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BAGUIO CITY, AND LA TRINIDAD, BENGUET

LONG LIVE THE FILIPINO!!!

Pahayagang palaban!!! **Bautista overhauls CEPMO;** **straps old dogs in separate** **pounds**



PSSUPT ROMEO CACHOLA VER, Regional Chief, Highway Patrol Group Cordillera (HPG COR) In Coordination with Community of Benguet Riders Association (COBRA) Conducted FOOD FEEDING PROGRAM at Muslim Community in Ambiong La Trinidad, Benguet.

BAGUIO CITY – Murphy's Law corollary: "When the top dog talks about improving productivity in waste and parks management, he is never talking about himself."

In a surprising move sure to rock dreams of some for better payday, mayor Reinaldo Bautista, Jr., November 10, ordered schism of one of the city's biggest yet "underperforming" departments - the City Environment and Parks Management Office (CEPMO).

Bautista, in Administrative Order 178-2008, said the strategy is geared towards "effectively addressing" CEPMO's twin concerns – parks and waste management.

He said the CEPMO's double trouble "have grown out of proportion[s]" and thus, the need to restructure the department into 1) the City Parks Management Office (CPMO); and 2) the City Environment Management Office (CEMO).

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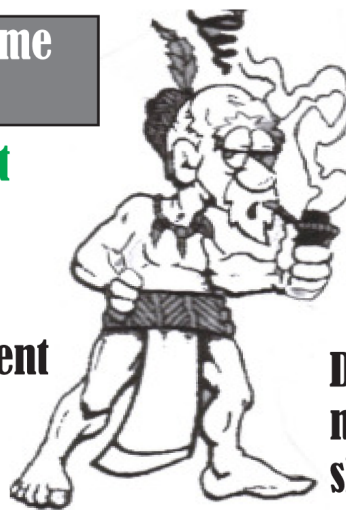


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BAGUIOCITY—The city council Monday approved a resolution asking the Traffic and Transport Management Committee (TTMC) to submit an evaluation report on the results of the new traffic schemes being implemented in the city for several months now.

Proponent Councilor Betty Lourdes Tabanda said the TTMC should make a final recommendation on these traffic designs to determine if these are effective or not.

"With the experiments having been conducted for several months now, the TTMC can make a recommendation as to whether the schemes are benefi-

cial or not.

Tabanda noted that one of the areas affected in the traffic rerouting is Marcos Highway, specifically the along the Campo Sioco area but that there have been several complaints regarding the implementation of the project, particularly on safety concerns.

Tabanda said she received reports that accidents happened in the area allegedly caused by the schemes and the barriers placed along the roads.

"Last October 5, 2008, a pastor named Edmund Foronda met an accident when his motorcycle collided with a traffic barrier which was set up as part of the

traffic scheme along the Campo Sioco Area. To date, the pastor is still recovering from the accident," Tabanda noted.

"There is an urgent need for the TTMC to determine the steps to be undertaken specially for of the safety of motorists who traverse these roads everyday," she said.

As approved, the evaluation report "must take into consideration the easing of the traffic situation, environmental and safety concerns and including recommendations as to what routes should be adopted for the City Council to take the necessary steps to amend existing ordinances."/Aileen P. Refuerzo

City inks accord with RCBC, YGC to beautify Rizal shrine

BAGUIOCITY—The city government hooked up with a private entity, the Yuchengco Group of Companies (YGC) through the Rizal Commercial Banking Corporation (RCBC) for the beautification of the Rizal Monument here.

Mayor Reinaldo Bautista Jr., YGC chairperson Helen Dee RCBC president and chief executive officer Lorenzo Tan Tuesday signed a memorandum of agreement (MOA) for this purpose in a fitting ceremony held at the Baguio Country Club.

During the program, Mayor Bautista expressed gratitude to the YGC for endeavoring to restore the Rizal monument, one of the memorial shrines in the city of which construction was made possible by the Baguio Jaycees Inc. in 1957.

Bautista said this will boost the city's on-going beautification campaign in keeping with its reputation as the country's summer

capital.

The venture made Baguio the pilot area for the Rizal Shrine restoration program by the YGC, which is part of its multi-sectoral campaign called "Buhay Rizal," an YGC socio-civic service initiative in collaboration with concerned government units.

RCBC will sponsor the pilot project in Baguio while the other upcoming restoration projects lined up in Batangas, Davao and Iloilo will be sponsored by RCBC Bankard, Malayan Insurance and Great Pacific Life Assurance Corporation (GREPALIFE), all flagship companies under the YGC.

During the program, Dee assured recipient local government units of the company's commitment to sustain the projects.

"Our conglomerate has always been founded on a strong sense of corporate social re-

sponsibility, and the 'Buhay Rizal' program is an excellent way of manifesting our desire to be of service to the community and to our country. I assure you that the YGC is performing with full synergy to make this program a success," she said.

For his part, RCBC president and CEO Tan said that what they are trying to accomplish here "is a significant milestone that will hopefully ripple down to the lives of the people of this equally historic City of Pines."

"Buhay Rizal is a major undertaking, and there are several other components designed to manifest across all sectors of our society the importance of inculcating the values that Rizal lived by," Tan said.

Tan said that in addition to the Rizal shrine restoration projects, the YGC also lined up other programs that make the YGC's "Buhay Rizal" a truly comprehensive campaign.

The first component has already been laid down, Tan ex-

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Chiz bats for 20 years imprisonment for bus drivers in criminal negligence

Bus drivers who commit criminal negligence in road mishaps will be facing 20 years of imprisonment once Senator Chiz Escudero's bill passes.

Introducing Senate Bill Number 2701 (SBN 2701) following the recent spate of fatal road accidents in different parts of

the metropolis, Escudero wants to provide more teeth to existing preventive policies to achieve safety benefits.

SBN 2701 penalizes criminal negligence committed by common carriers with reclusion temporal, or twelve (12) years to twenty (20) years in prison, in case of

death.

In case of injury, depending on the extent of gravity of the injury, the bill aims to penalize the offender with imprisonment ranging from *arresto mayor* in its maximum period to *prision mayor*, or from four (4) months one (1) day to six (6) months to

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City eyed as discipline zone

BAGUIOCITY—The city council wants the city police to adopt Baguio City as pilot area for its disciplinary reformation campaign or discipline zone in line with the celebration of the city's centennial charter anniversary.

The body last Monday approved the resolution authored by Councilor Perlita Rondez for this purpose.

The discipline zone as presented by city police director Supt. Wilfredo Franco is an area where existing laws and ordinances will be strictly implemented imposing

zero tolerance to lawlessness.

"This approach is based on the Broken Windows Theory under which theory, fixing a social problem is more effective if attacked while (the problem is) still small. Applied in law enforcement, it treats minor incivilities such as vandalism, begging.

Drunkness, littering and graffiti as the starting point of more serious crimes. Apprehending petty crimes and low-level anti-social behavior, at this stage, deters the occurrence of high level crimes."

Rondez said this endeavor should be

supported by law enforcers, barangay officials and the various stakeholders like the businessmen, civil volunteer groups, non-government organizations, religious groups and the academe.

"There is a need therefore for the Baguio City Police Office and the Local Government of Baguio to study the possibility of being able to implement our very own discipline zone similar to the one being implemented in the cities of Manila, Paranaque, Marikina and Caloocan," Rondez said. / Aileen P. Refuerzo

Dads firm not to approve more funds for garbage shipment

BAGUIO CITY—The city council last Monday voiced out firm resolve not to approve additional appropriations for the hauling out of wastes from the city beyond December 31 this year.

City council records said the city has appropriated a total of P70.5 million for the shipment of wastes to Capas, Tarlac until December 31.

In a resolution, the body urged Mayor Reynaldo Bautista Jr. to instead immediately implement measures particularly the rehabilitation of the Irisan dumpsite,

establishment of ten materials recovery facilities and purchase of nine dumptrucks, of which funding requirements were approved by the council recently.

The resolution authored by Councilors Rocky Thomas Balisong, Perlita Rondez, Erdolfo Balajadia, Betty Lourdes Tabanda, Nicasio Aliping Jr., N i c a s i o

Palaganas, Isabelo Cosalan Jr., Fred Bagbagen, Joel Alangab, Richard Carino and Elaine Sembrano was approved by the body.

In their resolution, the aldermen said the measures "aim to drastically reduce if not totally stop the hauling out of garbage outside of the (city) with the end in view of preventing the unnecessary deple-

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World Diabetes Day: Pia: 'Adopt healthy lifestyle, fight diabetes'

Senator Pia S. Cayetano today made her own call for 'radical change' — particularly in the eating and health habits of Filipinos — as the country marks 'World Diabetes Day' November 14.

World Diabetes Day was started in 2006 by the United Nations, marking the first time that a non-communicable disease was acknowledged by the international body as a glo-

bal concern.

"One of every five adult Filipinos is suffering from diabetes, which is a non-communicable disease. It means that this ailment could be readily prevented if only more Filipinos would learn to take on a healthy diet and fit lifestyle," said Cayetano, Chairperson of the Committee on Health and Demography.

Cayetano expressed concern about the rising incidence of diabetes

among Filipino adults, based on a survey conducted last year by the Philippine Cardiovascular Outcome Study on Diabetes Mellitus.

Citing the survey, she said 20.6 percent of adults aged 30 and above were found to be diabetic — rising tremendously from the findings of a similar survey in 1998 which showed only 3.9 percent of Filipino

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DND to open 'one-stop-shop' assistance desk to mark 69th year on November 12

DND/ PNS — Defense Secretary Gilbert Teodoro will lead the launching of the *DND Proper Public Assistance Desk* or *DND PPAD* to celebrate the 69th anniversary of the Department of National Defense on November 12 in Camp Aguinaldo.

The DND PPAD is a centralized, 'one-stop-shop' assistance center created to help walk-in public with their various concerns pertaining to the Department and its bureaus.

It is also ready to

receive observations, suggestions, complaints on the performance and service of DND's bureaus, namely, the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP), Office of Civil Defense (OCD), National Defense College of the Philippines (NDCP) and Government Arsenal (GA).

Underscoring this year's anniversary theme, "The DND and the Filipino People:

One Team, One Country. One Vision.", Secretary Teodoro said: Through the DND PPAD, we are bringing our defense activities to our people and encouraging them to be involved in our work.

He said the DND PPAD is part of the ongoing reform at the DND-AFP in its effort of promoting trans-

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We believe that the Golden Rule applies to animals, too. We don't accept the prevailing notion that "people come first" or that "people are more important than animals." Animals feel pain and suffer just as we do, and it is almost always humans making animals suffer and not the other way around. Yet in spite of how cruelly people behave towards animals — not to mention human cruelty to other humans- we are supposed to believe that humans are superior to other animals. If people want to fancy themselves as being of greater moral worth than the other creatures on this earth, we should begin behaving better than they do, and not worse. Let's start treating everyone as we would like to be treated ourselves.

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Rizal's turtle and "Joc-Joc"

Remember Jose Rizal's fable "The Turtle and the Monkey"? Ang Pagong At Ang Matsing may offer a clue for today's puzzle: How will Malacanang spring former Agriculture Undersecretary Jocelyn Bolante from a Senate grilling on the P728 million fertilizer scam?

Rizal's fable tells how a cunning turtle outwits an angry monkey. "Turner's Record" first published this illustrated tale in 1885. Historian Austin Craig includes this tale in his 1913 book on Rizal. "Don't throw me into the river", the turtle pleads in story. The monkey promptly does just that —enabling the turtle to scam.

The fable's point is simple To save your skin, be like the turtle. Pretend to scorn what you really want.

EDITORIAL

The last thing Malacanang wants is Bolante parrying questions from senators who egos shift into overdrive before cameras. Over 200 legislators and governors sliced chunks from the P728 million fertilizer kitty. Now, some lose sleep over the prospect of their names hanging out with the wash.

Joc-joc clung to US immigration jail. When he run out of legal dodges, US marshals put him on the first flight to Manila. Since then, he's locked himself into his hospital "cell". But now, he has run through most medical tests. To stretch hospital detention, he's scrounging for new tests. This is a bizarre embrace of self-detention. "A man reaps what he sows".

Bolante and the Palace are boxed into a corner — with Rizal's turtle. They pretend to savor what they detest.

Malacanang won't gag Bolante by invoking executive privilege, Press Secretary Jesus Dureza announced. Thanks for nothing. "Joc-Joc" parrots Dureza. He'd dying to sing before "any investigator".

Who? Ombudsman Merceditas Gutierrez? "In 'history's lottery', Gutierrez was the First Gentleman's law school classmate," noted Viewpoint (PDI/ Oct 20, 2005) "Even emperors have straw-sandaled relatives."

The 1987 Constitution adopted the Scandinavian innovation of a public interests defender. First crafted by 19th century Sweden, it became a worldwide weapon against sleaze. Filipino felt, rightly, that an Ombudsman should radiate that indefinable power which King Bhumibol of Thailand, for example, wields: moral authority.

The straight-arrow Simeon Marcelo rebuilt trust shattered by scandal-studded Ombudsman Aniano Desierto. Much of Marcelo's work has been flushed down the tube since.

Gutierrez has "proven a willing tool of the Palace to cover up anomalies" claims Senator Manuel Roxas. "She dismissed, last wee, charges against administration officials bogged down in a P432-million fertilizer fund diversion quagmire in Mindanao.

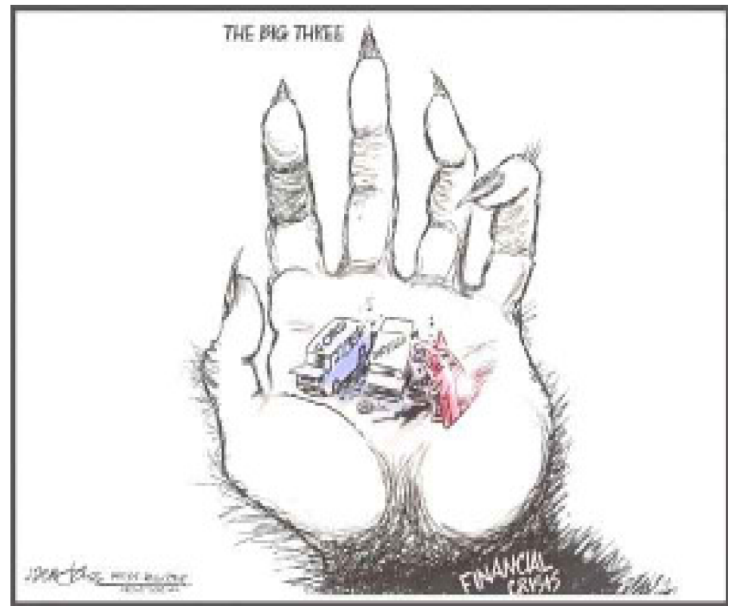
Journalist Marlene Esperat, who filed the charges, had been gunned down before her children. The triggermen were sentenced with no Ombudsman help. The "masterminds"— finance officer Estrella Sabay and accountant Osmeña Montaner —skipped town.

The dismissals "might be the start of an official whitewash of irregularities in government" Roxas worried. No, Mr. Senator. This is the latest in a lengthening list of the Ombudsman's imprint :felonies without felons.

Replay the P1.6 billion election computers scandal. Senate Report 44 skewered the Commission on Elections for tailored specifications to premature approval of bids to favor Mega-Pacific. These were "illegal, imprudent and hasty actions," the Supreme Court confirmed. "Credible, orderly and peaceful elections...have been put in jeopardy by the illegal and gravely abusive acts of Comelec."

Gutierrez thumbed her nose at Senate and Supreme Court. No

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Public Apology
Attention: NBI at SEC- BOW KAYO
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BY RUDY "BANTAY SIYASAT" GARCIA



PAUMANHIN PO sa pamamagitan ng kolumn na ito ay gusto kong ipaabot ang taos-puso kong paghingi ng paumanhin kay ginoong **JOSE MERETE** ng Hamada subdivision sa mga nagawa kong pagkukulang sa kanya partikular sa aking **AFFIDAVIT** na ginamit sa korte ng kanyang kalaban sa kaso.

Sa dakong ito ay gusto kong ipaabot ang aking paumanhin kay ginoong Mere te " Sori po, apo Merete kung kayo po ay nasaktan ko sa mga nagawa ko noon lalo na sa aking Affidavit. Sana ay makaabot sa inyo itong aking **PUBLIC APOLOGY**"

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Sa wakas ay humarap na rin sa senado si Bulate.... Este Bolante! Pero mukhang hindi siya naturuan kung paano kumanta ng maayos.... Sintunado kase ang tunog ng mga kanta niya sa unang pagdinig na ginanap....

Kunsabagay, arkitekto siya at hindi singer,... Pero , sino naman kaya ang magaling na arkitekto sa ginaganap ngayong imbestigasyon? Galing kaya sa kampo ni Bolante?, sa senado o sa malakanyang?....

Sabi ni bulate.... Este Bolante, wala raw alam si PGMA dito sa "Fertilizer fund scam"!.. **PANIWALAAN DILI..** kung wala siyang alam bakit hindi siya nakikialam!.. **HULAN NINYO!**

Sabi naman ng Sgt-at-Arms ng Senado, mahigpit daw nilang babantayan si Bolante,... siguro baka makawala ulit at maglaho na parang bula!.

Sabi naman ng **FESHAN PHILS** na siyang supplier at pinangalanan ni Bolante sa pagdinig ay ligal daw ang ginawang proseso sa Fertilizer Fund. Bakit ngayon lang sila lumantad at nag salita?.. bahkeet!.

Sabi ko naman. May bago ba dito? Kanya kanya na naming "Lusutan" ito, iskrip mo, iskrip ko... **BUWISHEET!**

SUMUKO naman kay Senador Panfilo Lacson ang retiradong si Police di rector Eliseo De La Paz at handa na raw humarap sa anumang gagawing pagdinig sa Senado....

Well en gud at may mga "maaaliw" na naman ang ating mga senador, ang tanong sa dami ng kanilang ginagawang imbestigasyon, meron na bang naparusahan sa mga " Ungas " ? Hay hay hay!!!!

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Milyon milyong halaga ng nasamsam na marijuana sa La Union, sinunog umano ng mga awtoridad.... Hindi kaya "nabangag" ang mga tanong nanunog at mga usyusero't usyusera?.. suwerte ang mga adik na naki usyuso, libre "singhot" sila at "sky is D limit"!.

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THE PEACE COMBATANT

The need to avoid panic in a crisis

BY: ARTURO BOQUIREN



The Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OPEC), a grouping of the world's 30 most developed countries estimated that the United States economy shrank 0.3% in the third quarter this year and would have 2.8% shrinkage by the end of 2009.

Technically, two quarters of negative growth implies a recession. OPEC says that the world's biggest economies are in recession. Concretely, the top 30 developed countries of the world are seen to have a declining output totaling to 0.3% in 2009. The said countries include Japan whose output are seen to drop by 0.1% and Europe at a 0.5% drop.

On the other hand, OPEC believes that China will only experience a slowdown, suggesting that much of the source of its growth is domestic rather than international.

Many Americans are feeling the brunt of the crisis. The bulk includes retirees who found one day that their wealth has reduced been by around half or even to almost nil. They have invested their pensions in the stock market but the prices therein have dropped by so much.

On the positive side is that the price of oil dropped to \$55 a barrel from a high of almost \$150. It is believed that the consumption of petroleum will likely drop more severely than any time since 1980.

Worst, the US government announced that the \$700 billion bailout plan would no longer buy assets of troubled banks. This means that those who were bankrupted by the crisis will remain bankrupt.

The Philippines will definitely feel the pinch and punch of the crisis. In the early part of the year there will be pains from the pinch of the crisis and then the punch will probably be felt late next year and even in 2010 and 2011.

The ADB sees no recession for the Philippines in 2009. This simply means that there MAY be no negative growth. However, growth may slowdown given an increasing population. There may be no significant increase in employment that would absorb the army of unemployed every graduation time.

Thus, there can be widespread suffering even if there is no recession. Those who are employed may not feel so much the crisis. In contrast, those who have no employment and who have just entered the labor force may find themselves unemployed. Those who are employed today may fall into the unemployed.

There can be a small income growth but those below the poverty line can increase. Further, the magnitude of people who are unemployed will also increase.

Outsourcing is seen as a bright light in the sea of global gloom. However, the increase in business from outsourcing may not be much and will likely benefit only those who have established themselves in the market for so long ago. This is because even as the US firms decide to outsource from developing countries, the market has shrunk.

Just how the crisis would spread from the US to the world to the Philippines would also depend on how Filipinos would react to the crisis. During the Asian Currency Crisis of 1997, for example, our "economic fundamentals" or economic indicators have been fine but the panic in the currency crisis significantly decreased our income per capita.

If, for example, there is panic, then the crisis would be magnified by so much and the Philippines would experience not only a recession but also a crash. The coming national elections can worsen the impact of the crisis, especially if the results are not seen as legitimate.

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Rotary Int'l breaks silence in Jocjoc's case

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ROTARY INTERNATIONAL SPEAKS ON BOLANTE: **I am a Rotarian since 2004, and I have learned to appreciate the kind of service that Rotary International delivers to the poor, the needy and the destitute here and in many other parts of the world, a service which is called "service above self".**

It hurt me no end therefore to find many people literally destroying Rotary and what it stands for, by making unsavory, if unjustified and unfair, connections between it and the accusations against another Rotarian, former Agriculture Undersecretary Jocelyn "Jocjoc" Bolante, as if Rotary had something to do with those accusations, when such is not the fact.

Now, I am glad that Rotary International, through its Philippine Zone Public Imaging Group Coordinator Lyne Abanilla (of the Manila Bulletin), is finally coming up with a stand on the issue, through letters to media entities, and through a statement that will be published in due time.

I am reprinting portions of Abanilla's letter here, so the public may know:

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GIVE BOLANTE HIS RIGHT TO DUE PROCESS: "Warmest Greetings!!

"Rotary International, through its officers in the Philippines, regrets that it is the one organization that is constantly linked in the media with the name of Joc Joc Bolante. Never is his residence, business or church affiliation, or other ties used as an adjectival adjunct. It is as if the man had no other identity than as a Rotarian and that somehow the Rotary International shares in some way in the accusations that have been brought against him.

"While we acknowledge that Mr. Bolante distinguished himself as a Rotary officer, it is unfair to consistently link his name to Rotary in an attempt to demean the International Organization by presumed implication.

"Should the media be truly aware of what Rotary is all about, then they would surely acknowledge that it is **hardly fair to all concerned**.

"We feel that should former undersecretary Bolante have the opportunity to present his side of the controversy then justice will be better served. Until such time perhaps it would be best if the name of Rotary is not mentioned with that of Mr. Bolante as if there were some implication of the latter in the case before the public..."

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PROCLAMATION OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD: "Proclamation of the Kingdom of God" is the third mystery in the Mysteries of Light, or Luminous Mysteries, of the Holy Rosary of the Roman Catholic Christians, and an account of it is found in Matthew 4:17, Mark 1:14 and Luke 4:15 of the Bible.

In Matthew 4:17, the story is told that when Jesus heard that John the Baptist had been put in prison, He returned to Galilee, and then lived in Capernaum, by the lake in Zebulun and Naphtali, to fulfill what the prophet Isaiah said.

"From that on, Jesus began to preach," the same Biblical verse says, and what Jesus started to preach was this: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near."

In Mark 1:14, an almost identical account is found, thus: "After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. 'The time has come', he said. 'The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news.'"

In Luke 4:15, on the other hand, this is what is written: "He taught in their synagogues, and everyone praised him." Luke however says that Jesus began to preach after he was tempted for forty days in the desert.

What is the lesson that we can derive from the third mystery of the Mysteries of Light?

It is that, there is a need for man, who has become wicked and mired in sin, to repent, stop sinning, and make the good news of God—the

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Pia warns Palace: Don't invoke executive privilege in fertilizer fund scam probe

Senator Pia S. Cayetano today cautioned the Arroyo administration against suppressing the truth at the Senate hearings on the reopened P728-million fertilizer fund scam following the unimpressive testimony of former agriculture undersecretary Jocelyn 'Joc-joc' Bolante Thursday.

"Malacañang should think twice before invoking executive privilege or restraining agriculture officials from telling the truth at the Senate next week just to cover up for Bolante's grossly incredulous testimony," warned the lady senator.

Cayetano made the statement after Deputy Presidential Spokeswoman Lorelei Fajardo suggested in a media interview Thursday that Malacañang may invoke executive privilege to stop officials of the Department of Agriculture (DA) from testifying at the reopened probe.

"It's a shame that the Executive Branch is even floating the idea of invoking executive privilege over what clearly is a multi-million-peso scam that has been thoroughly documented by the Commission on Audit, the Senate, media and civil society groups," she said.

"How can the Palace consider derauling the inquiry when millions of Filipinos following this issue are aware that so much taxpayers' money may have been lost from the public coffers?" she asked.

"Whoever made the suggestion [to consider invoking executive privilege] should be fired by Mrs. Arroyo," she stressed.

Cayetano urged the Executive to instead allow DA operations personnel and regional officers to freely testify before the senators to test Bolante's claim that he had no hand in the release of the

funds at the local level. All official documents relating to the fund should also be made available for scrutiny.

"It is said that this regime was built on fraud, and from all indications, it also seems bent on perpetuating itself through lies and cover-ups, and even more fraud."

"Where else can you see a public official given so much power to disburse millions of government money, but who doesn't see the need to exercise a shred of responsibility in ensuring how these funds are used or whoever ends up with it?"

"Bolante's incredible testimony can be summed up in just three words: 'governance without accountability.'"

It's precisely this kind of governance that has bred so much public distrust and discontent with the Arroyo administration," she concluded./Office of Senator Pia Cayetano

Ifugao fathers train on ERPAT

L A G A W E , Ifugao - In order to equip the fathers here with proper knowledge, attitudes and skills in facilitating the Empowerment and Reaffirmation of Paternal Abilities Training (ERPAT), the Provincial Social Welfare and Development Office conducted recently a three day training here.

Provincial Social Welfare and Development Officer (PSWDO) Joyce Niwane said that effective and responsive fathering is one of the issues that face our communities. "More often than not, fathers do not view their involvement in child rearing and family planning important," she said.

The PSWDO hopes that the 40 participants who are mostly fathers and representatives from the 11 municipalities here will become an agent in their municipalities in transcending the father's roles from mere provider to proactive partners in

child rearing and determining the number of their children whom they could provide adequate care and support.

Niwane disclosed that parenting is a most fulfilling role since it gives one an opportunity to mold and develop the character of a child from conception to adulthood. It is therefore important that both parents provide children with positive experiences to enhance their growth, development and potentials.

Parenting means personally attending to the children's physical, emotional, spiritual needs; providing love, care and protection; being by their side during their growing up years until such time that the children themselves are ready for adult roles.

"Effective and responsive fathering depends on how the father performs his paternal roles and responsibilities to his chil-

dren and wife," Niwane said. Moreover, the kind of relationship begins to develop when a father establishes emotional attachment with the wife and child as early as the conception stage and all throughout the exploration and integration of the child's developmental stage, she further said.

The program includes determining the spacing and number of children whom they can adequately provide care and support taking into account different factors such as psychological preparedness, health condition and socio-economic status of the family.

Niwane also said that fathers here are almost the "hardest to reach both inside and outside the home when it comes to childcare and development, yet a child's experiences with his father depend largely on the kind of relationship he has with him./ Vency D. Bulayungan/PIA-Ifugao

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Cordillera Administrative Region
Baguio City

TAYLOR G. CATANO, -Vendor
EUGENIO E. ANDOG, -Vende
Applicant

Case No: 2005-BENG-CAR-977

NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application for the approval of the sale and transfer simultaneous 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: BAHONG - TRINIVILLE-TOMAY (LA TRINIDAD)-BAGUIO CITY and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit.

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At least FIVE (5) 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 FEDERICO J. MANDAPAT, JR. - REGIONAL DIRECTOR this 05th day of November 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

WEDDIE AQUEN
Applicant

Case No: 2003-CAR-944

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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.

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WITNESS, the Honorable FEDERICO J. MANDAPAT, JR. - REGIONAL DIRECTOR this 12th day of November 2008.

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Hearing Officer

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LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING
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NOEL UNOS
Applicant

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NOTICE OF PUBLICATION OF ANCESTRAL LAND CLAIM

Pursuant to section 53(e) R.A. 8371 in relation to Sec. 7(d), part 1, Rule VIII NCIP Administrative order no. 1 series of 1998, notice is hereby made for the Petition for the Identification, Delineation and Recognition of ancestral land situated in Res. Sec. „L” Baguo City filed by **MICHAEL ALOS** as their ancestral land more particularly described as follows:

A parcel of land situated at Res. Sec. „J” City of Baguo Island of Luzon. Bounded on the northwest by lot 3-D-1-B, Psd-Car-014554; Bounded on the southeast by Public land, and; bounded on the southwest by creek 5-10 m wide. Beginning at point marked “1” on the sketch plan being S. 36deg. 15’ W. 1586.99 m from triangulation station “Algue” Baguo Town site; N. 46deg. 54’ E. 59.14 m. to point 2; S. 29deg. 18’ W. 66.97 m. to point 3; S. 68deg. 56’ W. 45.79 m. to point 4; S. 70deg. 38’ W. 68.20 m. to point 5; N. 59deg. 26’ E. 112.26 m. to point of beginning containing an area of ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND THIRTEEN (1813) Sq. m. more or less. Corner three marked on the ground by concrete post 40 x 40 cm. and the rest by old points cylindrical concrete monuments.

Any protest or opposition thereto must be filed within fifteen days from the last date of publication and addressed to the Baguo Service Center, Room 410, Lyman Ogilby Centrum, Magsaysay Ave. Baguo City

(SGD) NIEVES L. AQUINO
CDO III
NCIP Baguo Service Center

Nov 15 & 22, 2008

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(FAMILY COURT
FOR BENGUET)
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NATIONAL
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SPECIAL
PROCEEDINGS
CASE NO. 08-C-1515

ORDER

P e t i t i o n e r
through counsel, filed
this verified petition
praying that after due
notice , publication
and hearing the court
orders the Local Civil
Registrar of
Kibungan, Benguet to
correct the following
entry in her Certificate
of Live Birth as
follows:

Sex: from Male to
Female
Middle Name:
from B. to BAGAN
WHEREFORE,
finding the petition to
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Furnish copies
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This 29th day of
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Trinidad, Benguet.

By(SGD)
MARYBELLE L.
DEMOTMARINAS
Pairing Judge

Nov 8 -15 & 22,
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Batas.....

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Bible nowadays—a necessary part of his life.

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**DISABLED PERSONS MAY FIND IT HARD TO GET INSUR-
ANCE: TANONG:** Gud noon, Atty. Batas. Si Atoy naman ito. May itatanong lamang ako sa iyo tungkol sa anak kong disabled. Gusto ko sanang ipa-insure siya. Anong kailangan kong papel? Ang address ay Sitio Kayawan, San Roque, Lingig, Surigao Del Sur. Isa ako sa maraming nakikinig sa programang “Kombati” ni Kagawad Mar Masanguid sa DXGO Aksiyon Radyo sa Davao City (09284062935).

SAGOT: Atoy, maraming salamat sa text message na ito. Sa iyong tanong, medyo may problema tayo diyan kasi medyo umiiwas ang mga insurance companies na mag-insure ng mga may kapansanan o disabled.

Sa isang kontrata ng insurance kasi, lumilitaw na isinasailalim ng isang insurance company ang kanyang sarili sa isang obligasyong magbayad ng anumang pinsalang matatamo ng isang tao nagpapaseguro.

Eh kung may kapansanan na ang taong nagpapa-insure, magiging madali ang pagbabayad ng nasabing kompanya. Malamang sa hindi, malugi pa ito at magsara. Dahil diyan, mahihirapan ang kompanyang ito na magpatuloy.

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BATAS PARTY LIST: Interested parties can now become members of the BATAS Party List, or the Bagong Alyansang Tagapagtaguyod ng Adhikaing Sambayanan. Please send your names and complete addresses to us, through text, at 0919-609-64-89, or you can call (02) 433-75-49, (02) 433-75-53, or send an email to www.batasnews.com, or at batasmauricio@yahoo.com, or you can write us at 18 D Mahiyain corner Mapagkawanggawa, Teachers Village, Diliman, Quezon City.

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The schism, effective November 15, did not only move letters in the "CEPMO" acronym, it likewise laid down foundation for addressing specific concerns by acknowledged connoisseurs in the separate fields of parks administration and waste management.

CPMO shall be led provisionally by erstwhile CEPMO interim chief Cordelia Lacsamana. It shall take care of watershed, parks, and cemetery management chores.

On the other hand, general services officer Romeo Concio rebounds as the city's garbage czar, with CEMO chores relegated to his department.

Waste management used to be a function of the General Services Office until City Hall was restructured sometime in 2004, under erstwhile mayor Bernardo Vergara.

Parks management, on the other hand, used to be a function of the defunct City Architect's Office.

Meanwhile, acting mayor Daniel Farinas revealed former waste management interim head Engr. Nazita Banez will appeal the mayor's order, which placed her in a veritable limbo insofar as function and designation is concerned.

Farinas revealed Banez' detail as interim assistant to Lacsamana under CEPMO has been recalled under the same order.

Consequently, she is back to her old duties as demolition team head – a division under the City Buildings and Architecture Office (CBAO) – a position she dreads because of a shooting incident which nearly caused her life.

The acting chief however said, "The mayor's decision stands until subsequently amended."

"Some may be hurt but as far as I see it, a lot more appreciate the order, viewing the same as the mayor's demonstration of political will."

He however clarified that the order is merely experimental as council action is needed to make the order permanent./ISL

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plained, when the YGC partnered with the Department of Education and identified 22 public schools in Metro Manila to be the recipients of more than 20,000 copies of Rizal's opus, Noli Me Tangere.

He said that at the launch of the campaign, the presidents and CEOs of the more than 65 major institutions under the YGC pledged to generate funds, via employee and client donations, to ensure the success of the book donation drive, which will take place over a six-month period in time for the school opening next year.

Tan confirmed that complementing all these efforts is a Public Education Program in which banners and billboards in key metropolitan areas around the country advocate Rizal's values of honor, integrity, excellence, respect for parents, and love and pride for the Filipino race.

All these programs, Tan said, are designed to encourage more Filipinos to relive the greatness of Rizal in their everyday lives and contribute to the country's moral, societal, economic and spiritual uplift./Aileen P. Refuerzo

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twelve (12) years.

The bill further amends Article 365 of Act No. 3815 of the Revised Penal Code.

Common carriers' criminal liability is found in Article 365 of the Revised Penal Code, Criminal Negligence, which provides as penalty of imprisonment *arresto mayor* to *prision correccional* or from one (1) month to four (4) years and two (2) months, depending on the gravity of the resultant crime or felony.

Escudero said these penalties may no longer be apt with the way common carriers, especially buses, have lightly treated their obligation under existing laws.

He added that the culture of carelessness among buses or common carriers is already too alarming too ignore.

A report by the Asian Development Bank identified the Philippines as one of the developing countries with the worst number of deaths on roads, recording one thousand or more every year.

As early as 2003, the Department of Health Road Safety Program statistics already showed that road accidents ranked as the fourth leading cause of deaths among Filipinos and first in terms of injury morbidity, which is 20%.

"As a matter of fundamental statutory policy, common carriers are required to carry their passengers safely as far as human care and foresight can provide, using utmost diligence of very cautious persons, with due regard for all the circumstances" Escudero quoted.

He said stern measures need to be implemented to ensure road safety. "Conscious efforts from all sectors of government and the society should be at high

level to avoid further loss of lives and damage to person and property".

An increased penalty for criminal negligence by common carriers, Escudero said, serves not only a reminder to extant statutory duties to public utility vehicles but as a means to put an end to recklessness and irresponsibility which at times already appear intentional and malicious.

"It is not uncommon to hear complaints against erring bus drivers who recklessly race on the road, weaving in and out of the lanes of our major thoroughfares without anymore regard for our traffic rules and safety nets".

This practice, or malpractice of erring common carriers are just accidents waiting to happen which often results to death, crippling and injuring of innocent passengers and pedestrians, Escudero said./Office of Senator Chiz Escudero

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tion of the financial resource of the city."

They said these should instead be pursued "to conserve the financial position of the city and at the same time provide for a substantial period for the city to acquire a site for the proposed engineered sanitary landfill."

The body earlier approved Ordinance No. 94 providing for P15 million fund for the rehabilitation of the dumpsite by way of stabilizing the big pile of solid waste to prevent spillage or erosion into the community below it. The measure further provides for the mining of compost fertilizer for use or sale.

"The work that will be done will not only stabilize the pile of solid waste but at the same time it will also leave a space which can be used for the deposit of solid waste generated by the City of Baguio for at least five months thereby lessening or totally stopping the hauling out of garbage for the same period of time while the city is scouting for an appropriate site thereby saving the city approximately P75million for a period of five months as the city is paying approximately P15 million monthly for the hauling out of garbage to Capas, Tarlac landfill," the aldermen noted in a resolution.

The body also approved Ordinance No. 93, which provides P15 million for the establishment of ten MRFs for ten clusters of barangays with composting plants. They said this reduce waste by one ton per day for each MRF cluster.

Ordinance No. 79, meanwhile, provides P12,600,000 for the immediate purchase of more or less nine dump trucks to also hopefully cut down on the cost of transport of the wastes. / aileen p. refuerzo

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

LUNINGNING E. PONGGOS

Applicant

Case No: 2004- BAG- CAR-0352

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 Board shall hear this application on November 25, 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 FIVE (5) 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 12th day of November 2008.

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

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adults to be diabetic.

Young Filipinos face similar risks, noted Cayetano, as she cited estimates by the Philippine Society of Pediatric Metabolism and Endocrinology that around eight percent of Filipino children may be diabetic.

"The number of Filipino children afflicted with diabetes continues to rise, but this could be curbed if their parents would only set a good example. Prevention is still the best option, as they say. Adopting a healthy lifestyle is something that parents need to pass on to their children to prevent so-called lifestyle-related diseases like diabetes," she said.

According to the Department of Health (DOH) website, diabetes is a serious chronic metabolic disease characterized by an increase in blood sugar levels associated with long term damage and failure of organ functions, especially the eyes, the kidneys, the nerves, the heart and blood vessels.

Those who are prone to this ailment include children of diabetics, obese people, people with hypertension, people with high cholesterol levels and people with sedentary lifestyles

To prevent diabetes, the DOH advises the public to eat plenty of vegetables, avoid sweets such as chocolates and cakes, cut down on fatty foods, avoid alcohol drinking and stop smoking and exercise regularly. Obese people should try to lose some weight, while those with hypertension should consult their doctor for advice and management./Office Of Senator Pia Cayetano.

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parency in its transactions and of transforming DND-AFP into a more efficient and responsive agency.

Making good use of the continuing expansion in telecommunications, the DND designated public service hotlines to facilitate the open and direct interaction between the agency and the public.

For accessing the text hotline, simply type **DND** and send it to the Government Information Service number 2920. The sender would receive a reply on how to send a message to the DND.

After sending the message, the sender would then receive a response acknowledging their messages and would be notified on the status of their report. The sender would be charged P2.50 for every text message sent.

The DND PPAD could also be reached through hotline numbers (02) 912-85-82; (02) 9116001 loc. 8439; and 0918-2724620 for Smart subscribers or 0915-344-6591 for Globe subscribers.

The public could also e-mail DND PPAD to publicassistance@dnd.gov.ph for their views, observations, suggestions and complaints.

According to Secretary Teodoro, this endeavor will most likely boost the public service efforts of the DND-AFP through enhanced communication technology and information activities.

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offices/units involved in pension processing and stamping out fixers.

"We take pride in giving recognition to our personnel in the defense and military establishment who are instrumental in improving our services and in bringing us closer to our people", Secretary Teodoro said.

He also expressed hope that this activity be an inspiration to other defense and military personnel to continue their good work and demonstration of enduring capacity to meet the winds of crisis.

The OAM is awarded by the Secretary of National Defense to military personnel of the AFP and citizens of the Republic of the Philippines, members of the Armed Forces and civilian personages of friendly foreign nations for distinguished or extraordinary achievement or service in the advancement of science or in socio-economic, technical or military fields related to national defense, or for public service of the highest order.

During the ceremony, Secretary Teodoro also recognized deserving civilian employees from the DND and its bureaus, namely, the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP), Office of Civil Defense (OCD), National Defense College of the Philippines (NDCP), and Government Arsenal (GA).

Named as Model Supervisor of the Department of National Defense (Proper) is Marina Agustin who currently serves as the Acting Chief of the Office for Public and Legislative Affairs. Other Model Supervisor awardees are: Dr. Hector Santos Jr (PVAO), Ruth Rodriguez (OCD), Cynthia De Vera (NDCP), and Engr. Jeaneth Espinosa (GA).

This year's Model Employees are Julieta Dalisay (DND Proper), Dina Recato (AFP), Rogelio Conde (PVAO), Carlos Jose Roda (OCD), Eileen Torres (NDCP) and Ramon Ambrocio (GA).

In his speech, the defense chief underscored this year's theme, "**DND and the Filipino People: One Team. One Country. One Vision.**" emphasizing the *DND-AFP One Team* concept which Secretary Teodoro has advocated since he assumed office in August 2007.

The theme signifies the resolve of the DND leadership to raise the consciousness of the Filipino people to participate as stakeholders of our national defense.

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ground for the revocation or suspension of the business permit or license for a period of not more than ten days for the first violation, 30 days for second violation and cancellation of business permit or license for the third and subsequent violations.

Pirated, counterfeit or fake goods and articles of any person engaged in any business or trade with or without

any license or permit shall be taken into preventive custody and disposed of in accordance with the law.

Inspection of the business establishment concerned is conducted after which notice of suspension or cancellation of the business license or permit shall be issued by the municipal mayor. A fine of P2,500.00 or an imprisonment for a period not exceeding 6 months or both in the discretion of the court is imposed on any person who having been issued a business license or permit shall commit breach of the conditions provided in the ordinance; any person who, without any business license or permit shall engage in the sale, rental, transfer, distribution, manufacture and/or production of pirated, counterfeit or fake goods, articles or services; any person who shall violate the order of the municipal mayor suspending or canceling a license or permit or taking the subject goods into custody./Juliet B. Saley/PIA MP

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reveal that Inchimag wanted to be remembered by the generations after her in spite of being childless.

The locals recounted further that the stones used for the construction were carried up by hands from quite a distant Pinuwo' river and the clay (oklet) to cement or seal the stones together were carried down from a distant elevated area called Tanaw.

The other apfo' or now starting to collapse is that of Uhupfan, a fierce yet childless chieftain in the early period of Mayoyao. Elders unveiled that he was mocked by the people in his community because despite his fierceness, his body will be eaten by dogs when he dies because he has no children to take care of his burial.

"Challenged by the ridicules and with a wish to be buried respectably and honourably befitting his status, he planned to build his apfo' or on the hill called Tomo'," the locals said. "He had a hundred bundles of palay pounded on the site and 20 pigs butchered to feed the people," they added.

Gloria Likiyan, one of the indigenous knowledge holders, said she feels bad that the collapse and eventual extinction of the apfo' or burial tombs are manifestations that they are losing their cultural heritage.

"These cultural masterpieces tell something about our past and someone must initiate to find ways to preserve and improve it," Likiyan said.

Some conservationists say that losing such cultural masterpiece would mean the eventual loss of this town's distinctiveness to other places or to other cultures./ Jeremy M. Gawongna

4 Military officials get OAM award; 13 civilian employees cited for exemplary performance

DND/PNS — In celebration of its 69 fruitful years of public service, the Department of National Defense today honored 4 military officers for their outstanding contribution in cleansing the military's pension payroll of illegitimate pensioners.

Defense Secretary Gilbert Teodoro conferred the Outstanding Achievement Medal (OAM)

to Captain Cornelio Dela Cruz Jr. PN; Lt. Commander Brendo Casacang PN; Lt. Commander Antonio Cantoria PN; and Lt. Maynard Cabungcal PN in a simple celebration at Tejeros Hall, AFPCOC in Camp General Aguinaldo.

These officers were cited for their extraordinary achievement as members of the core group who led the "AFP Pension Payroll Cleansing Operations" through

validation of the status of all pensioners.

The continuous cleansing operation for the 1st semester of 2008, about 4,100 illegitimate pensioners were removed from the pension payroll generating a total savings of P40.33 million a month in the Pension budget for CY 2008.

Apart from enhancing the management of military's pension funds by increasing the accuracy of payroll, they also conducted the cleansing of the rank and file of AFP

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Sadanga crafts ordinance pirated, fake goods

SADANGA, Mt. Province — The municipal government here adheres to the policy of the national government to curb the proliferation and introduction into commerce of pirated, counterfeit or fake goods, articles or services and the commission of other acts that violate intellectual property right as protected by law.

Municipal Ordinance No. 64, s.2008 recently approved by members of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan, curtails the sale, rental, transfer, distribution, manufacture and/or production of pirated, counterfeit or fake goods, articles or services.

Piracy and counterfeiting of intellectual property rights will not only cause economic prejudice and demoralization among legitimate businessmen and establishments, but also undermine the municipality's strategy for growth and development and unrealized revenues and taxes, the ordinance stated.

Under this ordinance, all business licenses and permits issued by the municipal government shall carry the condition that the licensee shall not engage in the sale, rental, transfer, distribution, manufacture and/or production of pirated, counterfeit or fake goods, articles or services nor shall

against

not permit other persons to commit said acts with the licensee's business establishment or premises.

Any breach or violation of the conditions provided in this ordinance shall be

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Another Ifugao cultural masterpiece now faces eventual extinction

Mayoyao, Ifugao — While the provincial government of Ifugao through the Ifugao Cultural Heritage Office now exerts effort to repair the damaged portions of the rice terraces, other historical and cultural masterpieces here now face eventual extinction.

Among these cultural masterpieces are the apfo'or burial tombs erected in the early period of Mayoyao purposely as a family or clan grave.

It is a rounded stone-walled enclosure where to put in the sitting dead person and constructed to keep away rodents and other animals from ravaging the body.

Elders here narrated that only the well-to-do in those times made use of apfo'or to hold their dead. The construction, according to them, was done through bare hands and crude implements such as hard wood and sharp stones.

Sadly, the

domes of the two of these burial tombs collapsed after the passage of years. Besides, weeds and other plants grew over it.

One of these tombs is that of Inchimag, a wealthy yet childless woman in olden times who had her apfo'or built in full exposure to the sun at the edge of the mountain range of Ottong which could be accessed in just a five-minute walk from the recently constructed Mayoyao hostel.

This serves as a memorial grave since accounts from oral tradition

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