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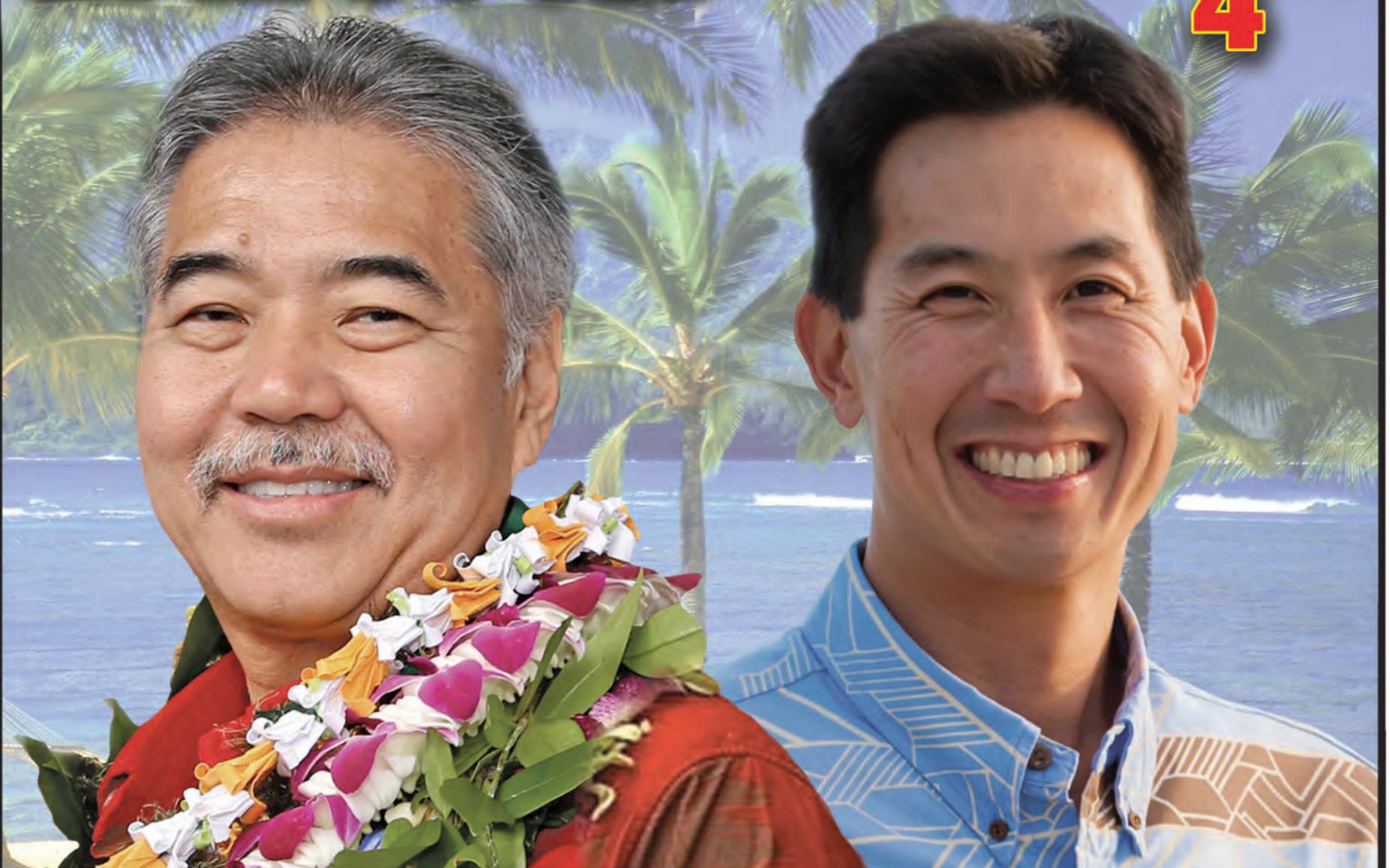
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EDITORIALS

Gubernatorial, U.S. House Races Up in the Air

The results of the Hawaii Filipino Chronicle's 2014 General Election Poll show that the race for governor is a toss-up between the leading candidates David Ige (36 percent) and Duke Aiona (27 percent). The HFC poll, which has a margin of error of 4 percent, shows Mufi Hannemann in third with 7 percent and 30 percent of respondents are undecided. The large amount of undecided voters means that there is still time for Ige and Aiona to woo those who are still on the fence. Many political experts and observers feel that the gap between the two leading contenders is narrowing and that the end result will be especially close—perhaps one of the closest gubernatorial races in Hawaii's history.

Hannemann, however, is seemingly too far behind in the polls to make a serious run—even if he were to get half of the undecided vote. The former mayor of Honolulu could still influence the final outcome and play a spoiler role of sorts, particularly when it comes to drawing away voters from either Ige or Aiona to affect the final outcome. The consensus is that Hannemann is likely to siphon off more Democrat votes than Republican votes, given his long-standing association with Hawaii's Democratic Party. On the other hand, some say that Hannemann's affiliation with the Mormon church could possibly attract conservative voters.

HFC's poll shows that there is not much more breathing room for U.S. House candidate Charles Djou, who leads opponent Mark Takai 34 to 27 percent. The number of undecided voters in the 1st House Congressional race is even bigger at 43 percent. Djou has the benefit of greater name recognition and previous experience in Congress but if the August Primary Election, where a strong and well-organized Japanese-American vote enabled Ige to steamroll incumbent Neil Abercrombie, is any indication, Djou could be in for a hard-fought ending.

It's been said repeatedly that polls are only "snap shots in time" and that "the only poll that matters is the final poll on Election Day." Nevertheless, the HFC poll, which provides an interesting look into the voting preferences of Hawaii's Filipino community, time and again has proved accurate in predicting election outcomes as shown in previous elections. We are confident that it will do so again for the 2014 General Election.

Be Smart About Voting, Political Parties Do Matter

So far the 2014 General Election has not been as vitriolic as elections in the past with controversial, hitting below-the-belt campaigns. There has been quite a number of misleading ads, as usual, that are put forth by PACs battling for their respective candidates. Voters must once again do their own homework and find out the details on issues important to them instead of relying on political commercials. The basic rule of thumb is no different from any other year: Democrats' philosophy is to find a balance in supporting private enterprise (business related/individual civil liberties) and government initiatives to carry out public service and infrastructure; Republicans' philosophy is to support private enterprise with as little interference from government as possible, outside of essential public service.

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FROM THE PUBLISHER



Thankfully, Hawaii dodged yet another bullet as Tropical Storm Ana, the third storm of the season, dumped heavy rains across Oahu last week-end. We are not out of the woods yet, since Hurricane season for Hawaii extends through November 30th. Until then, let us continue to keep our guard up and hope for the best.

With the General Election just around the corner, we have endeavored in this special issue to continue providing our readers with useful information on various races. The Chronicle's poll (see page 4) shows that the governor's race is too close to call, especially with the large number of undecided Filipino voters (30 percent). For the candidates, this means that there is still time to convince voters in the Filipino community to cast their ballots for them. The Chronicle's poll also shows Republican Charles Djou leading Democrat Mark Takai in the race for Hawaii's 1st Congressional House District, and Brian Schatz holding a commanding lead in the race for U.S. Senate.

The Chronicle's in-depth election coverage continues in our special 12-page supplement, where we hear directly from the three candidates for lieutenant governor—Elwin Ahu, Les Chang and Shan Tsutsui (see "Personal Perspectives" on page S8)—as well as from Filipino voters as to whom they support and why (see Chronicle Pulse page S5-S6). The supplement also includes gubernatorial candidates David Ige and Jeff Davis sharing their respective visions for Hawaii.

One bit of news that has flown under the radar is the annual Men's March Against Domestic Violence (see page 6). Kudos to the hundreds of men who took time out from their schedules to participate in the march. Their involvement demonstrates a strong, community-based commitment to ending the scourge of domestic violence.

In closing, we wish all of the candidates the very best in the November 4th General Election. More importantly, if you are a registered voter, please remember to cast your ballots! We cannot emphasize enough how important your vote is and that your vote truly does make a difference. For those voters who prefer to cast their ballots early, turn to page S2 in our supplement for a list of early voting sites.

That's all for now. Have a Happy and Safe Halloween and until next time...*aloha and mabuhay!*

Chona A. Montesines-Sonido

LETTERS

OBSERVING FILIPINO AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH

First, I am re-reading the academic paper "Filipinos in Hawaii and Institutional Racism" by UH-Manoa political science Professor Michael Haas that was published in the Philippine Sociological Review. The paper discusses institutional racism of Filipinos who were victims of systemic discrimination and concludes with instances of open racism against Filipinos by political leaders in Hawaii. Professor Haas also wrote "Institutional Racism: the Case of Hawaii."

Secondly, I am reading "Researching Japanese War Crimes Records-Introductory Essays," published by the National Archives and Records Administration. I am focusing on the chapter "The Exploitation of Captured and Seized Japanese Records Relating to War Crimes, 1942-1945," especially the Records and Reports Relating to Philippine Atrocities-1945 (page 154).

We ethnic Filipinos are NOT afflicted with historical amnesia.

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CITY HIGHLIGHTS



By Councilmember
Ron Menor

Addressing Affordable Housing, Board of Water Supply Concerns

are also proposing changes to the 'Ohana zoning law to increase the supply of new affordable housing units in neighborhoods.

The Council's Zoning & Planning Committee will hold hearings on the affordable housing proposals in the coming months. The timing is right to discuss the City's affordable housing policy and determine whether such changes are needed. I intend to work with all interested parties to address the affordable housing crisis. Not only is there a need for more homes, but we need homes that working families can actually afford.

In other City news, the Council's Executive Matters & Legal Affairs Committee (EMLA), which I chair, held an informational hearing on the Audit of Select Management and Operational Practices at the Board of Water Supply (BWS). The audit was performed pursuant to Resolution 13-201 FD1 which I introduced in response to complaints about BWS' billing and customer service problems. During the hearing, the EMLA Committee reviewed the audit's findings and recommendations, and received testimony and briefings from BWS Chief Engineer Ernest Lau, BWS staff and City Audi-

tor Edwin Young.

I highlighted two findings of the audit as concerns: (1) BWS' monthly charges are not substantiated; and (2) BWS' meter reading and the Automatic Meter Reading (AMR) process are inefficient and ineffective. In regards to the first concern, the auditor has said that the BWS must justify the monthly billing and water rate charges and that if the charges cannot be substantiated, the BWS should refund the monthly charges back as cash or credits to water customers' accounts.

In response to these concerns, I asked the BWS to provide additional financial information and data that the City Auditor has requested to justify their rates and charges. I also asked the BWS to submit the results of a study being performed by a BWS consultant to assess BWS' current AMR system and compare various meter reading options. The study will also recommend the most efficient, cost effective meter reading system and implementation for the BWS. The study should be completed by

early 2015. I will schedule follow-up informational briefings on the progress that BWS is making to implement recommended improvements.

Lastly, I would like to congratulate the recipients of the 2014 United Filipino Council of Hawaii (UFCH) Progress Awards which recognize residents of Filipino ancestry for excellence and accomplishments in their respective fields, as well as civic-mindedness and community service. I will be presenting honorary certificates and certificates of merit to all of the honorees. The top three awards were given to Agrifina T. Cabebe (Juan Dionisio, Sr. Lifetime Service Award); Dr. Teresita Ramos (Lifetime Achievement Award); and State Representative John Mizuno (Ating Kaibigan Award).

Other 2014 UFCH Progress Award recipients

were 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); and Brandon Elefante (Outstanding Young Person).

As always, feel free to 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.

Last month, I attended Mayor Kirk Caldwell's press conference which announced the City's proposed affordable housing plan that would apply to future residential developments. I initiated my own affordable housing proposals and introduced two resolutions last year. A number of my initiatives were included in the Mayor's plan.

Currently, individuals may earn up to 140 percent of the Area Median Income and qualify for affordable housing. The Mayor and I agree that this figure should be lowered to 120 percent. I proposed a requirement that a portion of the housing being built be designated for affordable rentals. The Mayor supports an incentive to encourage developers to build affordable rentals.

I also proposed increasing the amount of time that affordable for-sale homes and rental units be kept as affordable. Mayor Caldwell included similar proposals in his affordable housing plan. The Mayor and I

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Democrats believe government plays a better role as facilitators and will take the necessary initiatives on behalf of the individual when needed where private businesses cannot fill the gap. For example, building federal highways or providing state assistance to the poor and handicap. Republicans believe individuals and businesses should be empowered to make their own decisions and to forge their own destiny without government impediment. For example, deregulating restrictions on businesses and privatizing even social safety nets such as Social Security.

On practically every issue, after doublespeak and misleading spins from politicians are uncovered for what they really are, and the details are fleshed down to the bone, these same philosophies hold true of both parties.

So this is the guide from which vot-

ers can base their decisions on if voting purely on the issues. Others might look at a candidate's personality, experience, and leadership, which are also all valid considerations. But in the end of the day, remember that candidates will follow and vote on their political party's platform with only a few exceptions. Political candidates who are diminishing their party affiliation and distancing themselves from their party because they stand a better chance at winning that way, these politicians are simply being disingenuous to voters. Voters should see right through this because parties do matter in the world of politics. This has always been the reality from the state to federal level of government.

Remember to exercise your right to vote in the General Election on November 4.

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COVER STORY

IGE AND DJOU FAVORED IN HFC POLL

By Edwin Quinabo

While Democrats will continue to dominate Hawaii politics, the 2014 General Election shows a glimmer of hope for the state's Republican Party in two major races—the contest for governor and the 1st House Congressional District.

Unlike the political climate back when Republican Linda Lingle won her gubernatorial bid—a time when many Hawaii voters wanted change and felt discontent with the Democratic Party then—this year's governor's race is vulnerable to Democrats for a several reasons: former Honolulu Mayor Mufi Hannemann could be a strong third-party spoiler; former Lt. Gov. Duke Aiona is a tough, viable candidate this time around; and State Sen. David Ige is not an incumbent Democrat whose popularity has been tested in a big-time race outside of Primary Election when he ran against an unpopular Neil Abercrombie.

Uncertainty still lingers over how much of Ige's Primary Election victory was actually a result of anti-Abercrombie votes versus pro-Ige votes. This General Election should shed some light on that question.

Governor's Race

State Sen. Ige should gain additional confidence knowing that he placed first among registered Filipino voters in the Hawaii Filipino Chronicle's (HFC) General Election Poll. Thirty-six percent of respondents said they would vote for Ige, followed by a fair showing for Aiona at 26.7 percent and a scant 7 percent for Hannemann. The undecided group was 30.3 percent—substantial enough to sway the race to either Ige or Aiona down the stretch.

Hannemann

In the HFC poll, Hanne-

mann would not be considered a threat to win against either of the major party candidates with his single-digit showing. But when factoring in the general population, the former mayor could influence the final outcome in a close race.

On one end, Hannemann could receive enough support from blue-collar workers and some unions who traditionally vote Democrat and hurt Ige's campaign. On the other hand, Hannemann could garner enough votes from some conservatives (particularly Mormons) and the business community, which would impact Aiona's chances. How much will Hannemann take away from Ige and Aiona is anyone's guess.

Either way, Hannemann, who lost two consecutive races, remarkably has found a way to remain relevant as a political brand of sorts, and able to launch a campaign as a third-party candidate and sway the election. Should Hannemann decide to focus on building a truly viable Independent Party with a slate of other talented candidates on board for future races, he would solidify his place in the halls of local political power by helping to do something no one has ever done—provide a third party alternative for Hawaii's voters. That's only if Hannemann truly values the need for a third party and is not just running as an independent for self-serving goals. The state should benefit from a three-party system in the way of infusing fresh ideas and keeping the old party candidates on their toes. Hannemann has al-

ways been a bold thinker with fresh ideas. Perhaps he has found his niche of presenting his ideas without actually having to win an election.

Aiona

For Aiona, he faces a conundrum in convincing voters that political party doesn't matter as much as qualifications, character and platform. It's apparent why he pushes this theme. First, largely because the GOP is locally unpopular, and second, he hopes to draw independent votes. But while political party affiliation is being de-emphasized by his camp, Aiona gladly accepts tons of campaign donations from the national Republican Party whose money clearly will come with strings attached.

Aiona, who served eight years as lieutenant governor under former Gov. Lingle, has over time distanced himself from the Lingle administration and come into his own as a solid contender. He maintained visibility over the years as the GOP mouthpiece each election, offering analysis on the issues and candidates on news stations. With Lingle now out of the limelight, Aiona has essentially taken over the helm of the local GOP and is the party's best hope for winning higher office. Aiona has taken on additional roles besides being a former judge and lieutenant governor since leaving the LG. He has worked as an administrator at St. Louis School, a substitute teacher for other schools and practiced law as a private attorney and



IGE



AIONA



HANNEMANN



DJOU



TAKAI



SCHATZ



CAVASSO

mediator.

Aiona's perspective on life may have expanded with these newly-embraced roles that could translate to better leadership style. He has perhaps with age changed into a softer, more consensus-building type politician, as he and Hannemann would like us to believe in their pleasant, easy-going commercials.

But make no mistake, Aiona's positions on the issues remain distinctly Republican—less government regulation, less government intervention in business, basically less government overall when possible. His conservative views which were problematic among moderates in his first run as governor are the same. In fact, it may cause greater concern this time around with his running-mate Elwin Ahu, who is a former pastor at one of Hawaii's largest evangelical Christian churches. Both of their positions on gay marriage, abortion and other social issues may seem rigid and out-of-

step with the tides of change locally and nationally, at least to a large segment of progressive voters.

In a two-way race, Aiona and his brand of politics would fail him had he faced Ige alone. But in this unique contest with numerous variables and the potential for vote splintering among many groups, Aiona's large conservative base might just turn out to be a key advantage.

Aiona's suggestion that the state conduct an annual report on credits and deductions to determine what's effective is an attractive plan to see where government could be spending less. His idea to order a financial and management audit of the State Department of Education is also a bold and beneficial plan. But his desire to establish a homeless court to deal with the homeless problem is just simply odd and unlikely to make a dent in Hawaii's homeless crisis. Like all politicians, Aiona's election platform is

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mixed with hits and misses. Ultimately, the heart of his campaign is about change for Hawaii.

Ige

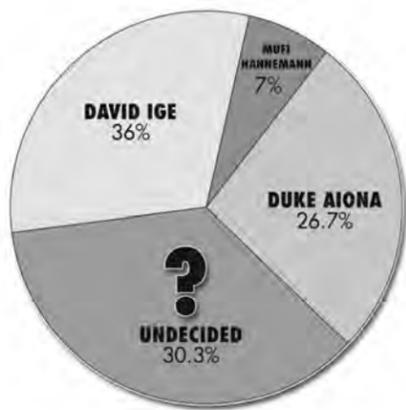
As a high level leader in the ruling Democratic party for many years, including the past four years at the helm of the State Senate's Ways and Means Committee, Ige could be held at least partially culpable for not doing enough to curb homelessness in our state, or for that matter, be held partially responsible for a host of other pressing problems. This is how influential this Pearl City lawmaker has been.

On the positive side and second only to Gov. Neil Abercrombie, Ige could take the lion's share of credit for the state's budget surplus. This undertaking helped to soften the blow of the deepest recession our state and nation has faced in recent times, and more importantly, saved taxpayers from being hit with increased taxes. So when critics say that once elected, Ige would not be strong enough of a leader to say "no" to special interest groups, he could always refer to his track record of having created a budget surplus. To achieve this, Ige already had to say "no" on numerous occasions to reduce spending and keep the state's coffers robust.

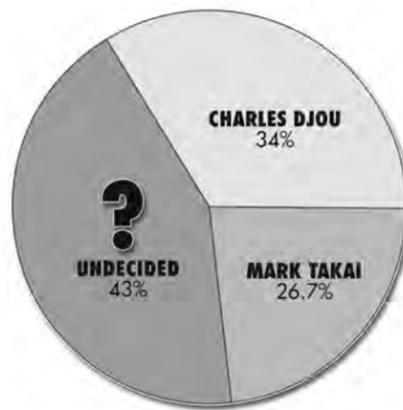
But having achieved a record surplus is far from saying that Hawaii voters are content with the way the state is being run. While the economy is doing better, it's still limited and undiversified with too few prosperous industries. Democrats from the federal to state levels haven't lived up to their promises each election year in building a more diversified, stronger economy. As a top leader in the Democrat Party, it's reasonable that Ige be held to some accountability for his party's failure.

Ige says he would support tax credits for technology companies to help build that industry locally. He says he knows how venture capitalists and investment bankers work in developing businesses. He

Governor's Race



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also plans to support the tourism and construction industries by establishing an international terminal at Kona airport. To critics, these are hardly innovative and sweeping ideas to really jump start the state's economy, and once again, add muscle only to the state's most developed areas. In all fairness to Ige, he was at least instrumental in getting the state's minimum wage increased this year, helping the most vulnerable sector of workers. This initiative showed collaborative-minded leadership as the Senate wavered in reaching a final product to present to the governor.

Policy and experience aside, some old-timers often remark that Ige resurrects a persona similar to former Gov. George Ariyoshi who was remembered as a "silent but effective" leader. This is an apt characterization of what Ige would be as governor in the eyes of many of his supporters. Interestingly, it was Ariyoshi who appointed Ige to fill a state House vacancy in 1985. Four governors had passed since Ariyoshi; could the timing be ripe for Ige to be the next governor of Japanese ancestry since Ariyoshi?

1st House Congressional District

After placing second in previous HFC polls each time former U.S. Rep. Charles Djou ran for office, in this 2014 poll Djou finally received the most votes among registered Filipino voters and is favored considerably over State Rep. Mark Takai. Djou received 34 percent, Takai 23 percent and 43 percent were undecided.

While the Filipino community is still largely Democrat, or Democrat-leaning, it's

not unprecedented that a Republican or independent candidate is favored among Filipino voters. It's possible that name recognition and experience this time around makes Djou the more desirable candidate over the relatively-unknown Takai.

While Takai comes into this race with strong credentials and solid Democratic values that Filipinos hold high, his Primary Election victory over three Filipino candidates could also have a sour after-taste and be one reason why he trails behind Djou.

On the issues, Djou and Takai are as different as night and day, which shouldn't come as a surprise when filling in seats for U.S. Congress, a polarizing body of government that has been too partisan for decades.

On the issue of combating ISIS in the Middle East, Djou is more hawkish, calling the rise of radical Islamists "the most immediate threat" to U.S. national security. He favors confronting terror groups like ISIS overseas than on American soil and says he would have supported President Barack Obama's action to arm and train forces fighting against ISIS. Djou is a major in the U.S. Army Reserve who served in Afghanistan.

Like Djou, Takai serves in the U.S. military. He is a lieutenant colonel in the Hawaii National Guard who was also deployed to the Middle East. Takai says he would have voted against military action in Syria and Iraq, adding that "the war in the Middle East is really not our war... This is centuries in the making; these conflicts began when time began." He prefers a non-military option.

On the Jones Act, a federal maritime law designed to protect the U.S. shipping industry, Djou favors seeking an exemption from the law for Hawaii because he believes changing it could help bring down shipping prices and the cost of goods coming into our state. Takai would like to keep the Jones Act as is because he believes it protects jobs for those employed in the shipping industry and the military. A long-standing criticism of the Jones Act is that the few big players that provide shipping into Hawaii have a monopoly on this service which allows them to inflate prices, clear higher profits and pay their workers salaries way above your average-income employees. So while jobs are secured and cushy for those involved in shipping in Hawaii, the rest of the residents must pay higher prices for anything that is shipped into the state.

On improving veterans'

healthcare, both Djou and Takai would like to see U.S. veterans given the option of choosing private health care providers with their VA benefits. The difference is that Djou wants veterans to be able to use their veteran benefits immediately at private health care facilities, while Takai prefers a waiting period before veterans who cannot get medical care at a VA facility be able to see a private facility. The current law allows veterans to obtain private care if VA options are unavailable near where they live. But the current system has received sharp criticism and is under intense scrutiny for unreasonable delays and incompetence.

U.S. Senate

The HFC poll in this race confirms what most people suspected—that the battle for U.S. Senate was in the Primary Election. Incumbent U.S. Sen. Brian Schatz re-

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Social Security Announces 1.7 Percent Benefit Increase for 2015

Some 64 million retired American workers will see a 1.7 percent increase in their monthly Social Security and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits in 2015, according to the Social

Security Administration.

The typical retiree will receive about \$22 extra per month and about \$1,328 average monthly payment and \$15,936 annually.

The 1.7 percent cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) will begin with benefits that

more than 58 million Social Security beneficiaries receive in January 2015. Increased payments to more than 8 million SSI beneficiaries will begin on December 31, 2014. The Social Security Act ties the annual COLA to the increase in the Consumer Price

Index as determined by the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Other changes that take effect in January of each year are based on the increase in average wages. Based on that increase, the maximum amount of earnings subject to

the Social Security tax will increase to \$118,500 from \$117,000. Of the estimated 168 million workers who will pay Social Security taxes in 2015, about 10 million will pay higher taxes because of the increase in the taxable maximum.

HART Closes Section of Farrington Hwy For Rail Work

The Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation (HART) has informed motorists that Farrington Highway between Kualakai Parkway (North-South Road) and Old Fort Weaver Road Loop will be closed in both directions beginning November 1, 2014 through the end of January 2015 for rail construction work.

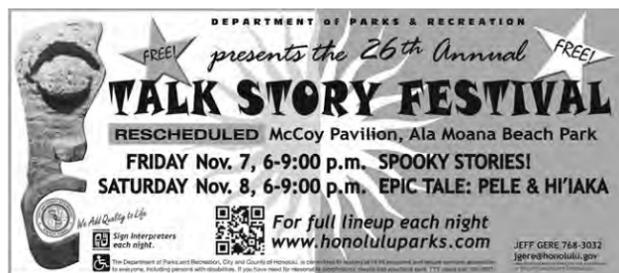
The closure will allow crews to relocate utility lines and perform shaft/column work along a two-lane stretch of Farrington Highway, just west of the Kahi Mohala Behavioral Center. Currently, the eastbound direction along that stretch of Farrington Highway is open weekdays between 5 am and 6 pm until October 31.

Motorists who use Far-

rington Highway are advised to allow extra time for their commute. Those traveling between East Kapolei and the Ewa/Waipahu region will still be able to access either side by using either the H-1 Freeway on the north end of Kualakai Parkway, or Kapolei Parkway/Geiger Road on the south end.

Electronic message boards will be posted to notify drivers about the upcoming road closure. During the closure, motorists will still be able to access the Kahi Mohala facility in Ewa from Fort Weaver Road. Contractor Kiewit is also coordinating with Aloun Farms to ensure employees and vendors can still access the area.

For updates on construction work, visit the project website at www.honolulu-transit.org or call 566-2299.



City Reschedules 26th Talk Story Festival For Nov 7-8 at McCoy Pavilion

Initially scheduled for October 17-18 but canceled by Tropical Storm Ana, the City's Department of Parks & Recreation has rescheduled the 26th Annual Talk Story Festival for November 7-8, 2014, from 6 to 9 pm at McCoy

Pavilion at Ala Moana Regional Park.

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

"SPOoOoKY Stories" will be shared on November 7, while "Epic Tale: Pele &



Photo by Jeff Gere

Hi'iaka" will be told on November 8. For updates on the storyteller lineup, visit www.honoluluparks.com. Gates open at 5 pm. The popular event draws large crowds, so the public is advised to come early.

The event is sponsored by the City, Aqua Hospitality and Aloun Farms.

Honolulu Hosts Annual Men's March Against Violence

Hundreds of men from all walks of life participated in the annual Men's March Against Violence on October 23, 2014. The event was aimed at raising awareness of domestic violence and its impact on communities and families.

The march began at 12 noon at the State Capitol Rotunda and ended at Skygate



Park, located on the grounds of the Frank F. Fasi Civic Center, where a brief rally was

held at 12:30 pm.

Honolulu Mayor Kirk Caldwell has proclaimed October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month and was among the participants. Sponsors of the march included the City, Catholic Charities Hawaii, Domestic Violence Action Center, Kaiser Permanente, Kapiolani Community College, YMCA and PHOCUSED.

COVER STORY (from page 5, IGE AND DJOU...)

ceived a massive 56 percent to Republican contender Cam Cavasso's 9.4 percent. Those undecided were 34.6 percent.

Filipino Voters

It goes without saying that the composition of poll respondents usually has a built-in bias of voters inclined to take the time to answer questions. For a more accurate sampling, pollsters called at different times in

the day and conducted both phone and in-person interviews. Once again, women outnumber men 60-40 percent. The age groups 66 and older and 56-65 represented the largest block of respondents, followed by 46-55 and 30-45. The majority of respondents identified themselves as Democrats (55.5 percent), followed by people who vote independently and not neces-

sarily by party (30.1 percent), and lastly Republicans (14.4 percent).

The HFC poll was conducted from October 8 through October 14 and targets only registered Filipino voters. For greater accuracy, pollsters conducted a larger sampling of neighborhoods with a higher concentration of Filipino residents. One hundred sixty respondents participated in this HFC poll. It has a margin of error of 4 percent.

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LEGAL GUIDE



By Atty. Emmanuel Samonte Tipon

Domestic Violence: Is Horseplay a Defense?

Pssst: Do you know how a man can hit his girlfriend without being charged with domestic violence? Read this.

A Filipino police officer in Honolulu was recently shown in a videotape distributed to television stations apparently hitting with his fists his attractive Caucasian girlfriend in a restaurant kitchen. Police officers who responded to a 911 call did not file a police report.

The police department did not file charges against the Filipino thus raising an uproar in the community. The department referred the matter to the city prosecutor. He did not file charges and instead referred it to a grand jury for investigation. I do not agree with those who call it “punting” (an idiomatic expression for avoiding making a decision) since the

prosecutor could defend his action that it was a way to issue grand jury subpoenas to reluctant or uncooperative witnesses so that he could compel them to testify under oath exactly what they saw and heard as the events on the videotape unfolded. The grand jury did not indict the officer. Some jokesters called it “Coddling C_____” [that is the first letter of the officer’s surname] or “Cuddling C_____”. That does not seem fair, does it, if you read further and learn all the facts.

Those who came to the defense of the Filipino officer said that he and his girlfriend (now ex) were merely engaged in “horseplay”. Don’t be naughty. That has nothing to do with “foreplay”. Or does it? “Horseplay” means, among others, fooling around, clowning, horsing around, monkey business, tomfoolery, or rough and energetic playful activity. Horseplay is as old as, well, horses. If you have seen horses engaged in horseplay, it can be very rough.

The girlfriend did not file any charges. She had herself medically examined and there were no bruises or other injuries.

It appears that the videotape clip shown on television did not portray the complete picture of what happened. The police department released the entire videotape. According to those who saw the “complete” videotape, the girlfriend seemed to have started the incident by apparently hitting the Filipino on the head. The Filipino’s punches did not cause injury.

Horseplay has been considered as a defense in some assault cases. Domestic violence is a form of assault. Consent is a defense to what would otherwise be considered an assault. Consent may be express or implied. Thus, horseplay is a defense where the alleged victim consented to the risk of harm, expressly or impliedly. Similarly, in a boxing bout, the boxers give their consent to be hit by the opponent. Consequently, if a boxer hits his opponent on any part of his body and plays by the rules, the one who hit the

other will not be charged with assault. In other sporting activities, consent is expressly or impliedly given by a player to be hit by another player. In other words, players may waive any claim for injury arising from playing the sport provided the one causing the injury plays by the rules and does not intentionally cause injury. However, if a player does not abide by the rules or intentionally causes harm, the perpetrator cannot invoke consent as a defense. A timely example is in the game of baseball, since the World Series is on. (We are cheering for the San Francisco Giants of course). In a baseball game a batter is sometimes hit by a pitched ball unintentionally. The batter gets angry and intentionally attacks and hits the pitcher in the head and other parts of the body with a bat until the pitcher dies. The batter cannot successfully argue that the pitcher consented to be attacked if he hits a batter

on the theory that it is part of the game. Hitting the pitcher with a bat is not part of the game. Players do not give their consent to an assault that is not part of the game.

OBSERVATION: *Magaling magpalusot ang Pilipino. Agbiag.*

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HAWAII-FILIPINO NEWS

Seminar to Address Myths of Mental Health and Violence

Mental Health America of Hawaii will host a brown bag seminar entitled “The Truth about Mental Health & Violence” on October 28, 2014 from 11:30 am to 1 pm at Central Union Church.

According to Executive Director Marya Grambs, the seminar will present the truth about the connections between mental illness and violence.

“From the headlines, it seems like most of the people committing mass murders these past few years have been mentally ill, primarily with schizophrenia, giving the impression to the general public that people with mental illness are much more violent than people without mental illness,” Grambs says. “This



leads to an increase in the stigma of mental illness, with the result that many people are afraid to get help because of the shame.”

Speakers will include the following experts:

- Michael Christopher, PsyD, PhD: Police Psychologist, Human Services Unit, Honolulu Police Department; and Program Coordinator, Honolulu Emergency Psychological Services and Jail Diversion Program.
- Kathleen Rhoads Merriam, MSW: Case Man-

agement/Psychosocial Rehabilitation Service Coordinator, Adult Mental Health Division, Department of Health; member, Board of Directors, NAMI; Past president, Rotary Club of Metro Honolulu; and a person who has lived with bipolar illness for 32 years.

- James Westphal, M.D.: Board certified adult psychiatrist; Psychiatry Chief, Adult Mental Health Division, DOH; and Clinical Professor of Psychiatry, John A. Burns School of Medicine.

A donation of \$15-\$30 is requested. To register, call 521-1846 or send an email to: info@mentalhealth-hi.org.

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CANDID PERSPECTIVES



By Emil Guillermo

On the internet era when Bush's NSA policies continue under Obama, it must be presumed that everyone is under some kind of surveillance. Even innocent American Filipinos.

Ah, the good old days, when we only had the FBI to worry about if we were thought to be Communist Party members. Which brings us to the subject of today's American Filipino History Month Lesson—writer Carlos Bulosan.

Among Filipino immigrants to America in the 1920s, Bulosan stands as the community's literary lion. His semi-autobiographical novel "America is in the Heart" (1946) endures as the seminal story of the American Filipino migrant labor experience during the Great Depression.

In that novel, Bulosan wrote: "I came to know that in

Did the U.S. and the Philippines Go After Writer Carlos Bulosan?

many ways it was a crime to be Filipino in California...I feel like a criminal running away from a crime I did not commit. And this crime is that I am a Filipino in America."

It wasn't just his imagination.

Despite mainstream success, including publication in the *Saturday Evening Post* from 1946 to 1956, Bulosan was hurt by accusations that he was a member of the Communist Party.

In 2002, I wrote about two Asian American scholars, Lane Hirabayashi and Marilyn Alquizola, who used the Freedom of Information Act to seek the truth about how the FBI targeted Bulosan.

Last year, the scholars wrote about the FBI's Bulosan files that showed the agency had its eye on Bulosan between 1946 and 1956.

The FBI ultimately determined Bulosan was not a member of the Communist Party.

But not before Bulosan suffered tremendously. Be-

cause of the surveillance, the writer found himself essentially blacklisted and unemployable, unable to make a living as a writer. The FBI spying coincided with Bulosan's heavy drinking and ill health. He died on Sept. 11, 1956.

Recently, Hirabayashi and Alquizola found it wasn't just the U.S. interested in Bulosan's activities. The Philippine government also wanted to know the writer's links to the Huks, Communist rebels who fought for land reform in the Philippines.

That fact was first revealed by Professor Augusto Espiritu's "Five Faces of Exile: The Nation and the Filipino American Intellectuals," (Stanford University Press, 2005) from research in the Bulosan archive at the University of Washington.

However, Hirabayashi and Alquizola found the actual newspaper article in the *Manila Chronicle*, dated January, 30, 1951, that shows U.S. military intelligence was somehow involved in working with the

Philippine government.

"Link Between PI, U.S. Commies Bared," blares the front page headline. Army investigators said they had found letters from Bulosan to members of the Huks. And it cites how the Philippines Military Intelligence Service was working with the "intelligence service of the U.S. Army."

But according to the newspaper, the only letter signed by Bulosan was written to one of the Huk leaders and reads: "I like to extend my congratulations to you through Amado, whose presence in America cemented the progressive spirit of peoples on this continent and in that island, with the fond hope that I will be able to put all our efforts into a big book for the world."

It's exactly what Bulosan did in his last novel, "The Cry and the Dedication." But membership in the CP or the Huks?

Alquizola said it only shows Bulosan's research technique for an eventual book, not his membership in any group that would require his surveil-

lance. Remember, the FBI ultimately concluded that Bulosan was not a CP member.

Alquizola and Hirabayashi will be among the scholars presenting at a Bulosan conference at the University of Washington on November 14. It's his birth month, though there's some dispute on the exact day and year. Some say Bulosan was born 1914, making this Bulosan's centennial year.

Scholars who love Bulosan care about all of this because it's clear—the unnecessary scrutiny from two governments curtailed the life and art of an innocent man who is considered an American-Filipino treasure.

The rest of us who love our freedoms should care because what was done to Bulosan can happen to any of us today—more easily and more efficiently than ever.

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HAWAII-FILIPINO NEWS

Coconut Rhinoceros Beetle Found Near Mililani

Alive female adult coconut rhinoceros beetle (CRB) was recently found in a trap near Mililani and outside of known infestation areas on Oahu. A week earlier, a single male adult CRB was found in a trap near the Diamond Head Lookout.

The beetles were previously known to infest a six-mile zone around Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. A second two-mile buffer zone was created in the Campbell Industrial Park area after a CRB was found in a survey trap in July 2014 and a third two-mile buffer zone is being established around the Diamond Head Lookout. Now, a fourth buffer zone will be established around the latest detection.

Crews will be deploying traps in the new buffer zones and conducting additional surveys for breeding sites and damage to coconut trees.

"With these new detections, the CRB team will be reassessing our strategy," says Scott Enright, chairperson of the Hawaii Board of Agriculture. "We remain confident that CRB can eventually be eradicated and are establishing a 46-member team to work on this mission alone."

Since CRB was first detected, crews have set about 2,300 panel traps all over Oahu and surveyed more than 95,000 palm trees and 280 mulch sites. About 130 palm trees have been removed and destroyed. In total, about 1,000 adult beetles, 1,100 lar-

vae and 16 pupae have been found on Oahu.

"We ask that residents on Oahu, especially in the detection areas, keep surveying their palm trees for damage and also remove any mulch piles where larvae may be reproducing," says Robert Curtiss, State Department of Agriculture entomologist.

The CRB is a major pest of palms in India, the Philippines, Fiji, American and Western Samoa and Guam. It is mainly a pest of coconut and oil palms, but may also attack other palm species. The beetles damage palms by boring into the center of the crown where they injure young, growing tissue and feed on the sap.

Residents are urged to report suspected CRB to the state's toll-free pest hotline at 643-7378.



Pacquiao Endorses Aiona for Governor

World boxing champion-turned-politician Manny Pacquiao has endorsed Duke Aiona in Hawaii's race for governor.

In a recent video released on YouTube, Pacquiao says Aiona will "fight for a better life for the people of Hawaii."

Duke Aiona accepted the official endorsement, saying, "I'm grateful to accept this endorsement from a world-class fighter who is also a community servant and leader. The

thread that Manny and myself share is our love for our family, for faith and for the people that we serve in our communities."

Pacquiao, 35, was elected to the Philippines' House of Representatives in 2010. He is serving his second term as representative of Sarangani, a poor province located in the country's tuna capital. According to Forbes, Pacquiao is the 14th highest paid athlete in the world. His boxing prowess and reputation as a caring politician have made him an icon in the local Filipino community.

TAX MATTERS

Ignorance Is Not An Excuse: The Mandated Declaration Of Foreign Income and Assets to the IRS

by Atty. Christopher Chui

Of a person has the opportunity to diversify his asset base in various investments, the person should do it for a variety of reasons including the ability to diversify and spread risk with possible returns. Many United States citizens and resident aliens get the chance to do that by opening bank accounts in other countries and/or investing in overseas assets. However, if taxpayers choose to diversify their investments internationally, the United States Federal law mandates the disclosure of all assets and income overseas. The declaration needs to be done by citizens and aliens

alike every year by April 15 (or by June 15 if taxpayers reside overseas) to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) by tax return filing.

The two key forms to this foreign asset/income disclosure are Form 8938 and FinCEN Form 114 (formerly TD F90-22.1 in previous years). Each has its own filing requirements, due dates and mailing addresses.

Form 8938 (also known as "Statement of Specified Foreign Financial Assets") is a form that is required with a taxpayer's respective IRS yearly tax return and will need to be completed when the taxpayer has more than \$50,000 on the last day of the tax year or more than \$75,000 at any time during the tax year. For couples who are married filing jointly, the requirements are



more than \$100,000 on the last day of the tax year or more than \$150,000 at any time during the tax year in total financial foreign assets overseas. Amounts should be converted into United States Dollars for disclosure. The penalties for failing to disclose such assets to the IRS could result in up to \$10,000 in penalty for the failure to disclose and an additional \$10,000 for each 30 days of non-filing after IRS notice of a failure to disclose,

for a potential maximum penalty of \$60,000. Additionally, non-disclosure can also result in criminal prosecution in which the citizen may have to do prison time.

FinCEN Form 114 (also known as "Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR)") is slightly different as it is filed electronically through the Department of the Treasury (not the Internal Revenue Service). It is required for filing when total assets are greater than \$10,000 at any time during the calendar year. Form 114 needs to be filed by June 30, 2014 and unlike tax returns with the IRS, no extension of this deadline is allowed. The penalty for non-filing of Form 114 (if non-willful) is up to \$10,000. However, if the non-filing was willful and/or intentional, the penalty may be up to the greater of \$100,000 or 50% of account balances. Criminal prosecution could also be pursued which may result in prison time.

The interesting fact is that although both forms are mandated for disclosure, these forms do not imply taxpayer has to pay taxes on the assets. The overseas assets themselves are treated like any

United States' assets owned by the taxpayer. Taxes are never incurred on the principal of the asset, only when the taxpayer incurs gains upon disposition. The key difference between domestic and foreign assets is that the latter needs to be disclosed annually to the Federal government.

If you have not filed either a Form 8938 and/or FinCEN Form 114 for previous tax years, you should seek the help of a tax professional. However, taxpayers who think their case is complicated or need reassurance through the veil of attorney client privilege regarding the disclosure of foreign assets should consult with a tax attorney. Matters of discussion includes the means and methods of filing such records, and if any monetary penalties apply. Disclosure and its consequences may not be as complicated or consequential as any individual might presume.

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PHILIPPINE NEWS

DOH Allocates P500 M for Ebola Preparedness

by Mayen Jaymalin
Wednesday, Oct. 22, 2014

MANILA, Philippines - Some P500 million is being allocated to upgrade the laboratory of the Research Institute of Tropical Medicine (RITM) to contain Ebola if ever the virus reaches the country.

Secretary Enrique Ona said the fund will be taken from the Department of Health (DOH)'s budget of P500 million for disaster response.

RITM is upgrading laboratory hospitals from biosafety level 2 to 3 or 4 to make them more capable to treat and contain potentially high risk infection agents, he added.

Ona assured the public that RITM is ready to respond to the threat of Ebola.

It is equipped with detection technology and has trained personnel, he added.

RITM has developed a "triage system" of screening and evaluating suspected



Health Secretary Enrique Ona presents health workers wearing various hazmat suits for protection against the Ebola virus during a media tour at the Research Institute for Tropical Medicine in Alabang, Muntinlupa

Ebola-infected patients, while health workers have been trained to use Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).

Doctors and other health workers are at a special area at the RITM entrance to screen walk-in patients for possible Ebola infection.

Those referred from other health facilities and walk-in patients showing symptoms of Ebola infection shall be directly brought to the triage area for further evaluation.

RITM director Dr. Socorro Lupisan said they have diagnostic test equipment to confirm Ebola cases.

"We may lack in facilities, but we are capable to manage

possible Ebola cases and we are ready to share our capabilities to other hospitals," she said.

Lupisan said the RITM has a 50-bed capacity, including seven negative pressure isolation rooms and an Intensive Care Unit (ICU) to accommodate suspected Ebola patients.

Ona said the DOH also plans to use part of the P500 million to buy additional PPE and for the launching of a campaign to raise awareness on Ebola.

"We still do not know how much will be needed, but the RITM said they need to upgrade their laboratory so I said

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PHILIPPINES NEWS



**Int'l Magazine Names
 Palawan Top Island in World**

by **Camille Diola**
 Tuesday, October 21, 2014

MANILA, Philippines — Palawan was named as the world's top island by readers of acclaimed international travel magazine, Conde Nast Traveler, on Tuesday.

Palawan emerged first among 148 islands with a rating of 88.750 as a result of votes from 76,600 readers, the publication said in a statement.

"This small island—one of the Philippines' 7,107—shot to the top of our list this year with a recent claim to fame: It's now home to one of the new seven natural wonders of the world, Puerto Princesa Subterranean River," the editors of Conde Nast Traveler wrote.

The score is a mean average of ratings based on a five-point scale—from excellent, very good, good, fair and poor.

Kiawah Island in South Carolina, Maui and Kauai in Hawaii and Bazaruto

Archipelago in Mozambique placed second to fifth, respectively.

Australia's Great Barrier Reef and Whitsunday Islands ranked sixth, Greece's Santorini and Cyclades placed seventh and the US Virgin Islands' St. John bagged the eighth spot.

Completing the top ten are Kangaroo Island, Australia and Big Island, Hawaii at ninth and tenth places, respectively.

Boracay in the Philippines also made it to 12th place in the survey tabulated by Equation Research.

The magazine's Readers' Choice Awards also ranked top cities, hotels, resorts and cruise lines in the world.

"As always, it's a broad spread—from luxurious safari camps in Africa to beautifully restored palaces in Italy, perennial favorite cities Charleston, South Carolina and Florence, Italy, and far-flung islands in the Philippines," the publication said. (www.philstar.com)

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go ahead," he said.

The DOH is undertaking all necessary measures to ensure the country remains Ebola-free, he added

Ona said the DOH has already distributed 2,000 PPEs to the different medical facilities for the protection of doctors and other health workers.

PPEs include headgear, power air purifying respirator, breathing tube, battery for eight-hour use, scrub suit, gloves, cover all, mask and goggles.

Prices of different types of PPEs range from P1,500 to P60,000.

PPEs at NAIA

Medical personnel at Ninoy Aquino International Airport (NAIA) terminals are ready with their PPEs against any arriving passenger suspected to be infected with the Ebola virus.

Quarantine head doctor Alexander Oba said they have already bought rubberize coats, gloves, protective masks and rubber boots since the Ebola outbreak in West Africa.

The complete suit costs about P2,000 each, he added.

Oba said doctors have been assigned

at the airports to check arriving passengers for the Ebola virus.

Only doctors through their "clinical eye" can determine without thermal scanners if an arriving passenger is sick or weak, he added.

Oba said the Ebola virus might not even reach the Philippines.

"The virus would travel to at least three more countries before the Philippines," he said.

"So it would be dead when it arrives here.

Oba said the suit is so expensive, but that in some rich countries they are disposable.

"But I am considering soaking the suit after use in sodium hypochlorite that can kill germs and other viruses," he said.

Oba said sodium hypochlorite is a compound used for water purification.

"It is used on a large scale for surface purification, bleaching, odor removal and water disinfection," he said.

Oba said probably they can use a suit twice before being disposed.

"We have a proper procedure and place for disposal," he said.

(www.philstar.com)

FEATURE

A Filipina's Life in South Korea

by Seneca Moraleda

The wind gently blows; the leaves are starting to fall. The green trees are now changing to orange and brown. Temperatures are dropping, the coldness stings. Shirts and skirts are out; jackets and mittens are in.

Autumn has begun. It's a signal of a new season, an affirmation of a world that is very different from the one I grew up in.

I am away from home. Coming from a tropical country with only two seasons—dry and wet. Experiencing the four seasons—winter, spring, summer and fall—is an amazing feeling. Living in South Korea, just four hours away by plane from the Philippines, makes me feel like I'm at the opposite side of the world.

What does it feel like for a Filipino like me to live in South Korea? Surreal.

Aside from experiencing four different seasons, life has become more efficient, faster and even safer.

Communication with friends and loved ones is speedy and easy. According to Guinness World Records, South Korea has the fastest internet connection in the world. Everyday, I enjoy fast and reliable internet connection at home and away, both on my laptop and my mobile phone. There's WIFI access everywhere—on buses and trains, cafes and restaurants. And the fear of having my hand phone snatched is the last thing on my mind because everyone, from a little kid to an old woman, has a big screen Samsung, LG or Apple phone.

The transportation system is also one thing that makes living in South Korea comfortable. It has a very organized transportation structure. You know the exact time buses arrive and how long the travel will be when you ride the train. There are monitors on some bus stops that indicate the waiting time in minutes for specific bus numbers. If you are always on-the-go, you can know the time the next bus comes by

downloading the bus app on your smart phone.

Safety is one concern that is off my mind. Not only do I need not worry about my hand phone being stolen, if I leave my bag open or in somewhere without supervision, I will still find it in one piece when I get back. Going home late is also not an issue. Though many Koreans drink beer nonchalantly, they won't bother you. South Korea is a relatively safe place to be in, both for residents and tourists.

In South Korea, life has become more efficient, faster and safer. Ironically, it has become more challenging, more expensive, cold and impersonal.

The language barrier is the most challenging obstacle that I am facing. Not only do I need to deal with vocabulary and grammar, I have to learn the Hangul characters. Most signage and posters are in Korean. Fortunately, I already know how to read and write Korean but knowing the meaning of words can be really tedious. I also now know basic phrases like '*Anyeonghaseyo*' (Hello!) and '*Kamsahamnida*' (Thank you!) but I still can't carry on a long conversation. Most of the time, I get dumbfounded. I am grateful for the unlimited internet connection since I can immediately translate some words through Google translate. But it can really be frustrating to not understand the people around me. I really have to catch up with my language learning.

Aside from the language, choosing what to eat can also be challenging. Korean dishes are really delicious, healthy and not to mention, plenty because of the variety of sides. Koreans are voracious meat eaters, hence, the Korean BBQ or '*samgyupsal*.' In fact, there are locals who eat dog meat prepared in stew or soup, especially those living in the countryside. It is usually consumed during the summer months because they believe that it gives strength to bear the heat. But dog meat consumption is now fading in South Korea because the young people are shunning canine delicacy. And of course, Korea is known as the Land of '*kim chi*' or fermented vegetables which



(Left): Passengers engaged with their smart phones are a common sight on South Korea's subways. (Right): Seneca Moraleda, a Filipina called to love South Koreans, in the "Land of Kimchi."

is a staple in every Korean meal. However, local dishes can get very spicy. For me and my husband, this can pose a problem for our tummies, so we usually cook Filipino dishes at home.

In South Korea, we are considered millionaires. My husband's stipend as a PhD student is worth more than a million won. However, being a millionaire here doesn't mean that we are rich. What we receive each month is just enough. The average conversion rate is 40 Philippine pesos for every 1000 won, so 40,000 pesos is equivalent to 1,000,000 won. Coming from a developing nation to living in a First World country, everything seems to be more expensive. This is why we have learned not to convert or else we won't be able to buy anything. And unlike in the Philippines, there is no 'sari-sari store' where we can buy a piece of few pieces of goods. Products are bought in bulk or in big sizes. Transportation, food and accommodation are way higher in rate. Budgeting is definitely a must in this country.

Even if traffic is worse in the Philippines or even if inter-

net is not as fast, I notice that people in the Philippines talk to and laugh with each other more. Because not everyone has a phone (or are more cautious of using it anywhere), relationships are more personal, closer and warm. In Korea, whenever you ride a bus or a train, everyone is looking and doing something at their phones and minding their own business. This is a tendency that my husband and I are trying to fight, though at times we succumb to it. And speaking in English can either draw us near or away a local. Since not everyone speaks and understands the English language, there are those who shun us but there are many who entertain us even if their English is broken. But I must say that Koreans, in general, are friendly people, especially to foreigners.

But why am I in Korea? Because of LOVE.

Many Filipinos go abroad to give their families a better life. With the hope to earn more, they leave their loved ones behind. I am not in Korea for this reason. I came to Korea to give and not to gain, not to earn money but to serve freely.

South Korea has the high-

est suicide rate among the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) countries for 10 consecutive years, according to recent data. Furthermore, South Korea is the Cosmetic Surgery Capital of the world. It is common for women, even men to go under the knife. Plastic surgery is even considered a graduation gift to high school students. Advertisements of 'before and after' faces are everywhere. Cosmetic shops are everywhere, even in subway stations, selling all kinds of moisturizers, BB cream and make-up. In a crowd of made up, dressed up and fair-skinned people, being simple makes you stand out.

This nation I am in now may be advanced in technology and efficient in transportation, but this does not determine their identity. They are a people in need of something greater—love. I may not be able to impact the whole nation, but touching even a few lives with the love I have freely received will make my stay in Korea worthwhile.

And of course, I am here in South Korea, primarily, because my husband is here. This is the nation where I am enjoying being his new wife. And in every season, may it be autumn or winter, summer or fall, we will remain faithful to the calling we have received and to love the Koreans as we are loved.

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HEALTH & FAMILY

SPAGHETTI SARDINES: A HEALTHY AND TASTY RECIPE

MIND YOUR BODY by Willie T. Ong, M.D.

Of you want something healthy to put on the family table, why not try *Sardines Spaghetti*? Kids love spaghetti but instead of fixing it up with meatballs and hotdogs, use sardines. It's healthier and quite yummy, too.

Health benefits of sardines

Most people who have tasted sardines spaghetti are quite surprised that it tastes so good. Sardines are unbelievably healthy, too, since they contain vitamins and minerals proven to benefit the heart, memory, skin, and joints. Here's why sardines are good for you:

- Omega-3 fatty acids. Sardines are rich in healthy omega-3 fats, which help increase the good cholesterol and prevent heart attack and stroke. Omega-3 also nourishes the skin and prevents wrinkle formation.
- Coenzyme Q10. Sardines have high levels of Coenzyme Q10, a powerful antioxidant that helps strengthen the immune system.
- Calcium. The calcium in sardines keeps your bones strong and healthy. If you exercise regularly, this can help strengthen your bones and prevent osteoporosis. Three ounces (one serving) of sardines give as much calcium as a glass of milk, especially if you eat the soft edible fish bones.
- Vitamin D. Sardines are one of the few food sources that contain vitamin D — in fact, thrice your daily requirement. This vitamin works to help the body absorb calcium in food and promotes bone growth.
- Vitamin B12 (cobalamin) and vitamin B3 (niacin):. The B vitamins are very important for a healthy nervous system, which includes the peripheral nerves, spinal cord, and brain. Adequate intake of vitamin B12 helps boost energy and produce normal blood cells.
- Selenium. Sardines are a good source of the mineral selenium, a powerful antioxidant. Some studies have linked selenium intake to a lower risk for cancer.
- Iron and phosphorus.

My wife, Dr. Liza Ong, made this recipe. Here's how to do it.

Ingredients:

- 1 teaspoon of cooking oil (olive oil or corn oil)
- 1 medium-sized onion
- 2 cloves of garlic
- 150 cc or 1 packet of additional tomato sauce
- 1 bottled sardines or 2 small canned sardines in tomato sauce
- 1 medium pack of spaghetti noodles

**Procedure:**

Boil the spaghetti noodles, then drain and set aside after cooking. Don't overcook the spaghetti. Put some cooking oil in the frying pan. Saute the garlic and onions. Add and cook the sardines for around five to seven minutes. You can mash the sardines into smaller pieces. Add 150 cc of extra tomato sauce. It will make the dish juicier and healthier. After a few minutes, add the cooked spaghetti noodles to the pan and gently mix them. Serve warm.

Three ounces of sardines contain 20% of our daily iron needs. Iron is needed for red blood cell production and good for people who are anemic. Moreover, sardines contain phosphorus, a mineral that helps the kidney excrete waste products. Phosphorus is also needed for normal teeth and bones.

- For weight control. For overweight people, one advantage of sardines is that it is low in calories. Plus sardines are rich in protein, which can be used by those on a high-protein, low-carbohydrate diet. Getting your protein from fish is much healthier than eating pork and beef.

- Safe to eat because sardines are low in mercury. Because of our polluted waters, certain kinds of fish may contain varying amounts of mercury. Mercury is a poison that is harmful to the brain, nerves, kidneys, eyes, and other organs. The US Food and Drug Administration has certified that sardines contain one of the lowest levels of mercury in seafood.

Spaghetti is healthier than rice

Although spaghetti and white rice are both carbohydrates, one of them raises the blood sugar at a faster rate than the other. According to nutri-

tion experts, white rice is classified as having a "high glycemic index," which means your blood sugar may shoot up after eating rice. On the other hand, spaghetti is classified as "low to medium glycemic index," which means it will release its nutrient to the body more slowly. Spaghetti noodles should be cooked firm or al dente. Overcooked and soggy spaghetti will have its starches broken down (gelatinized) and will have the same effect as white rice.

Spaghetti Sardines can be eaten by most people. Just a reminder though: Sardines contain purines, which should be limited in patients with gout or chronic kidney disease. (www.philstar.com)

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PHILIPPINE NEWS**Phi Gov't Deploys Team to Repatriate Filipinos in Yemen**

from www.philstar.com
Tuesday, Oct. 21, 2014

MANILA, Philippines (Xinhua) - The Philippine government has sent a crisis management team to Yemen to assist Filipinos who wish to be repatriated home, the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) said today.

The department said that the Philippine Embassy in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, which has jurisdiction over Yemen, has deployed a Crisis Manage-



ment Team to the country after Alert Level 3 or voluntary repatriation was raised there.

The Philippines has raised the alert level to Yemen due to the threat posed by continued occupation of the capital city

Sana'a by Houthi rebels, and the attacks against civilians by separatists and the members of Al Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula.

Under Alert Level 3, the Department of Labor and Employment imposes absolute deployment ban, and Filipinos who are already in Yemen are strongly urged to return to the Philippines, the DFA said.

Latest government data showed that there were 646 Filipino workers in Yemen in 2013.

LEGAL NOTES



By Reuben S. Seguritan

Ways to Avoid Deportation

their home country without a removal order.

Aliens who were returned were those who appeared to be inadmissible or deportable and were given the option to voluntarily go back at their expense. Mexicans ranked first in the number of returnees, followed by Canadians and Filipinos.

The report also reveals that out-of-court removals were at an all-time high. 363,000 individuals or 83 percent of all removals were removed without a court hearing. 193,032 individuals or 44 percent were expedited removals and 170,247 or 39 percent were reinstatements of prior removal orders.

Formal removal or deportation is a harsh punishment with serious consequences which include, among others,

being barred from entering the U.S. for several years.

According to the American Immigration Council, "these rapid deportation decisions often fail to take into account many critical factors, including whether the individual is eligible to apply for lawful status in the United States, whether he or she has long-standing ties here, or whether he or she has U.S.-citizen family members."

A noncitizen placed under deportation or removal proceedings may be eligible for relief from removal. Reliefs include voluntary departure, asylum, adjustment of status and cancellation of removal.

A voluntary departure allows the individual to return to his home country at his own expense without the stigma of formal removal.

An asylum is granted to an individual who is unable to return to his home country because of past persecution or well-founded fear of future persecution based upon his race, religion, nationality, membership in a particular social group, or political opinion.

Adjustment of status as a relief is available to an individual who is the beneficiary of a petition filed by a family member or an employer and a visa number is immediately available.

Cancellation of removal as a discretionary relief may be availed of by a lawful permanent resident or a non-permanent resident.

It may be granted to a permanent resident if he has been residing in the U.S. for at least five (5) years as a per-

manent resident, has continuously resided at least seven (7) years after his lawful admission and has not been convicted of an aggravated felony.

This relief may be granted to a nonpermanent resident if he has been continuously present in the U.S. for at least ten (10) years and has been a person of good moral character and during that time has not been convicted of an offense that would make him removable and must prove that his removal would result in exceptional and extremely unusual hardship to his spouse, parent, or child who is a U.S. citizen or lawful permanent resident.

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Hundreds of thousands of immigrants are deported from the U.S. each year. For fiscal year 2013, deportation under the Obama administration totaled 438,421, according to the immigration enforcement statistics recently released by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). The number is nearly a 5 percent increase from the 418,397 deportations in 2012.

According to the report, the DHS apprehended 662,483 individuals. 178,371 were informally returned to

MAINLAND NEWS

Justice for Filipina Murder Victim

by Terrence Valen

We demand Philippine custody of the U.S. Marine accused of the murder of Jennifer Laude. She is a Filipina who was allegedly killed by a member of the visiting U.S. military. The perpetrator may never be brought to justice due to a fundamentally-flawed military agreement between the U.S. and the Philippines. Justice for the victim is not only at stake—our integrity as a nation is as well.

The problem lies with the Visiting Forces Agreement (VFA) which allows for the presence of U.S. troops in the Philippines, including joint military exercises involving thousands of personnel and the basing of special operations forces on a rotational basis in the southern island of Mindanao. It also grants special privileges and legal protection to U.S. service members stationed in the Philippines. These provisions enabled Lance Corporal Daniel Smith, convicted in 2006 for the rape of a Filipina, to evade his criminal ver-



dict. He served time in the U.S. Embassy rather than in a Philippine jail and eventually escaped to the U.S.

President Aquino must stand up for the dignity of every Filipino and the sovereignty of our country by demanding that the U.S. military turn over Marine Pfc. Joseph Scott Pemberton to Philippine authorities. The Aquino administration's track record of protecting the Filipino people has been abysmal to say the least. It failed to protect Filipinos from Super Typhoon Haiyan, grossly fumbled rehabilitation efforts and endorsed recruitment agencies which are now under investigation for traffick-

ing Filipino migrant workers. Here is one chance to show that the administration still cares about its people.

But diplomacy is a two-

way street. President Obama must respond by transferring custody of Pemberton to Philippine officials. By so doing, Obama will show that he respects the Philippines and its judicial process. Failure to do so would confirm that the VFA and the new Enhanced Defense Cooperation Agreement are policies that benefit the U.S. military at the cost of Philippine land polluted by toxic military waste and Filipino lives destroyed by rapes and murders committed by the U.S. military. Any semblance of a friendship based on equal-

ity and mutual respect between our two nations will vanish.

If Jennifer Laude's murderer is not brought to justice by the proper Philippine authorities, both the Philippine and U.S. governments will have even more blood on their hands via the VFA and EDCA, and the Filipino people will not stand for this.

TERRENCE VALEN is president of the National Alliance for Filipino Concerns (NAFCON), a multi-issue alliance of over 30 Filipino organizations in the U.S. which advocates for the rights and welfare of Filipinos worldwide.

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FILM SHOWING: DELANO MANONGS: FORGOTTEN HEROES OF THE UNITED FARM WORKERS | WEDNESDAY | October 29, 2014 | UH Manoa, Korean Studies Auditorium | 1:00 - 3:00 PM | For details, please contact Rosalina Burian @ burianlyna@yahoo.com.

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MAINLAND NEWS

San Francisco Marks Battle of Leyte Gulf Anniversary

The Philippine Consulate General in San Francisco and the Bataan Legacy Historical Society presented the "70th Anniversary of the Battle of Leyte Gulf" and "Stories of World War II in the Philippines" in celebration of Filipino-American History Month.



The free event, which included an exhibition of WWII memorabilia, was held October 24, 2014 at the Consulate General. Guest speakers included war veterans and survivors who spoke about their experiences.

Considered as the largest naval battle in history, the Battle of Leyte Gulf took place October 23-26, 1944. It marked the beginning of the liberation of the Philippines two years after the fall of Bataan on April 9, 1942. It was also the beginning of a massive extermination of civilians by the Japanese Army which culminated in the Battle for Manila. By the end of the war, approximately 1 million civilians had perished.

The Bataan Legacy Historical Society gathered stories of the war from veterans, civilian survivors and their families for a comprehensive perspective of the war. The stories were published in "An Anthology of Stories from World War II in the Philippines Volume 1," which was released in time for the first Bataan Legacy Historical Society Conference at the San Francisco Public Library.

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GLOBAL NEWS

Italian Gov't Gives P2.5B in Agricultural Support to Philippines

MANILA, Philippines - The Italian government has given the Philippines over P2 billion in support for agricultural families in Mindanao, an official of the Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) said.

Italian Assistance to the Agrarian Reform Community Development Support Pro-

gram Project Manager Pabil Marohomsalic said the P2.5 billion fund will benefit more than 53,000 families of farmers in Southern Philippines.

Marohomsalic said that the program includes creation of 50 farmers' organizations, livelihood training, and the construction of various infrastructures which would benefit

the communities in the areas.

DAR Secretary Virgilio de los Reyes said the Philippine-Italian poverty alleviation program is part of the efforts of the European Union to promote peace process between the Philippine government and the Moro Islamic Liberation Front and Moro National Liberation Front.



The DAR expects the pre-implementation and actual im- plementation stages of the program next year. (www.philstar.com)

Yolanda, Bohol Quake Survivors to Share Lunch with Pope Francis

MANILA, Philippines - A total of 30 people, including five survivors of super typhoon Yolanda, will have lunch with Pope Francis during his visit to Leyte January next year, a Church official said on Wednesday.



with the Pope during his visit in the Archdiocese of Palo, Leyte.

The bishop said among those who will be sharing lunch with the Pope are victims of the 7.2 magnitude earthquake that leveled several century-old churches in Bohol.

Borongan Bishop Crispin Varquez said they are now waiting list of the 30 persons,

including the five will be coming from his Diocese, who will be having lunch

"May lima from our Diocese, yung victims ng

Yolanda. Thirty lahat, dinivide ang 30 sa Metropolitan, so tag-limang representative kada Diocese. Mayroon din na victims from Bohol yung sa biktima ng earthquake," the prelate told Church-run Radyo Veritas.

Bishop Varquez said that though Guian town in Eastern

Samar is not in the itinerary of the Pope, church officials have coordinated with the Archdiocese of Palo in connection with the welcome activities during his Holiness' visit.

The bishop said they will release in December the schedule of activities for the Pope's visit. (www.philstar.com)

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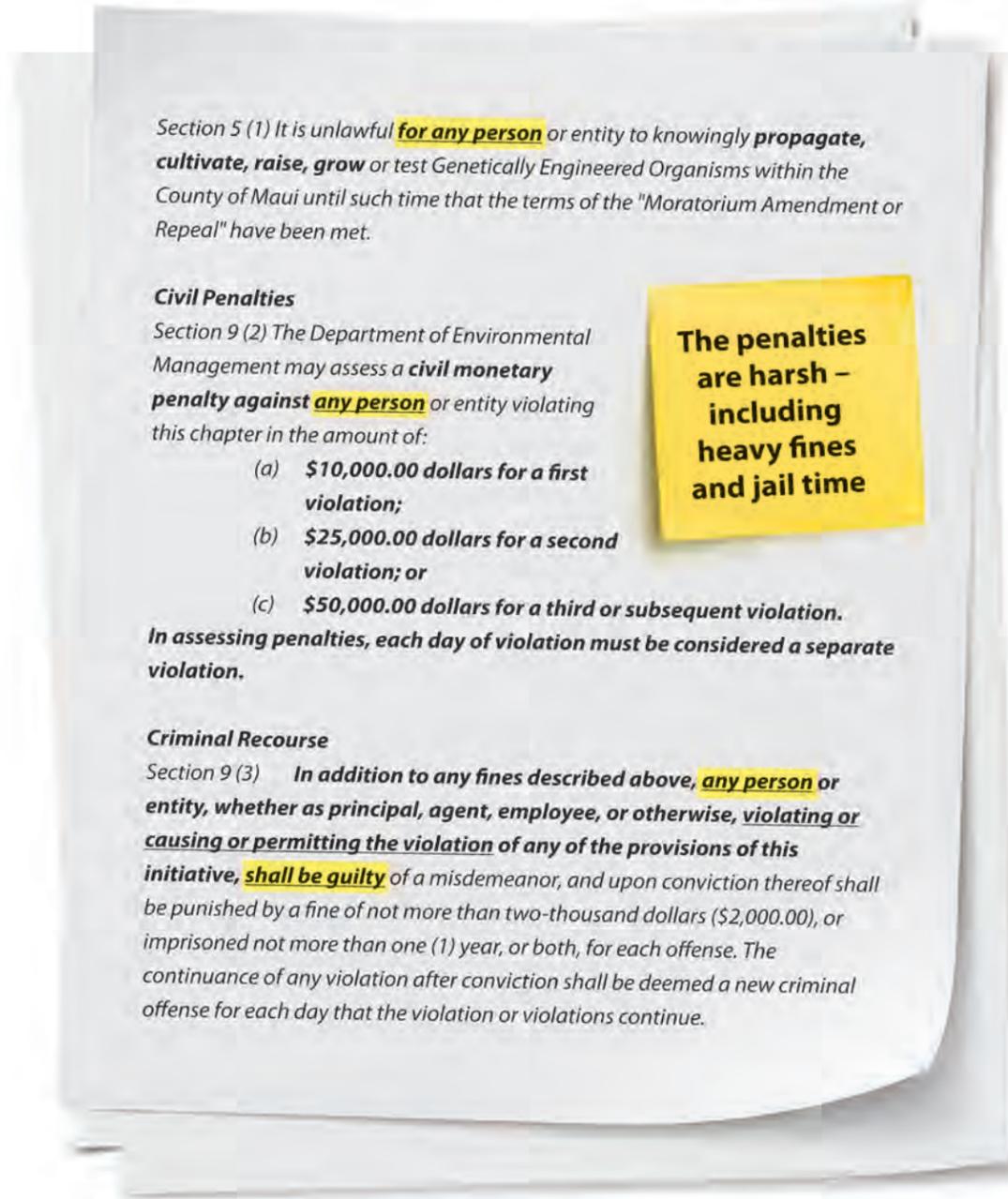


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