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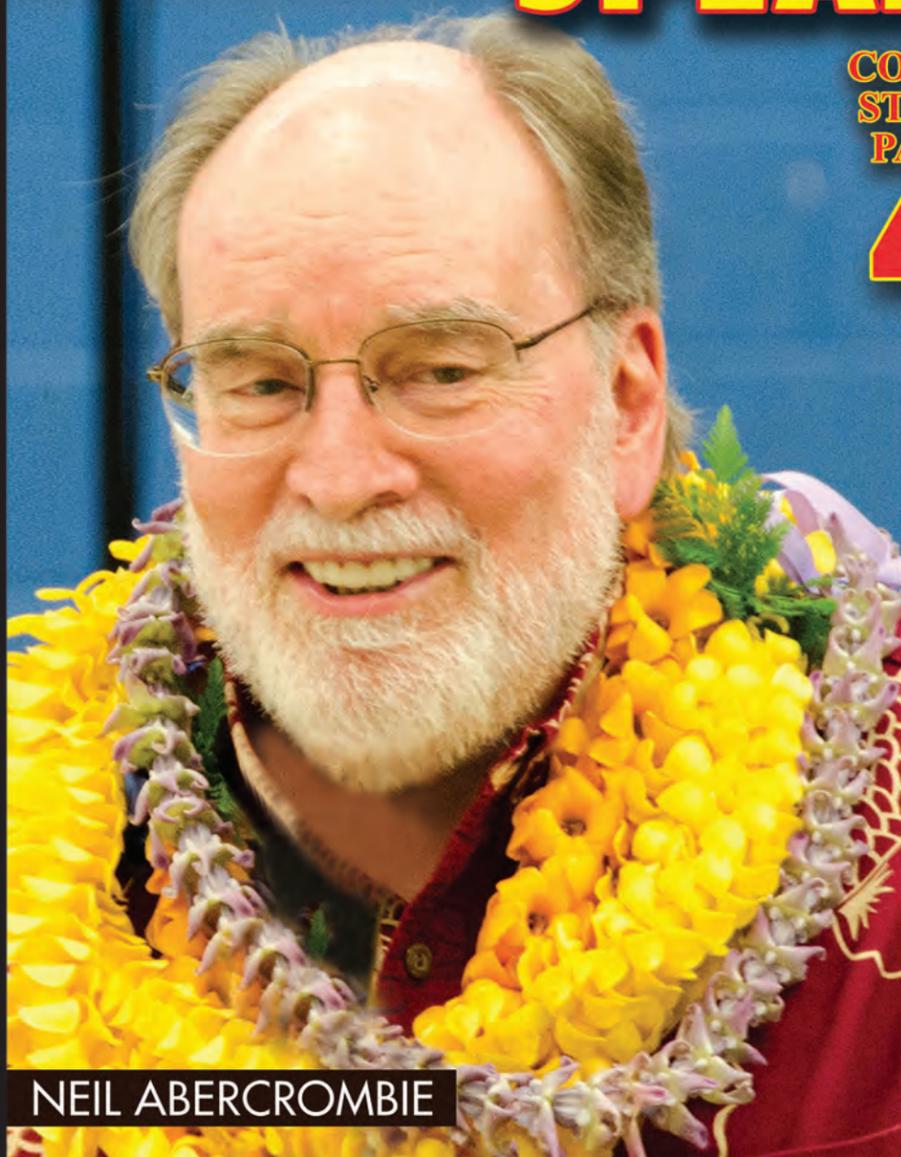
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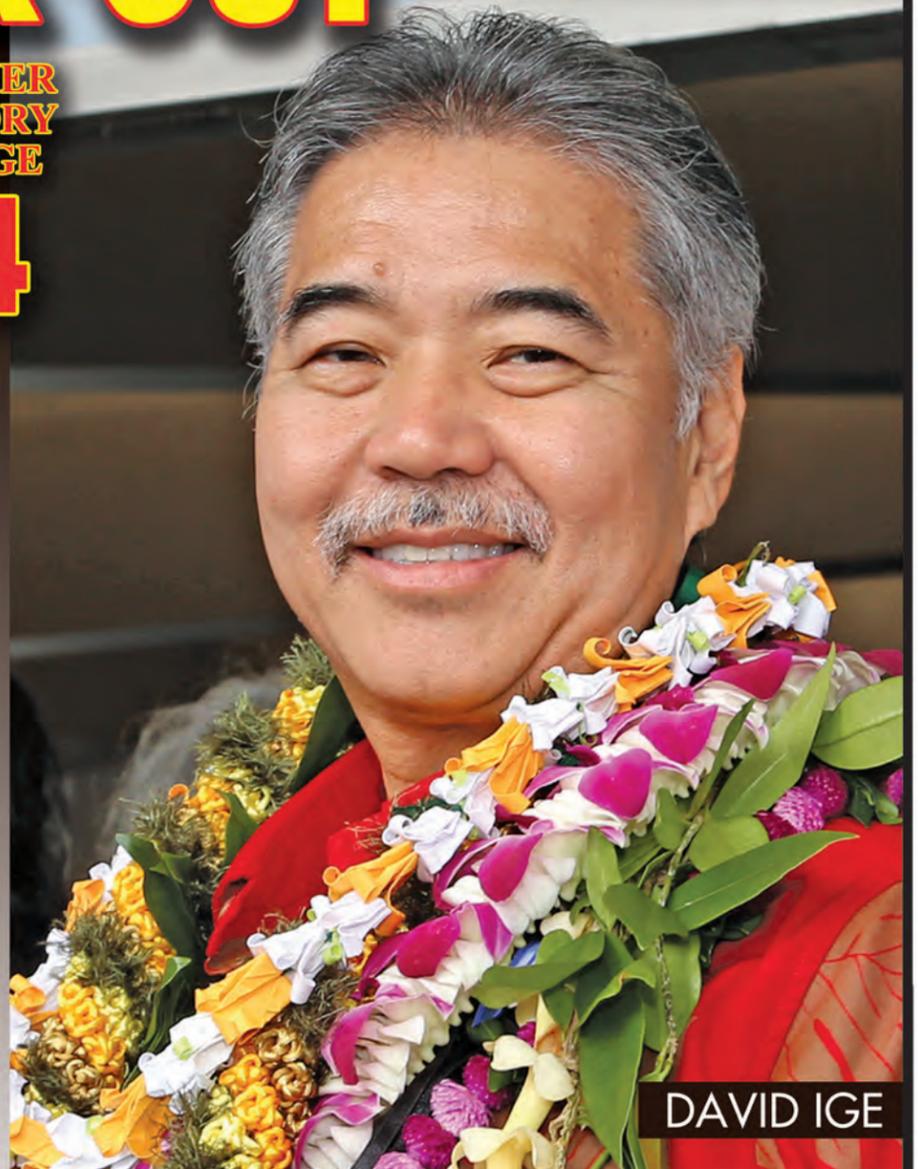
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## EDITORIALS

## Educate Yourself This 2014 Election Season

**W**ith the Primary Election less than two months away, voters should remember a very crucial date—July 10, 2014—the voter registration deadline for the August 9th Primary. Those who miss the deadline are out of luck but at least can still vote in the General Election set for November 4. It cannot be emphasized enough how important it is for every eligible U.S. citizens to register and vote. Those who cast their ballots not only make their voices heard but also show that they care about what happens in their communities.

As in every election, there will be a myriad of candidates, many of whom are decided underdogs and relatively unknown. We encourage you to refrain from simply dismissing these candidates because you know little about them. Those men and women who have thrown their hats into the ring have the courage and conviction to run for public office and should be applauded, yet they have different views, political philosophies and goals for our city, state and country. Voters then owe it to themselves and their community to research these candidates' stance on particular issues. There are many ways to educate yourself—watch televised debates or read candidates' websites and Facebook pages to get to know where they stand.

Better yet, contact these candidates directly and ask them questions that address issues you feel are important. Most candidates who want to win an election leave an email address or phone number to contact them. Those office-seekers who desire your vote and truly care will take time to answer your questions. If they don't talk to you or return your call, then maybe they're not the right choice. Keep in mind that these candidates wish to be our future leaders. If they are going to listen to the concerns of the public while in office, they will prove it by listening to your concerns now.

This election season, we urge you to refrain from voting for a candidate simply because he or she has a familiar name. Instead, come prepared and vote for candidates you believe in because you have educated yourself about their values, beliefs and aspirations. Only then can we ensure that the right candidates have been elected to represent us.

## Gun Control Is A Start; Treating Mental Illness Is Also Needed

**“W**hen will this insanity stop? When will enough people say, 'Stop this madness!' Too many have died. We should say to ourselves, 'Not one more!'”

This was the comment made at a press conference by Richard Martinez, father of his 20-year-old, who was a student and one of seven killed in the Isla Vista, UCSB mass killing recently.

Martinez blames politicians and the major gun lobby group NRA (National Rifle Association) for continuing to allow an environment where guns are still easily obtainable and could potentially be used for mass violence.

This recent mass shooting is the 11th fatal mass shooting in 2014, but only the second to get major media attention. The other high-profile shooting was on April 2, this year, when a gunman killed four people and injured 16 others at Fort Hood military base. There have been other shootings this year with at least four people killed in each incident. Little attention have been given to these incidences in Spanish Fork, UT; Cypress, TX; Defiance, OH; Alturas, CA; Indianapolis, IN; Glade Spring, VA; Oak Lawn, IL; Jonesboro, AR; and Tampa, FL.

## FROM THE PUBLISHER

**W**

ith the 2014 Election Season now in full swing, voters will be hearing pitches from candidates as to why he or she is the best person for the job. To help voters sift through the rhetoric and better understand the issues, the Chronicle sent questionnaires to candidates in various races. Their responses are being compiled for upcoming issues featuring in-depth coverage of candidates that you don't want to miss. Up first are the leading contenders in the Democratic Primary—incumbent Gov. Neil Abercrombie and State Senator David Ige. It looks to be an uphill climb for Ige, considering the fact that no incumbent governor in Hawaii's history has ever lost a re-election bid. Surprisingly, two separate polls held in February 2014 showed both candidates in a dead heat. Please turn to page 4 for more details on the two candidates.

Also in this issue, I would like to introduce our newest column called “Home Grown” which will be published every other issue. Columns will be submitted by faculty and staff from the University of Hawaii-Manoa's College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources (CTAHR). The mission of CTAHR is to serve as the premier resource for tropical agricultural systems and resource management in the Asia-Pacific region. CTAHR's inaugural column offers useful tips on how to keep your *keiki* safe and germ-free this summer at petting zoos. To find out more, please turn to page 13.

In other Hawaii-Filipino news, members of the Ohana Medical Mission (OMM) are preparing for a return mission to Tacloban City and neighboring towns on Leyte that were wiped out by last year's super typhoon (see page 10). This follow-up mission would not be possible without generous contributions from sponsors like the Philippine Medical Association of Hawaii; Galiher DeRobertis Ono law firm; FMS Hawaii/H&R Block; Renato and Maria Etrata Foundation; Fely and Servillano Ricardo; Dr. and Mrs. Charlie and Chona Sonido; Titans USA Foundation; and many other individuals, business corporations and organizations. If you want to donate to OMM's second mission, planned for July 1-5, 2014, contact JP Orias at (808) 387-8297.

Lastly, this issue's Ask-a-Doctor column shatters several myths often associated with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) which is the most common neurobiological disorder in childhood. Please read more about ADHD on page 15.

That's all for now. As always, we encourage you to contact us at: [filipinochronicle@gmail.com](mailto:filipinochronicle@gmail.com) with story ideas, tips or concerns regarding Hawaii's dynamic and vibrant Filipino community. Our sincerest thanks to all of you for reading and faithfully supporting the Hawaii Filipino Chronicle!

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

*Chona A. Montesines-Sonido*

On top of that, so far this year, there have been numerous “accidental” gun deaths that claimed the lives of or more than 40 children under 14 years old.

## RIGHTS VS PROTECTION

Just less than two years ago, following the shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary in which 20 children and 6 adults staff members were killed, there was major national discussion on toughening gun laws. Not only was there a political will then to strengthen gun laws, backed even by a teary-eyed President Barack Obama when addressing the country of the Sandy Hook Elementary incident, but a majority of Americans also supported tougher gun control.

What happened since then is some added restrictions were seriously discussed, such as added licensing requirements for purchase. But the general consensus, according to gun control advocates, is not enough had been done. Not enough, despite the major



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OPINION

# China's Military Bases Installations in PHL Must Absolutely Be Blocked

**NO LIMITATION**  
by Ted Laguatan

**P**ush has now come to shove. Emboldened by the lack of military resistance in occupying Philippine islands and with her fishing and navy boats sailing at will in our waters - China's military leaders have now initiated a bold land reclamation military base project in Mabini Reef (Fiery Cross Reef). Location: about 150 miles from Palawan and within the Philippines 200 miles Exclusive Economic Zone as defined by the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Seas (UNCLOS).

China online news Qianzhan.com reported that the military installation will cost around 5 billion dollars and will take ten years to complete. The No. 9 Design and Re-

search Institute of the State Shipbuilding Corp. has come up with a proposed design for the military base which is similar to that of a 100,000 ton aircraft carrier.

It will function like an anchored aircraft carrier with fighter planes and sophisticated weaponry which would likely eventually include missiles. Another similar base is also planned for Mischief Reef (Panganiban Reef), about 120 miles from Palawan.

The Qianzhan report announced the intentions of China's military leaders clearly indicating expansionist motives:

"Construction of the two artificial islands at Mischief Reef and Fiery Cross Islands will be equivalent to that of building aircraft carriers but the strategic gains will be very big. The artificial island at Fiery Cross will be an unreplaceable

military base with great strategic significance because of its location and size. Such a base will realize the value of the South China Sea for China and ensure China's status in South-east Asia."

What they mean is that once these bases are established, they will have unquestioned control over the West Philippine Sea (South China Sea) - because of the military advantages which these bases will bring.

Installing these bases is no different from the Soviet Union installing missiles in Cuba aimed at the heart of America during President Kennedy's time. Here Chinese missiles and combat aircraft will reach the Philippines and surrounding countries within minutes. Kennedy confronted the Soviets and risked war and successfully prevented the installations.

For very serious security and sovereignty reasons, the Philippines, surrounding countries and the United States - cannot afford to allow China's military leaders to establish these bases. It will be like having hundreds of bombs hanging over you which can fall anytime over which you have no control.

Once these bases are established, it would be practically impossible to remove them. The missiles, combat aircraft and other weapons therein will be utilized by the stationed personnel to resist against any removal or destruction attempts. The Philippines and other Asean Nations and the United States must immediately halt these military projects before they become terrible realities.

No longer do China's military leaders even resort to covering their grab and take strategy intentions. They previously repeatedly were announcing that the structures on Mischief reef and the blockade

of Scarbotough Shoals were simply for the benefit of their fishermen. Now, they routinely openly announce in China's state media their military objectives and long term goal of complete control of the West Philippine Sea and the skies above.

If the Philippines, the surrounding countries and the United States allow the establishment of these bases which are deep within Philippine territory, not only will they be constant threats to the security of the ASEAN nations, it will also mean that the Philippines and her neighboring countries and the U.S. - will have practically conceded that China can unilaterally claim and possess any territory in the West Philippine Sea - just by using raw military bullying tactics.

China refuses to participate in the case filed by the Philippines in the International Tribunal on the Law of the Sea (ITLOS) regarding China's in-

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groundswell of support for tougher laws.

Even military-grade gun bans to the public were off the table of discussion, along with many other semi-automatic weapons that could potentially kill people by the dozens in a few seconds.

The NRA and anti gun control proponents continually invoke the U.S. Constitution to protect their right to bear arms. But certainly, the founding fathers of the Constitution could not have anticipated the high-tech weaponry that have been used to commit mass murders today, nor the reasons why most mass murders occur, primarily rage-driven, and targeting innocent bystanders.

The right to bear arms in the context of the time it was enshrined into the Constitution, had to do with guaranteeing that citizens could protect themselves against a tyrannical government in times of great civil unrest, or possibly arm conflict among states in the union. That kind of precarious socio-political environment is no longer the case in contemporary U.S., at least in the minds of most Americans. Fringe groups may still believe the government is ready to slap down martial law any second, and citizens may need to protect themselves with guns; but even these types of groups, are generally not the perpetrators for most of today's mass killings. But at the same time, as Martinez said, these groups, with their money and

politicians, are responsible to the extent that they oppose gun bans and restrictions, that promote an environment for rage killings to occur.

Aside from legal jousting and constitutional law debates on gun control, there are other compelling considerations on this sensitive issue: 1) If guns were to be banned entirely, would that even stop mass murders? Perhaps not. Remember the recent mass stabbings in China that resulted in multiple deaths. 2) What could be done (apart from any type of weapons control) that could bring us closer to a non-violent society? This perhaps in the more important question, and speaks to the heart of this issue.

We should be looking at what is it in our society that potentially drives people to the point of madness or rage, or become mentally ill and violent. People who are mentally ill do not necessarily have built into their psyche the need to commit violence. An increasingly accepted excuse we are hearing is that these mass murderers are mentally ill and they were ticking time bombs just ready to kill. If we are to accept this notion, then really, gun control ultimately is a secondary concern because there are far many other ways for mentally ill people to commit mass murder. At the same time, the problem is not just about the mentally ill, but how mental illness is improperly addressed.

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# Abercrombie Faces Ige in Democratic Primary

By HFC Staff

**O**ncumbent Gov. Neil Abercrombie faces challenger David Ige in a race that at first blush appears to be a mismatch. The winner of the August 9th Democratic Primary will face former Mayor Mufi Hannemann (Independent Party) and former Lt. Gov. Duke Aiona (Republican Party) in the General Election.

But first things first. Despite Ige's nearly three decades of service at the State Legislature, he is relatively unknown outside of his Senate districts of Aiea and Pearl City. Ige declared his candidacy in July 2013, which has given him ample time to get his name out. He also has the endorsements of two former governors—George Ariyoshi and Ben Cayetano.

Some political observers feel that Abercrombie, 75, could be vulnerable, particularly with low approval ratings and after falling into disfavor with labor unions like HSTA following heated contract negotiations. Still, there's no deny-

ing that Abercrombie holds the upper hand as an incumbent with wide name recognition and a sizable campaign war chest. He has also touted the State's budget surplus, stable economy, low unemployment and strong growth in tourism and construction.

To familiarize our readers with the candidates, the Chronicle sent a list of questions to their respective campaigns. Both spoke candidly about their backgrounds, priorities if elected and plans to improve Hawaii. The following responses were edited for space and clarity.

## NEIL ABERCROMBIE

**Q: You unveiled your "New Day" plan soon after winning the 2010 gubernatorial election. What's the status of this plan and are you still following it?**

**A:** We've accomplished much during my first term thanks to the guiding initiatives under our New Day plan. We've also added many other initiatives not contemplated under the New Day plan, as new challenges emerged and our understanding of the dynamics facing the state has grown. For example, I believe that investing in human resources to strengthen skills through subsidized training programs will result in a highly-skilled labor force and a revitalized economy. My New Day plan of investing in human capital became the impetus for the Office of Community Services to create employment core services for immigrants which are currently contracted to nonprofits. Many immigrants who are recipients of these programs have successfully moved on to careers in higher paying

jobs in the healthcare and construction industries in Hawaii.

**Q: List your administration's top 3 accomplishments during your first term as governor.**

**A:** There are many accomplishments we're proud of that I couldn't possibly have only three at the top of our list. The following are a few that have substantially benefited the people of Hawaii:

- State Financial Turnaround: When I took office, our state faced a substantial deficit of over \$200 million, we had "Furlough Fridays" and our economy was in recession. Since then, we've restored the state to fiscal health and reduced unemployment to among the lowest in the country—without layoffs and labor disruptions.

- Investing in Infrastructure, Creating Jobs: We've made substantial investments to improve our infrastructure which has created jobs, reduced un-

employment and improved our economy.

- New and Re-Established Immigrant Resource Centers: We re-established and opened new Immigrant Resource Centers to welcome Filipino and other immigrants to Hawaii. These centers help them start their new lives.

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## DAVID IGE

**Q: Please introduce yourself to our readers.**

**A:** Aloha, I am Senator David Ige, a Democrat running for governor. I've served the public for 29 years. The people of this state are ready for change and for a leader who looks out for them. My reputation is one of listening to all concerns and finding equitable solutions.

**Q: What executive leadership positions have you held?**

**A:** For the past four years, I served as chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means. I have led 10 House and Senate committees which provides me an understanding of state government, how it works and where a strong leader can help direct departments when difficult decisions must be made.

As a successful electrical engineering executive for 34 years, I continue to be devoted to information technology, telecommunications, networks and responsible public policy. I've worked as an engineer for GTE Hawaiian Tel for more than 18 years and my final position was director of governmental affairs. I served as vice president of engineering at NetEnterprise and as project engineer/senior principal engineer at Pihana Pacific. I am currently program/project manager with Robert A. Ige and Associates, Inc.

**Q: Why are you running for governor?**

**A:** I've seen many things occur within the last four years that concern me and have heard from the people of Hawaii who want change. They want a governor who listens to them—not special interest groups—and makes decisions that will positively affect their lives today and into the future.

We're on a course that could alter Hawaii forever. It seems we're approving projects with almost reckless abandon—a high rise here, a luxury condo there, ag land paved over—as if our actions won't have consequences. But

they will. It will be fundamentally different, and in my view, not better. I don't want to be the generation that does that. I want to be the generation that protects Hawaii. It's the right thing to do and it just makes sense.

**Q: Why did you enter politics?**

**A:** In 1985, Governor George Ariyoshi chose me to fill a vacancy in the State House of Representatives. I was honored to be given the opportunity and did my best to serve my district. Through the years, I've enjoyed being able to give more and more to my community and the state. That is why I chose to make the jump from the House to the Senate and now for governor.

**Q: Do voters outside of your Senate District know about you?**

**A:** Since announcing my run last July, I've been welcomed into homes, community events, business meetings, graduations and senior centers. I've heard from many individuals who are unhappy with government and feel that they don't have a voice. I'm confident that it does not take millions of dollars to get my message of change out to voters. Along with my volunteers and committees on every island, we are accomplishing our goal of true community building and speaking with voters directly.

**Q: What are the top three issues facing our state? Rate your opponent's record on addressing these issues—on a scale of 1 to 5 with 5 being best.**

**A:** The top issues are the economy and jobs, environment and sustainability, and education. Thank you for the opportunity to rate my opponent but I would like to discuss this through one-on-one debates with the governor.

**Q: What are your solutions to these three issues?**

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**Q: Is the state better off since you assumed office four years ago? Why?**

**A:** Hawaii is better off than it was when I first took office. We now have among the lowest unemployment rates in the country at 4.4 percent. We've reduced unemployment insurance costs to employers by nearly 30 percent. Our state is ranked second in the country for senior health. And last year, we were ranked the healthiest state in the country overall.

**Q: What makes you the most qualified candidate for governor in the Democratic Primary?**

**A:** It takes a leader to be governor, working to solve problems and doing what's right for the people of Hawaii. I'm able to report to you today that we've done exactly that. My administration and I have led our state out of the challenging economy and fiscal deficit I inherited. We've invested in

projects and programs that benefit Filipinos, including Immigrant Resource Centers, a new Filipino Cultural Center on Kauai and college access. None of this would be possible without the strong foundation of state economic health we built. That leadership is why I believe that I'm the most qualified candidate to serve for another four years.

**Q: How important are political endorsements from unions? Which endorsements have you received so far?**

**A:** Endorsements are important because it represents the support of Hawaii's working families. I've been honored to receive the endorsements from the Hawaii Building Construction Trades Council (HBCTC), AFL-CIO; Hawaii Fire Fighters Association (HFFA); Hawaii State Chiropractic Association (HSCA); International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW), Local 1186; International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW), Local 1260; International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW), Local 1357; International Longshore and Warehouse Union (ILWU), Local 142; Laborers' International Union of North America (LIUNA), Local 368; University of Hawaii Professional Assembly

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For the economy, I'll make strategic investments in tourism by being proactive in securing federal dollars to expand the military in the islands, and by inviting more technology corporations and venture capitalists to do businesses here in Hawaii. I'll continue to encourage development and provide jobs for our working families—development that's responsible and carefully planned to provide true affordable housing.

For the environment, I'll continue to protect Hawaii from invasive species and irresponsible development. My goal is to find a balance between creating new housing and job opportunities with preserving our environment. I'll also push for more investment in renewable energy and take action to increase the amount of rooftop solar that ratepayers can install. I'll push for grid technology that allows for increasing amounts of distributed generation and power sharing between consumers.

As for education, I'll work to empower public school principals and teachers, and appoint individuals to the Board of Education who have children in public schools, and therefore have a vested interest in the system's success. For higher education, we need to put more effort into the University of Hawaii system. The Board of Regents

has been given a lot of autonomy in the hopes it would expedite the process needed to address university issues. I will be vocal about problems plaguing the system and hold the board accountable. I'll also ensure that future regents are dedicated to the position and will do their best for the university system through an open and collaborative process.

**Q: On a scale of 1 to 10 (with 10 being the best), how well do you know the day-to-day operations of the State and its many departments?**

**A:** After spending nine years in the House and 20 years in the Senate, I have a comprehensive grasp of the day-to-day operations of the state. I've worked closely with my colleagues and with different state departments on various bills and initiatives. As chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means for the last few years, I've reviewed every line item in the budget, every program, every request for increased funds and have balanced our state budget by truly understanding the processes of government and all of its branches. I'll leave it to Hawaii voters to rate me on Election Day.

**Q: What are your plans if elected?**

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# People's Open Market Expands SNAP/EBT Access

Effective immediately, the City's People's Open Market (POM) program will begin accepting SNAP/EBT (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program/ Electronic Benefit Transfer) as a method of payment at selected sites on Oahu.

This change will allow SNAP/EBT program participants to conveniently purchase low-cost and fresh, locally grown produce using their EBT cards at People's Open Market sites at Waipahu District Park, Wahiawa District Park, Ewa Beach Community Park and Kaumualii Street.

"Making it easier for people participating in SNAP/EBT to use their benefits at the market further expands this access to low-cost, nutritious, locally grown produce for 55,000 families while supporting Oahu farmers," says Mayor Kirk Caldwell.

Certain POM vendors have accepted SNAP/EBT in the past, but this will be the first time that the market will centrally process EBT transactions, making the process easier for both vendors and customers. Similar systems have been successfully implemented at other local farmer's markets.

More than one million people shop at the 25 market sites each year. Prices are usually

lower than at retail stores. Many ethnic fruits and vegetables not normally found in large retail

stores are available at a People's Open Market.

For more information, go online to: [honolulu.gov/parks/dpr-pom](http://honolulu.gov/parks/dpr-pom).

## Lapuz to Lecture at Philippine Consulate

International lecturer Professor Jose David Lapuz will speak at the Philippine Consulate General of Honolulu on June 13, 2014. His topic is entitled "The Game that Angels Play: the Enhanced Defense Cooperation Agreement with the United States—Philippine-American Relations and the Search for Regional and National Security."

The agreement was signed in April prior to the visit of U.S. President Barack Obama to the Philippines. It provides the U.S. military with access to bases across the Philippines archipelago for a 10-year term and gives the U.S. navy greater operational flexibility in the South China Sea.

Lapuz is a professor of world politics and comparative foreign policy at the University of Santo Tomas. He also teaches

international relations and political science at the Polytechnic University of the Philippines. Lapuz earned his bachelor's degree from the University of the Philippines and finished his post-graduate studies in international politics and foreign policy at the University of Glasgow in Scotland.

To RSVP for the lecture, contact the Consulate at 595-6316.

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trusion in Philippine territories and announced that she will not honor the ruling of the Court. Acting like a rogue nation and not learning from the valuable lessons of history, ignoring the mistakes of Hitler and Japan's military leaders in WWII,

China's seemingly out of control irrational leaders are utilizing sheer military might to overwhelm their neighbors contrary to principles of morality, international law and civilized behavior. By so doing, they are dragging the Chinese people towards inevitable conflict with the rest of the world and likely eventual self destruction. A regime change will be the only escape route for the Chinese people from

sure disaster which the global community will support unless China's present leaders change their ways and play within the rules of civilized nations.

The United States cannot afford to stay on the sidelines and allow China to gain power by expanding its territories and grabbing the energy resources of surrounding neighbors through coercion and intimidation. Like it or not, to maintain credibility and respect as a superpower and defender of democratic principles, the U.S. must remain true to the expectations of the global community of ally nations: The U.S. must chain down the hungry dragon to prevent it from swallowing neighboring territories and bringing harm and

havoc to the region.

By any and all means possible, the Philippines, other affected countries and the U.S. - must take immediate decisive action to prevent these Chinese military bases from being completed. They must give a combined strong message to China that construction of these bases cannot and will not be allowed. If they need to do a multi-nation blockade, demolish the already started landfill with powerful smart bombs, use drone technology to destroy the landill equipment - all of the above or whatever else needs to be done - then these must be done. This is plain simple common sense preventive legitimate self defense actions for the affected countries.

The civilized world will understand and support these self defense actions. Clearly, the unauthorized unilateral construction of Chinese military bases deep within Philippine territory show malice. They are meant by China's military leadership to control the whole West Philippine Sea and surrounding nations and are deadly within striking distance daggers pointed at the hearts of these nations.

At a time when we need it so much, an old powerful ally has come to offer help to deter China's aggression. The United States has recently entered into a military agreement with the Philippines called Enhanced Defense Cooperation Agreement (EDCA). No less than the President of the United States Barrack Obama, came to the

Philippines to assure the Filipino people of his country's ironclad commitment to fight together with the Philippines when the Philippines is attacked.

Comes now a few very vocal group of left leaning individuals who style themselves as nationalists or adherents to the "rule of law". Some are well meaning, some with sentimental or ideological ties to China and some just wanting to call attention to themselves. They filed a petition in the Philippine Supreme Court to stop EDCA dead on its tracks.

Their position is that EDCA amounts to being a Treaty and therefore subject to a two thirds approval of the Philippine Senate. Whether it is a treaty or not is a question of fact and law which I will not get into here. Maybe it is, maybe it is not.

But essentially, here's the reality: A huge powerful alien force is at our gates: taking what is ours, kicking us in the gut and humiliating us. Even if we may have filed a complaint in a UN Court, the decision will take time, China also says she will not respect that decision. Meanwhile, Chinese forces continue to invade and take our territories. We are practically helpless. But with help from superpower United States, China's aggression could possibly be deterred.

What then? We refuse this critically needed help and say it is illegal for us to accept it? Talk about putting the cart before the horse. Should a father

whose son is starving to death refuse to steal bread because it is illegal to do so? Even King David broke the law and ate the sacred bread in the temple when he was starving. The laws are made for man and not man made for the laws.

Yes the law says Treaties require a two thirds majority vote in the Senate (where more than a third of its current members are suspected of stealing billions of the people's money) - but is this man made law more sacred than the God made law of our right to self defense against a powerful aggressive invader? Why even invoke it in the first place when invoking it goes against our national interest and helps the invader?

What? So that the "rule of law" is embedded in our people's mind?

I would rather have a people who could properly discern which laws ought to be obeyed and which laws ought to be ignored or even disobeyed - rather than robots who think that all laws need to be obeyed - especially in a country where the laws are often used by the powerful and the corrupt to oppress, exploit and steal from the people.

We desperately need EDCA. We definitely also must never allow Chinese military bases in our territory and within striking distance of any target in the Philippines.

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# Suing Google to Enforce “Right To Be Forgotten”



By Atty. Emmanuel Samonte Tipon



odria tu olvidarse? Tu recuerdo siempre me acompaña” (Could I forget you? Your memory will always accompany me), thus, Filipino national hero Jose Rizal assured his inamorata Josephine Bracken. She sensed that after their meeting in his prison cell they would never see each other again and he would forget her. This is an excerpt from my forthcoming book on Rizal, whose titillating title I will not disclose yet.

People who do not want to be forgotten should hearken to Confucius who said: “To become immortal, you must plant a tree, sire a son, and write a book.” Of course he said it in Chinese, stupid, but I forgot the Chinese version. Since I have done the three things that Confucius instructed, can I now rest, assured that I will never be forgotten?

There are people, though, who wish to be forgotten – or an unsavory part of their past. Check Google and other internet search engines if they have posted unsavory things about you. Ask those posting unwanted items to take them out. If they refuse, can you sue them and win?

It depends on whether you live within the European Union (EU). On May 13, 2014, the Court of Justice of the European Union held that an internet search engine operator is responsible for the processing that it carries out of personal data which appear on web pages published by third parties. Thus, if, following a search made on the basis of a person’s name, the list of results displays a link to a web page which contains information on such person, that data subject may approach the operator directly and, where the operator does not grant his

request, bring the matter before the competent authorities in order to obtain, under certain conditions, the removal of that link from the list of results. See Case C-131/12, Google Spain SL, Google Inc. v Agencia Española de Protección de Datos, Mario Costeja González, Luxembourg, 13 May 2014.

The objective of a Directive of the European Parliament is to protect the fundamental rights and freedoms of natural persons (in particular the right to privacy) when personal data are

processed, while removing obstacles to the free flow of such data. (OJ 1995 L 281, p. 31).

Mario Costeja González, a Spanish lawyer, filed in 2010 with the Agencia Española de Protección de Datos (Spanish Data Protection Agency “AEPD”) a complaint against La Vanguardia Ediciones SL, a Spanish newspaper, Google Spain, and Google Inc. He alleged that when an internet user entered his name in Google Search the results displayed links to La Vanguardia’s newspaper containing an announce-

ment for a real-estate auction following an attachment proceeding for the recovery of social security debts owed by him.

González requested that: (1) La Vanguardia be required either to remove or alter the pages in question so that the personal data relating to him no longer appeared, and (2) Google Spain or Google Inc. be required to remove or conceal personal data relating to him so that the data no longer appeared in the search results and in the links to La Vanguardia. González claimed that the attachment proceedings had been fully resolved and refer-

ring to them was now irrelevant.

The AEPD rejected the complaint against La Vanguardia because the attachment proceedings had been lawfully published by it. However, AEPD upheld the complaint against Google Spain and Google Inc., and directed them to take necessary measures to withdraw the data from their index and to render access to the data impossible in the future.

Google Spain and Google Inc. sued to annul the AEPD’s decision before the Audiencia Nacional (National High

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CANDID PERSPECTIVES

# Cantor Defeat Should Inspire You to Vote



By Emil Guillermo

**H**awaii is so far out left geographically, but that's totally different from the political spectrum, right?

It was until this week, when Eric Cantor, the GOP's

No. 2 man, lost his Primary Election in Virginia to Tea Party candidate and college economics professor David Brat by 11 points.

The Tea Party ousting the GOP's No.2 guy could mean the Republican Party is going so far right, Hawaii's GOP is likely to mirror their GPS position and look like hippies from the 1960s.

Cantor's loss is sure to re-define the GOP (he's resigning

his post in July) and we will see a scramble for the center among a new group of moderate Republicans and Democrats who don't mind working together—and have a real interest in getting things done.

That is if anyone really wants to get anything done. Case in point: immigration reform.

We've been talking about immigration issues in earnest for two years. At first, I thought

it was a slam dunk. Especially for the so-called Dream Act, which would have benefited undocumented students and young people. The package wasn't perfect and there were things like the brother/sister preference that were being eliminated. So much for tried and true immigration concepts like family unity.

But critics seemed obsessed with the idea of giving those who broke the law a free pass. They wanted them sent back to the end of the line or something more punitive. The "Pathway to Citizenship" debate delayed the process. And politics got in the way of politics, as the politicians who advocated and argued had to stay elected.

And then as the pandering Cantor found out, trying to be reasonable to rabid Tea Party conservatives just doesn't count for much these days.

That's the sad part. Cantor was at least reasonable on immigration. Now he's gone and

the opportunity for reform any time soon is done.

Ain't politics wonderful? And it's all because a low-turnout of voters in Virginia used the power of the vote to leverage their self-interested conservative values.

There's a lesson there. Hawaii has a primary in August. Registration deadline is July 10th. If you want a fair election, have everyone turn out and vote. If you want a repeat of Virginia, don't tell a soul. And let a small group steal, I mean, leverage their might.

All it takes is an example like Virginia to make you realize how important something like a Primary Election can be.

Register. Vote. Don't give up on the system. It's just too easy now for others to take advantage of us without our helping them out.

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# OMM Planning Return Mission to Tacloban

Volunteers with the Ohana Medical Mission (OMM) are gearing up for a return mission to Tacloban and neighboring towns in Northern Leyte that were devastated late last year by Super Typhoon Haiyan.

Scheduled for July 1-5, 2014, the mission will allow OMM's volunteer physicians and medical professionals to follow-up on their initial mission held in December 2013. Dr. Seiji Yamada was among the volunteers who treated patients for injuries directly-related to the typhoon as well as for primary care needs, including respiratory and gastroin-



testinal problems and chronic medical conditions such as diabetes and hypertension. A number of patients also suffered from anxiety, insomnia and other mental health issues.

"I am interested to learn how the health of the survivors has evolved since December," says Dr. Yamada. "Having seen

the sheer devastation to the infrastructure wrought by the typhoon, I'm interested to learn more about the effectiveness of local, national and international responses. I also would like to learn how much recovery has taken place, especially in health services."

OMM is the outreach arm

of the Philippine Medical Association of Hawaii (PMAH). Organizers are expecting about 30 volunteers from Hawaii and mainland and about 15 more from the Philippines. The team will provide free medical consultation, diabetes and blood sugar screenings, HTN/ BP screenings, psychiatry diagnosis and treatment and minor surgical procedures. Volunteers will also provide continuing medical education on various topics including hypertension and diabetes, bleeding disorders of pregnancy, post-traumatic stress disorder and disaster preparedness and climate change.

Dr. Yamada says that the

OMM team will include medical students who will undergo experiential learning about disaster medicine and public health.

"We will determine lessons learned for disaster risk reduction in the Philippines and other archipelagic and coastal communities," he says. "The scientific consensus is starting to recognize that man-made global warming affects our health not just by gradual rises in temperature or ocean levels. Global warming will drive the frequency and intensity of severe weather events such as Typhoon Haiyan. I want to better understand the various mechanisms by which climate change affects human health in order to help move our society toward a more sustainable future."

OMM is preparing to donate about \$300,000 worth of medications. To provide continuity of care, OMM has contracted with local Leyte physicians to continue providing weekly medical care with medications and supplies that were previously provided.

"We expect to see more infectious diseases such as diarrhea and respiratory tract infections now that it is rainy season there," says volunteer physician Dr. Charlie Sonido. "At the same time we are also ready to diagnose and treat anxiety and post traumatic stress disorders which are expected following disasters like Yolanda. Chronic diseases such as diabetes, hypertension, and hyperlipidemia (high cholesterol) will be back in the forefront now that acute problems are waning."

The mission chair is Dr. Romeo Perez and co-chair is OMM President Dr. Russell Kelly.

Prior to arriving in Tacloban, the team will conduct a medical mission to Caloocan City in Metro Manila on June 29.

According to Dr. Perez, OMM volunteers were given more time to prepare, unlike the December mission.

"We had only two weeks to prepare and solicit funding from sponsors last December," he says. "This follow-up mission was sanctioned by the Ohana Medical Mission Board of Directors in January. I'm excited

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Court, Spain). The Audiencia referred certain questions to the Court of Justice of the European Union.

The Court held that where the subject of the data requests that links to web pages be removed because he wishes the information on those pages relating to him to be 'forgotten', if the inclusion of those links is incompatible with the Directive, the links and information must be erased. Even accurate data may, in time, become incompatible with the Directive where they appear "inadequate, irrelevant or no longer relevant, or excessive" in relation to the purposes for which they were processed and the time that has elapsed.

The court said that a fair balance should be sought between the legitimate interest of internet users potentially interested in having access to that information and the data subject's fundamental rights under the Charter. While the data subject's rights protected by the Charter also override, as a gen-

eral rule, the interest of internet users, that balance may depend on the nature of the information and its sensitivity for the data subject's private life and on the interest of the public in having that information, an interest which may vary according to the role played by the data subject in public life.

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and anticipating a very challenging and intense mission."

As mission chair, Dr. Perez is tasked with making hotel accommodations, coordinating resources with local and provincial health officials, and other logistics.

"I'm joining this medical mission be-

cause I have a debt of gratitude to the Philippines for providing me an opportunity to receive a medical education," says co-chair Dr. Kelly, a graduate of the Far Eastern University College of Medicine who also met his wife and her family while in the Philippines.



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## COVER STORY

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(UHPA); and the United Food & Commercial Workers Union (UFCW), Local 480.

**Q: You enjoyed broad support from the Filipino community in 2010. Why should Filipinos re-elect you to a second term?**

**A:** I guarantee that no one will fight as hard for Filipinos as I have. We've re-established and opened new Immigrant Resources Centers and secured and are preparing to release \$1.5 million for the Kauai Philippine Cultural Center. We've also released an additional \$450,000 for a photovoltaic system for the FilCom Center in Waipahu. I've appointed Filipinos to top positions in my administration (Departments of Labor and Industrial Relations, Taxation, Budget and Human Services) as well as to important boards and commissions (Civil Rights Commission, Board of Education, UH Board of Regents,

Land Use Commission, Contractor's Board, State Foundation on Culture and Arts, Commission on the status of women, and Victim Compensation board). I am honored to join many Filipino community events such as the annual Filipino Fiesta and the many community projects to help victims of Typhoon Haiyan. Our state needs the talents and support of the Filipino community, the second largest ethnic group in Hawaii.

**Q: If elected to a second term, what issues will you continue to push for?**

**A:** I will continue to push for early education and pre-school. It's a fact that children who get a head start on their education do better in school as they get older and do better in life. I'll also continue our efforts to reduce our reliance on oil and expand efforts to increase our use of renewable, clean energy. Most importantly, I'll continue to modernize our

infrastructure and generate jobs in the process.

**Q: You did the right thing in apologizing for your comments regarding the death-bed letter from the late U.S. Sen. Dan Inouye. If you could do it all over, how would you handle the matter?**

**A:** Unfortunately, I cannot undo the comments I made. I remain deeply sorry for my hurtful remarks. The late Senator Daniel Inouye was, without a doubt, one of the finest leaders in Hawaii's history and a mentor to me.

**Q: In 2011, you supported a proposal to tax pension income for retirees. Then in your State of the State address earlier this year, you pushed for a package of bills offering income tax exemptions for low- to middle-income seniors. Explain the change in your position.**

**A:** It's simple—we've re-

stored the state to financial health and our economy is back on track. As a result, we can now provide financial breaks to needy seniors who have already given so much. Given the dire condition of our state's finances in 2011, we needed to consider all options to keep the state solvent.

**Q: How much of an impact will your leadership on the same sex marriage issue have on voters?**

**A:** I believe voters will look beyond just this issue. In Hawaii, we believe in fairness, justice and human equality. I have a long track record advocating for civil rights for all and protecting rights of women, Filipinos and other ethnic minorities, persons with disabilities, language access for immigrants and oppose discrimination based on religion, age and sexual orientation.

At the same time, I recognize the importance of ensur-

ing that religious freedoms are respected under the law. That's why I worked to include provisions that exempted religious organizations from performing same sex marriages.

**Q: On a scale of 1 to 5 with 5 being the best, how would you rate your performance as governor? Why did you give yourself that grade?**

**A:** I will leave it to Hawaii voters to assess my performance. At the end of the day, I believe the majority of them will understand how much we were able to accomplish in our first term and give us an opportunity to serve for another four years.

**Q: How is your health? At your age, are you physically fit to continue carrying out the demanding duties of governor?**

**A:** I feel wonderful and look forward to continuing to serve the people of Hawaii.

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**A:** My first act will be to assemble a team of individuals who are committed to the core values of integrity, respect, collaboration and public service. As top administrator, I will provide direction to the many state departments that report to the governor. This has been lacking in our current administration.

New technologies are appearing every day and we have

to adjust our way of thinking. As governor, I'll hold true to my decision-making philosophy to consider all the factors—the cost of fuel, energy, our fragile water system, a limited land mass, food, climate change and the impact of increased density on our social structure.

Leaders who came before us had the vision to create land-use laws based on firm principles. As governor, I'll return to

those fundamental foundations while incorporating new technologies of today to move Hawaii forward. I promise to be a governor who will analyze, discuss, listen—and then take forthright action.

**Q: Please describe your leadership style.**

**A:** Being open to hearing both sides of the argument, bringing stakeholders together for meaningful dialogue and developing creative solutions to the state's toughest problems has always been part of my approach to leadership. My leadership style is based on thoughtful planning and precise execution.

**Q: What are the major issues facing the Filipino community today?**

**A:** I've heard the concerns of those in the Filipino community who've opened their doors as residential care homes. The family unit is such a strong aspect of the Filipino community. We need better jobs and career opportunities. We must address the lack of affordably priced housing and rental units. We need to improve our public schools and university system, and work together to keep families close-knit and strong.

**Q: Why should Filipinos elect you as governor?**

**A:** I've shown that I'm a man of high honor and character. I've been preparing for this position for over 30 years, through my experience as a legislator and electrical engineer. I bring a new set of thinking and leading that strives to be better by integrating new ideas and solutions.

**Q: Any final message?**

**A:** Thank you for taking time to learn more about who I am. If you're looking for a change in government and for someone willing to listen to the issues that matter to you, please consider me for your next governor.

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LEGAL NOTES

# Call for Executive Action on Immigration



By Reuben S. Seguritan

**A**s the chances of passing an immigration reform bill in Congress grow slimmer, President Obama faces mounting pressure from Democrats and immigrant right advocates to exercise his executive authority.

Senator Chuck Schumer (D-New York) said that Congress only has a few weeks until its August recess to act on immigration reform. Many believe that if immigration reform in Congress is to happen this year, it has to happen within that time frame; otherwise, the President will have to take action on his own.

Since the Senate passed its

comprehensive immigration reform bill in June 2013, House Republican leaders refused to take it up on the floor. Although Speaker John Boehner (R-Ohio) indicated last year that immigration reform would be priority legislation for 2014, he now points out that the President's implementation of the Affordable Care Act gives Republicans more reason not to act on immigration reform. GOP members simply do not trust the President to carry out the law as Congress would pass it.

While House Republican leaders seem to have closed its doors on the prospect of passing a comprehensive immigration reform bill, they also prevented a vote on the proposed legislation referred to as the ENLIST Act that would grant legal status to young undocumented immigrants who serve in the military. Under the

bill, the so-called DREAMers would be allowed to join the military and be eligible for citizenship after four years.

Rep. Jeff Dunham (R-California) introduced the bill and sought a vote on the measure by adding it as an amendment to the 2015 National Defense Authorization Act. However, the effort was blocked by House Majority Leader Eric Cantor (R-Virginia).

This recent development intensified the call for executive action on the President. The President's executive authority allows him to ease deportations. He may, as part of his "prosecutorial discretion", prioritize deportation of aliens who pose a threat to public safety such as gang members and drug dealers.

At the same time, he could ease up on the deportation of aliens who do not have criminal convictions and who have

family members in the U.S. Although they are still subject to deportation, enforcement would not be focused on them.

The President may also grant a certain category of aliens temporary reprieve from deportation allowing them to live in the U.S. and apply for work authorization such as his Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program.

Many experts agree that the President has the authority to expand DACA. The American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA) has even recommended expanding the deferred action program to parents, children, spouses and siblings of U.S. citizens, lawful permanent residents and DACA beneficiaries. Republicans, on the other hand, believe that this would violate the separation of powers.

Dan Pfeiffer, White House adviser, said that the President

would "use every ounce of his authority" where necessary to advance his agenda on immigration. Enforcement policies are currently under review in order to make enforcement "more humane."

Although only Congress can provide legal status for the undocumented, the President's authority can grant temporary reprieve from deportation. If House Republicans refuse to take up immigration reform this summer, the President will have no choice but to take action.

"If the President doesn't take action," says Representative Mike Honda (D-California), "there would be political blowback from the immigrant community."

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## HOME GROWN

# Tips on Staying Safe at Petting Zoos

By CTAHR Staff, University of Hawaii

**T**hinking about fun activities for your family this summer? Most kids love animals, and there are many popular summer events with petting zoos and farm animal attractions, including the upcoming State Farm Fair in July. But while petting bunnies or cows or other cute creatures can be enjoyable and educational, it's important to remember that animals can carry harmful bacteria and disease, including the potentially deadly E. coli O157:H7. The UH Manoa College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources has safety tips on how to help ensure that the only thing kids bring home from the petting zoo are happy memories.

**Tip 1:** Know who is at risk. Certain people have a greater chance of contracting diseases from contact with animals, including children under the age of 5, pregnant women, the eld-

erly, those with uncovered sores, and people with weakened immune systems. Anyone in your family fitting these descriptions should limit their interactions with animals, or better yet, not touch them at all.

**Tip 2:** Avoid hand-to-mouth contact. Explain to children before the visit that they should not touch their eyes, nose, or mouth when they are around animals. Have a meal or snack before heading off to pet the animals, and don't eat or drink during the visit. And as cute as the photo opportunity may be, don't let children kiss any animals. Even the pens the animals are held in can carry bacteria, so keep an eye on your children's hands as they explore their new fuzzy friends and their surroundings.

**Tip 3:** Know what to bring and what to leave at home. It's a good idea to bring a change of clean clothes and shoes for after the animal visit. Wash used clothes well in hot water before using them again. Don't

bring toys or pacifiers, which may become contaminated, to petting zoos or any animal areas. Limit the chances of taking harmful bacteria home with you.

**Tip 4:** Wash, wash, wash those hands. Children can get very "hands-on" with animals, so be sure to wash their hands after the visit. In fact, everyone should wash their hands even if they didn't directly touch any animals or their surroundings. Be sure to follow good hand-washing technique:

use warm or hot water; lather with soap for 20 seconds (you can sing "Twinkle, twinkle little star" to help your kids); pay attention to the backs of the hands, between the fingers, and under the fingernails; rinse well with running water; and dry with clean, disposable towels.

**Tip 5:** Keep an eye on everyone after the visit. If symptoms such as nausea, vomiting and diarrhea (especially with blood) develop after visiting animals, inform your

physician immediately. Avoid giving over-the-counter medication unless directed by your doctor, as this might cause more complications.

Animals can bring much happiness and wonder to many people, especially children. Regularly practicing sanitary precautions will ensure that the experience is a healthy one. Have a fun, fuzzy summer and pet those animals safely!

*The information from this column was adapted from "Preventing E. coli Infection at Petting Zoos and Farm Animal Fairs" by Dr. Aurora Saulo of the UH College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources.*

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## MAINLAND NEWS

# Cantor Resigning from House Leadership on July 31

WASHINGTON (AP) — Repudiated at the polls, House Majority Leader Eric Cantor intends to resign his leadership post at the end of next month, officials said Wednesday, clearing the way for a potentially disruptive Republican shake-up just before midterm elections with control of Congress at stake.

Cantor was expected to announce his plans at a late-afternoon meeting of the party's rank and file, less than 24 hours after the Virginia Republican lost a primary election to David Brat, a little-known and underfunded rival backed by tea party groups.

Before the announcement, jockeying already had broken out among fellow Republicans

eager to move up the House leadership ladder — or establish a foothold on it.

Rep. Kevin McCarthy of California, the party whip and third-ranking leader, informed fellow Republicans he intended to run to succeed Cantor, and Rep. Pete Sessions of Texas also made clear his interest.

Rep. Peter Roskam of Illinois, the chief deputy whip, and Rep. Steve Scalise of Louisiana quickly jumped into the expected race to succeed McCarthy.

Cantor's office declined to confirm his decision, which was reported by numerous Republican aides as well as lobbyists who said they had been informed of the plans. His intention was to declare his decision to step down from the



Cong. Eric Cantor

leadership on July 31.

One Republican said he feared the effects of Cantor's defeat could be debilitating for the party and the government.

Interviewed on MSNBC, Rep. Peter King, R-N.Y., said he was worried that Cantor's stunning loss may lead to even more congressional gridlock. Asked if he thought immigration legislation was dead, he replied, "I'm concerned that Ted Cruz supporters, Rand Paul supporters, are going to

use this as an excuse" to shut down the government.

"This is not conservatism to me," King said. "Shutting down the government is not being conservative."

The resignation would mark a swift end to a quick rise to power for Cantor, 51, who was elected to Congress in 2000, was appointed to the leadership two years later, and then rose steadily to become the second-most powerful Republican in the House. In that post, he was the most powerful Jewish Republican in Congress, and occasionally was seen as a potential rival to Speaker John Boehner but more often as a likely successor.

He was defeated Tuesday by primary rival David Brat, an economics professor making his first run for office in an underfunded campaign that benefited from the support of tea party groups.

Brat campaigned as a foe of immigration legislation, and said Cantor was likely to help immigrants living in the United States illegally gain amnesty if given a new term in the House.

Interviewed on MSNBC, Brat declined to spell out any policy specifics.

"I'm a Ph.D. in economics, and so you analyze every situation uniquely," he said.

Brat begins the fall campaign as a decided favorite in the race against Democratic rival Jack Trammell in a solidly Republican Richmond-area district.

His primary triumph was by far the biggest of the 2014 campaign season for tea party forces, although last week they forced veteran Mississippi Sen. Thad Cochran into a June 24 runoff and they hope state Sen. Chris McDaniel will achieve victory then.

Tuesday's outcome may well mark the end of Cantor's political career, although at his age he has plenty of time to attempt a comeback.

The impact of Cantor's surprise loss on the fate of immigration legislation in the current Congress seemed clear. Conservatives will now be emboldened in their opposition to legislation to create a path to citizenship for immigrants living in the country illegally, and party leaders who are sympathetic to such legislation will likely be less willing to try.

Cantor has compiled a solidly conservative voting record in his tenure, but he was sometimes viewed with suspicion by tea party activists who said he had been in Congress too long and was insufficiently committed to blocking immigration legislation. Many party officials argue that Republicans must temper their hard line on immigration if they are to compete effectively in future presidential elections.

Already on Wednesday, Hillary Rodham Clinton, a potential Democratic contender, said Cantor "was defeated by a candidate who basically ran against immigrants."

Democrats, underdogs in the struggle for control of the House this fall, sought to cast Cantor's defeat as evidence that the Republican Party and tea party groups were one.

"The Republican Party has been completely swallowed by the tea party. I mean, any debate over whether the tea party controls the Republican Party has ended," Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz of Florida, the Democratic national chair, said on MSNBC. (<http://asianjournal.com>)

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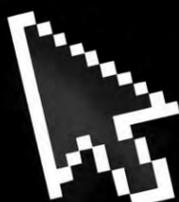
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ASK A DOCTOR

# ADHD: A COMMON BUT MISUNDERSTOOD DISORDER

by Dr. Gina Kellner

**A**ttention deficit hyperactivity disorder, or ADHD, is the most common neurobiological disorder in child-

hood. It shows up in children as developmentally inappropriate levels of hyperactivity, impulsivity and/or inattention that can significantly affect their everyday lives. Parents of children with ADHD often battle the perception that the disorder is simply the result of poor parenting, but science is helping to dispel such myths.

Here are several other myths I have encountered as I work to help families affected by ADHD.

**Myth #1:** ADHD is not a 'real' disorder. It's not unusual to hear someone dismiss ADHD by arguing that the problem didn't exist when they

were a kid but the truth is there's a long legacy of research describing inattentive and hyperactive behavior as a disorder. And now, ADHD is recognized by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as well as the National Institutes of Health as a medical condition.

It runs in families, enough so that when a child begins to show signs of the condition, a parent may recognize similar patterns in themselves. Based on over 30 years of twin and adoption studies, the heritability of ADHD consistently approaches 80 percent, and certain genes linked to ADHD have been identified.

**Myth #2:** Kids will always outgrow ADHD. For most that are diagnosed, ADHD is a life-long condition. Somewhere between 3-10 percent of school-aged children have the disorder, and 60 percent of them will carry the diagnosis



into adulthood. While kids often "outgrow" the hyperactivity by puberty" (or it turns into inner restlessness), the impulsivity and inattention often continue into adulthood and can have life-altering consequences if left untreated. For example, adults with ADHD are more likely than those without the condition to end up separated or divorced, get into traffic accidents and have trouble keeping a job.

**Myth #3:** You have to be hyperactive to have ADHD. Most people are surprised to find out that there are several subtypes of ADHD—predominantly inattentive, predomi-

nantly hyperactive/impulsive, and a third subtype that combines the other two. Often, those with the predominantly inattentive type are overlooked, as they typically do not have behavioral problems. They can sometimes be identified as the daydreamers who stare off into space, lost in their own world and unable to focus or concentrate.

**Myth #4:** If you're smart, you cannot have ADHD. ADHD can affect how well a child learns, but it doesn't necessarily mean they cannot be bright or gifted. Often these people are diagnosed later in life, as they have been able to

compensate for the challenges of their disorder. But some may get derailed at certain points in life when they face more demands and responsibilities such as in high school.

On the up side, those with ADHD often display an energetic enthusiasm and can be expressive and fun in social settings. They often think outside of the box and are risk-takers who carry out their creative ideas. Many people with ADHD have gone on to have successful careers and lives, so it's important to remember that this disorder is treatable and manageable with approaches including therapy and medication.

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