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The Benefits of Joining a Community Group

For new immigrants to Hawaii, it is easy to feel isolated and alone. The same can apply to *kamaaina* who can find themselves in a lethargic, boring routine. One way to shake these feelings is to get involved with a community organization or club. In the Filipino community alone, there some 200 organizations statewide that focus on a variety of topics. From social to cultural, historical, educational, musical, religious, business and professional events, there are clubs and groups for just about everyone in the Filipino community.

Take for example, the Hawaii Filipino Women's Club (HFWC), which was formed over 60 years ago to foster a better understanding of the Filipino culture and heritage. To this end, the Club organizes the annual Terno Ball, which celebrates the history and beauty of the *terno*—the traditional Filipina formal evening wear. This year marked the 40th Terno Ball Pageant and Mr. Barong Tagalog Competition for the gentlemen. The HFWC and other groups typically include community service as part of their mission statement. Activities include feeding the homeless, raising funds for scholarships, community clean-ups and the like. These same groups are also among the first to volunteer for relief assistance for victims of natural disasters that strike the Philippines.

One of the benefits gained by jumping into one of these organizations, especially for younger Filipinos, is that the vast Filipino community suddenly becomes a whole lot smaller. You not only make meaningful friendships for life, the club over time becomes a part of your extended family. And along the way, you end up learning a thing or two about your culture, yourself or even your vocation, since long-time members are glad to share their knowledge with “newbies.”

So what are you waiting for? Find a club or organization that piques your interest, then get out and attend their monthly meetings. Think of it as an investment that can make your life richer and more pleasurable. There is no denying that we are social beings who cannot function properly without others—try as we might. Being around people you identify and share common interests with will keep you grounded, help you find your cultural as well as self identity, and add a special meaning to life.

PNP Chief Under Fire for Corruption

Philippine National Police (PNP) Director General Alan Purisima is facing charges of plunder, graft and indirect bribery filed by Volunteers Against Crime and Corruption (VACC) and the Coalition of Filipino Consumers. The groups are questioning Purisima's unexplained wealth and controversial “White House” property located at police headquarters at Camp Crame. A 1981 graduate of the Philippine Military Academy, Purisima was appointed in December 2012 by President Benigno S. Aquino III as the nation's top cop.

The watchdog groups say that at his monthly salary of P107,000, Purisima should be unable to afford a 4.7-hectare property in San Leonardo, Nueva Ecija that they claim is “far from ordinary.” The net worth of the property, as accounted for in Purisima's Statement of Assets, Liabilities and Net Worth, is listed at P3.7 million—a figure that critics say is grossly undervalued. With its three buildings and swimming pool, the resort-style property easily costs P25.0 million. Critics also charge that crime has surged under Purisima's watch.

FROM THE PUBLISHER



Happy Filipino-American History Month! We Filipinos have much to be thankful for and proud of in terms of the many accomplishments that we have made as an ethnic group in business, education, public service, medicine and other fields. The younger generation of Filipinos should know more about these valuable contributions and take greater pride in their heritage. One way of doing this is to take our children to attend one of the numerous activities planned throughout October in celebration of Filipinos' impact on U.S. and Hawaii history. For a list of Filipino-American History Month events or other happenings around town, please turn to page 15 for our “Community Calendar of Events.”

In line with Filipino-American History Month is our cover story, which is written by contributing writer Julia Crowley, a PhD student in Urban Planning at the University of Hawaii-Manoa. Her article focuses on the dozens upon dozens of Filipino community groups and clubs all across the state that help to preserve Filipino culture and traditions, and also offer its members a way of connecting back to their hometown. Mindanaoans of Hawaii, for example, renders mutual assistance and friendship to members who are originally from Mindanao. For recent immigrants, such organizations can help them to cope with bouts of homesickness and also ease the transition to their new life in Hawaii. To find out more about these clubs and organizations and their role in the Filipino community, please read our cover story beginning on page 4.

On October 4, the United Filipino Council of Hawaii (UFCH) recognized the winners of the prestigious Progress Awards, which are given annually to select Filipinos who have excelled in various fields. Congratulations to all of the winners! Turn to page 6 to find out more on the winners.

Congratulations are also in order to retired Hawaii Supreme Court Justice Simeon Acoba, Jr. who has been nominated by Gov. Neil Abercrombie to serve as a member of the University of Hawaii Board of Regents (BOR). The 15-member BOR is the primary authority for the university system. With his judicial background and impressive credentials, we feel that Justice Acoba is an excellent choice and wholeheartedly support his nomination. Please read more about Justice Acoba's nomination on page 7.

That's all for now. Have a Happy and Safe Filipino-American History Month! Until next time...*aloha and mabuhay!*

Chona A. Montesines-Sonido

Interestingly enough, Honolulu's own police chief, Louis Kealoha, was also under fire for his recent handling of an alleged domestic abuse case involving surveillance video of a police officer repeatedly striking a woman at a Waipahu restaurant. In that case, Chief Kealoha followed HPD protocol by allowing time for investigators to thoroughly study the case. Kealoha later determined that there was not enough evidence to indict the officer. An Oahu grand jury also made a similar ruling.

Similarly, Purisima is innocent until proven guilty. The ongoing investigation will ultimately reveal the facts and whether Purisima should be ousted. But until then, President Aquino should distance himself from the case and refrain from commenting. Aquino has instead repeatedly defended Purisima, with whom he has close ties to. The same fervor from Aquino in the ouster of former Supreme Court Justice Renato Corona and other government officials should apply also to Purisima. For the sake of good governance and for morale among the rank and file of the PNP, now is not the time for double standards.



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CANDID PERSPECTIVES



By Emil Guillermo

American Filipinos Invisible Still

For sheer modern-day invisibility, there's nothing like a pre-election poll.

With a month to go before the midterms, soon they'll come in bunches—and you won't find many Asian Americans. There's not enough in a normal random sample to make any claim for our general group, let alone specific ethnicities.

That's why we still must applaud the efforts of California's Field Poll. In conjunction with UC-Riverside Professor Karthick Ramakrishnan, the Field Poll released a survey last week that actually took the time and expense to poll our community.

Their findings: "Asian-Americans are ambivalent about the direction of the country and positive about the direction of the state. They give President Obama a net positive approval rating and a net negative rating for Congress. They are supportive of the death penalty but are more

divided when it comes to speeding up the process to avoid long delays. Finally, they are supportive of affirmative action programs that relate to jobs and education, and this support also holds true for detailed origin groups such as Chinese Americans and Vietnamese Americans."

It can all be said with confidence (within acceptable margins of error) because the poll oversampled for Cantonese, Mandarin, Korean, and Vietnamese voters and conducted some surveys in-language.

That's great. But what about Filipinos—the group that is essentially in a virtual tie for top Asian-American ethnicity in California?

Nothing. And it wasn't an oversight.

Mark DiCamillo of the Field Poll told me it really was a matter of money. And because most Filipinos speak English, there's an assumption they will be part of the random sample.

Still, that's a big assumption. The voter files available to pollsters to determine a sample of likely voters sometimes contain identifying information such as Tagalog ballots. That would help de-

termine if a "Garcia" was a Latino or a Filipino. But it's still a huge problem to take time to determine the colonial heritage of a Spanish surname.

It just means a greater need to oversample. And oversampling means more costs. And more costs means that if you want to really know more information about Filipinos, you'll just have to pay for it.

Are you ready to cough up \$15,000 or more? If not, who really knows if you've got a representative sample of Filipinos?

This is no knock on the Field Poll. At least DiCamillo represented groups that never show up, such as Vietnamese and Koreans.

To date, the Field Poll has been a leader in multi-lingual, diverse polls. But in general, DiCamillo and the Field Poll are in the minority among pollsters. Most just make the calls needed to provide a broad random sampling and then simply leave well enough alone.

It leaves Filipinos as a major polling blind spot. Does it

matter? Of course it does. Once again, we're conveniently ignored, invisible still.

It's our history. But there's much to be done. Polls are as small step. Not mattering, not counting shouldn't be a part of our future.

American Filipinos Part II

It is History Month, and as I began last week, let me continue on with this idea of being "American Filipino."

At a recent community event, a smart, savvy and relatively new Filipino immigrant liked my "American Filipino" term. But she made it sound as if the "born-here Filipinos" are somehow different, immune from hardship, implying that maybe we're even (horrors) white.

As if those of us born here haven't experienced any pain of racism or discrimination, whatsoever. In truth, our lives were built on it.

It wouldn't be if people

knew why Filipinos went to Hawaii first and then later during the 1920s to California.

In some ways, labor folks learned from the Hawaii experience. Don't let the Filipinos start families. Don't let them mix. Bring only the men.

In California, Filipinos paid the price. Men seeking to lay down roots never had a chance with racist anti-intermarriage laws on top of male-female ratios of 10-1 or more. American-born Filipinos faced incredible odds to even be born.

That's our American Filipino legacy. You can't appreciate it without a knowledge of history. This is the month for that.

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Mayor Hosts 'Age Friendly City' Summit

Mayor Kirk Caldwell addressed nearly 100 community and business leaders as part of the Age Friendly City's (AFC) Citizens Advisory Committee on October 10, 2014 at the Neal Blaisdell Center.

The AFC is a partnership between the City, AARP Hawaii and the World Health Organization's (WHO) Global Network of Age-Friendly Cities and Communities. The goal is to make Honolulu an internationally-recognized Age-Friendly City and an ideal place to live and visit for all ages.

"I made a commitment to create a workable plan for Honolulu based on the input and wisdom of many stakeholders in our community," says Mayor Caldwell. "Our city departments will work together with the community to implement

an action plan for making Honolulu an Age-Friendly City."

Over 100 volunteers are sharing their expertise in various areas such as housing, transportation, communications, community support and health services, open and public spaces, communication and social involvement, and civic participation and employment.

"Building an age-friendly city means thinking about being age friendly in everything we do—from customer service to access to the internet; from designing safe, cleaner bus stops to something as simple as planting more trees for shady sidewalks," says Mayor Caldwell.

The AFC action plan, which will be ready by early 2015, will be the subject of the Mayor's Summit on Aging. Once the final plan is submitted to AARP National and WHO, the next three years will be devoted to implementation of the Plan.

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COVER STORY

THE ROLE OF COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS IN PRESERVING FILIPINO CULTURE AND PROVIDING SUPPORT TO FILIPINOS IN HAWAII

By Julia Crowley

The insular state of Hawaii is a unique place with a myriad of diverse ethnic groups. The Filipino culture has a strong presence here. Tagalog, Ilokano and Visayan are widely spoken throughout the island and popular Filipino restaurant chains like Jollibee, Max's and Golden Coin allow locals to taste the delicious cuisine of the Philippines.

Many Filipinos were originally drawn to Hawaii to work in the sugar plantations in the early 1900s. More than a century later, the Filipino culture remains as strong as ever. The wide array of Filipino community organizations in Hawaii has had a notable impact in preserving the beautiful culture of the motherland.

In 2008, the State Legislature passed HB 3343 HD1, which designated the entire month of October as "Filipino-American History Month." The bill was introduced by then-State Representative, now City Councilmember Joey Manahan, and signed into law. In celebration of Filipino-American Heritage Month, this article will examine a variety of

Filipino organizations in Hawaii and their role in preserving Filipino culture.

Why Celebrate Filipino Heritage?

Each year, thousands of Filipinos leave their home country to seek economic opportunities abroad. With one of the highest remittance economies in the world, the Filipino population is now scattered all over the globe. As a diverse country with distinct traditions and over 120 languages spoken, it is important for Filipinos abroad to remain in touch with their native culture, especially the generation that is raised outside of the Philippines.

Jeneline Nicolas, a Master's of Law student at the University of Hawaii-Manoa, continues to celebrate her na-

tive culture while she is away from home. She first came to Hawaii from Pasig in August of 2014 to pursue her studies.

"Preserving Filipino culture is important because it gives you the opportunity to be in touch with your heritage so you don't lose touch with who you are," she says.

The preservation of native Filipino dialects is also of great importance to Filipinos abroad. Dr. Aurelio S. Agcaoili, associate professor of Ilokano and coordinator of the Ilokano Studies program at UH-Manoa, is very keen in promoting his native tongue. Originally from the Ilocandia region in the Philippines, he immigrated to Hawaii in 2006. According to Agcaoili, about 4,500 Ilokans come to Hawaii each year. In fact, between 85 to 90 percent of all Filipinos in Hawaii are Ilokano or Ilokano-descended.

"We need to serve the needs of these Ilokano-speaking people," says Dr. Agcaoili. "We cannot just say we are Filipinos in Hawaii. The recognition of our diversity is of paramount importance if we are to serve our people following the principle of social equity."

Perpetuating Filipino Culture and Traditions

The culture of the Philippines is preserved by the Filipino community of Hawaii with the aid of a variety of Filipino organizations. The Congress of Visayan Organizations (COVO) is one example. According to the organization's president, May Besario



Members of the Pamana Rondalya Group pose for a group photo. The group will perform October 30th from 6 pm to 7 pm at the Hawaii State Library as part of festivities for Filipino American History Month.

Mizuno, COVO's objectives include—organizing and unifying the various Visayan organizations in Hawaii, perpetuating the Visayan language and cultural traditions, and assisting in the educational, social and economic advancement of Visayans in the larger Hawaii community. Mizuno is originally from Dumaguete City and migrated to Hawaii in 2002.

There are even Philippine organizations in Hawaii that cater to Filipinos at the municipal level like the Sarrat Association of Hawaii. This organization provides a social network for migrants from the municipality of Sarrat, Ilocos Norte. Victor Dadiz, the association's President, came to Hawaii from Sarrat in 1969.

"In the humble Sarrat Association, we have a goal to provide scholarships for students both here and back home," Dadiz says. "Also, the association plans to help schools and the town of Sarrat with God's help."

Hawaii Filipino organizations are also beneficial to college students. UH Pinoy is an informal organization that serves the undergraduate and graduate students. Lorie Tongco, a doctoral graduate of botany from UH-Manoa, says

that current UH Pinoy students hold a welcome potluck for new Filipino students to help them out and make them feel at home.

"Then people also meet to plan events like the East-West Fest and ISA Night, and celebrate special occasions like birthdays, Christmas and Easter," she says.

UH Pinoy appears to be successful in helping new Filipino students acclimate to life in a new place.

"Knowing such an organization exists is a huge psychological boost," says Jen Monje, a first-year Filipino Master's student in second language learning. "When you know group support is available, you feel less alone."

The Filipino Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii also provides support to Filipinos in Hawaii. Paul Gaerlan Alimbuyao, the organization's president, originally immigrated to Hawaii from Baguio City in 1990. Since its establishment in 1954, the Chamber has served as an effective voice of the Filipino businesses in Hawaii and provides leadership in promoting Hawaii's business community.

Through its programs and activities, Alimbuyao says that

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the Chamber has broadened opportunities for Filipino entrepreneurs and member businesses, strengthened business links between Hawaii and the Philippines, assisted in the professional growth of its members and supported the well-being of the community.

As the premier organization of businesses with a substantial presence in the Filipino Community, the Chamber is the leading organization of business leaders in this fast-growing segment of the population.

Another well-established community group is the Hawaii Filipino Women's Club (HFWC), a non-profit organization composed primarily of women of Filipino ancestry. HFWC was founded to foster a better understanding of the Filipino culture and heritage and to stimulate community service and responsible citizenship.

HFWC's signature event is the annual Terno Ball, along with the Ms. Terno and Mr. Barong competitions. The terno and barong are traditional Filipino formal attire.

"The terno is an embodiment of the fine qualities of a Filipina where in the youth of today can emulate," says Fe Edita M. Velasco, a member of the HFWC. "The terno stands for strength, dignity, purity, compassion and great wisdom. Anyone would remember that in most social, civic and cultural gatherings, the regal terno was always the first choice to be worn by and amongst Filipino women."

HFWC is also committed to community service as its members regularly contribute to medical missions and volunteer for Adopt a Highway and park clean-ups as well as various food drives for Hawaii's homeless and school supplies for needy children.

"I believe that the Hawaii Filipino Women's Club contributes to the well-being of not only its membership but to all the participants at its gatherings," Velasco says. "Social connections and constant sharing of ideas and suggestions make the Filipino community alive and always full of energy to share its solid industry, healthy wisdom, cooperative



(Above): The Hawaii Filipino Chamber of Commerce at its annual Installation of Officers Banquet last July 2014. (Above right): Students socializing at the UH Pinoy's Beginning of the Semester Potluck. (Bottom right): The Sarrat Association of Hawaii holds its general membership meeting.



spirits and gracious contentment."

Filipino organizations also strive to preserve and promote history as it relates to Filipinos.

One such group is the Filipino American Historical Society of Hawaii (FAHSH), which was founded some 20 years ago.

"The mission of FAHSH is to foster an appreciation of the heritage and experiences of Filipino-Americans in Hawaii," says member Rosalina Burian, a retired architect and engineer from Manila. "FAHSH believes that a knowledge of the history and culture of all peoples affirms individual dignity and teaches respect and understanding."

Another group, the Order of the Knights of Rizal, is a fraternal order dedicated to propagating the teachings of the Philippines' national hero, Dr. Jose P. Rizal. The Order was granted a legislative charter in 1951 via Republic Act 646 and has been active in espousing the ideals and traits that set aside the renowned Filipino hero amongst all others. The Order has spread throughout the Philippines and other countries as well.

The Hawaii Chapter was established in 1971 and has distinguished itself with various projects and activities such as the passage of a City Council Resolution naming a part of College Walk as Dr. Jose Rizal Square, the annual Rizal Youth Leadership Institute and the annual Dr. Jose Rizal Award for Peace and Social Justice—to name just a few.

"The Order also plays host to leadership training seminars that encourage our youth to become new Rizals, to work beyond borders and to innovate across sectors," says Sir Dr. Arnold Villafuerte, KCR. "We

want to exhort our citizenry to emulate and practice the example and teachings of our national hero."

Celebrations for October

A variety of events in October have been scheduled in celebration of Filipino American History Month. On October 15, the Center for Philippine Studies and the Philippine Consulate General will host a presentation entitled "Philippines-U.S. Relations: Reflections and Perspectives on an Enduring Alliance" from 3:30 pm to 6 pm. The lecture will be delivered by Consul General Gina A. Jamoralin at UH-Manoa, Moore Hall 319 (Tokio Room).

Additionally, from October 1-30, the Filipino Artists' Exhibit will be on display at Honolulu Hale's Lane Gallery. The opening reception of the exhibit is set for October 16 from 5 pm to 7 pm. The reception will also be held at the Lane Gallery.

There are also a variety of events this month that acknowledge forgotten Filipino heroes. From October 11-30, the exhibit "Forgotten Filipino Heroes" will be on display at Liliha Public Library. On October 18th, Liliha Library will also hold a film showing of "Delano Manongs: Forgotten Heroes of the United Farm Workers" from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm. The same film will be shown on October 29th from 1 pm to 3 pm at the UH-Manoa Korean Studies Auditorium.

In addition, Filipino performing arts will be showcased during Filipino American History Month. The Pamana Rondalya Group and the Tekniqlingz Dancers will be performing at an event entitled "A Presentation of the

History of Filipino Music and Dance in Hawaii." The event will take place on October 30th from 6 pm to 7 pm at the Hawaii State Library.

Pamana (Tagalog for "heritage") is a Philippine rondalya ensemble founded this year by Froilan Fabro, a Filipino-American student in Ethnomusicology at UH-Manoa. Pamana Rondalya currently has seven active members. It focuses on exploring traditional Philippine musical forms, such as the Kundiman (Tagalog love-song) and arrangements of contemporary popular music in Philippine dance rhythm, forms and styles. Through this, Pamana Rondalya strives to express Philippine cultural identity by looking to their heritage and bridging the past

with the present.

The Tekniqlingz was started in the Spring of 2008 by UH graduate Gabriel Torno. It came about through Bamboo Dance Workshops held by the Katipunan Club of UH-Manoa, which perpetuates Filipino-American youth culture through creative arts and entertainment. The dance crew seeks to inspire and influence new innovations to the world of hip-hop and dance.

Tinikling is the most popular Filipino folk dance. It imitates the movement of the tikling birds as they walk between grass stems and tree branches, and dodge bamboo traps set by farmers. Dancers imitate the tikling birds' legendary grace and speed by skillfully maneuvering be-

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UFCH Honors Progress Award Recipients

The United Filipino Council of Hawaii (UFCH) bestowed the Progress Awards at its annual Installation of Officers Banquet on October 4, 2014 at the Ala Moana Hotel.

The Progress Awards recognize Hawaii residents of Filipino ancestry for excellence and accomplishments in their

respective fields, as well as civic-mindedness and community service.

The top three Progress Awards are the Juan Dionisio, Sr. Lifetime Service Award; the Lifetime Achievement Award; and the Ating Kaibigan (Our Friends) Award.

Receiving the 2014 Juan Dionisio, Sr. Lifetime Service

Award was Agrifina T. Cabebe for the many years she has spent promoting the Filipino culture through various folk dances. Born on Maui, Cabebe took dance classes during the 1950s and went on to found the Saniata Dance Troupe, which has performed at the Maui Palms Resort, Maui Beach Hotel as well as local gatherings and events. Filipino culture and the arts have thrived on Maui, as a result of her many years of effort to promote Filipino folk dances.

Dr. Teresita Ramos was given the 2014 Lifetime Achievement Award for her dedication to promoting Filipino culture through teaching of its languages. She has taught Tagalog and other Philippine languages to students at the University of Hawaii-Manoa for the past several decades. She was instrumental in founding both the Filipino and Ilocano programs at UH. Today,

UH's Filipino Language program is the biggest program outside the Philippines. There were only two courses when Dr. Ramos started teaching Filipino. The program has evolved from 2 beginning courses to 15 language courses, 7 culture, and several literature courses.

State Rep. John Mizuno received the 2014 Ating Kaibigan (Our Friends) Award for his dedication to championing numerous causes that benefit Hawaii's elderly and caregivers. Since he was first elected to the State House of Representatives in 2006, Mizuno has championed a variety of causes, including Kupuna Care, a program funded by the State of Hawaii to provide services such as transportation, attendant care, case management, home-delivered meals, homemaking and personal care services. He has also advocated on behalf of

caregivers and healthcare case managers.

Other 2014 UFCH Progress Award recipients included:

- Faustino Domingo – Agriculture
- Augie T – Arts and entertainment
- Erwin Legaspi – Education
- Nora Duyao and Sally Villaruz – Entrepreneurship
- Luis P. Salaveria – Government service
- Carolina D. Davide, M.D. – Healthcare and medicine
- Miriam Solmerin Guerrero – Community service
- Manuel P. Neves – Public safety
- Hernando Ramos Tan – Labor and construction
- Steve Uyehara – Media and communications
- Cecille Sebastian, DDS – Science and technology
- Ronald N. Paredes – Sports
- Gemma Weinstein – Travel and hospitality
- Brandon Elefante – Outstanding Young Person

State to Hold 22nd Annual White Cane Walk

The State Department of Human Services' (DHS) Vocational Rehabilitation Division will hold the 22nd Annual White Cane Safety Awareness Day Walk throughout October at various sites statewide.

The White Cane Safety Awareness Day Walk demonstrates the importance of the white cane, which empowers blind and visually-impaired individuals with independence, freedom and confidence.

Organized by Ho'opono Services for the Blind, White Cane Walks have been scheduled for the following dates:

- October 15: on Kauai at the Kukui Grove Mall at 10 am
- October 17: on Oahu at the State Capitol Rotunda 10 am
- October 19: in Kona on Ali'i Drive at Palani Street at 1 pm
- October 24: in Downtown Hilo at the YWCA at 10 am

Representatives from DHS, State Department of Education Teachers of the Visually Impaired, State Department of Transportation Services, Oahu Transit Services, District 50 Lions Clubs, State legislators, National Federation of the Blind of Hawaii, Hawaii Association of the Blind, Blind Vendors Ohana and many blind Hawaii vendors will be participating. Pre-walk programs begin a half hour prior to the start time.

End-of-walk festivities will include entertainment by talented blind musicians and vocalists. T-shirts will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

More than 2,700 blind and visually-impaired people are currently on the State Blind Registry. DHS offers community members comprehensive and specialized services free of charge regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age, religion or disability.

For more information about DHS' Vocational Rehabilitation Division, call 586-5269 or visit www.humanservices.hawaii.gov/vr.

26th Talk Story Festival Oct 17-18 at McCoy Pavilion

The City's Department of Parks and Recreation will host the 26th Annual Talk Story Festival October 17-18, 2014, from 6 to 9 pm at the McCoy Pavilion in Ala Moana Regional Park.

The Talk Story Festival is Hawaii's oldest and largest storytelling celebration. Storytellers each night will share the stage for 20 minutes, accompanied by sign language interpreters.

Just in time for Halloween, "SPOoOoKY Sto-



ries" will be shared on Friday by storytellers Rachel Chapman, Sandra MacLees, Kuniko Yamamoto, Charles Johnson, Kathy "Tita" Collins with Jeff Gere, Serina Dunham, Daniel Martinez, Pat Masters, Karen Yamamoto-Hackler and Ed Chevy.

On Saturday, Pele & Hi'iaka Epics will be told in a narrative relay wherein tales will be passed along by storytellers Kuniko Yamamoto, Sandra MacLees, Daniel A. Kelin II, Sam 'Olu Gon, Kalama Cabigon, Jeff Gere, Kilohana Silve, Moses Goods and Kathy "Tita" Collins.

The storyteller lineup is subject to change. Gates open at 5 pm. The popular event draws large crowds, so the public is advised to come early.

The event is sponsored by Aqua Hospitality and Aloun Farms.

Homeless Conference Set for Nov. 21st

The Statewide Homeless Awareness Conference has been scheduled for November 21, 2014 at the Pacific Beach Hotel from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.

The day-long event will include networking and motivational thinking to find solutions to help those experiencing homelessness in Hawaii. The conference is sponsored by

Partners in Care (PIC), a coalition of non-profit homeless providers, government stakeholders, private businesses, community advocates, public housing agencies, hospitals, universities, affordable housing developers, law enforcement and homeless and formerly homeless persons.

Learning objectives include:

- Being able to describe the Housing First Model and

how it differs from traditional housing models.

- Broadening knowledge of domestic violence and its impact on homelessness.
- Learning about current efforts to end homelessness and participating in the Legislative process as it relates to homeless issues in our community

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LEGAL GUIDE



By Atty. Emmanuel Samonte Tipon

Did Supreme Court Punt on Same Sex Marriage Issue?

five states, namely, Indiana, Oklahoma, Utah, Virginia, and Wisconsin.

There are 19 states and the District of Columbia that allow same-sex marriage. With the addition of these 5 states, there are now 24 states that allow same-sex marriage. Furthermore, same sex marriage bans in 6 other states are in peril of being declared unconstitutional because they are under the jurisdiction of the courts of appeals that have struck down same sex marriage bans. Thus, there will be a total of 30 states allowing same sex marriage.

Gay rights advocates consider the Supreme Court's action/inaction a victory. Traditional marriage supporters condemn it. Sen. Mike Lee, R-Utah was quoted by USA Today as saying that states should be free to define marriage as a union between a man and a woman and "whether to change that definition is a decision best left to the people of each state, not to unelected, politically unaccountable judges."

Thousands of appeals are

brought before the Supreme Court every year. It accepts less than 100 cases for full consideration. This is unlike the Philippine Supreme Court which accepts every appeal.

Since the Supreme Court did not give an explanation for its action/inaction, the Court's behind the scenes reason is a matter of speculation.

Last year the Supreme Court ruled 5-4 that the federal government cannot deny marital benefits to same sex couples and struck down the Defense of Marriage Act. U.S. v. Windsor. Justice Anthony Kennedy who wrote that decision is considered a "swing" vote. There are 4 conservative leaning justices and 4 liberal leaning justices. Kennedy swings between the two groups, sometimes joining the conservatives and sometimes joining the liberals. He is unpredictable. It is believed by some that the 4 conservative justices could not count on Kennedy to join them in upholding the same sex marriage bans of the five states. So the 4 conservative justices did not insist on hearing the case. But

that reasoning does not take into account the fact that Kennedy is said to believe in state's rights, meaning that states have a right to define marriage. That issue was not raised in the Defense of Marriage Act which involved a federal statute.

Others speculate that the Supreme Court did not want more widespread criticism following its unpopular decision in U.S. Windsor.

The simplest explanation for the Supreme Court's action/inaction is that it is "inexplicable."

Any person who thinks that all gays and lesbians are happy is mistaken. ABC News reported that a male lawyer and his male partner who live in Louisiana challenged the state's ban on gay marriage. They lost when Judge Martin Feldman of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana upheld Louisiana's same sex marriage ban, saying that "Louisiana's laws and constitution are directly related to achieving marriage's historically preeminent purpose of linking children to their biological parents." He pointed out that "a meaning of what is marriage that has endured in history for thousands of years,

and prevails in a majority of states today, is not universally irrational on the constitutional grid." He said that Louisiana's laws do not offend equal protection.

Judge Feldman asked rhetorically whether under the "equal protection" clause "must the states permit or recognize a marriage between an aunt and niece? Aunt and nephew? Brother/brother? Father and child? May minors marry? Must marriage be limited to only two people? What about a transgender spouse? Is such a union same-gender or male-female?"

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HAWAII-FILIPINO NEWS

Governor Taps Acoba For UH Board of Regents

Retired Hawaii Supreme Court Associate Justice Simeon R. Acoba, Jr. was among several people nominated by Gov. Neil Neil Abercrombie to the University of Hawaii-Manoa's Board of Regents.

The son of an immigrant father from Bacarra, Ilocos Norte, in the Philippines, Acoba is the third Filipino-American appointed to Hawaii's highest judicial office. He is currently a lecturer at UH-Manoa's William S. Richardson School of Law.

Prior to his appointment to the State Supreme Court in May 2000, Acoba was an associate judge on the Intermediate Court of Appeals from



Retired Hawaii Supreme Court Associate Justice Simeon Acoba

1994-2000, a circuit court judge from 1980-1994 and a district court judge from 1979-1980.

Acoba started his career as a law clerk for Chief Justice William Richardson, before serving as special assistant to UH President Harlan Cleveland, a deputy attorney general and engaging in the private

practice of law. He is the founding chair of the Hawaii Access to Justice (ATJ) Commission and is currently chair of the Judiciary's Strategic Planning Committee on ATJ.

Acoba is also co-chair of the Judicial Administration Committee of the Hawaii State Bar Association and director of the Hawaii Justice Foundation and of the Mediation Center of the Pacific. A graduate of Farrington High School, Acoba received a bachelor's degree from UH and his Juris Doctor from the Northwestern University School of Law.

Abercrombie's other nominees were Dr. Dileep Bal, Peter Hoffmann and Helen Nielsen. The appointments must be confirmed by the State Senate.

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PHILIPPINE NEWS

PH is Destination of the Year 2014

from www.philstar.com

MANILA, Philippines - The Philippines is awarded the Destination of the Year at the 25th Annual TTG Travel Awards 2014, just a few months before the Department of Tourism (DOT) sets out to raise the country's international profile with its Visit the Philippines Year 2015 campaign.

Organized annually by the giant TTG Asia Media's Travel Trade Publishing group, the TTG Travel Awards has been recognizing the best of Asia-Pacific's travel trade since 1989.

The prestigious event marks an important time for the industry to recognize the exemplary organizations that raise the bar of excellence. The exclusive event honors stellar organizations and individuals in 4 categories: Travel Sup-

plier, Travel Agency, Outstanding Achievement, and Travel Hall of Fame.

Tourism Secretary Ramon Jimenez, Jr. accepted the award before Asia's tourism professionals at the awarding ceremony and gala dinner held on Oct. 2 at the Centara Grand and Bangkok Convention Center in Thailand. The Philippines was chosen as the region's most outstanding destination in 2014 for distinguishing itself with its proactive steps and initiatives towards the development and promotion of the travel industry.

The Destination of the Year falls under the Outstanding Achievement Awards. Other categories include Travel Personality of the Year, Best Travel Entrepreneur, Best Marketing and Relationship Effort, and Best Trade



Supporter. The winners are determined by TTG's editorial team.

"We would like to thank TTG for the invaluable support extended to our organization in our marketing and information dissemination efforts. As a trusted travel trade publication, it has been a formidable partner throughout these years in bringing the Philippines closer to our markets," Jimenez said.

The TTG Travel Awards is now reputed as the most cov-

eted and influential awards to be garnered in the region's travel industry. The signature trophy, a statuette of Hermes (the god of travel and protector of travelers in ancient Greek mythology), is cast in solid pewter and plated in 24K gold. Weighing two kilograms, the Hermes trophy has since then been the icon of the annual awards.

"This award belongs to all Filipinos. It is the Filipino people that have ensured the acceptance of 'It's More Fun

in the Philippines' as a true and accurate description of the participative and active role every Filipino plays in ensuring a successful and enjoyable visit to the Philippines. Again, the determination of the Filipino people, coupled with the support of our President, Benigno S. Aquino III, is our inspiration to build a brighter tourism future for the Philippines – an industry that is more profitable and more inclusive," Jimenez concluded.

The DOT is gearing up its efforts to promote Visit the Philippines Year (VPY) 2015 – an invitation for all to experience the enduring promise of more fun in the Philippines.

Encouraging nationwide participation, DOT aims to stamp passports of 10 million visitors to the Philippines as the country hosts major events such as the Papal Visit in January and the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Ministerial Meetings and Leaders' Summit.

MILF Ready to Turn Over Firearms

by Alexis Romero

Thursday, October 9, 2014

MANILA, Philippines - Members of the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) are prepared to give up their weapons "in exchange for

peace and the settlement of the centuries-old conflict in Mindanao."

In an editorial posted by the MILF on its website luwaran.com, the group said it is showing its sincerity in the peace process by agreeing to the decommissioning of its firearms.

MILF members said decommissioning is "a very emotional and sensitive issue" for them.

"The MILF is staking itself to the scrutiny of time and history and the vicious attacks of critics to prove that this is the right track to solve this question," it said.

The MILF said the decommissioning of firearms would be done in four phases.

The first phase is what the MILF described as "goodwill" symbolic decommissioning of 75 firearms by yearend.

The second phase would involve the decommissioning of 30 percent of its weapons upon the passage of the BBL in Congress and upon its ratification in a plebiscite, the MILF said.

The BBL will implement the final peace agreement signed by the government and the MILF last March. The

measure has been certified urgent by President Aquino and is expected to be discussed by lawmakers when they resume session this month.

The MILF said another 35 percent of the firearms would be decommissioned upon the establishment of the Bangsamoro Police.

The remaining 30 percent of the MILF weapons would be decommissioned two months before the signing of the Exit Agreement provided that the peace panels, third party monitoring team and facilitator certify that all commitments have been completed.

Under the normalization annex of the Framework Agreement on the Bangsamoro, the MILF will undertake a graduated program for decommissioning of its forces so that they are put beyond use.

The decommissioning includes activities that would ensure a smooth transition of the MILF forces towards a productive life.

Critics believe MILF forces should be required to surrender their firearms once the Bangsamoro region that will replace the Autonomous

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ASK A DOCTOR

Foot Faults: Pain-Preventing Shoe Selections From a Specialist

by Dr. Elly Huang

It's not unusual for people to ignore the health of their feet, at least until the time comes when a common foot fault leaves them suffering in serious pain. Fortunately, if you put some time and attention to preventive measures, including making smart shoe selections, you'll take some important steps toward keeping your feet healthy and pain-free.

Heal the Heel

Chances are you know people who've had to deal with plantar fasciitis, because it's the most common cause of pain in the heel of the foot. The pain comes from inflammation of the plantar fascia, which is a ligament that connects the heel bone to the toes.

So what causes the inflammation? There are several rea-

sons this may occur, including poor-fitting shoes that lack the proper cushioning and support your feet need during a long day's work.

You can give your feet a break by looking for shoes that support your arch and have a nice cushioned sole. If you're not looking to buy new shoes, you can upgrade your current pairs with some heel cups or orthotic shoe inserts. And always make sure you use the same inserts in both shoes.

The Secrets of Safe Slippers

Slippers are so much a part of Hawaii life, but they can contribute to serious aches and pains, if you rely on them too often. One of the biggest mistakes people make is subbing their slippers for shoes. Slippers, no matter how well-made, are not designed for walking long distances or for use when playing sports.



Good slippers should be somewhat flexible, not rigid, so that they allow for bending at the ball of the foot. Some slippers are now designed to provide more arch support, but remember that they're still not a replacement for more supportive shoes, when necessary. And make sure you're not slipping on a pair that's too snug, as your feet should never hang off the backs of the slippers.

Tightened Toes

You know there's a prob-

lem with your feet when they describe your toes with terms more appropriate for items in a tool chest. You may have heard of hammer toe before, but there are also variations of these toe deformities with other names, such as claw and mallet toes.

Basically, hammer toes are created when tight shoes force the toes into a bent position for an extended period of time. This causes the muscles to tighten and the tendons to contract, eventually making it difficult for the toes to straighten again. It

can take years for this to happen, and it's more likely to occur in women who wear shoes with narrow toes or high heels.

I tell my female patients that they can enjoy fashionable shoes for a few hours a day, but that's about it. Otherwise, they need to ensure their go-to shoes have room around the toes and the heels are low enough to avoid strain.

You can also keep your toe joints and foot muscles a little more flexible with a few simple exercises, such as curling a towel or picking up small objects with your toes.

I hope these small shifts in shoe selections can help prevent a podiatrist appointment in the near future, but if pain exists or persists, we're here for you and your feet.

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PICTORIAL NEWS



Meeting of the Minds

Pamela Patsley, Chair and CEO of MoneyGram International, with the Philippines' Ambassador to the U.S. Jose Cuisia. The two met on October 7 to discuss MoneyGram's business, services and outreach to the Filipino community.

PHILIPPINE NEWS (from page 8, MILF...)

Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM) is formed. They pointed out that it is hard to talk peace with an armed group.

The MILF said decommissioning is "simply not surrender of firearms nor of their destruction."

"They are not given or surrendered to the government. It is not disarming the MILF per se, as some uninformed media people would like to say," the group said.

The MILF will continue to keep its firearms even after the passage of the BBL.

"Most likely, the models in Northern Ireland and Nepal will be followed whereby firearms turned over are put in warehouses under the care and protection of third party decommissioning body composed of international and domestic eminent persons," it added.

Concerns

Senators Ferdinand Marcos Jr. and Teofisto Guingona III yesterday assured the public of raising the views and con-

cerns of local stakeholders over the draft BBL before the Senate.

Marcos and Guingona, chairs of the Senate committees on local governments and on peace, reconciliation and reunification, respectively, presided over a panel for a consultation on the draft BBL at Notre Dame University in Cotabato City.

Among the issues raised by participants to the dialogue were the protection and right to separation benefits of thousands of career service personnel in the ARMM, whose offices can be deactivated once the draft BBL is enacted into law and ratified via a plebiscite.

Some sectors also raised political issues and land ownership concerns.

Most of the security problems in the ARMM and other Moro-dominated areas in surrounding administrative regions are rooted in territorial disputes and squabbles for ownership of lands involving Moro, Christian and indigenous hinterland groups. (www.philstar.com)

COVER STORY (from page 5, THE ROLE....)

tween the large bamboo poles.

The Filipino Association of University Women is also holding an event that extends beyond Filipino American Heritage Month. It will take place on November 16th at the UH-Manoa Hamilton Library where participants will share their experiences of Filipino culture, core values as passed on by their ancestors and their own cultural transmission and cultural perpetuation behaviors. After the forum, the Association plans to use the "cultural transmission data" to conduct outreach presentations, develop curriculum notes for cultural experts and docu-

ment Filipino female immigrants' stories.

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TAX

Knowing the Taxpayers Bill of Rights

by Atty. Christopher Chui

The words “Internal Revenue Service” can evoke images of debt collectors who call incessantly, garnish wages or place levies on property (including your primary residence) and/or can commence harassing and punishing audits of tax records and businesses.

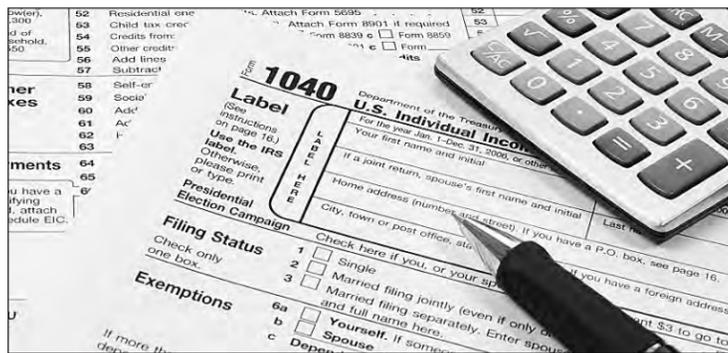
Most taxpayers are unaware of their rights when confronted by the IRS and are intimidated by this agency when it comes to paying taxes owed to the U.S. government. However, this past year an entire publication from the IRS was devoted to a “Taxpayer Bill of Rights”—which means that the IRS has standards of professional conduct and objectives that they need to adhere to when dealing with the public. Only time will tell if the Bill of Rights is meant to be promotional advertising or carries a much weightier degree of substance as to how taxpayers should be treated.

The rights are enumerated as follows:

1. The Right to Be Informed
2. The Right to Quality Service
3. The Right to Pay No More than the Correct Amount of Tax
4. The Right to Challenge the IRS’ Position and Be Heard
5. The Right to Appeal an IRS Decision in an Independent Forum
6. The Right to Finality
7. The Right to Privacy
8. The Right to Confidentiality
9. The Right to Retain Representation
10. The Right to a Fair and Just Tax System

Below are a few items worth mentioning or exploring:

Right #3: “The Right to Pay No More than the Correct Amount of Tax;” #4: “The Right to Challenge the IRS’s Position and Be Heard;” and Right #5: “The



Right to Appeal an IRS Decision in an Independent Forum.”

The taxpayer may file an amended tax return if he or she believes taxes have either been overpaid (or underpaid) for any given year. Although this amended filing may trigger the IRS to take a second look at the return, taxpayers should be at ease as long as they have the necessary documentation to prove that the changes are justified.

In the event a taxpayer is unsuccessful in an audit, the IRS has a system in place to challenge the results. This does not always mean the taxpayer will be successful, but the taxpayer has a right to be heard by a neutral party in order to contest a determination by the IRS subsequent to an audit. There are several remedies to handle the appeal such as the IRS Appeals Office, Tax Court, U.S. District Courts, the Court of Federal Claims and the Bankruptcy Court.

With the exception of the IRS Appeals Office (which has an appeals officer), all other courts have a judicial officer who will oversee the case and preside over any trials of evidence. It should be noted that all of these courts have statutory deadlines, therefore it is best to consult with an attorney or tax professional as to when your case should be filed. If these statutory deadlines are lost, the taxpayer’s option to challenge a tax dispute becomes limited.

Right #7: “The Right to Privacy;” Right #8: “The Right to Confidentiality;” and Right #9: “The Right to Retain Representation.”

These rights are based on the Bill of Rights and guaranteed to all U.S. citizens to be

free from “unreasonable searches and seizures,” a right to remain silent and not speak against oneself, and a right to “assistance of Counsel for his defense.” If the IRS commences with an audit of your tax records, it is not entitled to go through all of the information you have.

Rather, the IRS is only limited to the items listed on an audit notice, as well as for any documentation you may provide to support the years it is investigating. Other records that are not pertinent to the audit notice need not be disclosed and are deemed to be private to only the taxpayer. In addition, the taxpayer is entitled to confidentiality of his or her records. Any information gained from an audit by the IRS cannot be shared with third parties (such as mortgage companies, banks and credit bureau companies) unless authorized by the taxpayer. Furthermore, information about the taxpayer cannot be gained through third parties in order to collect any outstanding tax payments unless reasonable notice is given to the taxpayer first.

Finally, taxpayers have the right to be legally represented by a qualified tax professional (such as an attorney, accountant or enrolled agent) to handle

their tax matters. Taxpayers cannot be compelled to attend IRS meetings and can have their professional representatives on their behalf. Nonetheless, the taxpayer should know that tax professionals are only advocates and representatives. Risk and liability are always assumed by the taxpayer regarding taxes that are due as well as any criminal liabilities. Taxpayers need to pay attention to and be responsible for their cases.

Taxpayers who do not have the financial means to hire attorneys, accountants and/or enrolled agents can seek help from the Taxpayer Advocate Service of the IRS which is an independent division of the IRS that helps taxpayers resolve tax issues. Additionally, law schools may also have a clinic devoted to taxpayers who have financial difficulties that may provide taxpayer advocacy.

Right #10 “The Right to a Fair and Just Tax System”

If you are behind on your taxes or have not made payments to the IRS because of

economic hardship or financial difficulties, you may want to consider entering into either an installment agreement to make payments to the IRS over a series of months, or submit an offer-in-compromise to try to lower your tax bill. Both may be considered by the IRS upon the taxpayer’s financial disclosures as to incomes and assets for review, and whether such disclosures would qualify the IRS to enter into such agreements. While there is no guarantee of any outcome, this is part of the taxpayer’s rights to a “fair and just tax system.”

If you have tax problems, pending audits or financial difficulties regarding taxes, do not hesitate to contact the Taxpayer Advocate Service of the IRS at 1-877-777-4778. Confronting your tax problems is always better than ignoring them.

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TRAVEL & TOURISM

Let Me Take You Down: Taking a Beatles Taxi Tour of Liverpool

by Rick Olivares

"Penny Lane is in my ears and in my eyes..."

Taking the two-hour and a half Daytrippers Beatles Taxi Tour of Liverpool was a treat for the heart, rubber soul and the senses. When you travel around the streets of Liverpool while Beatles songs are playing, the songs literally come to life. The words take on new meaning as you see the very things that John Lennon and Paul McCartney wrote about in their songs.

Their songs, especially the early ones, were their life stories.

I checked out the Beatles Tours of Liverpool and there were several. I was looking at this one tour when the concierge at the Britannia Adelphi Hotel pulled out another flyer and gave a person a call. It was the Daytrippers

Beatles Taxi Tour.

I set it for 12:30 p.m. so I had ample time to explore Anfield, my first tour of the day. I was taking the Silver Tour that cost £65 and two and a half hours of tours all over the city. The flyer had a sign that said that if there were five of us, each would end up paying only £9! I prayed I wouldn't be the only one taking the tour as I could sure save some pounds sterling.

And on time, Dave, my guide, arrived at the hotel where I was the only one. The £65 better be worth it, I thought to myself, because there were others that were cheaper (because they were in larger groups).

I saw his taxi with caricatures of the Beatles outside. "This is real nice, Dave. Do you mind taking my picture next to your cab?"

He obliged and that was my first picture of the tour.

Dave, a local lad, has been doing these tours for the

past seven years of his life. He was a Beatles fan but not the dyed-in-the-wool type as his knowledge was passing. But when he got into this tour business, he really had to brush up on his knowledge about the Fab Four and his hometown.

The first stop was at the University of Liverpool. We parked outside the school and walked in. Next to the University is a building that is now closed down.

Dave pointed to a sign on the wall of one building that had an image of John Lennon.

"This is the former Liverpool Maternity Hospital where two of the city's most famous people were born," said Dave. "As you can see, John Lennon is obviously one of them."

Dave went on to talk about John's birth by his mother Julia and their troubled family. After a few minutes, we started to walk away. Then I stopped in my tracks. "Dave, you said there are two famous Liverpoolians born here. Who was the other?"

"Me," he deadpanned. I had a laugh and took a selfie. Famous people alert!

I knew then it was going to be a great tour.

And it was as he took me to the various homes of the Beatles complete with their back story; the Liverpool Art Institute where Paul McCartney went to school, Penny Lane and breaking it down to the "blue suburban skies" to the corner where the banker parked his motorcar, and the barber shop where the barber showed photographs of "every head he's had the pleasure to know;" Strawberry Field Orphanage, the site where the Quarrymen played with Paul McCartney trying to upstage John, Eleanor Rigby's final resting place, and lastly, Matthews Street where the world famous Cavern Club, where the Beatles performed, is located.

Of all the places that we saw today, the one that resonated well with me was the



home where John Lennon grew up with his Aunt Mimi. My favorite Beatle is and will always be Paul McCartney, but John has a special place in my heart as a music fan. Maybe because he had a more difficult childhood, where he learned about tragedy at a very young age. Maybe it was because he wrote from the heart about the things he held dear and near. I knew more about his hardship growing up and the situation he was in. His tragic death all the more made seeing his childhood home and his room from the outside all the more poignant. I said a prayer and offered it to the Man Above for him (the tour was more interesting for me as Dave was a hardcore Catholic just like me).

Dave was wonderful as there was really a personal touch to the tour. God knows how many times he has delivered his spiels and anecdotes but he was never bored and was very enthusiastic and passionate. He was not only polite but also very accommodating. He showed me around as one would do a friend.

Closing out the tour, we exchanged low fives.

During our tour, we came across several other tours by his competition. Save for the one tour that is supposed to have received the official blessing out the tourism English Tourism Council, all the other guides were polite. I quickly picked up that the official tour people weren't too keen on the competition.

And overall, the Daytrippers Beatles Taxi Tour wasn't simply a tour into the history of the Fab Four's humble beginnings but also part of the

history of Liverpool. And Dave readily shared his knowledge about the city and its people. It might have been pricey but in the end it was worth every penny. To top it all off, Dave dropped me off at Matthew Street where the Cavern Club is located but gave me clear directions on where to go and what to see in the City Square.

I paid the man, shook hands and gave him a manly hug. It seemed the right thing to do. And best of all, we were both smiling.

My introduction to music was the Beatles. I was born at the height of their fame and memorized the lyrics to their songs more easily than I did my school lessons. My love for the band also introduced me to their hometown of Liverpool and I soon became a fan of the team (although it is strange that none of the Fab Four rooted for LFC as Paul was an Evertonian, Ringo an Arsenal fan because of his father while John and George had no time for the game).

I still have all their albums and remain a fan. The Beatles Anthology remains one of my favorite books ever. This tour was something a long time coming.

My first real day in England (I arrived in the evening the day before and only went out for food and stayed inside the hotel) was one of the best of my life. I am not only staying in the hotel that once housed the passengers of the ill-fated cruise of the Titanic but also went on a tour of LFC's home field, Anfield and the Beatles Taxi Tour.

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LEGAL NOTES



By Reuben S. Seguritan

Undocumented Immigrants May Now Join the Military

year. The MAVNI program allows the recruitment of immigrants with skills that are considered critical to the national interest. The program is currently open to individuals with certain temporary visas with advanced medical skills, or who can speak certain languages.

The number of recruits per year under the program is limited to 1,500. Because of the limited scope of the program, it is uncertain how many of the estimated 580,000 DREAMers will qualify.

The lure of the program, despite the obvious risks of being in the Army, is the expedited route to naturalization that it offers. Over 92,000 foreign-born service members have become U.S. citizens since 2001.

The U.S. military has a history of recruiting non-citizens for service during a time of national need. Filipinos were recruited into the Navy after the signing of the Military Bases Agreement in 1947, which allowed the U.S. to have military bases in the Philippines. Over 35,000 Filipinos joined the Navy between 1952 and 1991.

Ordinarily, immigrants on temporary visas wait many years to become permanent residents and usually an extra five years to become naturalized citizens. Service members under this program can become U.S. citizens in as short as 10 weeks.

The MAVNI program was created to fill medical specialties in the military in which it has a shortfall, which include dentists, surgeons and psy-

chology professionals. Health care professionals must meet all qualification criteria for the medical specialty, demonstrate proficiency in English, and commit to at least 3 years of active duty or 6 years in the Selected Reserve.

It has sought to recruit native speakers of any of 44 languages with cultural backgrounds. Tagalog and Cebuano are included. Applicants under this category must demonstrate language proficiency, meet all existing enlistment eligibility criteria and enlist for at least 4 years of active duty.

"We're just not sure how many within that existing population of DACA would have the linguistic skills to qualify," says a defense official. "These are kids who entered the country at a fairly young age and have basically grown up in the United States, so the limit of

their language talents would probably be the language that they received at home."

Before the announcement of the new policy thousands of undocumented young immigrants who were granted DACA status were clamoring to enlist in the military but were not eligible under this program. Many believe that allowing them to enlist would help fill recruitment shortages.

Although the change in policy is narrow and limited, it is the hope of immigrant advocates that the Obama administration would soon allow a greater number of undocumented immigrants to serve in the military.

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The U.S. Military has now opened its doors to undocumented young immigrants. The new policy which was announced last September 25 by the Defense Department will be implemented under an existing program known as Military Accessions Vital to National Interest or MAVNI. It will allow those who were granted deferred action under President Obama's Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program to enlist.

Approximately 5,000 non-citizens, most of whom are permanent residents, are recruited in the military each

MAINLAND NEWS

Obama Claims Progress Combatting Islamic State

WASHINGTON — Facing a stubborn enemy, President Barack Obama professed confidence Wednesday that the U.S. will keep making progress against Islamic State militants in Iraq and Syria, as the reality set in of a lengthy military conflict with limited prospects for success.



U.S. President Barack Obama

Flanked at the Pentagon by the top U.S. military brass, Obama said he was heartened to see that a broad international consensus had emerged that the Islamic State group poses a threat to the world's security. He said nations across the globe have come to the conclusion "that their barbaric behavior has to be dealt with."

"It remains a difficult mission," Obama told Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel and his military commanders. "As I've indicated from the start, this is not something that is going to be solved overnight."

The reality check from the commander in chief underscored growing concerns about whether the U.S.-led campaign

is working. Obama has pledged to both destroy the Islamic State group and keep U.S. ground troops out of combat — two goals that seem increasingly to be in conflict.

Two months after the U.S. began launching airstrikes in Iraq that later expanded to Syria, the Islamic State group is far from crippled. It remains in control of most of the territory it has seized in Iraq and Syria, and its fighters appear close to capturing the strategic town of Kobani near Turkey despite days of U.S.-led airstrikes.

Even as the U.S. claimed progress in the fight, the Pentagon acknowledged that Kobani

could still fall and said the Islamic State group could seize additional territory elsewhere.

Unlike in Iraq, where Kurdish forces have made modest gains and the U.S. is helping rebuild the careworn military, there are few forces in Syria capable of taking the fight to the Islamic State group on the ground.

"We don't have a force inside Syria that we can cooperate with and work with," said Rear Adm. John Kirby, the Pentagon's spokesman. He said the U.S. was working to train

and arm 5,000 moderate Syrian opposition fighters, but that effort is in the early stages and is expected to take months.

The Islamic State group's resilience amid an onslaught of airstrikes by the U.S. and its partners has become a pointed reminder that a military campaign fought only from the skies can only go so far.

Contesting the notion that the military would ask for ground troops, Kirby said that every Pentagon leader understood Obama's clear instruction that U.S. ground forces won't

be returning to the Middle East to fight in Iraq or Syria. At the White House, officials conceded that air power alone would be insufficient, suggesting that the effort to oust Islamic State fighters may stay in a holding pattern until a viable fighting force emerges from the splintered and poorly equipped Syrian opposition.

"There are limitations associated with the exclusive use of air power," White House spokesman Josh Earnest said. "That is the situation that we're operating in." (www.philstar.com)

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ILOKO
By Amado I. Yoro

Naimbag Nga Isasangbaymo Manen Apo Edgar

Development, Tourism, Culture & Arts, Living Treasure & Industry Development, kas pangulo dagitoy a komite idiay gobierno probinsial ti Ilocos Sur. Dagitoy a programa ket isu ti maysa kadagiti adu a programa a kayat a padur-asen ken ipasnek nga isayangkat ti agdama a gobernador Ryan Singson. Iti pananakomperensia ni Yabes ken ni Carvalho, manamnama a manayonan ken mapabaknang ti kabaelan ken kapasidad ni Yabes a mangisayangkat iti probinsia ken iti pay pagilian.

Timmabuno da: Oahu Filipino Community Council President Alex Vergara, Ilocos Surian Association of Hawaii President Danny Villaruz, Dr. Julius Soria, Santanians, Helen Grace Go, Candonians; Alice Castaneda and Bert Castaneda, San Juan Lapog; Mariano Viloria and Mrs. Viloria, Solotsolot; Tessie Aganon, Vigan Association of Hawaii & Associates; Bernadette Fajardo and Cesar, Candon, Miss Oahu Filipina Lovely Orsino and Mrs. Orsino; Josie Take-

moto, Dolly Willing, Hermie and Bill Gaspar, Romulo and Ophelia Basuel, Ador and Davelyn Quijano; Augusto Concepcion, Estrella and Paul Taong, Merly Yoro, Leonila Degala, Jesus Ibus.

Ni Romulo Basuel, vice president iti agpada a gunglo ti nangiturong ti ababa ken impormal a programa. Ni Pastor Jesus Ibus ti nangted ti panglukat a kararag. Kimmablaaw met da Davelyn Quijano and Gus Concepcion, Alex Vergara ken Danny Villaruz.

Naited ti Special Presentation of a Certificate of Recognition for Service Award to SP Edgar Yabes in recognition in his invaluable contributions to the growth and development of the Municipality of Sinait as a former member of Sanggunian Bayan, former vice mayor and former mayor and the furtherance of other communities and areas of development being former member of the Board of Regents, University of Northern Philippines, Vigan and now member of the Ilocos Sur Provincial Board representing the first district. SP Yabes is serving as the

chairman of Youth & Sports Development, Tourism, Culture & Arts and Living Treasures & Development.

Da Co-organizer and Adviser Amado Yoro, Estrella Taong, Gus Concepcion, Davelyn Quijano. Danny Villaruz ken Alex Vergara ti nangipresenta kadagitoy a sertipiko ti pammadayaw nga insagana ti gunglo ken ti Hawaii State House of Legislatures babaen iti panangisagana ti opisina ni Rep. Romy Cachola.

Ni Hermie Gaspar, bise president, ti nangipeksa iti

panagyaman, benediksion ti panangrikep ni Rev. Alex Vergara.

Madakamat a sinangaili met ti Annak Ti Sinait Iti Hawaii and SNHSAAH da Engineer Glenn Guzman, vice mayor ti Sinait ken SB Romel Dayoan and Punong Barangay Dadalaquiten Norte Roselily Dayoan kabayatan a simarungkarda iti Hawaii kadagiti napalabas a bulan ti Hulio daytoy a tawen.

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BA B A E N iti nagtipon nga awis ti Annak Ti Sinait Iti Hawaii ken ti Sinait National High School Alumni Assn of Hawaii, nga ipanguluan da Augusto Concepcion ken Davelyn Quijano, naangay ti An Evening with Sanggunian Panlalawigan Edgar Yabes and Mrs. Emerita Reyno Yabes iti Waimalu Chop Suey idi rabii ti Setiembre 23, 2014.

No diak agriro, daytoyen ti maikalima daras a bumisita ni Bokal Edgar Yabes iti Hawaii. Kadagiti napalabas a tawen immay idin a kas mayor ti ili a Sinait.

Iti yaayna, naammuak nga inawis ni Kauai Mayor Bernard Carvalho tapno makikomperensia ken umay mangadal kadagiti wagas a panangpasayaat ti panangipataray iti Youth Leadership &

GLOBAL NEWS

Filipinos a 'Miracle of God': Alvaro del Portillo Beatified

MA N I L A , Philippines - The Roman Catholic Church beatified Alvaro del Portillo, a Spanish engineer and bishop who inspired various social projects in the Philippines, in Madrid on Saturday afternoon (Manila time) in a solemn ceremony attended by people from over 90 countries including thousands of Filipinos.



Blessed Alvaro del Portillo

Cardinal Angelo Amato, the Prefect of the Congregation for the Causes of the Saints, presided over the beatification rite and Mass in an expansive open area at Valdebabas, an park just outside the Spanish capital.

At the start of the ceremony, Amato read Pope Francis' letter apostolic letter on the life of faith of Del Portillo.

"I like to remind the aspiration from Alvaro, 'Thank you. Forgive me. Help me more'," the Pope wrote.

Pope Francis approved in January Del Portillo's beatification, a definite step toward sainthood, confirming his capacity to intercede on behalf of those who pray in his name.

Del Portillo, who is now accorded the title "blessed," was the first successor of Saint Josemaria Escriva, the founder of Opus Dei, and headed the institution from 1975 to 1994.

In 1987, Del Portillo visited the Philippines and preached to audiences in Manila and Cebu, encouraging Filipino Catholics to help close the glaring gap between the rich and the poor.

"My daughters and my sons, I have seen enormous wealth and enormous poverty," he said.

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He also marveled at the solid Christian faith in the Philippines and commented on the special role of Filipinos to spread their love for God in this part of the world.

"The Filipino people are a miracle of God," Del Portillo said.

His visit sparked the beginning of training schools and organizations based in Batangas, Rizal, Iloilo, Manila and Cebu in service of the less fortunate.

The projects, which to date have assisted thousands, include farm schools for young agricultural workers, the Family Coop-

eration Health Services Foundation or FAMCOHSEF, which trains community health workers assisting the underprivileged and the Center for Industrial Technology and Enterprise or CITE reaching out to Visayas and Mindanao with courses in mechanical, electrical and electronics technology.

Also inspired by Del Portillo were the Developmental Advocacy for Women Volunteerism or DAWV, which has served as mother organization of several cooperatives and foundations, and the Banilad Center for Professional Development in Cebu

offering two-year vocational-technical courses on hotel and restaurant management for high school graduates who cannot afford to pursue higher studies.

The Philippines, however, was hardly the only country Del Portillo's words have touched. He also inspired social and apostolic projects in 30 countries including those in sub-Saharan Africa and South America.

Del Portillo died in March 23, 1994 in Rome a few hours after he visited the Holy Land and celebrated his last Mass in the historic Cenacle, traditionally recognized as the place where

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