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Senator Pia Cayetano during one of the committee hearings on the RH Bill.

Ten Facts about the RH Bill

Last year, I sponsored Senate Bill No. 2865, otherwise known as the Reproductive Health Bill. It went through the process – we had hearings, then we made our committee report, which embodies SB 2865. Since then, there have been many questions raised by the public and rightly so, given that intelligent debate and discourse are essential in crafting the best version of any bill.

In fact, it took almost a year before the RH Bill hurdled the interpellation period (debates where I answered questions posed by my colleagues) at the Senate, where every provision was explained, rehashed, and clarified until it was blue in the face. I am not exaggerating. Finally, the bill has moved on to the period of amendments during which the Senate can incorporate changes to further improve the measure.

However, it is unfortunate that intelligent discussion is overlooked, sometimes even abandoned altogether by those who mean to distort the meaning and purpose of the bill. Many people are misled by these ill-informed notions. They pass judgment on the RH bill based on misinformation. Don't take it from the grapevine and learn the facts before taking a stand. Here's the real deal about the Sen- **Cont. on page 6**

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Mayor Cautions vs. Text pranks on Class Suspensions

BAGUIO CITY – Mayor Mauricio Domogan on Wednesday cautioned the public against text messages circulated at odd hours containing his alleged announcements of class suspensions saying these are not true.

The mayor said his policy is to make the announcements at exactly 5 a.m. and not in any other hour of day.

Text pranks containing the mayor's alleged pronouncement of class suspensions circulated early Tuesday evening last week at the onset of the monsoon rains caused by typhoon "Gener."

The mayor said one university executive called him to verify if the text announcement was true.

"It's unlikely for us to make the announcement at 6 p.m. because we can't predict what the situation will be the following day," the mayor said.

The mayor said it is not his practice to make the announcement at times other than 5 a.m. as it is the most appropriate time to gauge the weather.

This practice of the mayor has gained praises from the public for being prompt and considerate.

"We have to be precise. We can't be too early in making the announcement as the weather can change even with the PAGASA forecasts and we can't be late at the same time as it will compromise the convenience and even health of the students," the mayor said. /A Refuerzo

Fort Del Pilar Teacher Airs Sos in Fight Against Big C

After figuring out the costs for the long haul, a public school teacher found herself with no choice but to go public about her grim battle against breast cancer. She's

keeping her fingers crossed Samaritans out there would respond and prop her up in her four remaining chemotherapy sessions. Magdalena Osias, 46, will have her third of six chemo rounds this

Monday, sending her husband Primo, a retired soldier, scrounging for funds to cover the cost pegged at P20,000 per session. Her fight, began last January after the biopsy, is definitely for family.

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Most Beautiful Philippine Science High School Campus in the Country Starts Construction in Irisan Barangay

BAGUIO PSHS-CAR Academic building expected to be finished April next year", said PSHS-System executive director Dr. Jossette T. Biyo during the groundbreaking and time capsule laying ceremonies for the PSHS-CARC in the city last August 9. It is a dream

come true for "Batman and Robin" tandem as then Congressman ,Mayor Mauricio Domogan authored House Bill No. 374 entitled "An Act to Establish the Philippine Science High School in the Cordillera Administrative Region

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Water Level Measuring Markers, Alternate Drainage for Lagoon Sought

BAGUIO CITY – Water level measuring markers along rivers, waterways and City Camp lagoon? Why not?

Councilor Peter Fianza on Monday proposed the installation of water level measuring markers in waterways as a means of providing warnings and accurate measurements of water levels in said waterways which are handy during typhoons.

The alderman also proposed a study on the waterways leading to the lagoon for possible diversion or connection to other drainage, improvement or other needed actions for proper drainage and run-off water management in affected areas.

For Session Road and other similarly situated roads, additional inlets or adoption of drainage measures were suggested to reduce surface waters overflowing into roadways.

In his proposed ordinance approved on first reading by the city council last Monday, Fianza said markers in waterways and in usually flooded areas like the City Camp lagoon will be useful in providing more accurate measurement data for easier recording and reference.

"At the City Camp Lagoon for instance, reports of the water level given by different persons or made at different times, although referring to one and the same observation, may be interpreted differently. With a measuring marker as reference, observations will become definite," Fianza said.

"It is hoped that appreciation of the value of regular and accurate recordings of water levels will eventually develop a monitoring system that will provide data for the disaster risk reduction and management system for the city," he added.

He said the markers may be designed by the City Engineer's Office and may be in the form of a material attached or installed to the built structure or may simply be painted or inscribed.

As to the proposed diversion and other surface water management measures, Fianza said this is needed to solve the perennial flooding problem at the lagoon.

"At the height of Typhoon Gener, it was noted that large volumes of water from Quezon Hill, Dominican Hill and from other areas contributed to the flooding of the City Camp Lagoon (while) some of the waterways to the lagoon even appear dangerous like that section of that drain passing under the structures of the Bingo Villa Compound at Lourdes Extension which seems to be too small to accommodate the volume of water channeled through it from the Lourdes Grotto area and from the Quezon Hill area," Fianza noted

"While it may also be observed that the rise of water level at the lagoon may have been mitigated by the works being undertaken for the improvement of the lagoon drainage waterways, it is believed that the waters flowing into the lagoon can be channeled or directed to some other waterways and need not pass through the lagoon."

He said it is time to consider the improvement of the drainage system for all areas in the city "with experts predicting that climate change will cause extreme events like floods to occur more frequently and more severely."

For Session and other roads where runoff water overflows bringing inconvenience to pedestrians, Fianza said additional inlets must be constructed and drainage measures must be adopted.

He said the City Engineer's Office may be tasked to initiate the preparation of the working papers for the study.

Both proposals were referred to the city council committee on environment for study and recommendation. /A Refuerzo



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Five Cops Nominated for BCPO Head

BAGUIO CITY – The top cop for the Baguio City Police Office (BCPO) should be coming soon, Mayor Mauricio Domogan assured the public during last week’s media forum Ugnayan, as five nominees have been listed.

The nominees have impeccable qualifications and service records, thus the time needed to choose the replacement for Baguio City Police Office head David Quitoriano Lacdan who is presently on schooling and due for promotion, it was learned from the mayor.

The committee headed by the mayor is presently evaluating the documents of Police Senior Superintendents Joseph Cagayan Adnol, Virgilio Panem Laya, Jesus Dagdag Cambay, Angelito Abellera Casimiro and Marlon Valdez Madrid.

The mayor has earlier issued an administrative order creating the screening committee for the nominees. Members include, Retired City Prosecutor Alfredo Centeno, City Administrator Carlos Canilao, Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) city director Evelyn Trinidad, City Human Resource Management Officer Estrella Bisquera, Ph. D., Baguio Correspondents and Broadcasters Club President Harley Palangcaho, and Media Representative Delfrado Villanueva, Jr.

The committee shall evaluate the qualifications of the top cops, act as panel during the interview and bring about ways for an effective screening.

Ryan Dale Mangusan of the Mayor’s Office heads the secretariat for the committee.

Mayor Domogan earlier said that the chosen police head should be the best for the city. He should be in by this month of August, he added.

The Philippine National Police Selection Board in Camp Crame has looked over nominees and trimmed them into five. This is with affirmation from the Police Regional Office Cordillera headed by Chief Superintendent Benjamin Magalong./juliegfianza



Cong. Bernardo M. Vergara and Mayor Mauricio Domogan officially inaugurated and opened the newly rehabilitated Gov. Pack Road. Present during the ribbon cutting rites were DPWH District Engr. Irineo Gallato, Goldrich Construction representative Vanessa Go together with barangay officials. The bus terminal has resumed operations in the area and the road is now open to regular vehicular and pedestrian flow./Photo by Glenn Pat-ogan

DOST now Accepting Applications to Junior Level Science Scholarship Programs

BAGUIO CITY - The Department of Science and Technology – Science Education Institute (DOST-SEI) is now accepting applications for the 2012 Junior Level Science Scholarship (JLSS) programs.

According to DOST-Cordillera Regional Director Julius Caesar Sicat, the JLSS program has two scholarship component, Republic Act 7687 (S&T scholarship Act of 1994) for poor, talented and deserving students and the Merit scholarship program. Both are being offered to regular third year students who are enrolled in any of the S&T priority courses listed under the program.

Benefits for qualified scholars of the DOST-SEI JLSS program include: educational financial assistance of P6,000 per semester; P5,000 book allowance per year; P5,000 stipend per month for Bachelor of Science in Physics/Applied Physics/Physics teaching/Geology and Mining Engineering; and P4,000 stipend per month on other DOST-SEI Priority courses, as well as a P1,000 post graduation clothing allowance.

Brochures and application forms can be obtained at the DOST Regional Office in Km. 6 La Trinidad, Benguet or at its Urban Science and Technology Center located along Governor Pack, Road Baguio City.

Deadline for filing of application is on August 24, 2012 while the qualifying examination is scheduled on September 22 at the DOST Regional Office.

For further information about the JLSS scholarship program, interested individuals can contact DOST-CAR at (074) 422-0979 or (074) 422-2214, or log on to www.sei.dost.gov.ph or www.science-scholarships.ph/JDP/CCD-PIA-CAR

City tries to Cut Down on Hauling cost, Ponders Legal Action vs. Protech

BAGUIO CITY – With plans for the establishment of an engineered sanitary landfill (ESL) just beginning to take off, the city government struggles to cope with the spiraling cost of shipping out its wastes as it continues to look for remedies to cut down on hauling expenses.

General Services Officer and waste management head Romeo Concio said they have been drumming up the campaign for the reduction of wastes in the barangays where he said at least seven barangays have passed up on the collection of biodegradables after finding ways to manage these on their own. He expressed hope that more barangays will follow suit as reduced wastes would mean less expense.

Concio also said they are currently negotiating for the use of nearby ESL facilities like in Urdaneta City which will enable the city to save on transport cost. Concio said the city will realize considerable savings if the deal materializes.

Concio said the city may have to cough up a total of P84 million for hauling, tipping and miscellaneous expenses for this year. He said that since December last year, Pro Tech Machinery Corporation (Pro Tech) has not been complying with its responsibility to haul out the city’s residual wastes at its expense which was part of the terms of

its contract with the city for the purchase of the two Environmental Recycling System (ERS) machines.

Mayor Mauricio Domogan in a letter dated June 8 had ordered Pro Tech vice president Luis Lu Jr. to start hauling all the residuals by virtue of the contract and in accordance with his admission in his testimony before the city council that he is bound to haul out all residual wastes of the city.

But Lu has not responded, according to Concio, even to his successive requests for a meeting.

This prompted the city council last Monday to ask the city legal office to review the contract with Pro Tech to determine the feasibility of issuing a demand letter to the company and eventually take legal action as warranted for possible breach of contract.

The city’s running accounts for

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Public Advised to Remain Vigilant Vs Landslides, Flashfloods Due to Monsoon Rains

BAGUIO CITY - The Mines and Geo-science Bureau (MGB) of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR-CAR), reiterates its warning to the general public to remain vigilant against possible occurrences of landslides and flashfloods due to prevailing monsoon rains.

In a media advisory, MGB Administrative and Finance Division chief Catalino Panganiban, warned that despite the absence of typhoon, the continuous downpour of monsoon rains can cause geological hazards especially to areas with steep slopes and those along creeks and river banks.

He advised everyone to initiate readiness and precautionary measures in order to lessen or avoid any

negative impacts of these geohazards as he also reminded all local government units (LGUs) in the region to issue the necessary precautionary warnings to their respective communities.

The MGB also advised Local Disaster Risk Reduction and Management (DRRM) Councils to refer to the land susceptibility maps of their respective areas as guide for any geo-hazard

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Hangin' Wash on Cyberspace

A less-than transparent Judicial and Bar Council emerged from the 1987 Constitution. Impeachment of the 23rd Supreme Court chief justice, however, pried open once hush-hush discussions. JBC has belatedly tapped the ongoing cyberspace revolution.

TV cameras panned on faces of aspirants — some deluded — for the short list to be considered by the President for appointment as the 24th “Chief” Twittered questions were read out. As a result, citizens saw a parade of talent, nobility, experience — plus gall and warts.

Across town, the uproar continues over President Benigno Aquino’s scalping of TV Patrol, Anchor Noli de Castro. At ABS-CBN’s 25th anniversary celebration, PNoy flayed de Castro for snide partisanship in baritone. A former vice-president, in the discredited Macapagal administration, De Castro voiced “raw

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opinion and speculation” in his newscasts, PNoy groused.

P-Noy shouldn’t have slammed the newscaster on home grounds, tut-tutted some. An informal ABS-CBN survey found 32 percent circled wagons around De Castro. The President had a point,” 63 percent said. “The commanding two-to-one lead indicates that substance counts more than form.

“(It) was a situation waiting to happen.”, wrote Rappler’s redoubtable Chay Hofilena. This ethical sore stems from the notorious “revolving door”. Journalists bolt into politics, then bail out to their old roles, without qualms. The “anchor’s new clothes” didn’t blot out the fact that he “was too high up in the political hierarchy of the Arroyo administration.”

These clashes show “It’s more fun in the Philippines,” as the January 2012 tourism slogan claims. But these high profile clashes obscure equally significant issues. One is the almost blanket intrusion into privacy within a digital world.

Cebu Judge Rapahel Yrastorza dismissed a petition for habeas data by parents of St. Theresa’s College students, all under 18. School authorities found the kids, uploaded on Facebook, pictures of themselves in skimpy bras, smoking and drinking at a bar. Under RA 7610 and a Cebu City ordinance, minors are not permitted inside a bar.

In a private conference, the parents signed sanction slips that the school issued. Recommended remedial measures, including undergoing religious retreat, were mutually agreed upon. The minors were allowed to graduate. But the school said no to their marching and receive their diplomas.

The parents sued. They “brought the issue outside of the four walls of the school” into the open. STC repeatedly turned down media request for copies of controversial photos. The decision agreed that STC was right in asking that a Family Court, where records are kept confidential to protect minors, hear the case.

Two later withdrew their lawsuits. The remaining complainants left asked the court issue a writ of habeas to compel the school to reveal it’s downloaded Facebook photos. A writ of habeas data is a judicial remedy for those whose right to privacy in life, liberty or security is violated. It grants a chance to question the data or withdrawal.

The “libertarian writ” of habeas data was meant to address political killings, along with habeas corpus and Amparo writes, the Court noted. The complainants did not show any threat to life, liberty or security. Sourcing of photos from Facebook accounts of the students, by the school, was not illegal. It was done as part of enforcement of its policies and disciplinary actions.

The Court is convinced... the minors were aware of the warning, by Facebook itself, that the people they share with can always share with others who are not “friends” to the original account. In short, information uploaded to Facebook somehow loses it privacy along the way.”

Like other social network sites, Facebook is wild west. There are 83 million illegitimate accounts on the net, FB revealed Friday. Almost 9 percent fractured rules.

The Yrastorza decision sealed demise of the students claim of privacy violation, STC counsel Joan Largo wrote: More important, it “presents an opportunity to dwell on the all-important issue of cyber responsibility.”

Courts here and in other jurisdictions caution: “No reasonable expectation of privacy” can be expected in social networking sites.” That is the nature of the beast. It is **Cont. on page 10**



ADVOCACY MINDANAW

On Presidential Kissers

BY: JESUS DUREZA



When I read about a lady awardee suddenly hugging President Aquino and planting a kiss on his cheeks during awarding ceremonies in the Palace, I was reminded of similar incidents with former President Arroyo.

We were in Glan, South Cotabato inaugurating a one-stop shop for Customs, Immigration, Quarantine and Security (CIQS) facilities as gateway to our BIMPEAGA trade route with neighboring Indonesia and Pres. GMA came to personally welcome the arrival of the first Indonesian trading vessel with goods and businessmen and political leaders.

Standing at the foot of the gangplank of the Indon vessel, PGMA personally met them and shook hands with everyone. When the Indonesian mayor of the Sangir-Talau group stepped down, the president extended her hand in handshake. The gentleman visitor reached out and received her handshake and instinctively lunged forward to plant a kiss or buzz the president’s cheeks. It was so sudden but the alert lady PSG moved forward and blocked the mayor’s face and aborted a presidential kiss.

Of course, it was so fast that only a few of us within a foot away saw what happened. The Indon mayor looked shaken but recovered quickly when the president engaged him in a light banter. As if nothing happened.

In this recent case of President Aquino, it’s either the PSG elements were slow or sleeping on their jobs or it was something that the President relished and welcomed and preferred not to abort.

But it’s good copy for the quick lensmen who caught the act and froze it for posterity. These are presidential moments worth remembering.

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BOMBSHELL — I am reading a new book entitled “BOMBSHELL” by Suzanne Somers, a 65-year-old American author who has gone through the worse in her life and how she navigated her various health crisis. She was a breast cancer patient and who survived. In fact, her cancer-stricken breasts were totally removed. Thanks to stem cell treatment, her breasts were fully restored. The wonders of alternative medicine. Breasts lost to cancer can be regrown, according to Suzzane. The book is described as disclosing “explosive medical secrets that will redefine aging.”

According to her book and the doctors who served as resource persons, the bottom line reason for health problems is ACIDITY in the body. Being acidic is caused by what the body takes like food, the environment and stress, among others.

An acidic body is where sickness like cancer and other ailments thrive.

Alkaline water, fresh vegetables not sprayed with pesticides and other organic food will do the trick.

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RACEFUL AGING — One of the topics in the book is about aging. Due to the onset of diseases and today’s lifestyle, many are slowly wasting their lives, especially the re- **Cont. on page 9**

KAKAMPI MO ANG BATAS

Warning: More Rains & Floods!**By: BATAS MAURICIO**

LIFE'S INSPIRATIONS: "... If my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray, seek my face, and turn away from their wickedness, then I will hear from heaven, forgive their sin, and heal their land..." (2 Chronicles 7:14, the Holy Bible).

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DIVINE INTERVENTION & ENFORCEMENT OF LAWS:

Both Senate President Juan Ponce Enrile and Sen. Loren Legarda are correct in their respective assessments of how we can mitigate the death and destruction coming from rains, floods, and winds. Enrile is right in seeking divine intervention, but Legarda is also correct in pushing for stricter implementation of laws that seek to protect the environment.

But, with due respect, their assessments fall short of what we can really do to address, eliminate, or at least mitigate, the damage from rains, floods, and strong winds. While divine intervention is necessary to help our people, and while implementation of environmental laws will go a long way in addressing nature's degradation, there is something more that people of their stature should try to do, to find a solution.

Both Enrile and Legarda should also study very carefully the spiritual and Biblical dimensions of rains, floods, and winds, and even of global warming, climate change, and environment destruction, and then craft a spiritual solution fashioned out of the verses of the Bible. This is something that, surprisingly, has not been done in the past but which may have to be explored urgently as the death and destruction from natural calamities continue to skyrocket annually.

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SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS ON RAINS, FLOODS, WINDS:

So this "spiritual and Biblical dimensions of rains, floods and strong winds" are better understood, let me refer, once more, to the warning of Jesus Christ, our God and Savior, in Matthew 7:24-27 of the Bible. He said the rains, floods, and strong winds will surely come, bringing death and destruction, and only those who listen to Him and obey His commands will be saved.

Jesus said those who listen to Him, but do not obey Him, will surely die (my translation of the Bible uses the phrase "great crash", and that could only mean death, of course). Therefore, viewed from this Biblical and spiritual perspective, one solution that could afford relief from rains, floods and winds, would be training our people in spirituality—teaching them to read the Bible, and obeying God.

In fact, in another book of the Bible—in Deuteronomy 28:15, 22-23—global warming, climate change, and environmental destruction were predicted to hit people who no longer listen to God and who no longer obey Him. Very clearly, there is a specific instruction from the Book of the Law as to how these natural calamities could be avoided, or the death and destruction coming from them mitigated.

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LISTENING TO, AND OBEYING GOD: I know I have been writing about this for quite some time now, but I am convinced that there is a need to warn our people of the coming of more severe rains, floods and winds. Jesus said they will come, and so it is clear that there is no one who can stop those rains, floods and winds now.

Side by side with governmental efforts to address the problems brought about by those natural calamities, we should ask our people to precisely do what Jesus said must be done, to avoid their devastating effects—which are, to listen to Him and obey Him. In other words, we must ask our people, as a matter of strategy for national survival, to go concretely back to God.

How do we concretely go back to God? Joshua 1:8 gives us one definite way of doing it, when it said: **Cont. on page 10**

Ifugao Prepares for 2012 Victory Day Celebration

KIANGAN, Ifugao - Preparations are underway for the commemoration of the 67th Victory Day marking the surrender of the Japanese Imperial Army Commander General Tomoyuki Yamashita in this town.

History tells that Yamashita, the erstwhile "Tiger of Malaya," surrendered in this town on September 2, 1945, thus marking the end of the World War II. He was later moved to Baguio City where he formally signed his surrender papers at Camp John Hay on September 3, 1945.

Various activities are being lined up by the Victory Day ad hoc committee for the three-day celebration starting in the evening of August 31 with an interfaith rally at the Kiangan municipal gymnasium.

The opening program will be September 1 after the commemorative mass, opening of the "bakle ad Linda" and mini-agro trade fair and commencement of photography contest. The "bakle ad Linda" is a cultural gathering of the community after harvest.

Other activities for the day include processing of license by the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC), free skills services by Technical Education Skills and Development Authority (TESDA), free medical mission, bikers trekking at the Yamashita trail and sky diving, ethnic games and a concert.

The main celebration on September 2 will start with a parade followed by a re-enactment of Yamashita's surrender, wreath laying and a program. President Benigno Simeon S. Aquino III is the invited guest in this occasion.

The afternoon will be devoted for marching band competition, slow drill of Philippine National Police Academy cadets, peace forum and the closing program wherein winners of the contested activities will be awarded. /MBL, PIA – CAR/Ifugao

Amid the Typhoon Season, Country's Food Staples Sufficiency Program

BAGUIO CITY - Amid the onset of the typhoon season, the country's agriculture industry remains resilient and shows positive projection as far as the government's Food Staples Sufficiency Program is concerned.

Department of Agriculture (DA) Secretary Proceso Alcala bared this in a media interview during his official visit here, Monday.

According to Alcala, the government's Food Staple Sufficiency Program is on track and damages brought in by past typhoons including typhoon 'Gener', particularly on rice production, are at a manageable level. If typhoons remain at the outskirts or will not make landfall, the country can achieve rice sufficiency before the end of 2013, he said.

For corn production, Alcala said that the recent monsoon rains and typhoons have more of a positive effect. The rains help the corn plants which are on their flowering stage to produce more yields. This would give farmers brighter market and income prospects especially with the effect on the international corn market of the present drought in America and Australia which affected their production.

Alcala confirmed that the most affected by typhoons and continuous rains are the high value commercial crops (HVCCs) such as the temperate vegetables in the highlands of Cordillera. He noted that farmers are more aware and prepared nowadays that they harvest their crops before they suffer more loss.

"This leads to over-supply and markdown in prices, though only on a temporarily basis. It may also lead to the tightening of supply and slight increase in price in the next few weeks or month, though the effect may not be that much as compared to the previous years, as production areas are more distributed now and we have productions in some areas such as Nueva Vizcaya which can complement the demand in supply of highland vegetables," Alcala said.

The Secretary also explained that all DA programs are now being measured in terms of climate change resiliency.

"Every programs and projects of DA, even in terms of budgeting, are now being measured in terms of its resiliency to climate change. Even in the specifications of farm-to-market roads, it must be an all weather road; as well as irrigation (infrastructure) and dams they are now being designed to be climate change resilient," he stressed.

Alcala spearheaded the unveiling of the markers of the newly built Agri-Pinoy Fish Mart Post-Harvest and Laboratory Center and the DA-CAR Administrative Building. He also served as the guest of honor for the regional recognition of the 2012 Gawad Saka Cordillera Awardees at the DA-CAR Regional Office and the Philippine Farmers Advisory Board National Convention held at the Agricultural Training Institute inside the Benguet State University Compound in La Trinidad, Benguet. /JDP/CCD-PIA CAR

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FACT 1: #RHBill gives a person freedom to choose what family planning method to use, or NOT to use any method at all.

Once and for all, if you do not want to use any family planning method, if you choose to use an artificial mode of family planning or natural family planning, that choice is yours and yours alone. This is made very clear in the following section of SB 2865.

4 **SEC. 3. Guiding Principles for Implementation.** - This Act declares the
5 following as guiding principles:

6 (a) The right to make free and informed decisions, which is central to the exercise
7 of any right, shall not be subjected to any form of coercion and must be fully guaranteed
8 by the State, like the right itself.

FACT 2: #RHBill does not legalize abortion. In fact, it explicitly adheres to the penal law on abortion.

As I repeatedly explained during the debates, the provision below is meant to ensure that every woman, like every Filipino, deserves optimal health care which includes compassionate care

4 **SEC. 3. Guiding Principles for Implementation.** - This Act declares the
5 following as guiding principles:

41 (i) While this Act does not amend the penal law on abortion, the government shall
42 ensure that all women needing care for post-abortion complications shall be treated and
43 counseled in a humane, non-judgmental and compassionate manner.

1 (j) Each family shall have the right to determine its ideal family size; *Provided,*
2 *however, That the State shall equip each parent with the necessary information on all*
3 *aspects of family life, including reproductive health, in order to make that determination.*

In fact, during one of our debates on the Senate floor in September last year, Sen. Vicente Sotto III, who is vehemently opposed to the RH bill, conceded and even agreed with my position that women with post-abortion complications seeking emergency attention in any medical facility should not be treated like criminals. Instead, they must be treated humanely and given compassionate medical care, which is precisely what Section 3 (i) calls for. For more details on that discussion, click on link here: **'RH Bill won't legalize abortion'** on my official website.

Sen. Pia Cayetano [explaining Sec.3 (i) and (j) to Sen. Sotto] : 'It shocks me that there are people who believe that women who have gone through an abortion need to be treated like criminals because they have committed an act which is defined as a crime in our country.'

'...In fact in many hospitals they are treated badly, they are pushed around to the side. In fact, some of them will bleed to death because they will not even be attended to, to punish them for that crime. And I will fight for the right of this woman to have the care that she needs because the emotional, psychological trauma that goes through to have an abortion is something that we, who have not been through an abortion, can never understand and she deserves that from the State.'

Sen. Vicente Sotto III [agreeing with Sen. Pia's remark]: 'Yes, Mr. President, I do agree. As a matter of fact, I will be by the Sponsor's side in defending that woman.'

Sen. Pia Cayetano : 'Then we have no problem.'
Source: RH plenary debates (September 5, 2011)

FACT 3: #RHBill does not impose an ideal family size and leaves this decision to couples.

The provisions quoted below is self-explanatory and puts to rest any misconception there may be on this matter.

4 **SEC. 3. Guiding Principles for Implementation.** - This Act declares the
5 following as guiding principles:

24 (f) The State shall promote programs that: (1) enable individuals and couples to
25 have the number of children they desire with due consideration to the health, particularly
26 of women, and the resources available and affordable to them; (2) ensure effective
27 partnership among the National Government, Local Government Units (LGUs) and the
28 private sector in the design, implementation, coordination, integration, monitoring and
29 evaluation of people-centered programs towards quality of life and environmental
30 protection; and (3) conduct studies to analyze demographic trends towards sustainable
31 human development in keeping with the principles of gender equality and the promotion
32 and protection of women's reproductive rights and health.

1 (g) Each family shall have the right to determine its ideal family size; Provided,
2 however, That the State shall equip each parent with the necessary information on all
3 aspects of family life, including reproductive health, in order to make that determination.

FACT 4: #RHBill respects the religious convictions and cultural beliefs of all.

I am aware that certain religious groups are anti-RH. I respect their position. But I cannot adopt their position because it would be depriving other Filipinos who have other views on reproductive health and on the reproductive health care and services that they need and want. As I said in my **sponsorship speech**, it is my job as a duly elected public official to represent every Filipino, not just one religion. Having said that, I repeatedly clarify that those who do not want to use contraceptives are not being forced to. Each person is at liberty to decide for his or herself.

3 **SEC. 2. State Policies.** - The State recognizes and guarantees the human rights of
4 all persons including their right to equality and non-discrimination of these rights, the
5 right to sustainable human development, the right to health which includes reproductive
6 health, the right to education and information, and the right to choose and make decisions
7 for themselves in accordance with their religious convictions, ethics, cultural beliefs, and
8 the demands of responsible parenthood.

FACT 5: #RHBill will not teach a 10-year-old how to use condoms. RH education is age- and development- appropriate.

Time and again, sex education has been taken out of context. As I explained in my **sponsorship speech**, sex education shall be age-appropriate. It includes a child using the proper name for their body parts. It includes understanding the biological function of their bodies, such that they know that babies grow in mommy's tummy and do not come out of bamboo trees.

16 **SEC. 13. Age- and Development- Appropriate Reproductive Health Education.**
17 The State shall provide age- and development-appropriate reproductive health education
18 which shall be taught by adequately trained teachers in formal and non-formal
19 educational system and integrated in relevant subjects such as, but not limited, to values
20 formation; knowledge and skills in self-protection against discrimination, sexual abuse
21 and violence against women and children and other forms of gender based violence and
22 teen pregnancy; physical, social and emotional changes in adolescents; women's rights
23 and children's rights; responsible teenage behavior; gender and development; and
24 responsible parenthood.

FACT 6: #RHBill promotes BOTH natural & artificial methods.

Again, there is so much disinformation spreading that only artificial family planning shall be promoted under the RH bill. This is false.

4 **SEC. 3. Guiding Principles for Implementation.** - This Act declares the
5 following as guiding principles:

19 (e) The State will provide information and access, without bias, to all methods of
20 family planning which have been proven safe and effective in accordance with scientific
21 and evidence-based medical standards such as those set by the World Health
22 Organization (WHO) and registered and approved by the Food and Drug Administration
23 (FDA).

4 **SEC. 4. Definition of Terms.** - For the purpose of this Act, the following terms
5 shall be defined as follows:

20 (m) Modern Methods of Family Planning - refer to safe, effective and legal
21 methods, whether natural or artificial;

FACT 7: Contraceptives are safe and effective family planning tools

Anti-RH advocates repeatedly raise the issue on the safety and effectiveness of contraceptives. That is a valid concern. But like any medicine or medical device, all contraceptives shall be approved by a government authority, the Food and Drugs Administration (FDA). And like medicines, there will be respect for choices. Couples must decide what is best for them with the advice of their health care provider. Clearly, vasectomy or ligation will not work for a young couple who may want to have more children in the future. On the other hand, some women prefer to use the pill or the IUD. These choices are personal ones. Contraceptives is not a 'one-size-fits-all' solution.

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SEC. 17. *Duties and Responsibilities.* - (a) Pursuant to the herein declared policy, the DOH shall serve as the lead agency, along with the LGUs, for the implementation of this Act and shall integrate in their regular operations the following functions:
 (d) The FDA shall issue strict guidelines with respect to the use of contraceptives, taking into consideration side effects or other harmful effects of their use.

FACT 8: #RHBill will not indiscriminately distribute condoms to all.

During the Senate RH debates in October last year, Sen. Ralph Recto repeatedly stated that “Parang nagtutulak tayo ng contraceptives!” (It’s like the government will be ‘pushing’ or peddling contraceptives) in connection with the bill’s principle of “universal access” to reproductive health care services (Section 2) and the provision mandating mobile health care services (Section 12).

In response, I explained that reproductive health care is not all about contraceptives, but addresses real and unmet needs of women and families. The need for a mobile health vehicle in particular is important to reach far-flung areas where health care is inaccessible. These services may not only save a mother’s life, but will help couples plan the number and spacing of their children. I clarified that minors and the youth also have RH needs, which we should address primarily through age-appropriate RH education and counseling. But we should also not turn a blind eye to the alarming problems of teenage pregnancy (we have the highest teenage pregnancy rate in Southeast Asia) and numerous cases of young children being sexually abused, sometimes by members of their own family. These are real issues which we should not trivialize by irresponsible statements that the government would freely give away contraceptives to the youth under the RH bill. As I emphasized on the floor, the mobile health care unit is not a ‘contraceptive ice cream truck.’

For more details, see the highlights of floor debates between Sen. Recto and myself. **‘RH debate highlights: October 5, 2011** on my official website.

FACT 9: An average of 11 mothers die daily. That’s a fact.

During the Senate debates, Sen. Sotto kept questioning official figures on our Maternal Mortality Rate (MMR). He claimed that the figure of ‘11 mothers dying per day’ had no basis, and was merely being exaggerated in media reports.

“Eh alam naman natin siyempre kung papaano dalhin kasi ng media iyong ‘11 mothers die a day.’ Eh, hindi, eh.. This cannot be accurate.. So, may I ask the Committee to furnish the Senate a copy of how this survey was derived at.. If they can furnish us, I will try to urge 13 Senators to vote for this bill tomorrow on third reading...” - Sen. Vicente Sotto III, Senate RH debates (Aug. 22, 2011)

I explained that the figure is an average generated from data provided by official sources, such as the United Nations (UN), the National Statistics Office (NSO) and the National Statistics and Coordination Board (NCSB). I also provided my colleagues with a copy of how this number was derived, as illustrated on the table below:

A	B	C	D	E	F	G
Age Group (Reproductive Age)	Total Female Population, 2010	Age Specific Fertility Rate, 2000 (births per 1,000 women)	Estimated Total Live Births (Annual)	MMR 2010, (deaths per 100,000 live births)	Total Maternal Deaths (Annual)	Maternal Deaths per Day
15-19	4,702,400	54	253,930	763	814	1.1
20-24	4,378,900	163	713,761	763	1,163	3.2
25-29	3,951,200	172	679,606	763	1,198	3.0
30-34	3,526,600	136	479,618	763	782	2.1
35-39	2,995,200	84	251,597	763	619	1.1
40-44	2,704,700	38	102,779	763	268	0.6
45-49	2,325,400	6	13,952	763	23	0.1
TOTAL	24,584,400		2,485,243	763	4,067	11.1

- Notes:
- Column D calculated by dividing Column B by 1000 and multiplying result with Column C.
- Column F calculated by dividing Column D by 100,000 and multiplying result with Column E.

So ngayong meron naman po tayong naibigay na paliwanag, pwede na ba natin asahan si Sen Sotto to call on the majority of senators to act on the RH BILL?

But regardless of whether there’s just one woman or 11 women dying daily, the fact remains that mothers are dying from a highly-preventable cause. If there were only 10 women or 3 women dy-

ing, is that one life not worth saving? Who are we to deprive them of access to information and supplies that can possibly save their lives?

FACT 10: #RHBill will not force anyone to act against their ethical or religious beliefs.

Anti-RH advocates often state that people are being forced to adopt a certain type of family planning method. Or that health care providers will be forced to recommend certain kinds. Fact 1 above already clarifies that each person is free to make their own choice of family planning method. Sec 18 below further provides that a health care provider can make a conscientious objection.

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Comelec set for Aug. 11 Special Day of Registration for PWDs BAGUIO CITY —

The Commission on Elections (COMELEC) in the Cordilleras is set for the conduct of voters registration for Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) on Saturday, August 11.

“On Saturday, we honor our PWD voters as we highlight our shared efforts to ensure that no PWD gets left behind when it comes to their right to suffrage”, said Atty. Julius Torres, regional director of COMELEC Cordillera.

We are asking all qualified PWDs to make use of the special day to visit our nearest office or to designated registration sites in their area to register or update their records so that they can participate in the national elections next year, he said.

This special registration of PWDs, he said, is part of the observance of National Disability Prevention and Rehabilitation Week (NDPRW).

According to Torres, to give PWDs equal access to electoral processes, the Commission issued a resolution calling for the “establishment of accessible polling places and providing other forms of assistance for PWDs in selected voting centers on election day to ensure that they enjoy the right to suffrage”

The next elections will be on May 13, 2013 where 12 senatorial posts will be the highest elective positions available, Torres said./JDP/IBZ-PIA CAR

DSWD Releases cash Assistance to 4Ps Beneficiaries in Mt. Province

BONTOC, Mt. Province – A total of 381 beneficiaries of the Conditional Cash Transfer (CCT) program or the Pantawid Pamilya Pilipino Program (4Ps) of this municipality received today their cash assistance covering the months of May and June this year.

According to Anchita Ewan, 4Ps Municipal Link, there are 396 identified 4Ps beneficiaries in this town but only 381 were able to receive their cash assistance over the counter at the Land Bank of the Philippines (LBP) Bontoc Branch.

The Department of Social Welfare and Development is also set to release cash assistance to 4Ps beneficiaries of the other municipalities on the following dates: Paracelis on Aug. 14; Natonin, Aug. 16; and Barlig on Aug. 17 which will be distributed by representative from the Philippine Postal Corporation.

4Ps beneficiaries from Sadanga and Sabangan will receive their cash assistance on August 22, Besao and Sagada on August 23 which will be distributed directly by LBP personnel. Since some beneficiaries from Sadanga were issued cash cards, they will withdraw their cash assistance from the LBP ATM.

4Ps beneficiaries from Bauko are scheduled on August 27-28 which will be distributed by the Rural Bank of Buguias, Bauko Branch and Tadian on August 30-31 to be distributed by the Rural Bank of Buguias, Tadian Branch.

Based on the data of the Social Welfare and Development (SWAD) Team office here, there are 5,465 identified 4Ps beneficiaries in Mt. Province with the municipality of Bauko having the highest number of 1,213 followed by Paracelis with 1,035, Tadian with 798, Natonin with 617, Bontoc – 396, Sabangan – 369, Sadanga – 345, Sagada – 251, Besao – 229, and Barlig with 212.

The 4Ps is a poverty reduction strategy of the government being implemented by the Department of Social Welfare and Development which provides cash grants to identified extremely poor households.

It provides each family beneficiary a cash grant of P500 per month or P6,000 a year for health and nutrition expenses and P300 per month per child or P3,000 for one school year or 10 months for educational expenses for a maximum of three children per household as long as they comply with the conditions which are included in the beneficiary’s Oath of Commitment./JDP/IBS-PIA CAR, Mt. Province

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REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
FIRST JUDICIAL REGION
Office of the Ex-Official Sherrif of Benguet
Bulwagan ng Katarungan, Justice Hill, La Trinidad, Benguet

RURAL BANK OF B U G U I A S (Benguet), INC.,
Petitioner-Mortgagee,

-versus -

MOISES EDOC married to MA. VICTORIA EDOC,
Respondents-Mortgagors

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FILE NO. 12-Exf-1596

FOR EXTRA-JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE UNDER ACT NO. 3135, AS AMENDED

SHERIFF'S NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale of Real Estate Mortgage under Act. No. 3135, as amended. Filed by the petitioner-mortgagee, Rural Bank of Buguias, Inc. duly organized under the Rural Bank Act No. 750 as amended with office and place of business at Abatan, Buguias, Benguet, represented by HILDA M. EMPIZO, of legal age, married and a resident of Upper Cogcoga, Pico, La Trinidad, Benguet, hereinafter referred to as the mortgagee, for the satisfaction of the obligation of respondents-mortgagors, MOISES EDOC married to Ma. Victoria Edoc, both of legal age, Filipinos, with postal address at Puguais/Buyagan, La Trinidad, Benguet, hereinafter referred to as the mortgagors, in order to satisfy their obligations to the mortgagee which as of 2 June 2012 amounts to FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P400,000.00), Philippine Currency, plus daily interest and expenses thereafter, plus 10% of the total indebtedness as attorney's fee, all secured by said mortgage. The undersigned Sheriff announces that he will sell at PUBLIC AUCTION on 30 August 2012 at 10:30 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter in front of the Bulwagan ng

Katarungan, Justice Hill, La Trinidad, Benguet, Philippines, to the highest bidder for CASH and in Philippine Currency, one (1) parcel of registered land, more particularly described as follows, to wit:
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Prospective bidders/buyers may investigate the above-described real property regarding the encumbrances thereof, if any.
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Benguet Local Officials, Employees Told to Comply with DILG Memo on Mandatory Filing Of SALN

LA TRINIDAD, Benguet - The Office of the Provincial Governor has issued a directive for the mandatory compliance of Department of Interior and Local Government memorandum circular requiring all provincial officials, department heads, chiefs of office as scheduled, the same is hereby rescheduled on 25 September 2012 at the same time and place without need of republication

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transparency in government service and helps abate corruption in the government.

The directive stemmed from the recent developments in the country's political landscape brought about by the impeachment process of then Chief Justice Renato Corona.

There is, therefore, the timely need to remind department officials and local elective officials

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Walter William's Journalist's Creed

This creed was written by Walter Williams (1864-1935), the man who founded the world's first school of journalism at the University of Missouri and perhaps contributed more toward the promotion of professional journalism than any other person of his time.

- I believe in the profession of Journalism.
- I believe that the public journal is a public trust; that all connected with it are, to the full measure of responsibility, trustees for the public; that acceptance of lesser service than the public service is a betrayal of this trust.
- I believe that clear thinking, clear statement, accuracy and fairness are fundamental to good journalism.
- I believe that a journalist should write only what he holds in his heart to be true. I believe that suppression of the news, for any consideration other than the welfare of society, is indefensible.
- I believe that no one should write as a journalist what he would not say as a gentleman; that bribery by one's own pocket book is as much to be avoided as bribery by the pocketbook of another; that individual responsibility may not be escaped by pleading another's instructions or another's dividends.
- I believe that advertising, news and editorial columns should alike serve the best interests of readers; that a single standard of helpful truth and cleanness should prevail for all; that supreme test of good journalism is the measure of its public service.
- I believe that the journalism which succeeds the best-and best deserves success-fears God and honors man; is stoutly independent; unmoved by pride of opinion or greed of power; constructive, tolerant but never careless, self-controlled, patient, always respectful of its readers but always unafraid, is quickly indignant at injustice; is unswayed by the appeal of the privilege or the clamor of the mob; seeks to give every man a chance, and as far as law, an honest wage and recognition of human brotherhood can make it so, an equal chance; is profoundly patriotic while sincerely promoting international good will and cementing world-comradeship, is a journalism of humanity, of and for today's world. /http://www.nationalpressclub.org.ph

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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.
- Public Service Message from Linis Gobyerno www.linisgobyerno.org

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
REGIONAL COURT
FIRST JUDICIAL REGION
BRANCH 4
BAGUIO CITY

FAMILY COURT
OF BAGUIO CITY

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION FOR ADOPTION OF THE MINOR CHILD NATHANIEL BAUTISTA CALISAAN AND FOR SAID CHILD TO BE NAMED URIEL NATHANIEL RICA FORT CAIDO

EMMANUEL DUMPIT CAIDO,
PETITIONER,

-VERSUS-

THE LOCAL CIVIL REGISTRAR OF BAGUIO CITY,
RESPONDENT.

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SPEC. PROC. CASE NO. 39-A FOR ADOPTION

ORDER

The above-entitled verified Petition was filed by the Petitioners, through counsel, and unto this Honorable Court, stating that:

1. That Petitioner is of legal age, widower, Filipino and residing at No. 141 Magsaysay Avenue, Baguio City; the respondent is the present Local Civil Registry of Baguio City with office at the Baguio Health Center Cmpd., Baguio City and is impleaded as a nominal party to give effect to any orders that the Honorable Court may issue in this case;

2. That Petitioner was married to REGINA THERESA RICA FORT CAIDO, the latter having died at Baguio City on October 8, 2005, but that during their marriage they begot two (2) children namely URIELLE MARITHEA RICA FORT CAIDO who was born at Baguio City on February 7, 1996 and URIELLE THERESA RICA FORT CAIDO,

who was born at Cebu City on May 25, 1998;

3. That Petitioner has a cousin by the name of GRELITA BAUTISTA CALISAAN who gave birth outside wedlock to a child who was named NATHANIEL BAUTISTA CALISAAN who was born at Baguio City on August 28, 1999, a copy of the child's birth certificate being attached herewith as Annex "A";

4. That at the time of birth of NATHANIEL BAUTISTA CALISAAN, his mother was then only a Student without any visible means of income and knowing pretty well that Petitioner can well provide the love and affection and financial and moral support for her child, GRELITA BAUTISTA CALISAAN entrusted the care and custody of her child to petitioner;

5. That the said child had been brought up by petitioner as if he was his own child and although petitioner also had two (2) children of his own, they treat each other as if they were siblings and that they have grown to love each other and have a close relationship.

6. That petitioner wishes to formally adopt the minor child NATHANIEL BAUTISTA CALISAAN and if the adoption is approved by the court, petitioner prays that the adopted child be then known as URIEL NATHANIEL RICA FORT CALISAAN;

7. That the mother of NATHANIEL BAUTISTA CALISAAN has given her consent for Petitioner EMMANUEL DUMPIT CAIDO to adopt her child her AFFIDAVIT OF CONSENT is attached herewith as Annex "B"; (ORIGINAL IS ATTACHED TO orig. petition.)

8. Likewise since one of the children of the petitioner by the name URIELLE MARITHEA RICA FORT CAIDO is already 16 years of age, she has given

her consent for her father to adopt the minor child NATHANIEL BAUTISTA CALISAAN, a copy of her AFFIDAVIT OF CONSENT being herewith attached as Annex "C";

9. That even with two (2) legitimate children and now with the child sought to be adopted, Petitioner can well provide all financial support necessary to rear the children for the reason that he had been and is presently employed as Account Solution Manager of the Hewlett-Packard, (HongKong) ROHQ, 37 F Robinson Summit Center 6783 Ayala Avenue, Makati, 1226 and can provide the necessary mental and religious guidance to said children, he not being prone to violence and without any evil vices;

10. That petitioner desires that should this petition be granted, that the child be named URIEL NATHANIEL RICA FORT CAIDO following the surname of petitioner.

11. That likewise attached herewith is the Birth Certificate of URIELLE MARITHEA R. CAIDO, herewith attached as Annex "D";

12. That the birth certificate of one of the children of petitioner by the name of URIELLE THERESA RICA FORT CAIDO is not attached herewith as she was born in Cebu on May 25, 1998 and undersigned had requested the Local Civil Registrar of Cebu to issue and send a copy of her birth certificate to undersigned copy of said request being herewith attached "E";

13. That the other child of petitioner by the name of URIELLE THERESA RICA FORT CAIDO who as already aforesaid was born in Cebu on May 25, 2012 and whose Xerox copy of her birth certificate is attached as Annex "F" and that her Affidavit of Consent for her father to adopt said child is herewith attached as Annex "G".

WHEREFORE, premises considered, it is respectfully prayed of this Honorable Court, after notice, publication and hearing to grant this petition and to issue judgment de-

claring the child NATHANIEL BAUTISTA CALISAAN freed from all legal obligations of obedience and maintenance with respect to his natural mother and is for all intents and purposes the child of the petitioner and further ordering that the name of the child be now URIEL NATHANIEL RICA FORT CAIDO and further ordering the Local Civil Registrar of Baguio City to reflect the grant of this petition in his record after payment of his legal fees.

Finding the Petition to be sufficient in form and substance, let the same be heard before the Regional Trial Court, Branch 4, Baguio City, on December 12, 2012 at 8:30 o'clock in the morning, at which place date and time, the Petitioner shall prove his case. Any person interested may appear and show cause, if any there be why said Petition should not be granted.

Let a copy of this Order be published at the expenses of the Petitioner in the Junction newspaper, a local newspaper of general circulating in Baguio City, once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks before aforesaid hearing, the first publication to be published not later than August 19, 2012.

Furnish copies hereof together with a copy of the Petition and its annexes, to the office of the Solicitor General, Makati City, the Local Civil Registrar of Baguio City, the office of the City Prosecutor of Baguio, the Court Social Worker of the Regional Trial Court of Baguio City, for her to submit her Case Study Report to the Court not later than the scheduled hearing and the Petitioner and counsel.

SO ORDERED.

GIVEN this 3rd day of August, 2012 in the City of Baguio, Philippines.

By: (SGD) MIA JOY C. OALLARES-CAWED

Presiding Judge

Publication Dates: August 11, 18 & 25, 2012

Advocacy Mindanow.....

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maining few years in pain or in great discomfort and agony . Not only of the person concerned but including their relatives.

There are many advancements in medical science now where many elders even now look forward to reaching 100 years old or more. Aside from being mindful of one's lifestyle, getting the right food, and availing of new ways like stem cell or hormone therapy or alternative medicine can be the answer.

There is confidence now that within the next 10 years, a revolutionary way of reversing aging will become common. Many other advancements are mentioned in the BOMBSHELL book I am now reading. Very interesting! And mind-boggling! The 2012 edition is in the bookstore. No, I don't get a commission for those sales.

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CATHOLIC VOTE — The only way the Catholic church can convince some political leaders to listen to them on matters that the Catholic church considers as issues that have basic moral bearings or issues of faith is to muster enough votes and swing those votes for or against election candidates during election time.

The church official position on the RH bill is unequivocal. It's about time that the church comes out openly and campaigns against those who vote "yes".

I know the hesitance of some church leaders on transcending the moral to the political. But this may have to be necessary in swaying one way or the other political decisions that will affect the catholic faithful on clear moral issues like the RH bill.

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THE DALAI LAMA — The venerable DALAI LAMA of Tibet was asked one day what surprised him most about humanity. His answer:

"Man. Because he sacrifices his health in order to make money. Then he sacrifices the money to recuperate his health. And then he is so anxious about the future that he does not enjoy the present; the result being that he does not live in the present or the future; he lives as if he is never going to die, and then he dies having never really lived."

Please read this again and again until it sinks in.

PHILEX MINING — The way Philex Mining is handling the recent report of the "leak" from its mine site in Padcal , Benguet may be a good example of how a responsible mining company values and takes care of the environment. It is showing with great transparency how such an incident caused by heavy rains does not endanger the immediate surroundings, the community and the environment today of course the future.

Philex Bossman Manny" MVP" Pangilinan has shown a track record of being a no nonsense businessman who looks seriously at his responsibility and corporate obligation to his fellowman.

But I expect the anti mining sector will go to town and attack the company for endangering the lives of the people. I will not be surprised.

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that they should file their SALN religiously for the purposes of honest and accurate disclosure of their assets and liabilities, the memo stated./JDP/SCA- PIA CAR,Benguet

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also what complainants meant that their photos "found their way into the cyber space for everybody to see."

The measure of protection, granted by the reasonable expectation, diminishes as relevant technology becomes more widely accepted, "the Supreme Court here ruled back in 1998. In *Ople vs. Torres* (G.R. No. 127685). The measure of protection, hinges on a two-part test: (1) whether by his conduct, the individual exhibited an expectation of privacy; and (2) whether society recognizes this expectation as reasonable.

MySpace, Facebook and similar sites: "are public spaces", New York City Supreme Court found There can be no legitimate reasonable expectation of privacy. "There are millions of Internet users, the Court noted in Kathleen Romano's case against Steelcase Inc. "[I]n this environment, privacy is no longer grounded in reasonable expectations, but rather in some theoretical protocol better known as wishful thinking."

"Our youth is exposed to new realities of the cyber age," Largo says. Parents may benefit from a debate on cyber citizenship./ Juan L. Mercado

Kakampi mo ang Batas

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"Do not forget to read the Book of the Law; meditate on it day and night; and carefully obey everything that is written in it. Then you will become prosperous and successful." Let us do this now, while there is still time.

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Fort Del Pilar

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The couple has Pamela, 5, in kindergarten; Paulyn May, 14, in second year high school; Melvin Philip, 16, in senior high. Marilyn, the eldest at 18, is a sophomore in bachelor of science in biology at the St. Louis University.

Social worker Ana Codley wrote that the couple met in 1990 at the Philippine Military Academy where Primo was then assigned as an enlisted man. Magdalena, a native of Natonin, Mt. Province, was smitten by the soldier from neighboring Barlig town, same province, while she was teaching at the Golden Heart Pre-School inside the PMA.

After exchanging vows in 1993, they rented a house in Kias and later slowly built their own at Pinesville, Fort del Pilar where they presently reside. To build the home, both took on loans, the repayment of which continues to whittle down her teacher's monthly pay and his pension as a retired army master sergeant.

Until cancer struck, theirs was typical of an average or normal Filipino couple quietly pursuing dreams for family, making do even with seemingly unending financial woes.

"Life for the family went on smoothly until (Magdalena) was diagnosed (for) breast cancer early this year," Codley wrote. "She was operated on and her right breast was removed. She was strongly recommended to undergo six cycles of chemotherapy."

As the social worker noted,

Magdalena's hospitalization, surgery and initial two cycles of chemotherapy left the couple with no choice but to publicly appeal for support.

The medical outlook is, however, good. Magdalena's condition, diagnosed as "invasive ductal carcinoma", is still at Stage 2-B.

Samaritans out there can ring her up at cellphone number 09057721061 or visit the family at Block 22, Loty 8, Pinesville, Fort del Pilar, Baguio City. They may see her at the Fort del Pilar Elementary School where she teaches the fifth grade kids after she has recovered from her third chemotherapy this Monday.

Meanwhile, two gentle souls who requested anonymity had responded to another mother's call for help to sustain her twice-a-week and life-time hemodialysis treatment for kidney failure.

Renal patient Milagros Tait, 57, was ecstatic when the aide of a government official handed her P10,000 last Monday morning. The amount will be good for five dialysis sessions. Make that six, as another career official added P2,200, the cost of one session at the Baguio General Hospital and Medical Center.

She and several others are due to line up among hundreds of others from various parts of the country before dawn of August 22 at the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office in Quezon City. All hope to obtain guarantee letters notifying BGHMC to charge to PCSO eight or nine sessions for each patient.

The two officials' reaching out to Tait also gave relief to Shoshin, a small foundation in southern Germany which has been extending support to indigent patients here since 2004. Shoshin, founded by former world karate champion Julian Chees, handled the cost of Tait's dialysis the other week and used up its remaining funds here for dialysis patients Amor Orpilla and Mary Grace Binay-an and public school teacher Elenita Soriano who is battling cancer.

Also in dire straits is Sabino Adian, a 42-year old marginal vegetable farmer who is turning blind due to complications of diabetes.

With the aid of his wife, Mary Ann, he groped his way Tuesday to the renal center of the BGHMC for his twice-a-week dialysis treatment. Originally from Bambang, Nueva Vizcaya, the couple recently moved to Baguio, taken into the house of a pastor, after Sabino was diagnosed for kidney failure, also a complication of diabetes, and needed life-time dialysis treatment.

Until last Friday morning, Sabino and Mary Ann were at a loss on how to raise P2,200 for his next dialysis session. Hoping against hope, they went to the BGHMC anyway and sat on the waiting bench outside the dialysis room, waiting for whatever sign.

Otherwise, Sabino was determined to skip treatment and survive the week-end on empty. Many other patients in such predicament now and then pass over, sometimes with dire consequences.

Shoshin learned and texted Mary Anne to have Sabino on the line of patients scheduled to be attached to the blood-cleansing machine that afternoon.

Readers who can pool P2,200 for Sabino's next schedule on Tuesday or Friday may ring up Mary Ann at 09397288672./Ramon Dacawi.

Most Beautiful

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and Providing Funds Therefore and For Other Purposes" in 2002 which was approved six years later with modifications from the House Committee on Science and Technology on August 2008.

With the help of Congressman Bernardo Vergara and Ded-Ed officials headed by then Baguio City Schools Superintendent Ellen Donato (now the Dep-Ed CAR regional director) and Baguio City National High School principal Elma Donaala Resolution (2008-09-28) by the PSHS Board of Trustees in September 11, 2008 was approved establishing a PSHS-CAR Campus otherwise known as PSHS-CARC.

"This is a strong milestone for us and most importantly a strong demonstration of our long term commitment to inspire future professionals and leaders of Science and technology in the Cordillera Region", said FAD Chief, PSHS-CARC Rommel Lengwa during the ceremony.

The PSHS-CAR formally opened three years ago (Year 2009) and is now temporarily based at San Vicente Annex with 66 students from the Cordillera region. The PSHS stakeholders and supporters are searching for a permanent site for the grand project including Longlong in La Trinidad, Dairy Farm in Green Valley and other sites until the Deed of Usufruct was signed by Department of Science and Technology secretary Engr. Mario G. Montejo and Department of Education secretary was Bro. Armin C. Luistro which paved the way for the use of 1.5 hectares BCNHS land property as the future site of PSHS-CARC.

As a gift to their alma matter, the Batch '89 with the help of the friends headed by Arch. Vladimir Longid, Patrick Andrew Gozon and Engr. Daniel Peckley Jr. prepared a Master Development Plan and Architectural and engineering designs and specification of the Academic Building Complex free of charge.

"The ideal lot area of PSHS Regional Campuses is five hectares but through the help of our excellent consultants and space planners have maximized the use of 1.5 hectare allotted area which will be develop to be at par with other regions or better with other PSHS campuses in the country", Lengwa said

The first infrastructure worth P50 million is allotted for the construction of Academic building complex consisting classrooms, laboratories, library, faculty rooms, administrative offices and auditorium while the Construction of P12.5 million Dormitory Building I to house about 100 students will follow soon said Mayor Domogan who led the Indigenous Cultural Rites during the ground breaking ceremonies.

"We are proud that our students can out-perform other students from other PSHS Campuses in other regions based on their academic excellence. With the establishment of PSHS-CARC, hopefully to be fully develop on 2016, our students and the city will benefit us for a better educational system and the reality that Baguio is also one of the best educational center in the country", Domogan and Vergara said./BONG CAYABAB

Public Advised

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and DRRM efforts.

Benguet Governor Nestor Fongwan, in a separate interview, again reminded pocket miners in the province not to go inside mine pits during inclement weathers as it could pose danger to their lives. He reiterated that he has not yet lifted his order as the head of the Provincial Mining Regulatory Board, for temporary suspension of operation of small scale miners in the province until the weather condition improves.

Just recently, three pocket miners, two along Kias, Baguio City and one in Bokod Benguet, were rescued in a separate incident, after being trapped inside mine pits.

In a related news, Fongwan disclosed that initial report submitted to him on the damages wrought by Typhoon Gener and the continuing monsoon rains to Benguet's vegetable industry reached around P1.6 million.

He informed that at present there is an over-supply of highland vegetables causing prices to slide down as farmers made force-harvest of their crops to prevent bigger damage and loss due to typhoon Gener and the subsequent monsoon rains./JDP/CCD-PIA CAR

City

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hauling and tipping has reached approximately P40 million from January to June this year, it was found out during the city council meeting last Monday.

The Local Finance Committee scrounged approximately P27 million from project savings and personnel services which will be enough only to pay accounts until February. The said amount is still being scrutinized by the city council for revision.

Concio informed that the two ERS machines are operating alternately while the city awaits the arrival of the new boiler procured by Pro Tech to replace the damaged one.

The body also asked Concio to submit data on the volume of garbage fed to the ERS machines and hauled out from January to July this year.

Apart from these, Concio will have to submit documents on past performance report and present status of the solid waste management program and future plans and directions including possible amendments to the ten-year solid waste management plan within two weeks./A Refuerzo

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE

Notice is hereby given that the Estate of the late **VIDAL R. BUGTONG**, who died intestate at La Trinidad, Benguet on May 5, 2012, consisting of realty, bank deposits, and shares of stock, has been the subject of an extrajudicial settlement executed by his surviving heirs on May 31, 2012 recorded in the notarial registry of Atty. Melita Amylesha D. Macaraeg as Doc. No. 170 on Page No. 034, Book V, Series of 2012. Any claimant against the estate is hereby enjoined to contact the surviving heirs for settlement.

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Irisan Dumpsite

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out minor kinks to kick off the project.

The mayor said the city will fast-track the award and implementation of the project once all the problems have been resolved.

The project would cost P63 million and the savings from the Malacanang fund will be used to develop a 1.8 hectare lot previously identified for city employees' housing as a temporary waste sorting and transfer area.

The present temporary transfer area at Irisan will have to be halted to allow the construction of the Philippine Science High School.

Domogan also appealed to people not to make things worse and cooperate with authorities in safeguarding the dumpsite and prevent another disaster.

This after the discovery that some people are attempting to sabotage the remedial measures by poring into the canal that diverts the water from the trash.

He said one of the dump truck drivers chanced upon an individual destroying the canal in the act but the person managed to get away unidentified.

"It seems that there are persons out to disrupt what we are doing but I hope they will realize what they are compromising," the mayor said.

City General Services Officer Romeo Concio confirmed there is no "ponding of water" inside the waste facility but said continuous monitoring is being undertaken to ensure safety.

Based on the plan prepared by Engr. III Samuel Salvador of the city engineer's office, the project would cover the following scope of work: structure excavation; cutting of existing pavement; breaking of existing dilapidated pavement; breaking of boulders; base preparation; construction of box culvert, open canal, canal with gratings and pathwalk; concrete pavement; reinforced concrete retaining wall; septic tank; litter fence; reformation, benching and stabilization of slope; grouting works; final cover; gas vents; grouted riprap; suction pump; manhole; and hauling of materials./Paul Rillorta and Aileen Refuerzo

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To avoid a repeat of this, the city through the city environment and parks management office (CEPMO) will come up with guidelines for the Adopt-a-Park program to ensure that program participants will not renege on their obligations.

CEPMO officer-in-charge Cordelia Lacsamana said the guidelines have been submitted to Datuin's committee for study and presentation to the city council.

Lacsamana said they are still looking into the possibility of dissolving existing adoption agreements with groups that are no longer keeping their obligations.

Councilor Betty Lourdes Tabanda suggested that the guidelines include a provision to cancel the adoption upon the group's failure to deliver on its commitment.

Farinas said the city council has been working on institutionalizing the "Adopt-a-Park" program to make it more effective in support of the environmental preservation campaign.

Under the Adopt-a-Park agreement, the adopting parties are supposed to assist the city government in the cleanliness, beautification and development of the parks, main-

tain and protect the existing vegetation as well as the planted seedlings at the adopted area, conduct weeding, brushing, cultivation and landscaping and others./A Refuerzo

Citt to Honor

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Lourdes Tabanda said the tribute is in line with the thrust to honor centenarians for surpassing three decades of the average life expectancy which is already an achievement itself as champion in House Bill 834 passed on third and final reading on March 2012.

"Exhibiting a trait deeply engrained in the Filipino culture, Baguio City recognizes the significant role that our elderly play in society, being looked up to for wisdom and guidance," the body noted in the resolutions authored by all of the councilors.

Oliva was born on June 30, 1908 at Naguilian, La Union where the fact of her birth is duly registered. She attended Grade I class at Naguilian Convent School then transferred to Irisan Elementary School, Baguio City in Grade II.

Because of the escalating First World War then, Ms. Oliva was not able to pursue further her studies, but she is highly literate.

She married and complemented the family income as a vendor at the Baguio City Public Market, as rice dealer, house caretaker and as a dressmaker in a dress factory. The Oliva couple is blessed with 11 children, eight of them surviving, and with around 300 grandchildren at present.

She revealed that one of the secrets of her longevity is her vegetarian diet, coupled with a very

Datoc-Visperas was born in Vigan, Ilocos Sur on July 30, 1903.

Lola Nena, as she is fondly called, was orphaned at age the and along with her three brothers, they were adopted by their aunt who brought them to Baguio City in a caravan of cow-driven carts, selling wares along the way;

She grew up selling vegetables and native vinegar and wine (*basi*) to help in her and her siblings schooling. She finished her secondary education at St. Louis School of Campo Filipino and was among the 2nd batch of graduates in 1930. She then pursued her college education at the Baguio General Hospital School of Nursing and was one of its pioneer graduates.

Lola Nena was married to the late Engr. Feliciano L. Visperas, a civil engineer who worked at the mines in Benguet. Visperas. The couple were also the pioneer in the handicraft and wood carving business in Baguio. They were blessed with seven children and a total of 38 grandchildren;

Visperas was recognized as a Centennial Awardee during the Baguio Centennial year celebration in 2009./A Refuerzo

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delicacy reserved for special occasions because of its delicious sweet meat. Local eels fetch prices as high as P500 per kilo.

Considering the high demand for eel in the market, there exists a huge potential for a viable industry to develop, Dang-awan said./JBZ-PIA CAR

Mt. Province Town Regulates Scrap Buying, Peddling

BESAO, Mt. Province — The municipal government here now strictly prohibits junk and scrap buyers to buy from minors and senile persons.

In coming out with Municipal Ordinance No. 16.s. 2011, the Sangguniang Bayan presided by vice mayor Harry Baliaga, noted that there are many incidents wherein minors sell to junk/scrap buyers their parents' serviceable agricultural and carpentry tools. Moreover, there are some adults who steal usable tools deliberately deface, break and destroy so as to make them appear as scrap to justify their disposal or sale.

Allegedly, there are helpers of scrap buyers who go around the community to buy scrap but instead they pick anything of value in people's backyard due to the absence of home owners who are either in the fields or somewhere else.

There are also confirmed transactions between scrap buyers and senile persons wherein the buyer due to defects of these persons are easily enticed and prodded to give anything requested.

To address these concerns, the ordinance requires the barangay officials to designate an appropriate scrap/junk waiting stations in their jurisdictions where the scrap buyers will wait for their clients. The barangay officials are also tasked to monitor the business transaction.

Any person who is found violating this local law, shall be fined P1,000 for the first offense, P1,500 for the second offense and P2,500.00 and or an imprisonment of one day to 15 days for the third offense.

Meanwhile, in the municipality of Natonin, all dealers of scrap metal, plastic and bottles are not allowed to bring out of the municipality scrap materials such as scrap metal, plastic and bottles unless a loading permit is obtained from the Office of the Mayor.

The loading permit may only be given after the police officer on duty has issued a certification that the scrap materials were unloaded, inspected and no illegally obtained private or government properties were included and after a permit fee of P100.00 has been paid as shown by an official receipt from the treasury office./JDP/JBS-PIA CAR, Mt. Province



MONTH LONG CELEBRATION - Members of the Baguio City National High School Special Performing Arts perform an interpretative dance number during the program marking the start of 103rd Charter Day Celebration of Baguio City themed: "Sustaining A sense of History, Community and Continuity" during city hall's flag raising ceremony August 6./By Bong Cayabyab

Irisan Dumpsite Holding up Despite Rains

BAGUIO CITY – Mayor Mauricio Domogan is relieved that the Irisan dump facility is holding up despite the continuous monsoon rains that has battered the city over the past weeks.

Domogan also said personnel of the city's solid waste management division and engineering division are keeping watch over the dumpsite which has a huge gap on its retaining wall caused by a major typhoon which hit the city

last year and caused the unfortunate trash slide.

"We are thankful that no trash slide and mishap occurred in the area despite the heavy rains," mayor said.

The mayor said this can be attributed to the early remedial measures undertaken in the area including the repair of the canals to prevent run-off water from passing through the facility.

The remedial measures were instituted even as the city awaits the completion of the paper

works for the rehabilitation of the collapsed retaining wall to be funded from the P80 million approved by Malacanang through the Dept. of Public Works and Highways (DPWH).

The mayor said the program of work for the project has arrived and the city with the Bids and Awards Committee (BAC) along with the technical working group composed of engineering experts from the city government and private entities are now ironing

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City to Honor Two Lady Centenarians

BAGUIO CITY – The city government will honor two lady centenarians here for being icons of longevity, light-houses of wisdom and pillars of moral strength.

L e o n o r

Supsun-Oliva of Scout Barrio who turned 104 years old last June and Magdalena Datoc-Visperas, 103 of Salud Mitra barangay were cited in separate resolutions approved by

the city council last Monday. They will be feted in simple but fitting ceremonies to be arranged later, according to the body. Proponent Councilor Betty

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BFAR Distributes Baby Eels in Benguet

LA TRINIDAD, Benguet — The Bureau of Fish and Aquatic Resources (BFAR)- Cordillera recently distributed 31,000 pieces of elvers (baby eels) in five municipalities in the province that have communal bodies of water.

According to

BFAR regional director, Dr. Rebecca Dang-awan, the elvers were distributed in Bokod with 10,000; Kapangan and Kibungan with 8,000 each; Tublay, 3,000 and La Trinidad, 2,000. The stocked elvers will be released in the river

system of the said municipalities and we expect them to grow and increase their numbers, Dana-awan said. They will be closely watch and when they mature they will generate eggs, she said. In the Cordillera, eels are rare now a days. This fish specie is considered by the community as a

Park Guardians Asked to take Adoption Role Seriously

BAGUIO CITY – City officials on Monday urged groups intending to adopt parks in the city to honor their commitment to tend to these promenade areas continually and sincerely and not only for posterity.

"Our Adopt-a-Park program does not end after the adoption ceremonies and signing of the agreement. Let's

learn from our past experience and see to it that if we adopt a park, we will do that we can to continually maintain it to give meaning to the program." Mayor Mauricio Domogan said.

"We should take this program seriously and carry out our obligation of maintaining these parks," Vice Mayor Daniel Farinas said. The officials

beemoaned the failure of many groups which joined the program in the past to sustain their obligations for the upkeep of the parks.

"There were many groups that adopted the parks, installed their names and logos within the park and afterwards abandoned the same," lamented Councilor Elmer Datuin, chair of the council committee on parks.

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