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Standing on the Shoulders of Giants

Dr. Florangel Rosario Braid is a well-respected communication specialist, media practitioner, scholar, development advocate and educator from the Philippines. For the past nearly 40 years, Braid has committed herself to imparting the importance of communication in diverse fields and endeavors related to priority development work, such as in environment and sustainable development, education, literacy, judicial reform, children and women's rights and media.

She served as a member of the 1986 Constitutional Commission where she introduced several provisions on education, communication media, cooperatives and social justice. Her colleagues cite Braid's commitment to activist research, writing and teaching on issues of social change as one of her many outstanding qualities. Braid also co-founded the Asian Institute of Journalism and Communication—a leading research and consulting firm that advocates policies and implements programs and projects that address development issues and concerns both at the levels of national decision-making and community-based initiatives. She has covered many pressing issues facing the Philippines and its people over the past 40 years as the first president and founding director of the Philippine Daily Inquirer and columnist for several daily newspapers, including the Manila Bulletin since 1997.

A simple truth that she has uncovered is that the Filipino people cannot and should not wait on their government to improve their lives. According to Braid, effecting true, positive change in the Philippines does not begin with government, but rather with individual citizens doing common, everyday acts of kindness that lift up other people. In addition to calling on citizens to take greater personal responsibility for nation-building, Braid has challenged government leaders to start looking beyond the Philippines' own borders and being a leader in the ASEAN community.

We are indeed inspired by Dr. Braid's many accomplishments and grateful for her insights. It is by standing on the shoulders of pioneers and giants like Dr. Braid that we can see ahead into the future and build a better tomorrow for ourselves and the Philippines.

NBC's Williams Should Be Fired

The brouhaha surrounding the false accounts of NBC News anchor Brian Williams perhaps would not be as damaging if the Iraq war was simply historical.

But the fact that the Iraq war and the ensuing post-war desolation, has everything to do with the rise of the Islamic State spreading across multiple countries today, makes Williams' false accounts not only news worthy, but should be a warning to the viewing public to be skeptical and to use common sense when watching news in general.

Williams admitted that he made false claims about an incident in 2003 when covering the invasion of Iraq. He originally claimed the Chinook helicopter that he was riding in while covering the war was hit by a grenade. But recently, after soldiers wrote about the attack on social media, Williams confessed that he was actually in another helicopter that was an hour behind the one that was hit.

In his own words: "The story actually started with a terrible moment a dozen years back during the invasion of Iraq when the helicopter we were traveling in was forced down after being hit by an R.P.G.," Williams said. "Our traveling NBC News team was rescued, surrounded and kept alive by an armor mechanized pla-

FROM THE PUBLISHER

The State Senate Ways & Means Committee this week passed Senate Bill 19 which extends the collection of the general excise tax (GET) for another 5 years beyond the 2022 sunset date, instead of

the 25 years as originally requested, to pay for Honolulu's beleaguered rail project. SB 19 still has several more hurdles to clear, including an approval by House lawmakers, before it becomes law, so stay tuned folks!

In our last issue, we introduced you to the late Angel Matias Peña—a giant in the Philippine jazz and music industry. We are also pleased to present in this issue's cover story Dr. Florangel Rosario-Braid—an icon in the field of Philippine journalism. At 83 years young and semi-retired, she continues to write columns for the Manila Bulletin and is a caregiver for her husband. Ms. Rosario-Braid spoke openly about her career, Philippine politics and solutions to the country's social ills in a candid question-and-answer interview with the Chronicle. We hope you will enjoy reading about this fascinating journalist beginning on page 4.

Speaking of the Philippines, a team of some 50 volunteers with the Ohana Medical Mission (OMM) recently returned home from a mission of mercy in mid-February to select provinces in Manila and surrounding areas. Volunteers provided over 12,600 surgical, dental and other medical services to nearly 8,700 poor and destitute individuals. Welcome back, OMM volunteers and thank you for your kind hearts!

Please take some time to read the other stories and columns that are included in this issue. Our sincerest thanks to all of you for reading and faithfully supporting the Hawaii Filipino Chronicle—the state's leading Filipino newspaper!

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

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toon from the U.S. Army 3rd Infantry."

In reality, his plane was not shot down. It wasn't rescued. Williams arrived in a helicopter 30 to 60 minutes later.

Consequence of Fake Reporting

Even after the news broke out of Williams' admission to false reporting, the mainstream corporate-driven media fails to take any accountability of the way coverage of war is systemically flawed. Williams' case is talked upon as embellishment and oftentimes an irresistible temptation by reporters in general to be more dramatic. Whatever small criticism Williams received, it usually involved simple misjudgment.

Instead of slapping on a measly six-month suspension on William, NBC News should be looking into how its ratings king of the nightly news mislead Americans and added on to the many other false reporting at the onset of the Iraq war; how its damaging false reporting contributed to a hostile environment in which war was made to be viewed upon as the only solution. It could even be said that Williams report as well as the numerous other grave media mistakes – claims that Iraq had its hands on "yellow cake uranium" and was at the brink of becoming nuclear capable (untrue), or claims that Saddam Hussein had "weapons of mass destruction" (untrue) – all of these, actually cost American and Iraqi lives, yesterday, and today, with the Islamic State running amok.

The Infamous Nayirah Testimony

Remember the Nayirah testimony. Nayirah al-Sabah testified before the Congressional Human Rights Caucus in 1990. She tearfully talked about how after the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait, she

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CANDID PERSPECTIVES

That Fight is Going to Happen as PacMan Begins Training



By Emil Guillermo

Manny Pacquiao, the Philippines' global hero, is back in Hollywood training with Freddie Roach for the fight everyone wants to see.

You probably know by now. Pac is going to fight Floyd Mayweather Jr. For real.

I've gone back and forth on Pacquiao for some time now. I used to want to save his brains. For the good of the Philippine people, of course. I saw in Manny the potential of that one charismatic leader who could lift the country to new heights. Now I don't care.

There's a reason why politicians only use the



Legendary trainer Freddie Roach and 'Pambansang Kamao' Cong. Manny Pacquiao. Picture is from Sept. 2014 in San Francisco. Photo credit: Emil Guillermo

metaphors of boxing and the rhetoric of "fighting" for your interests. They're not pugilists. They're politicians. Hilary Clinton did say in one U.S. campaign that she'd "fight for you."

Sure. Just not in the same way Manny can. Conversely, I've realized Manny would look odd in Hillary's pantsuit.

So I've given up advocating that Pacquiao get out of the ring to save himself for the higher calling of real government service. That just wouldn't be the wisest use of

his talents. Instead, I've joined the chorus of fight fans who say, "Bring me the head of Floyd Mayweather, Jr."

Boxing, the sweet science, is on a downward spiral in terms of getting global mind-share among the masses. Here's an example—can you name the current heavyweight champ? No fair googling. See, it's just not like the old days, when boxers were global heroes.

We used to know the world heavy weight champ. Muhammad Ali. George Foreman. Joe Frazier.

And now?

The heavyweights are the little guys and if boxing wants to maintain some interest and not lose out to the more brutish MMA, it needs to stage the matches people want to see—like Pacquiao/Mayweather.

That's Manny's highest calling. He can say the rosary in the corner all he wants. People want to see him fight—Mayweather, in particular. Last month, the website TMZ reported that the deal was done and the announcement was imminent for a May 2nd bout at the MGM in Las Vegas.

After pressure from Manny in the media, coinciding with a release of that documentary film that glorifies Pacquiao, Mayweather looks like he's stopped running away.

Time to stop dodging. Then it was off again. But to me, that only signaled that we were just in the home stretch of some hardball negotiations. Sure enough, less than two

weeks ago it was confirmed again.

It had to happen now. There was no one else left to fight. Even though both fighters are not in their absolute prime, we are at a point where a Pacman/Mayweather fight begins to lose its value.

The only reason the value stays high is that the supply of rival fighters is so low. We've come to the point where the boxers realize they better fight now or lose that astronomical pay day.

If you chart Mayweather's skill, age and ability in one line versus the same for Pacquiao, we are probably at the optimal point for everything that matters. Pacquiao (57-5-2, 38 KOs), is 36 years old. Mayweather (47-0, 26 KOs), turned 38 in February. Their performance lines are intersecting just as we begin to see both begin a natural but precipitous decline.

Now plot those lines against potential prize money

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had witnessed Iraqi soldiers take babies out of incubators in a Kuwait hospital, take the incubators, and leave the babies to die.

That infamous testimony has been cited numerous times by U.S. senators and then President George Bush as a rationale to go to war in Iraq the first time.

It turned out that Nayriah was the daughter of the Kuwaiti ambassador to the U.S. and that her testimony was organized as part of the Citizens for a Free Kuwait public relations campaign that was run by Hill & Knowlton. In fact, Hill & Knowlton coached Nayriah, and provided witnesses, wrote testimony, all as part of their services. It was a complete sham and Hill & Knowlton received \$12 million by the Kuwaitis for the public relations campaign.

It also turned out that Iraqi troops had not stolen hospital incubators and did not leave hundreds of Kuwaiti babies to die.

The whole world was deceived. Where was the media scrutiny back then? Could Americans be so certain that propaganda is not being produced today as well?

Lesson of Williams

The wrongdoing by Williams is not just about an individual's mistake, albeit one made by one of the most powerful media personalities with the highest prime time rating. It is about constant streams of lies and mistakes by today's

media. It is about how the media is used by people in power to report before actually thoroughly scrutinizing due to an eagerness to be relevant and be quicker than competitors in reporting news.

Williams contributed to an environment that justifies militarism. In fairness to him, Williams was not only the only media war drummer. Fox's Bill O'Reilly, another media personality giant, used his pedestal to pitch numerous lies, even saying prior to the war, Iraqis would be welcoming Americans with open arms. Fox's reporter and commentator Hannity said: "We're going to go in and we're going to liberate this country (Iraq) in a few weeks and it's going to be over quickly. No, it's going to be over very quickly."

Decades later, the U.S. is still at war in Iraq but now with the Islamic State. Worse yet, the theater of war have spread and the possibility is high for ground troops returning in the future. Americans were led to believe by politicians and the media that the beast in Hussein had to be put down and that Iraq would be a more stable, progressive country; instead the world sees an entire region on fire with unspeakable anger directed at the West, and in many ways, today's radicals in power there have become a far greater threat than Hussein ever was.

Journalists must change and stop being the hand-holders and enablers of war. To begin with, a very strong message should be sent: Williams ought to be fired after his suspension.

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COVER STORY

Florangel Rosario-Braid: A Pioneer in Communications and Journalism

By Chona Montesines-Sonido

Rarely do we get to meet giants in their respective fields and when we do, we are often inspired by their accomplishments. One such person is Florangel Rosario-Braid, a well-respected communications specialist, media practitioner, scholar, development advocate and educator.

For over 40 years, Braid has committed herself to imparting the importance of communication in diverse fields and endeavors related to priority development work in environment and sustainable development, education, literacy, judicial reform, children and women's rights and media.

Braid earned her bachelor's from the University of the Philippines and her M.S. and Ph.D. degrees from Syracuse University. Her numerous honors include the U.P. Alumni Outstanding Professional Award in Mass Communication, a Women of Distinction Award for Communication, The Outstanding Filipino (TOFIL) Awardee for Literature and Journalism, AMIC Leadership Award in Communication Research, Outstanding Leadership Awards by Quezon City and Pangasinan, and Hildegard Award for Communication, to name a few.

Braid served on the 48-member Constitutional Commission which was appointed by President Corazon Aquino in 1986 to draft the 1987 Constitution. Modeled after the U.S. Constitution, the 1987 Constitution restored democ-

racy to the Philippines where years of martial law under Ferdinand Marcos repressed civil liberties and human rights. As a commissioner, Braid sponsored provisions on communication, education, social justice and human rights, and served as chair of the General Provisions Committee, which worked for the inclusion of major media provisions in the Constitution.

In 1980, she co-founded the Asian Institute of Journalism and Communication (AIJC), a graduate school of journalism built on the philosophy that communication is a vital development resource to be used to advance the common good. The AIJC is a leading research and consulting firm that advocates policies and implements programs and projects that address development issues and concerns both at the levels of national decision-making and community-based initiatives. Braid has also authored over a dozen books on communication, information technology, cooperatives, sustainable development and public broadcasting.

As the first president and founding director of the Philippine Daily Inquirer and

as a columnist for several daily newspapers, including the Manila Bulletin since 1997, Braid has covered many pressing issues facing the Philippines and its people. She recently granted an exclusive interview with the Hawaii Filipino Chronicle and discusses her personal insights. Her responses have been edited for space and clarity.

Q: Tell us about your background as a journalist.

A: My work in journalism started in the mid-1950s when I began writing, directing and producing programs for radio and later, for television as program director for the government station. I produced public affairs programs, handled program exchange with Asian networks and contributed articles regularly to a daily.

After academic work at Syracuse University, I spent five years during the early 1970s at the University of Hawaii and the East-West Center (EWC), where I taught graduate and undergraduate courses in communication theory and change and cross-cultural communication, and short courses for Asian journalists at the East-West Center where I also conducted joint research between the EWC and Asian universities and institutions.

I served with UNESCO for two years in designing and implementing a communication strategy project on population in Sri Lanka and returned to the Philippines where over the past 40 years, I have been primarily involved in the academic and development field as administrator,



Dr. Florangel Rosario-Braid

teacher, researcher, and consultant. I also co-founded the Philippine Daily Inquirer which started as a media cooperative and wrote columns and articles for the Philippine Daily Inquirer, Phil Star and other dailies.

Q: How does the killing of the 44 police Special Action Force (SAF) affect the peace process? Where does the government go from here?

A: The impact is erosion of trust in the sincerity of the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) and possibly a watered-down Bangsamoro Basic Law (BBL) which will not be acceptable to the MILF. There is also erosion of the president's credibility which is now happening even if the investigation is still on-going.

Several developments that must be managed with urgency and sensitivity are defusing any moves to make the president step down, scuttling of the BBL and a coup. An independent panel has been suggested as the people do not appear satisfied with the results of the probes. We are aware of the heavy social and economic costs of war and thus, the alternative is to pursue peace with non-violent means.

Q: What has been the impact of the Pope's recent visit on the general populace?

A: The Pope had a tremendous impact on all sectors, not just the Catholic Church. His ecumenism and inclusiveness were timely reminders that we must reach out to the peripheries and that we must develop compassion and love for those who have less and who are different from us. The Pope's leadership could affect governance in the country and provide the model that could help us face the challenges in the anticipated transition within the ASEAN and global communities.

Q: What is the status of the Reproductive Health bill? What are your personal views about that controversial measure?

A: Having worked in the population field at the East-West Center and UNESCO in Sri Lanka, I am aware of the relationship between the inability to manage population growth with poverty and development. Thus, I am pleased that the Congress, with support from President, was able to manage the difficult task of passing the RH law. But the path is still strewn with many hurdles.

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Q: With the Philippines' population at 100 million people and counting, how concerned are you with on-going social and economic challenges facing the country?

A: Problems must be tackled within a multi-disciplinary framework. Unfortunately over the years, our leadership depended on western-trained economists. The problem is cultural in that we do not have enough understanding of our history and of who and why we are what we are. In short, our sense of identity—the factor that would make us die for country if needed.

It is also social in that extreme familism and loyalty to group has prevented us from reaching to others outside the group. And it is political in the sense that there is not enough political will among our leaders—the will that would have driven them to greater sense of urgency in responding to the plight of the SAF commandos or the will to seek creative and innovative approaches in solving many social injustices. The problem is also spiritual—what keeps us from treating others outside our group with compassion. It is this compassion that enables us to search for peaceful solutions to conflict and to act in humility when dealing with our superiors, peers and subordinates.

Q: What lessons have been learned from Typhoon Haiyan and other recent natural disasters?

A: Yolanda happened because of our failure to act responsibly as stewards of our natural resources. As with most problems, we can only mitigate the consequences. But this needs a transformed mindset among our leaders and citizens. Oftentimes, we feel helpless in confronting the enormity of the problem but we forget that solutions can come from the little things that were pointed out by Alex Lacson in his book “12 Little Things Every Filipino Can Do to Help Our Country.” Each of us can address these problems in our own little way—by following rules, keeping streets and surroundings clean, not wasting water



HFC Publishers with Philstar columnist Domini Torrevillas (standing, extreme right) with Dr. Florangel Rosario-Braid (seated left) and former Consul General of Hawaii Polly Cancio (seated right) during a luncheon meeting at Club Filipino in the Philippines recently.

and other resources, following traffic rules, being responsible consumers and helping one another.

Q: Has graft and corruption been addressed since President Aquino took office? Why or why not?

A: On addressing graft, two programs—the PDAF (Priority Development Assistance Fund) and the DAP (Development Acceleration Program) have been with us over the past years but it was perhaps because of his *daan na matuwid* (Straight Path) advocacy that perpetrators have been finally brought to justice.

Q: Has the Aquino administration done enough to address poverty and education? In your opinion, what needs to be done to address these two areas of concern?

A: In my mind, the most critical cancer in our society today is income inequality—the gap between the 90 percent and the 1 percent. It is a gap that must be closed. The gap between the center and the periphery has continued over the years despite growth in GDP which as we know is the result of economic growth at the center, but has failed to trickle down.

The president has tried to address poverty through the Cash Conditional Transfer for the poorest of the poor. It will take time before we see its impact but a considerable chunk of past national budgets including this year have been allocated for this program. The K to 12 Program, which will be implemented in full force this year, is expected to address most of the development

concerns such as the need for human resources with competencies that would enable them to become competitive in the national and global workforce.

We should not leave it to the formal educational system to respond to the critical priorities of developing a more literate and entrepreneurial Filipino citizenry. The media and other non-traditional learning resources such as the family, the church and community-based groups like cooperatives must work together in seeking alternative approaches that would provide appropriate content and methodologies that would transform and empower citizens to act for the common good.

Q: When President Aquino terms out in 2016, what do you think will be his lasting legacy? What challenges will his successor face?

A: His legacy is that through his anti-corruption advocacy, the president was able to attract investors and the country has been able to regain the credibility that it lost during the past administration. Our gains in credit ratings (Fitch, Moody, etc.) and GDP growth are a result of this perception. I would however qualify my support for these gains by saying that despite these advances, the state of poverty and hunger has not changed. The Human Development Index in 2014 ranked the country 29th among all countries in the world in hunger incidence. The Social Weather Stations (SWS) findings showed that some 3.8 million households had suffered from involuntary hunger.

There has been improvement in revenue collection through measures such as the Sin Tax and other tax reforms. Other legacies include the passing of the controversial RH bill and bringing the Spratlys and West Philippine Sea conflict before the UN Arbitration Council. Just recently, China again renewed its expansion in the area—a violation of the Law of the Sea and the ASEAN agreement. I am confident that because we have followed the legal route and with support from our ASEAN neighbors, justice will eventually prevail. The president has likewise provided the needed support to the Bangsamoro Basic Law and the creation of the entity, realizing that the country must provide a model for peace building.

Our next leader will have to ensure the delivery of justice to the families of victims of the Mamasapano bloodbath as well as the earlier Maguindanao massacre where 31 journalists were killed. The latter had created an image that the Philippines is one of the most dangerous places for journalists. In the economic realm, we need to strengthen anti-trust and anti-monopoly laws, break the control of power and wealth by a few oligarchies, pass the Political Dynasty bill into law, establish mechanisms that would ensure a sustainable level playing field for all, and

build an adequate physical infrastructure for doing business, a fair, just and legal system accessible to all, as well as a safe environment that would attract foreign investors. These are the necessary steps to break the existing poverty trap.

Q: Now that you are semi-retired, what consulting and/or research projects are you doing?

A: I work part-time as adviser for some of the Asian Institute of Journalism and Communication's projects on media, education, access to justice, environment, and in developing the Institute's graduate, undergraduate and professional development curricula. I also sit on seven boards—including the Cultural Center of the Philippines, the Justice Cecilia Munoz Palma Foundation and the Kapatiran, an non-government organization (NGO) for underprivileged children and out-of school youth.

Q: Tell us about your husband. How did you meet him?

A: My husband Andrew is an agricultural economist who worked almost all his life in helping institutionalize cooperatives. We met while working with the United Nations—he with the Food and Agriculture Organization, while I was with UNESCO. We met in Sri Lanka while on

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State Lawmakers File Jones Act Exemption

In a bipartisan effort to positively impact the cost of living for Hawaii residents, State House and Senate lawmakers have filed concurrent resolutions seeking an exemption for Hawaii from a provision in the Merchant Marine Act of 1920 (the Jones Act) requiring that all vessels be built in the U.S.

To comply with the Jones Act and engage in coastwide trade between U.S. ports, a ship must fly the U.S. flag, be built in a U.S. shipyard, be 75 percent owned by U.S. citizens

and be crewed by U.S. citizens or permanent residents.

State Sen. Sam Slom filed concurrent resolutions SR10 and SCR34, which were co-sponsored by colleagues Will Espero, Brickwood Galuteria, Breene Harimoto, Clarence Nishihara, Gilbert Keith-Agaran, Lorraine Inouye, Russell Ruderman and Gil Riviere.

In the State House, companion resolutions HR21 and HCR46 were filed by State Reps. Sam Kong, Cindy Evans, Lauren Cheape-Matsumoto,

Andria Tupola and Gene Ward. The resolutions urge Congress to exempt Hawaii, Alaska, Guam and Puerto Rico from the domestic build requirement because of its restrictive impact on the market for shipping goods to Hawaii.

According to Slom, the effect of Jones Act is that Hawaii residents pay significantly more than the rest of the country for everyday necessities.

"It is time for Congress to address the role that the antiquated Jones Act plays in the high cost of living," Slom

says. "I am grateful that many of my colleagues in the Senate and the House see that an exemption to the U.S. build requirement can make a huge difference in what we here in Hawaii pay for goods."

Hawaii Shippers Council President Mike Hansen says that a U.S.-build exemption would allow U.S. ship owners to acquire foreign built ships, register them under the U.S.-flag and operate them in domestic noncontiguous trades.

"The advantage of this reform is new ships built in

South Korea and Japan are a fifth the cost of comparable ships built in the U.S. and that dramatically-lower capital cost will lead to greater competition and moderate freight costs by lowering barriers to entry and increasing contestability in the shipping market place," Hansen says.

You can view the Jones Act documentary film at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d_UNgjF2wI or go to YouTube and search for "Jones Act Explanation The Movie."

OMM Returns from Medical Mission

A group of over 50 volunteer physicians, nurses, medical personnel and laypersons recently returned from a medical mission to the Philippines from February 14- 21, 2015.

The team provided over 12,600 surgical, dental and other medical services to nearly 8,700 individuals deemed "the poorest of the poor" in select regions of the Philippines, namely Bagong Silang, Caloocan City; Gawad Kalinga-Aloha Village in Agudo, Mandaluyong; Gerona, Tarlac; Naga City, Legaspi City and Bacacay, Albay of the Bicol region.

Mission co-chair and OMM president Dr. Russell S. Kelly says many patients in desperate need were able to receive vital medical care.

"The mission as usual presented us with many challenges but we were able to successfully perform the charitable works we had planned," says Dr. Russell S. Kelly. "The people involved in this mission were all wonderful, generous and talented people who donated from their hearts and made this mission very successful."

Other volunteer physicians were Dr. Romeo Perez, a retired U.S. military OB-Gynecologist specialist, and Dr. Carol Davide, president of the Philippine Medical Association of Hawaii (PMAH) which is the parent organization of OMM.

Pine Supports City Parks Initiative

Honolulu Councilmember Kymberly Pine has praised the City's new parks initiative announced by Mayor Kirk Caldwell during his recent State of the City address.

Dubbed *E Paka Kakou* or "Parks Together," the initiative is a partnership between the City and community organizations to revitalize Oahu's parks.

The initiative works hand-in-hand with Bill 58 (2014) CD1, introduced by Pine, which would create a more transparent and clearly defined process for park adoptions, donations and capital improvements, making it easier for organizations to improve specific parks in their communi-



ties. The bill passed Second Reading at the City's Council's February 18, 2015 meeting and referred back to the Parks, Community & Customer Services (PCCS) Committee for further discussion.

"Together, these will ease the process for groups wishing to adopt and make major capital contributions to our parks,"

says Pine, PCCS Committee chair. "We are looking forward to working with Mayor Caldwell in the upcoming budget process to see our proposals succeed."

The mayor has proposed using \$2 million in the City's Fiscal Year 2016 budget for improvements at park comfort stations. The funds would be used to refurbish 24 restrooms at parks and 16 sets of existing playground apparatus throughout Oahu.

The Department of Parks and Recreation will also be using Microguard, a protective coating that is graffiti and rot resistant, at 24 comfort stations beginning at Asing Community Park in Ewa Beach.

CANDID PERSPECTIVES (from page 3, THAT FIGHT....)

and the march of time, and you can see why everyone came to their senses. The money will never be greater.

Even if Pacquiao gives up a greater percentage to Mayweather, 40 percent of a humongous coconut is better than no coconut at all. There's your motivating factor.

The money would have been much bigger say, had Mayweather done this a few years back. He must have been scared by Pacquiao's quick KO of Hatton (something Floyd didn't do). And then Pacquiao's march through Cotto, Margarito. In some ways, Manny's two losses—to Marquez and Bradley—likely contributed to the idea that Pacquiao was on enough of a decline to boost Mayweather's confidence to

take the match. That and money, likely got the deal done.

In the time they've teased this fight, Pac/May could've been staged at least three or four times.

They both already could have made gazillions just fighting each other instead of giving in to vanity exhibitions for money like last year's Pacquiao/Algieri.

You want to do something for money? Then Pac/May I on May 2, followed up by the rematch, and then the rematch of that, Pac/May III.

A pugilistic trilogy. Why not?

Like I said, I used to care about Pacquiao's brain. But I'm done thinking he can save the Philippines as a politico.

He can save it in other

ways. Income from a Mayweather fight will be taxable. And that might be Pacman's biggest virtue yet to the Philippine government. Yes, he's been somewhat negligent previously but as an earner and when he pays, he's the Philippines' world champion cash caribou.

And it's right in line with his other role as the country's boxing diplomat. Manny puts the country and Filipinos top of mind everywhere.

He's the Philippines' Ali, the shining hood ornament of the country. Sure, it's on a jeepney, but who cares?

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By Atty. Emmanuel Samonte Tipon

Obama's Immigration Amnesty Program Blocked by Judge

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as President Obama wise in simply announcing but not signing an executive order or any document granting amnesty to illegal alien parents of U.S. born or legal resident children (aka Deferred Action for Parental Responsibility or “DAPA”)? Or was he just being “wais” as they say in Ilokoslovakia?

It was his Secretary of Homeland Security Jeh Johnson who issued a written memorandum on November 20, 2014 (“DAPA Memorandum”) authorizing DAPA and setting out its requirements. Hence it was not Obama but Johnson who was sued by 26 states (a majority of the 50 U.S. states) to stop the implementation of DAPA. Case No. B-14-254, U.S. District Court, S.D. Texas, Brownsville Div.

U.S. District Court Judge Andrew S. Hanen worked on President's Day, February 16, to issue a temporary injunction order against the United States of America, its departments,

agencies, officers, agents and employees led by Johnson enjoining them from implementing any and all aspects or phases of DAPA as set out in Johnson's DAPA Memorandum until further order of the Court, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, or the U.S. Supreme Court.

The Judge also enjoined the defendants from implementing the expansions to the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (“DACA”) program as announced in the DAPA Memorandum. Under the expanded DACA, there will be no age restriction, work authorization will be extended from two to three years, and eligibility cut-off date would be adjusted from June 15, 2007 to January 1, 2010.

The issue is: Do the laws of the United States, including the Constitution, give the Secretary of Homeland Security the power to take the action at issue in this case?

No. And the Judge's 123-page Memorandum Opinion and Order sets out in detail the reasons for the injunction, but to summarize it, it is due to the failure of the defendants to comply with the Administrative Procedure Act, 5 U.S.C. Sections 501 et seq. More specifically, the DAPA Memo-

randum was promulgated without the requisite “notice and comment” process required under § 553 of APA (5 U.S. Code § 553).

The defendants conceded that point but argued that DAPA is not subject to judicial review, and even if reviewable, is exempt from the APA's procedural requirements. The Judge rejected the defendants' arguments.

Secretary Johnson announced that they will appeal. An appeal will not be resolved quickly. The injunction is on solid legal ground. It does not go into the murky waters of constitutional issues or prosecutorial discretion. In fact the injunction admits that the executive has prosecutorial discretion but not on a massive scale by providing over four million illegal aliens with a variety of state and federal benefits when the yearly average for deferred action grants is less than 1,000. Among the benefits are work permits, driver's licenses, social security cards, etc.

The injunction preserves the status quo ante bellum (the state existing before the war). To set aside the injunction would result in the immediate implementation of the DAPA memorandum. It would be difficult to undo it if it were found

later to be against existing law.

Judge Hanen recognized that the states had “standing” to challenge the DAPA memorandum. He pointed out that many states “ultimately bear the brunt of illegal immigration.” This influx, for example, is causing the States to experience severe law enforcement problems.”

The plaintiff states used Obama's pre-amnesty pronouncements on why he was not doing anything about immigration reform when he said that he, as President, did not have the power under the Constitution or the laws of this country to change the immigration laws, and that only Congress could implement changes to the immigration law. The states claimed that Obama's rhetoric dramatically shifted when he made the amnesty announcement by saying that since Congress did not change the law, he was changing it unilaterally. The states argued that DAPA constitutes a significant change in immigration law and that only Congress can create or change laws, and that Obama violated the Constitution which provides that the President shall “take care” that the laws be faithfully executed.

OBSERVATION: The House of Representatives passed an appropriations bill

but without any funding for the Department of Homeland Security's DAPA program, but the Democratic senators will not vote for it unless DAPA is included.

COMMENT: Potential DAPA and DACA beneficiaries may continue to gather the documents to establish their eligibility. We have filed two DAPA applications and plan to file another one. They will remain in limbo until the entire issue is finally resolved. Will these potential DAPA and DACA beneficiaries be removed in the interim? Get an excellent lawyer who knows how to handle this kind of case.

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COVER STORY (from page 5, FLORANGEL....)

assignment. He will be 100 years old in January and for this occasion, we are putting together a book of poetry, most of them written by him, the children and friends. I am his primary caregiver, dispensing his health and medical needs, listening to him as he recalls events of long ago. He plays the bagpipes and was piper of the St. Andrews' Society, an association of Scottish residents in the country. We have an adopted son, Ferdie, who has two children. I have three stepchildren—one son who holds a Ph.D, was a professor and is now a sculptor; one daughter who is a museum consultant; and another who is an art teacher. All three have

children and grandchildren.

Q: Any final comments for Hawaii's Filipinos?

A: I hope that our countrymen who live in Hawaii will consider taking up dual citizenship or return and retire in the country. The real estate and tourism sectors have been working hard to transform the Philippines to make it more *balikbayan*-friendly. We would also like to see more of our *kababayan* join technology entrepreneurs like Dado Banatos or philanthropist businesswoman Loida Nicolas-Lewis who are now helping improve the quality of our local human resources by building schools, providing

scholarships and sharing their expertise.

Many of our overseas Filipinos are already doing their share in technology transfer in various ways—sharing their skills in humanitarian programs like the Ohana Medical Mission, Gawad Kalinga and many others. We always feel elated when hearing reports of our nurses, doctors, engineers, teachers and service personnel receiving recognition for their competence, work ethic and trustworthiness. Also, by being watchful and vigilant about developments in the country, and sharing ideas and suggestions that can be used in transforming our institutions, you shall have contributed much to the task of our nation-building.



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FEATURE

Education Issues Among Filipinos

By Lilia Quindoza Santiago, Ph.D.

The Tagalog term for graduation is “pagtatapos.” In Ilokano it is “panagturpos” which literally means a finishing or completion rite. There is a “pagtatapos” at every level of schooling from kindergarten, elementary, high school and college.

The term pagtatapos” implicates a number of concerns. For one, Filipinos regard having a degree from an educational institution as a virtue. When they finished only up to grade school, they would say, “grades six lang” as grade six is the graduation level for elementary school. Those who have a degree are deemed to have better lives, stable jobs more money, prestige and privileges for the family. A college degree could become a passport to a dream of living abroad. The more prestigious the institution where it is obtained, the higher the social status vested. And the more sophisticated the degree, like a Ph.D. from a university abroad or a more challenging the profession like engineering, law or medicine—the better.

However, there could be a cultural baggage to the term “pagtatapos.” It would seem that as soon as one gets out of school and receives a degree, the educational process is done with. The learning is completed, literacy or expertise is presumed and there is no more need to acquire additional training, knowledge or skills, let alone, values and attitudes.

When education is ‘finished’, is the educated person truly less fallible? Does graduation from college guarantee proper discernment and a wiser disposition? Does a college graduate make judicious choices because being more trained and informed? Has he developed good judgment? All these qualities are supposed to

be drawn out and developed during the long and arduous process of education.

In these series of feature essays, I raise a number of issues that confront education among Filipinos today. The first part is a historical background that traces the country’s problems in education from colonial times when formal education managed by the friars was established. The second part deals with aspects of the “pedagogy of the oppressed,” a term lifted from



Paulo Freire’s book that deals with “the miseducation of the Filipino” also a borrowed term

from the late essayist Renato Constantino.

I believe that Filipinos’

gullibility today—call it Filipino pride or lack of it—and their good or skewed disposition may be attributed to the educational experiences they went through. I will also draw from my own educational experiences to illustrate significant aspects that need to be unraveled and changed. In the third part, I will present both good and bad developments in the education of Filipinos in Hawaii.

One of these negative developments happened recently with the crafting of House Bill 555. The bill has been deferred but the future seems uncertain and some deep reflection and perhaps reform needs to be un-

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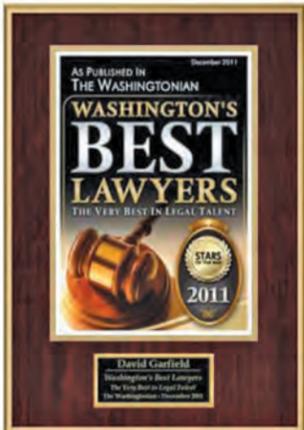
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OPINION

**Murphy's Law and the
 Aquino Administration**

BABE'S EYE VIEW by Babe Romualdez

Ot happens to some of us – when something goes wrong, everything starts to fall apart and everything seems to go wrong. We call that Murphy's Law. The sad part is – when the government seems to be fumbling all over the place, we all go down with it. Another glitch in the MRT's braking system caused passengers to be thrown down like dominoes, with several getting hurt as a result. Everyone was forced to get off on the next station, causing employees to arrive late for work and triggering a fresh round of curses for the administration, and as one critic put it, "for refusing to let go of inept people like Abaya just because they happen to be KKK (kapartido, kaibigan, kabarilan)."

Over 600,000 passengers take the MRT every day and they have no choice but to endure the long lines and risk life and limb due to the breakdowns that are getting more frequent, reminding us of the time when a train overshot the barrier at the Taft Avenue station. Since the coaches are old, the air conditioning systems are breaking down, and one can only imagine what it will be like for the passengers who are crammed inside the trains when the hot summer months come.

The MRT is a ticking time bomb waiting to blow up as the people's anger continues to simmer. No amount of apology from the administration will ever be enough because people expect results, not the dilly-dallying and finger-pointing on who is responsible for the maintenance or the purchase of spare parts especially after the much-opposed fare hikes were implemented. The MRT is supposed to bring relief to ordinary commuters considering the worsening traffic situation, but as a businessman friend told me, he feels so bad when he looks outside the window of his car because of the long lines of people waiting for a ride, and knowing that some of them might be his employees.

To think that the Aquino administration started out on a high note with people's hopes buoyed up by the promise of real change and expectations that life will be better. While the president got a lot of flak for the handling of the Luneta bus hostage incident in August 2010 — especially with perceptions that he let his friend Rico Puno "get away with murder" — the fallout was quickly averted especially with the strong performance



of the economy. People also had such great hopes that corruption would be lessened (if not eradicated) with the "straight path" mantra of the administration.

Unfortunately, things seem to have taken a turn for the worse in the last two years, with the Aquino government put to the test as one disaster after another hit the country. The Yolanda super typhoon would have been a great opportunity to show that the leaders today can rise above "yellow" politics, but unfortunately, subsequent events strengthened perceptions that for some, "it's all about the name."

And while projections for the economy are still upbeat for this year, a potential damper according to analysts would be the after-effects of the port congestion that escalated last year, which caused a number of small brokerage companies to fold due to delays and increased costs, and the long power outages that are sure to happen which could turn away investors. In fact, several areas in Metro Manila have already experienced rotating brownouts – with the situation expected to get worse this summer.

Not surprisingly, people's tempers are starting to boil due to suspicions that the power shortage was cooked up to justify the granting of emergency powers to the president, since there was a lot of time to avert a power crisis that was already foreseen as early as 2008 – yet the DOE was unable to come up with concrete solutions after all this time.

Last Wednesday, what should have been a "low key" commemoration of the historic 1986 People Power Revolution became a disaster with people cursing the president, the MMDA and the PNP because of the horrendous traffic snarl that stretched all the way from

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P75-B Bangsamoro 'Pork' Questioned

by Jess Diaz

Wednesday, March 4, 2015

MANILA, Philippines - Three congressmen are questioning a provision in the draft Bangsamoro Basic Law (BBL) allocating P75 billion in annual taxpayers' subsidy for the envisioned new autonomous Muslim region, saying the amount is a variation of the discredited pork barrel fund.

In a news forum yesterday, the lawmakers said the subsidy – the use of which would be under the sole discretion of the region's chief minister and parliament – would be no different from the pork barrel which was declared unconstitutional by the Supreme Court in November 2013.

The congressional pork barrel was officially called the Priority Development Assistance Fund or PDAF.

"It will give the Bangsamoro region a lot more funds than other regions. It could run counter to the equal treatment, equal protection clause of the Constitution," Davao City Rep. Karlo Nograles said, referring to the P75-billion allocation.

He said it is the planned new autonomous regional government that would determine how the huge sum would be used.

"And they are even proposing that it is their own audit body, not the Commission on Audit, that will audit the fund," Nograles said.

Zamboanga City Rep. Celso Lobregat said aside from the Jan. 25 Mamasapano, Maguindanao carnage that left 44 policemen dead, the proposed P75-billion annual subsidy has gotten mem-

bers of the House of Representatives from the Visayas and Luzon interested in the BBL draft.

He said his colleagues are now asking why taxes from their regions should be used as subsidy for the Bangsamoro regional government.

"This P75-billion grant will be an automatic appropriation. It will not pass through Congress. Its use will be determined solely by the chief minister and parliament of the Bangsamoro region," he said.

He pointed out that unlike the old PDAF of senators and congressmen and internal revenue allotments (IRA) of local government units, the Bangsamoro subsidy "will not be subject to budgeting guidelines of the Department of Budget and Management."

Marikina Rep. Romero Federico Quimbo, House ways and means committee chairman, said Congress should not grant the proposed subsidy "without safeguards against possible abuse."

"Without reforms, resources will most likely end up being wasted like in the past. We don't want that to happen," he said.

However, Quimbo disagreed with his colleagues that the Bangsamoro region should not be allocated as big an amount as P75 billion.

"We are like a doctor here. You treat a part of the body that is sick, leaving the other parts untouched. We allot resources to areas where they are needed. We appropriated a big amount for areas devastated by Super Typhoon Yolanda and no one complained," he said.

He said other regions should not expect the same treatment as the planned Bangsamoro regional entity because of their different needs. (www.philstar.com)

OPINION (from page 10, MURPHY'S...)

Quezon Boulevard to Magallanes due to the closure of portions of EDSA. Let's face it, Metro Manila can no longer take unnecessary road closures on any day. There are just too many vehicles.

Only the president, his Cabinet and his friends were allowed inside the EDSA Shrine, with many who just wanted to hear the mass refused entry ostensibly for "security reasons." More tellingly, former president Ramos skipped the celebration — a first in 29 years — blasting the traffic and criticizing the president for leaving out the most important part of the 1986 peaceful revolution: the people. "Only the yellow army is taking advantage," the EDSA hero fumed.

FVR, "the old soldier who never fades away," was expressing what majority of Filipinos feel at the inability of government to recognize the growing

frustration of the people in the aftermath of the Mamasapano disaster.

In his Feb. 25 speech, the president said peace in Mindanao is everyone's problem — precisely why he should not forget that the BBL is not exclusively for the MILF but all stakeholders. Passing it in haste without scrutinizing or correcting the unconstitutional provisions will only create more problems down the line. Calls for the president to step down by Uncle Peping and Auntie Tingting is not the answer — but Aquino should not ignore the growing dissatisfaction among the people. By continually pointing the finger at someone else about what really happened in Mamasapano, the administration is only digging itself deeper into a hole — which could turn out to be a quicksand — sinking it into oblivion. (www.philstar.com)

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HEALTH & FAMILY

Heart Attack Risk 8.5 Times Higher When Having Intense Angry Episodes

By Alixandra Caole Vila

MANILA, Philippines – Having trouble controlling your temper? Here's another reason why you should practice anger management more often.

A recent study published in The European Heart Journal Acute Cardiovascular Care showed that people who are having an intense episode of anger are 8.5 times more likely

to have a heart attack in just after two hours. Moreover, the study says that people who stay angry or anxious for extended periods of time are more likely to have difficulty coping with smaller aggravations.

In conducting the study, researchers at the University of Sydney and Royal North Shore Hospital distributed questionnaires to 313 people who were being treated in a hospital for myocardial infarction (MI). The questions include the level of anger they experienced in the last

48 hours prior to their MI based on a number scale (1 being calm to 7 being the enraged, out of control, throwing objects, hurting yourself or others).

Seven people in the study who had MI within two hours reported that they had an anger level greater than five. Findings confirm that episodes of intense anger, defined as being "very angry, body tense, clenching fists or teeth" (within two hours) are associated with increased relative risk for acute coronary occlusion.



Although the study was in a small scale, it still is of great significance because it provides experts with information about what emotional factors could trigger a heart attack. For example, stress caused by

extreme emotion may intensify heart rate and blood pressure, blood vessel constriction, a plaque rupture, and clotting which could eventually lead to a heart attack. (www.philstar.com)

FEATURE (from page 9, EDUCATION)

dertaken by the Filipino community in Hawaii.

Education in the Philippines

Education has its roots from the Latin word *educere* or *educere* which means to "draw out" or to "draw out from within." This is a rearing and nurturing process that begins early in life to draw out the potentials, abilities and skills of a

person. There is a mentoring involved and a teaching and learning that occur. The teacher trains and facilitates learning for a student. In the mentoring process, a good teacher draws out the best from the student who learns skills, knowledge, values and beliefs and in the process both teacher and students advance their knowledge of things in the world.

Jose Rizal's most eloquent satire on the friar-led educational process of his time is embodied in several characters in his novels. Pilosopong Tacio is the weird old man, a schooled philosopher who ends up taking his own life because he was unable to reconcile book knowledge and learning with his appreciation of the truth. The knowledge he acquired from school and all the philosophy he learned from college and read from books were insufficient tools to comprehend an exploitative colonial life. He wrote in hieroglyphs for a future generation that he hoped would understand him but eventually, he succumbs to his own mortality and fallibility.

Placido Penitente is the student who lacked critical and analytical skills as he is insulted by an arrogant professor. He is victim of the system of education that requires subjection to power and authority. Makaraig, Isagani and Basilio are cause-oriented students who appeal for reforms and seek equal rights to discourse about the country's fate as the youth of the land. They organize for the establishment of a Castilian Academy but their cause is frustrated when they are implicated in a false rebellion and hunted down as rebels and subversives.

Formal education became a tool for catholicization in the Hispanic Philippines. The

friar-led system was oriented more towards preaching, not teaching. Critical inquiry and the ability to launch scientific experiments were forbidden. That "Class in Physics," which is a chapter of *El Filibusterismo*, showed how microscopes were only for cabinet display and not for use by students to observe and experiment in the laboratory. Students had to believe and accept what the professor professed. Those who rose to challenge or question the priest-professor's knowledge risked being branded as heretics.

It is this kind of education, an unmindful and one-way transference of knowledge, attitudes and beliefs which vests the instructor with absolute and final authority over subject matter that Paulo Freire questions and criticizes in his book "Pedagogy of the Oppressed." Freire believes the educational system has become like a banking industry that engages in a dismal deposit-withdrawal of knowledge.

Because of their power in the classroom, their absolute right to evaluate and to give examinations and grades to students, teachers end up depositing their knowledge to students and then withdrawing them during evaluations and examinations. When there is no dialogue or debate, there is only a slave-master relationship in the classroom

and there is no advancement of knowledge. No real learning happens.

Yet, ironically, it is this kind of formal education that Rizal went through at the Ateneo de Manila, San Juan de Letran and the University of Santo Tomas. So when he began his criticism of friar pedagogy and against the "educators" of his time, his persecution also began.

It is difficult to imagine what kind of education Rizal advocated when he wrote about the value of education. His award winning poem "Por la Educacion Recibe Lustre La Patria" (Through Education, the Country Receives Light) asserts that education is key to the country's progress, enlightenment and peace. His character, Padre Florentino, throws Simon's jewels into the ocean because wealth is useless without education; because he sees that the "slaves of today could become tyrants of tomorrow." The acquisition of education to him is still the foundation of values that will eliminate tyranny, selfishness and greed. But what are the requisites of this transformative and liberative kind of education?

This is the first of a three-part series written by DR. LILIA Q. SANTIAGO on the value of a college degree or higher education to Filipinos. She is an assistant professor at the University of Hawaii-Manoa Ilokano Language & Literature Program.

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LEGAL NOTES



By Reuben S. Seguritan

DAPA and Expanded DACA Temporarily Blocked

ing DACA program launched in 2012. The order does not also affect the Department's authority to implement enforcement priorities established in the November 20, 2014 memorandum.

The lawsuit seeking to prevent the Obama Administration from implementing the executive actions was filed on December 3, 2014. Texas leads 25 other states in the lawsuit, namely, Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Indiana, Kansas, Louisiana, Maine, Michigan, Mississippi, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Utah, West Virginia, and Wisconsin.

In issuing the temporary injunction, Judge Hanen based his decision on the claim that the administration did not comply with the Administrative Procedures Act. He has yet to rule on the merits of the case.

The order effectively halts the implementation of the programs until the case is resolved.

The White House will appeal the order. Josh Earnest, White House press secretary said, "We will seek that appeal because we believe when you evaluate the legal merits of the arguments, that there is a solid legal foundation for the president to take the steps he announced last year to help reform our immigration system."

Immigrant rights advocates also took issue with Judge Hanen's basis for issuing the order. The American Immigration Lawyers Association, in a statement, pointed out, "His injunction is not based on constitutional grounds; it is based on procedure, finding flaws under the Administrative Procedure Act. It is almost as if he was desperate for a way to block these initiatives and grasped any straw he could."

They remain confident that the lawsuit, just like previous legal challenges, will also fail.

It can be recalled that last December, a politically motivated lawsuit was dismissed when Sheriff Joe Arpaio contended that President Obama's announcements in November 2014 were unconstitutional.

Similarly, in 2012, Mississippi's lawsuit challenging the legality of the original DACA program was also dismissed. In that case, the judge found that the perceived economic hardship claimed by the state was not based on facts.

President Obama, for his part, is confident that Judge Hanen's order will be overruled. According to him, "The Department of Homeland will continue with the planning because we want to make sure that as soon as these legal issues get resolved – which I anticipate they will, in our favor – that we are ready to go."

Meanwhile, the Department of Justice has filed for an "emergency stay" of the court order, pending appeal, or in the alternative, to stay its order beyond application in Texas. If the

stay is granted, DHS can finally begin accepting requests for DACA under the expanded program as well as requests for DAPA in May as scheduled. Millions of immigrants hoping to benefit from both programs would not have to wait many months for the decision on the appeal.

This recent development on the President's executive actions may have delayed the implementation, but it has not dampened the hopes of the immigrant community. As Karen Tumlin, Managing Attorney of the National Immigration Law Center pointed out, "We've hit a speed bump on the road to the implementation of these programs, but folks should stay the course, get their documents ready, prepare to apply, because the programs will open their doors eventually."

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PHILIPPINE NEWS

New Moro Rebel Group Emerges

by Jaime Laude
Thursday, March 5, 2015

MANILA, Philippines - A radical Muslim cleric trained in the Middle East and considered one of the leaders of the Bangsamoro Islamic Freedom Fighters (BIFF) has broken away from the terror group to form his own band of jihadists who are now reportedly providing sanctuary to bomb expert Basit Usman and at least five foreign militants, the military said yesterday.

Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) spokesman Col. Restituto Padilla, citing reports from the field, said the Justice for Islamic Movement (JIM) was organized by Mohamad Ali Tambako after a falling out with BIFF founder Ameril Umbra Kato.

The two reportedly had irreconcilable differences over issues affecting Muslims in

Mindanao. It was not clear if the JIM shares the BIFF's secessionist agenda. BIFF wants to set up an Islamic state governed by strict Sharia laws.

The military is currently on an offensive against the BIFF, a breakaway group of the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF). The offensive, also targeting Abu Sayyaf bandits, has displaced thousands of villagers in Maguindanao.

The MILF, which is negotiating peace with the government, was a splinter group of the Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF).

"This is a new group," Padilla said, referring to the JIM. "For now, all we know is that Tambako and his group don't see to eye to eye with the BIFF."

The new group reportedly has 70 fighters.

The military spokesman said Tambako was a member

of the MNLF before joining the MILF and later helped organize the BIFF.

Government forces overran last Sunday Tambako's camp in Barangay Dasikil, Mamasapano, Maguindanao.

Ground troops earlier described Tambako's enclave as a BIFF bomb and weapons factory.

Tambako reportedly started organizing JIM way

back in 2013, with its first members trained in making bombs and explosive devices.

Padilla said the military now considers JIM as another lawless group and a target of the ongoing offensive in Mindanao.

Through its ongoing offensive, the military also hopes to capture Usman, who eluded arrest by Special Action Force (SAF) commandos during a deadly raid in Mamasapano last Jan.25.

The raiders killed

Malaysian terrorist Zulkifli bin Hir, alias Marwan, but lost 44 of their own in clashes with MILF and BIFF guerrillas.

"Any individual or group with arms is a serious threat that we have to take action against," Padilla said.

The military, on the other hand, declined to comment on reports of the existence of another terrorist group, Khalifa Islamiyah Mindanao (KIM), which reportedly has links to the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS). (www.philstar.com)

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PHILIPPINE LANGUAGE



DAYASADAS
By Pacita Saludes

Nangina Nga Aldaw Ti Awag Idiay Ilokos Kadagiti Nasantuan Nga Aldaw (Holy Week)

Kas iti nasantuan a pammati tayo a Filipinos, ngilinentayo dagiti nasantuan nga aldaw iti Semana Santa. Naiduman dayta a pammati a maar-aramiden iti agdama.

Manmanon dagiti kapada a Filipino ti agngilin a makuna. Agrabaho latta dagiti tao uray Biernes Santo, ket manmanon dagiti agngilin kadagiti makuna a nasantuan nga aldaw. Adun dagiti agkuna a saanen a nasken dagita ditoy Hawaii. Kinapudnona adda ti kada tao ti bukodda a pammati. Patientayo a masubbot dagiti basbasol dagiti tao babaen ken Apo Jesus. Kasta ti pammati tayo ket agtamedtayo ken Apo Jesus iti sadino man nga ayantayo. Ammotayo amin a dagiti nasantuan nga ar-aramid a nabasbasa ken naipasagepsep kadatayo namunganay amin idiay ISRAEL, ti nasantuan a

daga a nagsagsagabaan ni Apo Jesus. Kinedngan dagiti judio a matay tapno masubbot dagiti basbasol tayo.

T o y n a g s u r a t nasarungkaranna iti namindua a daras ti ISRAEL. ISRAEL a mabasa iti Biblia a nagtutuokan ni Apo Jesus. Idiay JERUSALEM ti ti nakasentsiaanna, nakailansaanna iti krus, nagtutuokanna, nagungaranna ken immulianna sadi langit kalpasan ti lima ribo a tawenen ti napalabas ti pakasaritaan TI VIA DOLOROSA a nagtutuokanna agingga iti kalbaryo.

Adu dagiti disso a nakallalagip iti biag ni Apo Jesus (segun ti Biblia).

1. THE SHEPERD'S FIELD - ti katalalanganan ti Bethlehem.
2. GROTTO of NATIVITY - iti abay ti pagtaengan da Maria a nangpadakkellanda ken Jesus
3. JORDAN River - karayan a nangbuniagan ni JOHN THE BAPTIST ken ni

4. DEAD SEA - naapgad unay a danum nga awan a pulos ti agbiag - isu ti pagtungpalan ti danum ti Jordan River.
5. GETHSEMANE - disso a nagkarkaragan ni Jesus iti LAST SUPPER sakbay nga inlako ni Judas.
6. CANAL OF GALILEE - ti umona a nangipakitaan ni Jesus iti milagro, idi pinagbalinna a basi ti danum idi naibusan ti agpasken. Amin a sumarungkar idiay mabalinda ti agkasar manen tapno ad-adda ti grasia kadakuada
7. THE SEA OF GALILEE - kadakkellan a danum tannay, awaganda iti "dead sea". Adu ti impakita ni Jesus a milagro iti daytoy a disso, tinulonganna ni Pedro a nagtiliw ti ikan nga impasidada iti lima ribu a tattao, ti bassit laeng a tinapay a pinagpakanda kadagiti adu a tao a mabisin.
8. CAPERNAUM - ti pinagbalin ni Jesus a siudadna

idi saanda nga awanten iti ilina a Nazareth. Ditan ti nagaramidanna kadagiti adu a nakaskasdaaw, panangagasna kadagiti masaksakit, pinagungarna ti anak ni Jairus (agturay ti synagogue) ken adu pay milagro.

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Maikalima: Sinabet ni Simon ni Apo Jesus tapno tulonganna a mangkarga ti krus

Maikanem: Idi punasan ni

Veronica ti rupa ni Apo Jesus

Maikapito: Naidaramudom ni Jesus iti maikadua a daras

Maikawalo: Idi nakisarita ni Jesus kadagiti amin a taga Jerusalem

Maikasiam: Nnaidaramudom iti maikatlo a daras

Maikasangapulo: Inuksobda ti arwatan ni Apo Jesus

Maikasangapulo ket maysa: Inlansada iti krus ni Apo Jesus

Maikasangapulo ket dua: Inpastrekdan ni Apo Jesus iti sepulkro kalpasan ti adu a panangtutuokda ken kinoronaanda iti siit, dinuyokda ti bakrangna a nagpusuakan ti adu a dara. Adu pay a kinaranggas dagiti judio a linak-amna sakbay a napugsat ti angesna.

Nalpasen! Nalpasen! kinuana ket nagungar iti maikatlo nga aldaw. Dagitoy ti sinagaba ni Apo Jesus a nangsubbot ti basbasol dagiti tattao.

MAINLAND NEWS

Philippines 'Death Squad' Under Fire

The Philippine government has struck a long-overdue blow against the country's epidemic of unsolved extrajudicial killings by filing murder charges against Rey "Chiong" Uy, the former mayor of Mindanao's Tagum City.

The National Bureau of Investigation has linked Uy and 28 co-conspirators to the murders of at least 80 people by a city government-backed death squad.

In a May 2014 report, Human Rights Watch exposed the existence of the Tagum death squad as a salaried arm of the municipal government, organized, financed and directed by Uy, and linked to hundreds of killings. Many of the victims were street children including 9-year-old Jenny Boy "Kokey" Lagulos, who was found dead on a Tagum City side street on April 12, 2011.

Uy's prosecution marks a welcome shift from President Benigno Aquino III's previous failure to tackle death squad killings in places like Davao City and Cebu City and his tolerance for local anti-crime campaigns that promote or encourage extrajudicial means to rid city streets of "undesirables."

But observers say more needs to be done. A much-vaunted initiative by the administration to address impunity—the creation in 2012 of a so-called superbody to expedite the investigation and prosecution of cases of extrajudicial killings—has remained largely inactive even with new cases reported by Philippine human rights groups. Politicians with private armies and state security forces have been implicated in killings of journalists, leftist activists, environmentalists and tribal leaders but no one has been prosecuted for these killings and certainly not the masterminds. (HRW Press)

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FOOD & LEISURE

Psychology on Order: How Restaurants Get You to Spend More

By Candice Choi | AP

NEW YORK — You may think you're immune to transparent sales pitches like "Do you want fries with that?" But the tactics restaurants use to nudge you into spending a little extra may be subtler than you realize.

Here's a look at a few ways companies get you to spend (and eat) more than you intended.

Get the \$ Out

Restaurant menus are a complicated mixture of psychology, art and sales pitches. No detail is too small to matter, right down to the dollar sign.

Greg Rapp, a menu consultant in California, says he advises restaurants and fast-food chains to leave those off when listing prices on a menu.

"Dollar signs remind people of money," Rapp said. "When you use dollar signs, your food looks more expensive."

Words Matter

Imagery and language can also make prices go down easier.

Florid descriptions for menu items can seem like parodies, but it's an effective way to make a fairly standard dish sound special.

So, you may balk at paying \$19 for baked fish and the vegetable of the day, yet gladly pay that for "flaky cod marinated in our house sauce, served with country peas."

"The more you talk about it, the less it costs in the customer's head. The more value



A customer places an order at a Starbucks in Chicago. AP/Charles Rex Arbogast

you're giving them," Rapp said.

Hand-Eye Coordination

The closer you are to something, the more likely you are to make an impulse buy.

It's why the areas by registers are so crowded with those little extras. If you walk into Starbucks for a \$4 latte, the cafe can push up the value of that transaction by 25 percent just by getting you to grab a \$1 tin of mints. So while nobody goes to Starbucks specifically for mints, a lot of people buy them.

By a similar logic, Dunkin' Donuts began rolling out small display cases on front counters last summer that feature items like cookies and Danish pastries. The thinking is that you're more likely to get something to nibble on with your drink if it's practically in your grasp.

A classic example at fancier restaurants is the dessert cart. At the casual dining chain Seasons 52, servers bring out a tray of mini-desserts to show diners. Pitched as "Mini Indulgences," the method of presentation has pushed dessert sales higher

than those of most other restaurants, said Aaron Allen, a restaurant consultant based in Orlando, Florida.

And over at McDonald's, apple pie dispensers are behind the registers where customers can see them. Jeff Stratton, former president of McDonald's USA, has said pie sales would fall dramatically if the dispensers were back in the kitchen.

Controlling the Choices

Sometimes the choices available will push people to spend more.

Sonic, for instance, used to offer two sizes for its shakes: a 14-ounce "regular" and a 20-

ounce "large." In 2012, the drive-in chain revamped sizes; the "regular" became a "small" and the "large" became a "regular."

It then added a new 32-ounce "large," as well as a 10-ounce "mini." So the people who tend to automatically opt for a "large" were shifted up to a bigger, pricier size.

Drinks are a particularly ripe area for what's known in the industry as "upselling" because people usually don't pay as much attention to their prices as they do for main dishes, said Kit Yarrow, a professor of consumer psychology at Golden Gate University and author of "Decoding the New Consumer Mind."

Paying 25 cents more for a bigger soda or fries seems like a no-brainer to most people, even if they would've been content with the smaller portion.

"Consumers really do order much more food than they need, because it seems like a value to them," Yarrow said.

Giving more choices also just increases the odds that something will appeal to people. That's not really as neces-

sary for main dishes, which people will order regardless, but can push up sales of extras like appetizers or desserts.

"When you have eight appetizers on the menu versus six, you sell more appetizers with eight," said Eugene Lee, CEO of Darden Restaurants, which owns Olive Garden, while addressing concerns about the complexity of the chain's menu last year.

What's Next

In the future, that drive-through menu board might just try to read your mind. Or at least predict what you, in particular, might be tempted by.

Sonic CEO Cliff Hudson has said the chain is working on ways to have digital menu boards feature items based on the particular customer.

The tailored offerings would be possible over time with the help of the mobile app, which is set to launch this spring and would help the company keep track of what people like to order. Already, Starbucks says its email offers to customers with its apps are tailored based on past purchases. (www.philstar.com)

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