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Veteran Democrats Vie For U.S. Senate Seat

The race between Colleen Hanabusa and Brian Schatz is shaping up to be one of the more contentious U.S. Senate contests in the nation. The victor would be heavily favored to win the November General and serve out the remainder of the late Daniel Inouye's term which expires in

2016.

After Inouye's passing in late 2012, Gov. Neil Abercrombie selected former lieutenant governor Schatz as his replacement, ignoring the senator's dying wish that his protégé Hanabusa succeed him. Abercrombie's decision to appoint Schatz angered some Democrats who felt Inouye was disrespected and has led to political in-fighting. Hanabusa has the support of former governors George Ariyoshi and Ben Cayetano and is likely to attract more Japanese-Americans. Since her election to Congress in 2010, she has worked to create jobs, reinvigorate the economy and protect Medicare and Social Security. Hanabusa will continue to be a progressive voice for veteran's rights, women's health and economic opportunity. She has also considerable experience as a legislator in the State of Hawaii.

Schatz on the other hand, appeals to younger voters and has the support of top Democrats at Capitol Hill, including President Barack Obama, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid and the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee. He supported Obama in the 2008 presidential race and has worked to bring Obama's presidential library to Hawaii. Hanabusa and Inouye at that time backed the Hawaii for Hillary Clinton campaign.

Hawaii lost 70-plus years of seniority in the U.S. Senate with Inouye's passing and Akaka's retirement, so when voters take to the polls in the Primary, they could opt for the candidate they believe will give Hawaii the most long-term seniority. In one way or another, the outcome of the Hanabusa-Schatz race will define the future leadership of Hawaii's Democratic Party. A Hanabusa victory would likely stymie Abercrombie's influence as titular head of local Democrats, while a Schatz win would solidify the governor's political power. At stake is party unity. We'll see how it all shakes out come August 9th.

Voting is Crucial for Hawaii's Filipinos to Move Forward

With the 2014 Election Season in full swing, it is crucial for Filipinos to vote in the Primary Election on August 9 and the General on November 4. Filipino-American voter turnout over the years has been abysmal, especially in the Primary. The latest survey by Civil Beat lists Filipino voter turnout percentage at 9 percent, which is much lower than the estimated percentage of the Filipino-American community statewide at nearly 24 percent. Hawaii has one of the lowest turnouts in the nation and the Filipino-American electorate contributes to this distressing statistic.

Sadly, many of those who are permanent residents in Hawaii decide not to become American citizens, which would give them the right to vote. A great number of those who are citizens don't bother to register. And even if registered, they often don't turn out to vote. So in effect, the Filipino vote gets smaller and smaller. Yet, we proudly declare that the Filipino community is now the largest ethnic group in the islands. This claim does not mean much if it fails to translate into political power or influ-

FROM THE PUBLISHER

W

elcome to the latest edition of the Hawaii Filipino Chronicle! This is the second installment in our quest to provide our readers with insightful coverage of several high profile political races. In our previous issue, we featured the top two contenders in the gubernatorial Democratic Primary—Neil Abercrombie and David Ige. In this issue, we have the top two Democratic contenders in the race for U.S. Senate—Colleen Hanabusa and Brian Schatz in what could be a very intense and hard-fought election. Both candidates have the necessary qualifications and experience for the position. To learn more about these candidates, please turn to page 4.

This issue also includes our special 16-page wedding supplement in honor of the month of June when most brides decide to tie the knot. Our supplement includes many useful articles for the bride-to-be, including advice on choosing a wedding planner, tips on bridal showers, honeymoons and other wedding activities, insights on how to make your marriage last, a profile of a successful local bridal gown salon and much, much more. So what are you waiting for? Turn to our wedding supplement and start reading!

Joining us for this issue is Seneca Moraleda-Puguan, our newest contributing writer from the Philippines. Seneca now lives in South Korea, graduated *cum laude* from the University of the Philippines where she majored in communications and has considerable writing experience as a technical writer. A special thanks to Edna Bautista, Ed.D., who submitted several articles for our wedding supplement. She joined the Chronicle in 1995 upon earning her doctorate in education (mass communications) and later relocated to the mainland. Edna is certified as a wedding specialist and also worked as a bridal consultant in formal wear retail. A former university professor, she and her husband serve as marriage sponsors for their church.

As of press time, a team of volunteers from the Ohana Medical Mission (OMM) was scheduled to leave Hawaii and return to Northern Leyte for a follow-up mission scheduled for July 1-5, 2014. The team first visited the area in December 2013 following the destruction wrought by Super Typhoon Haiyan. The team will once again treat a variety of ailments and also dispense about \$300,000 worth of medication and medical supplies. Please remember to keep the team in your prayers and that they will have a safe and productive mission.

That's all for now. As always, we encourage you to contact us at: 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

ence, which would make the Filipino community a formidable force in our multi-ethnic society.

Those who actually vote do so only in the General, not knowing that the Primary is equally, if not more vital in some races, because many contests are decided by the results of the Primary if there are no other viable candidates looming in the General. Part of the reason for this confusion over the nature of the electoral system in Hawaii is that there is no continuing voter education which explains the ramifications in selecting or voting for candidates. Newly-arrived immigrants from countries like the Philippines are not used to voting in two elections, so they will opt to vote for only one.

There used to be active voter registration programs for registering and educating new citizens. It behooves Filipino organizations to make voter education and registration their top goal because it is sorely needed. Remember, your right to vote is not only sacred—it also means power and if all eligible voters in our community turn out to vote every time an election comes, think of how powerful and influential Filipinos can be in the state of Hawaii, as well as in the entire country. It's time we woke up!



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CITY HIGHLIGHTS

Filipino Youth Addresses City Council



By Councilmember
Ron Menor

O invited Victoria Cuba, a recent graduate of Waipahu High School, to deliver the Message of Aloha to the City Council at our June 4, 2014 meeting. It marked the first time a young person was given such an honor.

The Message of Aloha is usually delivered before the start of each Council meeting by a member of the clergy. However, I wanted Victoria to address the Council after hearing about how she overcame the challenges of homelessness to succeed as a student at Waipahu High School. I also presented her with a Certificate of Merit for her perseverance

and courage.

Waipahu High School Principal Keith Hayashi was there to offer his support. He described Victoria as a “multi-talented student” who served as editor-in-chief of the school newspaper, as a student cinematographer for the Marauder Media Arts Program and maintained a high grade point average (GPA). She will be attending the University of Hawaii-Manoa in the Fall and major in journalism, communications or creative media. Principal Hayashi said Victoria excels academically and is firmly grounded in her values and beliefs, which include reaching out to others who need a helping hand.

In her address, Cuba encouraged councilmembers and the audience to pass on the kindness and aloha they have been given, especially since a random act of kindness could change a person’s life for the better.

I joined the rest of the au-



City Councilmembers with Victoria Cuba and Waipahu High School Principal Keith Hayashi (middle) at the Council’s June 4, 2014 meeting

dience in giving her a standing ovation. Her message of reaching out to others, no matter how down and out you are, hit home for many of us.

In that same meeting, the Council adopted the City’s budget bills and submitted them to the mayor for his signature. One item that I have championed is the restoration of the original Country Express Route E which is used by many Leeward and West Oahu residents who work in urban Honolulu and Waikiki.

The Budget Committee chair included \$5 million in

Bill 12 (2014) CD1 FD2—the City’s Executive Operating budget—which increases funding for the restoration of several bus routes, including the original Route E. I will urge the mayor and his administration to make the restoration of the original Route E a priority.

The budget also includes \$132 million for road rehabilitation for the next fiscal year, \$452,944 in the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) that benefits communities such as Ewa and Waipahu, and \$80,000 for a pilot project to address feral

chickens and crowing roosters.

The Council also unanimously passed Resolution 13-175 CD1 and Resolution 14-74 CD1 which urge Congress to adopt comprehensive immigration reform legislation. This long-overdue reform should establish a clear pathway to citizenship, keep families together, streamline the backlog of visa applications and create a fair system which could benefit many immigrants, including those of Filipino ancestry.

Lastly, towards the end of the school year, I attended numerous school awards ceremonies and commencement exercises to support our students. Congratulations and best wishes to our graduates in all of their future endeavors!

In closing, please contact me at 768-5009 or via email at: rmenor@honolulu.gov if you have concerns or need assistance. For my latest activities as a City councilmember, log on to: www.facebook.com/RonMenorHawaii.

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COVER STORY

Schatz vs. Hanabusa in the Democratic Primary for U.S. Senate

By HFC Staff

Colleen Hanabusa faces Brian Schatz in an intense race for the late Daniel Inouye's U.S. Senate seat. The race pits the older, traditional wing of the Democratic machine (Hanabusa) versus the Party's younger, more progressive membership (Schatz).

Both candidates are well-qualified and have on-the-job experience at the state and national levels. Since both candidates lean heavily to the left and share similar stances on many issues, other factors could come into play for voters such as age, gender, ethnicity and personality. One thing is certain, however—the victor will, for all intents and purposes, go on to also win the General Election.

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

COLLEEN HANABUSA



Q: A poll released in early May 2014 conducted by Public Policy Polling showed you trailing your opponent by 15-points. What are your thoughts on the results of this poll?

A: This push poll was paid for by Democracy for America, a Mainland organization that endorsed Brian Schatz and is raising money for him. Every independent poll we have seen shows the race within the statistical margin of error or with Colleen in the lead.

Q: Your opponent has been endorsed by President Obama, who holds a 61 percent approval rating in Hawaii. How will your campaign counter Obama's backing?

A: This election will be decided by the people of Hawaii and we will continue to listen to their concerns and work hard to provide them the representation they expect and deserve. Colleen is a skilled legislator with a proven record of leadership and bipartisan accomplishment and has always fought to provide for Hawaii's hard working families while protecting our values. The people of Hawaii are looking forward to their first opportunity to vote for their next U.S. Senator and we believe they trust Colleen to continue fighting for them in the U.S. Senate.

Q: Your opponent is also at a decisive advantage when it comes to campaign cash. How will your campaign deal with having less money?

A: Once again, we will see outside money coming to Hawaii's shores to muddy the waters. We will be outspent in this race by Brian and outside interests trying to tell Hawaii families how to vote. We also know that Hawaii families are thoughtful and smart. You just cannot buy elections in Hawaii. Our campaign is based on the support of the people and the trust Colleen has earned throughout her career as a labor attorney, Hawaii State Senate President and two-term member of the U.S. House of Representatives. I think it is going to come down fundamentally to who the people trust, and want, and feel that represents what they hold as their vision or their view of Hawaii.

Q: You and your opponent share similar positions on key issues. With the Primary Election a few months away, what are you doing to distinguish yourself from your opponent?

A: Brian and I are both good Democrats. What separates us is our experience, our records, and what we have accomplished in the time that we were given the great privilege to represent the people of Hawaii. We both started out in politics in 1998. I believe I have proven myself as an attorney, a legislator and as a leader. But most importantly, I have always listened to the people because the people of Hawaii are my boss, and I have worked hard to address their concerns and aspirations.

Q: What is your response to comments that you're too old to build enough seniority in the U.S. Senate to continue the late Daniel Inouye's legacy of steering more federal funds to Hawaii?

A: I find them offensive and disre-

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BRIAN SCHATZ



Q: You were sworn in last December 2012 to fill the seat of the late U.S. Sen. Daniel Inouye. Describe what the past year-and-half in Congress has been like for you.

A: Serving the people of Hawaii in the U.S. Senate is a great honor. I go to work every day thinking about how I can help Hawaii's working families. I chair the Senate Tourism subcommittee where I'm working to increase tourism and create local tourism jobs. As chair of the Water and Power subcommittee, I'm working to promote Hawaii's clean-energy economy. I'm fighting for the middle class, so our children don't have to move elsewhere for opportunities. I'm working to bring high-technology jobs to our state and that we have a social safety net to protect people. These are the values and priorities we must continue for Hawaii.

Q: You have emerged as a leader on climate change and sustainability. Why are these issues crucial for Hawaii?

A: Climate change is already happening. As an island state, the impacts of climate change can be disastrous. This year alone, two reports on climate change detailed how extreme weather events and rising ocean temperatures and sea levels can lead to coastal flooding. We have a moral obligation to protect our state and environment for the next generation.

Q: What have you done to maximize the amount of federal funds earmarked for Hawaii?

A: Since joining the Senate, I've worked to get our fair share of federal funding. While some states saw cuts to federal funding, we were able to protect or, in some cases, even increase funding for projects that are important to Hawaii—the East-West

Center, transportation, Native Hawaiian health care and education, clean energy and defense programs. As long as I am in the Senate, I will make sure Hawaii continues to get its fair share.

Q: In the U.S. Senate, which is deeply divided on a number of issues, what has it been like to work with the other party, compared to the State Legislature where Democrats hold all the power?

A: The Senate is filled with tradition and collegiality. My colleagues on both sides of the aisle warmly welcomed me and I've been able to work with Republicans on veterans' health care and reducing energy use for federal agencies. I've been able to find common ground without compromising on our Democratic principles.

Q: What grade would you give yourself during these past 18 months?

A: I'll leave the grading to others. I've worked to get things done for Hawaii. I think any senator should be judged on their record—what they've accomplished for their state, the relationships they've built, and how best they represent their state's values.

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spectful to the voters. By saying what Neil Abercrombie said, that he's putting somebody in so they can get seniority, it's like saying to the voters, 'You're not relevant. Here's somebody who's going to be there forever.'" "No one — no one — should feel that level of entitlement."

Q: Is a divisive Democratic Primary good or bad for the Party? What will you do on your part to mend fences after the election?

A: Democrats have always lived and worked under a big tent. We fight hard to be the best because we know the people expect the best from our party. In the end, we will always come together and do what is best for the people of Hawaii.

Q: Why are you the best candidate for the U.S. Senate?

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Q: What has been your biggest accomplishment as a member of the U.S. Senate?

A: Through strong relationships I was able to forge in the Senate, we were able to protect continued federal funds to Hawaii in the last appropriations bill. We are a state that depends on federal funds and we did well in the appropriations process. We protected and in some cases increased funding for Hawaii's priorities.

Q: A poll released in early May 2014 by Public Policy Polling showed you having a 15-point lead over your opponent. What are your thoughts on this poll?

A: I'm honored to have the support of so many families across Hawaii. Every vote matters to me, and we have a long way to go until the people of Hawaii start casting votes. We plan to campaign hard to share the work I've done in the U.S. Senate to get things done for Hawaii.

Q: How important is the endorsement of President Obama for your campaign?

A: I am proud to be one of the president's most steadfast allies in the Senate. He understands Hawaii's values and is committed to making sure that everyone who works hard and plays by the rules is given a fair shot. His confidence in me means a lot and I'm committed to working with him to continue moving Hawaii and America forward.

Q: What will be the focus of your campaign? Are you willing to take the high road and avoid negative campaigning?

A: As I worked on legislation to strengthen and increase Social Security benefits, I thought about the thousands

A: The people of Hawaii need an experienced, proven legislator and leader to represent them in the U.S. Senate. Throughout my career as an attorney, State Senate President and two-term member of the U.S. House of Representatives, I have always listened to the people, proven I understand how to manage the laws of the land, and built bipartisan consensus around initiatives and policies that benefit my constituents. People can talk about big picture issues and champion ideologies, but I am focused on listening to my constituents and delivering exactly what they need to succeed in Hawaii, get a job, own a home, send their children to school and retire with all the benefits the government of the United States promised them throughout their

of seniors in our state who rely on the program. When I worked on a bill to make college more affordable, I thought about how Linda and I were still paying off our college loans and how we would need to save money for our own kids to go to college. Issues like these are important to every family in Hawaii. It's what I've focused on in the Senate and why I'm proud to run a positive, issues-based campaign.

Q: What is your campaign's plan to court more Filipino voters?

A: I'm proud to represent Hawaii and our Filipino American community. One of the first bills I introduced was to restore full veteran's benefits to Filipinos who fought alongside American soldiers during the Second World War. These veterans and their families have waited for decades to receive the compensation that they deserve. My bill would make sure America keeps its promise and honors their service.

Last year, when Typhoon Yolanda devastated the Philippines, thousands in Hawaii and across the country helped in the recovery. We must remain committed to the recovery effort, which is why I introduced a resolution expressing the support of the United States for the people of the Philippines and the victims of Typhoon Yolanda.

I've worked closely with the Filipino community throughout my years in public service and I'm grateful to have earned the endorsements of many Filipino community leaders including Eddie Flores and Roland Casamina. The FilCom Center is important to me, and I was happy to see the U.S. Department of Agriculture provide a guarantee of over \$2 million

working life.

Q: Finally, why should Filipinos vote for Colleen Hanabusa?

A: My background during my early years have always reflected a close affinity with the Filipino culture and values in terms of the work ethics, frugality, simplicity, honesty, respect and concern for family, elders, relatives, community, entrepreneurship and the general welfare of the working class. My work in cases defending and representing Filipino clients as a labor attorney have been invaluable and reflective of my deep social concern for the working and middle classes, to which the vast majority of the Filipinos and other ethnic groups and minorities in Hawaii belongs. In my public career as a state

legislator and member of Congress, my legislative efforts with the help of the late Daniel Inouye have resulted in immense benefits to Filipino veterans and their families, women and children, military assistance, immigration reform and other rights that are rightfully theirs. I have pledged to continue supporting, sponsoring and launching initiatives that would benefit the Filipino community in Hawaii and across the U.S. Lately, I have been very vigorous in promoting the concept and eventual reality of an Asia-Pacific focus in U.S. foreign policy, which would significantly elevate the Philippines and other nations in the region to the orbit of a vibrant global economy that is expected to raise Filipino standards of living and create job opportunities.

for its mortgage. I'm proud of the work I have done for our Filipino American community and will continue to highlight my record on issues important to the Filipino community.

Q: If elected to a four-year term, what more can Hawaii expect from Brian Schatz?

A: I'm proud of what we have accomplished so far but there is more work to be done. I'm working hard to protect and enhance Social Security, make college more affordable for students, strengthen our local economy

and create more good jobs.

Q: Why should Filipinos vote for Brian Schatz?

A: Like many couples in Hawaii, my wife Linda and I go to bed at night thinking about how to give our families the best future possible. My mission in Washington is to help families make it. I'm humbled by the support I've received from so many in the Filipino community and am committed to making sure Hawaii's Filipino community has a voice in the U.S. Senate.

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COMMENTARY

What Our Country Needs From the Press

By Lee H. Hamilton

These days, the scandal involving long wait times at VA hospitals can feel like some made-in-Washington spectacle generated by politicians looking for headlines. But it isn't. It had its genesis in a late-April report on CNN that as many as 40 veterans may have died waiting for appointments at VA hospitals in Phoenix.

This investigative piece was notable for two reasons. It's been a while since a news story so quickly provoked such a storm of public indignation that a cabinet secretary — deservedly or not — had no choice but to resign. And it's a reminder of just how important old-fashioned shoe-leather reporting remains to our system of government, especially when it uncovers official misdoing.

One of the basic truths about our representative democracy is that it does not work without solid information. Public officials, both elected and appointed, need to know what's happening in the communities they serve, and the people who live in those communities need to know what the government they

elect and fund is doing in their name.

A lot of forces try to distort that flow of information, or even block it altogether — from officials who aren't living up to our expectations to politicians counting on public ignorance to lobbyists and advocates hoping to sway public opinion. This is why the press — and by this I mean print, broadcast and online journalists — is so crucial to our country's health. It is, or ought to be, a steady, dispassionate, truth-seeking, skeptical and tough-minded force for public understanding.

In an ideal world, our media would focus on the serious side of the news. It would explore and highlight the substance of issues, not simply the politics of issues. It would detail the facts underlying a story, rather than dwelling on the personalities at play in the story. There is a place for entertainment that plays off the news — as people like Jon Stewart and Stephen Colbert have amply demonstrated — but in their search for an audience, news executives shouldn't let it become a substitute for dogged reporting and the traditional values of accuracy, truth and fairness.

These are not easy times for journalists, however. I

don't pretend to understand all the forces that are reshaping what we see, hear and read in the news media, and I know that news executives are struggling with a host of formidable economic and social challenges. Yet if the line between news and entertainment gets blurred, if loud opinion replaces accurate reporting, and if journalists take the easy road of covering politics and the horse race rather than the core of policy-making — substance, consensus-building, and the painstaking search for remedy — then representative democracy is in trouble.

New organizations and websites are trying to make up some of the ground that's been lost in the years of news-in-

dustry turmoil: investigative outfits like ProPublica and the new wave of "explanatory" and data-driven sites like Vox and 538.com. But their very presence suggests that they see a void to be filled. These days, only a handful of news organizations in the country have the resources — both human and financial — to spend weeks or months chasing an investigation. Given the cuts that have stripped newsrooms of the expertise they once contained, I sometimes wonder whether the kind of reporting that brought us Watergate and uncovered the Enron scandal could still occur.

Because make no mistake: we need maximum oversight. You and I need it if we're to be

certain that misdeeds cannot hide in the darker corners of government. And Congress needs it if it's to carry out one of its core responsibilities: overseeing the operations of government. All of us rely on the press to check abuses of power, see that laws are properly implemented, hold officials accountable, and tell those officials when their policies and operations are failing or going astray. Without a strong independent press, those in power could simply tell us what they want us to know and we'd be none the wiser. And that is no state of affairs for a democracy.

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HAWAII-FILIPINO NEWS

Typhoon Sendong Project Completed

By Serafin Colmenares Jr.

In a final report dated May 28, 2014 and submitted to Margarita "Dayday" Hopkins, vice president of the COVO Foundation, the Social Action Center of the Archdiocese of Cagayan de Oro informed COVO that the "Water System Project for Tropical Storm Sendong Beneficiaries Relocated at Tabang Cagayan Village at Barangay Lumbia, City of Cagayan de Oro, Philippines" was completed on May 21, 2014.

Cagayan de Oro, in Mindanao, was one of the hardest hit areas by Typhoon Sendong in 2012. In response, COVO initiated a fundraising drive to support a project that would benefit victims of the natural disaster. Through Hopkins' efforts, a project was identified and a Memorandum of Agreement signed in October 2012 between Serafin Colmenares Jr., then president of the COVO Foundation, and Fr. Nathaniel C. Lerio, SSSJ, Director of the Social Action Center of the Archdiocese of Cagayan de Oro.

The agreement provides for the donation of \$11,800 (Pesos 446,850) by COVO for the installation of a water system at the second permanent shelter project located at Barangay Lumbia. The project, which provides potable water to the residents of the housing project, was determined following an assessment of the needs of the relocation sites which were built on higher grounds to avoid a repeat of the

disaster. Work included drilling of water well, construction of an elevated water tank with a capacity of 10,000 liters and with a steel support structure of 30 feet high; and installation of a submersible pump, motor, control and accessories, designed to deliver 25 gallons per minute. The project will benefit 99 households.

The total cost of the project is Pesos 1,532,830. Other donors were Steag State Power, Inc., and Mercy Malaysia (Malaysian Medical Relief Society).

The report states that "the construction of the water system at the Tabang Cagayan Village will greatly redound to the benefit of the Typhoon Sendong survivors relocated at such site. The need for potable water for the health, hygiene and sanitation of the beneficiaries is now answered by the project. Heartfelt gratitude is extended to the donors of the water system project, the COVO Foundation in Hawaii, USA with the collaboration of Mercy Malaysia and Steag State Power, Inc."





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IMMIGRATION GUIDE

Obama Gov't Wins, Immigrants' Aged Out Children Lose



By Atty. Emmanuel Samonte Tipon

What clearer evidence is there of the Obama administration's discriminatory treatment of children of legal immigrants versus its coddling of the children of illegal aliens than the USCIS's denial of the retention of visa priority date for aged-out children of immigrants? Que pobrecito!

On June 9, 2014 (a day of immigration infamy), the U.S. Supreme Court held in effect that aged-out (21 years and over) children of immigrants with approved visa petitions must go back to the end of the visa line instead of retaining their already established priority date. It upheld, 6-3, the Obama administration's policy of denying the retention of priority date for aged out children of immigrants. Spearheading the majority (against the kids) were the so-called liberal justices Kagan, Kennedy, and Ginsburg. Spearheading the minority (for the kids) were the so-called conservative justices Alito and Thomas, joined by Sotomayor. Surprisingly or not surprisingly, Chief Justice Roberts and Justice Scalia joined the majority.

What is this age-out children case? The Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) permits qualifying U.S. citizens (USC) and lawful permanent residents (LPRs) to petition for certain family members to obtain immigrant visas. A sponsored individual (principal beneficiary) is placed into a "family preference" category based on his relationship with the petitioner. 8 U. S. C. §§1153(a)(1)-(4). The principal beneficiary's spouse and minor children in turn qualify as derivative beneficiaries, "entitled to the same status" and "order of consideration" as the principal. §1153(d). The

beneficiaries then become eligible to apply for visas in order of "priority date"—that is, the date a petition was filed. §1153(e)(1). Since the immigration process takes years to complete, a child seeking to immigrate may "age out"—i.e., reach adulthood and lose her immigration status—before he reaches the front of the visa queue.

The Child Status Protection Act (CSPA) prescribed a remedy by providing that "[i]f the age of an alien is determined . . . to be 21 years of age or older," notwithstanding certain allowances for bureaucratic delay, §§1153(h)(1)-(2), "the alien's petition shall automatically be converted to the appropriate category and the alien shall retain the original priority date issued upon receipt of the original petition." §1153(h)(3).

Certain principal beneficiaries who became LPRs filed petitions for their aged-out children, asserting that the newly filed petitions should receive the same priority date as their original petitions. But USCIS gave the new petitions current priority dates. They sued in District Court but it granted the Government summary judgment, deferring to the Board of Immigration Appeals' (BIA's) determination that only those petitions that can be seamlessly converted from one family preference category to another without the need for a new sponsor are entitled to conversion under §1153(h)(3). The Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit reversed, holding that the provision unambiguously entitled all aged-out derivative beneficiaries to automatic conversion and priority date retention.

The Obama administration appealed to the USSC which reversed the Court of Appeals. The majority held that the interpretation by the Board of Immigration Appeals of the ambiguous language of §1153(h)(3) was entitled to deference (respect). The only

aliens who may benefit from §1153(h)(3) are those for whom automatic conversion is possible.

§1153(h)(3)'s second clause provides a remedy to those principal and derivative beneficiaries who had a qualifying relationship with an LPR both before and after they aged out. In contrast, aliens like Osorio's children—the nieces, nephews, and grandchildren of the initial sponsors—cannot qualify for "automatic

conversion": they lacked a qualifying preference relationship with the initial petitioner, and so cannot fit into a new preference category without obtaining a new sponsor. The ambiguity created by §1153(h)(3)'s ill-fitting clauses left the

BIA to choose how to reconcile the statute's different commands. It choose to abide by the inherent limits of §1153(h)(3)'s remedial clause. When an agency resolves statutory tension, ordinary principles of administrative deference require the Supreme Court to defer. *Scialabba v De Osorio*, No. 12-930, 06/09/2014.

OBSERVATION: This is an example of the saying "Hard cases make bad law." What is wrong with this country's English speaking (cono) highly paid legislators? They cannot even enact a law in

plain English. Administrative agencies and the courts are divided on how to construe and apply what they have enacted. The Court described the CSPA's provisions as "complex but, with some perseverance, comprehensible," and that the third provision which is at issue in the case is "through and through perplexing." According to the court, if you are a "masochist" (not to be confused with "macho" or "machonorin") you may want to read the provisions of the law which the court proceeded to quote. "Masochist" is defined as "a person who has masochism, the condition in which sexual or other gratification depends on one's suffering physical pain or humiliation." "Sexual gratifi-

cation" did they say? Wow! That was Justice Elena Kagan, a woman, speaking for the Supreme Court majority.

Is there a silver lining for this legislative incompetence? Sure. Ask your legislator (preferably one who did not participate in enacting this "masochistic" CSPA) to file a new Child Status Protection Act that complies with the 4 C's of legal writing that we have always espoused -- clear, concise, complete, and correct. Perhaps the legislators can ask the children whom the law is intended to benefit to draft it. As the Bible puts it: ". . . and a little child will lead them." Isaiah 11:6.

Here is my proposed new Child Status Protection Act of

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HAWAII-FILIPINO NEWS

Council Hears Latest Homeless Measures

City councilmembers held a special meeting on June 26, 2014 to hear testimony on the latest homeless measures supported by Mayor Kirk Caldwell.

Council Chair Ernie Martin convened the special meeting to discuss Bills 42, 43 and 44 which were meant to ensure safe and accessible sidewalks and to keep public areas sanitary. As chair and presiding officer, Martin has the authority to expedite measures that are of an emergency nature or have a

compelling public interest.

Bill 42 prohibits individuals from sitting or lying on a public sidewalk, but allows for certain exceptions such as medical emergencies, expressive activities and parades. Bill 44, introduced by Councilmember Carol Fukunaga, provides for similar prohibitions in the Chinatown Special District.

Bill 43 prohibits individuals from urinating or defecating in public unless the individual has a medical condition verified by a licensed physician.



State law currently prohibits urinating and defecating in the Chinatown Special District.

Chair Martin says homelessness in Honolulu has reached the "crisis stage."

"The Council, the Mayor

and the public are in total agreement on that," he says. "Fast tracking these bills will provide the City Administration with the legal authority to clean up public areas but also help to get the homeless into

shelters and receive assistance sooner rather than later. I strongly believe that my colleagues would be receptive to giving these bills special consideration."

By law, all bills must pass three Council readings before becoming law. All three bills could receive final passage as early as July 30, barring any delays or failure to pass out of committee or Council meetings.

If approved, the bills would complement the Council's landmark appropriation of \$47.2 million to address homelessness on multiple fronts.

City to Hike Sewer Fee

Starting July 1, 2014, Oahu residents will be paying more in sewer fees as City officials are increasing sewer service charges as part of a multi-year rate increase that took effect May 2012.

Currently, a single family or duplex dwelling pays a \$65.76 monthly base fee, along with a usage charge of \$3.93 per 1,000 gallons. There is a 20

percent irrigation credit per household that goes to watering yards, plants, washing cars and other water uses that do not enter the sewer system.

But starting July 1, those charges increase by 4 percent for Fiscal Year 2015 to \$68.39 and \$4.08, respectively.

"The increases are necessary for capital improvements, debt service repayment, upgrading the workforce and infra-

structure, along with complying with the 2010 Consent Decree," says Department of Environmental Services Director Lori Kahikina. "Sewer fees collected will only go towards sewer-related expenses and projects."

The increases are related in part to a 2010 settlement with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) that requires City officials to make major improvements to the sewer system over the next two decades.

Filipino Chamber of Commerce to Install New Officers

The Filipino Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii and the Filipino Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii Foundation will hold their Annual Installation of Officers and Board of Directors on July 5, 2014 at 6 pm at the Hilton Hawaiian Village's Coral Ballroom.

Paul Alimbuyao, vice president and manager at First Hawaiian Bank, will be in-

stalled as FCCH's 60th president. U.S. Sen. Brian Schatz will be the keynote speaker and installing officer.

Olelo Community Media will provide video coverage of the event. Emcees are State Sen. Glenn Wakai and State Department of Education Director of Communications Donalyn Dela Cruz. Entertainment will be provided by



Paul Alimbuyao

American Idol finalist Jordan Segundo and Sharon Zalsos—Maui's Miss Saigon.

Misty Kela'i, executive director of the Mayor's Office of Culture & the Arts, will sing the state anthem Hawaii Pono'i.

For more details on the event, call 754-8691 or email: palimbuyao@fhh.com.

OFCC Elects New Officers

The Oahu Filipino Community Council (OFCC) elected new officers during its annual convention held June 14, 2014 at the Philippine Consulate General.

The new officers include President Alex Vergara, Vice President Baybee Hufana-Ablan, Treasurer Linda Abuel, Assistant Treasurer Rossi Patton, Auditor Armi Farinas, and directors Conrad Abuel, Salvador Obaldo and Loida Yamamoto.

There were no nominees for the positions of second vice president, secretary, assistant secretary and first director. These positions are open to those who meet the following criteria:

- You are a member in good

standing

- Your unit organization is a current and duly registered member of OFCC
 - You are willing to volunteer your time for the community
 - You are able to do the job with the right intentions, commitment and experience
- Outgoing OFCC President Jean Jeremiah said that an announcement will soon be made with details on how to submit an application as well as the submittal deadline.

Former OFCC president Danny Villaruz chaired the convention which proceeded smoothly and was attended by more than 130 delegates. Notable attendees included State Sen. Will Espero, State Rep. Romy Cachola and City Councilmember Ron Menor.

Governor Launches Hawaii Handbook for Immigrants

There's a new resource guide available for recent immigrants to Hawaii.

"Hawaii Handbook for Immigrants" provides important information on emergency food assistance; housing; employment; healthcare; federal, state and local laws; social services; and other resources. There is also useful tips on being a good neighbor, avoiding social taboos, humor, dating and marriage and gender

equality.

The handbook was launched June 20, 2014 by Gov. Neil Abercrombie. He was joined by Jade Butay, State Department of Labor & Industrial Relations (DLIR) deputy director, and Mila Kaahanui, Mila Kaahanui, executive director of the State Office of Community Services (OCS).

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CANDID PERSPECTIVES



By Emil Guillermo

Graduation Season Comes to An End, with Murdered Cousin's Posthumous Ceremony

As we near the end of June, my family comes to the ceremony we have dreaded the most — the posthumous commencement for my cousin, Stephen Guillermo, who was killed last month on May 3.

Stephen got off the elevator of his San Francisco apartment building on the wrong floor.

We all do it. But the apartment he was let into was that of a retired security guard who knew the gun laws that allow one to use deadly force on an intruder.

By the man's own admission, he shot and killed my cousin.

My cousin was murdered. The police have the weapon. They even arrested the killer.

But then they let him go. In California, the law's presumption is that the shooter was in danger, with the right to defend. This is even worse than the "Stand Your Ground" law Trayvon Martin's family fought.

This is the Castle doctrine defense, as in "your home is your castle," you have a right to defend it. It's the law in California and in many Western states.

And there are no consequences if you make a boo-boo and are wrong.

You can go bang, say oops, and the law is on your side. It's an illogical presumption. But it's great if you are the mistaken shooter, and not the mistaken intruder.

In San Francisco, where they fine people for improperly using plastic bags, it would seem the District Attorney might want to challenge

whether one can legally kill a man mistaken for being an intruder.

But there's no political will. Not even in liberal San Francisco.

And so what little justice the family gets comes in a posthumous ceremony for Stephen.

For Stephen, the diploma was everything. It was a long, hard, eight years of study—slowed down by the need to take over and care for his family when Stephen was just 18 and his father died of cancer.

Stephen was really looking forward to his degree being life changing, his ticket to somewhere. He dreamed of working in some form of foreign service.

With his big smile and a degree in International Relations, there's no telling what he could do.

And that would be our cue to mouth the fresh platitudes about the future and the promise and all the good things that

are about to happen.

Only now we can't. In May, Stephen didn't just earn a degree, he earned his death certificate.

San Francisco State has been great in conferring a degree to Stephen.

He deserved it.

But when we met at the ceremony last week, the speeches, the degree, the words of encouragement and well wishes weren't for Stephen, really.

He'd already commenced.

Stephen doesn't need the degree nor the credits where he is now.

But this, the last of the expected ceremonies—spiritual and secular—is needed by all those who were close to Stephen.

We may not get the justice we want for the brutal and tragic act that ended his life. Not now, maybe not ever.

But at least we got him his diploma. In his young life, it was his most important

achievement.

Hard to say that for such a young man with so much promise.

The family is still waiting for the San Francisco District Attorney view and assess the medical examiner's reports. So Stephen's case remains open. But the family is resigned to the idea that the case is likely to go unprosecuted.

All that leaves us with is the diploma.

Even with Stephen gone, it's still has to have some value even now, if it was ever worth anything at all.

The survivors need a reminder, Stephen did not die in vain.

And now we dedicate ourselves to changing the laws to make sure trigger-happy shooters in the future don't get away with murder.

EMIL GUILLERMO, an award-winning journalist and winner of an American Book Award, was an editorial board member of the Honolulu Advertiser.

PHILIPPINE NEWS

Japan Key in Philippines' Buildup in Disputed Sea - Envoy

by Camille Diola
Tuesday, June 24, 2014

MANILA, Philippines — Japan is a key player in strengthening Philippines' monitoring capacity in the West Philippine Sea, a maritime area partly claimed by neighboring China, a Philippine envoy to Japan said.

Charge d'affaires Gilberto Asuque, Philippine Embassy in Japan's deputy chief of mission, said Japan has been supporting a major component of President Aquino's foreign policy in dealing with the longstanding sea dispute.

"Japan supports the Philippines' policy to raise our capacity and level of awareness for maritime domain capacity to monitor," Asuque said in an interview with RTVM Malacañang last week.

The statement came ahead of Aquino's working visit in Japan and a scheduled meeting

Tuesday with Prime Minister Shinzo Abe. The two heads of state are expected to discuss maritime security concerns and the implementation of the Bangsamoro Peace Treaty in Mindanao.

Asuque said that Japan has been assisting the Philippine Coast Guard in acquiring 10 patrol vessels to be deployed in the country's western seas that have seen China's encroachment in previous years.

"These are 40-meter, multi-response vessels for purposes of increasing the capabilities of the Coast Guard to monitor the maritime domain, exclusive economic zone, and effectively enforce Philippine laws within that maritime zone," he said.

Three of the vessels are expected to be delivered next year, while the remaining seven may be commissioned by the early part of 2016, Asuque said.

He added that Tokyo is also coordinating with Manila

in setting up a telecommunications systems to enable new vessels to be in constant contact with the Coast Guard's command and control center under the Department of Transportation and Communications.

Japan, which is also embroiled in a bitter dispute with China over the East China Sea, is also helping its Southeast Asian neighbor in training its Coast Guard personnel.

It also expanded its assistance to maritime environmental protection, safety of navigation and "all aspects that will strengthen the capacity of the Philippines and its implementing agencies to enforce its sovereign right and entitlement under law," Asuque said.

Outside the domain of security, Japan has had significant contributions to the victims of the devastating typhoon Yolanda that hit the

Visayas in November last year.

"The assistance came not only from Japanese government but also from private citizens of Japan. They have

made private contributions to the efforts of the Philippines to assist the victims of the typhoon," he said. (www.philstar.com)





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PHILIPPINE NEWS

**OFWs Still Exempted from
 P550 Airport Terminal Fee**

by **Mayen Jaymalin**
 Sunday, June 22, 2014

MANILA, Philippines - The Manila International Airport Authority (MIAA) said yesterday overseas Filipino workers (OFWs) remain exempted from the P550 terminal fee imposed on international passengers.



Ninoy Aquino International Airport media affairs chief Connie Bungag said OFWs would still be exempted from payment of the terminal fee at the NAIA as mandated by law.

The clarification came amid the planned integration of the international passenger service charge (IPSC) or terminal fee into the price of airline tickets starting October.

Republic Act 10022 or the Amended Migrant Workers and Overseas Filipinos Act of 1995 exempts OFWs from paying the terminal fee.

Bungag pointed out that OFWs would just have to present their OFW employment certificate upon purchase of airline tickets in the Philippines.

For airline tickets with corresponding terminal fee purchased abroad, she said the P550 fee could be refunded at booths to be set up in NAIA.

MIAA is set to sign a memorandum of agreement with international carriers later this month where the IPSC will be integrated by default in the tickets, whether purchased online or through ticketing offices or travel agents.

The one-year transition integration program will start in October while full implementation of the new policy will be in October next year.

Transportation Secretary Joseph Emilio Abaya said earlier the move would help decongest NAIA.

"It improves traveling convenience and efficiency at NAIA by removing a whole process which unnecessarily adds to the passengers' processing time, requiring them to line up when payment can be done ahead of time," Abaya said.

"Moreover, this policy is at par with international standards and practices, since the Philippines is the only member country of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations that collects terminal fees on a face-to-face basis at the airport," he said.

The P550 IPSC collected by MIAA is essential to the continued operations of the airport. Out of this amount, P390 is MIAA's share for maintenance and upkeep, while P100 goes to the national government, and P60 is for aviation security.

The Department of Transportation and Communications is urging the Mactan Cebu International Airport Authority as well as the Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines to also incorporate the terminal fees in airline tickets in other international airports all over the country.

(www.philstar.com)

**Sleepless in NAIA 1?
 Not Anymore**

by **Rudy Santos**
 Thursday, June 19, 2014

MANILA, Philippines - Passengers waiting for connecting flights at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport (NAIA) Terminal 1 can actually avail themselves of facilities where they can rest in comfort.

NAIA-1, tagged as the world's worst airport last year by travel website sleepinginairports.com, in fact has clean and comfortable sleeping accommodations for passengers.

Twelve air-conditioned "day rooms" can be rented for P840 (\$19) each for 24



An overnight stay at a NAIA Terminal 1 'day room' with double beds costs P840. | Photo by RUFY SANTOS

hours. The rooms are located on the fourth floor of Terminal 1 right beside the Sampaguita lounge, which is being refurbished as part of improvements being done at NAIA.

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PHILIPPINE NEWS

Meet South Korea's Guided Missile Warship for Philippines

by Camille Diola
Tuesday, June 24, 2014

MANILA, Philippines — The Philippine Navy is acquiring decommissioned Pohang-class guided missile corvette, which South Korea called a "small token" compared with Filipinos' sacrifice in the Korean War.

Defense information provider Jane's 360 said that Pohang-class vessels were built in South Korea and commissioned into its military between 1986 and 1993.

"The 1,240-tonne ships can carry a crew of 95 over an effective patrolling range of

4,000 nautical miles. The vessels have a maximum speed of 32 knots," the report said.

South Korean Defense Minister Kim Kwang-jin informed Defense Secretary Voltaire Gazmin about the donation during the latter's visit to Seoul on May 30.

"The Republic of Korea Navy will decommission a Pohang-class corvette by yearend for donation to the Philippine Navy, yet another sign of the two countries' growing defense cooperation," the Foreign Affairs department said in a statement on June 5.

The vessel has the ability to launch surface-to-surface

missiles and are equipped with six 324 mm Mk 32 anti-submarine torpedo tubes and one or two 76 mm Oto Melara anti-surface and anti-aircraft guns.

Seoul currently has 21 Pohang-class ships, but it is unclear which of these would be decommissioned for Manila.

The Philippine Navy had said that the corvette acquisition will significantly increase its abilities to monitor disputed maritime areas, most notably the Philippine-claimed South China Sea zone.

The upcoming warship donation follows 16 landing craft utilities also from South Korea. It gave a similar corvette to Colombia in 2011. (www.philstar.com)

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Each room, measuring 3x3 meters, has a private toilet and shower.

A similar facility was set up in 1983 at the arrival area near the immigration section, but it was closed on March 23, 2012.

The new sleeping facilities opened on Sept. 5 last year but are little known.

Portia Ortiz, airport operations assistant, said most of the occupants of the rooms are foreigners with connecting flights as well as "excluded" passengers or those with immigration problems.

The day rooms have a strict no smoking policy, according to Ortiz.

Travel website Sleeping In Airports, in its Best and Worst

Airports for 2013, tagged NAIA as the world's most notorious airport.

NAIA 1 was first named as the world's worst airport in 2011 and the worst in Asia in 2012.

The website's list of best and worst airports in the world is based on the votes of travelers who were asked to consider comfort, convenience, cleanliness and customer service.

Some of the factors for the "worst airport" tag are crowded terminals, long delays, difficult transfers, lack of 24-hour food, dirty floors, bathrooms and food courts; unfriendly staff and airport scams, among others.

(www.philstar.com)

MAINLAND NEWS

Obama Says U.S. Should Have Paid Maternity Leave

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama said Monday that the United States should join the rest of the industrialized world and offer paid leave for mothers of newborns.

"Many women can't even get a paid day off to give birth — now that's a pretty low bar," Obama said at the White House Summit on Working Families. "That, we should be able to take care of."

The president is touting paid maternity in the midst of a midterm election campaign focused on women voters, without describing the details of how he would fund such a system. "If France can figure this out, we can figure this out," Obama said.

Florida Republican Sen. Marco Rubio, a potential 2016 presidential candidate, responded to Obama by announcing he will outline his vision Wednesday for "how modern conservative reforms can help bring the American Dream within reach for millions of single mothers, young Americans and working families."

"Telling federal agencies to do what they're already supposed to do and endorsing partisan legislation that will never

pass is not the sort of bold, innovative leadership we need," Rubio said in a statement.

While some companies offer paid family leave to attract workers, the 1993 Family Medical Leave Act only requires that employers provide unpaid leave for medical and family reasons.

Obama praised California, Rhode Island and New Jersey for creating a state benefit. But he has not endorsed legislation that would create a similar national system funded by a payroll tax, and he pledged in his 2008 presidential campaign not to raise taxes on families making under \$250,000 a year.

Rep. Rosa DeLauro, D-Conn., has introduced legislation that would provide up to 12 weeks of paid leave through a fund in the Social Security Administration, paid for by contributions from employees and employers of 0.2 percent of wages. She said she has personally encouraged the president to back it, despite his tax pledge.

"We're talking about 2 cents of every \$10," she said in an interview at the summit. She said without such a fund, eight out of 10 workers can't take advantage of their right for family leave because they can't afford it.

Obama instituted six weeks of paid leave for White House staff when they have a child, get sick or injured or need to care for an ailing family member, using his authority to set his staff's compensation under the personnel code. He does not have the power to award paid leave to other federal workers without congressional action since they are covered under a different section of law. The White House has supported the goal of legislation introduced by lawmakers to change that, but it has stalled in Congress.

"There is only one developed country in the world that does not offer paid maternity leave, and that is us," Obama said. "And that is not the list you want to be on — on your lonesome. It's time to change that."

He also directed federal agencies to expand flexible work arrangements where possible, and Obama chief of staff Dennis McDonough said in a staff memo that includes the White House — a hard-charging environment where long hours are the norm. "I know how hard each of you works to support the president and the nation. Please know that we'll be looking for ways to better support you as well," McDo-

nough wrote.

Obama took four working parents out to lunch at Chipotle before his speech and after met with business leaders with family-friendly policies. He urged Congress to pass legislation requiring employers to accommodate pregnant employees so they can continue to perform their jobs.

The summit included a surprise appearance by a celebrity to echo Obama's criticism of "Mad Men" policies in today's workplace. Christina Hendricks, who plays single mom

Joan on the AMC dramatization of a 1960s ad firm, said, "In the 21st century the only place for a story like Joan's should be on TV."

Mrs. Obama closed the summit by encouraging young women not to short-change themselves in career negotiations. And she said she hopes to see a woman in the country's top job as president soon.

"That should happen as soon as possible," she said. "We have some options, don't we?"

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How Baking Went from Boring to Amazing for Me

FEAST WITH ME By Stephanie Zubiri-Crespi

I had always found baking boring. I like the flame and passion of cooking, the savory smells, the easy way you can fool around with recipes and make it your own. Cooking was always instinctive to me, I loved how you could improvise and just go with the flow. Baking was always tedious. If you didn't get the steps right, the measurements perfect or have the right-sized pan, it was almost certain you were headed for disaster. I never had the patience or the discipline to deal with the step-by-step recipes. Plus add that to the fact that, well, I never really had a sweet tooth and would always reach for a plate of cheese rather than a slice of cake.

Since I found out I was pregnant, things have changed somewhat. First off, I suddenly developed a craving for the sweeter life. I wanted French toast for breakfast. A slice of pie for merienda. I'd go to the mall to buy cookies and sneakily eat them. I once went prac-

tically every day for almost three weeks to get peanut butter frozen yogurt at Pinkberry, refusing the loyalty card because I didn't want to admit to myself how many of them I ate.

I also developed a sudden sincere interest in baking and one of my goals for the year was to get better at it. And not pour-from-box, crack-one-egg baking, but to really make something special. You see, my ultimate dream is to bake my own children's birthday cakes. For them to be excited about mom's special cake and not something that is store-bought or ordered. Something that is delicious enough that they won't care about it not having cool decor or fancy icing.

In my almost-30 years of life, I have never once gotten a cake right. Muffins and cookies were straightforward enough but ever since my last two catastrophic attempts at a cake some 10 years ago (one was more like burnt dough and soup and the other was a big pile of chocolate poop), I had never given it another go.



For the past two months I had a strange craving for Sara Lee's pound cake. It was one of those mysteries: when you don't want it, it's always there, and then suddenly you want it and, well, it's practically as elusive as a white unicorn. I decided to take matters into my own hands and brave the dreaded cake recipe. I adapted a recipe I saw on Ina Garten's Barefoot Contessa for a lemon

pound cake and thought I would give it a bit of an herbed twist with some fresh rosemary sprigs that I had. I can also proudly say that I managed to successfully switch up some ingredients to make it more accessible for us locally and make a fantastic cake with absolutely no mixer.

It was a true labor of love doing everything the old-school way, creaming butter

and sugar by hand, mixing the ingredients delicately... And as my biceps were burning from the citrusy, sugary workout, I realized that the one ingredient I finally had to make this right that I never did before was patience — something that is not only essential for pastry making but for those long, sleepless nights of early parenthood, as well as for the rest of my life in this new adventure.

And as I was putting on the final touches and garnishes, elated with pride about how amazing everything turned out, I looked to my belly and said to my baby, "You can come out now, mama's ready!"

Here's my recipe below and please visit www.thegypsetters.net for more ideas on how to use this cake base and turn it into other delicious desserts, plus what was my inspiration behind the bright, summery flavors. (www.philstar.com)

Lemon Rosemary Pound Cake

(Adapted from Ina Garten's recipe
Makes 2, 8-inch round cakes)

INGREDIENTS FOR THE CAKE:

- 2 sticks of butter at room temperature
- 2 1/2 cups white sugar
- 4 extra-large eggs at room temperature
- 1/3 cup lemon zest
- 3 cups flour
- 1/2 tsp baking powder
- 1/2 tsp baking soda
- 1 tsp salt
- 3/4 cup lemon juice
- 3/4 cup filled with one 125g package plain unsweetened yogurt (preferably Greek), then filled to the top with milk
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 1/2 tbsp finely chopped fresh rosemary plus 1 or 2 large sprigs for the syrup

INGREDIENTS FOR THE GLAZE:

- 2 cups powdered sugar
- 4-5 tbsps lemon juice
- 1 tsp finely chopped fresh rosemary

DIRECTIONS:

Preheat the oven to 350 F or 176 C. Butter and flour 2 8-inch cake pans, preferably spring-form pans to make things easier. Line the bottoms with wax or parchment paper. In a large mixing bowl cream the butter and 2 cups sugar, either by hand using a wooden spatula or a mixer with the paddle attachment until light and fluffy. If you're using a mixer, use medium speed and add the eggs one at a time and the lemon zest and rosemary. If not, make sure to incorporate one egg properly before adding another using the wooden spatula. In another bowl sift together the flour, baking powder, baking



soda and salt. In another smaller bowl, combine 1/4 cup lemon juice, the yogurt and milk mixture and the vanilla. Add the flour and yogurt mixture alternately to the egg and butter mixture, making sure to fully incorporate each ingredient before adding more. Divide the mixture evenly between the two cake pans and bake for 35-40 minutes or until a cake tester comes out clean.

While it is baking, make a syrup out of the remaining 1/2 cup sugar and 1/2 cup lemon juice. In a small saucepan, cook these ingredients along with a sprig of rosemary over low heat until the sugar completely dissolves. Turn off heat and let sit. When the cakes are done, allow to cool for at least 10 minutes in the pan. Remove the cakes and set on racks. Spoon the syrup over them and then allow to cool completely.

In the meantime, make the glaze using the powdered sugar and lemon juice in a bowl. Whisk together to make a smooth consistency and add the chopped rosemary. You can adjust consistency by using more or less lemon juice.

When the cakes are completely cooled, pour the glaze on top and allow it to drip down the sides. Let it set for a few minutes. You can garnish it with some fresh strawberries and a sprig of rosemary. Serve it immediately with more sliced fresh strawberries. If you eat it right away it will have a nice moist and fluffy texture if you refrigerate it a little it will be denser and richer like a pound cake.

IMMIGRATION GUIDE (from page 7, OBAMA...)

2014. (Full disclosure: This is not from a child nor a person in second childhood.): "The priority date and preference category of a principal or derivative beneficiary of an approved visa petition for a qualified relative shall remain the same even though such beneficiary becomes 21 years of age. A new visa petition or conversion of the category is not required to retain this priority date and category. This law is mandatory. Its provisions may be enforced by an action filed by any affected petitioner (sponsor) or beneficiary in the appropriate district court of the United States where the petitioner (sponsor) or beneficiary resides or in the District Court for the District of Columbia where the petitioner or beneficiary do not reside in the United States. This

law supersedes any law, regulation, order, policy, administrative agency decision, or court decision, to the contrary."

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LEGAL NOTES



By Reuben S. Seguritan

Disproving Marriage Fraud

The alien spouse of a U.S. citizen is considered an “immediate relative” for immigration purposes. This means that a visa number is immediately available and the alien spouse who is already in the U.S. may adjust status right away. The alien spouse who is living outside the U.S. will have to apply for an immigrant visa at a U.S. consulate abroad.

The process of sponsoring a spouse for a green card is initiated by filing Form I-130 petition with the USCIS. A lawful permanent resident (LPR) may also petition his alien spouse for lawful permanent residence. However,

since the petition falls under the second family preference (F2A) category, which is subject to numerical limit, there is a wait period.

To be eligible for immigration benefit, the alien must be legally married to the U.S. citizen or LPR. Common-law spouses may also benefit depending on the laws of the country where the common-law marriage takes place. Moreover, same-sex spouses of U.S. citizens and LPRs are eligible for the same immigration benefits as opposite-sex spouses.

To establish the relationship, the Form I-130 must be accompanied with a copy of the marriage certificate and all divorce decrees, death certificates and decrees that demonstrate that all prior marriages were terminated. An affidavit of support made on Form I-864 must also be submitted along with supporting docu-

ments to show that the beneficiary will not become a public charge.

The marriage must be bona fide. The parties must have entered into the marriage with the intent of establishing a life together as husband and wife. If the USCIS finds that the marriage was entered into solely for immigration benefits, the marriage is considered fraudulent and will not be recognized for immigration purposes.

Also, Section 204(c) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) bars the approval of a subsequent petition filed on behalf of a beneficiary who was previously petitioned as a spouse of a U.S. citizen or LPR and the prior marriage was found to be a sham.

In a recent case, the Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA) set aside the decision of the Field Office Director of the USCIS revoking the approval

of a visa petition on the ground of prior marriage fraud.

In that case, the BIA stressed that visa petitions on behalf of aliens who have attempted or conspired to enter into marriage solely for the purpose of evading immigration laws cannot be approved. However, substantial and probative evidence of the attempt or conspiracy must be found in the alien’s file.

The court cited instances where there can be a finding of marriage fraud. One is where the former spouse admitted that he colluded to evade the immigration laws. Another is where the former spouse received monetary compensation for marrying the alien spouse. Lastly, where there was no cohabitation since marriage and the spouses never held out themselves as husband and wife.

The court pointed out that in this case the marriage of the

beneficiary and her former husband lasted for four years, from 2002 to 2006. The discrepancies during the interview and failure to respond to the Notice of Intent to Deny were due to the ex-spouse being emotionally unstable and depressed.

Evidence of good faith marriage on record included bank statements and photographs. There was also no evidence that payment was made or that the marriage was never consummated. In addition, there was no statement on record that the marriage was fraudulent.

The BIA therefore ruled that absent substantial and probative evidence of prior marriage fraud, it sustained the appeal and ordered the continued processing of the visa petition.

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MAINLAND NEWS

Hanabusa Votes in Support of Defense Appropriations Act

U.S. Rep. Colleen Hanabusa, a member of the House Armed Services Committee, voted in support of the 2015 Defense Appropriations Act, which appropriates over \$570 billion for the Pentagon and defense-related programs for Fiscal Year 2015.

Hanabusa says the Act includes funding for programs and projects that are good for Hawaii and the nation.

“We continue to see how defense spending can promote educational programs, and I am happy that we were able to restore funding to programs like STARBASE and improvements to three DOD-impacted schools in Hawaii, which were cut as a result of the Bipartisan Budget Act. These are excellent investments in our state and our country,” she says.

In a related matter, Rep. Hanabusa introduced an amendment that prevents the president from unilaterally committing U.S. forces to operations in Iraq. She called it a vital step in en-

suring that the U.S. acts “responsibly and with due concern for the men and women who have volunteered to defend our nation.” The amendment passed without opposition.

Hawaii will benefit from provisions in the bill that:

- Builds two Virginia class subs and provides funding for two DDG-51 vessels, which will be active at Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard.
- Rejects the Obama Administration’s plan to retire 11 cruisers, two of which are at Pearl Harbor.
- Provides funding for 19 V-22 tilt-rotor aircraft for the Marines.
- Restores \$100 million to the Defense Commissary Agency to provide reduced-price food and household goods for service members and their families.
- Provides funding to maintain 100 percent of troop housing costs through the Basic Allowance for Housing.
- Bars the use of funds for



the National Security Agency to target U.S. citizens under Section 702 of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act.

- Increases funding for sexual assault prevention and

response programs.

- Funds the Defense Health Program which supports medical research, medical facility upgrades, and suicide prevention outreach programs.

- Increases funding for the STARBASE program which focuses on motivating elementary school students to explore, Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM).
- Provides funding for Defense Department dependent schools, which educate more than 100,000 military children every year.
- Increases funding for the National Guard Youth Challenge Program, a program for at-risk youths that the Hawaii National Guard participates in. (www.philstar.com)

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DAYASADAS
By Pacita Saludes

Agraraay A Pakabigbigan Ni Reberendo Alex Vergara A Mangitantan-Ok Ti Puli Ni Pilipino Iti Komonidad Ken Ti Estado

Iti lubong a pag-gargarawan, adu dagiti mabasbasa ken makitkita a mapadpadayawan a mabigbig a tandodo ti pagilian babaen dagiti naipakitana a gapuananna, dagiti naiburayna a pagsayaatan ken tulongna iti kaaduan babaen kadagiti aramid ken kapampanunotanna. Mabigbig ken mapagtalkan dagitoy.

Kadagiti adu a mapaneknekan tayo, awan ti makaatiw ti naaramidan ti maysa a kabsat, ti ama tayo, ni Reverend ALEX VERGARA.

Malaksid ti kina-Reverendona a panangatibay kadagiti tao nga umasideg ti Dios, agbalin pay a tarabay dagiti kadaraanna iti komonidad Filipino isu a kunami a naisangsangayan nga umili. Asino ti makaragpin kadagiti adu a panagserbi ti pagsayaatan ti kaaduan? Babaen ti kangatuan nga organisasion ti FILIPINO iti Hawaii (UFCH), ti U.S. Representative ti ESTADO ti Hawaii, Ken ti Senado, ti kangatuan a pammadayaw babaen ti pannakabigbig a nakaitungpal kadagiti amin a pagsayaatan ti kaputotan iti

tay-ak ti pagsiriban ken panagserbi iti komunidad-daytoy ni Reverend Alex Vergara.

Malaksid iti panagserbina iti SPIRITUAL a rumbeng a maipa-sagepsep iti kaaduan makatulong pay kadagiti pagsayaatan ti kaaduan. Indaulona pay ti Aloha Medical Mission (AMM), volunteer iti Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia, Baglades ken idia Pilipinas. Naordenan a MINISTER ti United Methodist Church nga inrusatna iti Kapolei a pagtaengnganna ta makitana ti pagkurangan dagiti tao iti dayta a disso.

Nakomissionan pay nga umuna a Sheriff Chaplain para iti Public Safety ken naser-tipikaran nga instructor iti Honolulu Police Department Training Academy, kasta met iti pagadalan a Christian Mission of the United Methodist Church.

Maysa pay a Mannurat, Editor ken Photographer kadagiti simbaan ken Filipino Publikasion.. Kas Police Officer nga addaan ti naespirituan a Pammata adda latta a mangtartarabay kadagiti amin a kasapulanan ti tao. Mangisuro pay kadagiti mapulpulkokan ken adu a sagsagabaen ti tao iti Honolulu Police Academy idi

tawen 2002. Nakomissionan pay a SHERIFF CHAPLAIN babaen ti Hawaii State Safety idi 2003. Isu pay ti immuna a nagserbi a Filipino iti Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).

Gapu kadagiti adu a padas ken nagserserbianna a saan a naaramid dagiti kaaduan, ibilangtayo ni Apo Vergara a naisangsangayan kadagiti kaaduan. Gapu kadagiti adu a padas di pagduaduaan nga ammonan dagiti rikriknaen ti kaaduan.

Natalged ken mapagtalkan dagiti pakairanudan a bisionna. KUDDOS APO ALEX VERGARA!!!

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Kasta met dagiti nakudrep di kayaten a lagipen
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Ikarigatan nga aturen iparikna a din sublian
Tapno riknam ita agbalin a natalinaay

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Lagipen a ti bagyo dina lisian mangsubok
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SUMMER TRAVEL

Taraka: Lanao del Sur's Cultural Hotspot

by Ayo Gunting

MANILA, Philippines – The province of Lanao del Sur is one of those few rare places that has managed to preserve its natural beauty and history amidst the emerging threat of urbanization.

As the province celebrates 55 years of its foundation this year, the cultural richness of the place continues to emanate in its people.

The Maranaos, which refer to “the people of the lake,” make up the ethnic Muslim group that inhabits the two Lanao provinces.

With Maranao culture remaining strong and intact even after so many decades, the municipality of Taraka has managed to stay at the forefront of Lanao’s cultural conservation and promotion.

Taraka, considered as one of the oldest, rustic municipal-

ities in the area, boasts of numerous historical sites that are truly Maranao.

Within the municipality is where Baab Ur-Rahman Masjid, the oldest mosque in Lanao, is found.

The Masjid, which is almost 300 years old to date, is one of the earliest historical landmarks of Islam in the Philippines and is the second earliest mosque built in the country.

Aside from the very historical Masjid, Taraka also happens to be one of the few places in the country which still has the Dibarosan, a stone head used for the purpose of having the death penalty for condemned criminals.

The Dibarosan has since been regarded as a symbol of discipline among Maranaos.

Inside an old house in Salamatullah, Gapao Balindong, meanwhile, is where another important piece of Maranao culture is located.

Called Abdans or Gusis,



The Maranaos make up the ethnic Muslim group that inhabits the two Lanao provinces | Photo by AYO GUNTING

these huge Chinese manufactured stonewares attest to the affluence of Taraka as an important trade destination in the basak area or farmlands during the early days.

There are so many municipalities in Lanao that are home to lakeside torogans. Torogans, regarded as the living testament of Maranao artistry, are antique royal houses with a high, breathtak-

ing roof adorned with intricate carving and supported by whole tree trunks.

The torogans are now considered as heritage sites which the local government is trying to maintain, despite neglect over time and with some Maranaos favoring modern designs using cement with many balustrades and iron grills.

With all these Maranao treasures found at the very heart of Taraka, the local government on its part is doing its best to ensure that future generations of Maranaos will still be able to see and enjoy these cultural and historic sites.

“The present administration continues to build and rehabilitate vital infrastructures such as farm-to-market roads, construction of flood river control, hanging bridges and multi-purpose halls. Apart from these, through a well-defined development plan, this administration’s priority is to promote its rich traditions and

customs to develop its tourism potentials,” said neophyte Mayor Nashiba Sumagayan.

Taraka, through the new leadership of Mayor Sumagayan, is also making sure it is keeping pace with Lanao del Sur’s growth and positive development over the past 54 years. “We support the vision of Gov. Mamintal A. Adiong Jr.,” Sumagayan adds.

“Taking the cue from the achievements of the past administration, I have decided to continue certain initiatives. This includes the commitment of empowering the community, the attainment of a quality education, a health system that is accessible, affordable, acceptable and available, a high standard quality of life imbued with positive values, a first-class municipality through equitable and sustainable agricultural, economic and integrated human development in culture of peace and unity,” Sumagayan said.

(www.philstar.com)

SUMMER TIPS

Cool Tips for a Hot Summer

HONOLULU, June 20, 2014 – According to early weather predictions for El Nino conditions, it may be a long hot summer here in Hawaii and that will likely cause a spike in air conditioning use. To help island residents and businesses manage electricity use while staying cool and comfortable, Hawaiian Electric is offering its free Cool Tips for Home and Work brochure starting in July.

The colorful booklet is available on the company website, hawaiianelectric.com, at its Customer Service Centers at 1001 Bishop Street – Lobby and 820 Ward Avenue, and at all eight City Mill locations across Oahu. To request a copy by mail, please call 543-7511.

“When temperatures soar coupled with humidity, there’s a natural tendency to turn on the air conditioning,” said Kaiulani de Silva, Hawaiian

Electric director of education and consumer affairs. “But doing little things like running ceiling fans or opening windows to let in the trade winds can go a long way to having a cool summer while conserving energy and controlling energy bills,” said de Silva.

One company investing in energy efficiency measures is Kahi Mohala, the not-for-profit psychiatric hospital in West O’ahu, which received a grant from Hawaiian Electric to help implement its “Cool Down Kahi” Energy Efficiency Project. Temperatures in the facility’s patient unit common areas can run in the upper 80s to 90 degrees during the summer and the impact on patients and hospital staff range from reduced energy and more irritability to frequent headaches and fatigue. Because air conditioning would be cost prohibitive, the facility will be replacing existing fans with new multi-blade overhead fans that are more ef-

ficient in distributing air flow, thus reducing the temperatures in the facility common areas. In addition, window tinting will help to reduce the sun’s rays and incoming heat.

For homeowners and businesses, summer is the time to take advantage of sales at hardware stores and replace cooling systems that are more than 10 years old with an ENERGY STAR® qualified system. The ENERGY STAR label means the equipment has met strict energy efficiency guidelines. If sized and installed correctly, and supported by a properly sealed duct system, ENERGY STAR cooling equipment can save up to 20 percent on annual energy costs and will use 25 to 40 percent less energy than a new conventional system, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

“Certainly, if you’re going to use an air conditioning, schedule maintenance checks to ensure the system is working

During the hottest months of the year, you can stay comfortable, conserve energy, manage your electricity use and protect the environment at home and at work. Follow these simple tips recommended by Hawaiian Electric Company.

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safely and efficiently,” added de Silva. “Clean or change the filter, too, at least once a month.”

For more cool tips and other energy saving ideas,

check out <http://www.hawaiianelectric.com/heco/Residential/Energy-Savings-Toolkit> or <http://www.hawaiianelectric.com/heco/Business/Energy-Conservation-Kits>.

ASK A DOCTOR

Practicing Sun Safety This Summer

By Dr. Amy Reisenauer

Ultraviolet radiation from the sun is the leading preventable cause of skin cancer. Melanoma, the deadliest form of skin cancer, can occur in people of all skin colors and ethnicities. So just in time for the height of the heat, here are my tips to help keep your skin safe in the sun this summer.

1. **Shield Your Skin.** Wear sunscreen every day, whether you think you're going to be in the sun or not. You get more sun exposure than you realize just running errands and driving in your car. (Ultraviolet A (UVA) rays penetrate car window glass.) Always use a sunscreen that blocks UVA and ultraviolet B (UVB) rays, and is at least sun protection factor (SPF) 30. Look for

zinc oxide and titanium dioxide in your sunscreen because they provide broad-spectrum UV protection. Reapply sunscreen every two hours, or every hour if you're sweating or swimming. A long-sleeved rashguard, hat with a brim of at least four inches, and sunglasses help protect delicate areas.

2. **Protect our Keiki.** Approximately 90 percent of sun exposure occurs before the age of 18, so protecting our keiki from the sun makes a huge difference for their future health.
3. **Know the ABCDs of Skin Cancer.** Skin cancers can take many forms. The most common skin cancers are basal cell and squamous cell skin cancers, which are usually pink, red, or brown. These show up as new spots on the skin that do not go

away and may flake, crust, scab, or bleed.

Melanoma is a rarer skin cancer but is very important to detect early because it can be fatal if it goes unnoticed. A melanoma usually presents as a brown or black spot, changing in size, shape, or color. A melanoma is rarely pink or red. It may itch or bleed and can be flat or raised. About one-quarter of melanomas arise within a preexisting mole, but most show up as a new spot that was not there before. Melanoma can occur in toenails and fingernails and looks like a brown or black streak.

Examine your body (front and back) in full-length and hand-held mirrors once a month for any suspicious spots. As a memory aid, I recommend checking your skin on the date of your birthday every month. If you have dark skin, it's especially important to check your palms, soles,

toenails, and fingernails.

Here are the key features, or "ABCDs" of melanoma, to consider:

- A is for asymmetry -- half of the spot looks different from the other half.
- B is for border irregularity -- the spot's borders are jagged, scalloped, or smudged instead of smooth.
- C is for color -- multicolored spots are worrisome.
- D is for diameter -- anything bigger than six millimeters or the size of a pencil eraser should be checked.

If you find anything suspicious it's very important to see your doctor, especially if you've been diagnosed with skin cancer before. In truth, it



takes very little time to practice sun safety, especially once these actions become habits. I've done it in my own life, and I hope you can do it in yours.

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