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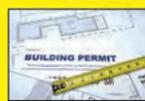
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Americans Rebuke Trump; and Women Win Big This Midterm Election

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oday, we are in agreement; but what if, tomorrow we are not." This is the built-in wisdom behind having a check and balance system in a functional democracy; behind making sure that power-sharing among the three branches of government exists.

Americans decided to activate this feature in the 2018 midterm elections by voting in a majority of Democrats to the U.S. House of Representatives largely to offset the power of the executive branch under President Donald Trump.

Republicans will say Americans voted not to have concentrated power in the hands of one party; and not necessarily voted against Trump and the GOP leadership.

Democrats will say it was abuse of power, overstepping by the President, and complete disregard to Democrat values on issues such as immigration and environmental protection as reasons for their victory. Not to mention, the president's hate-mongering, divisive tactics, and compulsive lying.

Traditionally, it's common for the president's party to lose one of the branches of Congress, or both, in a midterm election.

So it's fair to say a blue wave was expected. But to the extent that Democrats were victorious in the House with record-breaking numbers of seats flipped, perhaps that revealed something beyond normal expectancy; and in fact, was a strong message of Americans rebuking the president and his freshman performance.

The white nationalist tone of this administration was rejected as seen by record-breaking diversity of minorities elected to Congress in the midterm: Muslims, huge gains among Hispanics, even Native Americans had historic moments.

The misogynist actions of this administration, Trump's cruel words toward woman, Trump's ongoing sexual harassment allegations, and the Brett Kavanaugh appointment to the Supreme Court – all inspired the Me Too movement to take action in this election; and inspired record-breaking number of women to run for office, vote at the polls, and win.

Women clearly are angry at Trump. The surprising thumping of Republicans in many traditionally GOP suburban districts is likely a result of women voting against Trump. In 2016, Trump won the suburbs even while sexual misconduct allegations came out prior to the election.

It's likely that a saturation period (time to brew over who this president is) was necessary before suburban woman truly got what this president is all about. And they saw the midterm as a perfect time to pull the plug.

Never mind that the economy is doing well and benefits the upper-middle-class suburbs; they've also abandoned the GOP.

Orange County, California, the reddest of counties in southern California, often referred to as "Reagan Country" -- all of their districts flipped blue this midterm. Just two years ago, they had zero Democrats representing their districts.

The general rule of thumb is, in a good economy, people vote in incumbents. But the president's ongoing sideshow, and there are many, proved to be too much. Trump's complete lack of compassion by separating parents from their children and housing children in detentions alone – that proved to be too much, more along the line of what a dictator does.

Trump's claim that he could reverse a Constitutional right of U.S. birthright citizenship simply by an executive order – that proved to be too much, and yes, more along the line of dictatorial rule.

This administration attacked immigrants left and right re-

FROM THE PUBLISHER

The midterm election was a game-changer in Washington as Democrats regained the House of Representatives to offset the power of President Donald Trump and to potentially redirect the course of the country.

In our cover story this issue, associate editor Edwin Quinabo puts it this way: "Perhaps the greatest narrative of this midterm election is the would-be stories that were prevented from having two more years of one-party control; those would-be stories averted because Americans came to their senses."

It wasn't a surprise that women were the main driving force this midterm elections. They came out in record-numbers as voters and as candidates. Hispanics also won big in many districts. Across the board, there were many firsts (including Muslims, Native Americans winning) that show Americans value diversity. Throughout the country, Independents and the suburban voters rejected GOP candidates, despite a fairly strong economy and their history of leaning Republican. These two demographics could spell trouble for Trump in 2020. Clearly this midterm was very much a springboard to the next presidential election.

The cover story is full of thoughtful analysis; and a few prominent members in our community share their thoughts about the results of the midterm elections.

In our news section, read about international singer-songwriter Kristian Lei's upcoming holiday season concert on December 12 at the Dr. Richard T. Mamiya Theater; Jon Melegrito of FilVetRep winning the AARP 2018 Asian American & Pacific Islander Hero Award; Maui Filipino Chamber of Commerce's upcoming Christmas celebration and Installation of Officers on December 10; and Luis Salaveria of DBEDT's latest career move. Salaveria was a feature in one of our cover stories earlier this year.

Just a reminder to all our Filipino organizations and clubs, feel free to submit your events for possible publication. Submitting your press release at least one month in advance of your event is the best time frame for maximum exposure.

Also in this issue, contributing editor Belinda Aquino, Ph.D., writes about Philippine International Aid (PIA) and its founder and chair Mona Lisa Yuchengco. PIA is a California-based charity that has been providing assistance to disadvantaged Filipino youths in the Philippines and the United States since 1986. Annually, PIA provides aid to more than 2,500 students. This holiday season, for those considering donating to a charity, perhaps PIA could be one of your choices.

Lastly, read HFC columnist Atty. Reuben S. Seguritan's article "Applying for Asylum," which is timely in light of the controversy at the U.S. southern border with asylum-seekers. There is a correct and legal process for this group wanting entry into the country.

Yes, the holiday season is upon us; and we wish all families are having enjoyable, precious moments together celebrating the festivities. During this busy and joyful time, let us not forget those in need of help. Let us share our blessings, after all, it's the season of giving.

Thank you all for your continued support. Until next time, warmest *Aloha* and *Mabuhay!*

Chona A. Montesines-Sonido

lently. For a country built by immigrants, and for a majority of citizens who can trace their immigration just a few generations back – there was bound to be a reckoning as soon as the next election. And there was.

Trump's appeal to xenophobia and using hate as a political weapon to win in 2016 took the country by surprise. It revealed there is a dark core group of racists who will never abandon Trump. But this midterm election showed that there were many disillusioned and disenfranchised Americans who voted for him in 2016, but are not racists, and now, they know better.

These voters now know there is no future or hope of unity in this country under a leader such as Trump. Perhaps it



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The Death of Journalist Jamal Khashoggi Should Matter to All Freedom-loving Americans

Why is the killing of journalist and political writer Jamal Ahmad Khashoggi murder in Turkey at a Saudi Arabian Consulate that the CIA has linked to Saudi Prince Mohammed bin Salman so important?

Or the larger question and why perhaps Americans should be concerned is: what happens when journalists become targets by heads of state who wish to silence their criticism?

Any one or all of these features could set in: corrosion of freedom of speech and the press, suppression of the masses, widespread fear, lawlessness, instability. If left unchecked, it could lead to oligarchy (or in some cases oligarchy is already present or contemporaneous). In the case where there is one figurehead in an oligarchy – dictatorship could be the next step.

The fact that President Donald Trump has chosen to disregard evidence linking Khashoggi's murder to the Saudi prince is dangerous messaging to the world that the U.S. is ok with this kind of practice as long as the U.S. maintains shared interests with whomever is suspected of a crime.

Given the acrimonious relationship between the press and Trump administration (Trump frequently refers to the press as the enemy of the people), ignoring assassinations of journalists by a head of state is no longer just polemic, it becomes akin to a bystander walking away from a crime because the victim happens to be an enemy of the bystander.

This scenario of looking away when a crime has been committed is wrong and unacceptable from any leader of any strong democracy, no less the leader of the free world, which role Trump with his pro-nationalist agenda, seemed to have relinquished.

Violence against journalists

Physical violence against journalists and political critics is not a widespread occurrence in most western countries so most Americans don't really think about it.

But in other parts of the world with shaky democracies or dictatorships, suppression and violence against the media is a real problem. In 2017 alone, 71 journalists were killed mostly in the Middle East, but also in countries like India, Pakistan, Mexico, Russia, Somalia, and the Philippines.

According to the Commit-

tee to Protect Journalists, there were close to 1,000 journalists killed in the top 10 countries reporting violence against media since 1992.

The primary role of the media is to represent the voice and interests of the people where oftentimes the people's call for justice is muted in institutions of power.

Violence committed onto journalists by dictators is really violence committed onto the people. It is the most powerful message dictators employ to say to dissenters, "your voice not only doesn't matter, but also your life."

Khashoggi's message

Khashoggi has been a long-time critic of the Saudi government. Prior to his murder, he lived in the U.S. and wrote for the Washington Post.

In his earlier years, he has been criticized as being an Islamist radical, something that the Trump administration has been exploiting to somehow undermine the value of Khashoggi's professional work.

CNN described Khashoggi as a "journalist simply doing his job who evolved from an Islamist in his twenties to a more liberal position by the time he was in his forties," and that "by 2005, Khashoggi said he had also rejected the Islamist idea of creating an Islamic state and had turned against the religious establishment in Saudi Arabia."

Khashoggi called for more liberalism in Saudi's strict religious (Wahhabi) traditions. He wanted women to have the same rights as men. He called for all citizens to be able to criticize the powers that be without fear of repercussion or imprisonment. He was in favor of secularism in government, of separation of church and state. He fought for press freedom that is independent from coercion that Saudi rulers' wielded. He criticized the Saudi government's war on Yemen.

Clearly his ideas were

democratic and close to what Americans value in society.

Because of who the Saudi rulers are and how they rule, this made Khashoggi a threat.

He was arguably the most famous political pundit in the Arab world (his Twitter followers exceeded 2 million) and a regular guest on international news shows.

He was, in essence, democracy personified, and a figure much needed in a region of the world where democracy is undervalued. And his life, his message, cannot be simply washed over.

Congress must take a stand

President Trump says the U.S. stands with Saudi Arabia in the wake of Khashoggi's killing.

"Our relationship is with the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia," he said.

"We also have a great ally in Saudi Arabia. They give us

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was an underestimation of how far Trump would take this brand of toxic politics. It's no longer about casting doubt on a black president's legitimacy as an American as he did early on. Just two years into the Trump presidency, the country's division has never been wider. A radical rightist sent bombs to a former president, vice president, and secretary of state. A white supremacist angry over Jews helping migrants went on a shooting spree at a synagogue. This is what toxic politics can lead to and both these perpetrators embraced Trump's rhetoric.

The midterm results was a step in the right direction. It's encouraging that women took the lead to turn things around, and aptly, because what this country needs is more com-

passion, more understanding. Mothers perhaps are more in tune with this softer side naturally.

How this translates into policy? Women will be more compassionate to protect the safety nets of Medicare, Social Security and Medicaid. Women are more likely to improve health-care and ease the burdens of seniors. Women would perhaps be more open to a pathway of citizenship for DACA enrollees who came into this country as children.

The main headline of this midterm election is that Americans rebuked trump. But the co-headline should be that women made their mark and won big.

It's in the best interest of the country that women keep the momentum going into 2020, and on.

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Democrats Now Have A Check on President Trump After the Midterm Elections

By Edwin Quinabo



Make no mistake: the midterm elections was a referendum on President Donald Trump. The midterm was a rebuke of Trump; but it wasn't a blow to the GOP's knees. Neither Democrats or Republicans can honestly claim to be clear winners or losers. But the Democrats have established momentum.

While it's common for the president's party to lose in the midterms, the places where Trump's party lost signal trouble ahead for the GOP.

Democrats won large support in the usual places (among urbanites, ethnic, working-middle class, young and college educated voters), but they've also made major advances in traditionally GOP demographics. Democrats won in many suburbs and among the upper-middle-class. More surprisingly, Democrats done it during a robust economy that largely benefited these two specific groups who in 2016 backed Trump.

The Trump train derailment was caused by multiple unforgiving, sharp curves. Political analysts believe the Trump-GOP train flew off the tracks among independents and moderate Republicans because of the president's caustic leadership: his divisive rhetoric, never-ending drama, fear-mongering, false messaging and autocratic tendencies.

The president's history of misogyny, the rise of the Me-Too movement, and the Brett M. Kavanaugh fiasco also drove many angry women to the polls and to run for polit-

ical office. Women as voters and women as candidates in record-breaking numbers were key in winning battleground districts. If a rebuke of Trump is the main headline for this midterm election; the next best and most suitable co-headline would be: "Women Won Big in the 2018 Midterms!"

Democrats did their part to create wins. They drove home the point of the urgency to reform healthcare (the number one issue for most Democrats) that brought the party to show up at the polls in large numbers. A favorable trend is blue going into 2020.

The Big Caveat

But conventional wisdom says the 2020 presidential election is clearly still in play – that is the big warning Democrats must take from this midterm.

A Republican political strategist could reasonably make a counter argument that the GOP also did well, even improved their standing in the U.S. Senate.

The harsh truth is the maelstrom of political chaos and racial animosity have not proven to be anathema to large segments of Americans.

So close to the midterms, three major events occurred that normally would have torpedoed the GOP's odds of winning: a first ever attempted mail bombing of top Trump critics and a former president, former vice president, former secretary of state; the most atrocious attack in U.S. history on the Jewish community at a synagogue; and two black people murdered at a grocery store only because of their skin color. All three hate crimes were carried out by right-wing extremists and arguably inspired by Trump's rhetoric.

Yet, the sobering alarm of these events, that the political-cultural weather of the nation is dangerously dysfunctional, have not deterred Trump loyalists.

Instead, it's arguable that



mainstream republicanism has embraced a new norm; a new norm in the mold closer to Trumpian-ism, and that this election is evidence of this transformation.

Pluses for Republicans: Trump has delivered his promise of stacking the U.S. Supreme Court with conservative justices that convinced conservative voters to stay red in the midterm.

Trump's anti-immigrant proposals and policies animated a large xenophobic base. They also voted red in the midterm.

Pundits believe the president's base is undeterred; no matter whatever unpalatable scandal is thrown their way.

They also believe that Democrats taking the House could actually bode well for 2020 because it will now place shared accountability should there be gridlock and nothing gets done in the next two years.

The stage is set and forecasting 2020 is straightforward: Trump's victory depends on whether his loyal base will be large enough; while Democrats must win the working-class Midwest, and replicate what they've done in this midterm, capture the suburban vote.

Results, Really a Blue Wave, but...

Democrats flipped 41

seats and won in even unexpected deep red districts. It was a history-making win in terms of seats flipped blue. The new House composition is 235-200. Republicans have controlled the House for eight years until now.

On the flipside, Republicans defended their majority in the Senate and picked up three seats. The count: 53-47.

But skeptics say this victory by the GOP comes with a grain of salt because Democrats had 26 seats up for election this 2018 midterm and two independents (who caucus with Democrats). Republicans only had nine seats up for election.

Clearly, the mathematical odds to flip the Senate was grossly stacked against Democrats from the beginning. In the next midterm 2022, the senate seats up for election will be more favorable for Democrats compared to this year. (How it works -- senate races are for six-years each; the terms are staggered so that approximately one-third of the seats are up for election every two years.)

It just so happen this time around that many more Democrat senate seats relative to Republican seats were up for grab.

When looking at raw popular votes nationally in House races, Democrats set a record-breaking total – Demo-

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crats received 9 million more votes than Republicans, which brings up old criticisms that Democrats complain about: that the GOP benefits from a faulty system, and not just in the Electoral College.

Gerrymandering (manipulation of drawing districts to favor a certain party) has benefited the Republican party far more than Democrats, largely because most governorships have been held by Republicans. (How it works – usually the party in power locally gets to draw the districts.) With the advent of computers, the potential for gerrymandering could be executed with precision.

The good news for Democrats is that gerrymandering could be curbed in the next elections because they picked up governor's seats in seven states this 2018, which also bodes well for federal-state cooperation on important issues such as Medicaid, Medicare, and education funding.

Voter suppression is also a common complaint by Democrats.

But despite excessive hurdles, the 2018 midterm saw the highest voter turnout ever. Some 113 million Americans voted or about 49 percent of the total eligible population. It's arguable that this trend also bodes well for Democrats leading into 2020.

What people are saying about the midterm elections

University of Hawaii at Manoa professor emeritus and political scientist Belinda Aquino, Ph.D., views the election as a mixed bag.

"I was delighted that the Democrats regained control of the House of Representatives. This gives U.S. representatives greater leverage in introducing or supporting legislation for progressive and liberal causes which are aimed at benefiting the underprivileged and under-represented population.

"I am generally satisfied for several reasons. The Democrats staged a strong comeback to power in the House and the number of women candidates who won was unprecedented in American political history. Also, several candidates from

minority populations like African-Americans, Latin Americans and Asians also showed growing political clout. The electorate showed that they had voted for intelligent and competent legislators far different from previous choices."

Like most political experts, Dr. Aquino says this midterm was a referendum on Trump.

"It may not have been a complete victory for the Democrats and a complete defeat for the Republicans, but it was definitely a referendum of Trump's performance. At election time, his approval rating had dipped down to 30 and 40 percent, well below previous presidents at midterm. (In other words about 6 of 10 people disapprove of Trump's performance.) This falling state of his stature with the electorate could only indicate a significant diminution of his power because he had campaigned vigorously for Republican candidates in states that he had won in 2016."

Aquino points out that Trump was his worst enemy "because of his extreme arrogance, vulgar language, obscene gestures often mocking people with disabilities, obscene name-calling especially against women, well-known sexual harassment cases against him, serial philandering, reputation as a pathological liar. One can compile a whole lexicon of the number of invectives that has been hurled at him by critics in just two years."

Eddie Flores, President and CEO of L&L Hawaiian Barbecue, said he was satisfied with the results in the House. But he wished Democrats also took the Senate.

He believes the election was a referendum on Trump and says the election swayed to Democrats mostly because of the administration's anti-immigration policies. "They (policies) affect people like us who immigrated to the U.S."

Flores said he voted to "have a better balance of power."

University of Hawaii professor Patricio Abinales, a self-described Independent, also feels check-and-balance

is favorable to the nation's political system. So the victory in the House for Democrats was important for this balance.

He says voters expressed anger, especially among Independents.

Another sector he mentions: "a percentage of the Democrats who won are women which is a sign of protest against Trump's misogynist views of women."

This was the first time that Abinales voted. "Back home, the Marcos dictatorship 'voted' for me. I would go to the polls and be surprised that someone had already cast my ballot. I've boycotted elections after that."

But he felt the current state of affairs in the U.S. was urgent enough that he couldn't sit out this election.

Dr. Amy Agbayani, a retired high-level UH-Manoa administrator and staunch Democrat who had run campaigns for some of Hawaii's most powerful politicians, said she was pleased with the midterm elections.

She notes that Congress' incoming class is younger (49 is the average age) and more diverse with the first two Muslim American women, 21 percent Hispanic and Native American. In the Senate, the first openly bisexual person got elected.

As a former Hawaii State Democratic committee woman, co-chair of Governor Neil

"I joined the majority of voters in the midterm elections to express my disapproval for Mr. Trump and Republican policies. This elections showed that Mr. Trump and the Republican Congress lost support because of policies such as tax increases, inhumane and unnecessary attacks on immigrants, trade wars, support for dictators, appointment of very conservative judges to the courts, and refusal to address climate change."

— DR. AMY AGBAYANI,
retired high-level UH-Manoa administrator

Abercrombie's campaign and an Obama elector, Agbayani was also pleased with the local election results.

"I continue to be grateful that Hawai'i is a consistently strong Democratic blue state with Senators Schatz and Hirono; Representatives Gabbard and Case.

"I was especially pleased to campaign and vote to reelect Senator Mazie Hirono because she has been a principled critic of the President on many issues that affect US relations with other nations, Hawai'i and also the Filipino community.

"For the Filipino community, immigration is a policy issue that has direct and immediate effects. Filipinos are the majority of annual new immi-

grants and an estimate of 40 percent of the undocumented persons in the state are Filipino. Senator Hirono is the only immigrant among 100 US senators and she is acknowledged as one of the national leaders on immigration reform.

"Senator Hirono has been an effective voice to oppose President Trump's insane and unnecessary actions that caused children to be separated from their families (for example, there was no plan on how to reunite these children) and to implement policies that harm legal immigrants," said Agbayani.

She added, "I joined the majority of voters in the midterm elections to express my disapproval for Mr. Trump and Republican policies.

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The unique concert will be split into two acts with the first half featuring Lei’s Hawaiian musical background, as well as paying respect to

her mentors Jimmy Borges, Anita Hall, Melveen Leed, and Neva Rego, among others.

The second half will focus on Lei’s favorite Broadway tunes, followed by a variety of festive songs to kick off the holiday season. Mihana Souza, a Nā Hōkū Hanohano award-winning artist, will be the featured guest performer in both acts.

The concert will be emceed by Kimo Kahoano and

also feature the award winning dancers of 24/7 Danceforce.

“Although I was born in the Philippines, many aren’t aware that I was raised on O’ahu since the age of three with my roots firmly planted in Waianae. And because of the roles I’ve portrayed in my Broadway career, most people might think those are the only songs I can sing.” Lei continued, “This being my first concert in five years, I’d like

to share my love and appreciation for Hawaiian music and show how it has influenced me as an artist, as well perform songs that pay homage to many musicians from Hawaii who have mentored me throughout my career,” said Lei.

Lei is a Hawaii-based artist who has starred in many roles including Kim from Miss Saigon-Germany, Princess Nala and Rafiki in the Festival of the Lion King-Hong Kong, Tuptim in Hawaii Opera Theatre’s King and I, and TiMoune in the

Philippine Tour of Once on This Island. Kristian released two Nā Hōkū Hanohano nominated CDs entitled “Take My Hand” (2007) and “On a Personal Note” (2013). She is the founder of the non-profit organization, Honolulu Broadway Babies, and is a sought out feature film and professional vocal coach. In 2017, Kristian was honored as one of the top five Most Influential Filipinos in Hawaii.

For more information and to purchase tickets, go to www.kristianleiconcert.eventbrite.com.

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What to expect

Political analysts know the window of opportunity for a new president to get legislation passed is the first two years of an administration because of political momentum. Even with the president having a complete alignment of his party, the GOP, having control of both branches of Congress in the past two years, Trump could barely pass any meaningful legislation with one exception – the tax cuts for corporations.

The likelihood of things to come can be summed up in one word, gridlock. Any aggressive trade sanctions, major changes to immigra-

tion and deregulation will be stalled. The safety nets of Medicare and Medicaid should be spared from original plans by Republicans to cut them or privatize parts.

Trump’s legislative agenda will be locked down for the most part, but he will attempt to pass off as many executive orders (EOs) as he possibly can. But without Congress, EOs are easily replaced and challenged in the courts.

Where there could be bipartisan common ground is in investing in infrastructure. More federal dollars to go toward enhancing, repairing, and modernizing major projects from federal highways, buildings, to airports, and more. Both political parties agree to this type of spending.

The Senate will still maintain the power to approve the president’s nominations, including filling and stacking the judiciary with conservative-leaning judges at all federal court levels.

The greatest change -- which will appear politicized

but in actuality is the function and duty of the House – will come in oversight of the president via investigations of whether Trump colluded with Russians in the 2016 election, whether he broke campaign finance laws by paying off Stormy Daniels, whether the president violated the Constitution’s emoluments clause that prohibits federal officeholders from receiving any gift or something of value from a foreign state, and other possible breaches of the president.

The midterm elections was a game-changer in Washington. The president will not have the teeth to bite as he did. At least in the eyes of Democrats and certain sectors of society, they can let out a sigh of relief. But only for a moment as 2020 quickly approaches.

Perhaps the greatest narrative of this midterm election is the would-be stories that were prevented from having two more years of one-party control; those would-be stories averted because Americans came to their senses.

SBA Now Accepting Nominations for Business Awards

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) is now accepting nominations for its 2019 Hawaii SBA Small Business Awards, including the annual Small Business Person of the Year. Other categories include Small Business Exporter of the Year, Family-owned Small Business of the Year, Young Entrepreneur of the Year, Entrepreneurial Success of the Year, and Small Business Advocate of the Year.

SBA Awards will be presented in local celebrations on all islands in advance of National Small Business Week on May 5-11, 2019.

“This is a great opportunity to recognize those small businesses that have contributed significantly to their local communities, created jobs, developed creative products or made advances with innovative technologies,” said District Director Jane Sawyer. “Hawaii has

a great history of entrepreneurial success and staying power among our small businesses and it’s terrific to showcase their grit, creativity and ability to overcome adversity.”

Guidelines for nominations and evaluation criteria are available at the Hawaii SBDC webpage, www.hisbdc.org, or by contacting the Hawaii District Office at (808) 541-2990 or hawaiigeneral@sba.gov. Any individual or organization may submit a nomination for an SBA Small Business Award. Self-nominations are also accepted. All nominations must be hand delivered or mailed to the SBA Hawaii District Office at 500 Ala Moana Boulevard, Suite 1-306, Honolulu, HI 96813 no later than 4 p.m. on Wednesday, December 12, 2018. Emailed submissions of SBA Awards forms will not be accepted as they contain personally identifiable information (PII).



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a lot of jobs, they give us a lot of business, a lot of economic development. Saudi Arabia has been a truly spectacular ally in terms of jobs and economic development.”

In sharp disagreement with Trump, the Senate chose to rebuke the White House’s policy that supports Saudi Arabia’s war in Yemen. Senators also addressed Saudi’s involvement in the murder of Khashoggi. The U.S. has been supplying Saudi Arabia with weapons and support to fight the Houthi rebels.

The Senate and Congress are headed in the right direction. Justice must be followed through in the death of Khashoggi as a matter of principle, freedom, and morality. Business as usual, as Trump would want, is not the right course. We are a country, not a corporation, and how we conduct world affairs should never be just about the money.

WHAT'S UP, ATTORNEY?



By Atty. Emmanuel S. Tipon

STOP Misleading My President to Issue An Executive Order Declaring Illegal Aliens' Children Are Not U.S. Citizens – They Are Not

Birthright citizenship” or “jus soli” refers to the principle that a child born on the soil of a particular country is a citizen of that country. This is considered an “anomaly” and most countries reject it, preferring “jus sanguinis” or “by right of blood”.

Whoever is counseling the President to issue an executive order declaring that U.S.-born children of illegal aliens are not United States citizens is a clownselor not a counselor. An executive order is not needed for that purpose. An executive order would be superfluous. An executive order would invite litigation by the Demoncrats and the illegal alien coddlers or cuddlers. Enacting a law to declare that U.S.-born children of illegal aliens are not United States citizens would be unnecessary. U.S.-born children of illegal aliens are not U.S. citizens.

The Executive Department should simply implement the Constitution. The Department of State should refuse to issue U.S. passports to such illegal aliens' children. The Department of Homeland Security should say “No” if asked to issue certificates of citizenship to illegal aliens' children.

Reading the text of the 14th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, its history, and the purpose behind it will lead to the inevitable conclusion that U.S.-born children of illegal aliens are not U.S. citizens.

The 14th Amendment reads in relevant part: “All persons born or naturalized in the United States and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the State wherein they reside.” <https://www.google.com/search?q=14TH+aMENDMENT&ie=utf-8&oe=utf-8&client=firefox-b-1>

It is not sufficient for a person to be born in the United States to be considered a citizen. Such person must also be subject to the jurisdiction of the United States. Thus, “children, born within the realm, of foreign ambassadors, or the children of alien enemies, born during and within their hostile occupation of part of the King’s dominions, were not natural-born subjects, because not born within the allegiance, the obedience, or the power, or, as would be said at this day, within the jurisdiction of the King”. Therefore, such children are not citizens of the United States under the 14th Amendment to the Constitution. *United States v. Wong Kim Ark*, 169 U.S. 649 (1898). <https://www.leagle.com/decision/1898818169us6491770> See also 8 CFR 101.3(a)(1). https://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?&node=se8.1.101_13.

A constitutional scholar and director of Chapman University’s Center for Constitutional Jurisprudence, John Eastman, was quoted by Axios on HBO as saying that the Constitution has been misapplied, and that the words “subject to the jurisdiction thereof” refers to people with full, political allegiance to the U.S., such as green card holders and citizens.

The children of illegal aliens do not have “full, political allegiance to the U.S.” Furthermore, they are not “subject to the jurisdiction of the United States”. They are hiding, or as they say in Filipino – TNT (tago ng tago) meaning “hiding and hiding.” When a person sues another in a United States court but summons cannot be served because the defendant is hiding, the court does not have jurisdiction over the defendant.

Even assuming, for the sake of argument, that the U.S.-born children of illegal aliens come within the words of the 14th Amendment, they are not within the spirit and purpose of the 14th Amendment.

HISTORY AND PURPOSE

“In construing any act of legislation, whether a statute enacted by the legislature, or a constitution established by the people . . . regard is to be had . . . to the condition, and to the history, of the law.” *United States v. Wong Kim Ark*, 169 U.S. 649 (1898).

The 14th Amendment was adopted on July 9, 1868 after the Civil War to ensure that slaves freed by the Emancipation Proclamation of 1863 who were born in the United States would be recognized as U.S. citizens.

The 14th Amendment effectively nullified the Supreme Court’s decision in *Dred Scott v. Sandford*, 60 U.S. 693 (1857), which had held, 7-2, that “a negro, whose ancestors were imported into this country, and sold as slaves,” cannot “become a member of the political community formed and brought into existence by the Constitution of the United States, and as such become entitled to all the rights, and privileges, and immunities, guarantied (sic) by that instrument to the citizen.” Therefore, Scott had no standing to sue in federal court.

Cal Thomas, who has studied the 14th Amendment, wrote an article in the Honolulu Star Advertiser, a liberal newspaper, and quoted Sen. Jacob Howard (R-Mich.) who authored the provision saying that “This will not, of course, include persons born in the United States who are foreigners, aliens, who belong to the families of ambassadors or foreign ministers.” Sen. Lyman Trumbull (D-Ill.), chairman of the Judiciary Committee agreed, saying that “subject to the jurisdiction of the United States” means “not owing allegiance to anybody else and being subject to the complete jurisdiction of the United States.” Sen. Howard responded, saying that the word “jurisdiction” ought “to be construed so as to imply a full and complete jurisdiction on the part of the United States . . . that is to say, the same jurisdiction in extent and quality as applies to every citizen of the United States now.”

It is “crystal clear” that the 14th

Amendment was intended solely for the benefit of freed slaves.

The people who adopted the 14th Amendment were not thinking of illegal aliens. There were no illegal aliens, as we know them, at that time. So, how can any one validly claim that the 14th Amendment - which was intended to benefit the newly emancipated “negro” slaves - confers U.S. citizenship to U.S. born children of illegal aliens who are not descendants of emancipated “negro” slaves?

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-Nev.) filed the Immigration Stabilization Act of 1993 to limit birthright citizenship to the children of U.S. citizens and legal residents saying that “no sane country” would grant birthright citizenship to children born on its soil to parents who lack legal status. He emphasized: “If you break our laws by entering this country without permission and give birth to a child, we reward that child with U.S. citizenship and guarantee a full access to all public and social services this society provides. And that’s a lot of services.” https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2018/10/31/harry-reid-once-said-no-sane-country-would-allow-birthright-citizenship-he-regrets-it-again/?utm_term=.361467225ee1

Republicans and sane Democrats are united in their belief that only children of U.S. citizens and lawful residents are U.S. citizens at birth.

The case of *United States v. Wong Kim Ark*, 169 US 649 (1898), cited by illegal alien coddlers or cuddlers, does not involve the child of illegal aliens, but involves a child of legal residents. Wong Kim Ark was born in 1873 in San Francisco, CA, U.S.A. of persons of Chinese descent with a permanent domicile and residence in San Francisco who were never employed in a diplomatic or official capacity with the Emperor of China. When Wong sought re-entry

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FEATURE

PHILIPPINE INTERNATIONAL AID DOING WONDERS FOR DISADVANTAGED FILIPINO YOUTHS

By Belinda Aquino, Ph.D.

Philippine International Aid (PIA), a California-based tax-exempt public charity, has been providing assistance to disadvantaged Filipino youths in the Philippines and the United States since 1986. It was established following the downfall of the Marcos regime. Annually, PIA provides aid to more than 2,500 disadvantaged children and has the distinction of having one of the longest continuous historical records of Filipino-American charitable giving.

The PIA has an Off the Streets - Off to School Program which is one of its unique activities designed to assist at-risk youth and disadvantaged children. It is sponsored by donors for as little as

\$150 a year. This donation is able to provide assistance for basic needs like books, supplies, tuition fees, uniforms, field trips, transportation, dental and medical check-ups and other needs that the children's families cannot afford.

Children who have disabilities like autism or are victims of human trafficking are also assisted by the program. And children of indigenous tribes like the Aetas and T'bolis are also eligible for assistance from the PIA programs.

PIA, in the beginning...

PIA's founder and chair Mona Lisa Yuchengco describes why and how PIA got started.

"Philippine International Aid was established in 1986 as a response to the People Power Revolution. I had just arrived in San Francisco with my two boys in 1982, and was demonstrating in front of the SF Philippine Consulate



Mona Lisa Yuchengco, Founder and Chair of Philippine International Aid (PIA)

a month or so before former President Ferdinand Marcos got deposed, which was my first 'community involvement' act. At the time, my two sons were teenagers and didn't like me fussing over them, so I was able to protest every day in front of the Consulate until the day Marcos

was flown to Hawaii.

"We were all euphoric (that Marcos was deposed) like other Filipinos all over the world. I wanted to help the country get back on its feet, but I had just moved to San Francisco. So I decided to set up a foundation so other Filipinos like me could channel their resources in helping the motherland. It has been 32 years since then.

"I went back to Manila to look for projects to fund; and I was introduced to Sr. Myrna Tacardon of the Good Shepherd Sisters who told me about children who were being turned into prostitutes as early as 7 years old.

"I looked at the pictures and listened to the taped sessions. I was aghast. We funded a rehabilitation center for these girls for about three years. Sr. Myrna would go to the bars and convince the girls to go to the rehab center with her. The few who went,

stayed for a few months, but went back to the bars after because they and their parents were not used to not having money.

"Sr. Myrna said that our success is based on the number of days the children stayed at the center. At least during that time, they are not being sexually assaulted.

"We then created a scholarship program for street children as a prevention. Kids were being lured by pimps and pedophiles while they were in the streets. The scholarship program (granted based on desire and not on academic achievement) put the kids in school where they belong. It was called the "Off the Streets-Off to School Scholarship Program." Right now, we have 1,200 children in the program from 100 when we started."

Yuchengco said most of PIA donors are based in

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Luis Salaveria to Join SanHi Government Strategies

Department of Business, Economic, Development and Tourism (DBEDT) Director Luis P. Salaveria has been hired by SanHi Government Strategies, part of the government affairs group at the law firm Ashford & Wriston.



Luis P. Salaveria

Salaveria brings more than 25 years of experience in public and private sector strategic planning to the firm, along with a demonstrated record of achievement in both growth and turnaround environments. Salaveria has led the development and execution of multi-billion-dollar budgets dealing with complex business transactions, successfully delivering significant financial and organizational successes.

At DBEDT, Salaveria led the development and execution of state policies and initiatives to grow and diversify Hawaii's economy. His portfolio of work includes the areas of business development, domestic and international trade, energy, housing, and statewide economic planning. Salaveria has worked with all levels of government — federal, state, and county.

SanHi Government Strategies assists clients working with agencies, commissions and elected officials at all levels of government.

Salaveria said, "SanHi specializes in helping clients operate successfully in the local business ecosystem, which offers an ideal venue in which I can leverage my acquired experience. I am excited about the opportunity to continue helping business and clients navigate Hawaii's regulatory environment and work effectively with elected officials."

Mihoko Ito, managing partner of SanHi Government Strategies, said, "Luis is a results-driven individual, with the technical expertise and vision to formulate strategic plans and execute them. His advice and counsel will be extremely valuable to the members of our team and our clients."



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Hawaii Economy Grows at Slower Pace

Hawaii's economy continues to grow but at a slower pace, according to the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism's (DBEDT) fourth quarter 2018 Statistical and Economic Report.

DBEDT revised its projection on Hawaii's economic growth downward to 1 percent for 2018 from 1.5 percent projected in the previous quarter. The downward revision mainly resulted from the recent economic data released by the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA), which showed that Hawaii's

economic growth during the first half of 2018 was at 0.5 percent.

BEA revises state level economic growth data every quarter, which shows that the general trend for Hawaii's economic growth has been positive but slowing.

"Hawaii's economy is still expanding and we see our construction industry performing well, with the value of private building permits having increased by 3.6 percent and government contracts awarded increased 39.3 percent during the first three quarters of 2018," said DBEDT Director Luis P. Salaveria.

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to the United States after traveling abroad, he was refused admission on the ground that he was not a citizen of the United States. The Supreme Court upheld his claim that he was a U.S. citizen, based on the 14th Amendment, and allowed Wong to be admitted.

Therefore, reliance on Wong Kim Ark by illegal alien coddlers or cuddlers is "misplaced". When I lived in Las Vegas, my Chinese friend, Mr. Wong (no relation to Wong Kim Ark), used to joke "Two Wongs do not make a right". What he really meant was "two wrongs do not make a

right" but some Chinese cannot pronounce "R". Fuera de los buenos.

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Resolution Passes To Expedite Building Permits

Building permits could be processed faster with the passage of Honolulu City Council's Resolution 18-272.

Members of the Zoning and Housing Committee, passed Resolution 18-272, which urges the Administration to implement emergency procedures to alleviate the building permit delays, including transferring funds to pay for overtime, authorizing emergency hires, and other solutions.

Kathy Sokugawa, Acting Director of the Department

of Planning and Permitting (DPP), testified that DPP was in support of the Resolution, and has begun implementing the Council's recommended temporary emergency measures.

"As Chair of the Committee on Zoning and Housing and as a member of the Committee on Budget, I am in full support of the Department of Planning and Permitting taking the Council's recommendations to heart as they move forward with implementing these temporary measures, while the Council works with local businesses and stakeholders to develop

a permanent solution to this real crisis," said Councilmember Kymberly Marcos Pine.

She added, "We cannot allow any more of our residents to lose their jobs because of city government's failure to process building permits in an efficient and timely manner."

Resolution 18-272 will have a final hearing in the City Council's monthly meeting, scheduled for Wednesday, December 5, 2018 at Honolulu Hale. The Resolution is in conjunction with Bill 64, CD1 (2018) that was adopted by the City Council on November 14, 2018 and will become law on December 3rd.

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Northern California, although it also has donors in other states who sponsor a child's education.

On fundraising, she said, "we have two fundraisers every year — a golf tournament and a luncheon fashion show with bazaar and auction. Most of our donors are first generation Filipino Americans who want to give back to the Motherland."

If the Yuchengco surname sounds familiar, she was also the founder of Filipinas magazine. In 1992, she was awarded the President's citation by former Philippine President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo for her charitable contributions.

Yuchengco estimates PIA has provided educational assistance to about 60,000 children and disbursed about \$4 million in the 32 years it has been in existence.

In addition to the children in the "Off the Streets-Off to School Scholarship Program" (who by the way now include all kinds of disadvantaged children, not just street children), PIA also partners with other NGOs who are working with children.

She said, "this allows us to expand our reach not only geographically (Metro Manila, Cavite, Bataan, Olon-gapo, Davao, Zamboanga, South Cotabato) but also in the different kinds of children needing educational assistance: talented but poor

children, sexually and commercially trafficked children, at-risk youth, disabled children like the deaf, blind and autistic, indigenous children like the Aetas and the T'bolis.

"The parents are of course very grateful. The children write letters of gratitude, and those who graduate have expressed interest in helping other children in need too."

Yuchengco recalls a personal account with PIA, "I met Jake, a T'boli child, who was 7 years old at that time, who did not have any hands. He was left in the care of his grandmother. Jake loved to go to school and he learned to write using the stubs of his arm to hold the pencil. Jake and his grandmother had to cross Lake Sebu every morning just to go to the school, and sometimes when the water is high or if his grandmother is not feeling well and he cannot go to school, he would cry."

Jake's life was changed tremendously by the assistance and care that the PIA had offered him.

Other PIA activities

"Giving Hope to the Children - 2018" is a recent program of PIA which is timed to appeal to potential donors during the upcoming holiday season. Street children especially can use some donations to brighten their days during this important period in their

lives. It's called "Online Shopping for a Cause" and has done a lot of advertising in the social media.

For further information visit PIA's website at <https://phil-aid.org/>

Conclusion

The PIA, which started a modest experiment to develop an appropriate program for disadvantaged and/or disabled children, has become a truly exemplary case study that has succeeded and even exceeded its owner's expectations.

It should inspire the various organizations both in the Philippines and the U.S. to double their efforts to help the truly needy sectors, particularly depressed communities where these disadvantaged children live in squalor and misery.

The amazing thing is that, given the vision and leadership skills a determined individual like Mona Lisa Yuchengco has shown, success is the ultimate reward for an endeavor that had seemed extremely difficult and intimidating at first.

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By Emil Guillermo

The Way Immigration Really Works, Filipino-style

long as he left his ICE agents outside. None needed at this celebration. Everyone was legal, as far as I know. And there was no caravan.

This was a real celebration of the merger of two immigrant Filipino families.

Daniel's story predates his own birth and goes back to my father's arrival to America as a colonized Filipino in 1928. My father arrived with his brother Joe during the depression. Anything was better than life in the far north rural provinces of the Philippines. Even the racism and discrimination found in America.

My dad arrived in America to get his democracy direct. He was still a colonial, an American national, better than slave, but not by much. A ward of the state. Under the circumstances, few Filipino women were allowed to enter, and the shortage of Filipino women meant there would be few Filipino families started here.

It was made worse when Filipinos were seen as taking jobs and women, specifically white women.

Sexual jealousy was high among white men of Filipinos. "Little Brown Brother" was anything but. He was seen as dashing, romantic, and a threat to white male masculinity. It caused a kind of "Filipinophobia," as I call it in my show, "The Amok Monologues." There were riots and violence against Filipinos in California, even lynchings.

Anti-intermarriage laws ensued. There would be few Filipino weddings or families.

I thought about all that as I watched Daniel and his bride Kristine say their vows.

My father ultimately got married to a Filipina, but only after nearly 30 years passed since his arrival in America.

My father was 50 years older than me. Great because it shows things still worked. But not so great because older dads just weren't the norm. I always thought it was just because he was lacking in social skills.

Here's Daniel and his bride, Kristine, after doing that Filipino wedding tradition, the money dance. You pin a high denomination bill or two to indicate your faith in the marriage. A buck is not encouraging. But a Fifty pinned to the bride's train shows real optimism and gets a dance with the bride or groom. I wonder if Melania—when she tied the knot with Trump—got a money dance?



I didn't realize it was racism.

It was only after the 1965 Immigration and Naturalization Act that my father and his brother petitioned to get the son of their older brother to come to America. And when that nephew finally arrived a few years later, it took him nearly ten years to be able to petition for his three brothers, his sister and all their respective spouses and ultimately children.

From that time on, it took 17 years of waiting before the brothers and sister all arrived in 1994.

And 17 years is considered a short wait.

Finally, two years later in 1996, all the American-bound Guillermo family arrived in San Francisco. A lucky 13 in the entire group.

Trump would call it derisively a case of "chain migration."

I call it a full-fledged Filipino Guillermo boom.

But it's this brothers-and-sisters visa Trump has repeatedly said he wants to end in the list of reforms that include birth-right citizenship and asylum entry rules.

The latter two has mostly dominated the news. But the simple brothers/sisters visa makes for a good chain, not a bad one. It has helped pump millions into the American economy by unifying hard-working immigrant families.

That's how immigration works for real. It's not bad hom-bres. It's good people, families, looking for a better opportunity. And obeying the law.

After his parents waited 17 years to come in legally, Daniel grew up, naturalized, and after 22 years in America, took his bride, another immigrant.

And now we celebrate a new generation of Americans.

That's how immigration makes America great again, and again, and again.

Trump's hardline xenophobia keeps him from seeing that. He would have seen it at Daniel's wedding.

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PHILIPPINE NEWS

Rights Group Slams Duterte Marijuana Joke

By Elizabeth Marcelo
Thursday, Dec. 6, 2018

MANILA, Philippines — International group Hu-

man Rights Watch (HRW) yesterday slammed President Duterte for “joking” about his use of marijuana amid the rising number of victims of ex-

trajudicial killings (EJKs) in connection with his administration’s war on drugs.

Duterte blamed media over its spin on his marijuana joke.

“If it’s too ridiculous, it’s a joke,” he said during the awarding rites for child-friendly municipalities and cities at Malacañang last night.

“Duterte’s supposed joke is not funny: since his ‘war on drugs’ began in June 2016, the police and unidentified assailants have summarily killed more than 12,000 people, mostly underemployed young men,” HRW Asia director Brad Adams said in a post on the HRW website.

“Police put the figure at

5,000 deaths in what they claim were legitimate anti-drug operations. And while most victims of Duterte’s drug war allegedly used shabu, many used or sold marijuana,” he added.

In a speech to government officials last week, Duterte complained about his hectic schedule, particularly during the recent ASEAN Summit held in Singapore.

“It’s a killing activity and I think the – my age, I’m not affected that much because I use marijuana to stay awake,” Duterte said.

But a few hours later after his speech, Duterte told re-



porters that he was only joking about marijuana use.

“Marijuana is illegal in the Philippines, and Duterte’s admission of using it – whether in jest or not – undermines the rationale for his drug war and exposes its murderous hypocrisy. It adds cruel insult to injury for the victims and their families,” Adams said. (www.philstar.com)

HAWAII-FILIPINO NEWS

Maui Filipino Chamber to Hold Christmas Party and Installation Ceremony,

Dec. 10

KAHULUI—“Winter Wonderland” is the theme for Maui Filipino Chamber of Commerce’s Annual Christmas Party and 2019 Board Installation Ceremony on Monday, December 10, 2018 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Tante’s Fish Market in Maalaea.

The event will include special guests from the San Juan Metro Manila delegation led by the Honorable Guia G.

Gomez, Mayor of the City of San Juan. She will be officiating the swearing-in ceremony for the Chamber’s incoming Officers and Board of Directors for 2019.

The cost of admission is \$50 per person for those who purchase tickets by December 1. After that, ticket price increases to \$65 per person. Purchases may be made online at www.mauifilipinochamber.com. For more information, please call Elsa Segal at (808) 276-6946.

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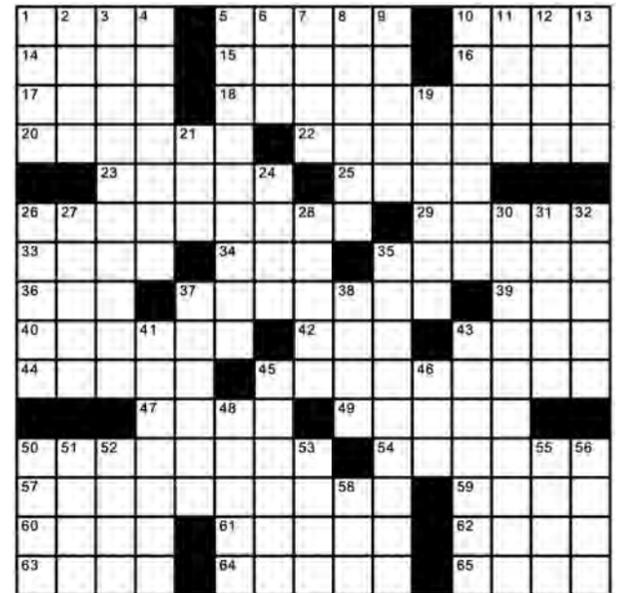
by Carlito Lalicon

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- 1. Former Senator Lapid
- 5. Alone (esp. in stage direction)
- 10. Waste-yard
- 14. Darling
- 15. Jeer
- 16. Carbon compound
- 17. Blend
- 18. Painful
- 20. Breakfast choice
- 22. Cut into filets
- 23. Disentangle
- 25. Advertising sign
- 26. Dull or routine preliminary work
- 29. Body of personnel
- 33. Feel sorry for
- 34. Too cold to handle
- 35. Stylus
- 36. Black bird
- 37. Bound
- 39. Balloon filler
- 40. Dengvaxia problem
- 42. Least bit
- 43. Final word
- 44. Garden tool
- 45. Writing system
- 47. Danger

DOWN

- 1. Airport pickup
- 2. Footnote word
- 3. Allowing
- 4. Your own wife
- 5. Extending throughout Nevada, e.g.
- 6. Big galoot
- 7. Forward edge of a fore-and-aft sail that is next to the mast
- 8. Disconnect
- 9. Attendance counter
- 10. Diplomat’s quest
- 11. Building block
- 12. Budge
- 13. Argued
- 19. Shut down
- 21. Cain’s mother
- 24. Scottish word for a lake
- 26. Digger
- 27. Longed



- 49. Energize
- 50. Pilot
- 54. Acquirer
- 57. In single file
- 59. South American monkey
- 60. Baker’s need
- 61. Act of scouting or exploring
- 62. Former copper coin of India
- 63. Combustible heap
- 64. Doctor
- 65. Faithful and true

- 28. Full of submerged reefs
- 30. Having the hardness of a diamond
- 31. Ace
- 32. Abounding in ferns
- 35. Careless
- 37. One skilled in treating disorders of the ear
- 38. Brook
- 41. Relevant and appropriate
- 43. Abetment
- 45. Some Olympians
- 46. Hail, to Caesar
- 48. Brainy
- 50. Basket
- 51. Feel envious towards
- 52. Bad look
- 53. Agreeable
- 55. Sicilian peak
- 56. 100 dinars
- 58. Bygone bird

(Solution will be on the next issue of the Chronicle)

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LEGAL NOTES



By Atty. Reuben S. Seguritan

Applying for Asylum

about not allowing the immigration caravan to cross Mexico and then the US.

A lot of immigration advocates immediately condemned this proclamation by the President. They said that the President cannot override our immigration laws. In response, the Homeland Security and Justice Department stated that the asylum system is broken and it is being abused by thousands of meritless claims every year.

A Federal judge temporarily blocked the Trump administration from implementing its asylum ban. The Judge stated that the US immigration law allows anyone to seek for asylum even if they enter the US illegally and whether or not they enter at a designated port of arrival. The members

of the immigrant caravan are seeking asylum in the US on the grounds of persecution and fear for their lives in their home countries; fleeing their war-torn countries; running away from rampant drug wars; famine; and unemployment. US Customs and Border Protection said that it has closed off the San Ysidro port of entry. It has also installed movable, wire-topped barriers, apparently to stop a potential mass rush of people. Asylum seekers and the other people have been forced to wait in shelters or outdoor camps on the Mexican side. Advocates for the asylum seekers said that they are all in real danger. They must not be held in tent camps indefinitely and prevented from seeking asylum in the US.

The US immigration laws provide for the grounds and procedure for seeking asylum. Anybody fleeing his country may seek asylum in the US if they have suffered persecution or fear that they will suffer persecution due to race, religion, nationality, membership in a particular social group or political opinion. The applicant may include his spouse and children who are in the US in the same application or anytime thereafter but before a final decision is made on the asylum application. Only unmarried children under 21 years old may be included in the application of the principal asylum seeker. When the asylum application is granted, the applicant and his immediate relatives included in the application will be allowed to remain in the US.

Persecution because of one's sexual orientation is a ground for seeking asylum. In some countries, members of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) community are subjected to ridicule and harassment.

In one case, a gay Filipino professor was granted asylum after he revealed that he was sexually assaulted when he was 9, 11 and 16 years old by other boys. He feared for his life and safety if he was to be deported to the Philippines because of

his sexuality and the rampant violence and cruelty towards gays in the Philippines. He said that he did not reveal the sexual assaults to his family or report them to the police in the Philippines because of fear that he might be subjected to more abuse and harassment.

In another case, the asylum seeker was a Filipino lawful permanent resident (LPR) who had a past drug conviction and was ordered deported by an immigration court was granted temporary asylum by a federal judge. He appealed the decision based on the convention against torture, an international human rights treaty protecting against inhumane punishment. He explained that Philippine President Duterte's "brutal anti-drug campaign" meant that because of his past drug conviction, he would be killed the second he is deported to the Philippines. He cited the reports of human rights groups and journalists on the "mass carnage" happening in the Philippines as unarmed citizens were gunned down on the streets and in their homes because of being suspected as drug users or sellers.

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PHILIPPINE NEWS

House to Approve Martial Law Extension; Senate Divided

By Jess Diaz
 Wednesday, Dec. 5, 2018

MANILA, Philippines — The House of Representatives will approve a request from President Duterte to again extend martial law in Mindanao.

"If the President will ask for it, then chances are it shall be given. The concurrence will be expedited if the military and the police will renew their commitment to respect the constitutional rights of every individual in the territory covered by the declaration," Majority Leader Rolando Andaya Jr. said yesterday.

"The inputs and views of congressmen from Mindanao, who represent the people directly affected, will carry much weight during the deliberations," Andaya said.

Senators, however, are divided on the proposal to extend martial law for another year.

Sen. Joseph Victor Ejercito said he was in favor of extending martial law as it limited the movement of private armies and has somehow addressed the proliferation of



loose firearms in Mindanao.

Sen. Sonny Angara said he was open to the proposal but sought an extensive briefing from security officials before making a firm decision on the matter.

Senate Minority Leader Franklin Drilon thumbed down the plan, saying a second extension of martial law is unconstitutional. "There is no basis for a second extension of martial law as there was no ground that necessitated the first extension," Drilon said.

Sen. Francis Pangilinan said the military should justify its request for martial law extension with "hard and justifiable facts."

Pangilinan also warned the country is heading toward the midterm elections in May

next year, and the extension could be used to harass opposition candidates in Mindanao.

The lawmakers were commenting on reports that the military and the police were recommending the extension of martial law in Mindanao for another year.

President Duterte is reportedly considering the recommendation.

He declared martial law in the south in early 2017. Congress first extended his declaration up to the end of last year and then up to the end of this year.

Duterte on Monday said Mindanao remains a troubled land, which is why martial law must be extended for another year.

"We are facing a revolutionary front, one that is motivated by territorial, land and the other is driven by the extremist, the ISIS (Islamic State). And it is still in Mindanao, it remains to be a troubled land for everybody. And Mindanao will always be a pain in the... government," the President said. (www.philstar.com)



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HOLIDAY SHOPPING GUIDE

Tips to Protect Yourself from Holiday Shopping Scams

Holiday shopping is fun and hectic. Sometimes, because of the festive occasion, shoppers let their guard down and could become victims of scams and fraud.

The State Office of Consumer Protection released some helpful tips to avoid getting scammed.

“During the holiday season consumers need to be particularly vigilant in protecting themselves from scammers. Don’t provide personal information to anyone unless you’re absolutely certain you know with whom you’re dealing and never wire money to pay for anything,” said Stephen Levins, executive director of the Office of Consumer Protection said.

Here are some prudent shopping advice:

- **Gift Cards:** Beware of gift cards that have been

tampered with. Avoid buying in-store racked cards with easily accessible numbers and PINs. If you buy in a retail store, look for gift cards kept behind the counter or in well-sealed packaging. If possible, change the security code as soon as you buy the card and change the PIN and register the card when you get home. Online Coupons: Be careful in clicking on online coupons. Scam sites tempt consumers to click on online coupons for the sole purpose of obtaining personal information.

- **Look-alike Websites:** Consumers will see an increase in the number of mailers and email alerts announcing deals, gifts, and sales. While the mailers and email alerts may look like they are from legitimate businesses, the links provided may lead to look-alike websites meant to trick you into providing personal information or give identity thieves an opportunity to download malware onto your computer. Carefully read website addresses to ensure you are shopping on a legitimate website.

Security Certificates: To ensure that you are shopping on a secure website, make sure the website begins with “https” and has a small padlock icon next to the webpage address. Keep your computer, tablet or smartphone up-to-date and install security software.

- **Unusual Forms of Payments:** Legitimate online merchants will not use wire transfers, prepaid debit or gift cards, or third parties to collect payment for purchases. Be wary of anyone asking for these forms of payment as they often cannot be traced and undone.
- **Use Your Credit Card:** With a credit card, you’ll pay no more than \$50 in the event of fraudulent

transactions. It also offers dispute rights if something goes wrong with the merchandise or the purchase.

- **Fake Shipping Notifications:** If you shop online, you can expect delivery notifications throughout the holiday season. Be on the lookout for phishing scams that use a legitimate business’ name and logo to trick you into opening a fake email shipping notification to gain access to your personal information and passwords. Remember that delivery services do not require you to provide your personal information or pay money to deliver your packages. Scammers take advantage of the busy time by sending convincing phishing emails appearing to be from UPS, FedEx, and the USPS – click those links and you are led to phony sign-in pages asking for your personal information.

- **Bait and Switch:** Some stores may advertise goods at low prices, but when you get to the store the price may be higher than advertised or the product might not be available. The best way to ensure you are getting the advertised price is to bring a copy of the ad with you when you shop in the store.

- **Check the Charity:** Be very cautious of unsolicited phone calls, emails, and texts looking for donations. Before donating to a charity, make sure you know exactly where your money will go – and how much will be going to administrative fees. Verify the organization through the Hawaii Attorney General Charity Search, Giving.org or Charity Navigator.

Consumers who believe they have been a victim of a holiday shopping scam can file a complaint with the Office of Consumer Protection at (808) 587-4272 or <http://cca.hawaii.gov/ocp/consumer-complaint/>.

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MAINLAND NEWS

Sen. Schatz Call for Inspector General to Investigate VA's Failure to Pay Veterans Full Benefits

U.S. Senator Brian Schatz (D-Hawai'i), lead Democrat on the Senate Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Subcommittee, and John Boozman (R-Ark.), Chairman of the Senate Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Subcommittee, led a group of lawmakers in calling for a Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Inspector General investigation into allegations that the VA would not reimburse veterans for missed or underpaid benefits.



Sen. Brian Schatz

"Secretary Wilkie may be saying the right things, but until the VA

invests money to address the ongoing staffing and IT challenges facing the claims backlog, our veterans will remain robbed of

the benefits they were promised," said Senator Schatz. "I expect the Secretary to come up with a plan so that the VA can audit and process retroactive payments for underpaid or missed claims. And I look forward to the Inspector General helping us hold him accountable to that plan."

In their bipartisan letter to the VA's Inspector General, the lawmakers ask about how the technical errors occurred, how quickly any reimbursements will be made, and how the VA plans to make sure all benefits will continue to be paid out without interruption.

Meligrito Chosen as Winner of AARP 2018 Asian American & Pacific Islander Hero Award

Jon Melegrito of the Filipino Veterans Recognition and Education Project (FilVetRep) in Kensington, Maryland was one among two winners of AARP 2018 Asian American & Pacific Islander Hero Award. The other recipient is Denny Chen of Justice in Aging in Los Angeles.



Jon Melegrito

AARP's AAPI Hero Award is a nationwide contest that celebrates unsung heroes — volunteer and staff members who work diligently behind the scenes in nonprofit organizations serving AAPI age 50 and older.

"We celebrate the dedication of our AAPI Hero Award winners, who tirelessly advocate every day to help improve the lives of older adults," said Daphne Kwok, AARP VP of Multicultural Leadership, AAPI Audience Strategy. "As we approach

2019, let's all pledge to serve our elders in our own communities."

Meligrito is the son of a Filipino World War II Veteran. From civil rights to the anti-apartheid movement, he has spent a lifetime building movements for equity and justice. Now, he advocates for Filipino World War II Veterans as a volunteer for a non-profit organization, the Filipino Veterans Rec-

ognition and Education Project (FilVetRep). He is working with fellow advocates to feature the stories of Filipino World War II Veterans and their Congressional Gold Medal at the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History.

Chan is a staff attorney at Justice in Aging, a non-profit organization that uses law to fight senior poverty. Denny advocates for the needs of older adults, especially those with limited English proficiency. His legal work focuses on securing access to affordable health care, economic security, and the courts for older adults with limited resources.

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