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**College Tuition  
Out of Reach For Many**

**G**etting a college degree has long been regarded as a rite of passage for Filipinos seeking respect and upward mobility here in America. The "American Dream" goes something like this—graduate from college, get a good-paying job, settle down and finally retire, living happily ever after.

But in today's economic slump, young Filipinos seeking to lay hold of that promise are faced with a double jeopardy. Not only is the cost of going to college becoming exorbitantly high, but those who do graduate may find themselves entering into a job market soured by global outsourcing, catch-22 entry-level requirements and corporate downsizing, where they are no better off than peers who chose to skip college altogether. The "American Dream" is in fact quickly losing ground to an economic nightmare that people—young and old alike—are hoping to wake up from, and soon.

In order to survive these tough times, Filipinos will need to make carefully-planned, wise decisions for their future and the future of their children. With the cost of college projected to continue to skyrocket, parents will need to put aside money early on so that their children will be ready when their time comes. Children need to be taught early about the value and importance of applying for athletic and academic scholarships.

Realistic expectations will have to be forged when it comes to picking a college. In the end, attaining a high GPA and graduating with honors from an affordable school is better than graduating from an Ivy League school with mediocre grades and a huge debt.

Filipino businesses and organizations need to also think about assisting future generations of young Filipinos by creating scholarship opportunities and making a concerted effort to promote and mentor young Filipinos. College isn't getting cheaper, but we can still pull together to keep our people moving forward.

**Remembering  
the King of Pop**

**T**he sudden passing of pop legend Michael Jackson shocked music lovers everywhere. Filipinos were among Jackson fans who gathered in vigils in cities worldwide to pay tribute. His songs are loved by many Filipinos who idolized the King of Pop.

Jackson's impact on the music scene is undeniable. From the time he was a young member of the Jackson Five to his string of hit albums in the 80s and early 90s, MJ could do no wrong. His dance moves (who can ever forget his signature "moon walk?") and stage presence was nothing short of electrifying. For those of us who grew up in the 1980s, the choreography of his "Thriller" and "Beat It" music videos is unforgettable and simply redefined the genre.

For all of his musical talents, Jackson was one of the oddest people of our generation and seemed almost alien-like. He did things that made us scratch our heads. We remember the many plastic surgeries, the skin bleaching, the masks he wore in public, dangling his infant son over a hotel room balcony and a child molestation trial for which he was acquitted. Although he was found not guilty in further incidents involving minors, Jackson's public image was forever tarnished.

Eccentric as he was, there is no denying the fact that he

**FROM THE PUBLISHER**

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loha and welcome to the latest issue of the Hawaii Filipino Chronicle! Can you believe that 2009 is halfway over? The old saying "time really flies" is so true! We hope that you enjoyed a won-



derful Fourth of July. Those who attended a recent event at the Hilton Hawaiian Village that honored our Filipino-American veterans of World War II say it was quite an evening. Special guests included U.S. Sen. Daniel Inouye and retired Army Major General Antonio Taguba. Veterans in attendance included those from the 1st and 2nd Filipino Infantry Regiments, Philippine Scouts, Organized Guerillas and POWs. The event honored these aging warriors and raised much-needed funds for the Hawaii Foodbank.

The big news over the past few weeks was the sudden death of pop star Michael Jackson. Filipinos love entertainment and singing, so naturally many came to idolize him. Jackson's Filipino fans include inmates at a Cebu correctional facility, who gained internet fame from a dance video posted online several years ago. The inmates produced a second video in tribute to Jackson shortly after his death. For more on these inmates, please read our article on page 10. Sadly, 2009 is turning out to be a bad year in terms of celebrity deaths. Prior to Jackson's passing, former TV actress Farrah Fawcett died, as did Ed McMahon, former Tonight Show personality and sweepstakes announcer. Locally, two City politicians passed away this year—Barbara Marshall and Duke Bainum. These untimely deaths serve as reminders that life is fleetingly brief. We should always remember the importance of living each day to its fullest and holding those we love a little bit closer.

Our cover story for this issue is written by Danny de Gracia, who takes an in-depth look at the rising costs of higher education. It has been said that education is the great equalizer, but now more than ever, Filipinos are finding it much harder to go to college. Danny lays much of the blame on the current economy, but also offers practical tips for parents who plan on sending their children to college. His advice? Save, save, save! Please read his story beginning on page 4 and see if you agree with him.

If you're dreaming of a summer vacation in the Philippines but are still unsure when to go, now may be the best time. The buzz around town is a special promotion by Hawaiian Airlines, which is offering a ridiculously low round trip fare of \$350! If you're interested, check with your travel agent. To what your travel appetites, we have an article on page 8 about Baguio City, one of the premiere tourist destinations in the Philippines.

In closing, we hope that you will enjoy reading these and other articles and columns of interest in this issue, particularly "Legislative Connection" on page 3, "Legal Matters" on page 7, "Family Corner" on page 12, "Legal Notes" on page 13, and "Philippine Language" on page 14.

On behalf of our staff, thank you for your continued support. Until next time...*aloha and mabuhay!*

*Chona A. Montesines-Sonido*

was the world's first black megastar. On the positive side, his songs, which included lyrics encouraging us to "heal the world," demonstrated the unifying power of music in a world far too short of unity. Hopefully, Jackson's legions of fans will honor his memory by committing themselves to random acts of kindness that heal the world and make it a better place for you and for me—just like the King of Pop would have wanted.

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LEGISLATIVE CONNECTION

# Here Men from the Planet Earth...

(Part One)



By Senator Will Espero

**Y**oungsters visiting the National Air and Space Museum will see the Apollo 11 command module that took Mission Commander Neil Armstrong, Command Module Pilot Michael Collins, and Lunar Module Pilot Edwin Aldrin, Jr., to the moon 40 years ago. Launched on July 16, 1969, the three astronauts landed on the moon four days later on July 20.

Buzz Aldrin spoke the first words from the lunar module (LM) on the moon's surface, navigational data that he was calling out to Neil Armstrong who was piloting the LM. The descent of the lunar module took longer than anticipated, creating some anxiety at Mission Control in Houston. As the Eagle landed and Aldrin completed the technical jargon-speak, Armstrong then informed Mission Control in the memorably heart-racing moment: "Houston, Tranquility Base here. The Eagle has landed."

Armstrong's unexpected change of call sign from Eagle to Tranquility Base momentarily threw Mission Control for a loop. Charles Duke, in his role as CAPCOM during Apollo's landing phase, acknowledged the landing, expressing Mission Control's relief.

Buzz Aldrin, an elder at Webster Presbyterian Church in Webster, Texas, then broadcast:

*"This is the LM pilot. I'd like to take this opportunity to ask to every person listening in, wherever and wherever they may be, to pause for a moment and contemplate the events of the past few hours and to give thanks in his or her own way."*

He then took communion. Atheist Madalyn Murray O'Hair had sued NASA over the Apollo 8 crew reading from the Book of Genesis, demanding that astronauts not conduct religious activities while in space. The litigation was still being fought

when Apollo 11 took flight, so Aldrin chose to refrain from directly mentioning this, and kept his plan quiet. The Rev. Dean Woodruff, pastor of the church Aldrin attended, prepared the communion kit Aldrin took to the moon.

Aldrin and Armstrong then prepared for the descent onto the moon's surface. Originally scheduled for two hours, preparation took longer than planned as the two astronauts mapped out their work from the 60-degree view from their twin triangular windows. Exiting the module presented a bit of a problem. The lunar module had been redesigned to have a smaller hatch but the life support system backpack the astronauts wore had not been reconfigured to conform to that smaller opening. Squeezing through the hatch with his Portable Life Support System (PLSS), Armstrong had such difficulty that his heart rate increased enough to cause concern down at Mission Control.

Armstrong made his descent to the surface, climbing down the nine-rung ladder. The Remote Control Unit controls on his chest prevented him. He pulled the D-ring to deploy the TV camera tucked against the side of the Eagle. The slow-scan television was incompatible with commercial TV so the display on the special monitor with conventional camera on the monitor resulted in a tremendous loss in quality. Feed from the more sensitive Parkes radio telescope in Australia was finally used, and the first lunar images were broadcast to more than 600 million people on Earth. Sadly, it has been reported that these original recordings are now missing.

The two astronauts described the moon's surface dust as "fine and almost like a powder". Exactly six and a half hours after the Eagle landed, Armstrong stepped off the footpad and became the first human to set foot on another world, saying:

*"That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind."*



The slipperiness of the moon dust made it necessary for the astronauts to test ways to move around and plan their movements six or seven steps ahead. Loping was the best way to get around. The life support backpack created a tendency to tip backwards, but the astronauts had no problems keeping their balance. They took photos and scientific samples and measurements. Armstrong's metabolic rates became high as he moved quickly to complete tasks and Mission Control warned him to slow down. Thirty-four minutes were allotted for surface activities, but the two had to stop documented sample collection halfway through since the work took longer than expected.

After Armstrong and Aldrin planted a U.S. flag on the lunar

surface, they spoke with President Richard Nixon in what Nixon called "the most historic phone call ever made from the White House." Their time allotment over, Aldrin entered the *Eagle* first. The two astronauts lifted film and two boxes containing more than 48 pounds of lunar surface material into the lunar module. Aldrin tossed down a bag of memorial items he had in his sleeve after Armstrong reminded him of it. Armstrong then climbed into the Eagle. After transferring to the lunar module's life support, the two lightened the module for return to orbit by tossing out their life support backpacks, lunar overshoots, one camera, and other equipment. Aldrin accidentally broke the circuit breaker that armed the main engine for lift-off from the moon, causing initial concern that this would prevent the engine from firing and strand them there on the moon. Luckily, a felt-tip pen activated the switch.

Armstrong and Aldrin repressurized the lunar module and settled down to sleep. Houston woke the rested astronauts to prepare for the ascent and return flight. Two and a half hours later, the Eagle lifted off to rejoin CMP Michael Collins aboard

*Columbia* in lunar orbit. The astronauts left behind scientific instruments including a seismic apparatus to measure moonquakes and a retroreflector for a laser ranging experiment, an Apollo 1 mission patch, and a memorial bag carrying a gold replica of the olive branch as a traditional symbol of peace. They also left a silicon message disc with goodwill statements by Presidents Eisenhower, Kennedy, Johnson, and Nixon; messages from leaders of 73 countries around the world; a list of the leadership of Congress and NASA responsible for the successful mission; and Soviet medals commemorating Cosmonaut Vladimir Komarov and Yuri Gagarin.

The now famous American flag and a plaque mounted on the lunar module descent stage ladder bearing drawings of the western and eastern hemispheres, an inscription, and signatures of the astronauts and President Nixon also memorialized the historic event. The inscription read:

*Here Men From The Planet Earth First Set Foot Upon The Moon,*

*July 1969 A.D. We Came in Peace For All Mankind.*



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# Paying A Steep Price For The Power Of Education

*Rising Costs and Joblessness Challenge Filipinos Seeking Higher Education*

By Danny de Gracia, II

**F**or decades since the Baby Boom, traditional wisdom has held that a college degree guarantees a more prosperous future with greater career opportunities and financial freedom. Filipinos in particular have been told that the key to respect among their peers and upward social mobility is a college degree.

But how attainable is a degree in today's economy? Going to college and pursuing a degree was never easy to begin with, but in recent years new hurdles have developed in the form of rising costs and increased joblessness.

In today's sour economy, many Filipino parents are facing layoffs that threaten their ability to make ends meet, let

alone send their children to college. High school graduates wishing to pay their own way through college face challenges in the form of finding a job in the first place, let alone one with sufficient compensation to pay for tuition. One thing is clear: Filipinos are finding it harder to go to college today than ever before.

## National Trends Show College Getting More Expensive

According to The College Board, the national organization that manages standardized exams such as the SAT, PSAT/NMSQT, CLEP, and AP tests, people are paying more than before to go to college.

This year, the average national cost of attending a private four-year university was \$25,143, up 5.9 percent from last year. The average cost of attending a public four-year university was \$6,585, up 6.4 percent from last year.

*"In almost every field, costs decrease over time except in two areas—healthcare and education," Jamie Story, president of the Grassroot Institute says.*



Community colleges weren't exempt from cost increases either, as the average cost was \$2,402, up 4.7 percent from last year.

Rising costs have concerned more than just parents—Congress recently passed legislation requiring the Department of Education to publish lists of schools that charge the highest average net price tuition and fees as well as those that charge the least, and will require these schools to justify their tuition increases and to detail any plans they have to constrain future increases.

The College Board's report "Trends In College Pricing" indicates that a quarter of America's full-time freshmen are enrolled in institutions with published prices of \$21,000 per year or higher. When one includes the costs of transportation, books and school supplies, room and board, and incidentals to the cost of tuition, the average yearly budget for students living on-campus at a private, four-year university worked out to an astonishing \$37,390.

For public university students, the average non-resident budget for students who lived on campus was \$29,193, and

the budget for resident students who likewise lived on campus was \$18,326 per year. Students are estimated to pay \$381 to \$408 more this year than last year for room and board.

According to the University of Hawaii's tuition schedule, full time resident undergraduate tuition for 2009-2010 will be \$3,384. In 2011 it will be \$3,792 and \$4,200 in 2012.

Despite these daunting figures, the College Board insists that a degree is well worth the sacrifice, citing that the gap in earning potential between a high school diploma and a bachelor's degree is more than \$800,000. (In 2001, when a Southwest Texas State University recruiter approached me at a graduate studies fair, I was told with much enthusiasm that my master's degree in political science would be worth a million dollars over the span of my lifetime. Having acquired my master's degree at age 23, today, at age 29, I am still waiting for my million to manifest!)

## What Can Filipinos Do?

Jamie Story, president of the Grassroot Institute, a local policy think tank, believes that government interference in ed-

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ucation is responsible in part for high costs.

“In almost every field, costs decrease over time except in two areas—healthcare and education,” he says. “Those are the areas where we have the largest intrusions of government. When people aren’t paying their own tuition due to (government sponsored) financial aid, you don’t have the same forces keeping costs down as you would have in a free market.”

Ihalo Parayno, former James Campbell High School vice principal and Waipahu Neighborhood Board member, has seen many generations of young people graduate and go on to college, and he offered some advice for Filipinos seeking higher education.

“One way for students to cut costs is to look at community colleges first and see what courses can be taken that will transfer to four year colleges,” he says. “The other way is for students to enroll in ROTC which offers scholarships and stipends, and for students to actively pursue scholarships.”

Parayno also hinted that military service is a way for young people to attend the schools of their choice, by utilizing the benefits of the G.I. Bill.

Hawaii State —, who is a member of the prestigious Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society and sits on the House Committee on Higher Education, insists that young people should not be deterred from seeking higher education despite the current crisis.

“It is crucial during these hard times that we not lose sight of the important role that education plays in the lives of our young people and need for training and new skills,” Ching says. “The obvious challenge is the lack of resources available in the private sector. Perhaps the answer lies with government working with the private sector to help students pay off loans by working in the private sector, and thereby reducing the cost of tuition.”

While the economy continues to drag, what Filipino parents can do in the meantime is to encourage their children who are still in high school to make the most out of every day in class and to apply themselves fully to earn the highest grades possible, thus increasing their competitiveness for selection for scholarships that can help offset the costs of going to college.

Parents should also take an active role in helping their high school graduates “shop

around” for schools where the price is reasonable. While attending an Ivy League school was seen as a mark of distinction in previous years, in today’s economy there are many graduates of prestigious schools who have accrued massive debts and are still hunting for stable entry-level careers.

Getting a college degree with a high grade point average from an accredited school is still respectable and admirable, and can be accomplished at considerably less cost. Keeping expectations realistic is an important part of staying afloat in a recession.

Another option that Filipinos can do is to start saving early for college. Parents whose children are still in elementary school now should make the strategic investment to put away money for college and resist the temptation to raid the funds.

The race is not to the swift or to the strong but to those who endure till the end. Pursuing a college education and getting ahead in this difficult time will take wise decisions, careful planning and the desire

to stay on track no matter what happens. The good news is that many Filipinos have always shown themselves to be more than willing and able to rise to the occasion.



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**UNITED VINTARINIANS OF HAWAII’S JULY 4TH PICNIC**



The United Vintarinians of Hawaii held their annual July 4th Picnic at the Blaisdell Park in Pearl City. According to UVH President John Ramos, this is the first time that the Holiday came on a weekend and on the same day as the organization’s activity.”

## HAWAII-FILIPINO NEWS

# Jercy Garcia's Photography Showcases Filipino Vets Valor and Bravery

By HFC Staff  
Thursday, July 9, 2009

No One Gets Left Behind, Inc., in cooperation with the Philippine Consulate General and the First Hawaiian Bank, presents **VALSOR: Sa Manlulupig, Di Ka Pasiil** (To Invaders, You Shall Never Surrender), a photo exhibit in honor of the generation of Filipino men and women who fought for liberty and freedom during the dark days of the Second World War. The photographs, by Filipino photographer Jercy Garcia, will be on display simultaneously at the First Hawaiian Center and the Honolulu Academy of Arts in downtown Honolulu, as well as at the Filipino Community Center in Waipahu, from June 26 to July 6, 2009. There will also be smaller displays of Mr. Garcia's work at the Hawaii Food Bank's Patriots' Celebration on July 2 at the Hilton Hawaiian Village, and at the Tribute to the Filipino World War II Veterans on July 3 at the Hale Koa Hotel.

The exhibit features portraits of surviving Filipino WWII veterans in the Philippines, and includes members of the Philippine Army and Constabulary who fought in the Battle of Bataan and survived the Death March, as well as civilians who joined the guerrilla movement in the years of the Japanese occupation. These photographs were taken at their homes and at veteran gatherings in various places all over the Philippines.

Presented with their portraits are the stories of these veterans – about surviving as a POW in Capas, about traveling across mountains to pick up ammunition and supplies from Allied submarines, about fighting outnumbered side-by-side with American comrades-in-arms, cheating death, staying alive, and never losing hope. The exhibit intends to create a record of the lives of these veterans for a new generation of Filipinos, to give faces to the names in books and on stone walls. Though these heroes finally pass quietly

into the night, they shall never be forgotten.

Honolulu was chosen for the exhibit not only because of its large Filipino and veteran community, but also because of the link between Pearl Harbor and the Philippines: on December 8, 1941, right after bombing Pearl Harbor, the Japanese dropped bombs on Camp John Hay in Baguio and Clark Field in Pampanga, two major US military installations in the Philippine islands.

Also on show are wartime photos from the archives of Philippine Airlines. PAL put its own two aircraft and pilots into

service during the war, evacuating American airmen to Australia until one was shot down in Mindanao and the other was destroyed in an air raid in Indonesia. As such, PAL is a war veteran in its own right. In 1946, PAL became the first Asian carrier to cross the Pacific when it brought 40 American GIs home to Oakland, California from Manila.

## About the Photographer and the Exhibitor

Jercy Garcia's photography career began when he was an award-winning advertising creative director, and continued throughout the time he was

founding editor of the Philippine edition of Rodale's Men's Health magazine. Now an independent creative professional, he divides his time for photography with projects involving creative direction and visual design. **VALSOR: Sa Manlulupig, Di Ka Pasiil** is his first solo international exhibit.

No One Gets Left Behind, Inc. is a non-profit organization born out of the possibility of having the Filipino known, acknowledged, and honored in the world. Its intention is to celebrate the heroism of the human spirit, and for people to experience themselves as extraordinary.

Mr. Garcia and NOGLB, Inc. are currently based in Manila, the Philippines.

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## LEGAL MATTERS

# Airport Warrantless Search – Validity and Extent



By Atty. Emmanuel Samonte Tipon

**E**veryone boarding a plane goes through a security checkpoint. The passenger's belongings are put on the scanner belt to be x-rayed and the passenger walks through a metal detector. The passenger will be searched by a handheld magnetic wand if the metal detector sounds an alarm.

Before boarding, a "Computer Assisted Passenger Pre-screening System" determines whether a passenger will be subject to enhanced screening based on potential security risks. The passenger's boarding pass will be "flagged" identifying the passenger as a "Selectee". The passenger will be subjected to a thorough secondary search after undergoing the x-ray and metal detector search.

## Searching for Viagra

On one occasion while flying out of Honolulu, a TSA agent asked to open my bag. I was not a "Selectee" since my boarding pass was not "flagged." I joked that before I left home my wife had thoroughly searched it and had found no contraband. The agent asked what she searched it for. "Viagra," I said. That's not what we are looking for, he said unsmiling. Airport searches would not be such an unpleasant experience if everybody involved had a sense of humor. A Filipino whispered to

me to keep an eye on him: "Mabilis ang kamay."

## Secondary search of Selectee

Passenger Fode presented himself for inspection. An agent of the Transportation Security Agency (TSA) saw his "flagged" boarding pass. After Fode underwent the primary search, the agent searched him with a magnetic wand, patted him down with his hands and felt bulky items in his front pockets. The agent asked Fode to remove the items and saw that they were wads of money. He asked Fode to fan the money out so he could ensure that there was nothing hidden inside, which he did. The agent found between 14 and 16 envelopes, some of which were not sealed. He looked at the unsealed ones and saw that they contained cash. He did not open the rest as he could determine by their feel and size that they contained cash. The agent said that money is not a prohibited item but in large quantities it is "suspicious" because if it wasn't for an illegal or fraudulent purpose, you could write a check or use your bank card.

Another agent ran Fode's bags through the x-ray belt but there was no alarm. His bags were subjected to a thorough hand search, the agent swabbed the bags and their contents for explosive traces and looked for items on the "prohibited items" list, such as guns or knives. The agent looked inside several envelopes and found three passports with Fode's picture but different names. The agent said that she did not believe the envelopes contained weapons



or explosives but they were looking for contraband. She admitted that money, passports, and envelopes containing mail are not prohibited items. They contacted law enforcement officers who arrested Fode.

He was charged with possession of three falsely made or forged passports in violation of 17 USC § 1546(a), attempted bank fraud in violation of 18 USC § 1344, and using one of the fake passports in connection with the attempted bank fraud in violation of 18 USC § 1028A(a)(1).

## Motion to Suppress

Fode moved to suppress the evidence, arguing that the search went beyond the permissible scope of an airport screening search because the agents had already determined that he was not carrying weapons or explosives when they opened the envelopes containing the passports. He contended that TSA is only permitted to search passengers and their belongings to detect dangerous weapons, explosives, or other destructive substances.

## Law governing searches

The Fourth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution prohibits "unreasonable searches and seizures," and prohibits the issuance of warrants, except "upon probable cause". Searches conducted without a warrant are per se [by itself] unreasonable, subject to a few exceptions. Administrative searches are an exception to the warrant requirement and are permissible if they meet the standard of "reasonableness."

Warrantless and suspicionless airport screening searches are administrative searches and exempt from the warrant requirement and are constitutionally permissible if they are reasonable. They are part of the regulatory scheme to prevent passengers from carrying weapons or explosive onto airplanes. They are not part of a criminal investigation to obtain evidence of criminal activity.

## What is reasonable airport search

An airport security search is reasonable if: (1) the search is "no more extensive or intensive than necessary, in light of current technology, to detect the presence of weapons or explosives;" (2) the search "is confined in good faith to that purpose;" and (3) a potential passenger may avoid the search by choosing not to fly.

To the extent that airport

searches are used for purposes other than screening luggage and passengers for weapons or explosives they fall outside the rationale by which they have been approved as an exception to the warrant requirement, and the evidence obtained during such a search should be excluded. The search of Fode went beyond the permissible purpose of detecting weapons and explosives but was motivated by a desire to uncover contraband evidencing ordinary criminal wrongdoing.

The court granted the motion to suppress. It ordered any evidence seized or obtained from the passenger's unlawful search, including the three passports, suppressed.

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## TRAVEL

# Turning 100, Baguio City Moves Forward

By Dandi Galvez  
Thursday, July 9, 2009



ANILA, Philippines — Ask me about Baguio City and I'll tell you about Session Theater.

The very first cinema house to operate in the city, Session Theater was located along Session Road right beside a restaurant that served sizzling platters. In the mid-1990s, my friends and I would often go there to watch movies at P15 to P25 each. Back then, the Tiong-San department store was the only place to get a pair of Levi's jeans, and Philippine Treasures for comic books, magazines and imported Nike shoes. Jollibee and McDonald's were the only major food franchises in the city, unless you count Chowking. Thinking about it today, it is mind-blowing how incredibly cheap prices were and how simple life was then. Where did all the time go?

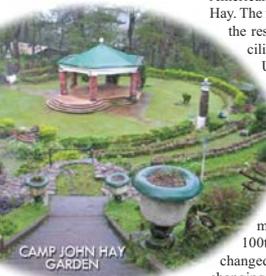
Session Theater is no more. In its place is a pizza restaurant. At the back and adjacent lots are the ubiquitous wagwagan and ukay-ukay stalls. Always identified with the Baguio experience, the stalls, which offer cheap, ready-to-wear imported surplus goods and apparel, have exploded across

the city. It is actually hard not to see an ukay-ukay outlet anywhere you turn at Session

Road. A multitude of modern retail stores offer everything from designer handbags to branded clothing. Aside from the bee or the clown, people now have more food options to choose from. The old and established restaurants are still there, either relocated or re-branded, but still enjoying the tourist boom that Baguio inevitably attracts every season.

That's how the story goes in this place, with its rich cultural history going back to Spanish times. The original city in the 1800s was called Kafagway, then with only 20 houses. The Americans "discovered" the place in 1900, thus really starting the ball rolling toward the development of a city and, with temperatures averaging eight degrees lower than in lowland areas, as a vacation spot for their officials. Some of the more staunch supporters of the area included the early administrators and teachers such as Dean C. Worcester, Governor General Luke Wright, Cameron Forbes and many others whose names still grace many of the city's streets and public areas.

Responsible for the master plan of the future city was



renowned architect and city planner Daniel Burnham. To this day, his design stamp is still seen in Baguio, Manila and the US city of Chicago. By Sept. 1, 1909, Baguio had become a city with a charter that provided administrative and managerial autonomy. Around this time, Kennon Road opened to vehicular traffic, triggering a mining boom in the early to mid-1930s.

Because of its cool weather and ample forest cover, Baguio City was the perfect vacation spot. This fact was not lost on the original creators of the Baguio Country Club, today a member-exclusive 182-room hotel with an 18-hole golf course and is also known for its famous raisin bread — a far cry from the single log cabin

that it was during the American occupation.

Another remnant of the American era is Camp John Hay. The former base used to be the rest and recreational facility for personnel of the US military and defense department. Now known as Club John Hay, it is open to everyone with The Manor serving as the luxury hotel of choice.

This September marks Baguio City's 100th year. Much has changed, and things keep on changing for this haven of tourists, students, artists and teachers. It's expected, I guess. Incumbent City Mayor Peter Rey Bautista has his hands full with the upcoming centennial celebration, not to mention the upcoming Ad Congress. Holding large events is not uncommon for the city, like its famous annual Panagbenga Flower Festival.

"Baguio's cool and serene atmosphere makes it conducive for these kind of events," Bautista says. "We are gifted with natural and picturesque attractions which make the city an ideal setting for occasions. Baguio's testament to hold world-class events bolsters its claim to be the ultimate destination for such affairs."

Despite having nearly all of the conveniences that any major metropolitan area in the country has, Baguio has so much more to offer to tourists. One can start by booking a room for a

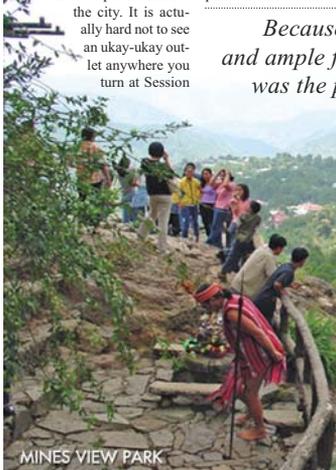
few days or weeks at the many hotels near some of the city's major tourist attractions. At the bottom of Session Road is Hotel Veniz that is adjacent to the Baguio public market and right beside Burnham Park. Going up via Marcos Highway you will pass by the Summer Place Hotel, which is highly accessible to taxis and jeeps all headed to the city center. If you want to be near the major nightlife hot spots, try booking a room at the Golden Pine Hotel and Restaurant on Legarda Road. Much nearer to places such as UP Baguio, the Convention Center and SM Baguio — within walking distance to Burnham Park — are City Travel Hotel, Starwood Hotel and the Burnham Suites.

Offering convenience to tourists who go to the city via Victory Liner is Microtel Baguio, situated conveniently at the top of Session Road and near some quaint and unique restaurants. And along the road leading to Teachers' Camp, the Botanical Garden, Pink Sisters Convent and Mines View Park is PNKY Home Bed and Breakfast.

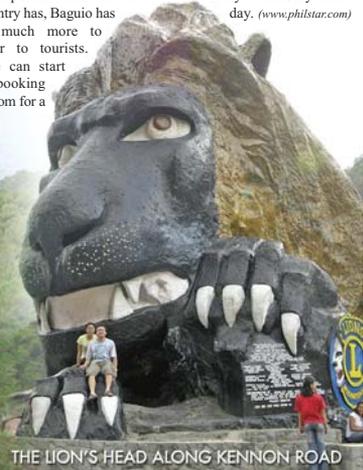
Where did all the time go? In the cool atmosphere is a warm fondness — where memories remain of a city I called home for so many years. It's time to move forward.

For more information on Baguio City's centennial celebration, log on to [www.baguiocentennial.com](http://www.baguiocentennial.com). More information on the hotels mentioned in the article can be found at The Philippine STAR's Hotel Guide that comes out every Wednesday and Friday. ([www.philstar.com](http://www.philstar.com))

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PHILIPPINE NEWS

# 'No Reason for GMA to Declare Martial Law'

**M**ANILA, Philippines - Nothing but black propaganda coming from the political opposition.

This was how Malacanan characterized the claims of the opposition that President Arroyo would declare martial law as a prelude to extending her term in office beyond 2010.

Press Secretary Cerge Remonde said there is no reason for Mrs. Arroyo to declare martial law since this would be unacceptable to the people.

"This is just part of the propaganda of the opposition aimed at demonizing the government and to realize their scenario of having the people demonstrate, especially with the State of the Nation Address (SONA) coming up," Remonde said.

"We would like to say to our people that there is no basis to the claim of the opposition that the government is planning to declare martial law," he added.

The spate of bombings in Mindanao and the warning from authorities that Metro Manila could be the next target

have bolstered the belief of the opposition that the President is gearing up to declare martial law.

Two administration congressmen also gave assurance that Mrs. Arroyo would not resort to declaring martial law despite the bombing attacks in Mindanao.

"She will not do it," Manila Rep. Bienvenido Abante Jr. told a news forum in Quezon City yesterday.

"There is no sufficient grounds to declare martial law and the people are against it," he said.

Abante, a Protestant bishop, said the religious organization he heads would oppose the declaration of martial law.

For his part, Cavite Rep. Elpidio Barzaga Jr. said there is no reason yet to impose martial rule.

"Under the Constitution, the President can impose martial law when there is rebellion, invasion, insurrection, or when public safety requires it," Barzaga pointed out.

"There is no rebellion, or if

there is, it is confined to Mindanao; there is no invasion, there is no insurrection, and public safety does not require it," he said.

Barzaga, a lawyer, pointed out that the President is authorized to make a "partial imposition" of martial law like limiting it to Mindanao.

"But I think the situation there has not reached a point that would justify the imposition of martial law. If people are afraid of going out of their homes due to the bombings, if students do not want to go to schools due to bomb attacks, then that would justify it," he said.

Barzaga said the framers of the 1987 Constitution have written stringent safeguards to prevent abuses committed by the military and the authorities when the strongman Ferdinand Marcos declared martial law in 1972.

"They remedied those abuses by making it hard for whoever is present to repeat them. The president under the present Constitution cannot padlock Congress, the courts



and media entities," he said.

Barzaga stressed that both Congress and the Supreme Court can review and lift a martial law declaration.

"The president is required to report to Congress within 48 hours his or her imposition of martial rule. If Congress is not in session, it is required to convene in 24 hours. It can imme-

diately terminate martial law; otherwise, the imposition is good only for 60 days, unless Congress, with the two chambers voting jointly, extends it," he added.

Deputy presidential spokesman Anthony Golez allayed fears of the supposed plan to declare martial law. ([www.philstar.com](http://www.philstar.com))

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**PHILIPPINE NEWS**

**Cebu Inmates Pay Tribute to King of Pop**



**T**hey may be behind bars, but the 1,500 inmates at the Cebu Provincial Detention and Rehabilitation Center have earned their share of global fame with the debut of their YouTube dance video, "Thriller" in 2007.

And they owe their inspiration and the recognition that they were afforded from the man who started it all—Michael Jackson, the pop icon himself.

Jackson passed away on June 25 from cardiac arrest in his home in Los Angeles. The grief of his passing affected the inmates of Cebu just as profoundly. And they could only lament and find

comfort by giving their idol a most fitting tribute on June 27—one that required nine hours of rehearsal, stopping only to eat or when rain started to pour.

According to the Associated Press, the "Thriller" video has attracted 24.3 million hits since it was posted on YouTube two years ago, with nearly a million of them in the 24 hours following news of Jackson's passing.

Despite his death, Jackson continues to touch and uplift the spirits of the Cebu inmates. Many say they draw inspiration from the man who brought them fame and most importantly, a renewed sense of self-esteem. (*Asian Journal*)

**Mayon Crater Glow Intensifies**

By Celso Amo/  
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**L**EGAZPI CITY, Philippines—An aerial survey to find out if magma is moving upwards toward the summit of Mayon volcano was conducted yesterday morning, as crater glow has intensified, the Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology (Phi volcs) said.

"We want to find out whether there are visible changes in the volcano, so we can have an overall picture of Mayon volcano," said Ed Laguerta, Philvolcs resident volcanologist.

Laguerta said six volcanic quakes have been detected during the past 24 hours and the volcano's crater glow, which is visible during clear nights, has intensified, while a ground deformation survey has detected an inflation at the volcano's edifice at 10 millimeters since last month.



"The inflation tends to show that magma at a lower level is rising towards the crater, which is the reason for the intensification of the crater glow. This means that very hot gas is supplying the glow reflected on the volcano's summit," he said. ([www.philstar.com](http://www.philstar.com))

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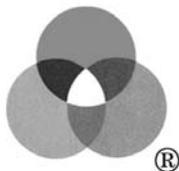
By Grace Fong, Ed.D. and Sylvia Yuen, Ph.D.

## Raising a School-Ready Child: Being Ready for Each Day



*EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the second of a three-part series on Raising a School-Ready Child. This series is based on a new publication, entitled Raising a School-Ready Child: A Family Guide, that is available from the UH Center on the Family. Copies of the publication may be requested by calling (808) 956-4132 or e-mailing: cof@ctahr.hawaii.edu.*

**S**tarting school is an exciting time, but requires an adjustment to new routines and expectations for the child, parents, and care providers. Your child depends on you to help her be ready for the many new experiences and challenges each school day will bring. Providing a consistent daily school routine can give your child the stability and predictability she will need to succeed each day. The table lists some simple things you can do to help.



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| Healthy meals and snacks to support growth and learning.  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide your child with a nutritious breakfast each morning either at home or through the school's breakfast program, if available.</li> <li>• Offer choices with meals when possible, for example, ask, "Would you like an apple or banana with your cereal?"</li> <li>• Make sure your child has lunch each day, e.g., home lunch, money to buy lunch, or arrangements for free/reduced-cost lunch.</li> </ul> |
| Good hygiene practices for health and safety.   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Make sure your child bathes daily and washes her hair regularly.</li> <li>• Supervise your child as she brushes her teeth after every meal or at least twice a day.</li> <li>• Remind your child to wash her hands frequently, and especially after using the bathroom and before and after meals/snacks.</li> </ul>   |
| To get to school and be picked up on time each day for consistency and reassurance.                                       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Check that your child's school bag is packed and ready the night before school.</li> <li>• Have a set time for her to wake up, dress, eat breakfast, and leave home each morning.</li> <li>• Arrange after-school care and pick up for your child; have an alternate plan in case of emergencies; let her know what this plan is.</li> </ul>   |
| Opportunities to engage in creative, quiet work to encourage imagination and fine motor (small muscle) skill development. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Offer lots of crayons, markers, paints, blunt child-sized scissors, and sheets of paper for her to use to scribble, write, cut, trace shapes, draw, and paste.</li> <li>• Provide materials such as puzzles, play-dough, large beads (or cereal) to string together, to help build your child's small muscles.</li> <li>• Do activities together such as making a book or collage.</li> </ul>                    |
| Time to be physically active for exercise, to burn off energy, and strengthen gross motor (large muscle) skills.          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Offer opportunities to play inside or outside in a safe environment—to run, jump, skip, dance, climb, or pedal.</li> <li>• Play active games with your child.</li> <li>• Encourage her to play with other children.</li> </ul>   |
| A quiet place and time to do homework to help with focus and concentration.   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide a quiet, well-lit workspace; turn off the TV and limit other distractions.</li> <li>• Designate a specific time each day for doing homework and keep to the schedule consistently, e.g., before dinner.</li> <li>• Check that your child's homework is done and ready to be turned in to the teacher.</li> </ul>   |
| Shared family time to strengthen bonds and to build a sense of belonging.   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Share at least one meal a day together; encourage everyone at the meal to share about their day.</li> <li>• Read with your child at least 10 minutes each day, even when she can read on her own; ask questions or talk about the story together.</li> <li>• Go on outings together whether to shop or to borrow books from the library.</li> </ul>  |
| Regular medical and dental care for good health.  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inform school of your child's special health needs and/or medications.</li> <li>• Schedule regular appointments with her health care provider and dentist.</li> <li>• Make sure she is up-to-date on all required immunizations.</li> </ul>  |
| Opportunities to complete activities independently.   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Let your child be responsible for taking dishes to the kitchen sink after eating.</li> <li>• Make it easier for her to do a task by herself, e.g., put milk from a jug into a smaller pitcher so she can pour her own drink.</li> <li>• Have her put dirty clothes in a designated laundry basket and put away her clothes after they have been washed.</li> </ul>   |

LEGAL NOTES



By Reuben S. Seguritan

# Obama Wants Immigration Reform This Year

crackdown on employers that use illegal workers to drive down wages.

Noteworthy was the presence of Senator John McCain, the Republican presidential candidate last year, who, the President said, "had already paid a significant political cost for doing the right thing" on immigration.

After the meeting, the President said that he was encouraged by the dialogue of "responsible leaders sitting around the table who want to actively get something done and not put it off until a year, two years, three years, five years from now, but to start working on this thing right now."

Emphasizing that his administration was fully behind the move to achieve comprehensive immigration reform, he announced that he had asked the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Secretary Janet Napolitano to lead a group composed of leaders from the House and the Senate to work through the critical issues.

The President also disclosed that the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) had cleared much of the backlog of background checks that was holding up the immigration process and that the DHS is in the process of cracking down on unscrupulous employers and protecting workers from exploitation.

His administration has also speeded up the processing of

citizenship applications which had been too slow in the past. And to make the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) much more efficient, more transparent and more user-friendly, he announced a new collaboration between his Chief Inspection Officer, Chief Performance Officer, Chief Technologies Officer and the USCIS.

In the next 90 days, the President promised that the USCIS will launch a vastly improved website to allow applicants to get updates on the status of their applications through email, text message and online.

With a popular President leading the way at this early stage of his administration,

there is reason to be optimistic this time about the passage of immigration reform legislation. Opinion polls show an overwhelming support for fixing the system and this includes a path to citizenship for the 12 million undocumented aliens.

Since the House is led and controlled by the Democrats, it may finally come up with enough votes. In the Senate, both the majority leader Harry Reid and the Immigration Subcommittee Chairperson Charles Schumer have said that there are enough votes to pass a comprehensive bill this year.

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**P**resident Obama took the first big step last June 25 towards fixing our broken immigration system when he met at the White House with about 30 key members of both Houses of Congress and from both parties to lay the political groundwork for comprehensive immigration legislation.

The meeting focused on contentious issues such as the legalization of undocumented aliens, border control and

MAINLAND NEWS

## Filipino-American Photographer Honored For Veterans Book



Ambassador Gaa with Fil-Am photographer Ric Rocamora

Willy C. Gaa, Philippine Ambassador to the U.S., presented a certificate of recognition to Filipino-American photographer Rick Rocamora at the Greater Metro DC area launching of Rocamora's coffee table book "Filipino World War II Soldiers: America's Second-Class Veterans."

According to Gaa, Rocamora's collection of photographs provides an intimate look into the struggles of Filipino World War II veterans and reminds Filipinos of their responsibility to honor their memory.

"I commend Rick Rocamora for taking on the challenge of documenting our veterans' long and arduous fight," Gaa says. "These images, while silent truly, are res-

onant voices from our past and present that underscore our obligation to never, ever forget."

The ambassador also commended Rocamora for helping to raise awareness of Philippine history through the visual arts, particularly in photography, as demonstrated in his coffee table book.

The book talk, signing and reception were organized by the Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance; the National Alliance for Filipino Veterans Equity; the National Federation of Filipino American Associations (NaFFAA); and the Philippine Arts, Letters & Media Council. The event was part of the Philippine Embassy's month-long commemoration of the 111th Anniversary of Philippine Independence. (DFA)

## Four Filipino Service Men Become US Citizens at Nellis Air Force Ceremony

**E**leven members of the US Armed Forces became naturalized American citizens at the 233rd celebration of US Independence at Nellis Air Force Base, Las Vegas.

Las Vegas—Four service men became American citizens during the United Independence Day celebration at Nellis Air Force Base last Saturday, July 4th. USArmy officers Ryan Reyes Santos and Armand Torres Velasquez along with Air Force Reserve Paul Francis Valdez and Navy Reserve Marc Ronquillo became naturalized Americans during the annual Freedom Fest celebration at the air force base.

These four officers were part of a group of eleven serv-

ice men from six countries who fulfilled the requirements set by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS).

Three other service men from Mexico were naturalized during the ceremony. Along with them were officers from Armenia, Cameroon, Colombia, and South Korea. These service men were members of the US Army, US Air Force and the US Coast Guard.

The USCIS requires all candidates for naturalization to have good moral character, an ability to read write and speak English, an understanding of US history and government, and an attachment to the principles of the US constitution.

It also requires candidates

to prove residency as well as physical presence in a particular USCIS District prior to filing of naturalization application.

But some of these requirements are either reduced or completely waived for members of the US armed forces who apply for naturalization.

For one, they are not required to pay a fee for their application. While they need to have served the Armed Forces honorably for at least one year, they do not need to demonstrate residence or physical presence in the United States.

In addition, service men's spouses and children are also allowed to naturalize even without traveling to the United States. (www.asianjournal.com)

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**W**EN, NAL-PASEN! What a relieve. Makaanagstay met la bassiten-kasta la ketti di kuna dagiti tagala a naisangol itoy tallo a nagasaruno a pasken ti OFCC itay Hunio.

Agasem nga appayso ti pannakakumikom, karibuso, puyat dagiti opisial ken volunteers a nangisagana iti Miss Oahu Filipina Gold, Presidents Ball ken annual convention a naangay iti Hunio 14, 26 ken 27 [sa nairana pay met ti isas-arungkar ti grupo ni IN Governor Michael Keon ken kakaduaana]

Ngem iti baet dagita a panangisakripsioda iti oras, adada latta isem ken katawada iti likudan ti man pangakmuta, a no dadduma pannakabalaw.

Maysa manen a bunga ti kinatunos ti OFCC a nangileppas kadagitoy nadakamat a pasken.

Miss Oahu Filipina Gold, naangay iti Hawaii Prince Hotel. Tallo a kandidata dagiti nagsasalip nga ibagian da Desiree Joaquin, Caroline Trono ken Rachel Pacarro. Ni Danny Villaruz ti chairperson ti Miss Oahu Filipina Pageant.

# Dagiti Aktibidad Ti OFCC Iti Bulan Ti Hunio 2009: Iti Man Kettang Ken Katibuso Ti Panawen, Inartapan Ti Tung-ed Ken Saludo Ken Nasam-it A Gungguna

**D A K K E L A**  
PANAGSAGANA ITI PAN-NAKAANGAY OFCC 50TH ANNIVERSARY AND PRESIDENTS BALL. Naangay iti Coral Ballroom, Hilton Hawaii Village Hotel, Waikiki idi Hunio 26, 2009, ni Leo Gozar ti chairperson daytoy.

Kadagiti aganay a 38 a nag-presidente, sangapulok kadakuada ti nakadar-ay itoy a pasken, da:

1. Ilalo Parayno 1976-1977
2. Amado Yoro 1982-1982
3. Don Alvarez 1986-1990
4. Maggie Domingo 1990-1990
5. Jun Abinsay 1992-1994
6. Ben Cabreros 1997-1999
7. Eddie Agas, Sr. 2001-2003
8. Jenny Quezon 2003-2004
9. Dr. Arnold Villafuerte 2004-2005
10. Cirvalina Longboy 2008-2009

Balligi daytoy ket ita, sirmetaan ti sabali pay a limapulo a tawen. Tawen 2059, selabran ti sentenario ti OFCC!

**OFCC CONVENTION**  
NABOTOSAN DAGITI BARO NGA OPISIAL. Naangay iti South Pacific Rooms 1,2,3, Hilton Hawaii Village Hotel, Waikiki idi Hunio 27, 2009.

Danny Villaruz, presi-

dente; Maria Etrata, umuna a bise presidente; Mario Palma, maikadua a bise presidente; Jean Jeremiah, sekretaria; Edna Alikpala, katulongan a sekretaria; Zhoydell Magaoay, tesorero; Aurea Agas, katulongan a tesoreira; Carlota Ader, auditor.

Dagiti direktor para iti dua a tawen: Larry Fiesta, Myrna Dagui, Davelyn Quijano, Augusto Concepcion.

Direktor para iti makatawan: Loida Alimboyoguen Yamamoto, Geri Aranaydo, idinto a hold over da Veronica Estaban ken Leo Gozar.

Ni Judge Rey Grauly ti namagsapata kadakuada.

Sangali iti aldaw ni Honolulu Mayor Mufi Hannemann ken Hawaii State House Vice Speaker Michael Magaoay idinto a ni US Congressman Neil Abercrombie iti nagsarita iti malem.

Nakadar-ay met da dati a Senador Ron Menor, dati a diputado Jun Abinsay, Ben Cabreros, Jake Manegdeg.

Timmabuno pay ni UFCH president Eddie Agas, Sr. ken ni Miss Oahu Filipina 2009 Rachel Pacarro.

Ni Carlota Ader ti Convention Chairperson sekretaria a ni Amado Yoro ti Nomination and Election Committee Chair.

Ni Cirvalina Longboy ti outgoing president, ni Atty Alfred Evangelista ti legal counsel.

Nangrugi ti pangatakem dagitoy baro nga opisial idi Hunio 1, 2009.

No adada mabalin a tema ti baro nga administrasion nga idauluan ni Villaruz, mabalin a kastoy: OFCC Towards the Century Hence: Rise and Continue to Serve"

Biribroken, ur-urmosen ni Villaruz dagiti interesado ken matutop a mangidulo kadagiti namadumada a komiteba. Umunanto a mitingna intono Hunio 19, 2009 sakbay ti UFCH Convention iday Molokai no Hunio 24, 25, 26, 2009.

Ti ISAH ken TPCPH ti kaaduan ti delegado [sag-11] ken ti INCAT ken ti FNOH [sag-7]

itoy a kombensyon.

Kameng ti ISAH da Villaruz, Etrata, Quijano, Concepcion, Yamamoto, Estaban, bin-ig a nangabak iti OFCC.

Ni Villaruz, tubo ti Rancho, Santa, Ilocos Sur, ti maika-16 nga anak ti Ilocos Sur a saringit ti Ilocos Sur, no ibatay iti nagpa-puanda nga ili [wenna naya-puanda iti Ilocos Sur] a nagpresidente iti OFCC. [Pol Ragasa, 1970-71, San Juan Lapog; Mel Europa, 1974-75, San Esteban; Ilalo Parayno, 1976-77, Cabugao; Mario Albalos, 1981-82, Vigan; Amado Yoro, 1982-82, Sinait; Gerry Rojo, 1984-86, San Vicente; Don Alvarez, 1986-90, Magsingal; Romualdo Agustin, 1990-92, Bantay; Marlene Manzano, 1992-94, Narvacan; Jun Abinsay, 1994-96, Vigan; Ben Cabreros, 1997-99, Narvacan; Edith Pasca, 1999-2001, Narvacan; Eddie Agas, Sr., 2001-2003, Nagbukel; Jenny Quezon, 2003-2004, Caaayan; Lynne Gutierrez, 2005-2007, Magsingal.

## GLOBAL NEWS

## Filipinos Among Happiest People on Earth

**A**ccording to the 2009 Happy Planet Index, the Philippines is the 14th happiest place in the world, up 3 places from last year's 17th place ranking.

The index, which is published by the New Economics Foundation, reveals the ecological efficiency with which human well-being is delivered. It combines environmental impact with human well-being to measure the environmental efficiency with which people live long and happy lives. First calculated in 2006, the current Happy Planet index adds data on nearly all the world's countries and now covers 99 percent of the world's population.

Costa Rica is the happiest place in the world, followed by Dominican Republic, Jamaica, Guatemala, Vietnam, Colombia, Cuba, El Salvador, Brazil and Honduras.

The U.S. ranks 114th out



of 143 nations surveyed. The top 10 is dominated by countries from Latin America, while African countries bulk out the bottom of the table.

Andrew Simms, NEF policy director, says the Happy Planet Index "addresses the relative success or failure of countries in giving their citizens a good life, while respecting the environmental resource limits on which all our lives depend."

Simms' colleague at the NEF, Nic Marks, says that no single nation listed in the Happy Planet Index has got

everything right.

"But the index does reveal patterns that show how we might better achieve long and happy lives for all, while living within our environmental means," he says. "The question is whether we can learn the lessons and apply them."

The New Economics Foundation is a U.K.-based independent think-and-do tank that aims to improve quality of life by promoting innovative solutions that challenge mainstream thinking on economic, environment and social issues.

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