaluluwa, naibenta na yata sa impiyerno, kaya't siguradong tuwang tuwa si pareng "Taning". Magiging "wagwagan" kasi ng mga makasalanan ang kanyang kaharian, Hi!hi!hi! HOY, MAGBAGONA KAYO!

ooOoo

Talagang hindi nauubusan ng gimik ang mga pinoy. Mahilig kasi tayong gumawa ng mga "tulongges". Andyan ang "the longest Longganisa" at kung anu ano pa, at kamakailan ay naglunsad naman ang Ilocos ng the Longest Tobacco! Ano kaya mga suki kung maglunsad din tayo ng the longest record of corruption? Hindi kaya papasok ito sa Guinness World of Records? He! He! Tulongges na lang ang hindi makasagot!

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Talaga rin naman itong mga ibang piskal natin oo, mga "balat sibuyas" na, mga "pikon" pa! katulad na lang itong isang piskal na mukhang napikong yata sa naging banat ko sa mga nakaraan kong kolumn, nagmukha tuloy siyang si Madame Auring na manghuhula. Kunsabagay, mukhang "ulyanin" na itong "ungas" na piskal at kelangan na niyang magretiro sa serbisyo at manghula na lang siya sa mga kalye ng quiapo, hindi ba kagalang galang na piskal? At sa mga taga-gobyerno, pulis man, sundalo, huwes, piskal, barangay malakanyang etcetera mas maigi yatang huwag na kayong pumasok sa serbisyo publiko kung kayo'y mga "balat sibuyas" at "pikon" at ayaw ninyong kayo'y napupuna o nababatikos! Tama ba ako mga pikon na piskal, lalo na sa iyo piskal na..... PWEH!

ooOoo

Saludo ako sa ginawang panukala ni Baguio City Councilor Nicasio Aliping Jr. na parusahan ang mga corrupt na accredited smoke emission testing centers dito sa lungsod ng Baguio. Sa panukalang ito ay mapaparusahan ang mga testing centers na nagbibigay ng hindi tamang grado sa sertipikasyon ng inspeksyon sa mga sasakyan kapalit ng kaukulang halaga. At ang sinuman na mapapatunayan ay mumutahan ng halaga sa una at pangalawang bayolasyon at sa pangatlo ay maaalisan na ito ng akreditsyon at pati na rin ang lisensya para mag-opereyt.

Harinawang kapag naaprubahan ito ay mababawasan na kundi man mawawala na ang maruming polusyon ng hangin na dulot ng mga sasakyang nagbubuga ng "killer usok". Hindi ba Manong Bong Mandapat Jr. ng DOTC at Teodoro Caguicla ng LTO! At councilor Rocky Balisong? TULARAN ninyo si Councilor Nick Aliping Jr.

ooOoo

Marami ang nagrereklamo sa mga establishmentong Videoke bars sa may synita Bldg ng Tabora Park, (dating Rabbit Sinkhole) Lower Magsaysay. Ayon sa sumbong, halos beinte kuwatro oras daw ang operasyon ng mga ito na bukod sa maingay ay prente pa ng "Rambolan" at tambayan ng mga masasamang

loob katulad ng mga mandurukot, isnatser, holdaper, atbp. Nagiging sakit tuloy ito ng ulo sa mga pulis at mga opisyal ng Barangay. Ayon pa, karamihan sa mga ito ay walang "business permit"!

Kung totoo man itong naisumbong, aba eh, atensyon Meyor Bautista at City Administrator Peter Rey Fianza, atensyon din Sir Cristio Lagyop ng Permits and Licensing at BCPO Chief Inspector Moises Guevarra PAKIBUSISI nyu naman ito mga Bossing!

ooOoo

Ayon sa aking "bubuwit" marami na raw ang sumbong na nakarating sa kanya hinggil sa kawalan ng mga Barangay Tanod na nagroronda sa may Upper Magsaysay na hawak ni Punong Barangay Tamayo ng Zamora Barangay. Kapag nagkakaroon daw ng "kaguluhan" sa nabanggit na lugar eh, mga tanod pa raw ng Lower Magsaysay ang nagreresponde, dahil wala man lang daw tanod ng Zamora ang mahagilap. Totoo po ba ito Apo PB Tamayo ng Zamora Barangay? Hurisdiksyon mo dapat ito at nakapagtataka naman na iba ang umaako sa iyong responsibilidad. Atensyon, Councilor at ABC President Joel Alangasab, pakituunan mo nman ito ng pansin! Kaugnay nito, gusto kong purihin si Punong Barangay Amagen ng Lower Magsaysay. Dibdiban ito sa pagbabantay ng kanyang nasasakupan lalo na sa gabi, pati na rin ang kanyang mga tanod. Nagkaroon ng pagkakataon ang inyong lingkod na pasyalan ang lugar ni Kapitan Amagen at nakita po natin mga suki na malinis na ang kanyang lugar, maayos na rin at nabawasan na kundi man "nasupil" na ang "kaguluhan". Kudos sa iyo Kapitan Amagen at sa inyong mga opisyal at tanod. IPAGPATULLOY!

BTC Unveils Free.....

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Baguio's "Pride of Place" –Burnham Park. The MIMO-BTC agreement was entered into by BTC chair Anthony De Leon and MIMO president David Sanchez. MIMO donated the Wi-Fi structure which waves could be tapped within Burnham Lake and its immediate environs. The system can be accessed from 8am to 10pm during peak tourism months.

MIMO spent P300-thousand for the installation of the Wi-Fi equipment, which is serviced by Philippine Long Distance Telephone Corporation (PLDT). Meantime, councilor Perlita Chan – Rondez said, "This is e-tourism – probably the first of its kind in the country."

"Now we can be proud to say that it is not only central air conditioning that is free in Baguio... the project likewise makes our endeared Burnham Park a global park."

"[Soon], we're hoping to transform Baguio into a global city." Rondez said, "A password or access code may be obtained from the BTC-run tourism information booth along Lake Drive I (near the Skating Rink)."

She however said, "Access shall be limited to family-oriented sites... BTC shall be vigilant in looking after those who use the

Editorial

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There are calls to spike the Internal Security Act –a hangover from Malaysia's bitter but successful fight against communist insurgents. ISA's indefinite detention provisions, however, were used to hound the opposition. But ethnic cleavages still run deep. "Don't kid yourself," my economist-friend emailed from Kuala Lumpur. "Those changes won't happen any time soon."

But advances are there. Asian Development Bank notes that Philippines per capita paved road length is a fourth of Malaysia's. Our per capita power consumption was a fifth of Malaysia. Electricity bills here are the stiffest in the region. And Filipinos make up a substantial group among Malaysia's 1.9 million migrant workers.

Studies like the UN's "Human Development Report 2007/2008" reveal wide gaps in daily life. About 15% of Malaysians lived below national poverty lines, compared to 37% for Filipinos. These percentages mean larger number of Filipino poor, due to actual population sizes, Malaysia's total population is 25.7 million. We more than triple that at 84.6 million. But when the our delayed census tally is in, some scientists think we'd number 89 million.

Some 3% of Malaysians are under-nourished. Stack that against 18% here. Trained health personnel attended 97 Malaysians who gave birth compared to only 60 Filipina mothers. And infant mortality rates among the poorest Malaysians is 20% compared to 42% for Filipinos.

It will be some time before our newspapers can poke fun at our stuffy leaders as you do, my economist-friend pines. "Yes, yes," I replied. "But we'd be well advised to trim our maternal death rates, which is 230 for every 100,000 live births, to your level of 62 –but soon./J.L. Mercado

system for illicit activities."

Bautista for his part assured, "We are expecting more people to visit the park to enjoy free Wi-Fi services... as thus, we shall be placing additional security personnel in the area to ensure the park-goers' safety and security./ISL

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 AND REGULATORY BOARD**
 Cordillera Administrative Region
 Baguio City

MARIO O. DONGGA-AS
 Applicant
Case No. 2004-BAG-CAR-2209
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 of passengers and freights on the line: BAGUIO PLAZA - DREAMLAND and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit.

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on May 6, 2008 at 9:00 A.M./P.M. at the LTRB 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 FEDERICO J. MANDAPAT, JR. - REGIONAL DIRECTOR this 18th day of March 2008.

(SGD) GREGORIO R. RETUTA, JR.
 Hearing Officer

Kennon Road task force inspects highway

The city will have to resolve settlement issues on its way to having the whole stretch of the Kennon Road, the scenic highway to the country's summer capital, declared as a historical and heritage site.

A task force created by mayor Reinaldo Bautista Jr. to work on this inspected Thursday the zig-zag portion of the mountain road and was met by settlers seeking a dialogue on their claims and structures they had set up along the whole span of the road.

A report from Marvin Binay-an, punong barangay of Camp 7 and task force member, showed 166 structures set up, in-

cluding commercial stalls and 51 without numbers. Some of the stalls were set up beside the Lion's Head, a landmark carved out of a giant rock near the Baguio-Tuba boundary. The city earlier built a row for souvenir shops away from the lion's head but these remain vacant.

Councilor Antonio Tabora Jr. proposed that the area be developed in such a way that visitors can take pictures opposite the figure and that provisions for vehicle parking be provided at the back of the building built by the city.

Councilor and task force action of-

ficer Isabelo Cosalan Jr., on the other hand, recommended that a parking deck made of steel be installed at the side of the lion's head.

The task force also inspected is the nursery of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources which DENR regional executive director Samuel Penafiel was planned to provide rest and comfort facilities for travelers.

He added that trees planted in the area were uprooted by still unidentified persons. The creation of the task force was triggered by a Sangguniang Panlungsod resolution, for it to determine the process and agencies to be involved in declaring road as a heritage and historical site.

As per the mayor's order, it is also



Bolinao, Pangasinan --Summer fun! Young, energetic and adventurous kids, even girls in Bolinao jump off a 20 foot bridge to an estuarine off the coast of the South China Sea for a dip from the summer heat. -- Artemio A. Dumlaog.

BTC unveils free "e Burnham"

BAGUIO CITY – "The installation of free wireless technology at Burnham Park, making access to information anywhere in the world, is a realization of our city's advocacy to merge our 'One-Town-One-Product' with Baguio's lifeblood - tourism."

Thus said mayor Reinaldo Bautista, Jr., March 27, during the inauguration of the newest tourist draw at Burnham Park and the Baguio Tourism Council's (BTC) newest pet project – "Wi-Fi" (pronounced as wai-fai). Wi-Fi is the common name for a popular wireless technology. A Wi-Fi enabled device such as

a personal computer, game console, cell phone, or MP3 player can connect to the Internet when within range of a wireless network connected to the Internet.

Bautista added, "At least now, computer buffs and even those who have been staying in their favorite boroughs where the Sun doesn't shine can finally have the chance to tinker with their laptops while receiving vitamin D."

The project's debut is upshot of MIMO Corporation and BTC's vision of introducing alternative activities at

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tasked to determine whether the process of declaration should be a joint project with Tuba town and the province of Benguet which have jurisdiction over the lower

portion of the same. Meanwhile, a group of Baguio journalists are planning to white-wash commercial signs painted on the rip-rapped walls of the zigzag ascent, claiming these are eyesores.

The news reporters expressed concern over the proliferation of commercial advertisements along the highway after they passed through it during the Holy Week./Ramon Dacawi.

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