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Fathers play a critical role in the development of their children. The latest research shows that fathers who are actively involved in raising their children often make a positive difference in their lives.

Unlike an active, engaging father, the passive dad lets others take the lead and make all the decisions. He prefers to sit back and let life happen. He brings home a paycheck but he's ultimately responsible for much more. A father is responsible for providing emotional and physical security, affirmation of his wife and children and leadership for the family. He should care about every aspect of family life.

Children need fathers who love them on a consistent basis. Love means more than saying "I love you." If you love your children, spend quality and quantity time with them. Children who feel their father's love are more likely to develop a healthy self-esteem. Active fathers promote their children's self-esteem by being fully involved in their lives. You can boost your child's self-esteem by listening to and supporting them in times of joy, sadness, anger, fear and frustration.

By being actively involved in his children's lives, a father promotes a trusting relationship and helps them feel physically and emotionally secure. The child won't worry about being abandoned. Young children are also full of questions. This natural curiosity helps them learn about their environment. Active fathers are a valuable source of information for children who seek answers to life's important questions.

Active fathers also teach their children proper behavior by setting and enforcing healthy limits. Children with actively involved fathers are less likely to engage in early sexual activity, thus reducing their chances for teen pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases. Children with actively involved fathers are less likely to drop out of school, commit suicide and less likely to commit juvenile crimes.

Think for a moment about the kind of dad you are. Are you the type who devotes time to play ball with his son or teach his daughter to ride a bike without training wheels, or the dad who sits on the couch to watch Sports Center, seemingly oblivious to his children's daily activities? This Father's Day, make a commitment to be a more active father. Your children will not only thank you, but will greatly benefit from your involvement in their lives!

Help Jessica Sanchez Become An International Icon

Perhaps there's no better way to unite Filipino communities around the globe than through music -- especially when coming from the vocal prowess of 16 years old, Filipino-Mexican American Jessica Sanchez.

This Chula Vista, California native captivated viewers week after week on American Idol Season 11 and just placed one spot shy of winning it all. Maybe the demographics was not right for Sanchez to capture the title, maybe the planets weren't in correct alignment, who knows. What AI has done though, is give the singing sensation a platform to become a household name and rising international star. All this, in just a few months.

Ethnic votes alone could not have gotten Sanchez to the blazing limelight. Her rare talent received cascades of praises from seasoned AI judges, famed record producers, and entertainment titans. AI judges Randy Jackson and Jennifer Lopez said Sanchez has one of the best voices they've heard. The last of the AI judge trio Steven Tyler called Sanchez's voice angelic and leaves listeners hanging on

FROM THE PUBLISHER

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elcome to the latest issue of the Hawaii Filipino Chronicle! Filipinos the world over shook their heads in disbelief as Manny Pacquiao lost in a controversial decision to Tim Bradley. Boxing promoter Bob



Arum has formally sought a full inquiry into the way two ringside judges scored the fight that led to Pacquiao's loss. The controversy may not be over yet, so stay tuned.

With Father's Day 2012 right around the corner, we at the Chronicle would like to wish all of you dads a very special and Happy Father's Day! Researchers say that fathers are vital in the development of their children. Nowadays, being a modern day dad can be overwhelming because of the responsibilities attached with fatherhood. Whatever you're planning for dad this Father's Day, let him know how proud you are of his ability to live up to the many tasks he faces.

Our cover story for this issue was submitted by contributing writer Maita Milallos who interviewed Rogelio "Jun" Hernandez, head coach of the University of Hawaii women's tennis team. The youngest of seven children, Hernandez grew up in Quezon City and was introduced to the sport of tennis by his dad at an early age. His dad taught him more than tennis but also lessons in life that have benefited him off the court. Lessons such as discipline, dedication, determination and respect for himself and others. After his college days in the Philippines and on the mainland, Hernandez pursued a career as a collegiate tennis coach and hasn't looked back since. With Hernandez at the helm, the UH women's tennis has reached new heights. Along the way, he has instilled into his players much of the same lessons he learned from his dad. We invite you to read more about Hernandez beginning on page 4.

Also in this issue is a feature article on the life of Jose Rizal submitted by our newest contributing writer, Dr. Serafin "Jun" Colmenares. June 19th marks the 151st birth anniversary of Dr. Rizal, the Philippines' national hero. In commemoration, the Knights of Rizal Hawaii Chapter will be hosting the 4th U.S.A. Regional Assembly and Conference on September 1-3, 2012 and the 2nd Dr. Jose Rizal Awards Gala on September 2, 2012 at the Ala Moana Hotel. The beauty of Rizal's legacy is that much of his ideals such as love and devotion to country are still very relevant today. In fact, his works continue to be studied by scholars the world over. We hope you will enjoy reading Dr. Colmenares' essay on Jose Rizal beginning on page 5.

We encourage you to take time to read other informative and interesting columns we have provided in this special Father's Day issue, including "Legal Matters" (page 7), "Legal Notes" (page 13) and Philippine Language (page 14). In closing, we'd like to thank our readers for their faithful and continued support of the Hawaii Filipino Chronicle. Please feel free to contact us at: fipinochronicle@gmail.com if you have story suggestions, concerns or questions regarding Hawaii's vibrant Filipino community. We would love to hear from you.

Until next time... *aloha* and *mabuhay!*

Chona A. Montesines-Sonido

every note. Singers Jennifer Holiday, Jennifer Hudson, India Arie, Mary J Blige, Adam Lambert, Akon, and Richard Marx are among countless others blown away by the teen's vocal range, control, and maturity. But what's most telling that Sanchez could be the next big R&B, pop entertainer is the confidence legendary producers Jimmy Iovine and Tommy Mottola have expressed. Iovine said she could one day be at the Grammy's.

Mottola, former head of Sony Music Entertainment, and known for developing some of the greatest talents such as Carly Simon, Diana Ross, Gloria Estefan, Shakira, Jennifer Lopez, Celine Dion, Barbra Streisand, Bruce Springsteen, Ricky Martin, and even Michael Jackson, is rumored to be signing on Sanchez. Mottola's wife, Mexican singer-actress Thalia, tweeted immediately after the final of AI that Tommy will work on Sanchez's first album, to be put out by Casablanca Records, his new joint venture with Universal Music Group.

Mottola obviously was impressed by her talent, marketability

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and potential career longevity. Sanchez lit up the social media since AI, receiving the most YouTube hits for her performances on AI than any other contestant. (Some of the performances of her songs on AI actually got more hits on YouTube than the original singers' version.) Sanchez also has the largest Twitter following and has been on Yahoo's search engine at number one on several occasions. Not to mention, Sanchez has international appeal from the Philippines and Mexico, and cross-over power to penetrate Anglo and Asian markets around the world.

Filipinos must continue to fan the fire

But before Sanchez is anointed such premature greatness, this post-AI transition period is extremely critical and Sanchez fans must be well informed of the nature of today's music industry. Basically, artists have one shot. For the selective few AI contestants who actually managed to land record deals, their debut single was their last, due to soft sales. Three of the last five AI winners have already been dropped by their record labels.

The legions of Filipinos who voted 10, 20, 100, even 1,000 times for Sanchez throughout AI Season 11, ought to pay close attention to when her first single or album will be released, then buy it to ensure a solid footing for Sanchez in the entertainment industry. In the meantime, keep the fire of interest burning by supporting all social media and news about Sanchez to strengthen music producers' confidence that Sanchez should be signed to a record deal.

As a community, why is all this effort for Sanchez so important, some may ask. Greater visibility and pride for our community could be legitimate answers to this question. Trailblazing for future Filipino talent could be another reason, as it could be justified to say that Jasmine Trias, AI standout who placed third, helped to pave the way for Sanchez. But most importantly, we should come out in support of Sanchez because she deserves it. Her talent speaks, or more aptly, "sings", for itself. Let's help Sanchez become the first international, legendary icon.

OPINION

"Filipinos For Rail" Distorts Honolulu's Fiscal Debate With Unnecessary Racial Overtones

By Danny de Gracia, II

One of Hawaii's greatest blessings is the fact that it is a hub for people and cultures from all around the world. As a third generation Filipino-American, I am very thankful that my grandparents were able to immigrate to Hawaii in the early 1900s and pave the way for a prosperous future through commitment to

personal vision, faith in God and hard work. Because of that very reason, I think it is unnecessary to attach a racial element to advocate matters such as Honolulu's rail project for the sheer fact that it is a matter of public fiscal policy. We should continue to have a fervent debate over rail but one that is based on facts, not emotionalism or racial overtones.

This being said, it is my personal hope that both the Honolulu City Council and the

Hawaii State Legislature will consider the fact that the long-term stability of the U.S. dollar is very much in question amidst the on-going global financial crisis. We need to go beyond insular, small special interest thinking and plan strategically for our future.

Part of the reason that things are becoming so expensive for consumers, businesses and state governments alike is that low interest rates have sparked monetary expansion and inflation. Over the next few months, food prices are ex-

pected to rise by 3.5 percent and with Washington, D.C. pursuing such a hard line stance on Middle Eastern and Southwest Central Asian nations, the cost of energy should be expected to be extremely volatile over the long term as well.

It would be irresponsible, even arrogant during this time of economic and geo-political turmoil to commit taxpayers to long-term, big ticket projects such as the Honolulu rail project—whether the taxpayers involved are local or from other

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Father's Day Reflections from UH Women's Tennis Head Coach Jun Hernandez

By Maita Milallos

Avid tennis fans in Hawaii may easily recognize the name of Rogelio "Jun" Hernandez. As head coach of the University of Hawaii women's tennis team, Hernandez has been credited for the program's resurgence.

Under his leadership, the women's tennis team achieved several historic firsts. The team competed in its first National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) tournament appearance, advanced to its first Western Athletic Conference (WAC) championship match and was nationally-ranked for the first time in school history.

Prior to coaching at UH, Hernandez was at the University of California-Berkeley, where he served as the women's assistant tennis coach for three years. In 2000, the Golden Bears advanced to the NCAA semifinals. Two years later, Hernandez was awarded the Intercollegiate Tennis Association's Women's Assistant Coach of the Year for the Northwest Region.

After three years with the women's team at Cal-Berkeley, he coached the men's tennis

team for three and a half years. During the 2002-2003 season, the Golden Bears finished the season ranked number 4, which was considered as their best season in 12 years.

For this special Father's Day issue, the Chronicle was granted an exclusive interview with Hernandez, who candidly discussed his family, early years in tennis, experiences as hitting coach for famous tennis players such as Martina Hingis and Anna Kournikova, and his professional years as a tennis coach. He also offers good advice for young people who aspire to be the next Roger Federer or Maria Sharapova.

Q: Please tell us about your family.

A: My dad hails from Albay and my mom is from Leyte. I was born in 1970 and grew up in a big family in Que-

zon City. I have three older brothers—Rollie, 52; Rodolfo, 51; and Rommie, 49; and three older sisters—Teresita, Maria Gigi and Glenda, 47. Teresita was born with Down's Syndrome and passed away in 1987. Maria Gigi died from lupus in 1991. It was sad to lose them but they are in a better place now.

We come from a lower-middle class family. My dad worked for the Manila Times selling advertisement space while my mom ran a "sari-sari" store in front of our house. I don't know how they managed to support seven children but they did. Mom was really good with finances. If things got bad, we ate rice and sardines from our store. We were happy.

I hung out with my sisters until I entered high school. I was unable to hang out with my brothers because they were working odd jobs and studying at the same time. My brother Rollie joined the U.S. Navy in the 1970s. I was too young then to remember when he left. After several years, he petitioned for my dad to join him in the U.S. It was 1983 when I was 13 years old and studying at San Beda College.

We eventually joined our dad and Rollie in the U.S. in the early 1990s and settled in San Diego. Rollie works for the University of California-San Diego while Rodolfo works at Caltrans. Rommie is employed at Hertz in San Diego while Glenda is a nutritionist at a San Diego hospital.

Q: How were you introduced to tennis?

A: Everyone in the family plays tennis. My father would

watch things on television and would say, "Oh, I would like to do that." He taught us to play tennis in front of our house and we would play on the street.

I was 9 years old when I fell in love with tennis. My father decided one summer to take me to a junior tennis tournament at the Rizal Memorial Sports Complex. For the rest of that summer, my father dropped me off at the tennis court on his way to work and would pick me up in the afternoon.

My introduction to tennis opened opportunities that I would otherwise not have. I was able to secure a high school scholarship at San Beda College because I was a member of their tennis team. I was also exposed to Asian tournaments when I was 15 years old. I qualified for the Philippines' junior national tennis team and played in Hong Kong and Korea.

Q: Please describe your dad's sacrifices in making you into who you are now.

A: My dad worked from early morning to late at night to support a growing family. But he found time to take us to the tennis court and play with us. On some weekends, he would also bring me to tournaments around Manila. We would hop on his motorcycle and ride to these places to watch tournaments.

From a young age, he taught me more than the game itself—that it was not just about

hitting the ball but also good sportsmanship, integrity, honesty, hard work, dedication and discipline to be successful on the court.

Q: How did you start as a tennis coach?

A: I never planned to be a coach. After graduating from San Diego University in 1995, I worked for a marketing company that sold court equipment. I was also playing tennis at the university. I was told there was an opening as women's assis-

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tant coach, so I applied and got the job. It was 1998. One of my students was Zuzana Lese-narova who later won the 1999 NCAA singles title.

I stayed for a year and a half until I moved to the University of California-Berkeley as the women's assistant coach. I spent three years with the Golden Bears under head coach Jan Brogan. After three seasons, I moved to the men's tennis team for three and a half seasons under head coach Peter Wright.

Q: How did you become a hitting coach for professional tennis players like Martina Hingis and Anna Kournikova?

A: Tennis is a small industry and it pays to be professional. It's an important lesson I learned from my dad. In this instance, the women's head coach of the University of San Diego gave my contact information to Martina Hingis's manager who then gave me a call in 1999. A meeting was arranged and I guess she liked how I played. She would ask for me as her hitting coach each time she was in Southern California.

I was also introduced to Anna Kournikova, Hingis' doubles partner at that time and worked with her as well.

Q: How did you become the head coach for the Rainbow Wahine tennis program?

A: It was John Nelson, the men's head coach at the University of Hawaii who told me that the position for women's head coach was open. After seven seasons with the Golden Bears, I applied for this position and got the job in 2006.

My initial contract, which was for a year, was extended to three years. My final year was supposed to be 2011 but my contract was extended until 2013. Hopefully, UH will give me another extension to stay.

Q: You have been credited for the resurgence of the Rainbow Wahine tennis program. What are your thoughts on that?

A: It was a great season for our women's tennis program and I'm very happy to be a part of it. There are many people in our department who made this possible. It starts from our ad-

ministrators who gave me the opportunity to lead this program.

There's Jim Donovan, our athletics director who extended my contract, and my boss Marilyn Moniz-Kahooohanohano, our associate athletics director who recommended my extension. There's Carl Clapp, our associate athletics director who approves my budget for the year as far as travel, equipment and supplies go. We also have the academic center for our student-athletes.

Then there are the trainers—Saverio Mennella, our volunteer coach, and Bridgette Thompson who worked for me for three years as assistant coach before she moved this semester to Utah. She not only coached but also did a lot of office work such as making sure we were in compliance with the NCAA and the WAC. She's going to be replaced by Melinda Wong, who played for me three years ago.

We've received help from a lot of people which frees me up to focus on coaching our student-athletes.

Q: The Rainbow Wahine tennis team lost to the Fighting Irish in its first NCAA tournament this past May. What are the team's next moves and what can we expect from UH women's tennis in the future?

A: We lost to Notre Dame but I have to give our team tons of credit because they competed very well against a highly-ranked team.

Although it was great to accomplish many things this year, we want to do better next year. We want to win the Big West Conference next season. We want to qualify and be competitive in the next NCAA tournament. To achieve these goals, our student-athletes must be committed to working harder and not be satisfied where they are. We're going to work hard to be physically stronger and to have faster, more solid strokes.

We are also working with our academic advisors. I believe we have a team GPA of 3.3 this year, but we want to be at 3.5. Although 3.3 is good, we need to improve on that. Our student-athletes must learn to balance the various demands of college life, so our academic advisors make sure that they attend the right classes, do their



UH women's tennis coaches and players pose with the WAC championship banner

homework, take exams and meet with their professors.

Q: How are you as a coach? What is your coaching philosophy?

A: I'm a very good coach but I still have many things to learn and to get better at.

My philosophy is that a coach, first and foremost, is an educator. As an educator, I believe in teaching all aspects of tennis and life, which is another lesson I learned from my dad. Tennis taught me discipline, dedication, determination and respect for myself and others. I also teach my players the importance of maintaining a balance of family, education and tennis, as well as their social and spiritual life.

I work with my student-athletes individually to improve their skills on the court and assist them in adjusting to college life. I promote self-reliance, self-assurance, personal accountability and responsibility so that we can better focus on the bigger picture—the team.

Success for me is having a group of people work together to accomplish one goal—a team championship. Along the way, we have the opportunity to foster great relationships with teammates based on trust, that each player is doing her best

and trusts in the power and strength of working together as a team.

Q: Aside from being a coach, what other things are you currently involved with?

A: There are a lot of things that we need to do to help our student-athletes. For example, paying for the \$500 business school fees per semester that are not included in their scholarships. This is the first year that UH allowed me to pay for that from the money that we raise through the UH athletic fundraising.

Another thing is giving back to the community with the game I love the most. Our Ace to Success Program that started three years ago helps 30 to 40 underprivileged kids learn tennis and understand the importance of education. Our eight student-athletes, three coaches and two volunteers give these children an hour to help with their homework and an hour of tennis play. We then feed them dinner before sending them home.

All these were made possible by the \$12,000 funding we got from the U.S. Tennis Association. The money got us equipment, junior rackets, tennis shoes for the kids, balls, nets, etc. Hopefully, we can keep going and obtain addi-

tional funding later on. But at this time, we're set and have all the supplies that we need.

The program is a great way for student-athletes to enjoy teaching and for these children to know how important college is to their future. I think it's great for them to come here because they get exposed to college students and tennis. After all, this is also how I started my tennis career in the Philippines.

Q: Please tell us more about your family life in Hawaii.

A: I met Jennie in Las Vegas. She was a nurse in Southern California while I was still working for the Golden Bears. We moved to Hawaii in 2006 and got married the following year. She now works at the post-partum department at Queen's Hospital and also takes care of our 2-year old son William.

My wife has been very supportive. When we decided to move here, she left a good job on the mainland because she knew that I wanted to be a head coach for UH.

Q: Any tips for young Filipinos who want to become professional tennis players?

A: I would advise them to work hard and go for their dreams but to also make sure to have something to fall back on by getting their education.

Kids these days focus only on sports and tend to forget about school. If something bad happens and they can't continue playing, it'll be harder for them to go back to school when they're in their 20s.

Another tip is that if you're 17 to 18 years old and you're not one of the top 200 tennis players in the world, you might as well get a job.



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UH Economics Alum Named Top Economist in Philippines

Philippine President Noynoy Aquino has appointed Arsenio M. Balisacan as the country's Socioeconomic Planning Secretary and Director-General of the National Economic and Development Authority.

Balisacan received his PhD in Economics from the University of Hawaii-Manoa in 1985. He will concurrently chair the National Statistical Coordination Board, Philippine Institute for Development Studies and Philippine Center for Economic Development.

"I am grateful and honored

for the president's trust and confidence in appointing me to this position," he said in a recent press statement. "And this has been my marching order—to address the critical constraints that make growth slow, uneven and exclusive to certain sectors of society. Certainly, the Philippine economy is growing, but we need to make it grow faster and to sustain high growth for the long term."

At the time of appointment, Balisacan was dean of the Uni-



Arsenio Balisacan

versity of the Philippines School of Economics in Quezon City. He was previously honored as Academician of the Philippines' National Academy of Science and Technology.

Balisacan is a leading expert on poverty in Asia and developing economies in Southeast Asia. He is the author or co-editor of seven books and has published about 100 academic papers and book chapters.

His PhD dissertation at UH,

entitled "Economic Protection: Agricultural Policies in Developed and Developing Countries," pioneered the political economy of agricultural policies. His doctoral adviser was economics Professor James Roumasset.

"Dr. Balisacan is a true leader and scholar, both in moving the research frontier forward and putting his expertise on rural poverty into practice for the betterment of the people of the Philippines," says Denise Konan, UH Dean of the College of Social Sciences and a professor of economics.

As director-chief executive of the Southeast Asian Regional Centre for Graduate Study and Research in Agriculture from 2003-2009, Balisacan spearheaded a memorandum of understanding with UH that led to a book on "Sustainability Science."

As undersecretary of the Department of Agriculture in the Philippines in 2000, 2001 and 2003, he was the country's chief negotiator in the Agriculture Negotiations of the World Trade Organization and involved in various bilateral agriculture negotiations.

FilCom Center to Launch 10th Anniversary with Open House

The Filipino Community Center (FilCom), the largest center of its kind in the nation, will celebrate its 10th Anniversary with a series of events, beginning with an open house on June 15, 2012 from 4 pm to 10 pm.

FilCom opened its facilities on its current two-acre location in the center of Waipahu in June 2002 after years of planning by

the Filipino community. Its resident bamboo instrument band, the *Banda Kawayan*, and the choral and dance troop *Himig ng Indak* will be on-hand to serenade guests. Volunteers, donors, community groups and supporters who worked hard to make the FilCom a reality will be recognized and honored.

The first part of the main program will be an ecumenical

service, a solemn event of thanksgiving. After the main program at the Casamina-Flores Ballroom, the celebration will continue at the Consuelo Courtyard, where performances will feature traditional Philippine music and dance.

The 10th anniversary event's theme "*Pagdiriwang at Pasasalamat*" (Celebration and Thanks) highlights FilCom's

first decade when the Center offered educational, social and cultural programs to all segments of the community.

"As we move forward towards the next decade, we hope to enhance and expand our services through community building and partnerships with the many organizations that have been so important to our success," says FilCom President Rose Churma,

who led the construction effort for the FilCom Center and returned to its helm in March 2012. "We are grateful for the support we've received and look forward to working together on the many new projects we are planning for the coming year."

For more information, please call the FilCom Center at 680-0451 or visit its website at filcom.org.

State Rescues Surging Energy Costs at FilCom Center

by Glenn Wakai

Vibrant energy continuously emanates from the Filipino Community Center (FilCom) in Waipahu. On any given day, you can witness residents dancing, learning basic computer skills, prepping for their nursing li-

cense or refining their voices. The iconic facility has grown into a popular gathering place.

With electrifying growth has come a utility bill that has also seen significant increases. It accounts for about 12 percent of the Center's entire operating budget. Last year, FilCom's util-

ity bill was \$98,484. The budget for 2012 is \$102,000. So far in the first three months of this year, utility costs are already over-budget. Air conditioning is the single largest contributor to the Center's escalating electricity expenses.

In May, lawmakers approved the state budget which included \$450,000 for the installation of a photo voltaic (PV) system at FilCom. The panels will be placed on the roof or in the parking lot.

"The grant for PV is particularly needed now since the use of renewable energy will reduce expenses," says FilCom President Rose Churma. "Whatever we save can go into programs that the community needs, such as those for seniors, job readiness and training, citizenship classes, microenterprise training and afterschool activities for kids that enhance our arts and culture."

Churma says it's unclear how much will be saved once the PV system is installed because Hawaiian Electric Company needs to negotiate a new rate based on reduced con-



sumption.

The state appropriation was initiated by State Sen. Clarence Nishihara who has been working on this project for years.

"In 2010, I saw the need to place the FilCom Center on firm financial footing. This development will make a big difference in their expenses. It will provide benefits for years to come," he says.

The request was marshaled through the legislative process by State Sen. Michelle Kidani, vice chair of the Senate's Ways and Means Committee. Kidani says the FilCom Center was a dream that many hands helped to create.

"Now that the dream has been realized, we have a responsibility to continue nourishing this wonderful facility. In addi-

tion, this is such a fantastic opportunity for the state to promote the use of alternative energy and lessen our dependence upon fossil fuels," she says.

Churma does not want to raise fees for patrons so having money freed up on the expense side of the ledger is far more desirable.

"Despite a reduction in program funding, non-profits are looking at creative ways of continuing services and are depending on the for-profit sector and private foundations to provide for the gaps," Churma says. "We appreciate the Legislature's wisdom in allowing funds collected from taxpayers to be used by FilCom for renewable energy."

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Pacquiao v. Bradley: Impeach Those Boxing Judges



By Atty. Emmanuel Samonte Tipon

“Now that you’ve lost, do you still believe in me? God to Manny Pacquiao who is now a Bible-quoting, women-abstaining part time evangelical preacher

“Faith should not change during bad times.” Manny Pacquiao.

“God must have a purpose in this.” Jinkee Pacquiao

“Dinaya ang anak ko.” (My son was cheated) – PacMom (Dionisia Pacquiao)

There is a tsunami of outrage that has flooded the boxing world at the clearly erroneous split decision that stripped Manny Pacquiao of his World Boxing Organization welterweight title and gave it to Timothy Bradley.

Highway robbery? Highway robbery happens frequently in Las Vegas. I know; I used to live there.

The two out of three judges who decided for Bradley will likely retort: “No such thing. There was no highway and no robbery. We called it as we saw it.”

“I think the judges had their eyes closed,” observed Pacquiao’s trainer Freddie Roach. They must have been like the “three blind mice,” Promoter Bob Arum laughed. If they need an ophthalmologist, I recommend the best in Hawaii – Dr. Jorge Camara. He is my ophthalmologist. The judges don’t

have to come to Hawaii. They can stay in Nevada. Dr. Camara can operate by remote control via television with another doctor actually doing the surgery at the other end while he gives directions. But he is Filipino.

A day of infamy

Saturday, June 9 was “A Day of Infamy” when the two boxing judges decided that Pacquiao lost to Bradley, even though Pacquiao won on everybody else’s score card, said a commentator.

“What happens in Vegas stays in Vegas,” is the city’s slogan. The Pacquiao v. Bradley split decision happened in Vegas but it won’t stay in Vegas. The whole world is reacting negatively. Thousands of derogatory comments have been heaped on the decision and the judges on Twitter, Facebook, e-mails, newspaper columns, radio and television programs, and other means of communication. It is “the most egregiously bad decision in the controversial world of professional boxing,” according to Paul Magno, a Yahoo contributor.

Almost all at ringside agreed that Pacquiao won. “Even Roger Mayweather, the uncle and trainer of Floyd Mayweather, questioned the decision in a tweet: ‘Can’t lie I hate Manny but he did beat the (expletive) out of Bradley. But like I said it’s no one to blame but Bob Arum.’” USA Today, 06/11/12. It was reported that even Bradley’s father believed that Pacquiao won. Bradley’s wife, Monica, appeared very surprised when it was announced that her husband won.

What about Bradley him-

self? Bob Arum who was the promoter of both Pacquiao and Bradley (“conflict of interest?”), reportedly said: “I had it 10-2! After I got into the ring after the fight, I went over to Bradley and said ‘You did very well.’ He said, ‘I tried hard, but I couldn’t beat the guy.’ This is crazy. You talk about killing boxing? All three scorecards you throw out.”

“Pacquiao said he respected the decision, but felt he won the fight. From the look on Bradley’s face at the end of the bout, it appeared he felt the same way.” <http://sports.yahoo.com/news/boxing--timothy-bradley-jr--earns-stunning-split-decision-win-over-manny-pacquiao.html>

The only ones who did not agree were boxing judges Duane Ford and Catherine J. Ross and a few Bradley fans.

Investigate the judges

Demands for the investigation of the two judges have been made. “Promoter Bob Arum was still fuming about the split-decision verdict that went against Manny Pacquiao on Saturday and said there would be no rematch with Timothy Bradley unless Nevada attorney general Catherine Cortez Masto launches an investigation,” wrote Kevin Iole in Yahoo Sports.

A petition to the Governor of Nevada to overturn the decision has been started on line. Thousands have signed. If you wish to sign the petition, here is the link. <http://www.change.org/petitions/the-governor-of-nv-overturn-judges-decision-regarding-pacquiao-bradley-bout>

Nevada State Athletic Com-

mission [NSAC] Executive Director Keith Kizer was reported by the Los Angeles Times to have said that he does not anticipate any discipline or review of Ross or Ford. Why not? According to the London Telegraph “Skip Avansino, the NSAC commission chairman, who had been ringside, told American media sources last night that he was not concerned by the scoring. “We had three seasoned professionals working and I don’t question their determinations,” Avansino said. “Unless something is brought to our attention that there was improper behaviour, we’re not going to take any

action. I’m not going to second-guess our judges.”

The latest scuttlebutt in this sordid affair was reported by Eric Ball in Bleacher Report: “Executive Director Keith Kizer will be reviewing the video of Timothy Bradley’s controversial split-decision victory over Manny Pacquiao according to Ring TV. . . The results aren’t going to change, but if Kizer is not satisfied with the reasoning of Ross and Ford, they could be barred from judging another major event.”

Pacquiao heartily endorsed the reelection bid of Senator *(continued on page 12)*

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states like Texas where federal dollars are exported out of state to subsidize our so-called infrastructure with matching federal funds.

Now is a time that we need all people, not just Filipinos, to think about more than just themselves but all of their fellow Americans. We are witnessing the implosion of the world’s greatest democracy and all some people can fixate on is more public spending, more credit, more taxation,

more cartelization and monopoly given to corporations through laws passed by our legislators.

We need to cut taxes, cut government spending, increase savings and increase private production—especially production from small business—to save the economy and our future. The only way we can do that is with less government projects, not more because every public tax dollar spent on rail is a dollar taken out of the

national and local economy that could have been spent by private individuals.

We will either save our state and nation together or lose it separately through our manic obsession with government redistribution of wealth. It’s time for a new way of thinking and a fresh approach to how we look at public policy and economics.

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FEATURE

Rizal: His Relevance Today

by Serafin Colmenares Jr., Ph.D.

June 19, 2012 will be the 151st birth anniversary of Dr. Jose P. Rizal, the Philippines' national hero.

On September 1-3, 2012, the Knights of Rizal will hold its 4th USA Regional Assembly and Conference, as well as the 2nd Rizal Awards Gala in Honolulu. While these events are modest compared to the worldwide celebration of last year's sesquicentennial anniversary, they are nonetheless important and significant given the fact that they commemorate the birth of an individual whose life and works have left an indelible mark and an enduring legacy among Filipinos and non-Filipinos alike.

Who was Rizal? What were his ideals and what was his legacy? How relevant are they in today's world?

Rizal and His Ideals

Rizal was born on June 19,

1861 in Calamba, Laguna. Despite his family's wealth, they suffered discrimination because neither parent was born on the peninsula. Rizal studied at the Ateneo and then at the University of Santo Tomas in Manila. He pursued medical studies at the University of Madrid and at the University of Heidelberg.

In 1886, Rizal published his classic novel *Noli me Tangere*, which condemned the Catholic Church in the Philippines for its promotion of Spanish colonialism and which made him a target for the Spanish authorities when he returned to the Philippines in 1887. He returned to Spain where he wrote a second novel, *El Filibusterismo* (1891) and many political articles in support of Filipino nationalism and reforms in Spanish governance of the Philippines.

He returned to Manila in 1892 and organized the Liga Filipina, a political group that called for peaceful change for the islands. Nevertheless, Span-



Members of the Knights of Rizal-Hawaii Chapter, with Philippine Consulate General staff, during the 2011 Philippine Independence Day celebration.

ish officials were displeased and exiled him to Dapitan on the island of Mindanao. During his four-year stay in Dapitan, he practiced medicine, taught students and collected local examples of flora and fauna.

Invited to support the Katipunan, he denounced the movement because of its violent and revolutionary character. After the outbreak of the Philippine revolution against Spain, Rizal was arrested, convicted of sedition and executed by firing squad on December 30, 1896.

Rizal's martyrdom pro-

vided the inspiration and the catalyst for the spread and eventual success of the Philippine revolution against Spain. This success was cut short by the arrival of American colonizers. The U.S., however, elevated Rizal to his current stature as the Philippines' national hero because of his more pacifist outlook, compared to the more revolutionary Andres Bonifacio and Emilio Aguinaldo.

There is no denying the fact that Rizal deserves to be a national hero. His life, his writings and the ideals he espoused were

dedicated to the attainment of freedom for the Philippines and for the improvement of the lot of Filipinos.

"Rizal's ideals encompass enlightenment, knowledge, creativity, reason, peace, justice, equality and love of country," says Dr. Belinda Aquino, professor emeritus and former director of the University of Hawaii's Center for Philippine Studies. "He had a powerful, first-rate intellect and an incredibly limitless core of values spanning historical, social, cultural, economic, political and human issues. He was way ahead of his time and foresaw with acute clarity, as he did in his famous 'The Philippines—A Century Hence,' of what his country would be like after a hundred years in terms of the changes that were not only bound to occur but were inevitable."

Rizal is considered not only as "the first Filipino," as Leon Ma. Guerrero would have it, but also the forerunner of Asian na-

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tionalism by India's Mahatma Gandhi and Jawaharlal Nehru, as well as Indonesia's Sukarno, for inspiring anti-colonial movements in Asian countries.

His legacy, however, does not end there, for his works continue to be studied by scholars worldwide, and his ideas continue to influence socio-economic and political issues, particularly among Filipinos in the Philippines and abroad. Thus, he remains relevant today, as he was during his time.

Aquino says that Rizal's ideals and ideas are not only relevant but "necessary, if not imperative." They are "timeless, ageless and universal...they transcend the transiency of time and the limitations of space."

Dr. Raymund Liongson, professor of Philippine Studies at Leeward Community College and the current commander of the Knights of Rizal-Hawaii Chapter, considers Rizal's primary ideals as "love of country, social justice, and triumph of reason over blind faith."

These ideals are explicit in his letters, speeches and writ-

ings—particularly in his novels *Noli Me Tangere* and *El Filibusterismo*. Like Aquino, Liongson believes that these ideals are still relevant today.

"Love of country, be it to the native or adoptive land, is our expression of recognition and gratitude to the caring heritage, inspiring history and supportive institutions that have defined our identity and equipped our survival. Social justice is that mechanism or condition which requires us to render unto every individual his or her just due without distinction.

"This is the foundation of the principles of equality, as well as human and civil rights. Reason over blind faith—be they religious, ideological, or cultural—is our shield and weapon against biased indoctrination, paralyzing subjugation and oppressive tyranny. It is freedom of search for truth and exercise of conscience. These Rizalian ideals are the core of democratic and humane principles without which our human life can be relegated to trivial existence," Liongson says.

Rizal's genius to think ahead of his time is shown, according to Dr. Aquino, in the letter that he sent to the intrepid women of Malolos who defied authority to run their own school:

'Now that you have responded to our vehement clamor for public welfare; now that you have shown a good example to your fellow young women who, like you, desire to have their eyes opened and to be lifted from their prostration, our hope is roused, now we are confident of victory. This Filipino woman no longer bows her head and bends her knees; her hope in the future is revived; gone is the mother who helps to keep her daughter in the dark, who educates her in self-contempt and moral annihilation... It is no longer the highest wisdom to bow the head to every unjust order, the highest goodness to smile at an insult, to seek solace in humble tears. You have found out that God's command is different from that of the priest, that piety does

not consist in prolonged kneeling, long prayers, long rosaries, soiled scapulars, but in good conduct, clean conscience, and upright thinking. You have also discovered that it is not goodness to be too obedient to every desire and request of those who pose as little gods, but to obey what is reasonable and just, because blind obedience is the origin of crooked orders and in this case both parties sin...All are born without chains, free, and no one can subject the will and spirit of another. It is cowardice and an error to believe that blind allegiance is piety and it is ignorance to think and to reflect...The gift of reason with which we are endowed must be brightened and utilized.'

This passage, according to Aquino, reads like a manifesto for the women's liberation movement in the 20th century. Other ideas expressed in this historic treatise could well presage the women's liberation version in the 21st century. It seemed Rizal was guided by

one major principle which transcends time and space—true piety is obedience to what is right. And that can only come about when women liberate themselves from the shackles of dogmatism and embrace a free mind.

Rizal's other writings manifest a similar ethos regarding the need to eschew arrogance and ignorance, which can only come through education. He believed that freedom must be deserved, that Filipinos must be prepared and ready for it. Rizal believed that the only justification for national liberation and self-government is the restoration of the dignity of the people; for as he said "...why independence, if the slaves of today will be the tyrants of tomorrow?"

Rizal envisaged an ideal society, educated, self-sufficient and free. He founded the *La Liga Filipina* toward these ends—"because I understood and I understand that a people cannot have liberties without having first material prosperity; that to have liberties without having food to eat is to listen to speeches and to fast... A people

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cannot be free without being independent, and a people cannot be independent without being free.”

Unfortunately, most of Rizal’s ideals remain unfulfilled today. Liongson believes that many of the evils Rizal fought to eradicate continue to persist. He says that if Rizal were alive today, he would echo the same calls he made a century ago, challenging Filipinos across the globe, particularly the youth, to rise up and be counted.

Dr. Aurelio Agcaoili, UH professor of Ilokano language, on the other hand, talks about dreams unfulfilled and warns of its ominous consequences.

“Jose Rizal’s dream centered on the notion of human freedom in the full sense of the phrase,” he says. “The historical context of wanton injustice and widespread disrespect for the fundamental rights of the people of the Philippines provided the reason for him to dream of the day that each Filipino does not have to fight for even the basic right to earn a decent living, or to eat the right food, or to reside in a decent home.

“We have seen at least two people power movements to correct these errors. We have removed a president, impeached a Supreme Court chief justice and asked for the head of other corrupt officials. We have promised to make things better for our people. But we have not done so yet—not in accord with the ideal of social justice in its true form. Social justice in form and substance has not come to our shores. It has not come to the Philippines and our people are waiting for this to come about. One thing we need to understand before it is too late is that our people cannot wait forever. There is no forever. We only have the wrath of a suffering people.”

That Rizal’s ideals have remained unfulfilled, however, does not mean that they are no longer valid. They remain the aspirations of Filipinos and they have to be spread and nurtured. Aquino believes that Rizal’s ideas should be perpetuated in history books and courses on Philippine society and culture.

“It is our duty to press for reform in our educational system to include more Rizaliana because this is the best way to preserve the great ideals and ideas of our national hero,” she says. “We need him now more than ever in this modern era and we could use his ideas and ideals to become the great country in the international community that he devoutly wished for in his lifetime.”

Indeed, Rizal’s story and his ideas need to be told and retold. They need to be heard. Present and future generations of Filipinos have to listen and take heed, if we are to move forward to a better future.

Order of the Knights of Rizal

One organization that aspires, through its activities and projects, to keep Rizal’s legacy and his ideals alive is the Order of

the Knights of Rizal (KOR). The Order is an international fraternal organization established in 1911 in Manila and subsequently chartered by law under Republic Act 646. Its purpose is to spread Rizal’s ideals and teachings, especially among the youth who Rizal considers as the “fair hope of the Fatherland.”

Buoyed by its lofty universal principles, the Order has spread throughout the Philippines and other countries, with chapters in the U.S., Canada, Australia, the Middle East, Britain, Spain, Germany, Belgium, Czech Republic, and other parts of Asia, with a membership of more than 10,000.

The Hawaii Chapter was established in 1971. Among its past commanders and members are distinguished members of the community, Filipinos as well as non-Filipinos. Its current commander is Sir Raymund Liongson; his deputy commander is Sir Armand Carlos.

Among the projects that the chapter has done include the erection of the Rizal statue at the Filipino Community Center, passage of a Honolulu City Council resolution naming part of College Walk as Dr. Jose P. Rizal Square, the roving Rizal exhibit, the Alay kay Rizal Dramafest at UH, the Rizal Youth Leadership Institute, the annual Dr. Jose Rizal Awards, and the annual Rizal birth and death anniversary celebrations.

In addition, the Chapter has partnered and collaborated with other organizations in the celebration of Philippine Independence Day, Philippine disaster relief fundraising drives, the annual Filipino Fiesta and Parade, U.S. census drive, various community forums, and other activities. It is hosting the upcoming 4th USA Regional Assembly and Conference.

Regional Assembly and Conference

The KOR-Hawaii Chapter will be hosting the 4th USA Regional Assembly and Conference on September 1-3, 2012 and the 2nd Dr. Jose Rizal Awards Gala on September 2, 2012 at the Ala Moana Hotel.

The last U.S. regional assembly and conference was held on September 3-5, 2010 in Las Vegas. Held every two years, the regional assembly and conference brings together members of the Order from all over the world not only to renew ties of fraternity but to discuss and exchange ideas on topics that relate to the life and works of Dr. Jose P. Rizal, Philippine martyr and national hero.

This year’s theme is “Rizal’s Legacy and Its Implications to Nation Building.” It seeks to address how Rizal’s life, ideas, and teachings have molded or led to the growth of nationalism in the Philippines and elsewhere, and how they continue to influence socio-cultural, political and economic life. It is hoped that from this assembly and conference, new insights or practical ideas can emerge that could help

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peoples better face the challenges of nation building.

Speakers from Hawaii, the mainland, Canada, Europe and the Philippines will share their views on the theme. The keynote speaker will be Dr. Aquino, who received the first Dr. Jose Rizal Award given by the Knights of Rizal-Hawaii Chapter in 2011. The conference hopes to feature as luncheon speaker, Sir Lucien Spittaël, KGOR, from Belgium who will present his latest research work on the life of Dr. Jose Rizal.

The Assembly/Conference Program

The assembly/conference will start on September 1, 2012 with registration followed by opening ceremonies. Opening remarks will be given by current commander Sir Raymund Liongson and Sir Tom Rodriguez, KGOR, US deputy regional commander. The assembly will be declared open by the KOR supreme commander, after which Sir Serafin Colmenares Jr., KGOR, will introduce the keynote speaker. After the keynote speech, Sir Eddie Limon, KGCR, will give his report as regional commander for the USA. Lunch follows.

Immediately after lunch on September 1, there will be an optional bus tour for attendees to the USS Missouri Memorial at Pearl Harbor, followed by a visit to the Filipino Community Center in Waipahu and a luau at Paradise Cove.

Sunday, September 2 will be the conference proper. There will be several plenary speakers/panel discussions in the morning, followed by lunch. The afternoon will be devoted to several break-out sessions. In the evening, the 2nd Dr. Jose Rizal Awards Gala will be held. In addition to dinner, attendees will be treated to a short presentation by the Knights of Rizal-New Jersey Chapter on "The Trial of Dr. Jose Rizal" and then by a speech from the evening's guest speaker. This will be followed by the intro-



Members of Knights of Rizal-Hawaii Chapter during the 3rd U.S.A. Regional Assembly.

duction of the recipient of this year's Dr. Jose Rizal Award. Entertainment and dancing will follow, featuring Kristian Lei, Paul Cortes and other entertainers.

The third day, September 3, which is Labor Day, will deal primarily with Knights of Rizal organizational business and will start with the presentation of awards to deserving members. This will be followed by the submission, discussion and approval of resolutions from the assembly/conference, announcements, "State of the Order" speech by the KOR supreme commander which will formally close the assembly and conference.

The 2nd Dr. Jose Rizal Award

The evening of September 2, 2012 will feature the 2nd Dr. Jose Rizal Award Gala. The Award is given annually to a person who exemplifies the life and teachings of the Philippines foremost national hero.

The Rizal Awards is open to all nationalities residing in Hawaii. The candidate must be nominated by at least three reputable civic, professional or community organizations, and must submit a nomination form detailing his/her accomplishments, the impact of said achievements on the community and how such achievements promote Rizal's ideals and teachings. The nominee must show exceptional leadership, achievement, service and advocacy in the promotion of change through peaceful means, intercultural understanding, social justice and democratic principles.

Nomination forms will be available online at the Chapter's website and must be received by 5 pm on August 1, 2012. Tickets to the event (for those who are not registering for the assembly and conference) are available at \$60 per person (includes dinner and entertainment).

Assembly and Conference Registration

The assembly conference is open to anyone with an interest in the life and works of Dr. Rizal. Registration may be done online through the KOR-Hawaii website, www.knightsofrizalhawaii.org. Registration fees are as follows:

- \$200 per person for those registering before July 15, 2012
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The registration fee covers continental break-

fast and lunch for three days, the Rizal Award Gala dinner on September 2, 2012, and conference kit (bag, souvenir program and conference materials). It does not include the optional bus tour on September 1 which costs an additional \$75 per person (includes the luau). For those who plan to attend Day 2 only (conference and dinner), the cost is \$120 per person (\$60 for the conference and \$60 for dinner).

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PHILIPPINE NEWS

Phil, US Sign Agreement to Protect OFWs' Welfare

by Pia Lee-Brago
Wednesday, June 13, 2012

MANILA, Philippines - The Philippines has signed a partnership agreement with the United States Department of Labor to ensure the welfare of migrant workers.

In a ceremony held on June 11 at the US Department of Labor in Washington, ambassadors representing the embassies of the Philippines, Honduras, Peru and Ecuador signed partnership agreements with US Secretary of Labor Hilda Solis.

The agreements would ensure that migrant workers are aware of their rights to safe workplaces and to receive full payment of the wages owed to them under the laws of the US.

The accord augurs well for Filipino migrant workers throughout the US.

The 2010 US Census showed that the number of "Filipino in any combination" increased by 44.5 percent from 2,364,815 in 2000 to 3,416,840.

The protection of the rights

and promotion of the welfare and interest of Filipinos overseas is among the three pillars of Philippine foreign policy.

"We are very pleased to sign these joint declarations and letters of arrangement with DOL," said Philippine Ambassador to the US Jose Cuisia Jr.

He said "we assure DOL we will do our part in ensuring the dissemination of helpful information to Filipino workers concerning their right to a safe and healthy working environment, and fair wages and working hours in the US, and in assisting them to seek redress when such rights are disregarded or violated."

Under the agreement, regional enforcement offices of the US Labor Department's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and its Wage and Hour Division (WHD) will cooperate with Philippine consulates throughout the US.

Together, the consulates and Labor Department agencies will reach out to migrant workers with information about US health, safety and wage laws.



U.S. Labor Secretary Hilda Solis

The partnership will help the WHD and OSHA more effectively enforce US laws, especially in high-risk and low-wage industries.

Both agencies, under this cooperation, will identify problems

faced by migrant workers and target labor law enforcement efforts.

"Migrant workers make important contributions to our economy," Solis said. "Enforcing labor rules means we ensure that companies that play by the rules get an advantage and compete in a level playing field, and that all workers are safe on the job and are fairly compensated."

The US labor department has similar agreements with eleven other countries.

The labor department previously implemented agreements

with Mexico, Nicaragua, Guatemala, El Salvador, Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic and India.

The US labor department's WHD is responsible for administering and enforcing laws that establish minimally acceptable standards for wages and working conditions in the country.

WHD has over 200 district, field, and area offices across the country with trained personnel available to assist workers. All services are offered free and confidential. (www.philstar.com)

PCG Assures Presence in Panatag During Typhoon Season

by Jaime Laude
Wednesday, June 13, 2012

MANILA, Philippines - A Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) vessel is staying put in Panatag Shoal (Scarborough Shoal) as a symbol of the country's sovereignty over the area, a senior security official said Tuesday.

The official, who asked not to be named, made this assur-

ance to dose off speculations that the country is starting to lose its hold of the Panatag Shoal to the Chinese due to the absence of an all-weather vessel that could withstand rough seas during the typhoon season.

"Despite the prevailing weather system in the area, one of our PCG vessels remains in the vicinity of Panatag Shoal. The area belongs to us, it is ours," he said.

Saying that he is not authorize to discuss the matter, he begged off to elaborate on the prevailing situation in Panatag Shoal which is being claimed by China as an integral part of its maritime domain that almost cover the entire West Philippine Sea (South China Sea).

Panatag is a rock formation located 124 nautical miles off mainland Zambales and more than 500 kilometers from the nearest Chinese shoreline. (www.philstar.com)

LEGAL MATTERS (from page 7, PACQUIAO...)

Harry Reid of Nevada who is now the Senate Majority Leader. Reid should be asked to initiate a congressional investigation of the judges.

Impeach the Judges

What should be done when a judge renders a clearly erro-

neous decision?

Remove the judge? Impeach the judge? But does it change the decision?

In the United States, many judges render clearly erroneous decisions in legal cases without being punished. Some are even promoted. As for boxing judges,

there must be some legal remedy against those who render clearly erroneous decisions besides simply being "barred from judging another major event."

Conspiracy theories

Arum was quoted by USA Today on June 11 as saying: "The conspiracy theory is that somehow I arranged this to create a rematch which would give me another big fight until Floyd (Mayweather, who is serving an 87-day jail sentence) is ready to fight. Arum said that he was getting so much heat for this that 'On Monday, we're asking the attorney general of Nevada

to conduct an investigation of everybody, to see what the facts are here. This is such an incredible situation, something I've never seen in 47 years in boxing, that it requires an investigation. And you can't rely on the (Nevada Athletic Commission) to conduct an investigation, because they'll whitewash it.

A more credible conspiracy theory is that it is easier now to convince Mayweather to fight Pacquiao: "See, Pacquiao is vulnerable. There's nothing to be afraid of." There is much bigger money in a Pacquiao-Mayweather fight than in a Pac-

quiao-Bradley rematch.

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LEGAL NOTES



By Reuben S. Seguritan

Renting Apartment to Undocumented Immigrant Not a Crime

When a landlord leases an apartment to an undocumented immigrant, does he commit the offense of harboring an illegal alien? This question was recently answered in the negative in a case perceived by some to be the latest effort at localizing immigration enforcement.

Bolmer v. Connolly Properties, decided by the Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, started out as a landlord-tenant dispute. The plaintiff was a tenant at a New Jersey apartment complex which later on fell into disrepair. He complained about overcrowding, inadequate heat, bug and rodent problems, crim-

inal activity, and the apartment management's failure to make repairs and regularly clean the common areas.

He asserted that the management undertook a scheme of actively seeking out undocumented aliens as tenants because they were perceived to be less likely to complain about poor housing conditions or to report violations. It allegedly allowed the condition of the premises to deteriorate but without offering a reduction in the rent.

The plaintiff alleged that by renting apartments to tenants without checking their immigration status or by knowingly renting to undocumented immigrants, the apartment management was harboring undocumented immigrants which is a criminal offense. The plaintiff sued the landlord under the federal anti-

racketeering law, the same law used to target organized crime rings.

According to the court, to constitute harboring the conduct must tend to substantially facilitate an alien's remaining in the U.S. illegally. Harboring requires something more than just simply renting an apartment to an undocumented alien.

In previous court cases where harboring was found to be present, the defendants were employers who failed to make disclosures required by federal and state law, or were involved in the actual smuggling of aliens into the US, or attempted to warn them about law enforcement, or helped them obtain false documents. The court highlighted that the management did not do any of these things.

Harboring also involves some type of "obstruction" to

prevent detection by the government of the alien's presence. The plaintiff stated that the management shielded the tenants, who were mostly Hispanic, by segregating them into certain buildings.

The court disagreed, saying that the management did not evade any requirement to report the immigrants because landlords have no obligation to do a background check of their tenants. The court noted that by grouping the tenants into certain buildings, the management probably made them more conspicuous.

The court also rejected as without proof the argument that the management encouraged or induced the aliens to reside in the U.S. illegally. Moreover, the court said, the law does not require, and in some places even prohibits, apartment managers to

screen potential tenants based on immigration status.

Acknowledging that immigration enforcement is a federal matter, the court added that criminalizing the acts complained might undermine the system of enforcement. It included a reminder that some individuals who lack immigration status may reside in the U.S. often with the express knowledge or permission of the federal government.

The court said that landlords and those in the business of providing accommodations could not have been given by Congress the difficult task of determining a person's immigration status and be held criminally in case they make a mistake in doing so.

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MAINLAND NEWS

Noy Seeks US Aid for Radar to Monitor Phi Waters

by Jose Katigbak
Monday, June 11, 2012

WASHINGTON -- The Philippines has asked the Pentagon for help in upgrading its maritime surveillance capabilities and is particularly interested in acquiring a land-based radar to monitor the wide expanses of the West Philippine Sea, President Aquino said.

In an interview with The Washington Post during his three-day official visit here Aquino said the deployment of surveillance aircraft such as Navy PO-3C Orion planes and Global Hawk drones would be "a welcome development."

The newspaper quoted Rich Fisher, an Asian security expert at the International Assessment and Strategy Center, as saying a powerful land-based radar could be used by the Philippines, the US and other allies to quickly detect Chinese military movements in the region.

"Such a radar could provide an almost instant way of keeping the Chinese honest," Fisher said.

In a separate interview with The Wall Street Journal Aquino said a potentially dangerous confrontation between China and the Philippines over the Scarborough (Panatag) Shoal area has eased after two tense months but opined other brewing conflicts may not be easily defused.

A permanent solution to the standoff

in Panatag, if one is achieved, won't easily transfer to other looming conflicts, including access to energy resources, Aquino said in the interview.

"This is a very small portion of the entire dispute," he said.

Panatag is closer to the coastline of the Philippines than it is to China.

The Philippines is in the process of building a "credible defense force" and looks to the United States to supply many of its needs.

Aquino has made a direct pitch to the White House to help bolster his country's weak defenses.

The weeks leading to the Aquino-Obama talks here produced much rhetoric about China on both sides of the Pacific and fueled Beijing's suspicions the two allies may be ganging up on it.

Surprisingly at the end of their talks Aquino and Obama in statements to the press never mentioned China at all. Their joint statement was equally cautious.

Obama assured Aquino of the US government's support for Philippine efforts to build a minimum credible defense posture and both leaders reaffirmed their mutual commitment to the peace and security of the Asia-Pacific region and to the Phi-US Mutual Defense Treaty (MDT).

What form this support would take was not specified.

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PHILIPPINE LANGUAGE

Kuwentong Tatay: Ang Ulirang Ama



BAHAGHARI
By Ruth Mabanglo

Sa mga Pilipino, ang ulirang ama ay itinuturing na “haligi ng tahanan”. Simboliko ang pagiging “haligi”. Sa isang bahay, haligi ang punong sandigan ng lahat: bubong, dingding, hagdan at iba pa. Samakatwid, hindi makatatayo ang bahay nang walang haligi. Sinasabi rin ng mga Pilipino na ina ang “ilaw ng tahanan” kaya nga nakikipagtalo ang kababaihan, dahil ubrang walang ilaw ang tahanan, ngunit hindi maaaring walang haligi.

Pansinin natin ang paniniwalang ito noong unang panahon. Alamin at aminin nating hindi na ito totoo ngayon. Maaaring isang ina ang hiligi ng tahanan—kung siya ang naghahanapbuhay; kung siya ang nagsisikap para sa pang-araw-araw na pangangailangan ng pamilya; kung siya ang nagpapasya; kung ginagampanan niya ang

pagiging sandigan o muhon ng tahanan. Gayundin, ang tatay ay maaaring ilaw ng tahanan kung ginagabayan niya ang paglaki ng mga anak; kung siya ang namamahala ng pang-araw-araw na gampanin: pagluluto, pag-aasikaso ng kaayusan ng bahay, pagsubaybay sa pag-aaral ng mga bata.

Kaugnay nito, hayaang magkuwento ako ng pagkahaligi at pagiging ilaw ng tahanan ng isang ama. Ito ay mula sa mga kuwentong bayan ng mga Cherokee Indian. Ayon sa kanilang kaugalian, kapag umabot na ang isang batang lalaki sa panahon ng pagkakagulang (coming of age), ang mga ama ang kanilang kasama. Gayundin sa Pilipinas, kapag tutuliin na ang bata, ama ang magdadala sa anak sa arbularyong gagawa ng ritwal. Sa mga Cherokee Indians, ihuhudyat ito ng pagdadala sa anak na lalaki sa gubat. Iiwan siya roon ng ama upang mapatunayan ang kanyang pagkalalaki. Ayon sa kuwento, pipiringan ang mata ng bata at itatali sa isang puno upang hindi makaalis. Sabihin pa, mararanasan ng batang lalaki ang lahat sa gubat at wala siyang magagawa.

Maaaring matakot siya sa ingay ng mga hayop, huni ng mga panggabing ibon, kagat ng mga lamok, atbp. Kung hindi siya nakatali, maaari siyang maduwag at tumakas. Samakatwid, makikilala niya ang sariling katapangan, magiging matatag ang kanyang pagkatao!

Ang alam ng bata, mag-isa siya sa gubat at pinabayaan siya ng ama, Subalit lingid sa kanyang kaalaman, magdamag siyang binabantayan ng kanyang ama. Naroon ito sakaling kailangan siyang ipagtanggol sa sisilang hayop. Na, sa bawat sandali ng pagpapatatag niya ng pagkatao o sa pagpapalakas ng kanyang loob, nakabantay ang ama. Kasama niya ito ngunit hindi sa pisikal na pagtuklas ng kanyang tatag at tapang.

Sa mga Katoliko, ulirang ama si San Jose. Gaya ng isang haligi, matatag niyang pinangatawanan ang pagiging ama ni Jesus kahit alam niyang hindi sa kaniya nagmula ang similyang bumuo kay Jesus. Tinanggap niya ang pagka-Diyos ng bata at iniligat si Maria sa malaking kahihiyan. Ulirang lalaki si Jose. Itinayo niya ang dangal ng babaing iniibig niya. Uli-

rang ama rin naman. Kasama siyang naghirap na maligtas ang mag-ina sa kamay ni Herodes. Matatandaang gustong ipapatay ni Herodes si Jesus sa pag-aakalang kaagaw niya sa pagiging hari ng Judea. Hindi ba't si Jose ang katulong ng mag-ina sa pamumuhay sa Ehipto; siyang nag-andukha kay Jesus at nagturo ritong maging karpintero rin?

Ganito ang maging ulirang ama. Ang maging mapagpakasakit alang-alang sa kagalingan ng anak; ang maging huwaran nila tungo sa makabuluhan at mabuting pagpapasya. Maaaring ang ama ay ina rin. Ito ay sapagkat nag-iba na ang papel ng babae at lalaki kaugnay ng tahanan. Pwedeng single parent ang isang babae at lalaki kaya nadagdagan ang mga gampanin. Samakatwid, pwedeng ang ina ay ama rin.

Ito marahil ang dahilan kung bakit hindi inisa-isa ni Khalil Gibran ang ina o ama. Tinawag niyang magulang ito. Sapagkat maaaring ang ibang kamag-anak o kaibigan din ay maging magulang ng sinumang bata. Gaya dito sa Amerika na uso ang pag-aampon. Narito ang kaisipan ni Khalil Gibran:

Ang inyong mga anak ay hindi ninyo mga anak.

Sila'y mga anak ng Buhay na naghahanap ng sariling kaganapan.

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sa inyo,

At bagaman sila'y kapiling ninyo, hindi yaon nangangahulugang sila'y inyo.

Maibibigay ninyo sa kanila ang inyong pag-ibig, ngunit hindi ang inyong isip,

Sapagkat may sarili silang kaisipan.

Madadamitan ninyo ang kanilang katawan, ngunit hindi ang kanilang kaluluwa,

Sapagkat tumatahan ang kanilang kaluluwa sa kinabukasang hindi ninyo madadalaw, kahiman sa inyong mga pangarap.

Makapagsusumikap kayong tumulad sa kanila, subalit huwag na huwag sikaping sila'y maging katulad ninyo.

Sapagkat hindi lumalakad nang paurong ang buhay o nananatili kaya sa kahapon.

Kung maituturing na buhay na palaso ang inyong mga anak, kayo ang mga busog na maaari nilang igkasan.

Nakikita ng manunudla ang tutudlain sa landas ng kawalanghangan, at binabaluktot Niya kayo nang ubos-lakas upang makalayo ng ubod-bilis ang Kanyang palaso.

Bayaang maging sa kagalakan ang inyong pagbaluktot sa kamay ng Manunudla;

Sapagkat gaya ng pagmamahal Niya sa humahaginit na palaso, minamahal Niya ang busog na matatag.

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MAINLAND NEWS

Pacquiao Appeases Fans, Vows KO in Rematch

from www.philstar.com
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LAS VEGAS – The outcry in this gambling city was so loud, Floyd Mayweather Jr. could have heard it in his jail cell. On the other side of the world, people cried in the streets in Manila, and the presidential palace issued a statement praying for the quick return of their hero's strength and fervor.

Through it all, Manny Pacquiao was a model of serenity.

"I hope you're not dismayed or discouraged," Pacquiao said. "I can fight. I can still fight."

That much was evident Saturday night (Sunday morning in Manila) in a fight Pacquiao seemed to have under control up until the time the judges' score cards were announced. He pounded Timothy Bradley early, landed more punches and looked a lot like the fighter who catapulted to fame on a remarkable undefeated run over the last seven years.

That he's a former champion now is thanks to some judging that was questionable, if not borderline incompetent. But boxing has always been a



Pacquiao during the post fight interview

subjective sport, and anything shy of a knockout is always open to interpretation by the three judges who sit ringside and score things round by round.

Pacquiao understands that as well as anyone, which may account for his smiles and calm demeanor afterward. In his last fight with Juan Manuel Marquez, he was lucky to escape with a majority decision that just as easily could have gone to his Mexican challenger, and he's been the beneficiary of other close decisions, too.

He was never close to knocking out Bradley; he was never able to knock him down. He coasted some in the late rounds, and left his fate in the hands of other people – something

every fighter is cautioned never to do.

It's a mistake he vows not to repeat if the two meet as expected Nov. 10, in a rematch both say they want.

"That will make me become a warrior in the next few months," Pacquiao said, "because in the rematch, my feeling is I don't want to go the whole 12 rounds."

The end of Pacquiao's 15-fight winning streak was even more startling because most near ringside didn't see it coming. Almost without exception, every writer had Pacquiao well ahead, and HBO's resident unofficial judge Harold Lederman had him winning 11 rounds out of 12. The Associated Press scored it 117-111 for Pacquiao.

"There's three judges out there. What do you want me to do?" Bradley asked. "Two of them felt I won the fight. That's all that counts."

Punching stats compiled by Compubox showed Pacquiao landing 253 punches to 159 for Bradley, and landing more punches in 10 of the 12 rounds. But boxing statistics are subjective, too, compiled by two people counting the punches they believe land in a fight — and this one got so wild at times it was hard to tell who was hitting whom.

(from page 13, NOYSEEKS...)

US: We will closely monitor

Secretary of State Hillary Clinton told Aquino in a meeting what has now become her mantra: The US is neutral on the competing territorial claims in the South China.

She reaffirmed America's interest in freedom of navigation, peace and stability, respect for international law and unimpeded lawful commerce in the South China Sea, which the Aquino administration calls West Philippine Sea.

"The United States has been consistent in that we oppose the use of force or coercion by any claimant to advance its claims, and we will continue to monitor the situation closely," she said.

For all the hype the visit raised, it may in fact have helped dampen the situation, an analyst said.

The Philippines did not get what

it had hoped for from the Aquino visit – a clear declaration that Washington would come to its aid if the dispute with China in the West Philippine Sea escalated into actual shooting. What it received were the usual assurances the US would abide by their Mutual Defense Treaty.

Aquino assured Americans he would not drag the US in any military intervention in the crisis and expressed his commitment to diffusing the tension.

US officials have repeatedly made clear America's pivot to the Asia Pacific is not directed at China.

"What we have are very significant US interests in the continued positive economic de-

velopment of the region and increasing our trade and investment and exports within the region," said a senior administration official.

"We want to empower international rules of the road on maritime security, not to isolate any one nation or to take a position on a claim, for

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