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Health Care Bill Signed, Immigration Reform Next?

ow that President Obama has signed the Health Care Overhaul Bill, many immigrants rights advocates are steadfastly hoping that his attention will shift to comprehensive immigration reform. In the 14 months since taking office, the president has focused instead on health care and financial reform, frustrating immigrants and citizens alike who were drawn by his campaign promise to deliver immigration reform. Obama in fact benefited from a huge turnout of Latinos in the 2008 election, with two out of three voting for him. Up to 200,000 marchers-many of them Latinos-recently gathered at National Mall to remind the president of his promise, but were overshadowed by the U.S. House's dramatic passage of health care reform.

The fact of the matter is that immigration reform will require bipartisan movement, the latest of which is a draft proposal by Democratic Senator Charles Schumer and Republican Lindsey Graham that would allow a path to legalization. Illegal immigrants would admit to breaking the law to stay in the U.S., pay fines, and perform community service. Their proposal also requires that they pass background checks and show proficiency in English. Plus, the plan would require all U.S. workers, both citizens and immigrants, to obtain fraud-proof Social Security cards with a biometric identifier. There would be a zero tolerance policy for illegal immigrants who commit crimes, and it would create legal ways for more low-skilled immigrants to enter the country once the economy recovers.

Immigrants rights advocates want Congress to move quickly and decisively on immigration reform...but we just don't see it happening this year. For one thing, the partisan debate and fallout from the health care bill will likely rage on in Congress, contributing to a toxic atmosphere of partisanship that will make immigration reform legislation difficult to move. Secondly, with the November election less than eight months away, immigration reform will be a politically-unpopular choice. Nevertheless, we urge our nation's elected officials to do the right thing and pass comprehensive immigration reform instead of side-stepping the issue until next year.

As for the Obama administration, we hope that the president will take a more assertive role, rather than leave it to Congress to work out a compromise. Obama will be hard pressed to find support from the immigrant community by the next presidential election, particularly if he hasn't pushed hard enough and if nothing has been done about immigration reform.

Importance of Center for Philippine Studies

he Filipino Diaspora-the voluntary and involuntary dispersion and immigration of Filipinos worldwide-is among the world's important contemporary human movements. Currently, there are over 11 million Filipinos worldwideand counting. They are part of a global Filipino community living and working in 120 countries but sending billions of dollars annually to support family and friends back in the Philippines. Having settled in their adopted homelands (Hawaii included), these Filipinos have weaved a distinct brand of pinoy culture, history, politics, economics, art and language.

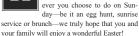
Making sense of such a complex mesh of cultures and perspectives can be difficult—hence the need for a first-rate Philippine Studies Program that can help educate the minds of Filipinos and non-Filipinos alike on Filipino history, culture and society in Hawaii, the U.S. and around the world. Luckily, one such program already exists at the University of Hawaii-Manoa.

Established in 1975, the UH's Center for Philippine Studies (CPS) is the only such center in North America and an internationally-recognized source of broad and specialized expertise on a country and people that have had long historical links with the U.S. and the Asia-Pacific region. The Center has the largest concentration of Philippine academic specialists in the U.S., many with international reputations, who have developed sensitivities for the values, behaviors, ethics, and perspectives of Filipinos and can speak with authority on social, political, economic, business, psychological and environmental issues relevant to the Philippines and the Filipino Diaspora.

FROM THE PUBLISHER



loha and welcome to the latest issue of the Hawaii Filipino Chronicle! Spring Break has come and gone and now we are about to celebrate Easter. Whatever you choose to do on Sunday-be it an egg hunt, sunrise



In case you didn't know it, it's now graduation season in the Philippines. Many high school and college graduates will be gathering with family and friends to celebrate their hard-earned diplomas. Some of you probably have nieces and nephews back home who have graduated. Along with graduation is the start of summer vacation time in the Philippines-which also is the hottest time of the year.

Speaking of heat, many last-minute income tax filers will be sweating it out to meet the April 15th federal tax filing deadline. If you are among the procrastinators, take heart! On page 6, we have a column from Hawaii's Better Business Bureau (BBB) that offers excellent tax filing tips for 11th hour filers. If at all possible, the BBB encourages you to opt for direct deposit of your federal tax refund. That way, you not only will get your returns faster but also your refund check won't get lost or stolen in the mail.

Our cover story for this issue was submitted by contributing writer Gregory Bren Garcia, who examines the legacy and impact of the University of Hawaii's Center for Philippine Studies (CPS). Many of you know that much of the Center's early history and success were made possible by Dr. Belinda Aquino, a remarkable woman who has devoted much of her entire career to the development of UH's Philippine Studies program and the CPS. The Center's various conferences, research work and consultations about the Philippines and Filipino issues have placed the university on the international map. We hope you will enjoy reading this very informative and well-written article beginning on page 4.

Also in this issue, two of our regular columns focus on the historic health care reform bill, which was recently signed into law by President Barack Obama. On page 3, our "Legislative Connection" columnist, Sen. Will Espero, details the benefits of the new law, while Emmanuel Samonte Tipon, Esq. discusses the good, the bad and the ugly of "Obamacare" in his Legal Matters column on page 7. We have also provided other timely and informative columns in this issue, particularly Family Corner (page 12), Legal Notes (page 13) and Philippine Language (page 14).

In closing, thank you again for supporting the Hawaii Filipino Chronicle. It is truly a pleasure to serve all of our readers. Until next



More importantly, the CPS has positively affected the many young Filipinos who have chosen to major in Philippine language or a related field. They not only learn more about their parents' country of origin but also are better informed as to what it means to be a Filipino. For these reasons and more, the Center is truly deserving of the Filipino community's full support and assistance.

LETTERS

Transit Project Has Always Been Transparent

In response to your March 20 editorial, "Closed Door Transit Meeting May Be Counterproductive," the city's planning process for the Honolulu Rail Transit Project has always been open and transparent. There have been many opportunities for the public to give input, including route selection and the choice of rail technology. And the public had the ultimate say when a majority of Oahu voters

At the same time, our professional and technical staff must be able to meet in ternally to discuss and examine the project's details. This was the case with the March 17 meeting among city, state and federal transportation staff regarding the rail route and the runway protection zone at the Honolulu International Airport, I would like to point out that no elected officials were present at this meeting - not Mayor Hannemann, the Governor, or any City Councilmember.

We will continue to work closely with all parties involved on a timely





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punditry, all of the lobbying, all of the gameplaying that passes for

governing in Washington, it's been easy to doubt our ability to do such a big thing, such a complicated thing, to wonder if there are limits to what we, as a people, can still achieve. But today, we are affirming that essential truth - a truth every generation is called to rediscover for itself that we are not a nation that scales back its aspirations. We are not a nation that falls prev to doubt or mistrust. We don't fall prey to fear. We are not a nation that does what's easy. That's not who we are. That's not how we got here. We are a nation that faces its challenges and accepts its responsibilities. We are a nation that does what is hard.

A Historical Vote in Washington

right." With those gallant words, President Barack Obama pronounced the historic new law of the land

The United States is not a pioneer. Every other advanced industrial society has decades ago guaranteed its citizens the access to medical care. We are playing catch up.

The historic Health Care Reform law is actually made up of two bills, H.R. 3590, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and H.R. 3509, the Reconciliation Act of 2010. Reform measures H.R. 4872 and S.R. 3590 are not perfect, but take this country in the right direction. These make health care measures affordable for the middle class, accessible for all Americans, and hold the insurance industry accountable.

Rep. John Dingell of Michigan, the longest serving Congressional Representative and the third longest serving Congressman ever, has advocated for affordable health care for all Americans for 55 years. His father, who held the Michiseat before him, also

pressed for health care during his term. When Medicare was passed in 1965, the younger Dingell thought insurance would quickly follow for the rest of America. Sixteen years ago when President Bill Clinton tried to pass a bill for health insurance reform, Rep. Dingell was the chair of one of the key House committees handling the bill. Despite being a powerful lawmaker, it near killed him that he couldn't get his own committee to send the bill for a vote on the House floor

More than 350 organizations support the reform legislation including the American Medical Association, AARP, American College of Physicians, American Nurses Association, Paralyzed Veterans of America, American Health Association, American Cancer Society Action Network. American Diabetes Association, Catholic Health Association, Federation of American Hospitals, National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare, and Families USA.

These reforms mean real benefits to people who are not getting their money's worth from the current system. The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) determined that the reforms will extend coverage to more than 95% of Americans. Spreading . costs over this greater patient base will lower health care costs over the long term. The CBO calculated that the new law will cut the deficit by \$138 billion in the first 10 years, and reduce it another \$1.2 trillion in the next .

And it's not a job-killer, either. The expansion of access means that there will be more than 16 million new customers of health insurance companies. which is surely a boost to the in-

Here are some of the benefits of this landmark legislation.

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- Health plans will be banned from dropping people from coverage when they get sick
- Health plans will be banned from denying care to children with pre-existing con-
 - Insurance companies are

- barred from discriminating based on pre-existing conditions, health status, and gen-
- Middle class American families and small businesses will be given the largest tax cut for health care in history, through premium tax credits and costsharing assistance.
- Health exchanges will be created, which are competitive marketplaces to give individuals and small business the ability to buy affordable health care coverage, the way big businesses can
- Employers who offer coverage to retirees aged 55-64 will be supported by a reinsurance program.
 - Community Health Centers will be bolstered to expand access in communities where care is needed most.
- Government regulators will be empowered to review plans that demand unjustified, egregious premium increases.
- Eligible small businesses (continued on page 6)





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The Legacy of Philippine Studies to Filipinos in Hawaii Center for

By Gregory Bren Garcia

he history of Philippine Studies in the U.S. has been about as long as the American experience in the Philippines itself. It began in the early 1900s when the Philippines came under American colonial rule. Thanks to the celebrated victory of the U.S. naval forces over the Spanish fleet in the Battle of Manila Bay in 1898 and the subsequent transferring of Spain's colonial responsibility to the U.S. through the Treaty of Paris, interest in the Philippines grew among Americans and the academia soon opened its doors to studies on Philippine society and culture.

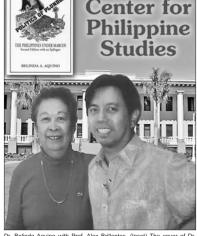
Nowadays, Hawaii leads the other U.S. states in Philippine Studies and in the related field, Filipino-American Studies, by being home to the Center for Philippine Studies. But the road to the establishment of the esteemed institution has been long one, and today, there are many more challenges to overcome.

The Early Stages of Philippine Studies

It was in 1899 when Jacob Gould Schurman, the third president of Cornell University, became the chairman of the Philippine Commission. The agency was tasked by President William McKinley to lead the collection of information about America's new colony. In 1902, Schurman published the "Phillippine Affairs—A Retrospect and an Outlook," one of the earliest volumes written by an American academic about the Phillippines. Between 1903 to 1909, his-

torians Emma Helen Blair and James Robertson worked on a landmark project which involved translating important Philippine historical documents from Spanish to English. Their finished work was published in a 55-volume series entitled "The Philippine Islands, 1493-1898.

It didn't take long before a wave American scholars were coming into the Philippines, both to establish their careers and to lend a hand in studying America's new territory. Most of them came from within the ranks of linguists, ethnologists, archaeologists and anthropologists, among which was Henry Otley Beyer. In 1916, Beyer published the book "Population of the Philippines," which became largely regarded as a milestone achievement in Philippine anthropology. He became a founding member of the University of the Philippines' Anthropology Department and his works encouraged more researchers from the U.S. and Europe to come to the Philippines.



Dr. Belinda Aquino with Prof. Alex Brillantes. (Inset) The cover of Dr. Aquino's book "Politics of Plunder"

Into American Universities

It wasn't until the next half of the 20th Century, however, that Philippine Studies increasingly became part of the curricula of some U.S. educational institutions. In the 1950s, a Philippine Studies Program was initiated by the University of Chicago, under the auspices of Alexander Spoehr and Frederick Wernstedt. Other colleges and universities across the U.S., including private institutions like Cornell, Yale and Stanford, as well as state institutions like the University of California-Berkeley, University of Michigan, University of Northern Illinois, University of Wisconsin and the University of Hawaii had Southeast Asian Programs which carried some Philippine Studies courses.

The University of Hawaii (UH) has included Philippine Anthropology and Tagalog Language in its curricula as early as the 1960s. It also broke new ground by carrying out the colossal task of producing dictionaries and grammar volumes on different Philippine languages including Tagalog, Ilokano, Cebuano, Pangasinense, Kapampangan, Bikolano and Hiligoynon.

Then came the milestone year of 1975 when the Center for Philippine Studies (CPS) was established by an act of the Hawaii State Legislature. Housed at the University of Hawaii-Manoa's School of Pacific and Asian Studies (SPAS), the center's primary goal is to recognize the contributions of Filipinos to Hawaii's history and to highlight the University's academic expertise on the Philippines. The center is unique for being the only such institution in North America and for being an internationally renowned source of broad and specialized expertise on the Philippines and its pecople.

Broadening Scholarship on Philippine Society and Culture

Belinda Aquino, recently retired professor and director for the Center for Philippine Studies, is a recognized authority on contemporary Philippine politics and society. She has devoted almost her entire career to the development of the University of Hawaii's Philippine Studies program and eventually the Center for Philippine Studies.

As the center's director, she pushed for policies that expanded the academic scholarship on Philippine society and culture through multidisciplinary perspectives and approaches that served to harmonize with the more specialized fields of learning.

"The cultural and social lives of individuals are multidimensional in nature that can be better appreciated from an integrative lens of a variety of fields and ideas," she says. For instance,

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Aquino says, "historical studies are important but they have to be supplemented with fresh information and competent analyses of issues confronting [the Philippines]. This can only be done by taking a broad and comprehensive view of developments in all fields of life, and how certain fundamental problems like poverty, corruption, mismanagement and other shortcomings can be addressed and resolved."

Thus, what became of the center was a multi-faceted institution that seemed to mirror the complexity and vibrancy of the Filipino society and culture which it sought to serve.

"We have established a reputile center with an internationally-recognized faculty and extensive academic resources like a Philippine library in various fields. We have made an appreciable impact on the local, national and international arenas. In addition, we have produced a large amount of educational material for the benefit of community groups," Aquino says.

As a matter of fact, the center has the largest concentration of Philippine academic experts in the United States, with faculty members serving in departments and colleges that offer more than 150 courses in a wide array of disciplines. These include education, history, geography, languages, ethnic studies, linguistics, literature, sociology, political science, Asian studies, music, anthropology, population studies, economics and psychology.

Aquino adds that aside from serving as a rich academic resource center, the CPS is also well integrated into the social and cultural interests of the Filipino Hawaiian community.

"We have a large and vibrant Filipino community in Hawaii that has served as a natural laboratory for many of the ideas and activities we have generated or sponsored on the Philippines and Filipinos," she says.

In turn, Aquino says the presence of a supportive community in Hawaii enhances the center's vitality and reputation. "We are in partnership with major community organizations in significant events like the observance of Philippine Independence [Day], Filipino Fiesta, hosting cultural groups from the Philippines, raising scholarship funds or grants like the Corky Trinidad Endowment, and hosting events such as the international conference marking the Hawaii Filipino Centennial Cel-

ebration in 2008," she says.

Building Local Networks

True to its goal of maintaining its status as the leading institution in the U.S. for the comprehensive study of Philippine and Filipino American culture and society, the CPS has allied itself with other institutions, associations and universities on the U.S. mainland which offer programs on Philipipine or Filipino-American studies.

"Nationally, we are connected with the various centers
and programs focusing on area
studies, particularly within the
purview of the Association for
Asian Studies whose yearly
conferences have always included panels or discussions on
the Philippines. The Philippines
is a vital and strategic country
in the Asia-Pacific Region.
We've also developed close
links with universities on the
US mainland," Aquino says.

According to Aquino, such initiatives have inspired renewed educational engagement among the younger generations of Filipinos or Americans of Filipino ancestry, who are now among the fastest growing cultural and ethnic groups in the U.S.

"As a result of our efforts, I believe generations succeeding the first Filipinos in America in pre-World War II years now have a clearer understanding and deeper appreciation of their cultural heritage and ethnic values," Aquino says.

Indeed, the emergence of Filipino American studies is one of the most important legacies of Philippine Studies in Hawaii. Nowadays, more traditional Philippine Studies courses are supplemented by newer lessons on the ongoing Filipino American excerience.

An Agent of Change for the Global Citizens

In addition to contributing to American academic scholarship on Philippine society and culture, the CPS has also been providing information and analysis of global issues concerning the Philippines and Filipinos to numerous media, academic, professional and community institutions all around the world.

"Print, radio and electronic media from as far away as Egypt and Australia have sought our opinions and comments on current Philippine issues. We have written a number of commentaries or articles for international newspapers and publications. The growing numbers of re-



Solita Collas Monsod (seated) was in town last year as a distinguished speaker at UH-Manoa at a conference sponsored by the Center for Philippine Studies. Shown here from left to right are Prof. Rick Trimillos, Edward Shultz, Dean of the School of Hawaiian and Asia Pacific Studies and his wife Malia, Dr. Belinda Aquino, Dr. Terestia Bernales and Ser Will Espero

quests or 'hits' on our website indicate how valuable our role has been internationally," says

As much as today, the crucial role that Philippine Studies play in addressing current issues, including more serious ones like injustice and inequity, has been present in the past. Aquino, for instance, spent part of her early days at UH helping to organize movements in the 1970s for the restoration of democratic rule and civil rights in the Philippines as a response to the declaration of Martial law in 1972 by Fer-

dinand Marcos. She and her group called Friends of the Filipino People (FFP) became active. lobbying the IIS Congress and the Hawaii State Legislature to suspend military and technical aid to the Philippines, undertaking n e a c e f u l demonstrations in public venues, and writing articles and commentaries interna-

tional and local publications to call for democratic restoration. Her book, "Politics of Plunder: Philippines Under Marcos" documented Marcos' rule in a non-biased and manner without malice, and is today considered the raiian and Asia Pacific Studies and his feresita Bernales and Sen Will Espero definitive volume on the Marcos plunder issue.

Thus, it is clear that Philippine Studies in Hawaii impacts not only things that concern the affairs of Filipinos in the state, but also those of the world at large. It is only fitting, considering the fast pace at which the Philippines and its people are moving towards a modern, globalized future.

"Though the Philippines is hit all year round by natural disasters and suffers from a poor image because of issues of corruption and poverty, it is the 17th largest country in the world with a population currently at 90 million. Filipinos are deployed in about 150 countries as engineers, accountants, business people, agricultural and industrial workers, teachers, caregivers, domestics, and technicians. You can find Filipinos virtually everywhere on the globe from the Artic Circle to the heartland of Africa, "Aquino says.

Bestowing the Legacy to Hawaii's Younger Generation

In the end however, the fulfillment of the legacy of Philippine Studies to Filipinos in Hawaii can be seen only as it is experienced by Hawaii'e younger generations of Filipinos and Americans of Filipino Ancestry. Philippine Studies has provided an educational framework which allows these young people to focus their academic and personal interests to their ancestral homeland, the Philipnines, and to their continuing experience as Filipino Ameri-

"By taking courses related to Philippine history, languages, literature, humanities, social sci-

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Investments in Existing Government Health Programs

- Payments to primary care doctors under Medicaid and Medicare will be increased.
- Elders who face the "donut hole" for prescription med-

ication would get relief. Medicare beneficiaries who "go into the donut hole" will receive a \$2.50 rebate. After that, they will get a 50% discount on brand name drugs, which will increase to a 75% discount on brand name and generic drugs by 2020.

 Elderly patients in Medicare will have free, annual wellness visits. From 2011, elders can receive free preventive benefits under Medicare, such as for cancer and diabetes screenings.

Senior citizens with at least one chronic medical condition such as high blood pressure or diabetes (80% of Medicare patients) will receive better chronic care.

Improving Overall Health and Preventing Chronic Disease • The cost-share a patient

pays for recommended preventive care would be eliminated.

Boosting the Health Care Workforce

- Scholarships and loan repayment programs will be available to train more doctors, nurses, and other professionals
- Incentives will be available to primary care practitioners to encourage them to practice in underserved areas.

These improvements to our country's healthcare system are due to President Obama and the

Democratic Congressmen and Congresswomen who did not give up on a difficult task. Many obstacles were erected to stop this important legislation, but advocates in Congress and throughout our country persevered and achieved a great legislative victory. Many past presidents tried to reform healthcare. It was a son of Hawaii, Barack H. Obama, who will be remembered as the architect of the great Health Care Reform of 2010.

HAWAII-FILIPINO NEWS

BBB's Tips For Last Minute Tax Filers

ith the tax filing deadline fast approaching, Hawaii's BBB and the IRS offer some tips for consumers and businesses that are still—or have yet to start—working on their 2009 taxes.

"Few things are as certain as death and taxes and few things are as scary to so many," says Dwight Kealoha, chief executive officer of Hawaii's BBB. "As a result, some individuals and businesses avoid doing their taxes as long as they possibly can."

In the past, most e-file returns were submitted early in the tax season by taxpayers expecting big refunds, while late filers who typically owed taxes used paper returns. But a trend in recent years shows more late filers abandoning paper in favor of e-file.

"Last year, two out of three tax returns were filed electronically," Kealoha says. "Choosing to e-file your tax return instead of using paper tax forms is the best step you can take to ensure that your return is correct, complete and filed by the deadline."

Hawaii's BBB and the IRS offer the following tips and resources to make filing your 2009 taxes on time as quick and easy as possible:

- File on time. Taxpayers who don't file or pay their taxes by April 15 may be charged interest on the unpaid taxes and a failure-to-file penalty. You can get an automatic sixmonth extension of time to file, but this extension does not give you more time to pay any taxes due.
- Don't delay if you can't pay. If you can't pay your taxes by the deadline, pay as much as you can when you file your

return to minimize the latepayment penalties and interest. Then contact the IRS to discuss your payment options, such as a short-term extension, an installment agreement or an offer in compromise.

File electronically. Filing your taxes electronically helps make the process fast, easy and accurate. Most commercial tax software can file your state tax return at the same time as the federal return. Electronic filers also get an e-mailed a receipt of the return, a service not available to paper filers.

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he University of Hawaii-Hilo will hold several free workshops to discuss the life and times of influential labor leader Pablo Manlapit.

Leading the discussions will be delinda Kerkvilet, author of "Unbending Cane: Pablo Manlapit, a Filipino Labor Leader in Hawaii." Her presentation will be on April 16, 2010 at UH-Hilo's UCB Room 115 from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm. A similar workshop is scheduled for April 17, 2010 from 10 am to 12 noon at the North Hawaii Education & Research Center (NHERC) in

he University of Hawaii-Hilo will hold several Honokaa. The center is a branch of UH-Hilo.

> Manlapit came to Hawaii as a plantation laborer in 1909 and worked in the sugar fields for Hamakua Mill Company. He holds the distinction of being Hawaii's first Filipino lawyer. As a snokesman for the Filinino labor movement. Manlapit is most noted for his role in the 1920 plantation labor strike on Oahu where he helped to successfully bring together Filipino and Japanese workers. Manlapit was also associated with a violent strike on Kauai in September 1924.

Dr. Kerkvliet has a PhD in history and is a former director of Operation Manong at UH-Manoa. Her book narrates a sensitive story of a complex man trying to "do the right thing," but who was nevertheless a controversial figure.

Additional sponsors include the UH-Hilo College of Continuing Education & Community Service, Minority Access & Achievement Program, NHERC, the student Bayanihan Club from both Hawaii Community College and UH-Hilo, the Hawaii Filipino Centennial Committee and Big Island Filipino Community Council.

Filipino Community to Observe Araw Ng Kaqitingan

he Philippine Consulate General of Honolulu has invited the public to attend the 68th Araw ng Kagitingan ceremony on Friday, April 9, 2010 at the National Cemetery of the Pacific beginning at 4 pm.

Araw ng Kagitingan, or Day of Valor, is a national holiday in the Philippines commemorating the fall of Bataan during World War II. The event honor the sacrifices of all Filipino-American veterans of the war.

Those who wish to attend



are encouraged to RSVP before April 5, 2010 by calling 595-6316 ext. 241.

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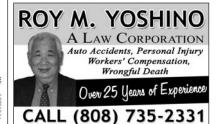
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LEGAL MATTERS



By Atty. Emmanuel Samonte Tipon



he evil that men do lives after them; The good is oft interred with their bones." --

Mark Anthony eulogizing Julius Caesar by William Shakespeare.

"This is a big f....g deal" gloated VP Biden, embracing President Obama after signing Obamacare.

Jay Leno joked about Obamacare. If Jay Leno jokes about it, then it must be a joke. Since the dreaded Internal Revenue Service (IRS) will enforce Obamacare, Leno said that the IRS "will decide whether you can have a prostate cancer operation or not."

House Bill H R 4872 is called the "Health Care and Education Affordability Reconciliation Act of 2010". The House of Representatives claimed that they were merely reconciling their bill with the Senate bill which had already passed. They were afraid to enact a new bill because they knew it would not pass again in the Senate after they lost their 60 vote super majority. The bill has 2,310 pages. It is more than twice the length of the Bible. At least the Bible is interesting. Obamacare is boring.

The Good

Obamacare covers people who cannot afford health insurance and children with pre-existing conditions. However, the

Obamacare: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly -- and Unconstitutional, Too

solution is to cover them under "assigned risk insurance pools" not by raising taxes, suggests Tom Campbell, Republican Sentorial candidate in California

The Bad

Obamacare (1) raises taxes to pay for the cost of the above, and (2) hastens the death of seniors by cutting Medicare and stopping Medicare Advantage.

The Ugly

Obamacare forces people to buy something that they do not want, do not like, and do not need. It treats them worse than criminals if they don't buy health insurance. A criminal who pays the penalty is released from further liability. A person who does not buy health insurance must pay a penalty but is not released from further liability. He must still buy health insurance.

The government specifies the policy's conditions. "It takes away the freedom of individual Americans to choose the health care insurance policy that is best for them," says Campbell.

Aliens could face deportation if they have no health insurance - like tax evasion - a crime involving moral turpitude.

Unconstitutional

The federal government can force people to go to war and pay taxes, since that is provided for in the Constitution. But it cannot force people to buy a cell phone or health insurance because that is not provided for in the Constitution. At least 13 states (not necessarily the original 13) have sued to declare Obamacare unconstitutional.

macare unconstitutional.

The federal government is a

government of limited powers. Before it was created there already were States with their governments. In order to form a union, they agreed to delegate some of their powers to the federal government. Thus, under the Tenth Amendment to the Constitution, it was specifically provided that "The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States, respectively, or to the people." Contrast this with the Philippine government where the national government is supreme and merely delegates power to the

local governments. One of the hosts of CNN, seemingly pro Obamacare, compared the health care insurance requirement of Obamacare with car insurance. But his guest, the Utah Attorney General said that the situations are different because nobody is forced to buy car insurance. You have an out. Just don't drive your car. However, under Obamacare, you must buy health insurance whether you like it or not There is no out You cannot leave your home without health insurance or even stay at home without health insurance. Otherwise you will pay a penalty.

Obamacarians justify Obamacare under the Constitution's "commerce clause": "The Congress shall have the power... to regulate commerce with foreign Nations, and among the several States, and with the Indian Tribes." Art. I, Sec. 8, cl.3.

Is a Hawaii housewife who stays at home engaged in commerce with a foreign nation or among the several states or with the Indian tribes? Vet Obamacare forces her to buy health insurance or . Obamacarians might Her plates were made in

buy health insurance or else. . . Obamacarians might say: Her plates were made in China, her milk was shipped from California, and her lei given by her romantic husband was made by a native Hawaiian who wants to be treated like an American Indian and build a gambling easino. In U.S. v. Lopez, 514 U.S.

549 (1994), the U.S. Supreme Court struck down a federal law forbidding individuals from possessing firearms within school zones, rejecting an argument that it was based on the "commerce clause." The court noted that possessing a gun in a school zone had no effect on interstate commerce, and that the accused, a local student, had not moved in interstate commerce. His activities did not arise out of or connected with a commercial transaction substantially affecting interstate commerce. The court pointed out that it was being required to pile inference upon inference in a manner that would convert the commerce clause into a general police

power of the sort held only by the States. If a statute with a laudable purpose like the firearms ban was declared invalid because it lacked a substantial connection with interstate commerce, can you find the health care bill's substantial connection with interstate commerce?

Three of the five justices who voted to strike down the firearms statute are still in the Supreme Court - Scalia, Kennedy, and Thomas. Rehnquist and O'Connor were replaced by CJ Roberts and Alito. They usually vote together. How do you expect them to vote on Obamacare -- the Great American Nightmare?

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U.S. Census to Offer Help to Complete Forms

everal Filipino organizations, including the United Filipino Council of Hawaii, the Oahu Filipino Community Council and the Congress of Visayan Organizations, are partnering with U.S. Census Bureau officials for "Filipino Counts! We Cart' Move Forward Until You Mail It Back"—a free event for those who need assistance in completing their 2010 Census Questionnaire.

The first event is scheduled for April 10, 2010 at Waipahu Intermediate from 10 am to 2 pm. A second event will be held at Kalakaua Intermediate on April 17, 2010 from 10 am to 2 pm.

According to Marilyn Paguirigan, 2010 Census Partnership Specialist, the federal government distributes more than \$430 billion annually to state, local and tribal governments based on census data. It determines the allocation of federal funds for community services such as senior citizen centers and school lunch programs as well as new construction such as highways and hospitals, which in turn create much needed jobs statewide.

It is therefore essential, Paguirigan says, for the Filipino community to complete and return the census survey.

"By participating in the census, we can help create a better future for ourselves, our families and our communities," she says. "An accurate count is necessary to determine the needs of our community, thereby directly affecting our quality of life. An incomplete count could mean that our community does not receive its fair share of funding."

The Census Fair will include entertainment, food, door prizes and t-shirts. More information is available by calling Raymund Liongson at 455-0557 or Paguirigan at 960-1252.

COVER STORY (CONT.)

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ences, and so on, as well as courses on Filipino-American history in Hawaii and other places in America, they could strengthen their cultural roots and ethnic heritage, the basic ingredients for a stronger identity as Fil-Ams, wherever they may be in the future. "says Aquino."

But because of the current set up of the American academia, institutions like the Center for Philippine Studies and the ethnic or area programs they offer, become threatened in times of financial crisis. Thus continuous financial support from the outside is necessary to keep Philippine Studies and Filipino-American Studies afloat in colleges and universities. Thankfully, some people are able to lend a helping hand.

"In terms of fundraising, we have developed three endowments from donations honoring the prominent Filipino-Chinese industrialist Alfonso Yuchengco, the late Filipina writer and novelist Ligaya Fruto, and lately, the late internationally famous editorial artist Corky Trinidad. A fourth endowment to support the international aspects of Philippines is being developed. Altogether, these amounts add up to nearly \$200,000, benefiting mostly students and academic activities of the Center," Aquino says.

Aquino adds that enrollments at the Center for Philippine studies, especially on the undergraduate levels, have increased. "In addition to the academic curricula in various departments, we have supported and promoted interest among the younger generations of Filipino-Americans, especially in terms of strengthening their understanding and commitment to their cultural heritage and ethnic origins in the homeland—the Philippines. Thus, we now can expect the average Fil-Am youth to have a deeper understanding of his or her cultural legacy and identity," she says.

It is therefore a good thing that Filipinos are not wont to surrender in the face of adversity. With continued support from Hawaii's Filipino American community, the Center for Philippine Studies and Philippine Studies programs will be able to continue serving the Filipinos in their adopted homeland as well as those living the world over.

TRAVEL & LEISURE

Central Luzon is a Popular Holy Week Destination

By Paolo Romero / Wednesday, Mar. 31, 2010



According to Department of Tourism Director for Region 3 Ronaldo Tiotuico, Central Luzon is an ideal destination to fulfill religious obligations for the Lenten season and at the same time explore the region's cultural treasures.

On Maundy Thursday, visitors can do the visita iglesia in the Spanish-era churches across the region, which are of religious and historic importance.

Among the noteworthy churches in Bulacan are the Barasoain Church and Basilica of Immaculate Conception (Malolos), the churches in Hagonoy, Calumpit, Baliuag, Bustos, San Rafael, San Miguel, Sta. Maria, Obando and Angat.

The Divine Mercy National Shrine in Marilao and the Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes in San Jose del Monte are popular Holy Week destinations.

In Pampanga, there are the

churches in San Fernando, Lubao, Angeles, Bacolor, Apalit, Minalin, Candaba. Porac, and Betis (Guagua), which is regarded as the country's counterpart to Sistine Chapel because of its stunning paintings on the ceiling.

In Tarlac, one can go on a pilgrimage to the Monasterio de Tarlac or Relic of the True Cross in San Jose which is said to contain relics of the wooden cross where Jesus was nailed Pilgrims seek healing in the church of La Paz. Tarlac where miracles attributed to Our Lady of Peace have been reported.

Other significant churches are the San Sebastian Cathedral in Tarlac City, and the churches in Camiling and Paniqui.

The provinces of Zambales, Aurora, Bataan and Nueva Ecija also have equally important religious destinations such as the Ina Poo Bato Shrine in Botolan.

On Good Friday, a must-see is the popular Kalbaryo Lenten rites of Good Friday at Barangay San Pedro Cutud in the City of San Fernando, Pampanga where penitents are nailed on the cross at noontime to reenact Jesus' crucifixion.

In Angeles City and in the remote village of Kapitangan in Paombong, Bulacan, a similar scale. In many towns, the senakulo or street play is held to reenact the passion of Christ with the participation of local

Elsewhere, a common sight are flagellants doing the penitensva carrying wooden crosses or whipping themselves to signify repentance for their

In the late afternoon, solemn observances are held in all towns across in the region. where families with old life-size religious statues on carrozas bring them to be part of the long procession which concludes with the Santo Entierro or the Dead Christ

After the procession, the faithful get an old world feel as they converge in ancestral houses or in the homes of the hermano mayor to share dinner. The towns of Malolos, Plaridel, Baliwag and Pulilan and the cities of San Fernando and Angeles are noted for this practice.

A joyful mood returns on Resurrection (Easter) Sunday with the pre-dawn Mass and the elaborate salubong which portrays the meeting of the risen Christ and His mother, Mary. The highlight of the ritual is the removal of Mary's black veil by a little girl dressed as an angel,



The Divine Mercy National Shrine in Marilao, Bulacan

descending from heaven.

A unique age-old Easter ritual takes place in Sto. Tomas, Pampanga called "Blasting of Judas Iscariot" where his papier mache effigy is blasted with

firecrackers. Local folks believe that the act is their way of renouncing evil and the loud explosion is a sign of bountiful harvest from the farm and the sea. (www.philstar.com)

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A Timeline of the History of Philippine Studies

1898	Spain transfers colonial responsibility to the United States via the Treaty of Paris.
1899	Cornell University President Jacob Schurman becomes the president of the First United States Philippine Commission.
1902	Jacob Schurman publishes the book Philippine AffairsA Retrospect and an Outlook.
1903-1909	Emma Blair and James Robertson works on a 55-volume series entitled <i>The Philippine Islands</i> , 1493-1898, a translation of important Philippine historical documents from Spanish to English.
1916	Anthropologist Henry Otley Beyer puts out the landmark anthropological volume, Population of the Philippines.
1917	The University of Illinois at Urbana publishes Tagalog Texts, a volume written by Leonard Bloomfield.
1922-25	Carl Guthe heads the University of Michigan Expedition, which allowed American linguists to compile dictionaries and grammar books including one written by Otto Scheerer about the Ibaloi language.
1930s	University of Michigan professor Joseph Ralston Hayden is appointed Vice Governor General of the Philippines. His efforts inspire American scholars to study the Philippines.
	One of the first Filipino scholars in the U.S., Serafin Macaraeg, obtains a doctorate degree from the University of Wisconsin.
1950s	The University of Chicago's Department of Anthropology begins offering a Philippine Studies Program through the efforts of Alexander Spoehr and Frederick Wernstedt.
1960s	The University of Hawaii offers courses on Philippine Anthropology and Tagalog.
1969	Charles Houston of the Western Michigan University heads the First National Colloquium on the Philippines.
1975	The Hawaii state Legislature passes a resolution that allows the University of Hawaii at Manoa to establish a program that was the predecessor of the Center for Philippine Studies.

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Creating Magical Days of Youth

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



sed to fly like the birds on the wings of wind, I have played in the sun with a deep

within. I had laughter as a toy and a sweet for my tooth, in the beautiful days of my youth." Kui Lee, 1966

These words from Kui Lee's song "The Days of My Youth" are a powerful reminder of the "magical" experiences young children have as they take part in simple, carefree activities such as pretending to be a bird, running outdoors, or basking in the warmth of the sun. Your child's fascination with and eagerness to explore the world around him creates many opportunities that you can build on to help him learn and grow

For example, we have an abundance of birds in Hawai'i and their behaviors, sounds, and colors naturally attract children's attention. You and your child can learn together as you point out different birds and talk about their characteristics or imitate their behaviors, e.g., the brown myna that hops around, the large black iwa (storm bird) that flies offshore, the red cardinal that

sings a pretty song, or the white-eyed meijiro that hides among the leaves.

A favorite bird in Hawai'i is the kölea (golden plover). These golden-brown colored birds with spindly legs are a common sight in the islands during fall through spring (August through April) and can often be found running around on front lawns, parks, ball fields, parking lots, and rooftops. They are also found in more natural habitats like beaches, marshes, and in low vegetation high on mountains. During their stay here, kolea eat heartily in preparation for their 3,000 mile flight to Alaska to nest and lay their eggs. You can tell that it's getting close their departure time when they develop a black "tuxedo-like" covering on their chests. Toward the end of April, we bid aloha to the kolea and wait for their return to Hawai'i in early

While the kolea are still here, have some fun with your children looking for them in grassy areas around your neighborhood. While you're outside. do some other activities together such as those listed helow

Play "make-believe" with your baby. Help him pre-

tend that he is a kolea or another type of bird. Have him hold out his arms, hold him securely under his armpits, and lift him into the air. Gently "fly" him around as if he were a bird. Talk about flying high as you lift him up and flying low as you bring him down. (Safety Reminder: Only do a lifting type of activity with an older infant who can hold his head up without support; such an activity is not appropriate for a newborn. To prevent accidental falls, hold on to your child securely under his armpits when lifting him. Do not swing your baby by his arms; this could hurt him. Avoid sudden movements that could scare him.)

Go outside with your toddler or preschool-aged child and pretend you are birds. Extend your arms out like a bird's wings and "soar" through the air together while reciting this short noem:

One little kõlea flying in the sky. (Pretend to fly like a bird.)

Come in for a landing from way up high. (Jump up and squat down like vou're landing.)

While outdoors, point out other animals, trees, and objects. Use the opportunity to talk about similarities and differences in their characteristic such as color. shape, or size.

For indoor activities, consider the following:

If your library has one or both of these books, check them out, and read them with your child:

> Flight of the Golden Plover, by Debbie Miller Kōlea: The Story of the Pacific Golden Plover, by

Marion Coste

- Ask your child to tell you a story about the kolea, or create a story together by taking take turns adding a sentence. Write down the words so you can read the story together at a later time.
- Show your toddler or preschool-aged child how to make a bird by linking his thumbs together and moving his fingers up and down like the wings of a bird. Turn on a lamp and in the light make shadows on the floor of the flapping wings.

The possibilities of learning activities you can create for your children are endless, and the results, not only in their learning, but in the time you share together are priceless. Take some time today and everyday to create for your children "beautiful days of their youth."

PHILIPPINE NEWS

Military Captures Abu Sayaff Fugitive in Metro Manila

By Paolo Romero / Tuesday, Mar. 30. 2010

ANILA, Philippines (Xinhua) - Philippine Air Force (PAF) intelligence operatives have captured another Abu Sayaff terrorist in the country's capital Metro Manila, the military said on Tuesday

Toto Sali, an Abu Sayaff terrorist involved in the June 2001 Golden Harvest Plantation kidnapping in the southern island province of Basilan, was captured shortly before 5 o'clock in the Tuesday afternoon in his hideout in the densely



populated Muslim community of Barangay Culiat in Ouezon

spokesman Colonel Gerardo M Zamudio Jr said that the arrested terrorist has a standing warrant of arrest issued by Judge Leo Jay Principe of the Regional Trial Court Branch 1, 9th Judicial

Region based in Basilan in connection with criminal cases of kidnapping and illegal detention arising from said kidnapping incident

Sali, who was positively identified by a victim who also witnessed the kidnapping, will be committed to a court by the military.

The Abu Sayyaf was founded in the 1990s and had since perpetrated a number of high-profile attacks, including kidnapping and bombing. The Philippine military estimates the Abu Sayyaf, which has links with internal terrorist organizations, has about 400 members at present. (www.philstar.com)



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LEGAL NOTES



By Reuben S. Seguritan

ver 200,000 people marched in Washington DC last March 21 to urge Congress and the President to overhaul. Amer-

overhaul America's broken immigration sys-

The marchers who traveled from around the country were joined by members of the labor and business sectors, faith and community leaders and civil rights advocates.

Although the rally was overshadowed by the health care

March for Immigration Reforms

debate held in the halls of Congress, it was attended by several lawmakers including Senator Robert Menendez and Representatives Luis Gutierrez, Michael Honda, Nydia Velasquez, Yvette Clark, Joe Crowley, Xavier Becerra, Lincoln Diaz-Balart, Raul Grijalva and Judy Chu

Their message was loud and clear. America needs an immigration policy now that would legalize the 11 million undocumented immigrants, reduce if not eliminate the huge backlogs in family and employment immigration, provide much needed temporary workers to help grow our economy, and restore the fundamental principles of fairness and due process while practing our national security

Representative Luis Gutterrect, the principal sponsor of the comprehensive immigration bill now pending in the House told the crowd, "We have waited too long. We have been patient long enough. It is time to let the immigrants come out of the shadows."

Notable was the presence of leaders from organizations that had not been fully supportive of immigration reform such as some African American groups, labor organizations and gay and lesbian groups.

Rev. Jesse Jackson and NAACP President Benjamil Jealous and National Urban League President Marc Morial expressed the support of their groups. Labor leaders such as SEIU International President Andy Stern and religious leaders such as Cardinal Roger Mahoney of Los Angeles and Rev. Sam Rodriguez, president of the National Hispanic Christian Leadership Conference also spoke to underscore the urgent need for reforms.

The Filipino American community was represented in great numbers. Among the leaders were Ernie Gange of the Fil-Am Reform Immigration for America Task Force and Ben de Guzman, Jelly Carandang and Jerry Clarito of NAFFAA.

President Obama who had promised immigration reforms during his election campaign addressed the gathering via a videotaped message, "I have always pledged to be your partner as we work to fix our immigra-

tion system, and that's a commitment that I reaffirm today," he said.

The President acknowledged that passing immigration reform this year would not be easy but he said that if we "work together across ethnic, state and party lines" it could happen.

The organizers of the March 21 rally said that more gatherings are being planned to continue raising public awareness on the issue. Indeed sustained action is needed to push Congress to act. We must play an active role because we need immigration reform now.

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MAINLAND NEWS

US Senate Confirms New Envoy to R

By Pia Lee-Brago / Wednesday, Mar. 24, 2010

ANILA, Philippines
- The US Senate has
confirmed the nomination of African-American career ambassador Harry K.
Thomas Jr. as Washington's new
envoy to the Philippines, the US
embassy in Manila announced
yesterday.

US embassy spokesperson Rebecca Thompson said Thomas will arrive in the Philippines "sometime in the coming veeks."

The embassy said the US Senate's confirmation last Friday of Thomas' nomination is a necessary step under the US Constitution in the ambassadorial nomination process.

Thomas, of New York, is a career member of the Senior Foreign Service and served most recently as director general of the Foreign Service and director of Human Resources.

He previously served as a special assistant to the secretary and executive secretary of the epartment.

He joined the Foreign Service in 1984 and served as US ambassador to Bangladesh from 2003 to 2005. He also served in the White House as the director for South Asia at the National Security Council from 2001 to 2002

His other postings include New Delhi India: Harare Zimbabwe; Kaduna, Nigeria; and Lima, Peru.

Ambassador Thomas speaks Spanish, Hindi, Bangla and is learning Tagalog.

Thomas is a graduate of the College of the Holy Cross in Massachusetts and pursued further studies at Columbia University in New York.

In February, during his Sen-

ate confirmation hearings, Thomas called for peaceful elections in the Philippines and vowed to press for more progress in eliminating extrajudicial killings and corruption concerns in the country.

The DFA looks forward to working closely with Thomas to further strengthen the friendly and robust relations between the US and the Philippines.

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Renowned Fil-Am Artist's Artwork on Display in Illinois director of the Philippine

solo art exhibit by internation allyrenowned Fil-Am artist Fred DeAsis will go on display during the month of April 2010 at the North Riverside Theater Gallery in North Riverside, Illinois.

A portion of the proceeds from the event will be donated to the American Cancer Society in support of the organization's cure for cancer research and awareness programs.

Born in the Philippines and currently based in Chicago, DeAsis is the executive director of the Asian American Arts and Cultural Foundation of America, an Arts Commissioner of suburban Arlington Heights and a director of the Philippine American Cultural Foundation.

DeAsis is the recipient of 2006 Fil-Am Hall of Fame and 2007 Asian-American Hall of Fame awards for outstanding achievement of an individual in promoting arts and culture in North America.

His current project is the much acclaimed "Kut-kut: Lost Art of the Philippines," an art process that was handed down from several family generations of Samar province. The technique is a combination of ancient art processes—sgraffito, encaustic and layering—which, when merged together, produces an original art form characterized by delicate swirling interwoven lines, multi-layered texture and an illusion of three-dimensional space.



PHILIPPINE LANGUAGE



By Amado I. Yoro

eona Florentino. Mabigbig nga Umuna a Kangrunaan a Mannaniw a Babai iti Sangalubongan

Iti tay-ak ti panagsuratan, aglalo iti panagsuratan iti daniw, ni Leona Florentino ti nabigbig nga umuna a kangrunaan a babai a Filipina a Mannaniw iti Sangalubongan. Nairaman dagiti sinuratna a dandaniw iti Espaniol ken Iloko iti Exposision General de Filipinas idiay Madrid idi 1887 kasta met a nairaman iti InterDagiti Kangrunaan a

llocos Sur

national Expostion idiay Paris idi 1889 nga isu ti nangted iti nawada nga atension ken namaglatak iti Filipinas iti imatang ti sangalubongan.

Nayanak idiay Vigan, Ilocos Sur idi Abril 19, 1849 manipud iti nasaliwanwan a kaamaan dagiti Ilokano a kas kada Marcelino ken Isabel Florentino. Navasawa ken ni Elias delos Reyes ket naaddaanda iti lima nga annak, ti inaunaan nga Isabelo delos Reyes ti naglatak a "man-of-letters" lider sibiko ken simbaan ken nagbalin a senador iti pagilian.

Pimmusay ni Leona idi Oktubre 4, 1884 idiay Vigan met la nga ilina iti tawenna a 35.

Isabelo delos Reves. Maysa a Nasionalista

Don Belong ti awag dagiti kasinged toy Ilokano a nasionalist ken natakneng a lider iti simbaan ken dagiti mangmangged. Naawagan a "manof-letters" iti kinasidap ti dila ken plumana.

Navanak idiav Vigan, Ilocos Sur idi Hulio 7, 1864 kada Elias delos Reves ken Leona Florentina, umuna a mannaniw a babai iti sangalubongan. Nairaman ni Don Belong kadagiti ikub dagiti narimat ken immortal a Filipino, kas mannakibakal babaen iti bukod a dila ken pluma.

Malaglagip gapu iti panangilabanna iti kaaduan a dadaulo ken kameng iti simbaan. Nakipagbangon a kaduana ni Gregorio Aglipay iti Iglesia Filipina Independiente. Kangrunaan a malaglagip kas "Ama dagiti Unionista a mangmangged". Saan a naammuan no kaano ken kasano iti ipupusavna.

Cosme Abava, Military Chaplain of the Revolution

1840 iti maipagarup a pannakaayanak toy padi a katoliko iti Candon, Ilocos Sur kada Eugenio ken Higinia Abaya, Kapanawen ken maibilang a kabaddungalan ti nalatak a Father Jose Burgos iti tignay a

Nagbasa iti seminario iti Vigan, sa iti Colegio de San Juan de Letran Manila a nakagun-odanna iti Bachelor of Arts. Inleppasna pay ti Bachelor of Philosophy iti University of Sto Tomas, ken mainayon dagiti naileppasna a Bachelor of Theology, Canon Law ken Doctor in Theology ken Canon

Nagnaay a military chaplain iti tignay a rebolusionario babaen iti panangisaad kenkuana ni Presidente Emilio Aguinaldo, Pimmusav ni Cosme Abaya idi Hunio 4, 1908.

Isabelo Abava, Bannuar iti Rebolusion

Isu ti maikatlo nga anak da Proceso ken Severa Abaya. Kalpasan a simrek iti kinapadi iti Vigan Seminary, nagikkat kalpasanna, Nagbalin a Cabeza de Baranggay ken nagbalin a Capitan Municipal iti ilina a Candon

Idi Marso 25, 1898, indauluanna dagiti kailianna a mangbusor iti Espania. Natay ni Capitan Isabelo gapu iti sakit kabayatan iti kaaddana iti tay-ak iti pagbabakalan. Nagbalin a bannuar iti rebolusion gapu iti naisangsangayan a kinaturedna.

GLOBAL NEWS

Pinoy Street Kids Score Miracle

Win in World Cun

By Lawrence Agcaoili / Friday, Mar. 26, 2010

ANILA, Philippines - Officials of the tri-Lumphant Philippine team in the first Deloitte Street Child World Cup in Durban, South Africa are now convinced miracles do happen.

"We experienced that first hand. We had a miraculous ride enabling us to accomplish a feat," said RP team co-manager Ed Formoso during their victory party at the Amici Pizza Pasta near Don Bosco in

■ The members and officials of the RP team present their trophy to Ms. Zoleka Mankahia, Attache (administrative and consular affairs), South African Embassy to Manila, and Trudie Grove from South African Em-

Makati yesterday.

team from start to finish," added Formoso on RP team's achievement topping the consolation round of the tough

The RP team brought home the Street Child World Shield for its amazing performance capped by a come-from-behind 2-1 triumph over 2010 World Cup host South Africa.

Mario Titoy, who almost missed the trip due to visa problems, delivered the winning

Skipper Erica Mae Innocencio, Noriel Pineones, Raymond Elona, Jayson Simangan, Ladylyn Ampe, Lorelyn Cabanayan, Roberto Orlandez, Blueshark Gaerlan and Gerry Boy Joaquino were the other members of the team sponsored by Deutsche Bank, Mitre, Amici Pasta Pizza, and party list PBA.

Pineones, a product of Tulov sa Don Bosco in Alabang, Muntinlupa, emerged the best performer with a goal against Great Britain and five against Brazil.

The Filipinos had their biggest moment in the event in stunning the tall Brazilians, 6-2.

The team was relegated to the consolation round after a 2-4 loss to Great Britain then a 0-2 defeat against Tanzania. (www.philstar.com)



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GLOBAL NEWS

OFW Group Seeks Probe of Teen Maid's Emirates (UAE).

By Michael Punongbayan / Friday, March26, 2010

ANILA. Philippines - A group representing overseas Filipino workers (OFWs) called on the Department of Foreign Affairs yesterday to investigate the reported death of a 19-yearold Filipina who worked as a domestic helper in the United Arab

Migrante-Middle East regional coordinator John Leonard Monterona said Philippine authorities, including officials of the Philippine embassy in the UAE, should probe the case of Rahima Jamal, who allegedly died of unexplained head and body injuries.

"This is a matter of concern to us and the Filipino community in the Emirates since her death has not been reported by the employer to the Philippine embassy; foul play is not

Monterona said the Philippine government should not stop investigating the true circumstances leading to Jamal's death and that the DFA should inform the family and extend the necessary assistance.

He said Jamal's death occurred amid assurances by the host government that a new law has been passed protect expatriate workers. (www.philstar.com)

nes in Poland Talent Contest Filipino Shi

et another Filipino singer has received accolades for his singing ability. This time it was Alexander Martinez, a Filipino entertainer based in Poland. Martinez made history by being

the first non-Polish entertainer to make it all the way to the Grand Finals of "Poland's Got Talent"-the country's top rated reality show which has spun off global franchises, including one in the Philippines.

Although the show included other foreign contestants who were also based in Poland, Martinez was the only Asian who made the final cut. Martinez's story captured the imaginations of judges and audiences across Poland. He wowed them with his versatile vocal range on such songs as "Time To Say Goodbye," which was originally sung by female recording artist Sarah Brightman.

The thousands of candidates who originally auditioned for the show were whittled down to 100, then 10 and then the final three. For the finals, Martinez performed an opera number entitled "The Final Countdown" which impressed a jury composed of Polish actress Malgorzata Foremniak, rock star Agnieszka Chylinska and controversial showman Kuba Wojewodzki. They gushed over his breathtaking rendition, showering him with superlatives and high praise.

"More than his talent, they told me that it was his good attitude that endeared him to the audiences. It really shone through," says his Polish wife Zanet.

While Martinez failed to win first place, he still received 5,000 euros and free plane tickets to his hometown

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