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Let's Give Trump a Chance

It's too early to see if President-Elect Donald Trump will abandon some of his divisive ways that he relied upon to solidify his base and win the election. He already showed Americans a more conciliatory side of his personality in his acceptance speech, even looking statesman-like when he said: "Now it's time to bind the wounds of division...It is time for us to come together as one united people...I pledge to every citizen of our land that I will be president for all Americans and this is important to me."

Trump also made no mention of appointing a special prosecutor to investigate the wrongdoings of Hilary Clinton, something he pledged to do in his campaign. If he is serious about uniting the nation, Trump must abandon this Third World retribution tactic of going after the losing candidate. Any attempt at hostility towards Clinton would be a distraction from more important issues on the table and further feed into all the negative perceptions people already have of him—that he is vindictive and temperamental.

In the coming weeks, Americans will have a better idea of the kind of president Trump will be by looking at who he chooses to serve in his administration. His selection of Republican National Committee head Reince Priebus as his chief-of-staff indicates a willingness to work with his party's more moderate faction. The selection also signals some continuity in his administration, something he will need to run a complex system he knows very little about. It's still shocking that someone with no experience in public office begins his first government job at the very top.

Trump's second highly-publicized pick, Steve Bannon, former head of the ultra-right conservative Breitbart News, to serve as his chief strategist shows that Trump wants to maintain that outsider persona and preserve his connection to right-wing populists who got him elected. To many, this is a disturbing choice, but not surprising. We have yet to see if Trump recruits other lightning rod types like Bannon.

America is at a crossroads. We have no choice but to give Trump a chance and wait to see what he does next. What we do know is that Trump and the GOP will attempt to strike fast to push their agenda while they have a majority before the midterm election two years from now. But Trump is so green to politics that he might not be able to take advantage of this window.

Our democratic process affords Trump this opportunity to be our president even though he lost the popular vote; but at the same time gives Americans who disagree with his policies (half the country) the opportunity to fight him every step of

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Cooler Classrooms Remain Elusive

Reports that the State Department of Education has installed air conditioning systems in only 40 out of 1,000 classrooms—a paltry 4 percent—has many questioning just how soon the project can be delivered. State procurement rules, of course, must be followed but the air conditioning can't come fast enough for the tens of thousands of elementary, middle and high school students across Oahu who will continue to sweat it out. Three of the hottest schools, interestingly enough, are located in Ewa Beach, where there is a sizable Filipino community. These schools are at the top of the list for cooling relief. Thankfully, Hawaii's winter weather should provide relief for

FROM THE PUBLISHER

How did your candidates do in the 2016 General Election? You may be among the millions of Americans whose choice for president lost and are coping with the stress that comes with Election Day results. In fact, Donald Trump's surprising victory spurred outrage and threats by disgruntled voters to leave the country. Before we can heal as a nation, we need to start healing as individuals. Doing so will require patience and a great deal of soul searching. Nevertheless, we congratulate the winners for a hard fought victory and wish them the very best in their respective terms!

Our cover story for this issue, written by Associate Editor Edwin Quinabo, deals with the fallout and ramifications of a Trump presidency. We can only hope and pray that the president-elect will assemble an administration that will work to move the nation forward instead of backward in terms of progress and equality. For more on what a Trump presidency may look like within a few months, turn to page 4.

In other news, please be advised of lane closures that are being planned for the 75th Anniversary of Pearl Harbor that are sure to snarl traffic. If at all possible, try to avoid Kamehameha Highway from Honomanu Street to Center Drive in the vicinity of Pearl Harbor during morning rush hour traffic on December 7. Later that same day, the Pearl Harbor Memorial Parade will take place in Waikiki from 4:30 pm to 7:30 pm. Waikiki also will be extremely busy with Sunset on the Beach movie showings scheduled for December 2-6 and December 8-9 from 5 pm to 9:45 pm.

Speaking of Pearl Harbor, the Philippine Consulate General in Honolulu will be hosting a book launch on November 29, 2016 at 5:30 pm for two new books about World War II told from the perspective of two Filipino veterans (see page 8). Interestingly enough, the books were researched and written by the veterans' respective daughters. For history buffs, these books will go a long way towards augmenting the paucity of existing information and literature regarding the roles of Filipino soldiers during the war.

Lastly, we'd like to wish all of you a very Happy Thanksgiving. We are ever grateful to our readers for choosing the Hawaii Filipino Chronicle and to our sponsors and advertisers for their faithful support. We hope that you will enjoy reading the post-election related columns and other interesting articles we have for you in this issue.

Until our next issue...*aloha* and *mabuhay!*

Chona A. Montesines-Sonido

the next few months at least.

The public outcry for cooler classrooms pushed the issue to the top of Gov. David Ige's "to-do" list and the Legislature responded by providing \$100 million in funds. Education officials had hoped to complete the work by the end of 2016 but much higher-than-expected bids resulted in delays and the bid process was re-opened. The target completion date has since been pushed back to the beginning of the 2017-2018 school year. But knowing the delays associated with government projects, let's not hold our breath.

In reality, the project is quite challenging given that the majority of public schools are over 50 years old and weren't designed to support today's high level of energy demand for computers and broadband networks, let alone air conditioning. Schools that installed AC units without the proper electrical support experienced blown circuits to classrooms and entire buildings. Also, many buildings were not designed to be air-tight.

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By Emil Guillermo

Life After Hillary, Transitioning With Trump

know she would survive, and then delivering this reassurance: "As hard as it might be to imagine, your daughter will grow up to be a United States senator, represent our country as secretary of state and win more than 62 million votes as president."

It's the basis to keep dreaming and fighting for an America that is "hopeful, inclusive, and big hearted." A week after the election, it was a nice message to her supporters. The dream stays alive. Not for Hillary's presidential hope, but for a better America.

This week, it's not clear exactly what the new president-elect has in mind. The different names suggested for the highest level jobs in the administration are outrageously conservative and appear to be the source for the hateful rhetoric we've heard from Trump.

If Trump intended to drain the swamp, he's stocking it with his own gators and conservative retreads. Steve Bannon, the Breitbart alt-right news guy? Kris Kobach, the

man who wrote Arizona's restrictive immigration law as attorney general?

This is not the Clinton America of big-hearted inclusivity. But we must go through the process until the inaugural. And Trump's biggest ally is President Obama who set an example by meeting with his birther tormentor just days after the election.

It's like we're in some disconnected time and place after that hate-filled scorched earth campaign of the last 19 months. And now, we must replace all those memories with this image—Obama and Trump actually shaking hands in the Oval Office.

"My number one priority in the coming months is to facilitate a transition that ensures our president-elect is successful," Obama said after a 90-minute meeting with Trump about foreign and domestic issues and all things about on-the-job-training for president. "It is important for all of us, regardless of party and political preferences, to come together and work to deal with the many challenges we face."

Obama then turned to the man who has flummoxed the world and said: "Most of all, I want to emphasize to you, Mr. President-Elect, that we are now going to want to do everything we can to help you succeed—because if you succeed, then the country succeeds."

You might call that leading by example, at least for one-half of the nation. And then it was Trump's turn to address the other half. But Trump wasn't arrogant and full of himself. Surprisingly, he was quiet, respectful and seemingly humbled by his circumstances with a bust of Martin Luther King, Jr. over his shoulder and sitting next to Obama.

"We had never met each other," Trump told the media. "The meeting lasted almost an hour and a half and could have gone on much longer. We discussed a lot of different situations, some wonderful and some difficult. I very much look forward to dealing with the president in the future, including counsel. He explained some of the difficulties, some of the high-flying assets, and some of the really great things

that have been achieved. So Mr. President, it was a great honor being with you and I look forward to being with you many, many more times."

We'll see how his red state voters take all that. Until then, I say, "Welcome to 1963." The year before the Civil Rights Act. Two years before its corollary, the Voting Rights Act, as well as the law that brought most Asian-Americans here, the breakthrough Immigration and Nationality Act of 1965 that eliminated racist quotas. Before all that was 1963 when the fight was raw.

Remember that era to stay energized in these Trump times. Aside from the feel-good photo ops, politics will feel a little bumpy. The loud, but mostly peaceful, protests around the country in Oakland, New York, Philadelphia and other cities were just an extension of one half of the electorate's pain. But it all began Tuesday with the gut punch from the nation's other half.

Election Night Blues

On that night, I was wait-
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Hillary Clinton would have looked a lot different had she won. Instead, she seemed deflated, defeated and yet undaunted when she appeared at the Children's Defense Fund in Washington, DC.

Clinton shared the story of her mother, Dorothy Rodham. It's a tale that always gets me. Dorothy was abandoned by her parents at 8-years-old and with her younger sister was sent on a train to California to her grandparents. But they were abusive. She ended up on her own as a housemaid.

"I think about her on that train," Clinton said in her speech. "I wish I could walk down the aisle and find the little wooden seats where she sat holding tight to her little sister. All alone and terrified."

Clinton said she dreams of going up to her, letting her

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the way when needed. We can only hope that Trump learns from his cascade of errors and missteps from his campaign and be the president for all Americans, tempering or entirely abandoning some of his earlier divisive promises and showing wisdom by also

working for the millions who voted against him.

It is true what President Barack Obama said of Trump, that he is less ideological and more practical. This is one reason why he has flip flopped on a myriad of issues before seeking the presidency

and during his campaign. It bodes well if Trump remains politically independent and works with both Democrats and Republicans as he has done as a businessman. Trump is in a rare position to be the very first independent-leaning president of the mod-

ern era. Both political parties worked against him and he owes neither one of them ab-

solute loyalty. The take away from this is he could be as independent as he chooses.

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For an AC system to cool a room, the building needs to be sealed, requiring replacement of windows and doors, among other things. Then there are other matters to consider, such as on-going maintenance costs and electricity costs. Expect the DOE's \$48 million annual electric bill to increase significantly as high-energy AC systems are installed.

Some observers say that efforts to provide AC for public school classrooms could factor into Gov. Ige's re-election bid in 2018. Completing

the work within a reasonable time frame and budget could boost re-election chances for a governor who has by and large over-promised and under-delivered. In a poll taken in January 2016, 41 percent of registered voters disapproved of Ige's performance during his first year in office—not a significant amount but nothing also to be proud of.

State lawmakers will wait until the \$100 million is expended before appropriating additional funds, which will be needed as more classrooms

are added to the list. If so, the Legislature needs to once again step up to the plate and approve more funds for not only AC but other heat abatement measures like ceiling fans, solar-powered vents to draw out hot air and heat-reflective roof systems. The public, namely parents and neighboring businesses, should also do their part by donating what they can. Together, we can provide a quality learning environment for our students and future leaders.



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America Under Trump: Changes to Come, For Better or For Worse

By Edwin Quinabo



The world is in perpetual motion, and we must invent the things of tomorrow. Act with audacity.—Madame Clicquot

The election—as polls suggested—was supposed to be nothing more than a cautionary tale of a radical coming close to becoming the most powerful leader in the world.

It was supposed to be just a frightful narrative of a flawed presidential candidate giving a sobering slap to the establishment to wake up and change its ways. But on November 8, which some have dubbed as the day everything changed, Americans rewrote that script, voting in the outsider Donald Trump as president of the U.S.

Since then, millions of Americans have been reeling at the outcome with shock and fear—visceral, instinctual fear over his policies, and what the most unpredictable commander-in-chief in modern times will do next.

Living With Fear and Hate

Immediately after the election, the media and politicians

downplayed the aftershock of electing the most divisive political personality. The elites' attempt at normalizing a tense situation is more projection than reality, having no choice but to bring calm to the anti-Trump chaos spilling onto the streets in major cities.

President Barack Obama's bland assurance was received with skepticism. Just days before the election, he spoke of Trump being the most dangerous, unfit, presidential candidate ever. Then the day after the election, he projected calm in transitioning power that was just as believable as his trust in Trump keeping Obamacare intact.

Respecting the results of the election and the continuity of the presidency is one thing that must be accepted. But the political reality is that the nation was divided before the election, divided during the election and remains divided after the election. The fear built

up during the campaign season is even more pulsating and palpable. It's reported that 4 in 10 Americans feel fear with Trump as our new president.

Some voters have expressed fear of nuclear war, increased warfare in the Middle East, accelerated degradation of the environment, dictatorial tyranny, racial violence, a Muslim ban and registry, a runaway national debt, losing their health insurance, repeal of *Roe v Wade* and marriage equality for same-sex couples, devastation to their business via trade renegotiations, increased hate and division, white nationalism on the rise, losing entitlement benefits, losing the Supreme Court to conservatives, prejudice against immigrants and stricter obstacles for incoming immigrants. And perhaps the greatest fear is shared among the undocumented and their families. Their fear of being separated from each other—husband and wife, parent and children, brother and sister—is agonizing and unimaginable.

Recent incidences haven't helped allay fears but further show how far the nation has regressed in just a few days. During lunch at Royal Oak Middle School in Michigan, a blue state that turned red this election, students shouted "build the wall...build the wall," repeatedly in the cafeteria while Latino children cowered in tears over the hostility of their white classmates and friends.

Most, or perhaps all, of these Latino children, are Americans but also victims of the divisive brand of politics Trump exploited. This troubling incident illustrates why immigrants feared the rhetoric that Trump espoused against



"illegal" immigration in the first place. When hate is unleashed, its tentacles latch on to all similar groups. And in this case, all immigrants categorically become victims of Trump's anti "illegal" immigrant ire.

Incidences of minorities living in White communities being harassed in the streets have been reported—from racist slurs hurled at Latinos, to Muslim women's *hijab* (head scarf) being ripped off their heads in public places, from swastikas spray painted on walls in schools, to outright violent assaults on people of color and even the murder of an anti-Trump protestor in Portland, Oregon.

In another example of hate in which Trump supporters have been emboldened by his victory, a nonprofit group's director Pamela Ramsey Taylor in Charleston, West Virginia (another red state) posted on Facebook referring to a picture of Melania Trump and Michelle Obama: "It will be so refreshing to have a classy, beautiful, dignified First Lady back in the White House. I'm tired of seeing an ape in heels."

The town's mayor, Beverly Whaling, replied to Taylor's post: "Just made my day Pam."

The disturbing part is that

this post is not unique in the gutter realms of social media. It becomes more apparent how Trump supporters are attempting to retrofit racism and hate into a new substandard cultural norm. And while Trump had recently disavowed and said to have been saddened by the rise of hate crimes since winning the election, a national tone of intolerance of diversity was already set by him months earlier.

The sad reality is that Americans are concerned with what Trump, his policies and supporters will do in the next four years. Even if Trump softens and becomes presidential, the movement he created could go down a more radical path that he never intended or imagined. Extreme movements are quick to disown their leaders when they see their core principles compromised. So if Trump feels he will need this radical base for political leverage, he will be every bit of the radical as much as he needs his base.

The ideal outcome is that Trump embraces the mainstream and becomes the independent he was before entering politics. This is one reason why, at this stage, Trump deserves a chance to bring out the

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better side in himself, to lead with inspiration, not demagoguery.

Trump's Top Priorities

After meeting with top congressional leaders, president-elect Trump revealed his top three priorities: immigration, jobs and health care.

"We're gonna look very strongly at immigration; we're gonna look at the border. We're gonna look very strongly at health care, and we're looking at jobs—big league jobs," said Trump.

Immigration

Immigration, the first centerpiece of Trump's campaign, will not go down as he sold it to his base. Trump will rescind Obama's executive order (EO) deferring deportation of millions of people in the U.S. Obama's EO was arguably political window dressing and never stopped deportation since it did not carry the weight of policy.

Trump will also be able to tweak requirements for the entry of new immigrants such as better vetting or even a temporary ban on immigration from certain war-torn regions. If Trump raises the income requirement for immigrants (meaning that an immigrant must either show the ability to make an income immediately or the immigrant's sponsor must show higher level income of support), this could become a major obstacle, depending on how Trump changes the formula. This questionable feature could be used to exclude a significant number of immigrants and is a crucial area of contention immigration advocates must monitor.

As for Trump's plan to deport illegal immigrants with criminal records, there's little to no resistance there. He will be able to deport the undocumented who have committed a crime since there is already a mechanism in place for that. But if Trump means that he will deport the undocumented who entered the country already with a criminal record, locating that type of undocumented criminal would be just as difficult as finding any other



undocumented individual.

The two most controversial features of Trump's immigration plan—building the wall and deporting millions of immigrants—will likely be only partially achievable. His plan to build a wall along the U.S.-Mexico border to stop illegal migration and narcotics trafficking would cost tens of billions of dollars. Requiring Mexico to pay for it is wishful thinking due to the magnitude of the cost and the fact that Mexican citizens would be unwilling to pay for something like the wall as a matter of defiance and of exercising their sovereign rights as a country. That would leave Americans to foot the bill.

Even with Republicans controlling both chambers of Congress, allocating billions for a wall, would be political suicide for the GOP come midterm elections. Trump already wants to spend \$500 billion on domestic infrastructure, not including the wall. When adding the cost of the wall as part of infrastructure spending, the amount would be over \$1 trillion, which is not easy pickings for a country already struggling to keep programs like Medicare and Social Security solvent. \$1 trillion is about two years of the entire defense-military budget, paying all personnel salaries, their housing, health care benefits, high-tech/low-tech weapons, and war conflicts around the world. In one year, the defense-military budget accounts for 19 percent of the entire federal budget.

If the GOP is as concerned about the national debt as they claim to be—an excuse they repeatedly used to block Obama proposals—building a symbolic wall would be derelict spending that would perhaps require GOP lawmak-

ers to raise the debt ceiling, something they firmly oppose. To save face, Trump could muster some funding to build a partial wall in critical areas, with the remaining thousands of miles of construction along the southern border resembling more like a fence. When considering cost, a Trump wall would realistically look more like a semi-wall or picket fence.

The second part of Trump's immigration plan of deporting millions of undocumented immigrants will test constitutional and human rights laws since there are very strict constitutionally protected legal procedures in place for search and seizure. Rounding up people for deportation is a difficult process that would require court orders to search private individual homes, more agents to conduct the searches and more personnel to process deportations.

The Center for American Progress estimates a mass deportation strategy would cost an average of \$10,070 per person, for a total of \$114 billion to remove 11.3 million people. If more Americans were aware of this cost, mass deportation would be more unpopular than it already is. Close to 65 percent of Americans oppose mass deportation and favor a pathway to citizenship. Imagine spending

a significant percentage of the entire federal budget just for mass deportation and a wall—that is what it would take.

An attempt at mass deportation, at the scale Trump envisions, will also test the very character of who we are as Americans. We would enter one of the darkest periods in history that could very well unravel the already loose binds that hold us together as a nation. The very idea of rounding up a certain class of people by the millions, entering homes to find these undocumented and then breaking families apart is the kind of practice found in war-stricken dictatorships.

The extent of mass deportation will come down to this: if the media covers it and citi-

zens rise against it, mass deportation will be minimized; but if largely ignored, mass deportation will be maximized. As in some war operations when the nation's moral high ground is called into question, the media tends to underplay, filter and ignore covering the inhumanity. This could be a potential outcome. The media largely ignored the fact that Obama deported over 2 million undocumented during his first term; but that number dropped tremendously in his second term. The difference this time around under Trump is that all eyes will be watching.

Job Creation

Trump's job stimulus plan is a three-pronged strategy: massive infrastructure spending, cutting corporate taxes in hopes of creating jobs and renegotiating NAFTA (targeting Mexico) and other trade imbalances, specifically with China.

Trump would like to spend around \$500 billion on infrastructure. This is where his ex-

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Objection! The Truth About Our Civil Court Cases

By Sheryll Bonilla

O bjection! There's a lot of misconception about lawyers and lawsuits, especially when people get to talking about the court system being so plugged up by plaintiffs who "ruin it" for everyone. In the last 45 years, 1983 had the highest number of lawsuits, over 8,900, and 2006 had the lowest number, with barely 3,400. One of the biggest erroneous beliefs is that personal injury lawsuits jam up the legal system. The facts, though, show that personal injury lawsuits don't clog up the courts.

The percentages of tort, contracts and other cases have varied significantly over the past 45 years. For "civil" (non-criminal) cases, trial by either judge or jury are rare, and jury trials are rarer, even though TV makes us think otherwise. Let's face it—if TV showed the book reading research, interviewing, negotiating and document drafting that keep lawyers occupied

most of the day, no one would watch. Of cases filed in 2007, 39 percent were torts, 20 percent were contracts, and the remaining 41 percent were "other." In 2013, torts comprised 18 percent of cases, 12 percent were contract matters and 70 percent were "other."

Tort (personal injury) cases often don't go to trial and come close to settling 88 percent of the time. Settlement is reached in 54 percent of contract lawsuits and in 55 percent of "other" types of legal disputes. "Other" includes appeals from agency decisions, land condemnations, construction defects and foreclosures. Few cases go all the way to a trial verdict. Since 1971, the incidence of trials dropped from 12 percent to around 2 percent. Between 1987-1995, 1 percent or less of cases ended with a jury trial. Since 1996, less than one half of 1 percent of cases are decided by a jury. How many is that? Since 2002, no more than 20 cases in a single year and in 2011, only 6 cases.

So how do cases end?

Eleven percent of tort, 44 percent of contract and 40 percent of "other" types don't go to trial or get settled. Contract and "other" cases tend to be terminated by motions, default judgments or summary judgment. A default judgment is when the defendant (the party being sued) simply doesn't show up or answer the complaint, so the plaintiff is awarded a judgment against him/her/it. Default judgments happen in about 1 in 7 (15 percent) contract cases and 1 in 10 (10 percent) of "other" cases but seldom in tort cases. Summary judgment is when, if all the facts are accepted is true, one party is "right" by the rule of law. Motions can include filing a lawsuit too late, filing a lawsuit where the facts were already decided in a prior case, not having a viable legal claim, suing the wrong parties, or other reasons. Many cases are simply abandoned.

About one-half of all cases settle, and almost one-half neither settle nor end in trial. The most common way of termination is a "stipulation for dis-

missal" which means all the parties to a lawsuit agree to drop the case. Tort cases tend to settle, so 76 percent are dismissed by stipulation after successful negotiations. About 47 percent of contract cases and 47 percent of "other" cases also end by stipulated dismissal.

Dismissal by motion is the second most common way civil cases end. This is mostly used in foreclosures (30 percent), contracts (14 percent), and "other" types (16 percent). Foreclosures—when banks take back homes because the mortgage hasn't been paid—take almost no fact finding, since the bank already has proof of non-payment.

How long does lawsuit limbo last? Seventy-two percent of cases end within two years of filing. The average time between filing and ending a lawsuit is a little less than two years (682 days), and the median disposition time is a little less than 18 months (524 days). Tort cases take the longest from initiation to termination and typically have the greatest amount of work in finding the facts. Tort cases averaged 682 days with a median of 539 days. Contract cases tend to need some discovery done before ending and take almost as long as tort cases. Contract dis-

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This information comes from studies done in the civil (non-criminal) docket of the Hawaii Circuit Court. So now you have the statistics about how cases proceed in our legal system, and can more fairly assess judicial reform bills that are introduced in the State Legislature or Congress.

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maintaining quality work. Trump's plan to lower corporate taxes to 15 percent from 35 percent is less promising than infrastructure spending in creating new jobs. In theory, new jobs will be created with the money corporations save from paying taxes. This logic only works if corporate board members choose to reinvest and grow their companies and not opt to pay higher annual

dividends to shareholders or pay top executives higher salaries. It's likely that most small- to medium-sized corporations will not see enough in tax savings to create a significant number of jobs. Big corporations tend to favor reinvestments in companies' shares or fine tune operations with heavy equipment or costly technological upgrades. There's no way to predict the

real impact corporate tax cuts will have on job growth because corporate tax savings would translate to discretionary spending. The last plan to generate jobs is to renegotiate trade with China and Mexico, our second and third largest trading partners. This is the biggest question mark. It could be the most promising in terms of job creation or also devastate large sectors of the economy. The U.S. has a trade deficit with China of about \$350 million annually and an annual deficit with Mexico of just over \$50 million. Interestingly, the U.S. has a trade deficit with the European Union of about \$150 million annually, practically three times that of Mexico, yet Trump has never made that an issue. The U.S. also has a trade deficit with our number one trading country, Canada, in which our trade deficit is just a little under that of Mexico's.

Yet, Trump also never mentioned this trade injustice. One benefit of balancing trade is that manufacturing jobs in the U.S. would become slightly more viable with increased exports. This notion of job creation in manufacturing is among the top reasons why Trump won the election. Rust-belt industrial Midwest states that flipped Republican in the election are banking on Trump's promise to bring back jobs to their communities. Curiously, the Republican Party has been far more supportive of free trade than Democrats since NAFTA was crafted. VP-elect Mike Pence has been a major supporter of all free trade bills that came before Congress during his tenure. It's also worth noting that manufacturing plants out of the Midwest haven't always ended up setting shop on foreign soil. There is competition even among

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WHAT'S UP ATTORNEY?

Silent Majority for Trump – and Won



By Atty. Emmanuel Samonte Tipon

“Oh God, please make Donald Trump win if you love America.” That was my prayer at the new Iglesia Ni Cristo Diamond Head congregation. This was the first time I ever prayed hard for a candidate to win. I had told Mr. Trump when I met him in Cleveland during the Republican Convention. “Mr. President, I will pray for you.” “Thank you, thank you very much,” he whispered. Millions prayed for Trump to win.

You all know God’s answer. God spoke through the silent majority. Vox populi. Vox Dei.

Congratulations Mr. Trump and Mr. Pence.

The silent majority hearkened to Trump’s clarion call “I am your voice. I will speak for you.”

“The forgotten men and women of our country will be forgotten no longer,” promised Mr. Trump in his victory speech after Hillary Clinton conceded the election. Donald Trump will be the 45th president of the United States.

Many of Trump’s supporters were silent before the election [I was not] because they were the subject of “hatred, contempt, and ridicule.” “Deplorables,” said Hillary Clinton. Who is “deplorable” now?

“Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid, do not be discouraged; for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.” Joshua 1:9 (NIV)

Now my plan to emigrate to Australia if Trump did not win is on hold. I will tell my employment agent to stop looking for a job for me there for the nonce.

Who voted for Trump and why did they vote for him

Those who voted for Trump were the silent majority who—

-- were disgusted with the corrupt and biased media and the pundits continuously deriding Trump and singing praises to Clinton.

--were angry, very angry at the establishment who wanted to rule forever.

--wanted change, any change, because it couldn’t be worse.

--are unemployed or underemployed.

--want the rule of law to prevail.

--want to stop illegal immigration and build a wall at the southern frontier.

--want less taxes.

--hate the ill-conceived Obamacare that has resulted in increased premiums.

The silent majority of Filipinos wanted an “American Duterte” (without the putang ina (PTI) “prostitute mother”). Most, if not all, the Filipino media in America were for Hillary and raged against Trump. They have never met Mr. Trump or Ms Clinton. I have.

As I told my radio audience, Trump is a good man. You can judge a person by the hand shake. He has a vision for America. He will “Make America Great Again.” Give him a chance to fulfill his promises.

I have also met and shaken hands with Hillary. She is natangsit or mataray. (condescending and arrogant). She has been accused of being a liar. She is not for the common tao. Hillary is for Hillary.

I did not vote for Hillary, although I have three things in common with her. We both went to Yale Law School, we are Chicago Cubs fans, and we like Bill Clinton. (Nancy Pelosi, the San Francisco congresswoman, introduced me to Bill, telling him we were both from Yale. Bill put his hand on my shoulder, took me aside and asked “How was Yale?” “The girls were fantastic,” I



Al and Robbie with Silent Majority poster.

joked. He laughed heartily. Nancy was amused. Immediately I went to Manila to ask Ka Erdy for the Iglesia’s support. I contributed a significant amount to Bill’s campaign and to his Paula Jones defense fund. I liked Bill until he said “I did not have sex with that woman, Monica Lewinsky” Engaging in fellatio is not sex? C’mon. A woman gives you orgasmic pleasure and you deny it? Disgusting! Bill might not have lied down with Monica but lied about her.)

Accept election result; Stop the protests

Hillary said in her concession speech that America owes Donald Trump an “open mind and a chance to lead.” She expressed her “hope that he will be a successful president for all Americans.” Amen.

One of the leading anti-Trump newspapers, USA Today, headlined: “Obama: Trump won, accept it.” Obama was quoted as saying “Look, the people have spoken. Donald Trump will be the next president,” and that the American people have to “reconcile themselves with that new reality” -- a Trump presidency, and “those who didn’t vote for him have to recognize that that’s how democracy works.” Enough said.

No amount of protesting will change the result of the

election. Protesters claim it is part of their freedom of speech. They should have spoken by voting. These protesters have been labeled “poor losers”.

Hawaii, my Hawaii, is an outlier

“All politics is local,” said the late Democrat Speaker of the House Tip O’Neill. And

Hawaii continues to be solidly Democrat, thanks to the labor unions and special interests. All delegates to the U.S. Congress are Democrats. The Hawaii state senate is the only state legislative body in the United States with no opposition – all Democrats. The mayoral election was supposed to be nonpartisan but the incumbent, a Democrat, continuously harped upon his opponent as a Republican. Will the carnival of corruption and incompetence go on? We pray that it will not.

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PERSONAL PERSPECTIVE

SOLARPUNK

By Adrian Kresnak

Of steampunk aesthetic is grim and clock gears, solarpunk is clean energy and stained glass. On a deeper level, solarpunk as a genre has themes of environmental responsibility, cooperation and optimism. After years of dystopia in entertainment and literature, solarpunk is a different kind of futuristic sci-fi—a world where technology is used to help instead of oppress, where the Powers That Be are benevolent and where we *don't* completely ruin the world as we know it.

Science fiction has always inspired people to see the world differently and solarpunk is no exception. The eco-friendly future envisioned is not just a hypothetical future. It is a possibility in the present and it's being actively pursued right now. One of the first goals of solarpunk is community serv-

ice of some sort—picking up litter, planting flowers, helping people in need. Social justice-minded groups might work to promote civil rights or protect political decisions.

Is it obvious that this is a solarpunk town? With the emphasis on individual talents and the isolation that local movements naturally deal with, what a town evolves into will be entirely up to the people living there. The town might have brand new architecture, or there might be one "Eco-House" run by dedicated volunteers. There may be more solarpunk communities already out there than people realize. They're places where people work together, where all citizens are valued and where the environment is given serious consideration.

Small towns may be places where solarpunk communities grow like wildflowers—not planned by a central committee



or individuals. My dad lives in a small town, the kind where there's one high school and the library serves four towns. There's a Free Little Library in the yard of one of the neighborhood houses. It's the kind of town where nothing happens and that makes it just the place for a solarpunk community.

On Oahu, anything anyone could want is a short drive away. There's a botanical garden that feels at once unique to Hawaii yet not tied to anyone or any place. Opened in the 19th century, it's a local treasure. Once a year there is a cer-

tain celebration, free to the public. The gate opens after dark. The trees block out any light from the surrounding roads and buildings.

Instead, candles light pathways through the garden. Glow sticks and UV lamps hang from tree branches in the forest. The very air smells like spices and candle smoke. An extremely large collection of plants grows there and every plant has its names, common and scientific, on small cards for passersby to see. If there are faeries, they certainly visit on that night. Families wander, enjoying the

sights, food and music. Children play while parents talk. The entire atmosphere is dreamlike.

This is a solarpunk holiday, or maybe there has to be a solarpunk community observing it for it to be a solarpunk holiday. Holidays like this may become commonplace if solarpunk communities grow without a central culture or plan. These communities may be isolated, but local traditions will ensure their citizens stick together.

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HAWAII-FILIPINO NEWS

Consulate to Host Book Launch on War in the Pacific

Two new books that tell rare accounts of the Pacific War in the Philippines will be unveiled to the public at a book launch hosted by the Philippine Consulate General of Honolulu on November 29, 2016 at 5:30 pm—just in time for the 75th anniversary commemoration of the bombing of Pearl Harbor.

The two books were written by authors with Hawaii ties and contribute new information to the story of the Pacific War. The are entitled "Cadet, Soldier, Guerrilla Fighter: Remembering Bataan and Corregidor" and "The Battle of Ising: the Untold

Story of the 130th Infantry Regiment in the Liberation of Mindanao in the Philippines."

"These two books are much-needed additions to literature on Filipinos who fought in World War II," says Dr. Patricio Abinales, director of the Center of Philippine Studies at University of Hawaii-Manoa. "Here are stories of young men who were forced by the circumstances to become ready to die in defense of the homeland.

"They faced the enemy with very little resources, but the Filipinos and Americans who made their last stand at Bataan and Corridor held back

the well-armed and well-trained Japanese Imperial Army while in the rest of the colonial governments in Southeast Asia collapsed like a house of cards in a week or two."

Honolulu journalist and public relations veteran Pepi Nieva edited the war stories of her late father Antonio A. Nieva—a Bataan Death March survivor who joined a storied guerrilla group made up of college boys, the Hunters-ROTC, upon his release from prison camp.

"Cadet, Soldier, Guerrilla Fighter: Remembering Bataan and Corregidor" blends historical facts with personal vignettes and gives intimate, moving and sometimes humorous accounts of how the war affected soldiers, town folk, housewives, society matrons, hustlers, gamblers, and the young, idealistic 20-year olds who fought a guerrilla war in the Philippine barrios and forests. The book is available

on Amazon.com and illustrated by the elder Nieva's original drawings. It offers a rare, first-hand account told from the Philippine perspective.

Marie Silva Vallejo, who lived in Honolulu after working for Intel in California and before moving to Manila, discovered her father Maj. Saturnino Silva's exploits as the commander of 1,500 guerrillas in Davao province on Mindanao. She interviewed 22 veterans to complete the story of "The Battle of Ising: the Untold Story of the 130th Infantry Regiment in the Liberation of Mindanao in the Philippines."

While conducting her research, Vallejo uncovered World War II records, crumbling from age and exposure to Philippine jungles, at the U.S. National Archives in Washington, DC. She worked with the Philippine Veterans Affairs Office and the Filipino Veterans Foundation to digitize 270 boxes of Guerrilla

Recognition files, which can be used to substantiate compensation claims by Filipino World War II veterans.

Vallejo will also conduct a seminar on how to use these digital records on November 29, 2016 at the Moot Courtroom at the UH-Manoa Richardson Law School from 11:45 am to 1 pm.

Antonio Nieva and Saturnino Silva were awarded Bronze Stars for their service on behalf of the U.S. Armed Forces. Silva also was awarded the Purple Heart.

The book launch and the guerrilla records seminar are free and open to the public. Both events are sponsored by the Philippine Consulate, the UH Center for Philippine Studies, the Filipino Association of University Women and the Philippine Celebrations Coordinating Committee.

For more information on the events, contact Pepi Nieva at 225-1219 or via email at: pepinieva@hotmail.com.

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FEATURE

A LIFETIME OF GIFTS TURNS INTO A GIFT OF LIFE

By Glenn Wakai

BJ Nakamura was up with the roosters. At 6 am, she was feeding the chickens and cows on her family's farm in Puko'o, Molokai. Long summer days were spent planting or harvesting bananas, papaya, avocados and tomatoes. In the afternoon, the produce was packed for sale at the local market or shipped to Oahu.

During the school year, BJ would return from classes to pick fruits and grade eggs for market. This tough agrarian lifestyle was in her DNA. Her paternal grandparents were from Cebu and her maternal grandparents were from Siquijor. Both families were *sakadas* who arrived on Oahu in 1921. BJ's father, Teopilo Gomez, was six years old when he arrived with his parents. The farmer would later marry Ferminia Siangco and the couple eventually moved to Molokai.

BJ was number five in a family of nine children—three boys and six girls. Her father was the sole breadwinner and worked at Del Monte until the

last pineapple was picked in the 1970s.

There were no movie theaters and shopping malls, so socializing centered on outdoor family activities. There was never a shortage of playmates. BJ's relatives and the neighborhood kids were always at her home. A platoon of people would load up in cars and often head to the beach or go camping.

Her eldest sibling, Elizabeth, kept an eye on all the younger siblings. Their modest upbringing kept them tight.

"We all loved music," says BJ. "We laughingly claimed that we were the Osmonds of Molokai."

Elizabeth graduated from Molokai High School and ended up working for the state of Alaska as a statistician. In 1994 at the age of 50, she contracted kidney disease. Her kidney function was down to 12 percent. She was never placed on dialysis because her little sister came to the rescue.

Once BJ heard about her sister's plight, she sat her two daughters and husband around the dinner table to announce she decided to give one of her kidneys to Elizabeth.



Liz and BJ after transplant.

"My family was very supportive. I did not hesitate. I told them I committed to my sister," says BJ. "The Lord gave us two kidneys—one to share. I knew it was the right thing to do."

The surgery was done at the University of Washington in Seattle. After a month of recovery, BJ was back on Molokai, while Elizabeth returned to her life in Alaska where she was an avid fisherman and played softball.

Liz passed away in May of this year. She lived for an additional 22 years thanks to BJ's generous gift of life. Most recipients lucky enough to get an organ rarely live an extra 15 years.

"I don't see it as a sacrifice. I see it as a loving gesture. She's my sister, I would do anything for her," she says.

BJ's father contracted kidney disease in 1976 and died of prostate cancer in 1986. Her brother was stricken with kidney cancer in 2000 and he

passed away a year later. Neither of them received a kidney transplant.

Chronic kidney disease is often passed from one generation to the next, so BJ and her six siblings get screened every year.

"Life is very fragile and valuable. We need to take care of ourselves," she says.

BJ spent her career working for the State of Hawaii to further economic development and housing. Today at age 67, she enjoys life with her husband Earl who retired as the vice principal at Molokai High School. BJ's tireless energy as a child can now be seen in her new passion for genealogy. She enjoys connecting the dots of the past and presents her work at conferences across the country.

BJ says seeing her sister live for an extra 22 years has refocused her perspectives.

"Life is exciting. It cannot be hum-drum. Life is a privilege and an opportunity to learn, to grow, to serve. Being an organ donor opens your mind wider. It allows you to think and see more clearly, understand more, and love better," she says.

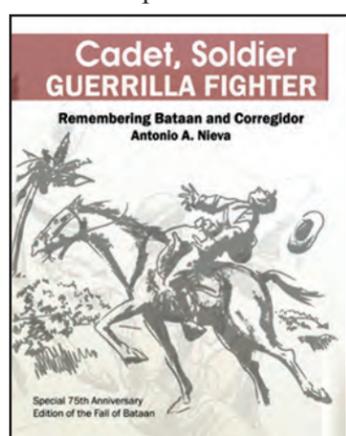
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BOOK REVIEW

'Cadet, Soldier, Guerilla Fighter'

by Rose Churma

Soon after the bombing of Pearl Harbor, Japanese planes decimated Clark Air Field north of Manila. It was the first salvo against America's Pacific colony that escalated into the Battle of Bataan, the largest defeat in U.S. military history, and the infamous Death March that killed about 25,000 American and Filipino soldiers. What followed was a brutal



four-year Japanese occupation of the Philippines.

"Cadet, Soldier, Guerrilla Fighter: Remembering Bataan and Corregidor" chronicles those years as seen from the perspective of Bataan Death March survivor Antonio A. Nieva

who was awarded the U.S. Army's Bronze Star Medal for his "marked contribution to the defense of Bataan." He recollects vividly in straightforward prose the battles fought by Filipino and American forces. As noted in the book's back cover: "His story takes us from the time the college boys said adios to the good times in old Manila as they joined the USAFFE (United States Armed Forces of the Far East) to the liberation of the Philippines by General Douglas MacArthur and his troops."

Nieva's memoirs blend historical facts with moving but sometimes humorous accounts of how the war affected soldiers and locals alike. It is primarily a personal account of how an idealistic 20-year-old survived the chaos of war despite all odds—from being an ROTC cadet at Ateneo de Manila, to soldier and prisoner of

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City to Discuss Administrative Rules For Private Transport

The City's Department of Customer Services will hold a public hearing to consider adoption of proposed City and County of Honolulu Administrative Rules, Title 9, Chapter 2, governing private transportation provided by taxis and Uber/Lyft.



The public hearing is scheduled for November 21, 2016 at 1 pm in the Mission Memorial Building at 550 South King Street. The rules are required under Bill 36 passed by the City Council on August 4, 2016.

The proposed rules provide the procedures and standards to be followed for issuing private transportation company business licenses, certification of private transportation drivers and vehicles, and private transportation company vehicle requirements and standards to conduct operations.

The public is encouraged to present relevant data, views or arguments for consideration by the Department of Customer Services.

Those who are unable to attend the hearing may submit written testimony by mail to the CSD Motor Vehicle Control Section at: 1112 Kapahulu Avenue, Honolulu, Hawai'i 96816. Advance written testimony must be received by Friday, November 18, 2016 at 4 p.m.

A copy of the proposed rules is available to the public online at: www.honolulu.gov/csd/ by calling 768-2530, or visiting the Motor Vehicle Control Section at 1112 Kapahulu Avenue, Monday through Friday from 7:45 am to 4:30 pm.

Please contact the Motor Vehicle Control Section at 768-2530 or send an email to: csd@honolulu.gov at least two business days prior to hearing if you require special assistance.

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U.S. states to keep manufacturing jobs. Some Midwest companies have relocated to other states like Texas. So, part of the onus is being non-competitive, a local government-management problem.

It's also arguable that changing or striking down NAFTA would only improve job creation marginally because NAFTA is only partially responsible for job loss in the Midwest. Many of the job losses are attributable to advances in technology, automation and robotics—the real jobs killer of manufacturing and all industries.

Trump's original plan to level trade with our trading partners is to exact tariffs on imports. He has mentioned imposing a 45 percent tariff on all Chinese imports. But economists know such a hike would be beyond protectionist even by Trump's standards and immediately start the biggest trade war between the world's two largest economies. In this scenario, forget about job creation; instead, the country would be left drowning in the largest wave of bankruptcies to ever sweep the country.

Healthcare

The motivation for Trump's last priority is not as clear as his other two. Maybe dismantling Obamacare has more to do with pleasing his base that

would love to undo Obama's accomplishments, especially the one he is most Zproud of. As a business man, certainly Trump has seen the benefit of Obamacare in lifting some of the financial burdens off private companies to provide health insurance to workers.

Echoing his campaign pledge, perhaps Trump has made repealing Obamacare one of his top priorities because it may be one of the most achievable of his goals with a GOP-controlled Congress. Republicans of both the established and right-wing factions of the party want to do away with Obamacare. His other top priorities—building a wall and fixing trade—will be met with division among the two GOP factions. The likely scenario is that Obamacare might be struck down in namesake but its features will be maintained until Trump and the GOP come up with an alternative health care model. The immediate impact of repealing Obamacare is that over 20 million people will lose their health insurance.

Trump's top priorities are only some of the issues Americans await on pins and needles. The widespread public anxiety felt across the nation is justified. Trump is an outsider and he has made radical promises. The only course to take at this point is to be vigilant and to wait and see what he does next.



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COMMENTARY

Trump's Victory Is Not a License for Authoritarian Rule; Be Vigilant Americans

By Edwin Quinabo

A stunner, unnerving outcome that Americans decided to elect Donald Trump as president.

The liberal media will shy away from race as the primary reason for Trump's victory; but the radical alternative right got it correct all along -- this election was White America's push back to regain their power at the helm amidst a racially and culturally changing nation. As the saying goes in politics, demographics is destiny, and White Americans, specifically rural/suburban Whites felt compelled this time around to draw the line and make the issues and character secondary to redefining national identity, following eight years of a Black presidency.

The reason poll after poll did not anticipate Trump's victory is precisely for this reason

-- it is a shameful excuse to vote for a president because of race and the White majority kept silent about it until they cast their votes in privacy, anonymously.

How else can it be explained that an outright racist presidential candidate, who made racism as the centerpiece of his campaign -- from his entry to the political scene as a birther to his announced candidacy attacking Mexicans and immigrants -- could be elected if the heart of his message did not find a home in the hearts of millions of Americans who feared this racial-cultural change gaining too much traction.

Clearly many White Americans will underplay race, pointing to Hilary Clinton's email scandal and untrustworthiness. But that is a smoke-screen that many minority communities see through. If



healing has any chance of occurring after this warfare of an election that this country has never seen -- it must begin with honesty and authenticity.

The mainstream media is partially to blame by pounding into the American psyche the entire election season that race is a deciding factor -- that Trump could never win without the huge Black and Latino population; and that the Republican party must stop catering to the disappearing White male if it has any chances of winning back the White

House. Trump made this election about race and knew that he could spike the White vote, calibrate it enough to win an election without minorities. But the media was a co-conspirator that was played like a puppet, focused on Trump's antics instead of the issues. For the media to suddenly shy away from the race-factor at this point is in complete incongruence to what it has been saying all along. Rest assured, if Clinton had won, the political calculus would have been that she had done it because of Black and Latino voters.

Trump's victory is not a clear mandate

The election result was clearly a close battle. By the time all votes are finalized, it will show that Clinton either won the popular vote or came very close to it. For this reason alone, Trump must recoil from his beyond-the-cliff right-wing agenda, to work also on behalf of the near 50 percent of Americans who did not vote for him. Trump must resist his authoritarian impulses and work to bring all Americans together because

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HAWAII-FILIPINO NEWS

PISCES Partners with UH-Hilo and NASA for Simulated Mars Mission

The Pacific International Space Center for Exploration Systems (PISCES) is partnering with the University of Hawaii-Hilo and NASA in a ground breaking research project in preparation for a future manned mission to Mars.

The project, called BASALT (Biologic Analog Science Associated with Lava Terrains), will focus on developing operation protocols for a joint human-robotic exploration of Mars in the search for extraterrestrial life. BASALT scientists and crew members are conducting simulated missions in two locations which closely resemble the Martian landscape—Mauna Ulu at Hawaii Volcanoes National Park and the Eastern Snake River Plain in Idaho.

Currently, the BASALT team is investigating Mauna Ulu by traversing the rugged lava terrain to collect rock samples for both biologic and geologic analysis.

"We added a twist to our

scientific fieldwork by conducting it under simulated Mars mission constraints," says Dr. Darlene Lim, geobiologist and principal investigator for the project. "By doing so, we can evaluate operational concepts and a variety of supporting capabilities that range from software to hardware components with respect to their anticipated value for human exploration of Mars."

The researchers hope to better understand the habitability of Mars by studying Mauna Ulu, which is a high-fidelity analog for the landscape of early Mars when volcanism and water were common.

"No one has really worked this out yet," says John Hamilton, PISCES test logistics and education/public outreach manager. "We want to work out the kinks during these exercises so we have it together on a real mission. By the time they go to Mars, they'll have a rock-solid plan."

The BASALT team consists of scientists, engineers, mission

operators and active astronauts. About a dozen UH-Hilo students are assisting with the project. Hamilton, who is also a UH-Hilo faculty member with the Department of Physics and Astronomy, is overseeing data collection, logistics and student assignments. The research project is central to NASA's Journey to Mars program.

"Collaborative work has been in the frontline of applied research for PISCES recently," says Rodrigo Romo, PISCES program manager. "The fact that university students get the opportunity to participate in events like the BASALT project will help them meet the demands of a very competitive industry."

PISCES was selected last year by NASA's highly competitive PSTAR (Planetary Science and Technology Through Analog Research) program to participate in the four-year, \$4.2 million BASALT project. For more information, visit PISCES' website at www.pacificspacecenter.com.



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PHILIPPINE NEWS

Duterte Arrives in Peru for APEC Meet

by Alexis Romero
Friday, November 18, 2016

LIMA – President Rodrigo Duterte arrived here Friday afternoon to attend the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Economic Leader's Meeting, his first engagement as chief executive outside Asia.

The president's chartered plane landed at around 12:50 p.m. Duterte was welcomed by Peru culture minister Jorge Nieto and Peruvian ambassa-

dor to the Philippines Julio Cardenas Velarde.

The leaders' meeting, the main event of the APEC meet, would be held from November 19 to 29 and would be attended by leaders of the 21 member economies. Officials previously said the APEC meet would provide Duterte an opportunity to explain his platforms and to showcase his "mystique."

The Philippine leader is expected to hold bilateral

meetings with Russia president Vladimir Putin and China president Xi Jinping but details are still being threshed out.

"There have been requests, particularly China had made a request for bilaterals. We're seeking to confirm that. It is likely that it will take place but we do not know exactly when. It's mostly likely a pull aside meeting. Likewise with Russia," foreign affairs secretary Perfecto Yasay Jr.

said in a press briefing on Friday here.

"Peru also asked for a bilateral being the host country," he added. (www.philstar.com)

BOOK REVIEW (from page 9, 'CADET....')

war, to guerrilla fighter.

An earlier edition of this book was published in 1997. This second edition was edited by Nieva's daughter Pepi, a Honolulu writer and public relations veteran. It includes new chapters and illustrations as well as original drawings by the author that provide a rare, first-hand account of the war. His drawings capture various vignettes

of the infamous Death March—stark pencil images that vividly capture the horrors and brutality of war—that serve as important visual reminders of what Filipino WWII veterans endured and survived.

The book is available at Amazon.com in both digital and hard copy editions. For inquiries, please email kalamansibooks@gmail.com.

CANDID PERSPECTIVES (from page 3, LIFE....)

ing for Pennsylvania, Wisconsin and Michigan to all turn blue. They never did. And by Wednesday, we were bathed in red and not from the shards of any break in a glass ceiling.

When the least qualified, least experienced candidate for the job can become president, well that's how effective affirmative action for whites can be. That's the election of political neophyte Donald J. Trump, the tycoon-turned-showman-turned-leader of his own brand of democracy.

Build a wall? Ban Muslims? Deport millions? That and save jobs, fix our roads and infrastructure, all while cutting taxes.

It's the Trumpian fantasy fueled by an unconventionally candid hate rhetoric, complete with endorsements from the KKK and David Duke.

The difference in this election appears to be the angry white voters from rural areas in the Rust Belt. They were the ones running up the red in the blue states. They're the ones yearning for the rollback to the past. They were the real No-

vember Surprise. Pollsters, the political class and the media had simply stopped talking to them, not paying attention as if they were invisible.

These were the whites who felt left behind by the growing tech economy and overshadowed by the demographic steamroller that is diversity. They felt angry and taken for granted. Asian-Americans know how that feels. Mainstream pollsters, politicians and media folks still ignore us.

Despite our numbers growing to more than 20 million, we're still rarely taken seriously. How many times did you watch the election night tallies and wonder how we were reflected in the vote count?

The Asian-American Vote

Most exit polls don't get enough of an Asian American sample to even acknowledge our existence. Only in unique exit polls that target Asian Americans specifically in language and in large enough samples, do we see reliable data.

You need an effort like AALDEF's Election Day exit poll, which included 950 attorneys, law students and volunteers in 64 cities and 14 states conducting nonpartisan polls of 14,400 Asian American voters in English and 12 languages.

It produced a more reliable picture of the Asian-American vote that day: Clinton, 79 percent; Trump, 17 percent; others, 3 percent. In two of the "Blue Wall" states, Pennsylvania's Asian American vote was Clinton over Trump, 87-12 percent; Michigan's Asian Americans voted for Clinton over Trump 91-7 percent. The overwhelming sentiment: Hillary Clinton was Asian America's choice for president. But look what happened.

Asian-Americans are still such a small part of the electorate. Only in coalition with others do we make a difference. In 2008 and 2012, it was known as the "Obama Coalition," primarily voters of color: African Americans, Latinos and Asians. But the numbers for this group were much lower for Clinton in 2016 than for

Obama in 2012, according to the more general mainstream national exit polls.

Blacks were 93 percent for Obama in 2012 and just 88 percent for Clinton in 2016. Latinos were 71 percent for Obama in 2012. Just 65 percent for Clinton in 2016. Asian-Americans, according to CNN exit polls, gave much lower support for Clinton compared to Obama, an 8-point drop off from 2012, 73 percent to 65 percent.

I'd still quibble with the accuracy of mainstream pollsters, given the sampling methods of Asian-Americans, but generally CNN's numbers suggest that people of color just didn't turn out for Clinton as they did for Obama. The coalition didn't vote. Too many voters stayed home. And while Trump didn't win the diversity vote, he did slightly better than Romney in 2012. Enough to turn those blue states red. I found it all disheartening.

Even though the vast majority of the "diversity vote" still backed Clinton, it didn't have the impact of the Obama Coalition of 2012. To be effective, anything short of a monolithic vote doesn't seem impactful enough. It's a strange kind of "divide and conquer."

As many more of us peel off toward independence, our political power is diminished. We're assimilated and vote outside of our group. That wasn't a problem for white voters who roared loudly on Tuesday.

Trump's hate rhetoric did better than he could have imagined. It attracted all the angry

whites he wanted without excessively alienating minorities.

Trump Supporters Amongst Us

It also showed that coalition of angry "change" voters for Trump wasn't exclusively white. It also had a few Asian-Americans, especially among Filipinos, who had a preference for Trump.

"I am extremely happy," Dr. Roy Flores, a Republican in Ohio, told me the day after T-Day.

I've been tracking Flores throughout the campaign and he's literally the flip side of the 2016 Rust Belt voter—not a down and out left behind white male, He's a well-to-do immigrant, a medical doctor, Christian, gun-owning, small government and anti-tax fiscal conservative. He's part of that half of the country.

But he's still one of us—an Asian American. And that's how we should approach these Trump years. We're divided but we should still be talking to each other. We're all Americans. We should also take our cue both from Secretary Clinton and from President Obama.

Clinton seemed like she was at her own funeral at her post-election event at the New Yorker hotel.

"This is painful and it will be for a long time. But I want you to remember this. Our campaign was never about one person or even one election," Clinton said. "It was about the country we love and building an America that was hopeful,

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LEGAL NOTES



By Reuben S. Seguritan

Immigration Fees to Increase Effective Dec. 23

asylum, refugee, military naturalization services, and the SAVE program that were ordinarily reliant upon Congress' budgetary allocation likewise affected this move.

To recover the full cost of services including costs of fraud detection and national security, customer services, case processing and providing benefits without charge to refugee and asylum applicants, the fee increases had to be imposed, said USCIS director Leon Rodriguez.

For those applying for naturalization, there will be an increase in the standard fee for Form N-400 from

\$595 to \$640. Fee waivers will still be available to those who meet the requirements under the law. A reduced fee of \$320 will be offered to naturalization applicants with family income greater than 150% and not more than 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines.

For those who are claiming US citizenship due to birth abroad to US citizen parent(s) and need proof of US citizenship through Form N-600 and N-600K, there will be an increase from \$600 and \$550, respectively, to \$1,170. This is essentially a 95% increase compared to the old schedule and one of the more substantial raises.

Fees for family-based petitions will go up as well. I-129F Application for Alien Fiancé(e) will increase from \$340 to \$535; I-130 Petitions for Alien Relative from \$420 to \$535. Under the current fee schedule, the total filing fee for a one-step, concurrent filing of Form I-130, Form I-485, Form I-765 and Form I-131 is \$1,490; this will be bumped up to \$1,760. I-485 Application to Register Permanent Residence will also increase from \$985 to \$1,140. I-751 Petition to Remove Conditions on Residence will increase from \$505 to \$595.

Employment-based petitions will not be exempted either. I-129 Petition for Nonimmigrant Worker will increase from \$325 to \$460 which is a 42% increase and one of the highest increases for this service since 2007. I-140 Immigrant Petition for Alien Worker will increase from \$580 to \$700.

I-601 Application for Waiver of Grounds of Excludability and I-601A Application for Provisional Unlawful Presence Waiver will both increase from \$585 to \$930 and \$630, respectively. Fees for employment authorization permits (I-765) will increase from \$380 to \$410. This increase will affect foreign students approved for Optional Practical Training (OPT), spouses of certain nonimmigrant visa holders as well as recipients of DACA and TPS applicants.

Biometric or fingerprinting fee will remain at \$85.

Applications and petitions postmarked on or after December 23, 2016 must pay the new fees or they will not be accepted.

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PHILIPPINE NEWS

Amnesty: Marcos Burial a Betrayal of People's Trust

by Kristian Javier
Friday, November 18, 2016

MANILA, Philippines -- Amnesty International Philippines expressed its dismay at the government on Friday for its lack of diligence in taking decades to hold those responsible for grave human rights violations accountable.

The group added that by President Rodrigo Duterte's decision to bury Marcos at the Libingan ng mga Bayani makes the military shrine a reminder

that impunity still reigns and that the government continues to turn a blind eye to injustice.

"While the Philippine government continues to award reparation to those still living and recognize their heroism and sacrifices through the Human Rights Victims' Claims Board, it should not turn its back to a greater commitment of delivering justice to the victims which is beyond monetary," the group said. "This commitment includes not betraying the people's trust."

Another rights group,

Karapatan said in a press statement on November 11 that it condemns the nine Supreme Court justices who voted to allow the burial of Marcos at the Libingan ng mga Bayani.

Karapatan added that it will support the martial law victims in their efforts to attain justice, and will continue to educate the people, especially the youth, on the atrocities during martial law.

It also said doing so would also send a strong message to today's violators of human rights that they too will face justice, even if it is a long time coming. (www.philstar.com)

COMMENTARY (from page 11, TRUMP'S...)

his victory is not an overwhelming mandate by any stretch. Trump supporters must realize this too, and not see his victory as a license to push forward all the radical proposals they voted for. Remember, it was a very close race.

All Americans must work together even harder than ever before to protect the minority communities and immigrants that Trump lashed out against during his campaign. Republicans will have in their power to control all branches of government with this election result -- the presidency, the

Senate and House, and soon even the Supreme Court. But the country's tradition and Constitution is far deeper and meaningful than the results of one election cycle. No political party should have a monopoly to upend this tradition in one term and go beyond the powers laid out by our country's Constitution. One election is not a license for mob rule. No American should live in fear from their leaders. All Americans are still guaranteed our inalienable, God-given rights to freedom of speech, religion, and liberty.

Our country is at a historic crossroads once again. Americans must be vigilant against dictatorial rule. Never-Trump Republicans, and they are many in Congress, must consider breaking norms, opt for stonewalling, and side with Democrats where need be to stop any attempts of overreaching, authoritarian rule by our executive branch. Least to say, it is a frightening time for many Americans, even the world, but Americans must have hope and resolve to fight for what is decent and right.

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DAYASADAS
By Pacita Saludes

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aramiden ni Ilokano. Ini-Ilokano a wagas tapno di met maaw-awan ti kabukbukodanna a pagsasao.

Kasta met ti kabukbukodan a tignay, panagkawawes ken pannakilangen (in the Filipino Way). Anyway, FILIPINOS are adjustable just like other nationalities!

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CANDID PERSPECTIVES (from page 12, LIFE....)

inclusive and big-hearted.” Then she was direct: “Donald Trump is going to be our president. We owe him an open mind and a chance to lead. Our constitutional democracy enshrines the peaceful transition of power. We don’t disrespect that; we cherish it.”

President Obama gave us all a way to look at the situation, reminding us “We’re all on the same team” and that he always looked at his presidency as a relay race like he was “passing the baton.” But now everyone still expects Trump to take the baton and start running backwards.

That made the meeting on Thursday between the two of them slightly awkward. Would Trump show up with an eraser or rolls of White-Out? Would Obama have his birth certificate handy?

Both Obama and Trump seemed more genuinely civil, as if to set an example for the

nation. This doesn’t have to be four years of a domestic cold war. But we should be prepared to engage vigorously and even protest peacefully. The fights and disagreements are sure to come. There will be plenty of them, over DACA/DAPA, mass deportations, Muslim bans, attempts to repeal Obamacare, pack the Supreme Court and the continuing attempts to disenfranchise voters.

The rollback to 1963 is coming. The opposition must be on alert. Don’t let one loss get you down. If we remember the spirit of the era that paved the way to landmark civil rights victories of the 1960s, America will find a way to roll forward through the Trump years.

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MAINLAND NEWS

U.S. DOE Awards \$836,000 for AAPI Data Initiative

The U.S. Department of Education has awarded \$836,000 in grants to Hawaii and two other states to improve data collection of Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI) students and to help identify effective practices to close achievement and opportunity gaps through data analysis.

The AAPI Data Disaggregation Initiative, announced by U.S. Secretary of Education John B. King Jr. in May 2016, is aimed at better accounting for the diversity in background cultures and languages in the AAPI community, as well as the wide variances in academic performance of those students. The grant program will award up to \$1 million

per year for five years to states.

"President Obama has worked tirelessly to improve the federal government's data collection," says King. "These grants support his administration's commitment to improving data collection, identifying educational opportunity gaps and tailoring support to improve the college-and career-readiness of underserved AAPI students and English learners."

The grant program encourages state educational agencies in consortia with local educational agencies to obtain and evaluate disaggregated data on AAPI English learners and AAPI subpopulations. The department projects this new initiative will impact approximately one million AAPI students.

"We're proud to work with the

Department of Education to improve educational equity for underserved communities through these data disaggregation grants," says Doua Thor, executive director for the White House Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders. "Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders have too often been subjected to the model minority myth—the notion that they are all successful, educated and self-sufficient, which has masked unique needs of AAPI subgroups."

The Obama administration's commitment to equity in education for all students underlies every significant activity of the Education Department—from programs focused on early learning to college affordability and tools for reducing student debt.

CONSUMER ALERT: UTILITIES CALL SCAM Beware of Callers Posing as Utility Employees Demanding Immediate Payment

WASHINGTON — The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) is alerting consumers to be on the lookout for callers pretending to be utility company employees demanding immediate payment, often by prepaid debit cards, credit cards, or gift cards. As American consumers prepare for winter months when many people would be endangered by an interruption to heating fuel, the FCC's Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau wanted to make consumers aware of this scam and prepared to protect themselves.

Key consumer tip: If consumers receive a call warning them of a balance they do not believe they owe their utility, they should hang up, independently look up their utility company's phone number on a recent statement or legitimate website, and call that number to verify the legitimacy of the call.

In this scam, the caller typically poses as a representative of the consumer's actual local utility, stating that immediate payment will ensure that the consumer's heating service will not be disconnected. The scammers are known to spoof utility com-

pany telephone numbers so the caller ID makes it appear to be a call from the utility company. These scammers often use automated interactive voice response calling systems that mimic legitimate providers' calls. After consumers, many of whom are older adults, follow instructions via interactive prompts, they are connected to a live "customer service representative" who asks for the access code for a credit, debit, or gift card. This information allows the scammer to cash out the card or sell it to a third party.

Anyone who believes they have been targeted by this scam should immediately report the incident to their actual utility company, to local police, to the Federal Trade Commission's Complaint Assistant, and to the FCC's Consumer Help Center.

Consumers should always be on alert for this scam and others. The following tips can help ward off unwanted calls and scams:

Do not answer calls from unknown numbers. Let them go to voicemail.

If you are unclear if a caller is legitimate, hang up, look up the company's phone number independently on your recent bill or their legitimate

website, and contact them through an official number, web form or email address to see if they called you. By initiating the communication yourself, you can verify that the request for payment is legitimate.

If you answer and the caller (often a recording) asks you to hit a button to stop getting the calls, just hang up. Scammers often use these tricks to identify — and then target — live respondents.

If you receive a scam call, write down the number and file a complaint with the FCC and other appropriate authorities so we can help identify and take appropriate action to help consumers targeted by illegal callers.

Ask your phone service provider if it offers a robocall blocking service that allows subscribers to block unwanted calls. If not, encourage your provider to start offering a blocking service. You can also visit the FCC's website on "Web Resources for Blocking Robocalls" for information and resources on available robocall blocking tools to help you reduce unwanted calls.

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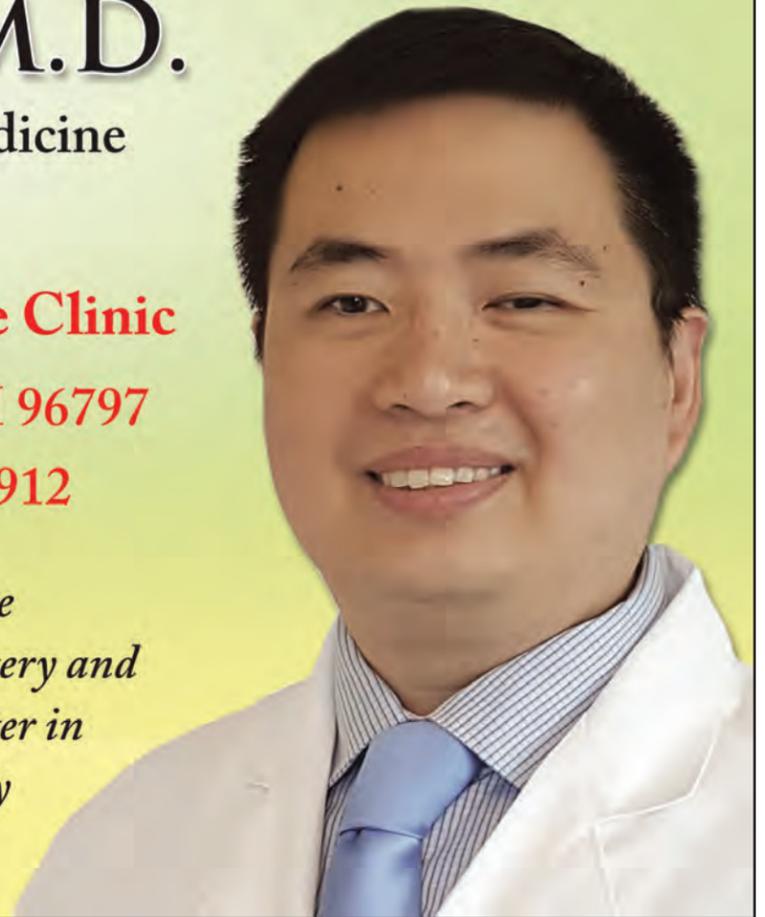
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