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Preparing for the Worst

Hawaii's isolation makes it an ideal visitor destination for those wanting to get away from it all. The Hawaiian archipelago is roughly 2,400 miles to the closest landmass, making us the most isolated population center on earth. We are really all by our lonesome in the vast Pacific Ocean. This same isolation makes Hawaii particularly vulnerable to external forces such as terrorism, natural disasters, fuel shortages, labor strikes, widespread power outages, financial collapse and even computer network or telecommunication failures that threaten our way of life and very survival. Nearly everything that we depend on is either shipped or flown in. With 85 percent of the food we consumed imported through a single port (Honolulu Harbor), any destruction caused by a natural disaster will have dire consequences on our food consumption.

At the start of hurricane season, civil defense officials send out word to the public to prepare. It is up to each of us to heed the warnings and make sure that we have enough supplies of essential items to last for several days. It is tempting to dismiss these warnings since we have been fortunate that recent storms have not struck our islands as expected. Still, the prudent course of action is to have an emergency supplies kit available to ride out any event. In fact, disaster preparedness is your personal duty. If you have a family, you are responsible for caring for them. Preparing for a disaster is simply part of providing for and protecting your family. Not to prepare would be like failing to provide a warm coat for your child on a cold winter day. It is also our civic duty to be prepared. Part of being a good citizen is not being dependent on the government, especially after a disaster since emergency services will be stretched extremely thin in the aftermath of a disaster. This where civic groups like the Ewa Emergency Preparedness Committee have played a key role in helping the entire community more effectively prepare for emergencies and related disasters. This year marks the fourth emergency preparedness fair that the group has sponsored for the benefit of Ewa residents.

It would certainly be in our best interests to comply with advisories and other severe weather warnings issued by state and county civil defense officials. Even if they were to err, at least they are doing so on the side of caution. As the public, we should also do likewise—prepare for the worst but also hope for the best.

Tobacco Sales Ban at CVS is Right Decision

CVS Caremark, the second-largest drugstore chain in the U.S. behind Walgreens, has made the dramatic decision to no longer sell cigarettes, cigars and other tobacco products at its more than 7,600 stores nationwide by October 1, 2014. Company officials said banning tobacco products was simply the right thing to do since such products are inconsistent with its purpose, which is to help people on their path to better health.

It's certainly a bold move for the publicly-traded company, considering that annual tobacco sales typically generate upwards of \$2 billion. CVS officials are banking on this new strategy to give them an edge over competitors in forging partnerships with hospitals and physicians groups to help with patient care at its in-store clinics. CVS already operates 900 walk-in medical clinics and by 2017, hopes to operate about 1,500 total clinics where customers can get relatively simple services like blood pressure tests and flu vaccines. CVS sees its future in making its in-store clinics a convenient health-care alternative to long waits at the doctor's office, along with CVS

FROM THE PUBLISHER

You've probably by now noticed the increase in traffic ever since classes at the University of Hawaii-Manoa and private schools have resumed. We hope that you've adjusted your travel time accordingly to beat the traffic crunch. Although sitting in traffic can certainly try one's patience, please drive with aloha during the morning and afternoon commutes. You may end up a few minutes late to your destination, but remember that ultimately, it's more important to arrive alive!



Speaking of important, in case you didn't know it, September is National Preparedness Month—an important annual reminder for all Americans to be prepared for all types of emergencies and disasters. Being adequately prepared can make all the difference when an emergency hits a community. In recognition of National Preparedness Month, our cover story for this first issue of September focuses on the 4th Annual Get Ready Ewa Beach Emergency Preparedness Fair, a free event which will be held on September 6, 2014 at Ewa Makai Middle School from 9 am to 1 pm. Those who attend will learn the importance of making an emergency plan, building an emergency kit and keeping informed of what measures to take before, during and after an emergency. Please turn to page 4 to read more about the beginnings of this annual event and how it has grown over the past several years.

One event of note that I'd like to bring to your attention is a fundraiser for Ho'ōla Nā Pua (A New Life For Our Children), a local non-profit group that helps to rebuild the lives of young sex trafficking victims. Most people unknowingly think of sex trafficking as a crime that happens overseas and far from Hawaii's shores. They don't realize that this problem has reared its ugly head on the local scene, victimizing Hawaii's underaged girls. Ho'ōla Nā Pua's fundraiser is scheduled for October 4th at the Pacific Club from 6 pm to 10 pm. If you're free that evening, consider dropping by and showing your support for this very worthwhile organization.

That's all for now. I encourage you to take some time to read through this issue and our many useful and informative columns like Legal Guide (page 7), Ask a Doctor (page 11) and Legal Notes (page 13). As always, we encourage you to contact us at: filiplinochronicle@gmail.com if you have any story ideas, tips or concerns regarding Hawaii's dynamic and vibrant Filipino community. Our sincerest thanks to all of you for reading and faithfully supporting the Hawaii Filipino Chronicle!

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

Chona A. Montesines-Sonido

pharmacists counseling patients. That goal conflicted with racks of cigarettes, cigars and chewing-tobacco in plain view.

But where does the company draw the line when it comes to protecting its customers' health? In addition to cigarettes, will CVS also stop selling alcohol products as well, or even candy bars and soda? It's easy to second-guess CVS' decision but it certainly appears to be the right one, considering the long term effects of smoking on a person's health and well-being. In fact, the Surgeon General blames cigarettes for 480,000 deaths every year from heart disease, lung cancer and stroke.

While the company could lose an estimated \$2 billion from dropping tobacco sales, consider that its total revenue for 2013 was \$126 billion, with much of it coming from healthcare services such as walk-in clinics and prescription drug coverage. Kudos to CVS for its willingness to set a higher standard in healthcare and for rebranding itself as not just a store but as a healthcare company. It's not there yet, but it's certainly on the right track.

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CANDID PERSPECTIVES

Pacquiao's Stalled Until He Fights Mayweather



By Emil Guillermo

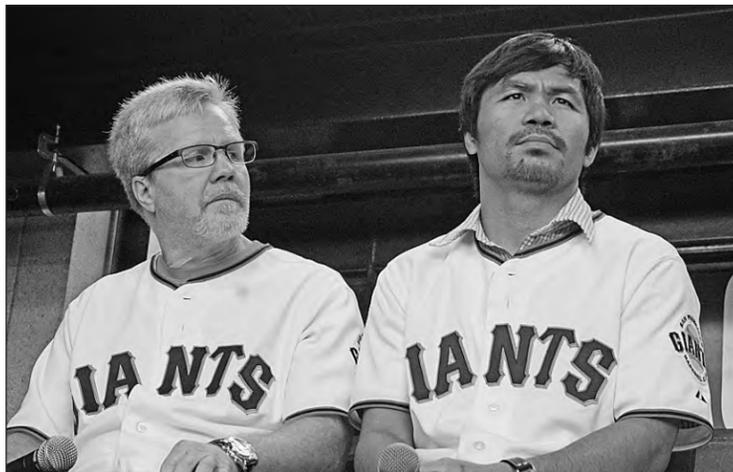
Last week at AT&T Park in San Francisco, Manny Pacquiao had a play day with the San Francisco Giants. He took batting practice with the team. Mugged a bit with Lou Seal the mascot. He even threw out the first pitch—but not as he did back in 2009 to another emerging star, the part-Filipino American pitcher, Tim Lincecum.

But then, the fight Manny was promoting wasn't exactly the fight we all want to see.

On Nov. 22, Pacquiao will fight another "Fighter X," some boxer not named Floyd Mayweather, and still expect a multi-million dollar payday. This time it will be a fellow named Chris Algieri from New York. Taller than Pacquiao. Masters degree, even. Smart enough to get a relatively big pay day for exposing his brains to the vicious punch of the Pacman.

To make sure you want to see that, Pacquiao is out on the road starting the promotion three months in advance of the Nov.22 fight.

It's a fight looking for some hype when it can barely muster a pulse. At least for now.



Trainer Freddie Roach and Cong. Manny Pacquiao | Photo by EMIL GUERRERO MEDIA

I couldn't help but think back to that time in 2009, when Manny was still climbing up the championship ranks and just about to explode.

At the same time, a man named Obama gave us so much hope as he ascended from his humble beginnings in Honolulu to the presidency, albeit via Chicago.

That both were dominating their realms at the same time made it impossible not to compare Pacquiao to Obama. The charismatic sense, the pride and the hope that both represented. And what a coincidence, the boxer like Obama was also a politician who was always ready to fight for us.

It didn't take much of a leap to think that Pacquiao could actually fight for our sense of hope and change and possibly be the Philippines' Obama.

Maybe not right at that

time, but maybe at some point in the future.

Or maybe not ever. I recall acquaintances at University of Hawaii scoffed at the idea. They were too realistic, I was the dreamer.

Now five years later, I'm ready to say, I was wrong.

In a world where not even Obama can be the Obama we want (just look at the state of the world and the response of the president), Manny Pacquiao is not exactly the champion we had envisioned.

Forget the politics. I know that as a Philippine congressman, he's more figure head than anything. As a warmup to the big question, I asked him who he

backed for president in the Philippines.

He hadn't decided. Or didn't want to say.

OK, back to boxing.

Even after avenging the loss to Timothy Bradley, Pacquiao's comeback seems stalled until he can get to Mayweather.

I got Pacquiao in the corner and asked him point blank about that.

He wants to fight Mayweather but simply says, "It's up to him now, if he wants to."

Talking with Pacquiao in English is often difficult. Like many Filipinos where English is not their first language, he talks with his eyebrows in a kind of yes/no code. So I know he's a bad interview like I'd be bad in French if Le Monde asked me to comment on Israel and Gaza.

So I give Manny a pass.

The most assured thing he said all day sounded scripted. Before a smallish crowd that paid \$125 a ticket for a special

session with the champ, he oldly predicted the outcome of the November fight: "In Jesus name, victory is mine."

None of this "I am the greatest" stuff, which must be deemed as lacking in humility.

Normally, when I write about Pacquiao I plead with him to save his brain power for the pursuits that he says he wants after boxing, like being a political force in the Philippines.

I asked his trainer Freddie Roach if it's time to quit.

"We haven't even come close to that yet," Roach told me. "But when I see a decline in his assets, then I will think like you. But we're not close yet. He works harder than he did when I first met him."

He's definitely working hard to promote a fight against someone not name Mayweather.

EMIL GUILLERMO, an award-winning journalist and winner of an American Book Award, was an editorial board member of the Honolulu Advertiser.

HAWAII-FILIPINO NEWS

City Announces Winter Hours for Hanauma Bay

City officials have announced that the Hanauma Bay Nature Preserve will shift to a winter hour schedule, closing nightly at 6 pm beginning Wednesday, September 3, 2014.

During the winter season, Hanauma Bay will be opened from 6 am to 6 pm daily except Tuesday. The site is closed to visitors every Tuesday throughout the year.

The 101-acre Hanauma Bay Nature Preserve averages approximately 3,000 visitors daily. It is known for its abundance of marine life such as green sea turtles, trumpet fish, yellow tangs, parrotfish, surgeonfish and living coral. The bay's wide variety of species and crystal clear, calm waters provide ideal conditions for snorkeling and swimming.



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COVER STORY

READY IN A PINCH—A COMMUNITY'S FIGHT TO PREPARE FOR THE WORST

By HFC Staff

On March 2011, a powerful windstorm hit areas in Leeward Oahu and the North Shore. The high winds toppled over trees and utility poles, causing a power outage for tens of thousands residents and businesses.

Among the hardest hit communities was Ewa Beach, where the main arterial, Fort Weaver Road, was nearly impassable. Of the 22 utility poles that were knocked down by the heavy winds and rains, 15 of them were along Fort Weaver Road. To make matters worse, an on-going strike by Hawaiian Electric Company workers complicated any efforts to restore power.

Then-State Rep. Kymberly Pine appealed to Gov. Abercrombie for assistance and to declare a state of emergency.

"The power outage has affected traffic signals which impact the ability of emergency medical personnel, police, fire, civil defense and other emergency services," Pine wrote in a letter to the governor. "We are also concerned that hospitals and care facilities may not be able to run the equipment necessary

to maintain the health and welfare of their patients. I urge your prompt and immediate attention to this matter."

HECO and union leaders were urged to set aside their respective positions during the emergency situation and attend to the public's safety. HECO crews, including non-union members, restored power a few days later, but lessons had been learned, particularly for Ewa residents.

It became painfully clear that Ewa and Ewa Beach, a community of about 80,000 residents, was ill-prepared in the event of large scale disasters. A tsunami warning resulting from the 9.0 magnitude earthquake off Japan in the same month also added to the sense of urgency.

Ewa resident and community volunteer Rodney Boucher recalls Pine's efforts to bring affected parties to-

gether to discuss ways of better preparing Ewa residents for future disasters. The idea of an emergency preparedness fair was thus conceived.

"Volunteers from that meeting formed the Committee for Preparedness, which became the Ewa Emergency Preparedness Committee (EPC)," Boucher says.

The Ewa EPC serves as a resource for the community so that residents can be easily equipped with the knowledge and skills to be safe and calm in an emergency.

The first such emergency preparedness fair, dubbed the 1st Annual Get Ready Ewa Beach Fair, was held a few months later in September 2011. The event attracted over 1,000 residents from across Oahu and featured approximately 30 vendors. It focused on tsunami and hurricane preparedness, how to create a family plan, supply kits, evacuations, health emergencies and insurance.

2014 Emergency Preparedness Fair

Ever since the first fair, organizers have expanded its outreach and scope in ongoing efforts to better prepare the community. Experts from the Honolulu Department of Emergency Management (DEM), State Civil Defense, FEMA, American Red Cross, the scientific community, private businesses and dozens of community organizations host informational booths, seminars and hands-on training sessions for attendees.

The fairs have typically been scheduled for September to coincide with National Pre-



paredness Month.

The 4th Annual Get Ready Ewa Beach Emergency Preparedness Fair is scheduled for Saturday, September 6, 2014 at Ewa Makai Middle School from 9 am to 1 pm. The event is free and open to the public. It is meant to educate residents on preparing families and pets for emergencies, including natural and manmade disasters, even school lockdowns. The fair will feature a scaled down emergency shelter unit for people to walk through and give away more than \$10,000 worth of preparedness items.

"The Fair is an excellent opportunity for community members to discuss their preparedness issues and concerns," Boucher says.

There are also similar Community Preparedness Fairs on September 13th in Manoa and September 27th in Kailua.

Ewa EPC chair Donald Harlor says the annual event would not be possible without the assistance of several generous sponsors.

"We have been fortunate to find businesses that believe in preparedness and in helping local communities to have been

part of the fair from the beginning in 2011," Harlor says.

Major sponsors include D.R. Horton, HECO, Target, Pali Momi Medical Center, and Queen's Medical Center, Carmel Partners, Gentry Homes, Haseko Homes and many others.

Now Vs. Then

Now more than ever, Boucher says the Ewa community is much better equipped to deal with emergencies, thanks to these annual fairs.

"These fairs are well-attended and the community members leave with more preparedness information than they might have had previously," Boucher says. "From these fairs, the Ewa community has been recognized by the National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) as an Tsunami Ready and Storm Ready Community."

Free emergency preparedness training is continually provided to Ewa residents by DEM'S Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), American Red Cross and Hawaii Heart First. The Hawaii

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Hazards Awareness Resilience Program (HHARP) is also being incorporated into the Ewa Preparedness Outreach.

“The goal is to bring these types of training opportunities to West Oahu by 2015,” Boucher says.

The Ewa EPC has also embarked on the following future projects:

- Working with schools and the Hawaii Heart Foundation to get students and staff CPR/AED trained

- Procuring grant funding and enlist the support from corporate and private businesses to acquire Emergency Shelter-In-Place Kits for schools in the event of a emergency lock-down situation or disaster and Automated External Defibrillator (AED) for schools.
- Expanding Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Training in



▲ Ewa Beach Emergency Fair September 2011

- Organizing CERT Teams in Neighborhoods & Schools to make Ewa EPC an action committee, working with HFD, HPD, DEM and the American Red Cross.

According to Harlor, the number one obstacle that prevents people from being adequately prepared for emergencies is a false sense of security.

“At our training seminars, we encourage the individual to

prepare but we do find that there are those who think that there will others who will take care of them, like the government, Red Cross or FEMA,” Harlor says.

“I think preparedness is a way of life and you have to think and plan as you do an insurance policy. Like insurance you constantly review to insure you have adequate supplies.”

To contact the Ewa EPC, call 682-0111 or email them at: GetReadyEwaBeach@gmail.com.

Emergency Preparedness Tips

Many people are concerned about the possibility of a public health emergency such as a natural disaster, act of terrorism, or disease outbreak. You can take steps now to help you prepare for an emergency and cope if an emergency happens. To help you prepare, consider the following tips to protect yourself and your loved ones:

1. Get a Kit

If a disaster strikes your community, you might not have access to food, water, or electricity for some time. Take steps now to put together an emergency supply kit so that you will be prepared in case something happens. You should have emergency kits for your home, office, school, and vehicle. You never know where you will be during an emergency.

An emergency supply kit is a collection of basic items that you might need during an emergency. Assemble the following items to create kits to use at your home, office, school and/or in a vehicle:

- Water—one gallon per person, per day
- Food—nonperishable, easy-to-prepare items
- Flashlight
- Battery powered or hand crank radio (NOAA Weather Radio, if possible)
- Extra batteries
- First aid kit
- Medications (7-day supply), other medical supplies, and medical paper work (e.g., medication list and pertinent medical information)
- Multipurpose tool (e.g., Swiss army knife)
- Sanitation and personal hygiene items
- Copies of personal documents (e.g., proof of address, deed/lease to home, passports, birth certificates, and insurance policies)
- Cell phone with chargers
- Family and emergency contact information
- Extra cash
- Emergency blanket
- Map(s) of the area
- Extra set of car keys and house keys
- Manual can opener

You may also need additional supplies to meet the needs of all family members, such as children, pets, and those with special medical requirements. Suggested items to help meet additional needs are:

- Medical supplies (e.g., hearing aids with extra batteries, glasses, contact lenses, syringes, or a cane)

- Baby supplies (e.g., bottles, formula, baby food, and diapers)
- Games and activities for children
- Pet supplies (see expanded list below)

Once you’ve gathered your supplies, pack the items in easy-to-carry containers, clearly label the containers, and store them where they are easily accessible. In a disaster situation, you may need access to your emergency supply kit quickly - whether you are sheltering at home or evacuating. Make sure to check expiration dates on food, water, and batteries throughout the year.

2. Make a Plan

Families can cope with disasters by preparing in advance and working together as a team. If something were to happen, how would you contact one another, how would you get to a safe place, and what would you do in different emergency situations? Planning what to do before a disaster strikes provides the best protection for you and your family.

Because you and your family may not be together when a disaster hits, it’s important to create a communication plan to help you and your loved ones connect and get help. Complete a contact card for each family member. Have them keep these cards handy in a wallet, purse or backpack.

Because different disasters may require you to go to different places, make sure you identify a meeting place in your neighborhood, a meeting place just outside your neighborhood, and a meeting place out of town. Review these plans with all members of your family and don’t forget to consider what you would do with your pets who may not be allowed in emergency shelters.

More Tips:

- Identify an out-of-town contact, such as a friend or relative, who family members can call to let them know they are safe. It may be easier to make a long-distance phone call than to call across town, because phone lines can be jammed. An out-of-town contact may be in a better position to communicate among separated family members.
- Teach your family members how to text. It may seem like second nature to some of us, but not everyone texts. During an emergency it’s often easier to get a text

message delivered rather than a phone call.

- Subscribe to an emergency alert system. Check with your local health department or emergency management agency to see if there is one offered for your area. Post emergency telephone numbers by home phones or save them in your cell phone (fire, police, ambulance, etc.).
- Teach children how and when to call 911 for help.
- Check your emergency supplies throughout the year to replace batteries, food and water as needed.

3. Be Informed

It’s important that you and your family know what to do before, during, and after an emergency. This means understanding what emergencies are likely in your area and specific ways to respond to each one. You should also understand the ways you can get information about potential threats, such as through text alerts, emergency sirens in your community, or other methods.

In addition to understanding how you will be informed of potential threats, you need to understand the difference between various weather alerts:

- A watch gives advance notice that conditions are favorable for dangerous weather. If a severe storm watch or other type of watch is issued for your area, be alert for changing weather conditions.
- A warning requires immediate action and is only used when severe weather is about to strike.

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OPINION

The Summer of Our Discontent

by Lee H. Hamilton

Despite these last few months of hot and lazy days, it's been hard not to notice a cold political wind blowing through the country. The magazine *Foreign Affairs* captured it with its latest cover, a mockup of a travel poster featuring a crumbling U.S. Capitol with the tagline, "See America: Land of Decay and Dysfunction."

Americans are clearly uneasy. I know it anecdotally, because at virtually every public gathering I've addressed over the last few months someone has spoken up with his or her worry that our nation is in decline. And the polls bear it out. In June, a *Washington Post* article, "Is the American Dream Dead?" noted a string of polls showing majorities of Americans believe their children will be worse off than they were.

By early August, an NBC-Wall St. Journal poll was reporting that a full three-quarters of those surveyed lacked confidence that the next generation would be better off — the most pessimistic results in the history of the poll. Regardless of income, ethnicity, religion, or gender, Americans don't think much of our future.

This is a ground-shaking turnabout. Since well before I began my political career in the early 1960s, the keystone of our politics was an unflagging optimism that as Americans we could face head-on the task of improving our own and others' lives and deliver on our responsibility to future generations. As Chris Cilizza wrote recently in *The Washington Post*, "So much of every politician's patter — Democrat or Republican — is built on the idea that America has always overcome hard challenges, always made things better for our kids than

for us, always had achieving the American dream as a real possibility." Now, he notes, "A large bloc of the electorate no longer believes any of that."

Why not? Partly, it's the economy: growth has been sluggish, we're not generating enough good jobs, and the benefits of the recovery have flowed more to some than to the many. The growing awareness of a lopsided society — one in which a rising tide fails to lift all boats — has put many people in a surly mood. That problem of income inequality is joined to a host of others — from climate change to crumbling infrastructure to a world in which the forces of chaos and turmoil appear to be expanding.

Yet I think *Foreign Affairs* has nailed the biggest factor: the perceived dysfunction of our political system. As political scientist Francis Fukuyama writes in the lead essay, dealing with our problems "requires a healthy, well-functioning polit-

ical system, which the United States does not currently have."

Simply put, Americans have no confidence that our system can resolve the challenges before us. They don't expect miracles, but they do expect political leaders to make progress, and they haven't been seeing much.

I can understand why so many people would be pessimistic, yet I don't find myself sharing their fatalism. That's because political moments are just that: moments. Over the long reach of our history, we've learned time and again that when our political leaders do focus on our challenges, speak to one another directly, and are determined to find a solution to our problems, they can overcome their differences and make progress.

Our Constitution has been in effect for 225 years. The system it created, with its checks and balances, and its carefully constructed equilibrium between constraining and enabling government, has seen us

through no small share of bruising times. It has protected our freedom, given hundreds of millions of Americans by birth and Americans by choice an opportunity to pursue the lives they wanted, and allowed us to speak freely, associate with the people we choose, and openly follow the religious and spiritual lives we want.

There is no shortage of challenges facing the system — from the influence of money on elections to the encrusted rules that hamstring capable public officials to the scorched-earth political culture that reigns in Washington these days. But I am convinced that they are no match for an aroused and determined public that recognizes we are all in this together, that we can adapt to changing circumstances, and that we should not give up on the system.

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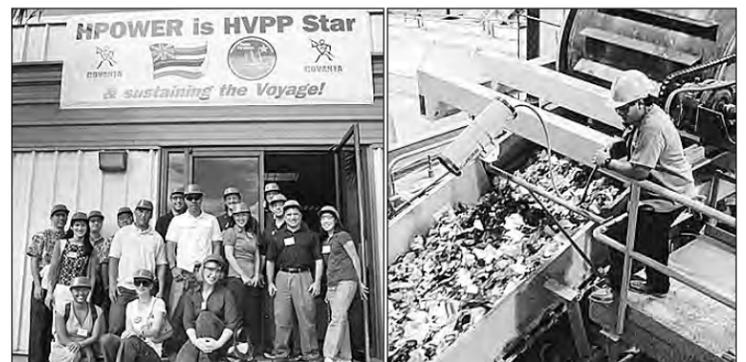
HAWAII-FILIPINO NEWS

City Recognized for Commitment to Sustainable Waste Disposal

The City and County of Honolulu was named the winner of the Gold Excellence Award in the Waste-to-Energy (WTE) category for H-POWER by the Solid Waste Association of North America (SWANA). The award was presented at SWANA's annual conference in Grapevine, Texas.

"Converting opala to energy, eliminating the need for one million barrels of imported oil every year, and generating revenue through energy sales to HECO make H-POWER is a vital part of the city's sustainable future," says Mayor Kirk Caldwell. "This technology is bringing us closer to eliminating the need for an everyday landfill on Oahu, with the third boiler making it possible for us to burn sludge and car parts that in the past were sent to the landfill."

H-POWER, which pro-



vides unique and innovative contributions to the WTE field by having both refuse-derived fuel and mass burn technologies on the same site, allows for comprehensive and strategic management of the island's wastes. Additionally, H-POWER produces up to 73 megawatts of net renewable baseload power, reducing reliance on imported fossil fuels.

"H-POWER is a critical component of the City's solid waste management plan and allows for nearly complete diversion of all municipal solid waste from Oahu's only municipal solid waste landfill,"

says Lori Kahikina, director of the Department of Environmental Services.

SWANA's Excellence Awards Program recognizes outstanding solid waste programs and facilities that advance the practice of environmentally and economically sound solid waste management through their commitment to utilizing effective technologies and processes in system design and operations, advancing worker and community health and safety, and implementing successful public education and outreach programs.

LEGAL GUIDE



By Atty. Emmanuel Samonte Tipon

Parental Responsibility for Child's Wrongful Act

statute provided that "The father and mother of unmarried minor children shall jointly and severally be liable in damages for tortious acts committed by their children, and shall be jointly and severally entitled to prosecute and defend all actions in which the children or their individual property may be concerned." The modern version of this statute is found in Section 577-3 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes.

What is a "tort"? According to the legal dictionary, the term "tort" (derived from the French for "wrong") "is a civil wrong or wrongful act, whether intentional or accidental, from which injury occurs to another. Torts include all negligence cases as well as intentional wrongs which result in harm. Therefore tort law is one of the major areas of law (along with contract, real property and criminal law) and results in more civil litigation than any other category. Some intentional torts may also be crimes, such as assault, battery, wrongful death, fraud, conversion (a euphemism for theft) and trespass on property and form the basis for a lawsuit for damages by the injured party. Defamation, including intentionally telling harmful untruths about another-either by print or broadcast (libel) or orally (slander)-is a tort." <http://dictionary.law.com/Default.aspx?selected=2137>

Justification for Parental Liability

A challenge to the constitutionality of the statute was rejected by a federal court on the ground that the statute provided a remedy for tort victims or provided an incentive to parents to exercise greater supervision over their children. *Bryan v. Kitamura*, 529 F. Supp. 394.

The Hawaii Supreme Court explained that the basis for the vicarious liability under the statute which makes parents responsible for the torts of their minor children is negligence or other fault of one actually at fault. The statute did not institute a system of liability without fault, but only broadened fault liability to make liable those who might properly be held responsible. As a matter of public policy, parents ought to be vicariously responsible for torts of their unmarried minor children, and the principle of respondeat superior which originated in cases of master and servant has been extended to impose vicarious liability in other situations. *Fortune v. Wong*, 68 Hawaii 1, 702 P.2d 299.

In 1891, the Hawaii Supreme Court in *Day v. Day*, 8 Hawaii 715, held that the father of an infant was not responsible under circumstances where the infant itself would not be liable. In that case a father was not held liable for damages allegedly resulting

from the act of his 2-year old child in starting a fire while playing with matches, since the child's acts was not a "tortious" act for which the child itself would have been liable. However, in 1903, the Hawaii Supreme Court held in *Victoria v. Palama*, 15 Hawaii 127, that the father of a boy between seven and eight years of age was liable in damages for an injury caused by the negligent firing of a loaded gun, on the ground that the infant himself could have been held liable.

In 1916 the Hawaii Supreme Court in *Rathburn v. Kaio*, 23 Hawaii 541 sought to temper the literal interpretation of the statute, saying: "A statute which imposes upon a father liability to respond in damages for every tort committed by his child irrespective of the age of the infant or the circumstances under which the act or omission occurred, and

whether or not, upon just principles, the infant could be held liable, would permit of gross injustice. . . They [the statutes] are in derogation of the common law, and, therefore, subject to a strict construction."

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On August 25, twin 7 year old children were reportedly playing with a cigarette lighter when they started a fire in the Makakilo area in Honolulu. Fortunately no homes were burned but the forest behind the homes continues to burn a week later. Their father appeared on television looking contrite and apologetic.

We have received a number of calls on the potential civil liability of the parents for the misconduct of their children.

If parents can vicariously claim an honor like "Parents of the Year" for the achievements of their children, should they not be held vicariously responsible for the tortious acts of their children?

State law governs parental responsibility for children's misconduct. For a link to the Parental Responsibility Laws in all 50 States, see <http://www.mwl-law.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/03/parental-responsibility-in-all-50-states.pdf>.

Hawaii is a pioneer in legislation on parental responsibility. As early as 1846, when Hawaii was still a kingdom ruled by King Kamehameha, a Hawaii

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Ho'ōla Nā Pua to Hold Fundraising Gala

Ho'ōla Nā Pua (A New Life For Our Children), a local non-profit organization committed to the restoration of underage female victims of sex trafficking, will hold its inaugural fundraising gala at the Pacific Club on October 4, 2014 from 6 pm to 10 pm.

Ho'ōla Nā Pua's mission is to provide a long-term treatment facility for girls who have fallen victim to sexual exploitation and to prevent others from being led down the same path. Currently, Ho'ōla Nā Pua is the only organization in Hawaii that works toward building a long-term licensed residential facility for under-

age females rescued from sexual exploitation.

The fundraiser's theme is "It Matters to That One" and will be emceed by Dawn O'Brien and auctioneer Joe Teipel. There will be a gourmet dinner, live and silent auctions, and prize drawings. Guests will also enjoy live music by popular local artists Ben Vegas and Maila Gibson.

Tickets are available for purchase at www.hoolanapua.org for \$150 per person or \$1,500 for a table of 10. For information about gala sponsorship opportunities, please call 445-3131. To find out more about Ho'ōla Nā Pua and the issue of sex trafficking, go online to: www.hoolanapua.org.

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SUMMER TRAVEL

Summer European Adventures: Tips and Costs

by Glenn Wakai

The facades of Vegas captured the imagination of my 15-year old daughter, Cierra. She went to Caesar's Palace to see the Forum Shops and Coliseum. We looked across the street to see a replica of the Eiffel Tower at the Paris Casino. The reproductions were intriguing, but she and my wife Miki really wanted to see the real monuments. So this summer all of us went in on our European adventure.

Traveling far beyond Sin City will set you back \$2,000 for airfare. Hotels and meals are more expensive than in the U.S., but not outrageous. Our family decided what sites to see during our 12 day journey, and we made all of our arrangements on the internet.

Our voyage started in Rome. It took 27 hours and two layovers (San Francisco and London) to get to this ancient city. If you like ice cream, there is a gelato shop on every block. To balance out the calorie intake, bring your most comfortable shoes because this is a pedestrian friendly city. You can divide the city up, depending on the

length of your stay, and cover a lot of ground on foot.

We stayed in Rome for three days. With the use of their cheap and efficient subway system we hit all the famous sites: Coliseum, Forum, Sistine Chapel, Pantheon, Trevi Fountain, Castel Sant'Angelo, Spanish Steps, and Piazza Navona. Many of the sites are free. However, I highly recommend purchasing tickets on-line for tours of the Coliseum and Sistine Chapel/St. Peter's Basilica. Buying it on site will mean a two hour wait.

Rome is full of surprises. While shopping on Via del Corso we stumbled upon numerous cathedrals. They didn't look like much from the edifice, but a walk through the doors often revealed sheer magnificence. The opulence of these places of worship, in some cases, were more imposing than what was seen in the Vatican.

One note of caution. There are plenty of gypsies preying on unsuspecting visitors. During one subway ride we witnessed a man almost having his pocket picked. He loudly berated the two individuals, who quickly disappeared at the next stop.

We left Rome on an



▲ Cierra and Miki Wakai are happy to be in front of the Coliseum in Rome.

◀ Cierra and Glenn Wakai rejoice in front of Big Ben in London

overnight train to Paris. This 14 hour journey included a stop in Milan. The "Harry Potter" experience was the highlight of the trip for me. A one way train fare will run about \$300, compared to a 2 hour, \$200 plane ride. We had a small cabin with three bunks and a tiny sink. They provide the linens, towel, and even a toiletry bag with a toothbrush and socks. It was a comfortable and fun way to travel! In the morning, the dining car provides passengers with croissants and coffee or juice. The benefit of traveling by train is that you see the countryside and disembark in the heart of the city, versus a 30 minute ride from the Paris airport into the city.

We stayed at had a cute hotel two blocks from the Eiffel Tower. Hotels in Europe are tiny, by American standards. The hotel elevator could only fit one person and a piece of luggage. We hiked the four flights of stairs.

On the first day of our three days in Paris, we went to Versailles. It's a 20 minute train ride, which costs \$10 per person. This stunning palace built in 1664, draws thousands of visitors each day. Even if you pre-purchase your tickets, be prepared to stand in line for an hour. (In August, it was a blistering 90 degrees.) You could spend three days exploring the Hall of Mirrors, Garden, and the assortment of salons, built by Louis XIV. We decided an afternoon was enough.

Just as there were gelato shops on every block of Rome, there are bakeries on every block in Paris. We had buttery croissants and brochette every morning, and afternoon, and evening. No rice, but lots of bread in Paris.

When we weren't eating we manage to find the Louvre. There is no need to purchase tickets on-line. Access into the world's most famous museum was pretty smooth. Once you get inside you will be elbow to elbow with others gazing at the surprisingly small masterpiece by Dae Vinci – the Mona Lisa.

The Eiffel Tower is ever present. It can be seen from nearly every rooftop in the city. Throngs of couples and crowds gather around her, but she really shows her beauty at night. The tower lights up in full glory and at the top of the hour flashing lights make her sparkle. There is no denying the romantic feel of Paris. Be sure to bring a lock for the Love Lock Bridge, near the Notre Dame Cathedral.

One challenge for tourists in Paris is a lack of money exchange outlets. If you want to turn your dollars into Euros, you will need to go to vendors around the Champ Elysees (High end shopping area in Paris). At the end of the street is the Arc de Triomphe, an arch built to commemorate Napoleon's victories.

After three days in the City of Love, we parted ways and headed north on the Eurostar. The 2 hour train ride took us under the English

Channel. When we emerged, we were in Great Britain.

We loved the retro black taxis and the red double decker buses. London's transportation system heavily utilizes the Underground (subway). It is very convenient, but a bit pricier than the rest of Europe's subways. If you are going to use the Underground for multiple journeys, I highly suggest buying an Oyster card for about \$10 and recharging it. Buying single fares for \$6 can quickly add up, versus about \$2 per fare with an Oyster card.

It's worth a trip to the Tower of London where the British monarchy resided from 1078 to 1547. In its later centuries it became a prison - often the final stop for criminals before they faced public executions. Ironically, Britain's most notorious scoundrels were imprisoned just a short distance from the Monarchy's Crown Jewels. Lines to the Tower of London are short and there is no need to buy tickets in advanced. Beefeaters in their red/black regalia are the tour guides and provide plenty of laughs.

If you want to see the current Queen's residence, Buckingham Palace is on the other end of town. At 11:00 every day, the pageantry of the monarchy is kept alive through the changing of the guard ceremony. Throngs of spectators line the street for this free spectacle. Make sure to get there at least 15 minutes

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Members of the University of Santo Tomas Alumni Association of Hawaii (USTAAH) recently held a welcome reception for the new Consul General Gina Jamoralin who is an alumna of the University of Santo Tomas. During the well-attended reception, Consul General Jamoralin discussed her priorities for Hawaii and the 10th Ambassadors, Consuls General and Tourism Directors Tour to the Philippines next summer.



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PHILIPPINE NEWS

**Kanor to Karding: Pagasa
 Censors Name of Cyclone**



MANILA, Philippines - There's something about a brewing tropical cyclone that is worrying weathermen - its name.

The Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (PAGASA) announced it has changed the local codename for an approaching tropical cyclone to Karding from Kanor.

Rene Paciente, PAGASA senior weather forecaster, said they decided last Tuesday to drop Kanor after getting negative feedback from the public.

"Mang Kanor" is believed to be the man in a sex video that went viral a few years ago.

"We don't want to use the name anymore because it may create negative thoughts," Paciente said.

Netizens reacted with amusement - and amazement - to PAGASA's naming the coming weather disturbance Kanor. Normally, only the names of deadly and destructive typhoons are stricken off the list.

Kanor replaced the name Katring, a destructive cyclone that hit the country in 2010. (www.philstar.com)

SUMMER TRAVEL (from page 8, SUMMER EUROPEAN...)

early to get the best photo spots. A short distance away are Big Ben and the famous Gothic church, Westminster Abbey.

Children may be interested in visiting the Sherlock Holmes Museum on 221b Baker Street. The site is filled with memorabilia from the famous fictional British detective. show. Be prepared to pay \$20 and a one hour wait for a self-guided tour of the four story apartment.

A short distance away is another children's favorite, where Harry Potter teleports to other worlds. His "Platform 9 3/4" is in an actual functioning train station called Kings Cross. You will likely wait an hour with fellow Potterheads fanatics, for a free opportunity to take a picture next to his shopping cart.

The night life in London is vibrant. They have a slew of great shows in the West End, similar to Vegas - Wicked, Phantom, Le Mies, Jersey Boys, Mama Mia, Miss Saigon, Lion King, etc. The cost is similar to Vegas as well, in the \$120 range and up. You can find a bunch of half-price ticket outlets around Leicester Square. If you want a truly unique theatrical experience, I recommend seeing the a ballet in the Royal Opera House. You will be hard pressed to find a more superb venue on earth.

Many reviews state that the food in London is terrible. I am not a big Fish and Chips fan, but if you embrace other cuisine, you will find outstanding restaurants serving Indian, Mediterranean, and



African cuisine. We found a number of winners around Covent Gardens. This area is full of shops - selling the latest fashions, to one-of-a kind vintage items.

Don't expect many cold drinks. Throughout Europe, drinks are served at room temperature. If you ask for ice you will likely get one single cube.

Our action packed trip came to a quick end, but provided a lifetime of memories. The internet has made the world smaller. It provides us with easy access to the sights and sounds of the world, but that experience found on a computer is flat and dull. Traveling brings history and culture alive. It allows you to engage all your senses in a different reality and broadens your perspectives.

Search for your special place on the globe and share its richness with others.

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GLENN WAKAI is a State Senator (Kalihi-Salt Lake-Foster Village) and former television reporter.

ASK A DOCTOR

WHEN WORRIES BECOME WORRISOME: SIGNS OF KEIKI ANXIETY DISORDER

by Dr. Cathy Bell

Worries, we all got them. And so do our keiki. But how do we know when their worries are normal, or a symptom of something worse?

Anxiety disorders are common, affecting nearly one out of every five people. They are often heritable and frequently go undetected for a long time. When untreated, anxiety in young children may lead to other health problems including depression, substance abuse, physical symptoms and unmanageable anxiety. Family members who are struggling to support a child with anxiety can often feel overwhelmed by the challenge.

But the good news is that anxiety is treatable, especially when parents and health care providers intervene early. So it's important to know some of the signs and symptoms of an

anxiety disorder, which can differ depending on a child's developmental level.

Preschool

Some preschoolers are more worry-prone and tend to be very cautious in unfamiliar situations. They may fear eternal separation when away from a caregiver. Some worry when they feel all eyes are on them. These children freeze when socially interacting with unfamiliar people, refusing to talk to them. They may resist drop-off at preschool and protest when a caregiver tries to leave them. Some of these children can express their fears; others may only complain of stomachaches or headaches, lash out, act defiantly, have a tantrum, or get aggressive.

Detection at this time is difficult, as the child often doesn't have the language or self-reflection skills to express troublesome worry. As a result, anxiety at this age often goes undetected, and the child is la-



beled as "overly sensitive," "needy" or "difficult."

Elementary/Middle School

During elementary school, general worries, social anxiety, separation anxiety and selective mutism (the child chooses not to speak) may worsen or become evident for the first time. On top of that, fears about natural disasters emerge. A child may show perfectionistic tendencies, such as constantly erasing school work until there are holes in the paper, or obsessive and compulsive behaviors, such as fear of germs and in-

cessant hand-washing.

These children constantly worry, seek reassurance and will check in with parents numerous times, asking many questions about what's going to happen and when. Even when those questions are answered, it only alleviates the anxiety for a short time, and the worries come back, oftentimes with renewed tenacity.

High School

Teens are expected to know how to socialize with peers, engage fluently in a conversation, and manage their worries independently. Social pressures increase, and anxiety that a teen may have been able to manage as a child often becomes unmanageable.

Unhealthy anxiety may lead to refusing to go to school, defiant behavior, panic attacks, complaints about physical pains, failing grades, avoidance of social activities and ultimately depression or substance abuse, if the teen feels unable

to match the successes of his or her peers.

The Next Step

So what do you do? It's important to not downplay concerns or belittle a child with heightened anxiety. That only makes the anxiety go underground and smolder for years until it breaks through, becomes visible to others, and is more difficult to treat. Early detection, evaluation and intervention can decrease anxiety and alleviate unnecessary distress in a child by providing effective coping skills. Contact your pediatrician if you have concerns about your child's anxiety. It can change lives — both theirs and yours.

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PHILIPPINE NEWS

Washington SyCip: I Want Grace Poe to Seek Presidency

by Leila B. Salaverria
Wednesday, Sept. 3, 2014

MANILA, Philippines—A man who knows how to count, one of the earliest supporters of Fernando Poe Jr. when he ran for President in 2004 but was believed to have lost in the counting, is interested in seeing his daughter Sen. Grace Poe run for the same office.

Washington SyCip, founder of accounting firm SGV & Co., on Tuesday asked Poe at the Asian Forum on Corporate Social Responsibility in a hotel in Makati City about her running for President.

Poe, however, told SyCip that she still had no intention of seeking higher office. But she was nevertheless grateful to have his trust.

"Of course, especially coming from Washington SyCip, it's an honor to have his

trust and for him to consider me as somebody who can probably give more by serving in higher office," Poe said when asked in the Senate about SyCip's statement.

She said she "really admires" SyCip, 93.

"He's a captain of the industry. More importantly, he inspires many also because of his contributions and positivism," she added.

The senator also said SyCip had connections to her grandfather.

Her grandfather, Fernando Poe Sr., was one of SGV's first clients, she said. And SyCip had been quick to support her father's bid for the presidency in 2004.

"Washington SyCip was one of the first supporters of FPJ when he ran for President, so maybe he has a soft spot. That's all," she said.

Still, she was not convinced about running for

President.

"I told him I have no plans. Right now, I'm barely over a year in office and I have yet a lot to prove. But again, it's an honor especially coming from him," she said.

Poe said she did not want to make a big deal about the matter, when asked by the Inquirer about SyCip's question to her.

Though she has not declared any plan to run for President in 2016, Poe has been ranking second in surveys on voters' preference for the country's next Chief Executive.

She ranks behind Vice President Jejomar Binay, who has early on announced his plan to run for higher office.

Poe was the top-ranked candidate during the 2013 senatorial election. It was the first time she ran for public office.

Poe has been known for championing the freedom of

information bill, which was already passed in the Senate but is still floundering in the House of Representatives.

She has also spoken out

against electoral fraud, recalling the fate of her father who ran and lost to Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo in 2004.

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PHILIPPINE NEWS

Philippines Up 7 Notches in Global Competitiveness Index

by Louis Bacani
Wednesday, Sept. 3, 2014

MANILA, Philippines - The Philippines moved seven notches higher in the World Economic Forum's (WEF) Global Competitiveness Index 2014-2015.

In the report released on Wednesday, the Philippines ranked 52nd out of 144 economies this year, up from its 59th spot among 148 countries in 2013.

The WEF report noted that the country's gain of 33 places since 2010 is the largest over the period among all countries studied.

"The results suggest that the reforms of the past four years have bolstered the country's economic fundamentals," said the report, which measured measure productivity and competitiveness based on over 100

factors grouped into 12 pillars.

For the Philippines, the report showed that the trends across most of the 12 pillars are positive and in some cases "truly remarkable."

Good governance, technological adoption

In the institutions pillar, the key marker of governance, the Philippines is now ranked 67th, leapfrogging by 50 places since 2010. Despite the pork barrel scam and the Disbursement Acceleration Program controversy, the WEF said the efforts made against corruption are now starting to bear fruit.

"The recent success of the government in tackling some of the most pressing structural issues provides evidence that bold reforms can yield positive results relatively quickly," the report said.

In terms of ethics and corruption, the country moved from 135th in 2010 to 81st this year. It also improved in government efficiency (69th) and

the protection of property rights (63rd).

The Philippines also made significant strides in terms of technological adoption, rising eight notches to 69th, place.

"The country is one of the best digitally connected developing Asian nations, close behind Malaysia (60th) and Thailand (65th)," the WEF reported.

Poor infrastructure, labor market, security

The Philippines, however, still lags in infrastructure, which remains "poor" at 91st place. The country is ranked 108th in airport infrastructure and 101st in seaport infrastructure.

The situation is just as worrisome in the labor market, the WEF report said, as the country suffers from "rigidities and inefficiencies."

"The Philippines ranks a mediocre 91st in this dimension and almost no progress

has been made since 2010," the report said.

Security also remains an issue (89th), in particular in terms of costs that the threat of terrorism imposes on businesses (110th).

Southeast Asia

Despite its gains in some pillars, the Philippines continued to fall behind its more developed neighbors in Southeast Asia.

Singapore (2nd) was the most competitive in the region, followed by Malaysia (20th), Thailand (31st) and Indonesia (34th). Behind the Philippines were Vietnam (68th), Laos (93rd), Cambodia (95th), and Myanmar (134th).

For the sixth straight year, Switzerland remained the most competitive in the world, followed by Singapore, the United States, Finland, Germany, Japan, Hong Kong, the Netherlands, the United Kingdom and Sweden.

The countries at the bottom of the list included Angola, Mauritania, Yemen, Chad and Guinea.

Palace: Philippines more open for business

Malacañang said the Philippines' higher competitive ranking proves that it is "indeed more open for business than ever before."

"[I]n our region, for example, the Philippines is considered one of the brightest spots, and is the second fastest growing economy among major Asian countries for the second quarter, tied with Malaysia," Presidential Spokesperson Edwin Lacierda said in a statement.

"This has been made possible by the Filipino people who, imbued with a positive, can-do attitude, are going from strength to strength in terms of governance and the economy," he added.

(www.philstar.com)

Football Helps Cebu Kids Cope with 'Yolanda' Trauma

by Alexis Romero
Wednesday, Sept. 3, 2014

SANTA FE, Cebu - It has been 10 months since typhoon "Yolanda" struck this town but 10-year-old Regine Ilustrisimo still gets scared whenever it rains.

"Whenever she (Regine) hears the sound of raindrops, a strong thunder or wind, her fear returns," said her 38-year-old mother Jingle Ilustrisimo.

"She would ask me 'mom what is that?' I would tell her not to worry because it is not as intense as 'Yolanda,'" she added.

Fortunately, Regine and other children in this fourth-class town in Bantayan Island are slowly recovering from the nightmare, thanks to their cheerful disposition, donors and a sport that could catapult them to international prominence years from now.

"I am happy and excited because a football clinic was held here. I am proud that my daughter was part of it," Jingle said.

"It (football) can help them with their feelings. It can help them forget their trauma. They can spend the time honing their talents and skills," she added.



Young "Yolanda" survivors of Santa Fe, Cebu learn football basics from the Philippine Azkals

A football clinic led by members of regional football powerhouse Philippine Azkals was held last Monday in a gym made damp by intermittent rains.

More than 40 children were taught football concepts like flicking, dribbling, passing

and goal amid loud cheers from their guardians and their classmates.

The Azkals who conducted the training were Eduard Sacapano, Jeffrey Christiaens, Joshua Belaya, Roel Jener, Nestor Margase, Joshua Belaya, and Joaquin Cañas. Also present was Marielle Benitez of Malditas, the female counterpart of the Azkals.

The event was organized by British Insurer Pru Life UK and its charitable arm Prudence Foundation.

"Football is an upcoming sport in the Philippines. Football is a British thing and we thought of giving resources to expand football in the Philippines," said Pru Life UK President and Chief Executive Officer Antonio de Rosas.

"To get really good talent, you have to really scour the country. Maybe here in Bantayan (Island), where we are doing CSR (corporate social responsibility) work, there might be potential for some to become members of the national team," he added.

Santa Fe Mayor Jose Esgana believes football would make the young typhoon survivors that they are not alone.

"They found new friends, a new type of activity. They will see that they were not abandoned and there are people who are ready to help," Esgana said.

Esgana said he dreams of seeing these children rising from the trials to become the stars of the Philippine Azkals.

"This sport is providing what Bisayas call paglaum or hope. This activity can empower them," the mayor said.

Such hope can be seen in Arnele Batiacila, 11, and his best friend Steven Somosot, 12, whose houses were damaged during the height of the typhoon.

"It was fun because we won," Batiacila said in an interview after the training.

When asked whether he believes he will make it big as a football player someday, Somosot said: "Dalawa kami (Both of us will)."

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LEGAL NOTES



By Reuben S. Seguritan

Does Obama Have Authority to Stop Deportation?

President's intention to use his executive power to unilaterally provide a solution on immigration, Senator Jeff Session (R-Alabama) stated that the President cannot do this and that a large-scale "administrative amnesty" would prompt confrontation with Congress.

While it is true that the President cannot grant legal status to the undocumented, the President by virtue of his office has executive authority to grant the undocumented temporary reprieve from deportation as part of his "prosecutorial discretion."

The executive branch is charged with the implementation of immigration laws and has the duty to exercise "prosecutorial discretion" in its enforcement. "Prosecutorial discretion" is the authority of an enforcement agency or officer to decide whether to enforce the law against an individual.

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has issued several internal memos which deal with prosecutorial discretion. In June 2011, Im-

migration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Director John Morton issued a memo instructing ICE agents and officers to avoid deportation of "low priority" or non-criminal aliens and prioritize deportation of aliens who have been charged or convicted of crimes and those who pose a threat to public safety.

It called on enforcement officers to regularly exercise their discretion to prioritize the use of the agency's limited resources. However, reports show that the memo has been widely ignored by enforcement officers.

Deferred Action is a form of prosecutorial discretion where the DHS may grant temporary relief from deportation when it determines that enforcement is not warranted for that particular time.

This authority springs from the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) which sets forth its overall authority for immigration enforcement. Beneficiaries of deferred action do not attain legal status;

however, regulations allow the DHS to grant travel authorization as well as work permits for a specified period of time.

The DHS granted deferred action to certain categories of individuals in the past such as battered individuals under the Violence Against Women Act and potential U visa beneficiaries before regulations were put in place.

Nurses, who had not passed their licensure exam, were also beneficiaries of deferred action. In 1977, I was the lawyer of the National Alliance for Fair Licensure of Foreign Nurse Graduates which obtained for these nurses, who were under deportation threat, "deferred voluntary departure status" and this halted their deportation and allowed them to work and be reinstated to H-1 status.

Widows or widowers of U.S. citizens who were married less than two years at the time of death of their U.S. citizen spouse and who were residing in the U.S. at that time were also granted deferred action in June 2009 to allow them to remain in the country

while obtaining legal status. And most recently, qualified young undocumented immigrants who were brought in the U.S. as kids benefited from President Obama's Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program.

House Republicans will without doubt oppose efforts similar to the DACA program and accuse the President of overreaching his executive authority. Presently, the Obama administration is studying measures which would provide similar relief granted to DACA recipients to a broader population of undocumented immigrants.

While it may seem that House Republicans have succeeded in impeding the passing of any kind of immigration bill in the Congress, they simply cannot stop the President from exercising his constitutional authority to deal with immigration.

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As House Republicans closed its doors to any possible compromise on immigration reform, the President announced in a press conference recently that he will act on his own to address the issue. Presidential action, according to sources from the White House, would include measures that would provide temporary relief to a significant number of the 11 million undocumented in the country. The measures would presumably allow them to remain in the U.S. without fear of deportation and provide them with work permits.

House Republicans have accused the President of overstepping his authority with his executive orders. They even approved a lawsuit against the President for abuse of authority in the implementation of the Affordable Care Act. As to the

MAINLAND NEWS

Problems Abound with Health Law Immigration Papers

MIAMI (AP) — More than 200,000 immigrants who bought insurance through President Barack Obama's health care initiative could lose their coverage this month if they don't submit proof this week they are legally in the country, but language barriers and computer glitches are hindering efforts to alert them. The government mailed letters in English and Spanish last month notifying about 300,000 people that if immigration and citizenship documents aren't submitted by Friday, their coverage under the Affordable Care Act will end Sept. 30.

However, few seem to be responding. U.S. Health and

Human Services officials released information Tuesday showing that 239,000 of the original 300,000 were still receiving final notices.

Immigration advocates say the notices in only two languages don't take into account the wide variety of immigrant languages. They say many who received the letters already have filed the documents either by mail or via computer, but the paperwork was not processed. And they fear most who haven't responded don't understand the gravity of the situation or think they have already complied.

A line at the bottom of the letter advises the recipients to call a phone number if they need the notice translated, said

Amy Jones of the Southeast Asian Mutual Assistance Associations Coalition Inc. in Philadelphia.

"People do not know what they say or that they're important. Many have been putting them aside or throwing them away," Jones said. Her agency, which has helped 450 immigrants sign up for health insurance under the new law, is calling enrollees to see if they received a letter and help them keep their coverage.

Early on, some health-care.gov enrollment counselors said they did not input immigration or citizenship information to the glitch-plagued federal website so they could complete the applications. Later, they sent in the documents when the upload feature was working. Federal health officials said Tuesday

the upload feature is working for most consumers.

Of the 8 million people who signed up for private coverage through the Affordable

Care Act, about 1 million immigrants originally received notices asking for proof they are here legally and nearly

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THE MAKING OF THE FILIPINO (CULINARY) QUILT

TURO-TURO
by Claude Tayag

The phenomenal rise in popularity of the Ilocano bagnet, Pampango sisig, or Ilonggo chicken inasal on the national culinary scene is a good illustration of how the best — or at least the most popular — of a regional cuisine actually takes part in weaving the quilt that makes up Filipino cuisine as a cohesive whole. And, once you have your foot in the door, one is likely to be curious enough to try the rest of the cuisine.

Is it coincidence that the DOT's "It's More Fun in the Philippines" logo has the Philippine map woven like our tightly knit banig (mat), with its multi-colored mosaic representing the different regions/cultures that make up our nation?

Sarsa Kitchen+Bar is that kind of restaurant. It lures us with Iloilo and Bacolod's iconic dishes like batchoy,

Molo soup, and, of course, chicken inasal. And that was exactly what we had on our first visit with Sarsa. Believe you me, they were as good as any to be had in those twin southern belles, perhaps even better. They are chef JP "Jayps" Anglo's take on these Ilonggo comfort staples. He defines his style of cooking as modern, mixing all the home flavors and local ingredients with Asian and Western techniques he's learned in culinary schools in Manila and Australia, as evident in his Bacolod restaurants, Mu Shu and Mai Po Restaurant.

Sarsa has a minimalist, well-lighted space that can sit 90 people, always packed with families and barkadas, making the atmosphere jolly with laughter ringing loud in its dining area. It has a very limited menu, but well-chosen dishes from his hometown Bacolod, as well as from his local travels. The presence of ginamos (Visayan shrimp paste), batuan (sour fruit endemic only in the Visayas), and atsucte (annatto or Mexican achiote) in a lot of the dishes bespeak the chef's



Sarsa chef JP "Jayps" Anglo's take on the Ilonggo soul dish KBL (kadios, baboy at langka). Text and photos by CLAUDE TAYAG

Ilonggo/Negrense origins.

On our second visit, we tried the soulful Bacon Belly Kadios, pigeon peas stewed with a salt-cured pork belly, mixed with green jackfruit and flavored with batuan, the chef's take on the Ilonggo's revered dish kadios, baboy at langka (a.k.a. KBL). The Twice-cooked Pork Belly is served with a creamy sauce made with coconut milk, ginamos, garlic and chili. The everyday tortang talong (eggplant omelet) is made special with crispy sardines and kesong puti, and his take on Bacolod's panaras (a.k.a. empanadas or turnovers), filled with tauge (bean sprouts) and other veg-

gies, ends up rolled like fried lumpia. Chef Jayps' cooking is down-home good, unpretentious, made not to impress but to satisfy, and best of all, reasonably priced.

Ilocos' Best, 'Wen Manang'

The very first time we stepped into Victorino's Restaurant, my darleng Mary Ann declared it her kind of place. The 1949 house-turned-restaurant has bright dining spaces, a shiny wooden floor combined with old-world designed tiles, an elegant wooden staircase that leads to more seating, and super-clean restrooms. Its well-trained and well-dressed staff is more than enough for her. "I am damn sure Heny had a hand in putting this together," she declared. "This is so her: elegant, classy and always very neat. If the Ilocano food turns out to be good at all, it is just a bonus to me."

Heny, of course, is Heny Sison, pastry chef par excellence who also runs a culinary school. Admittedly, it was Heny's to-die-for caramelized yemas that lured us to drive all the way to Quezon City from Pampanga. Victorino's is a homey restaurant specializing in Ilocano and other Filipino cuisine, owned by DV Savelano, a politician from Vigan, Ilocos Sur, and his sister Queenie Paras. They partnered with their friend Heny to do a dessert and deli corner within the restaurant.

It so happens that the Ilocano dishes we tried on two visits were as good and traditional as any in Vigan. We both enjoyed the sinanglaw, a beef intestine sour soup with bile,

much like papaitan. The taste is very close to the one we had in Vigan, but more subtle and cleaner. Its platter of Ilocos' Best is a winner — delectable chunks of crispy bagnet and garlicky Vigan longganisa. So was the Ilocos empanada, pinakbetand poki poki, a grilled eggplant/ tomato/ onion open omelet.

At long last, if you're hankering for that GI (Genuine Ilocano) taste within the metropolis, one doesn't have to take a long journey up north. As for the desserts, you can close your eyes and point at any of the cakes displayed in the chiller. We had a super mango-choco torte with freshly brewed coffee and hand-pulled balikutsa (hardened sugar stick), and brought home a cheesecake, sans rival and boxful of the best ever caramelized yema. There's plenty more of Heny's bottled food items and Ilocos products to bring home.

Ala Eh, Btanagas Adobo & Dinuguan Longganisa, Ga

Myrna Segismundo is the long-time chef and managing director of Restaurant 9501, the exclusive dining place of ABS-CBN. She is the latest addition to the list of chefs who have finally opened their own restaurant. If you know her humor and wit, you will instantly know this is her joint the moment you step inside Caferinderia. The walls of this small eatery have two shades of orange, one very bright and one very pale. Its logo is a slanted and upside-down bati-bat or ice cream parlor chair. Postcards and photos of food are on tables and doors. It is an eclectic mix of old and modern. We were there on its second-week run and smiled at the writing on the chalkboard: "Soft Opening. Testing 1 2 3. Be kind." Only Myrna could think of that, as well as its name, Caferinderia 9502, a play on the words "café" and "karinderia." It is her latest venture that also includes private dining at her home in New Manila, Quezon City. (www.philstar.com)

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Pinay Nurse Returns to Phl with MERS

MANILA, Philippines - A Filipina nurse who returned to the country last week from Saudi Arabia has tested positive for the Middle East Respiratory Syndrome-Corona Virus (MERS-CoV), the Department of Health said yesterday.

Health Secretary Enrique Ona said the 37-year-old nurse, identified as "AP," tested positive for MERS-CoV in Dammam on Aug. 25.

The nurse arrived in the country on Aug. 29 on Saudi Airlines flight SV870. She did not wait for the results of her laboratory tests.

She is currently confined at the Southern Philippines Medical Center in Davao City for confirmatory tests.

Leopoldo Vega, the hospital's executive director, said the nurse and her husband are being monitored for the virus.

Despite this, Ona maintained that the Philippines remains MERS-CoV free as she got infected abroad.

He said the nurse and the DOH were informed that she tested positive for MERS-CoV by her supervisor in



a hospital in Dammam.

According to Ona, AP took the same flight with another Filipina nurse "CB" of San Jose del Monte, Bulacan, who was also tested for MERS-CoV in Saudi Arabia before they returned home.

But unlike AP, the tests conducted on CB yielded negative results.

"She tested negative but they took the same flight. We found out that upon their arrival in the Philippines, AP slept in CB's house in Bulacan before taking Cebu Pacific flight SJ997 for General Santos on

Aug. 31. As a precautionary measure, we also contacted her," Ona said.

The DOH brought CB and her eight family members to the Lung Center of the Philippines in Quezon City for medical tests and isolation.

The nurse and her two grandchildren developed fever last Tuesday. The throat swab samples collected from them were examined and they all tested negative for the virus, the DOH said.

The DOH said it is monitoring all passengers of Saudi Airlines and of Cebu Pacific who boarded the planes with the two nurses.

Ona urged the co-passengers of the two nurses to report to the DOH or its accredited hospitals so they could be examined.

"We have activated our task force to locate the passengers. We appeal to them to cooperate with the DOH to protect themselves and their families. We are ready to do all the necessary precautions to prevent MERS-CoV from spreading here," he said.

The DOH got hold of the passengers' manifest of the two airlines and

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700,000 have been verified. Under the health care law, immigrants who are in the country illegally are not eligible for the program or to receive insurance subsidies.

Florida and Texas have the largest numbers of immigrants whose immigration and citizenship information on file with the government conflicts with what they wrote on their health insurance applications.

Nearly 100,000 in Florida received letters from the feds, yet two of the largest health advocacy groups in South Florida said they've gotten very few phone calls seeking help.

Vicki Tucci, an attorney with Legal Aid in West Palm Beach, said she's heard from fewer than 20 clients, despite meeting with thousands during open enrollment. A few thought the letter was a scam and ignored it, she said.

Perhaps most frustrating, she said all but one of the letter recipients she spoke with had

already sent in the documents. "They had their certified mail receipt with them to prove that they sent it," Tucci said.

However, even those who uploaded the documents by computer to www.health-care.gov must still call the government's helpline to see if they were received.

Federal health officials on Tuesday disputed much of what the advocates alleged, saying they checked their records in August and only sent letters to consumers who they hadn't yet heard from despite multiple attempts. Consumers can call the helpline for a real time update to verify if the documents had been received, said Health and Human Services spokesman Benjamin Wakana.

Bhagawat Bastola sent in his documents when he first applied for health coverage. Nevertheless, the 24-year-old from Nepal recently received two letters asking for them

again. He re-sent them, but Jones' agency called the helpline Friday and was unable to confirm whether the government had received them. Without confirmation, he worries he may lose coverage.

Federal health officials indicated consumers like Bastola are receiving multiple requests because staffers are still processing the documents. The officials said they're working as quickly as possible

to sort through them, but didn't give a timeframe.

In other cases, health-care.gov used information from consumers and checked it against databases with other government agencies like the Department of Homeland Security, where the information isn't updated as quickly or may contain errors, especially for naturalized citizens, advocates said.

Consumers who have sub-

mitted the requested documents but have not received confirmation by the deadline will remain covered while their application is being processed, said Wakana.

He says only those who don't submit documents are at risk of losing coverage. Those who lose coverage may be liable for paying back at least part of any subsidy they received, up to a cap. (www.asian-journal.com)

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