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EDITORIALS

The Significance of Undas

Undas is one of those uniquely Filipino traditions that help to bridge the generations and bind family members closer to each other. This largely Catholic practice spans a two-day period—All Saints' Day on November 1st and All Souls' Day on November 2nd. So important is Undas in the Philippines that many employers give their workers time off for this holiday, which perhaps ranks second only to Christmas and Easter in terms of importance for Filipinos. As a testament to Undas' importance, the Catholic Bishops Conference of the Philippines has even launched a website that provides a catechesis of the significance and liturgical meaning of the celebration of November 1 and 2. The website also allows you to request prayers for loved ones, which is a welcomed convenience for those Filipinos living or working abroad and unable to be with their families for Undas.

Most non-Asian countries are not keen on observing special occasions that remember the dead or honor the saints, unlike in the Philippines where entire families fastidiously celebrate events like Undas. They camp in cemeteries and often spend the night near deceased relatives' tombs eating specially-prepared dishes, playing card games, singing and dancing. Tombs are given a complete makeover with new paint, fresh flowers and candles.

While Undas is regularly observed in the Philippines, there is some concern that this largely Catholic practice may slowly fade away with future generations, which have now embraced U.S.-style Halloween celebrations on October 31st. Young Filipinos who don costumes like their American counterparts are now flocking to Halloween costume contests and parties, some of which last all night—making it extremely difficult to get up, much less attend, All Saints' Day prayers the following day.

There is certainly nothing wrong with the next generation assimilating into Western culture but ideally, parents should teach their children the importance of holding fast to family traditions like Undas. While placing one foot planted firmly forward, young Filipinos should stand with the other foot on uniquely Filipino customs that define who they are and where they have come from.

Mobile Shower, Laundry Services for the Homeless

Oahu is at last starting to see meaningful progress being made to address Oahu's acute homeless problem, now that the State, City and private sector have joined forces in recent months, particularly in Kakaako near the University of Hawaii's medical school. Many of displaced homeless have found shelter, while others have refused assistance and chosen to move into nearby parks.

We urge the key players to continue to move forward on initiatives and measures to fund and implement permanent housing solutions for homeless individuals and families. One particularly innovative idea to help the homeless get back on their feet is to provide a mobile facility that provides free showers and other basic hygiene services for the homeless. One such program in San Francisco that has shown promise in meeting the needs of the city's estimated 3,500 homeless population is run by a non-profit group called Lava Mae. Last summer, its staff of volunteers paid \$75,000 to retrofit a decommissioned city bus with showers, changing stations and 2 toilets. The bus now

FROM THE PUBLISHER

Happy Halloween! Can you believe that there are only two months left in the year? After the Halloween candies are eaten and the costumes put away, the remaining weeks will be a blur, especially with Thanksgiving and the Christmas season right around the corner.



Our cover story for this issue is about Undas Day celebrations in the Philippines. Contributing writer Dr. Lilia Quindoza Santiago reminiscences about this very important religious festival that is observed in the Philippines but to a much lesser extent here in Hawaii. We hope that her story "Undas: The Importance of Feasts For The Dead" (see page 4) will bring back fond memories for you. Please also turn to page 8 for our Chronicle Pulse wherein readers share their personal experiences of Undas in the Philippines and how it compares with Halloween celebrations here in Hawaii.

If you live or work near the Downtown-Chinatown areas and are looking for a Halloween event to attend, consider Halloweenbaloo 2015—a "spooktacular" celebration of music, art, food and entertainment. For ticket information, call Lily Williams of Klick Communications at 223-3314.

Speaking of celebrations, West Oahu residents are looking forward to the 10th Annual Taste of Waipahu Festival—a community wide block party that celebrates all the good things about this former sleepy sugarcane town and now vibrant center for business and family life. With many Filipinos calling Waipahu home, the event is sure to have a distinct *pinoy* flavor and feel. Make plans now to attend this festive event, which is scheduled for November 7, 2015 from 2 pm to 10 pm at August Ahrens Elementary School. To find out more, turn to page 9 for "Taste of Waipahu to Celebrate 10th Anniversary." Hope to see you there!

Lastly, I encourage you to take a few minutes to read the other informative columns and articles we have for you in this issue. And as always, we are grateful for your continued support. If you have a story idea, suggestion or concern, please email it to our staff at: filipinochronicle@gmail.com. We'd love to hear from you!

Until next time...*aloha* and *mabuhay*... and have a Happy as well as safe Halloween!

Chona A. Montesines-Sonido

travels several days a week to homeless neighborhoods offering its services.

In Brisbane, Australia, two 20-somethings loaded their van with washing machines, dryers and a generator to create a portable laundromat to wash the clothes of those in need. Their mobile laundromat processes up to 44 lbs. of laundry each hour—giving homeless people the opportunity to improve personal hygiene and help kickstart their efforts to get off the streets. The beauty of these mobile shower and washing machine units is that they can go directly to where the homeless people are, rather than have them visit a designated facility where they are usually not inclined to go. Such mobile services enable social service providers to go to any location, at any time, without requiring third party support for access to water, power or drainage.

These mobile units are no means a magic bullet but if combined with other meaningful, innovative efforts, they could go a long way towards solving Oahu's homeless problem. What's needed are a handful of individuals who think outside of the box and the political will to make it happen.

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CANDID PERSPECTIVES



By Emil Guillermo

We Know What Trump Thinks of Mexicans; What About Filipinos and Other Asians?

How many times as a Filipino American have you been called Mexican? Or Chinese? Or Japanese? Or Puerto Rican? Just anything but Filipino.

It's that damn Spanish-sounding last name, right? Or maybe it's another Asian sounding name like Go, Goh, or Ngo?

But what if your last name is Murphy by marriage, yours or your mother's?

Confusing, isn't it.

It happens a lot based on names and appearance.

Maybe you saw what happened to Joseph Choe, a 20-year old whose parents immigrated from Korea.

Choe is an economics student at Harvard student who recently learned a lesson in supply and demand. When he heard Donald Trump supplying untruths about South Korea on the campaign, Choe decided he'd demand the truth from the Donald. Or at the very least a correction.

Choe went to confront Trump at a rally in New Hampshire last week, dubbed the "No Labels Problem Solver" convention.

But all Trump saw were labels.

As reported by AP, Trump saw Choe's hoodie which branded him a Harvard student. Trump often boasts about attending Wharton at the University of Pennsylvania.

"Harvard?" Trump asked. "You go to Harvard?"

The report mentioned Choe seemed to delay. Trump became impatient.

"He's choking!" Trump jabbed. Then Choe asked his question.

"Basically, you said that South Korea takes advantage of the United States in terms of the defense spending on the Korean Peninsula," Choe reportedly said. I just want to get the facts straight."

Like a bully, Trump interrupted and went ad hominem. When in doubt, attack the person, right?

"Are you from South Korea?" Trump asked.

"I'm not," Choe said. "I was born in Texas, raised in Colorado."

Some laughed at that. Then Choe said, "No matter where I'm from, I like to get my facts straight," and then was cut off.

"I don't care who you are, whether you're the prime minister or Donald Trump, if you say something factually wrong or do something factually wrong, I'll call you out on it," Choe later said to a reporter. "[Trump] makes all these, like, weird accusations, whether it's toward Mexicans or women, or South Koreans; I just wanted to call him out on that."

What bothered Choe was Trump had said South Korea pays nothing for U.S. help in defense. All Choe wanted to do was let him know South Korea pays about \$860 million to the U.S.

But Trump responded in

the way people who shouldn't be president responded.

Whatever happened to the GOP's "compassionate conservative" approach? What ever happened to civility?

Trump didn't have an answer so he bullied and attacked the credibility of his challenger. And when he saw that Mr. Harvard was also ethnic, well, he could drop the petty Harvard stuff (some good Republicans come from there too. Not many. But enough). And then he could just go ethnic.

Bully plus ethnic?

Sounds like racism to me.

Trump has already shown he likes to mock Asian accents when referring to Asian leaders.

Good red meat for Tea Party Republicans in the early going of a campaign. But if I were a Republican in the middle of the Pacific, I'd be concerned about Trump as president.

Time for a little more substance from the Donald. What is his real understanding of Asia, and if he's prone to making errors that a Harvard undergraduate can catch, what more the top levels of government in any important Asian country?

More distressing is his use of the ethnic attack

against a fellow American.

Or are all Asians perpetual foreigners?

In a politics of intolerance, it figures that a billionaire builder would want to build a wall on the Mexican border. It's just a skyscraper laying on its side. But in a country where Asian Americans are the fastest growing immigrant group, soon to overtake Latinos? What kind of structure does he want to keep us in our place?

Trump's outburst is a reminder of how race has been used in America's past. Being seen as foreigners didn't help Japanese Americans rounded up and incarcerated during WWII.

Filipinos arriving as workers to California in the 1920s weren't supposed to start families and become real Americans. Instead laws were passed to prevent Filipinos from marrying outside their race and start any kind of family. They

were prevented from buying homes. And in 1934, spurred by anti-Filipino sentiment, the U.S. took away American national status and turned us back into aliens.

Public policy is important. Trump's reaction is important. Assumptions on race do happen in 2015. Wrong assumptions. Hurtful ones. They shouldn't be made by someone who wants to be our leader?

Trump says a lot of things about Mexicans. Would he say about Filipinos?

Republicans should stop playing around and get serious. The Donald is not the one.

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Undas: The Importance of Feasts For The Dead

By Lilia Quindoza Santiago, Ph.D.

Halloween in many parts of the world is for tricks and treats. Children with their parents or guardians “trick or treat” as they walk the streets and roam the neighborhood in colorful and wild attires. They knock on household doors either to scare or regale those inside. They get rewarded usually with candies, chocolates and other goodies.

The fun with Halloween is that partakers and revelers have fun meeting not only people in their neighborhoods but wonderful other spirits that roam the earth. Some call these ghosts but generally these are spirits that are out of this world and specially include the souls of those who have journeyed on to the afterlife.

Which are what Filipinos do in the “Undas.” In the Philippines, Halloween celebrations do not happen on the night of October 31. There could be tricks and treats but these are commercially organized at city centers and shopping malls For most parts of the

country, celebrations are centered on the first two days of November. These are the days of the “Undas” or “Todos Los Santos” and are done mainly to celebrate the dead.

In Tagalog, “Undas” means “Feasts For the Dead.” The phrase “Todos Los Santos” is Spanish for “All the Saints.” The first two days of November in religious calendars are known as All Saints Day (November 1) and All Souls Day (November 2). Filipinos conflate the two celebrations in the “Undas.” But instead of mourning over their dead, relatives celebrate them in feasts of remembrance. Various reli-

gious rites and other rituals happen on these days as the dead become like saints to be revered.

Days before the first week of November, family members visit the tomb stones or the grave sites of their departed who are either buried in cemeteries and memorial parks or whose ashes are stored in memorial halls. They clean, repaint and put colors to fading tomb stones and put ornamental plants in the surroundings to make the dwellings of the dead look lovely and comfortable.

Then on Undas Day, prayers are offered in the liturgy as priests and pastors



A caretaker inspects gravestones at the Manila North Cemetery a few days before “Undas Day.”

exhort the living to remember the dead. Candles and flowers are lit and laid on tombstones and gravesites. Members and relatives visit as many gravesites of their dead kin as possible in cemeteries and memorial parks all over the country. People who live and work in the city but have relatives buried in the provinces usually travel back home to pay their respects.

At nighttime, there is the *pangangaluluwa*, a kind of bonding with the souls and spirits. In this ritual, people who pretend to be souls or ghosts seek reunion with the living as they go from house to house begging blessings. The songs they sing usually remind household members of the memories of their dead and of the virtues of a good life as one approaches death. The singers in the *pangangaluluwa* remind households that there are still souls in purgatory seeking absolution for their sins. The singers are usually invited into the house after their singing and offered an evening meal.

Then there is the traditional *atang*. The custom is Ilokano as the word *atang* means “holy offering of food.” For the *atang*, households cook special delicacies like *suman* (sticky rice or *malagkit*, which is cooked in coconut milk and salt and wrapped in banana or



Atang, the holy offering of food

coconut leaves to be boiled. The *suman* is placed in a basket or plate laden with fruits and other special dishes. These are then placed on a table in front of an altar in the house. The food is prayed over, candles are lit and stay lighted throughout the celebration. It is believed the souls of the dead will come visit their home and partake of the food prepared for them in the *atang*.

The *atang* is also taken to the tombstones or gravesites in cemeteries and memorial parks and are left there as offerings. Guards of the cemetery, the homeless and children gather the leftover food in the afternoon or evenings when the people have left. A curious practice observed at some cemeteries is the competition among children to stave off melted candles on the tombs. They collect as many melted

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candles and shape these like toys or simply put them away for the rest of the year to be used again when “Undas” comes the year after.

Most of the celebrations during “Undas” are silent and solemn and are centered around clans and families. Reunions take place as members who have been separated by work or marriage to someone from another family get together and narrate their stories to each other.

I remember the days when my sisters and I accompanied our grandmother to visit our dead at the Baguio cemetery. She would lead us in prayer and half the time we would all be kneeling around the tomb. Towards the end of her prayer, she begins crying as she remembers the good old days when our relatives were still alive and how happy we were then. She bewails the loss of our loved ones and ends her prayers by seeking sympathy and benediction for all the dead, the living and us. She prays to God and to all the saints to forgive our sins and forgive all others that have sinned. Our visits usually ended solemnly as we left the cemetery, our heads bowed in prayer and with vivid memories of our departed kin.

When I married someone from Obando, Bulacan, I witnessed how celebrants could turn the event into a happy fiesta. The cemetery becomes a picnic ground. Relatives of the dead gather around tombs bringing food, flowers, candles and other memorabilia like pictures of the dead. After paying their respects and prayers, they eagerly share stories. They crack spooky jokes or sing or play musical instruments and card games like poker or the pusoy. The fragrance of flowers combines with incense, lighted candles and different kinds of food being barbecued. This becomes an event for a grand family reunion that precedes another reunion during Christmastime. The “Undas” however is a special reunion with the dearly departed.

‘Undas’ in Hawaii

For Ruffalyne Villanueva



Children line up for candy and sweets during “Trick or Treat” at a subdivision in Makati City. (AP Photo/Bullit Marquez)

of Waipahu and her family, “Undas” is spent at the Valley of the Temples in Kaneohe where great-grandfather and other relatives are buried. They arrive early to beat the crowds and get a parking spot closest to their relatives’ graves. After pitching a tent, they spend the entire day for a family picnic. It’s a festive time for the entire Villanueva clan.

“We offer food to our deceased by placing a plate of food that they enjoyed while they were alive,” she says. “For us, we usually offer a sampler of the food we brought for the day along with an orange, McDonald’s cheeseburger, Pepsi, Budweiser and other foods my apo enjoyed.”

While Filipinos in Hawaii may not celebrate “Undas” at the level done in the Philippines, it is still an occasion for families to reconnect with each other. Honolulu resident Tess Bernales says every member of her family was expected to return to their hometown of Laur, Nueva Ecija for “Undas.” The hard work would begin several weeks prior to “Undas,” with the Bernales family mausoleum spruced up, their home prepared for the arrival of relatives and guests, and the entire menu planned.

“Undas was very much a part of my childhood and formative years until I left for the U.S.,” Bernales says. “Rain or shine, we would all troop to the cemetery bringing flowers, candles, pictures of our deceased loved ones, important sentimental artifacts and food and drinks too. I miss all of the fun in the cemetery during the evening and staying late to go Halloween caroling.”

Bernales recalls the sumptuous food that her family

would enjoy, which included lechon as the centerpiece, *pancit*, *caldereta*, *morcon*, *embutido*, *kare-kare*, *releyenong bangus*, *tinola*, *adobo*, *paella* and *menudo*. Dessert included *leche flan*, *kundol*, *yemmas*, *braso de mercedes*, *puto*, *kutsinta*, *sapin-sapin* and *palitaw*. There would also be fruits to enjoy such as *lanzones*, *atis*, oranges, grapes and cantaloupes.

“The entire time was non-stop fun from my perspective as a child,” she says. “I’m sure the adults had as much fun too.”

One reason that local Filipinos don’t observe “Undas” like they do in the Philippines, Bernales says, is that their loved ones here are buried in different cemeteries unlike in one location back home. Others also have their loved ones’ remains buried in the Philippines, so they choose to go home instead to celebrate “Undas.”

“Here in Hawaii, the people visit the cemeteries year around to pray and bring flowers, instead of doing it for the one day out of the year,” she says.

Other Filipino families and adults choose to skip “Undas” altogether and instead go door-to-door for trick or treats, visit haunted houses or dress up



18-month old Gabriella Rae of Waipahu in her “old woman” Halloween costume

in costume for contests and Halloween parties—of which there is no shortage of.

Villanueva, 28, will dress up her 18-month-old daughter as an old lady. Her Halloween costume includes a walker, cardigan, eyeglasses, necklace and shoes. She represents a new breed of young Filipinos who cling to cultural traditions but also embrace modern day American customs.

“I’ve noticed that over the years, there are less and less young people celebrating All Souls Day. I think they just lose interest in celebrating these traditions,” Villanueva says. “I believe in traditions and pass-

ing them on to my daughter like my parents did. It’s a way to keep our generations connected to one another even with the changing times.”

Whatever their mode of celebration, families with different faiths and belief systems to this day continue to observe the “Undas” in the Philippines. Like Halloween, the essence of all the feasting and celebratory rites is basically the same—the communion of the living with the spirits in the great beyond.

“Undas” remains a testament to the Filipinos belief in a spiritual world where everyone can share the bounties of the universe. Many believe that the souls of the departed still come around to visit their homes on earth to show they still care. The living then responds by holding a feast in their honor. That way, a harmony is forged between the spiritual and material world—a harmony that can ward off evil, terror and pain.

Associate Editor Dennis Galolo contributed to this story.

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COMMENTARY

What Do We Mean By "Representative Government"?

By Lee H. Hamilton

With a presidential election year fast approaching, we're in for a lot of public talk about the state of American democracy. Much of that discussion will be insightful and thought-provoking, but there's a good chance you'll also find a lot of it vague and hard to pin down.

There's a reason for this. Even our political leaders, the people who are most familiar with the system's workings, have a hard time describing it.

In fact, they even have a hard time labeling it. Ours is not actually a pure democracy: it's more accurate to say that we live in a "representative

democracy" — that is, the people don't themselves make decisions, but delegate that authority to their elected representatives. In this sense, we really live in a republic, a word you don't often hear from the podium.

Perhaps the best way to start thinking about what American representative democracy really means is to recall the Pledge of Allegiance, which is an oath to the Republic that our flag symbolizes, and in particular to an ideal: that our nation will strive for liberty and justice for all. Plenty of well-meaning people, in the heat of the political moment, seize on one or the other of those twin poles to support their agenda — they insist upon liberty or they de-

mand justice. The Pledge, however, makes it clear that these core principles are inseparable.

Still, they are ideals. They're not sufficient to define a representative democracy.

Indeed, no single feature does. One of our core tenets holds that the people are sovereign — that we give our consent to be governed through regular participation in the elections that decide who will represent us. Yet elections in and of themselves don't define our republic, either; there are plenty of countries around the world whose elections are used to distort democracy.

So the rule of law is also key, and along with it the notion that everyone ought to be subject to equal justice under the law. The separation of powers among the different branches of government creates a balance designed to protect the people from overweening power. The rights guaranteed by our Constitution ensure that the rights of minorities of all kinds are safe.

The big challenge in all

this is to set up the structures and practices that protect and defend these beliefs. The courts, legislative bodies and executive branches at the federal, state and local level are an example of this, along with a system of checks and balances that promotes accountability and transparency. So are the freedoms we often take for granted: under our Constitution, we do not put to a vote whether to continue protecting freedom of religion or the right to express unpopular sentiments or publish news that challenges those in power.

While representative democracy rests on a core set of principles, it remains a constantly evolving concept. At the beginning, ours was limited: our Founders began with an inspiring set of beliefs about how a nation ought to govern itself, but they also ignored women and chose to set aside the question of slavery. This was a democracy of white males of a certain age who owned property. Representative democracy by its nature is always a work in progress; we never really get the balance between liberty and justice exactly right.

This is worth remembering at the moment, when the problems we confront seem so overwhelming and our institutions are under so much strain. The problems they have to resolve — the outsized role of money in politics, excessive partisanship, the sheer complexity of the policy challenges we face — are daunting, but that doesn't mean representative government itself should be called into question.

In fact, it is our great strength. It protects against arbitrary authority, strives for justice, hears our varied and conflicting opinions before it acts, and moderates tensions among competing interests. It works in a measured fashion that tends — over time — to encourage policymakers to find consensus. It is the form of government that, when allowed to work properly, is most likely to lead to wise policy, firmly rooted in the consent of the ordinary people on whose shoulders it rests.

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Ige Signs Emergency Proclamation to Address Homelessness

Gov. David Ige recently signed emergency and supplement proclamations that will pave the way for coordinated outreach efforts by service providers and the enforcement of park rules in the Kakaako area.

The proclamations will enable the state to quickly funnel money toward the facilitation of rapid construction of a temporary shelter for homeless families; the extension of existing contracts for homeless services; and an increase in funding for programs that promote immediate housing.

State funds of more than \$1.3 million were identified, which will assist an additional 1,000 homeless individuals through July 31, 2016 and provide increased funding for

homeless services and programs that promote permanent housing for families and the chronically homeless.

Officials from the state, city and federal governments, along with various service providers, have collaboratively placed 158 individuals and 25 families from Kakaako into shelters since early August. The amount equals 54 percent of homeless individuals and 80 percent of families surveyed in Kakaako.

"The lesson learned is that great things can be accomplished when we all work together," says Ige. "Despite the recent success of enforcement efforts in the Kakaako makai area, homelessness remains a serious issue in every county throughout the state. We plan to

replicate the Kakaako model as we work to address homelessness in communities across the state."

Some 130 homeless individuals have since relocated to Kakaako Waterfront Park and Kewalo Basin Park, where they are violating closure hours. The homeless have been repeatedly offered shelter and services but many declined assistance.

Enforcement of park closure hours is set to begin November 12. The state will make every effort to inform and educate the homeless population through outreach by sheriff's deputies, Hawaii Community Development Association staff and service providers who will canvass the parks and provide notices of park closure times and enforcement. Additional signage detailing park closure hours will also be posted.

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IMMIGRATION GUIDE



By Atty. Emmanuel Samonte Tipon

Counsel Misadvising Alien to Plead Guilty to Aggravated Felony Is Ineffective

On a 28 U.S.C. § 2255 petition my son Noel and I successfully handled, we charged a Filipino defendant's criminal defense attorney as ineffective by telling the Filipino that he "may" be deported when the correct advice should have been that he is "certain" to be deported if he pled guilty to drug distribution, an aggravated felony. The Court of Appeals ruled in our favor, finding the lawyer's performance unreasonable and prejudicial. *U.S. v. Ramiro*, 12/09/13 (9th Cir.).

This case decided on August 14 is similar. Elizabeth, a Mexican, came to the U.S. and became a lawful permanent resident. Later, she was charged with felony Attempted Transportation of Illegal Aliens and Aiding and Abetting in violation of 8 U.S.C. § 1324(a)(1)(A)(ii) and (v)(II). Elizabeth's attorney obtained a plea agreement stating that Defendant recognizes that pleading guilty may have consequences with respect to her immigration status if she is not a citizen of the United States. . . . Defendant nevertheless affirms that she wants to plead guilty regardless of any immigration consequences that his [sic] plea may entail, even if the consequence is his [sic] automatic removal from the United States. Both plea agreements were to a reduced charge of misdemeanor Transportation of an Illegal Alien. Elizabeth pled guilty to a single misdemeanor. At her plea colloquy, the judge informed Elizabeth that "potentially you could be deported or removed, perhaps." At her sentencing hearing, her counsel stated that "even though this is a misdemeanor, there is a high likelihood that she'll still be deported. It's still prob-

ably considered an aggravated felony for purposes of immigration law." The district court convicted her.

Elizabeth received a Notice to Appear alleging that she was removable because her conviction qualified as an aggravated felony under 8 U.S.C. § 1227(a)(2)(A)(iii). Elizabeth hired new counsel and filed a petition to vacate her conviction under 28 U.S.C. § 2255 on the ground that her original counsel provided ineffective assistance by failing to adequately advise her regarding the immigration consequence of her plea.

The district court denied the petition, holding that her original counsel was required to advise his client only that her plea created a general risk of removal and that this duty was satisfied by his statement prior to Elizabeth's guilty plea that she faced a "potential" of removal, and by his statement at the sentencing hearing that she faced a "high likelihood" of removal. It found that Elizabeth was not prejudiced.

The Court of Appeals reversed and vacated Elizabeth's conviction, holding that she received ineffective assistance of counsel and suffered prejudice. To prevail on an ineffective assistance of counsel claim, defendant must demonstrate that her attorney's representation "fell below an objective standard of reasonableness" and suffered prejudice. The district court applied the wrong legal standard. Where the immigration statute or controlling case law expressly identifies the crime of conviction as a ground for removal, "the deportation consequence is truly clear." Here the immigration statute expressly identifies Elizabeth's conviction as a ground for removal. See 8 U.S.C. §§ 1101(a)(43)(N), § 1227(a)(2)(A)(iii). Her conviction of a removable offense

renders her removal "practically inevitable." Her counsel was required to advise her that her conviction rendered her removal virtually certain, or words to that effect.

The government's inclusion of provisions in the plea agreement and the court's performance at the plea colloquy are irrelevant to whether counsel's performance fell below an objective standard of reasonableness. "It is counsel's duty, not the court's, to warn of certain immigration consequences, and counsel's failure cannot be saved by a plea colloquy." Nor do counsel's statements after defendant had pled guilty, that she faced a "high likelihood" of removal, satisfy his duty to accurately advise his client of the removal consequences of a plea before she enters into it. This is because, had she been properly and timely advised, defendant could have instructed her counsel to attempt to negotiate a plea that would not result in her removal.

While warning of a dire consequence, the plea agreement characterizes its likelihood only as something that "may" happen. This is no substitute for warning of its virtual certainty. As Judge Robert L. Hinkle explained, "Well, I know every time that I get on an airplane that it could crash, but if you tell me it's going to crash, I'm not getting on." The immigration consequences of defendant's plea were clear and her removal was virtually certain. Therefore counsel's performance was constitutionally ineffective.

To establish prejudice, defendant must demonstrate that "there is a reasonable probability that, but for counsel's unprofessional errors, the result of the proceeding would have been different." Where ineffective assistance leads a defendant to accept a plea bargain, a different result means

that but for counsel's errors, defendant would either have gone to trial or received a better plea bargain. Defendant alleged that she would not have accepted the plea had she known she would be removed, but "would have insisted on proceeding to trial; or an offer that would not have caused my deportation." Accordingly, defendant demonstrated prejudice. *U.S. v. Rodriguez-Vega*, No. 13-56415, 08/14/2015 (9th Cir.)

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What are Your Fondest Memories of 'Undas Day' in the Philippines and How Does it Compare to Halloween in the U.S.?



After Christmas and Holy Week, the festival of Undas (All Saints' Day & All Souls' Day) is the next most important religious holiday that is observed in the Philippines. While All Saints' Day (November 1st) is a celebration of all Christian saints, particularly those who have no special feast days of their own, All Souls' Day (November 2nd) is a day of giving alms and offering prayers in remembrance of the dead. Filipinos hold great reverence for dead ancestors and observe these two days with a range of festivities that are strikingly different from how it is observed in Western nations.

In preparation of Undas, families visit the cemetery several days ahead to clean and repaint the *puntod* and *lapida* (grave and memorial stone with inscriptions) of their loved ones. On the day of Undas, the graves are decorated with flowers and candles are lit before offering prayers and reciting the Litany for the Dead. Relatives and friends bring *atang* (food and drink offerings for the souls) and participate in the Mass held at the cemetery. Most families camp overnight near their deceased loved ones and spend the night in prayer. Families also use this time to bond with each other over a number of activities including card games, eating, drinking, singing and dancing.

Most cemeteries are transformed into an ocean of light, as millions of candles are lit in remembrance of the dead. Although a somber event, the general atmosphere is one of joy as families spend time together, while remembering their dead ancestors. Celebrating Undas in the Philippines is a truly amazing experience!

In Hawaii, Halloween is extremely popular among kids of all ages who carve pumpkins for their lanterns and dress up in costumes and go door-to-door for trick-or-treating. Many adults also dress up for parties and costume contests.

– Amylou C. Aguinaldo, *Kauai*



“In the Philippines, asking people for candy and dressing up in costumes isn't the thing. Instead, we invite the dead to enjoy the food that has been prepared for them.”

– John Paul Agpoon, *Waipahu*



“Nkabutbuteng ti Halloween idia y Pilipinas ngem ditoy Hawaii ta imbitaranda ti natay iti balayda. Kayatko ti Halloween ditoy Hawaii ta makaalaak ti free a dulces.” (Halloween in the Philippines is frightening because they invite the dead into the house. I like Halloween here in Hawaii because I can get free sweets).

– Charlyn Andres, *Waipahu*



“Halloween in the U.S. and Hawaii is very different from other places. Here, it is fun and celebrated but in the Philippines Halloween is not celebrated. They celebrate it in their own way but not by wearing costumes but rather making food to eat with their dead loved ones.”

– Nico Eder, *Hilo*

“I think Halloween in the U.S. is more about dressing up and kids getting candy. Halloween in the Philippines is when they invite the ghost into their homes and offer them food, which is very different from U.S.”

– Courtney Domingo, *UH student*



Halloween celebrations in Hawaii are in obvious contrast to how All Souls'/All Saints' Day are celebrated in the Philippines. Growing up in a deeply religious family, we focused on honoring our beloved departed ones. The weekend prior, beautifying the spot where our loved ones are buried, re-painting the tombs and cleaning surroundings are the duties of the day.

On November 1st, the day begins with mass, followed by visiting relatives' graves, decorating their tombs with the most beautiful flowers available and affordable, reciting prayers and staying at the gravesite with family members.

Some bring food and celebrate with the entire family at the gravesite under tents erected just for the event. In some cities, decorative lights with disco music are familiar sights and sounds. The celebration goes on until the following day November 2nd.

Halloween celebrations as I have observed on the Big Island focus more on the entertainment aspect for children and youth. It's more about the costume that one prefers to wear to imitate somebody's appearance, personality and the like.

– Joy Luea-Escobal, *Big Island*



“When I visited the Philippines, I observed many families picnicking at the graveyards as well as doing other festive events to honor their passed loved ones. Compared to Hawaii, there are a few who bring over their customs and practice them at graveyards like Valley of the Temples, Hawaiian Memorial Park and Mililani Mortuary.”

– Jonathan Juan, *Aiea*



Hawaii is one of the most fascinating celebrations I've ever experienced. The first time I came to Hawaii, I observed the Waikiki Halloween parade which attracts people from all over the world. My husband and I met people from Egypt, the mainland and other places. Everyone wore costumes and masks of monsters, super heroes, famous politicians and others. For hours, traffic was at a standstill.

On the Big Island, my friends and I experienced Halloween in Kona for two years. Along Alii Drive, people wore costumes that were not as elaborate as in Waikiki but still fun for spectators to look at. And traffic on Alii Drive was not as bad. The Hilo Visayan Club also annually celebrates this event. Children are happy to go trick-or-treating and adults have their fun costume contests as well.

However, this celebration is totally different in the Philippines where I grew up. During Undas or All Souls' Day/All Saints' Day, everyone is solemn. It is a day when we are quiet with no television or radio on. Everyone also helps to make desserts like caramelized sticky rice with coconut milk *biko*, *suman* and *binignit*, to name a few.

Most families will go to the cemetery to visit their love-ones. They usually prepare the favorite foods of the person who passed away. Some light a candle and say a prayer, while others stay overnight at the cemetery. Still others bring a big “boom box” to play the favorite music of their dead relative.

– Grace Larson, *Big Island*

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Waipahu Family Celebrates Life of Patrocinia 'Mining' Del Rosario



Funeral services for the late Patrocinia "Mining" Concepcion Del Rosario will be held on November 1, 2015 from 6 pm to 9 pm at Mililani Memorial Park & Mortuary. Internment will be on November 2 at 11 am after mass at St. Joseph Catholic Church, with lunch to follow at Dr. Nestor Del Rosario's clinic in Waipahu.

Mining, 91, is survived by son-in-law Magdaleno Espejo, the husband of first child Elsa now deceased; Rogelio and Benita; Rodolfo and Lilia; Roland; Reuben and Nida; Nestor; and Brendon (hanai son) and Charity. She had 10 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and 4 great-great-grandchildren.

Mining was born in Kekaha, Kauai to Vicenta Caliboso and Isidro Concepcion on June 20, 1924. She went to the Philippines with her parents at age 13 and was raised in Sinait, Ilocos Sur. The

budding beauty became an instant sensation among the swains of Sinait and at age 16 married Emilio Del Rosario who was 10 years her senior. They were blessed with six children—Elsa, Rogelio, Rodolfo, Roland, Reuben and Nestor.

She returned to Hawaii in 1969 and paved the way for her husband and children to come to the U.S. She worked full time at the Sheraton's housekeeping department for 18 years and earned the distinction of refusing several promotions simply because she did not want to answer telephone phone calls as part of the job duties. During her

free time, Mining contracted other jobs with the help of her family.

Mining moved to California in 1987 when son Nestor entered medical residency and returned to Waipahu in 1997. By then, Mining was in her seventies but still enjoyed looking after her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She found solace and tranquility crocheting pillowcases and table covers, watching her favorite Korean soap operas and tending her euphorbia collection along with her desert roses of different hues.

Family members describe Mining as a very kind-hearted and very generous person. She will be sorely missed by family and friends.

AARP, WHO Accept Honolulu's Age-Friendly Plan

The AARP Network of Age Friendly Communities, in affiliation with the World Health Organization (WHO), has approved Honolulu's Age-Friendly City Action Plan.

Launched in 2006, WHO's Global Network of Age-Friendly Cities and Communities is an international effort to help cities prepare for rapid population aging and the parallel trend of urbanization.

"The acceptance of Honolulu's Action Plan is the result of an entire community coming together to draw a roadmap that will make Honolulu safe, livable and enjoyable for people of all ages," says Mayor Kirk Caldwell. "We must now implement our action plan if we are to make our community user-friendly for people of all ages. Success will ensure that the people of Honolulu thrive even more."

According to AARP State Director Barbara Kim Stanton, implementation of the plan will ensure that Honolulu will be an even better place to "grow up and grow old in." She congratulated the mayor and stakeholders for formulating a "world class Age-friendly Plan with clearly defined outcomes and a rigorous timetable."

The AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities is

an affiliate of the WHO Age-Friendly Cities and Communities Program that assists communities in the U.S. in becoming "age-friendly." The program has participating communities in more than 20 nations, as well as 10 affiliates representing more than 1,000 communities. Honolulu is 1 of 70 communities in 27 states and the District of Columbia which applied to be an Age-Friendly City. With the ap-

proval of the action plan, Honolulu now joins eight other communities in the nation with an approved Action Plan.

The acceptance of Honolulu's plan is a significant milestone in a process that began in May 2013 when City officials applied for the WHO Global Network of Age-Friendly Cities and Communities and AARP's National Network of Age-Friendly Communities.

The Action Plan was sub-

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Taste of Waipahu to Celebrate 10th Anniversary

Beneath the backdrop of the historic Oahu Sugar Mill smokestack, Waipahu residents and businesses will be celebrating the 10th annual Taste of Waipahu on Saturday, November 7, 2015 from 2 pm to 10 pm at August Ahrens Elementary School.

The free event will feature foods, products and services from various participating vendors. Organizers have planned a plantation era costume contest to celebrate Waipahu's plantation history and ethnic diversity. Participants must register between 2 pm to 3 pm, with judging to begin at 3:45 pm. There will also be live entertainment, games and rides for the keiki.

In addition, there will be a

free drawing for a roundtrip package for two to Las Vegas, courtesy of Vacations Hawaii. In conjunction with the giveaway, there will be a food drive for Waipahu area food pantries. For every food item donated, individuals are eligible for additional entries for the trip giveaway. Non-perishable food items are requested.

Organizers expect up to 12,000 people to attend the event and some 30-35 food and craft vendors—many of whom are based in Waipahu or have a connection to the community.

The Taste of Waipahu is sponsored by the Waipahu Community Association (WCA), with generous support from Hawaiian Electric and other sponsors. Since 1960, WCA has worked to build a



strong community by enhancing the economic, social and cultural vitality of Waipahu.

State Rep. Henry Aquino, who is also WCA's executive director, credits community involvement for the Taste of Waipahu's longevity.

"We got to this point because of the community," he

says. "Residents, businesses and community organizations support this event because it celebrates all the good and positive things about Waipahu. WCA first organized this event to celebrate a gathering of people, families, businesses, schools and civic organizations and to highlight everyone's

contributions. As you know, a great way to bring people together is through food—which is why the Taste of Waipahu was created."

Aquino encourages Filipinos to bring their families to the Taste of Waipahu—a drug and alcohol-free event which contributes to a safe and family-friendly atmosphere.

"The Filipino community is a very big part of our state—especially in Waipahu. From the days of Oahu Sugar Company and the time of our sakadas to today, Filipinos have always contributed to the fabric of our diverse island culture," Aquino says.

For more information about the event, please call 677-6939 or go online to: www.wcawaipahu.org



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ACLU Marks 50th Anniversary With 'Pop Ups'

The American Civil Liberties Union of Hawaii Foundation is celebrating its 50th anniversary with a series of "pop up events" statewide that are free and open to the public.

The events are roundtable discussions on topics or issues of concern for attendees. ACLU staff members will be present to field questions and offer comments.

"Through the generous kokua of community partners, we're popping up in some interesting new places for fresh input on our 50-year, on-going mission to protect all people's rights," says executive director Vanessa Chong. "We tested the

pop up concept with a booth at the recent Amazing Hawaii Comic Con. We find the open, conversational format leads to valuable feedback identifying where and how the ACLU can be a better resource and advocate for the future."

The first "pop up" was held October 29, 2015 at the University of Hawaii-West Oahu library. The next is scheduled for November 14, 2015 at Other Realms Comics and Games. Similar events on the Big Island, Maui and Kauai are in the planning stages.

Light refreshments will be provided. For more details, call the ACLU at 522-5906 or send an email to: office@acluhawaii.org.

Philippine Consulate to Host Seminars

If money matters to you, make plans now to attend a Basic Financial Literacy Seminar hosted by the Philippine Consulate General on November 14, 2015 from 1 pm to 3 pm at the Consulate grounds.

The seminar is free and open to the public. Financial experts from the State Department of Commerce & Consumer Affairs and the Filipino Chamber of

Commerce of Hawaii will be on hand to discuss the "The Basics of investing," "Setting Up a Small Business" and other financial matters.

That same day at the Consulate, a seminar for caregivers will be hosted by the State Department of Labor Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) from 9 am to 11 am.

To RSVP for the seminars, send an email to: honolulu@hawaii.twcbc.com or call 595-6316.

Jones Act Business Forum at UH

A panel discussion on the Jones Act and its effect on Hawaii's business climate will be held on November 12, 2015 at the University of Hawaii-Manoa Campus Center Ballroom from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm.

Panelists include Ken Schoolland, Hawaii Pacific University associate professor of economics; Mike Hansen, Hawaii Shippers Council president; and

Danny Asao, Honolulu Ford general manager.

The Jones Act Business Forum is free and open to the public. It is sponsored by State Sen. Sam Slom, the Associated Students of the University of Hawaii (ASUH), the Young Americans for Liberty (UH Chapter), and the Hawaii Shippers Council.

For more information about the forum, call Sen. Slom at 586-8420.

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mitted to AARP and WHO in June 2013 and its implementation phase authorization is valid until August 6, 2018. Implementation of the plan can now begin. Honolulu and AARP will review Honolulu's implementation progress in the summer of 2018.

Honolulu's Age-Friendly City leadership team is co-chaired by Mary Ann Barnes, Kaiser Permanente Hawaii president; Dr. Michael Chun, former Kamehameha Schools headmaster; and Sherry Menor McNamara, Chamber of Commerce Hawaii president.

Honolulu's Age-Friendly City Steering Committee is co-chaired by Tom Dinell, professor emeritus of the Univer-

sity of Hawaii Department of Urban and Regional Planning; and Mike Formby, Department of Transportation Services Director.

The Citizens Advisory Committee is composed of more than 100 volunteers representing a broad spectrum of companies and organizations across Honolulu, and who have shared their expertise in various domains, including housing, transportation, communications and more.

The University of Hawaii Center on Aging served as the plan consultant and drafted the plan. Kaiser Permanente Hawaii is the visionary sponsor of the Honolulu Age-Friendly City initiative.

ALOHA FROM THE HILL



By Cong. Mark Takai

In Recognition of Filipino-American History Month

Every October, we take time to recognize and honor the tremendous contributions of Filipino-Americans to our country. The rich traditions of the Filipino community have played an important role in shaping Hawaii's unique culture and I am proud to represent a district with one of the most robust Filipino communities in our nation.

Amidst the celebration, this month also serves as a reminder of the battles that

remain to be fought on behalf of the Filipino-American population. Earlier this month, I had privilege of attending a press conference with several Filipino World War II veterans, which focused on issues still affecting the Filipino community and highlighted the efforts being made to award the Congressional Gold Medal to Filipino veterans of World War II. I was honored to meet the men who served alongside our American soldiers. The experience served as poignant reminder of why I came to serve in Congress.

We must grant our surviving Filipino veterans the right to bring their families

here to the U.S. I believe that reuniting these families is a critical step we must take to live up to the promises we made as a nation. That is why the first bill I introduced was a measure to lift immigration limitations and restrictions placed upon children and family members of the surviving veterans.

As October draws to a close, I want to take a moment to thank the Filipino community for the profound impact they have had on our society, and vow to continue the fight to recognize and award the benefits that our Filipino World War II veterans have been denied for too long.



U.S. Rep. Mark Takai greets a World War II veteran of Filipino ancestry at a recent press conference

FEATURE

Hallowbaloo 2015 Promises to Delight Revelers

Chinatown and surrounding streets will be the scene of Hallowbaloo 2015—a spooktacular celebration of music, art, food and entertainment on Halloween night.

Organizers say this year's Hallowbaloo version will be the biggest and best yet in the festival's eight-year history with an exciting new format, a stellar line-up of local and national musical acts and all the festivities participants have come to expect from the largest costume party in the Pacific.

The evening will include a special performance by world-renowned Grammy award-winning musician Booker T. Jones, the community-spirited Hallowbaloo 'Marathon,' the inaugural Hawaii State Arts Museum (HiSAM) Hallowbaloo Ball and the lively Club Hallowbaloo to close out the night.

Hallowbaloo 2015 will extend from Chinatown to the historic HiSAM with "The Grandest Spectacle Stage" located on HiSAM's front lawn. There will be three additional



stages, as well as food, beverage and vendor tents spread across Richards and Hotel streets.

The one-mile 'Hallowbaloo 'Marathon' costume parade kicks off at 5:45 pm with proceeds to benefit local arts and culture non-profit organizations. Participants choose which non-profit organization they wish to support at the time of registration. Prizes will be awarded to Hallowbaloo 'Marathon' participants including one-of-a-kind experiences such as:

- The ultimate selfie with Booker T. Jones on stage
- A private concert by Taimane
- A movie night at Hawaii Theatre Center for the prize winner and 50 of his or her closest friends
- A roving Chinatown dinner for four with stops at Scratch Kitchen & Bake Shop, Livestock Tavern and Grondin French Latin-Kitchen

Booker T. Jones' performance will be heightened by special on-stage collaborations with local artists Ron Artis II & Thunderstorm and soul songstress, Maryanne Ito. Booker T. will perform one of the Artis brothers' original songs.

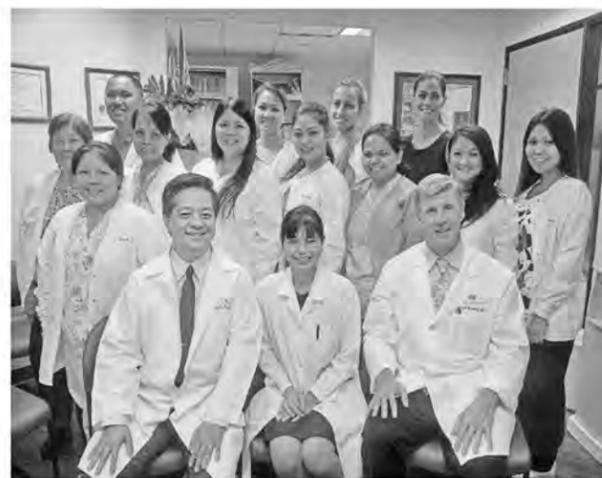
At the inaugural HiSAM Hallowbaloo Ball, there will be a haute Hallow's Eve celebration inside HiSAM. Ballers will enjoy balcony views of Hallowbaloo's main stage, premium elixirs, culinary creations by top Chinatown eateries and artistry by four dance ensembles per-

forming in the Sculpture Garden. Tickets will include complimentary pupus, two complimentary beverages and access to all areas including the ball, street festival and all eight Club Hallowbaloo venues. Doors open at 5:30 pm and food service begins at 6:15 pm.

Those who purchase a

Club Hallowbaloo wristband will have access to eight Chinatown venues serving up their unique version of a monster mash. This year's participating clubs include Bar35, Nextdoor, Downbeat Lounge, Manifest, Fresh Cafe, The Arts at Marks Garage, Scarlet Honolulu and Square Barrels.

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House on Income Tax Cut: We're Not Giving Up

by Paolo Romero

Thursday, October 29, 2015

MANILA, Philippines - They're not picking a fight with President Aquino, but leaders of the House of Representatives are not giving up and will proceed with the process of approving a bill reducing individual income tax.

"There's still time and leeway to make a final determination, particularly on the part of Malacañang and the DOF (Department of Finance). That's why I'm not giving up on it, and it's easy to galvanize public and congressional support for it," said Marikina City Rep. Romero Quimbo, chairman of the House committee on ways and means.

Quimbo said there's no conflict between the House position and that of the President,

as both embrace the principle of responsible tax reform "and Congress is not irresponsible."

Aquino, echoing the stand of finance and revenue officials, opposes the proposal, unless other measures are passed to offset the billions in revenue losses.

"We're not even touching the tax rates itself but simply adjusting it to inflation because they've remained unchanged since 1997 and consumer prices have been rising since then," Quimbo said.

He said the measure, which is close to being reported out of the committee, was not "unfounded nor a piecemeal tax legislation" but part of an entire package of tax reforms aimed at boosting growth and

Quimbo said the Senate and the House have ratified



the Tax Incentive Management and Transparency Act, which is expected to generate at least P20 billion according to the DOF itself, or two-thirds of the expected P30 billion revenue loss arising from the lower income tax.

He said conservative estimates from government economists showed that the lowering of individual taxes based on the bill will immediately generate P4 billion from value-added tax owing to increased spending of consumers.

He said the chamber has other revenue-enhancing measures in the pipeline that will more than offset the supposed revenue losses.

Valenzuela City Rep. Sherwin Gatchalian said it was sad that there is a stalemate on the bill.

"Congress can definitely move on and should fight for our fixed-income earners. We're supposed to be independent and a co-equal branch, lowering of income taxes should not be a casualty of pol-

itics," he said.

He said it is hard to reconcile the fact that while Malacañang was fretting over the P30 billion in projected revenue losses, the Aquino administration was estimated to have underspent about P400 billion for this year alone.

He said it has been widely recognized and admitted by Malacañang that the government has been underspending since 2010, which largely contributed to the slowdown in growth.

He said next year's proposed national budget is at P3.002 trillion and he was sure the government would not be able to spend all of it.

Gatchalian said Malacañang should not also raise the specter of a possible credit rating downgrade as rating agencies are more concerned with collection efficiency.

Senators Grace Poe and Francis Escudero support the proposal to adjust the tax brackets for personal income taxes once they are elected as president and vice-president, respectively.

"I also firmly believe that we should reform our tax code and from the onset we have already supported the reduction of our tax payments," Poe said as she outlined her top priorities under her administration in case she emerges victorious after the 2016 elections.

Poe took this stand even as President Aquino and his economic managers have rejected the proposal to cut income taxes.

"I think that we should re-

classify the different brackets for taxes," she said, noting that the Philippines is one of the highest in Asia in terms of taxes imposed on fixed income workers.

Poe echoed the concerns of proponents, led by Sen. Juan Edgardo Angara at the Senate, that the people's purchasing power will increase once their take-home pay increases.

This will also prop up the economy since the people will be spending more for goods and services.

Poe also noted that government underspending has been pegged at P600 billion since 2011 until present. The amount is too low compared to the P30 billion projected losses by Aquino's finance managers if the tax reform measures are implemented.

Escudero expressed belief that the President will still have adequate time to approve the tax measures now pending at the House of Representatives and the Senate.

Quimbo leads the discussions of the measure at the House while Angara has been working hard for its passage at the Senate.

Escudero also questioned the stand of Liberal Party presidential bet Manuel Roxas II rejecting the tax cuts. He asked why Roxas does not want to help boost the purchasing power of middle-class Filipinos who have been bearing the brunt of high taxes and yet getting less from government in terms of services.

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LEGAL NOTES



By Reuben S. Seguritan

Parole Program for Families of Filipino WWII Veterans

dations in the July 2015 White House report, "Modernizing and Streamlining Our Legal Immigration System for the 21st century."

The program would reunite qualified family members with their U.S. citizen or lawful permanent veteran family members in the U.S. An estimated 6,000 Filipino veterans who bravely fought for this country are still alive and living in the U.S., all of whom are now elderly and need their family's care and support.

The DHS has not yet announced who would be eligible

under the program but it is expected to include beneficiaries of family-based preference petitions such as F-1 (unmarried sons and daughters of U.S. citizens), F-3 (married son and daughters of U.S. citizens), and F-4 (brothers and sisters of U.S. citizens).

Because of the visa backlog, Filipino visa applicants under the above categories have been waiting for decades for their visa numbers. According to the October 2015 visa bulletin the cutoff date for F4 is May 1, 1992, F3 is October 1, 1993 and F1 is June 1, 2001.

Eligible family members of the veterans would have to request parole under the program. Parole that is granted by the Secretary of Homeland Security for "urgent humanitarian reasons or significant public benefit" is used to permit an alien outside the United States to enter the country for a temporary period of time. The Secretary's authority to grant parole is discretionary and decision will be made on a case-to-case basis.

A person granted parole status generally qualifies for a work authorization. It does not, however, grant the person a permanent right to remain in the U.S. nor does it lead to permanent resident status.

Immigrant rights advocates have long been fighting for the rights of Filipino World War II veterans who had been unjustly denied their benefits for many years before they were finally granted citizenship in the 1990s. Lawmakers such as Sen. Mazie Hirono has

also proposed bills to expedite the visa process for the children of these veterans.

As aptly stated in her letter to the President, "As our World War II veterans age, they – like most elderly Americans – become more reliant on their families for care. Given that many Filipino veterans continue to experience difficulty obtaining veterans' benefits for their service, it is particularly important that they have their children with them to assist with the care that they deserve."

The DHS is expected to announce more details of the program in the coming months. It again warned against scammers and reiterated that they are not yet accepting requests for parole under this new program.

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PHILIPPINE NEWS

NPA Rebels Execute Mayor, Son

Human rights groups sharply criticized the recent execution of a small town mayor and his son by communist rebels of the New People's Army (NPA), calling it a violation of international humanitarian law.

Human Rights Watch officials have called on the Philippine government to bring the perpetrators to justice. They accuse the rebels of frequently executing people who have been found guilty by its so-called people's courts, which do not meet basic fair trial standards.

Executed were Dario Otaza, 53, mayor of Loreto town in Agusan del Sur

province, and his son Daryl, 27. The rebels posed as law enforcement agents and raided the Otaza home in nearby Butuan City on October 19, 2015. Their two bodies were found the next day with multiple gunshot wounds.

"The killing of the Otazas, like other NPA executions, is just plain murder," says Phil Robertson, deputy Asia director at Human Rights Watch. "The NPA's actions and claims of revolutionary justice handed down by people's courts are flagrant violations of international law."

The NPA accused the Otazas of working for the Philippine armed forces and

masterminding the killing of at least three people. They also accused the victims of taking part in attacks on and the forced displacement of indigenous peoples in the province, torturing children, attempted murders and arson, among other crimes.

The rebel group has long admitted to killing government officials and civilians whom the NPA deems to have engaged in acts "against the people." They have also killed allegedly traitorous NPA or Communist Party members.

According to the NPA, those executed were found guilty by its people's courts.

MAINLAND NEWS

Texas Honors Filipino Educator

Filipino educator Edgar Tibayan has been chosen as a regional Outstanding Principal making him eligible as a finalist to compete for the state title of the Outstanding Principal of the Year in the state of Texas.

The Texas Association of Secondary School Principals each year recognizes outstanding principals and assistant principals from 20 regional Education Service Centers throughout the state.

Tibayan was nominated by his peers based on his outstanding leadership and excellent performance. Winners will be announced in June 2016 at an awards ceremony and dinner. Each regional winner will be recognized in the event.

Tibayan has served as principal of Lucy Rede Franco Middle School since 2011. He earned a Master of Arts in Education with a major in Educational Man-

agement in 1997 and Doctor of Education in 2002 from De La Salle University-Dasmariñas. He is an alumnus of Cavite State University where he earned a Bachelor's degree in education.

Tibayan's previous awards include District Teacher of the Year at Ysleta Independent School District (ISD) in Texas and the "Who's Who Among America's Teachers and Educators" award in 2006. (*Good News Pilipinas*)

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Remember These Tips on How to Improve Your Memory

SAVOIR FAIRE By Mayenne Carmona

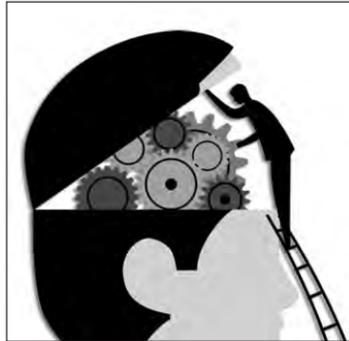
My father, who is in his 90s, never ceases to amaze me. During one of our regular Sunday dinners at his home, he told a guest that the priest dedicated the Sunday Mass to our country's thousands of seafarers who make a lot of sacrifices to be away from home on long periods of time in order to provide for their families.

"I was a seafarer right after World War II," he said, surprising us all. "We sailed to Hawaii, Long Beach California, San Diego, the Panama Canal, then to Newport News The Panama Canal is an engineering feat, it is one of the biggest and most difficult projects ever undertaken by mankind," he stated with conviction. He further described the magnificence of the Panama Canal, its history, and the extensive

work that France and other countries undertook to finish the canal. As he talked, family members and some guests were in awe, taking in all the vital information about the Panama Canal from a nonagenarian with an elephantine memory.

How could he have remembered events in his life that occurred 60 plus years ago! I can't even remember where I was last month, truth to tell, unless I consult my agenda book and look at photos of events I attended.

I made an appointment with his secretary to see him the following day (yes, he still goes to office!!) as I wanted to hear more of his adventures as a seafarer. I also wanted to know more about the secret to his extensive memory. He has no secret, he said. It was the kind of disciplined life that he lived — eating the right things, mostly a lot of fresh



fish as he lived near the sea during his childhood and his mother would buy fresh fish from fishermen; exercising his body through sports and gymnastics and, more importantly, not going on retirement at 60. He still goes to office up until now, answering all the correspondence addressed to him even if his sons are there to help him. He still plays golf and drives his car, much against the family's wishes, arguing with us that driving sharpens his reflexes. He also tries to sleep seven to eight hours a day.

In 2011, (or was it 2012?) I enrolled in a short course at Harvard Medical School on mind-body medicine. My

brother was stricken with cancer, (praise God, he is healed now) and I wanted to help, if I could, with non-conventional methods of healing him, using his mind to heal his body.

After my talk with my father, I knew I had to dig into my notes to refresh my memory about the powers of the mind.

Fact: Brain power can be improved at any age. The human brain has an astonishing ability called neuroplasticity. It enables the brain to adapt and change even into old age. The brain has that uncanny ability to reshape itself in order to increase your cognitive abilities, enhance your ability to learn new information, and improve your memory at any age.

Here are some tips on how to improve your memory:

- **Give your brain a workout.** You have to challenge yourself to learn something new. Learn a new language, a new skill like dancing or a sport, playing a musical instrument or a new piano piece. In short, anything that requires mental effort. Keep pushing the envelope; if a new skill becomes too easy, go to the next level. Choose activities that are challenging but at the same time, enjoyable and satisfying.
- **Don't skip the physical exercise.** Physical exercise helps the brain stay sharp as it increases oxygen to the brain and reduces the risk of disorders that lead to memory loss such as diabetes and cardiovascular disease. It also reduces stress hormones and plays an important role in neuroplasticity by boosting growth factors and stimulating new neuronal connections.
 - Aerobic exercise is good for the brain, so choose the activities that keep your blood pumping. In general,

what is good for the heart is great for the brain.

- **Get your ZZZZs.** Sleep is critical to learning and memory as it is necessary for memory consolidation with the key memory-enhancing activity occurring during the deepest stages of sleep. 95% of adults need between 7.5 and nine hours of sleep.
 - Sleep experts advise that we should go to bed at the same time every night and get up at the same time each morning. We should avoid all screens for at least an hour before bed. The blue light emitted by TVs, tablets, phones, and computers triggers wakefulness and suppresses sleep hormones, such as melatonin, that make you sleepy. And most of all, cut back on caffeine as it may interfere with sleep at night.
- **Make time for friends and have healthy relationships.** Research shows that having meaningful friendships and a strong support system is vital not only to emotional health but also to brain health. In a recent Harvard study, researchers found that people with the most active social lives had the slowest rate of memory decline.
- **Keep stress in check.** Stress is one of the brain's worst enemies. Chronic stress destroys brain cells and is linked to memory loss.
- **Have a good laugh.** Laughter is the best medicine and that holds true for the brain and memory. Listening to jokes and working out punch lines activate areas of the brain vital to learning and creativity.
- **Eat a brain-boosting**

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PM | HIBISCUS BALLROOM, ALA MOANA HOTEL | Contact: Constante Domingo @ 839-3091

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SAKADA DAY | December 20, 2015 | 3:00 PM | STATE CAPITOL | Contact: Phl Consulate, 595-6316 ext. 112.

MAINLAND NEWS

Students Protest Trump's Appearance at Iowa School

SIoux CITY, Iowa — Hundreds of students, parents and other Sioux City residents protested Donald Trump's appearance at a northwestern Iowa high school on Tuesday, saying the Republican presidential candidate's rhetoric about immigrants violates the school's anti-bullying policy.

The billionaire businessman's harsh statements on immigration and his characterization of Mexicans who enter the country illegally as rapists and criminals in his June campaign announcement speech should have led school officials to bar him from speaking at West High School, protest organizer Ismael Valadez of neighboring South Sioux City, Nebraska, said.

"Latino students are being harassed and bullied in the wake of Mr. Trump's inflam-

matory comments," Valadez said. "He makes people at his events think that saying the kinds of things he does to other people is OK. It's not OK."

Valadez, students and others began a petition effort, gathering about 1,400 signatures, in an attempt to get officials to rescind Trump's invitation to use the school.

Sioux City Schools officials refused, responding that the event is not school-sponsored and that many other presidential candidates have used the school for campaign events over the years.

"We realize that members of our community may choose to exercise their constitutional rights by gathering in response to Mr. Trump's visit," Superintendent Paul Gausman said in a written statement to several local news organizations. "This situation presents an op-

portunity for us to model for our students and community how to properly demonstrate the rights of free speech and the freedom of assembly, and the democratic process."

Valadez said as many as 500 protesters gathered outside the school ahead of Trump's appearance Tuesday evening.

One of them was Takkia Frazier, a 15-year-old Native American student at the high

school. She said Trump's appearance and the protests have split the school and led some students to chant Trump's name when in the presence of Latino students.

"I've never seen the school divided like this," Frazier said.

About 2,100 Trump supporters gathered inside West High School's gym Tuesday evening to hear Trump speak.

HEALTH & FAMILY (from page 14, REMEMBER....)

diet. Get your Omega 3 fatty acids that are so beneficial for brain health. Like cold water fatty fish such as salmon, tuna, halibut, trout, mackerel, sardines. Non-seafood items include walnuts, ground flaxseed, flaxseed oil, winter squash, kidney and pinto beans, spinach broccoli, and soybeans.

- Diets high in saturated fats, such as red meat, whole milk,

butter, cheese, cream, and ice cream, increase your risk of dementia.

- Eat more fruits and vegetables as they are packed with antioxidants that protect the brain cells from damage.
- **Identify and treat health problems.** There are many diseases, mental health disorders, and medications that interfere

with memory. Cardiovascular disease and its risk factors, such as cholesterol and high blood pressure, diabetes, hormonal imbalance, thyroid imbalances, depression, and some medications, can cause cognitive impairment, forgetfulness, sluggish thinking, and confusion, and memory loss. — Source: Harvard Health Publications (www.philstar.com)

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