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Thanking Dad for His Sacrifices

Father's Day was originally set aside to honor the men of our nation who have positively impacted and influenced our lives. It is meant to not only honor those men who have sired children, but more importantly, to thank those increasingly rare men who excel at being not just a good father, but a husband as well. The question though needs to be asked—what makes a good father?

It's not enough for a father to provide materially for his family. A good father needs to also serve as the moral and spiritual compass for his children, and to equip them with the skills they will need to one day become mature and responsible men and women. Those without a father or a meaningful male influence in their lives are left to figure it all out for themselves—often with disastrous results. Statistics have shown that children who grow up without the influence of a father are five times more likely to live in poverty and commit crime, nine times more likely to drop out of schools and 20 times more likely to end up in prison.

Being a dad is one of life's noblest callings for men. For dads with young children, you're basically a superhero who can open any jar or bottle, reach for items on high shelves and carry sleeping toddlers from the car to their beds without waking them. The job description changes slightly for dads with older children—there will be school activities and sports to attend, prom dates to interrogate and college tuition to pay. But regardless of his children's age, a good father remains actively involved in their lives.

So here's to those men who have taken up fatherhood as their life's work and calling. You mean the world to those who are the most important and impressionable people of all—your children.

Happy Father's Day!

Restore City's Curbside Recycling Program

Next week Wednesday, the Honolulu City Council will vote on a measure of bills that will determine the City's \$1.8 billion budget for the upcoming fiscal year. With a projected \$40-\$50 million shortfall, councilmembers will have to make hard decisions on what programs to cut.

Hopefully, the curbside recycling program will survive the budget ax. At a Budget Committee meeting several weeks ago, members voted to cut \$6 million from the budget in hopes of boosting property tax relief for homeowners. The \$6 million was needed to expand the program to Waipahu, Waikele, Kapolei, Nanakuli and Waianae beginning in May 2010. However, the cut could delay expansion until May 2011. Some observers say the proposed cut seriously jeopardizes the future of curbside recycling for Oahu. They predict the bad economy to linger for at least another year and that there won't be any new funds available for the scheduled expansion.

As an island community with only one landfill in operation, it is critical that we reduce the amount of garbage we generate and divert as much waste as possible. A comprehensive, island-wide recycling program will cut down on trash and save costly trips to incinerators or landfills.

FROM THE PUBLISHER

Aloha and welcome to the latest issue of the Hawaii Filipino Chronicle! We hope you've managed to keep cool, despite the sweltering heat we've been having. The hot weather means one thing—summer vacation will soon be here for thousands of public and private school students! Some of you will be spending your summer traveling to the Philippines or elsewhere. Others will vacation at home instead in order to save money during this tight economy. Whatever your plans for the next few months, we at the Chronicle wish all of you a very happy and safe summer!

Our cover story for this issue, written by Gregory Bren Garcia, is about Father's Day and the impacts they have had in our lives. Garcia delves into the origins of Father's Day and interviews several Filipinos on what their dad meant to them. Our dads are certainly not perfect. If there is a fault of the typical Filipino dad, it is that he does not take a more active role as head of the household and too often defers to the mom when it comes to most daily decisions. Still, he more than makes up for his shortcomings by working hard to provide for us. He also taught us values and other life essentials—such as how to drive, how to relate with others, and the importance of family and hard work, to name just a few. Some of you are fortunate enough to have fathers who are still alive. If so, be sure to tell him how much you appreciate all he has done for you. Once your dad has passed on, you will find out later how much you really miss him. A lot.

Also in this issue, contributing writer Caroline Julian profiles Ruby and Amy Javar, owners of Ruby & Amy Javar Farms. The Ka'u-based coffee farmers competed in this year's Coffee of the Year competition and placed 10th best in the entire world! Originally from Pangasinan, the Javars are proof positive that good things happen when you're not afraid to work hard for it. More on this interesting couple is available on page 7.

On page 6, State Rep. Rida Cabanilla responds to an Open Forum article by Danny de Gracia in our last issue. She refutes his claims that the State Legislature "betrayed the Filipino community by balancing the state budget with tax increases." Rather, she says that lawmakers fairly and responsibly balanced the State budget. Please read her commentary and see if you agree with her.

In closing, we hope that you will enjoy reading the other articles and columns of interest in this issue, particularly the "Mayor's Column" on page 3, "Family Corner" on page 12, "Legal Notes" on page 13 and "Philippine Language" on page 14.

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

Chona A. Montesines-Sonido

By all accounts, the City's curbside recycling program has worked rather well and encouraged more residents to recycle their household waste. To stall the program now simply does not make sense.

Early reports indicate that the council leadership is looking to restore the \$6 million. Let's hope that come June 10, the good Council makes good on its efforts.



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MAYOR'S COLUMN

Sports Help Keep Our Community Strong



By Mayor Mufi Hannemann

I'm a firm believer in the importance of sports to our young people and our community, and I'm very enthusiastic about the opportunities that sports create. Sports help develop skills, good health, teamwork and community pride, and are also important to our economy.

Waipahu-born Filipino American boxer Brian Vitoria is an inspiration to many fight fans here and in the Philippines, where he beat Ulises "Archie" Solis in April for the IBF Junior Flyweight title. I recently met with Vitoria in my office at Honolulu Hale, and I'm very impressed by his achievements and his positive attitude.

He's helping to fuel a boxing renaissance in Hawaii and in the Philippines, along with his good friend and colleague Manny "Pac-Man" Paquiao, who recently knocked out Ricky Hatton in Las Vegas for the IBO World Light Welterweight title.

Congratulations to both these fine athletes for their hard work and finely tuned skills!

Sports will take center stage in Honolulu from June 15 to 23, as we host our Honolulu Olympic Celebration, a

week of sporting events created to show support for the U.S. bid to host the 2016 Olympics in Chicago.

I believe bringing the Olympics to the Windy City will also greatly benefit Honolulu, because our city is well-positioned as a gateway for athletes and other travelers coming to and from Chicago. We encourage everyone to participate in our Honolulu Olympic Celebration, and to show Honolulu's support for the U.S. Olympic bid while also having fun and keeping healthy.

The celebration will include a week of special sports events across Oahu for over 10,000 children who participate in the Summer Fun program sponsored by our Department of Parks and Recreation. The events will include basketball, swimming, a shuttle run and agility run.

The Healthy Honolulu 5K Run/Walk will be held on Saturday, June 20, at Les Murakami Stadium at the University of Hawaii at Manoa. The event is free and open to all ages.

A free "Sunset on the Field" will follow, with former Olympians, lucky number drawings for official merchandise from the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing, and live entertainment, followed by the movie "Miracles," the inspiring true story behind one of the greatest moments in sports history—the 1980 United

States ice hockey team's triumphant Olympic victory against the Soviet Union. Race participants and the general public are invited.

For more information about the Honolulu Olympic Celebration, go to www.honoluluolympicday.com.

In other news, I invite everyone to attend our free Rail Transit Symposium on Tuesday, June 23, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., at the Neal Blaisdell Exhibition Hall. This exciting educational exhibit will include informational displays of trains used around the world, and participants will learn about the lasting environmental and economic benefits of rail transit.

Guest speakers at the Honolulu Rail Transit Symposium will include Bill Miller, president of the American Public Transportation Association, the nation's largest nonprofit transportation organization; Chatham Olive, past president of the Sierra Club in Charlotte, North Carolina, which championed that city's rail system; Joni Earl, CEO of Sound Transit, which connects the thriving Seattle area with 74 miles of train tracks and later this year will open a 16-mile light rail line; and Dan Doyle, former Deputy Minister in the British Columbia Ministry of Transportation.

Join us and get the facts about rail transit.



Fil-Am boxing champ Brian Vitoria with Mayor Mufi Hannemann during a courtesy call



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Appreciating Dad on His Special Day

By Gregory Bren Garcia



To honor one's father is a universal sentiment, one that has been around perhaps for as long as there have been families. The origin of Father's Day as a modern holiday, however, traces its roots to the U.S. On July 5, 1908 in Fairmont, West Virginia, the first true observance of Father's Day was held at the town's Central United Methodist Church chapel. The service was suggested by Grace Clayton Gray as a tribute to the 361 men, most of whom were fathers, who passed away in a coal mine accident in nearby Monongah the year before.

In 1909, Sonora Smart Dodd of Spokane, Washington, thought separately of the same holiday after listening to a Mother's Day sermon at the local Central Methodist Episcopal Church. She thought that fa-

thers deserved a similar honor, after all, her own father raised her and five of her siblings single-handedly.

Thus, on June 19, 1910, with backing from the Young Men's Christian Association

(YMCA), Dodd was able to organize Father's Day. This is the same holiday as we know it today, being held during the month of June.

From Small-Town Festivity to

Global Enterprise

It took decades to establish Father's Day as a recognized holiday in the United States. People participated in Mother's Day but Father's Day became subject of criticisms and editorial parodies. Fathers seemed so out of place and ill at ease in this sentimental holiday.

Still the proponents of Father's Day persevered. In the mid-1930s, the Associated Men's Wear Retailers in New York City formed a National Father's Day Committee, which was expanded in 1938 to include other industries and was renamed The National Council for the Promotion of Father's Day. Thus was established the tradition of giving fathers items such as ties, cigars, sports gear and men's wear.

Throughout the years, the group was backed by Dodd, an astute businesswoman who actively sought for the holiday's commercialization and popularization.

In 1966, President Lyndon Johnson signed a proclamation declaring the third Sunday of June as Father's Day. Then, in 1972, President Richard Nixon established a permanent national observance of the holiday.

Today, Father's Day is an \$11 billion business in the United States, a staggering amount compared to the holiday's 1946 sales of just \$106 million.

Father's Day the Filipino Way

Father's Day in the Philippines is characterized by a colorful mix of traditional customs and globalized commercialization.

Local Catholic tradition sets aside a special tribute to fathers during its church services. Other family members are usually asked to acknowledge the fathers attending the mass by giving them an enthusiastic applause.

After the service, many families usually dine out while others prefer to hold gatherings at home. They watch television together, this time tuned in to dad's

favorite sports program. Mom's teleseryes (television drama shows), are reserved for the following day.

In Manila, families are also wont to spend their time out in the city's malls, which are some of the world's biggest. Local businesses shell out big money to celebrate the holiday.

On television, popular noon-time entertainment shows create extravaganzas for Father's Day, while the arts and music scene is abuzz with concerts and performances that are often labelled "Father's Day Specials."

Hawaii Speaks of Her Fathers

Nilda Quindara, General Manager of Hawaii Food Products believes that a Father's foremost role in the family is to raise up good children.

"The number one role of the father in the family is to make sure that their children are raised with correct values and principles in life so they won't be a burden to society," she says.

Quindara recalls her father as a good man with adamant faith in God and who was always willing to help others.

"My dad was a very loving father. He was always helping people with the very little he had. He taught me to be giving and loving to everybody (because) he believed that God will always provide if we share what we have," Quindara says.

Among all the lessons her father taught her, Quindara par-



Nilda Quindara

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"Father taught us that opportunity and responsibility go hand in hand. I think we all act on that principle; on the basic human impulse that makes a man want to make the best of what's in him and what's been given him."

- Laurance Rockefeller



Jay Sarmiento (top left) with his sister and parents

ticularly recalls one which he shared with her before he departed this life. The message sums up what every father hopes for his child: "I remember the last time I visited him before he passed away, he told me "Nilda, live a good life."

Jay Sarmiento, a salesman and nursing student from Waipahu also sees his father as the perfect role model.

"My father is an important role model in my life," he says. "He is the epitome of hard work and I can't stress this enough."

Sarmiento shares how his father became his mentor when he decided to take up the sport of tennis.

"In high school, I started to take tennis seriously and joined the high school tennis team. I always noticed that my father went out to play on his days off when I was a kid so I thought I'd pick it up as well."

He credits this attitude of determination, which he learned from his father, as key to the improvement of his skills.

"I went from total flop to decent in the years I've trained with him. One important lesson I have gained from him is that practice doesn't make perfect, it

the virtue of the holiday is that it enables the rest of the family to concretely show their gratitude to their father.

"It gives everyone a chance to show that the sacrifices he made for the family are appreciated," she says.

Rivera's five-year-old son, Jayden, completely agrees. On Father's Day, he has but a simple plan to show his appreciation to his dad, Pedro: "I'll tell my dad I love him," he says.

Jayden says he makes it a point to spend quality time with his father everyday. "We play video games together, and we like to go out and look at toys for my collection," he says.

Meanwhile, Laurie Anne Galario-Saturmino, a nurse from Honolulu, believes that the good of Father's Day lies in its exclusivity for fathers.

"It is the one day in the whole year where it is just about him and no one else," she says. "It is one day where we can show him that he is appreciated and valued, no matter how busy life gets."

Galario-Saturmino re-



Lilette Rivera and Jayden



Laurie Anne Galario-Saturmino with her parents

counts how her father, Nestor, taught her what she considers the most important lesson she learned in her life—the value of education.

"He always stressed the value of good grades and getting into a good college and graduating. He always talked about how achieving these things could make my life a little bit better than his own,

which was very important to him," she says.

An old Filipino proverb says that fathers are the foundations of every household. While the very definition of the roles of family members are now changing rapidly, what this old adage says, for the most part, remains true. A good father is, and will always be, every family's strength and inspiration.

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OPEN FORUM



By Rep. Rida Cabanilla

Legislators Fairly and Responsibly Balanced State Budget

revenue generation.

Mr. Danny De Gracia's commentary in the May 23, 2009 issue of the Hawaii Filipino Chronicle lacks insight and comprehension of how the budget was balanced. He claims that the Legislature "betrayed the Filipino community by balancing the state budget with tax increases." The fact is many of his statements were wrong.

Tax increases are the last thing that politicians want to do. No matter how small the increases are, it is always difficult to propose and approve them. The Legislature targeted a small percentage of the population—high income earners; the hotel room tax; those who are selling property over \$2 million, and second homes and investment properties of any price; and cigarette and tobacco sellers. In addition, tax increases account for only 10% of how the budget was balanced.

The Legislature has a legal obligation to balance the state budget every session and this year that was our greatest challenge when the potential \$2.1 billion shortfall by 2011. My colleagues and I had to make difficult decisions this year but we did our best to protect the poor and the most vulnerable in our community.

To balance the budget, we considered a variety of alternatives, including public employee benefit reductions, eliminating tax credits and tax exemptions and tax increases. In the end, we agreed on a budget plan that would only affect a small portion of Hawaii residents with a combination of spending cuts and

Consider these facts:

- Tax increases for high income earners will only affect about 2.4 percent of the population. Those who make less than \$150,000 a year are unaffected.
- The 2 percent rise in the hotel room tax would only amount to about a \$2 increase on a \$100 per night room. It is unlikely that visitors will stray from Hawaii or that employees will lose their jobs because of this minimal increase.

Budget cuts to all government programs account for 50 percent of the budget deficit solutions. The state budget cuts out \$800 million of spending in the General Fund for state programs, but we made no major reductions in services that would hinder the public safety and health of Filipinos and all

our state residents.

Mr. De Gracia does not seem to understand that the modest tax increases which will likely have no effect on most people enables the legislature to fund many housing and healthcare programs on which many of our poor and middle class community members depend.

The state budget bill, in fact, addresses many issues that we cannot forget about during a slow economy—the need for more affordable housing, health care for our uninsured children, easier access to healthcare and to lessen Hawaii's independence on oil and outside food production. What the budget does not include are mass layoffs and increases to the general excise tax, which would negatively affect our Filipino communities.

Mr. De Gracia makes a severe error in assuming that the Filipino community does not know or care about state services and programs that are in place to keep our society safe and healthy. Throughout this legislative session I've seen many of our people come out to rallies at the Capitol to support these programs. It is ludicrous to presume that none of our Filipinos are in need of, or care about, social service programs that assist the less fortunate and make stronger the future of our state for our Filipino children.

He is quick to blame lawmakers for tax increases but offers no solutions of his own. I think most Filipinos understand that we needed to make some tough choices, but we were able to balance the budget that keeps intact services and social infrastructures which are so important to many in our Filipino community.

HAWAII-FILIPINO NEWS

PCFH Sponsors Inaugural Little Miss Philippines Hawaii Pageant

By Carlota Adler

Anna Davide, the daughter of Dr. Carolina Davide, received the most overall points and garnered the crown for Little Miss Philippines Hawaii 2009.

The Philippine Cultural Foundation of Hawaii (PCFH) held the first Little Miss Philippines Hawaii at the Empress Restaurant last May 30, 2009. Candidates competed in the following categories: Best in Play Wear, Best in Talent, Best in Gown, Questions and Answers and Special award as Little Miss Aloha, Little Miss Photogenic and Little Miss Friendship.

First Princess was Raizza Pulido, daughter of Ben & Lilia Pulido; Second Princess was Jessica Saribay, daughter of Jessie & Shirley Saribay; Princess of Charity was Reylyn Maren Agmata Gascon, daughter of Rey and Madelyn Gascon; and Princess of Culture is Dulce Clemente, daughter of Fernando and Cristina Clemente.

The guest speaker was Mayor Alfredo Valdez from San Nicolas, Ilocos Norte, Philippines. Accompanying him was his wife Dr. Melanie Grace



L-R: Jessica Saribay (2nd Princess), Reylyn Gascon (Princess of Charity), Dulce Clemente (Princess of Culture), Anna Davide (Queen / Little Miss Philippines Hawaii) and Raizza Pulido (1st Princess)

photo by Tim Lleo

Pizana-Valdez and his sister and brother from California.

The panel of judges included Teresita Bernales, Estrella Luna Lariozo and Narleen Kristel Narciso of Performing Arts. Among the 300 attendees were guests Mayor Mufi Hannemann who arrived after several graduation appearances, State senators Clarence Nishihara and Lili Espero and State Rep. Rida Cabanilla. Ric Manayan and Bennette Evangelista were the hosts, while former State Rep. Ben Cabreros and William Cudal were tabulators.

The Little Miss Philippines Hawaii Pageant is a fundraising project of the PCFH under the leadership of Maggie Domingo

and its officers and members. Proceeds will go towards their scholarship recipients. A check of \$1,000 was presented by PCFH to Mayor Valdez to assist the San Nicolas Scholarship Project in the Philippines.

Based on the success of this year's pageant, plans are already in the works for another one next year, says PCFH president Maggie Domingo.

"The parents who attended the pageant were excited," she says. "They saw the impact and difference that the little kids made. The parents insist that there will be another Little Miss Philippines pageant next year. In fact, we already have a line-up for next year's contestants."

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FEATURE

Filipino Coffee Grower Among World's Best

By Caroline Julian

Nestled in the Ka'u District near the town of Pahala on the Big Island is a small farm that has earned a big and distinguished award for its coffee.

"We were acknowledged as being one of the best roast coffees in the world," says Ruby Javar, owner of Ruby & Amy Javar Farms. "Last year we were semifinalists in the Coffee of the Year competition. It is always an honor to receive recognition from Specialty Coffee Association of America."

The SCAA is the world's largest coffee trade association dedicated to creating a vibrant specialty coffee community.

About 370 different coffees were represented at this year's competition, which was held in Atlanta. The 8,000-plus coffee aficionados in attendance each cast their ballot. In the end, Javar's coffee had placed tenth best in the world.

The award essentially places Hawaii on the map for its java. Previously, Hawaii java was not given much of a chance in the roast competition. Javar was encouraged by the legendary Diedrich family, who thought their coffee was up there with the best, and by Master Roaster Dan Tang—a close friend and 2009 Roaster World Finalist.

"Usually you hear about Ethiopian and Kenyan coffees," Javar says. "We feel that all Hawaiian coffee has the potential to be great. What makes ours special is the time and care we put into bringing out the best



Ka'u coffee growers Ruby and Amy Javar display their gourmet coffee beans

in our coffee. It comes down to really knowing and caring for your crop, harvesting the right cherries and making sure it is processed and roasted well.

"The true test is how it cups. By doing this, we try to achieve a taste profile that delights even the most distinguishing of connoisseurs," says the native of Pangasinan, Philippines.

This year's entry took about a year to perfect.

"We transformed our backyard into a testing lab and experimented with different farming techniques," Javar says. "We are also trying to see if small changes in our farming techniques, varieties of coffee and processing had any impact on the final product. Of course it doesn't stop there because you still have to bring out the best of the coffee's attributes when you roast it.

"We have also helped our fellow farmers by teaching them some of the things we have learned so that they too can improve their crops," adds

Javar, whose family has established a history of farming roots in Ka'u since 1908.

"You can say we know this place pretty well. Our family has been here for several generations," he says.

A coffee farmer for about six years, Javar started his agricultural career assisting with the planting and processing of crops at the Ka'u Sugar Company, where he worked for about 28 years.

Following retirement, finding his niche crop didn't come right away. But the couple eventually found their green thumbs in growing coffee.

"We tried our hand in a number of vegetables and grew a number of crops including tomatoes, string beans, sweet potato, green onion, peanut and taro. We even had 5 acres planted in aloë," Javar says.

"Other farmers were also getting into the coffee business so we learned what we could at the time and started. It has been a constant learning process since then.

"We found that growing coffee interested both of us. We also find it rewarding to help our fellow farmers by showing them how to process their coffee and helping them to find buyers."

Javar and his 10 employees are busiest during the peak season, which starts in October and ends in April.

"We then harvest coffee cherries at their ripest. From that point on, we work with our sister company Pavaraga to wet process, dry mill and distribute our coffee. Then it is profession-

ally roasted prior to shipment to our customers," he says.

Roasted and marketed by Pavaraga, a gourmet coffee distributor, Javar's coffee is currently being sold by one of the mainland's most famous roasters and Lifetime Achievement Winner (in coffee), Martin Diedrich of Kean Coffee.

But people can get a taste of his prime java at Alan Wong's Restaurant and Nayong Filipino Cafe on Oahu; KTA Superstores on the Big Island and soon several more supermarket chains across the islands.

Their coffee also comes in flavored versions such as Macadamia Nut, Chocolate Haupia, or regular roast in Premium, Private Reserve or Championship Grade.



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Memorializing Corky Trinidad

By Belinda A. Aquino, Ph.D

I was in Manila last February when I learned of Corky Trinidad's passage to eternity. Although I knew that he was gravely ill, I never thought he would go so soon. It's during times like this that always remind you of English poet John Donne's famous dictum about losing someone: "Every man's death diminishes me...for I'm involved in mankind..."

We are certainly diminished by Corky's untimely passing. Though past his prime, he still had so much to offer. It was not so much his artistic talent that was so unique, although that was definitely his main attraction to readers and friends. Having known him for so many decades, even before I met him personally, what always struck me was the quality of his humanity, which combined talent with humor and a certain vibrancy that animated his personality. He always had a story to tell laced with satiric wit and an irrelevant punchline. He had an uncanny ability to elicit laughter. He was an absolutely delightful chap—the kind you wanted to have around. He

would always make your day, guaranteed.

His mother was the famous Lina Flor, who pioneered Filipino soap operas with her "Gulong ng Palad" radio series. I was always glued to the next episode of this series while growing up in the Philippines. I knew that Corky inherited his mother's artistic temperament. Lina saw something meaningful in day-to-day Philippine life. Like all soaps, "Gulong ng Palad" engaged Filipino sensibilities from tragic to comic.

I came to know Corky much more during the martial law years in the 70s and 80s. He was not a street radical by any means like most of us were. He used the power of his pen and cartoons to drive home the point about what was reprehensible about oppressive dictatorships. It was not his purpose to poke fun by taking potshots about what was going on in the Philippines and around the world where repression was more the norm rather than exception. He wanted to make a point with every stroke of his pen.

I could go on, but it's time to reflect on the meaning of his



Corky Trinidad
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death. That meaning can only be understood if it's bigger than life. For some strange reason, someone always seems larger in death than in life. Corky's legacy will live on in our collective memory.

For this purpose, family, friends, colleagues and admirers are hoping to perpetuate his artistic and professional legacy this year, which would have been his 70th birthday. They have organized the "Friends of Corky" which aims to raise initial funds to establish an endowment at the UH Foundation to assist students, scholars and researchers in the fields spanning Corky's lifelong interests—journalism, mass

communication, fine arts (especially painting), performing arts, human rights, among others.

According to UH Foundation policies, a minimum amount of \$35,000 is needed to name an endowment after a certain individual. Upon reaching the amount, the UH Foundation will administer the endowment in conjunction with the Center for Philippine Studies at UH-Manoa.

"Friends of Corky" organizers are delighted that the Honolulu Star-Bulletin has pledged a significant seed amount to jumpstart the endowment project. Pledges from various donors have already been received, some from friends and colleagues on the mainland. Corky's high school and college classmates at the Ateneo de Manila have also written to pledge their support.

Corky was a talented, tireless, delightful, devoted and loyal worker for the Star-Bulletin for 40 years. I know for a fact that several people, especially in the Filipino community, subscribed to the paper only because they loved Corky's cartoons. His fans obviously miss him. He could have left the Bulletin for greener pastures, but he remained a steadfast loyalist, even going to the extent of getting a payout

when necessary.

Corky's two editorial cartoons appeared daily on the front page and the editorial section of the Star-Bulletin, as well on several international newspapers. His works were among the most widely distributed in Asia and Europe and in major U.S. publications like the New York Times, USA Today, Los Angeles Times, Washington Post, Time and Newsweek. In 1965 he was syndicated by the Los Angeles-Washington Post Syndicate, the first ever non-American editorial cartoonist to be so honored.

He received many prestigious awards and citations too numerous to list here, but a few can be mentioned. In 1967, he was a recipient of the UCLA Foreign Journalism Award. He was twice an awardee for the Salon Des Humour competition in Montreal, Canada. In 1982, he received the ACLU Allan Saunders Award. And in 1998, he received the Fletcher Knebel Journalism Prize from the Hawaii Media Council.

In 1969, he joined the Star-Bulletin, saying he was happy to work for a newspaper with a journalistic attitude toward the cartoon and an editorial philosophy compatible with his own. He

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COMMENTARY

(Corky Trinidad... from page 8)

had found his niche.

He explained that cartoons are not just editorial illustrations but commentaries that, first and always, must make a statement and take a stand. He maintained that if such talented people like Honore Daumier or Paul Conrad drew cartoons only on the basis of corresponding editorials in the newspapers they worked for, "those artists would be in limbo." In this regard, Corky did not exactly agree with the label "editorial cartoonist" because the profession is really a craft that should be treated with more depth. A cartoon is not meant to entertain. It is a work of art.

Part of his compelling commentary on his craft is worth repeating here: "I have never seen a great cartoon that sat on a fence. I have never seen a great cartoonist who tried to be loved on all sides of the issue. The cartoon, to be really good and true to its purpose, must go beyond the specific subject matter for its content. The ultimate purpose is to take a very particular, topical subject and react to it in a way that sets down a universal principle."

Underlying his genius was the way he treated and used humor. Quoting Abraham Lincoln who, according to Corky,

gave the best definition of humor when he said, "I laugh because I must not cry." The purpose of humor, Corky said, is to "express the truth in another manner that softens the hurt. Like slapping someone with reality wrapped in a pillow."

He, however, indicated that you would always find someone who will read the wrong thing in humor. He often got phone calls or letters that berated him for skewering certain personalities. One of those angry readers was Ferdinand Marcos, who was not amused by Corky's humor while the latter was working for the Philippine Herald after getting his BA in journalism from the Jesuit-run Ateneo de Manila University. Feeling the heat and thinking of his future, Corky moved his family from the Philippines to Hawaii in the late 1960s.

Anyone wishing to make a contribution or donation to Friends of Corky can contact the convener, Dr. Teresita Bemaes at email tgb103@hawaii.rr.com or Gem-iniano Arre, Fil-Com Center president at 680-0451. All donations are tax-deductible. Checks should be made out to "Fil-Com Center" and "For Friends of Corky" on the memo side. They should be mailed to: Fil-Com Center, 94-428 Mokulua St. #302, Waipahu, HI 96897.

HAWAII-FILIPINO NEWS

City Seeks Nominations for Honolulu Forever Young Awards

The City and County of Honolulu, in partnership with HMAA, Hawaii Insurance Consultants, Ltd., HMSA, the Queens Medical Center and Honolulu 100, is accepting nominations for the City's Second Annual Honolulu Forever Young Awards.

The awards are part of the Honolulu Forever Young campaign which aims to change the perception of retirement and aging by honoring those who continue to accomplish great things in their later years through their involvement in business careers; giving back to the community through mentoring, philanthropy and volunteerism; and serving as role models for future generations.

This year's Honolulu Forever Young awards will honor individuals based on their accomplishments in the following areas:

- Career Successes;
- Community Service/Philanthropy;
- Mentoring/Community Capacity Building; and
- Healthy Aging.

Nominees must be 65 years of age or older by June 30, 2009, work at least 19 hours per week, and reside in the City and County of Honolulu. Nominations will be accepted through June 30, 2009. Entry forms are available online at: www.HonoluluForeverYoung.org.

Completed entries should be submitted online at www.HonoluluForeverYoung.org or sent to the City and County of Honolulu offices at 715 South King Street, Suite 311, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813. All entries must be received by June 30, 2009. Winners will be announced on July 27, 2009. More information is available by calling 768-7760.

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Raising a School Ready Child: School-Readiness Starts at Home

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

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

tion, language, and cognitive development. He also shows increasing interests in new experiences and in mastering new skills.

Getting "school-ready" starts long before the weeks or months prior to your child entering kindergarten. By encouraging and supporting your child's love of learning, you help him to be school-ready. Your active involvement in your child's learning makes an important contribution towards creating strong, positive home-and-school partnerships that will help him succeed in school. Without adequate nurturing and support at home, he may face significant disadvantages when he starts formal schooling. These challenges may also affect him later in life.

There are many ways you, as a parent, can positively support your child's learning. The following Learning Continuum: From Home to School chart shows how you can help your child develop the characteris-



tics, positive behaviors, and skills that lead to success at home, school, work, and in life. These traits are consistent with those that the Hawai'i State Department of Education (DOE) identifies in their General Learner Outcomes (GLOs). The GLOs serve as the basis for evaluating students' performance at all grade levels and in all academic disciplines. (For more information on GLOs, go to <http://www.doe.k12.hi.us/>)

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THE LEARNING CONTINUUM —FROM HOME TO SCHOOL

WHEN PARENTS AND OTHER CARE PROVIDERS:

GIVE A CHILD AGE-APPROPRIATE RESPONSIBILITIES AND TEACH HIM HOW TO CARRY THEM OUT, they help him learn to:

- follow directions,
- finish what he starts, and
- develop confidence in his abilities.

RELATED GENERAL LEARNER OUTCOME (GLO)

A SELF-DIRECTED LEARNER has the ability to be responsible for one's own learning. In kindergarten, a child will be expected to:

- work independently and ask for help when needed,
- organize workplace and materials,
- make productive use of class time, and
- set goals.

SPEND TIME REGULARLY INTERACTING WITH AND GUIDING A CHILD—IN PLAY OR IN FAMILY ACTIVITIES, they provide him with opportunities to learn:

- appropriate behaviors,
- important values and expectations, and
- how to work cooperatively with others.

A COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTOR understands that it is essential for human beings to work together. In kindergarten, a child will be expected to:

- participate cooperatively and appropriately with others to achieve shared goals,
- show respect and recognize feelings of others,
- follow school and classroom rules, and
- make good choices.

ENCOURAGE A CHILD'S CURIOSITY AND HELP HIM TO QUESTION, EXPLORE, EXPERIMENT, AND PROBLEM SOLVE, they help him develop:

- critical-thinking skills,
- problem-solving skills, and
- creativity.

A COMPLEX THINKER demonstrates critical thinking and problem solving strategies. In kindergarten, a child will be expected to:

- use prior knowledge and experiences to solve problems,
- explain answers and make adjustments, and
- solve problems in different ways.

CREATE A SUPPORTIVE HOME ENVIRONMENT AND PROVIDE CONSISTENT ENCOURAGEMENT FOR A CHILD—by encouraging him to "stick with it" when he faces challenges, and by giving him positive feedback about his work along with appropriate consequences if he does not do his work—they help him to:

- develop perseverance,
- understand that learning requires practice and persistence, and
- accept responsibility for his actions.

A QUALITY PRODUCER recognizes and produces quality performances and quality products. In kindergarten, a child will be expected to:

- strive to complete work neatly and correctly, and
- set and strive toward learning goals.

USE LANGUAGE IN MANY WAYS WITH A CHILD—by reading or telling stories together, describing or explaining experiences, asking and answering questions, encouraging expression of thoughts and feelings either verbally or in writing—they help him learn:

- new words and ideas,
- different ways to express himself, and
- the connection between spoken language and written language.

AN EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATOR has the ability to communicate effectively. In kindergarten, a child will be expected to:

- speak effectively in front of a group,
- listen attentively to gain understanding,
- follow directions, and
- contribute effectively through speaking, drawing, and writing.

USE ELECTRONIC TECHNOLOGY AS A SUPPLEMENT RATHER THAN AS A REPLACEMENT FOR INTERACTION AND SET LIMITS ON TV WATCHING AND USE OF COMPUTER/VIDEO GAMES, they help him learn to use such media responsibly.

AN EFFECTIVE/ETHICAL USER OF TECHNOLOGY has the ability to use a variety of technologies effectively and ethically. In kindergarten, a child will be expected to:

- use school materials/tools properly, e.g. books, computers, TV, DVD, crayons, pencils, scissors, glue,
- use various technologies to find information and create new products,
- explain how technology is used every day, and
- use technology in a responsible manner.

The often used phrase—"parents are a child's first and most important teacher"—captures the essential role that you as a parent play in your child's life. Your child was born with the capacity to learn, however he depends on you and other care providers to provide him with consistent, positive interactions and a safe, healthy, and nurturing environment that allows him to grow and thrive. All of his early experiences influence his growth, development, and eventual readiness for school success. His ability and desire to learn develops at home and grows as he becomes a more active member of his schools and communities.

A school-ready child is a child who is prepared to learn successfully in school. This child shows growth over time in his physical, social and emo-

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LEGAL NOTES

Employer's Liability for H-1B Wages



By Reuben S. Seguritan

When is an employer required to start paying the wage of his H-1B worker? And when does his obligation to pay end? Does he have to pay the worker even if he does not assign him any work?

These and other related questions were answered by an Administrative Law Judge in the recent case of Itak Consulting, Inc.

Itak Consulting, Inc. filed an H-1B petition for Benly Ebenezer to work as a computer programmer in Princeton, New Jersey. The petition was approved and Ebenezer entered the

U.S. with an H-1B visa on August 4, 2005.

Upon his arrival, he contacted his employer and made himself available to work on August 8. However, he was not assigned any work because the employer told him that he did not have any social security number. He received his social security number on November 12, 2005.

EBENEZER finally was assigned to work in Manhattan from December 12, 2005 to February 22, 2007.

Before February 23, 2007, Ebenezer spoke with his employer about terminating his contract but no date of termination was set. The employer sent a letter to the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) on March 2, 2007,



informing it that Ebenezer was no longer employed.

The employer did not pay Ebenezer his wage while waiting for his social security number and until December 12, 2005. He also was not paid the correct prevailing wage from December 12, 2005 to February 17, 2006. He was not also paid from December 8, 2006 to February 22, 2007.

The Administrative Law Judge ordered the employer to

pay Ebenezer the prevailing wage for Manhattan during those periods.

The judge said that the employer was obligated to pay Ebenezer starting on August 8, 2005 when he made himself available for work. A social security number was not required before he could start working. While waiting for the social security number, the employer could have relied on Ebenezer's H-1B status as proof of his authorization to work.

The amount of compensation according to the judge depended on the work location. Since he was assigned to work in Manhattan, he was entitled to the prevailing wage of New York City.

The employer was required to pay Ebenezer's full-time

wages even if he was "benched" or not working due to lack of available work. As a rule, the employer is not required to pay an H-1B worker during nonproductive status when it is due to conditions unrelated to the employment such as maternity leave or automobile accidents.

As far as when the employer's obligation to pay the wage was terminated, the judge said that it was not enough to notify the employee of his termination. What was needed to end his liability to compensate him was a notification to the USCIS of the employment termination or an attempt to pay Ebenezer's transportation back to his home country.

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MAINLAND NEWS

Fil-Am Graduates Summa Cum Laude from Georgetown University

Raymond Patrick Tolentino, a Fil-Am originally from Dallas, Texas, graduated summa cum laude from Georgetown University and was named salutatorian of the school's Class of 2009.

Tolentino earned a degree

in English with a minor in Government and Japanese. He wrote a thesis entitled, "Bulosan and Beyond: Theorizing the Filipina/o Body Across Time and Space."

Philippine Ambassador to the U.S. Willy C. Gaa congrat-

ulated Tolentino, saying his achievement is an inspiration to all youths. Tolentino's parents—Raymundo and Eleanor—say their son was brought up to be proud of his Filipino culture and heritage and to value education.

"We kept telling him early on that the only legacy we can give him is the best education," says Mrs. Tolentino, a registered nurse. "We told him to study well and remember your heritage."

Tolentino also graduated as valedictorian of his high



Raymond Patrick Tolentino pose with his father, Raymundo

school class at the Jesuit College Preparatory School in Dallas.

A visibly-proud Tolentino held the Philippine flag high during the Seniors' Convocation. Tolentino was an active member of Georgetown's Club Filipino which aims to promote Filipino culture, diversity

and understanding within the Georgetown community.

Tolentino interned with the Migration Policy Institute in Washington, D.C. and was described by Policy Analyst Atty. Lauren Laglagaron as an "exceptional intern whom the Filipino-American community could rightly be proud of." (DFA)

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nagpaay gapu iti makuna a succession, adda pay nagpaay laeng iti sumagamano nga aldaw gapu iti 'sabali a gundaway iti eleksion iti UFCH presidency'.

Adda bukod nga estilo ken wagas a panagidaulo tunggal nagpaay a presidente. Saan amin nga administration ket agpapadada iti pannakaimaton. Ketti, adda la ti nabungbunga no bilang ti proyekto, bilang ti kameng, agtaliinaed a kameng. Ngem ti maysa a kinapudno: adda ti OFCC nga agkutkuti, agtigignay a kas grupo dagiti organisasion Filipino. Ii laves ti singkuenta a tawen, dakkel ti namnama ken pammatimi, agtululoy dayta babaen iti interes, gusto, sirmata ken panangimaton dagiti masakbayan a liderato.

ITA a sursuratenni daytoy, maaisagsagana ti Hunio 26, 2009 ti nairanta a pannakaaramid ti Presidents' Ball. Maangay iti Hilton Hawaiian Village Beach Resort & SPA. Mapadayawan dagiti amin a nagpresidente iti OFCC nanipud pay idi 1959 agingana iti agdam.

Maaramid met ti annual Convention no Hunio 27, 2009 iti South Pacific Rooms 2 & 3.

Maawis amin a unit organization nga agpabaro ti membership da iti OFCC saan a naladladaw ngem Hunio 13, 2009. Mapiliinto dagiti baro nga opisial ken direktor.

Ii sabali a bangir, paliwmen met ti UFCH ti 50th Golden anniversaryna iti Hulio 2009. Maangay met ti Annual Convention idiy Molokai intono

Hulio 25 ken 26. Ni Eddie Agas, Sr., ti agdam a presidente.

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Ii biang ti simbaan dagiti Filipino, kaaduanna nga Ilokan, isagsagana met ti St. Paul's Church - Honolulu ti Golden Anniversary ti simbaan no Agosto 22, 2009 iti met la Hilton Hawaii Village Hotel. Agosto 12, 1959 idi napundart St. Paul's Church [Aglipayan] a nagpaayan ni Fr. Tim Quintero [Santa Maria, Pangasinan] kas imuna a padi. Ni Fr. Randolph VN Albano [Bacarra, IN] ti agdam a padi.

Mapadayawanto dagiti lima a kangrunaan a kamengna, maawang iti Bishop's Awardee.

Tema ti selesbrasion: "LIFT HIGH THE CROSS AS WE CONTINUE IN HIS JOURNEY"

Tampok daytoy a pasken ti pannakakoronan ti agbalin a 1st Ms St. Paul's Church 2009, ti agbalin a Reyna ti Golden Anniversary ti nasao a simbaan.

Dagiti kandidata para iti 1st Ms St. Paul's Church: Raquel Borce, Emma dela Cruz, Maricel Velasco

Maipaay ti ania man a mapastrek ken donasion kadagiti proyekto ken mision ti simbaan iti outreach program ken iti pannakatulog ti maaisagsagana a pannakabangon ti bukod a simbaan, kas maikadua a lugar a pagdaydayawan dagiti kameng ti San Pablo.

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2004: Fely Burigay, Rose Galanto, Marilyn Kunitake, Carlota Segundo, Rafael Villanueva

Para iti ad-ada a delaye ken impormasion, awagan ni Dwayne Bundo iti 671-7900, weno Fr. Randy Albano iti 538-3275, Amado I. Yoro, 699-9814 ken dadduma nga opisial ti simbaan.

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GLOBAL NEWS

Guam Declares June as Philippine Independence Month

Guam Governor Felix P. Camacho has signed a proclamation declaring June as Philippine Independence Month.

The proclamation recognizes the close relationship between Guam and the Philippines and the valuable contributions of Filipinos to the overall improvement of Guam's island community.

It further states that Filipinos have helped to "enrich and diversify Guam's heritage and people. Many have estab-

lished themselves as integral members of society and served as educators, business leaders, doctors, nurses, police officers, accountants, government officials and in other professions. Through their significant contributions, Filipinos have helped to enhance and expand the uniqueness that makes Guam special."

Gov. Camacho also stated Guam has been blessed immensely by the Filipino people.

"We thank you for being our brothers and sisters. We thank

you for being part of our life and our community," he says.

Philippine Consul General to Guam Olivia V. Palala thanked the governor for the proclamation and for the recognition accorded to the Filipino community's contributions to the growth and development of Guam. She says that the Philippines is proud to be the first democratic republic in Asia and that, as a people, Filipinos are proud of their forefathers and the blood they shed in order for present day Filipinos to possess the freedoms they enjoy now. (DEI)

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JUNE TO AUGUST— Overseas Absentee Voting Registration for Filipino citizens who wish to vote in the presidential elections in May 2010. Registrants may come to the Consulate in person with their Philippine passports to accomplish the

application form.

JUNE 12, 8:30am, Friday, at the consulate grounds — *"Araw ng Kalayaan"* (Independence Day)

JUNE 12, 6:30pm, Friday, Freedom Bash 2 with Jay Cayuca, Vis-

itist, at the Hilton-Hawaiian Village at 6:30 pm. For details, call Emily at 595-6316.

JULY 10-14TH — Ambassadors and Consul Generals Tour to the Philippines, a special package tour for the public.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MRS. HAWAII FILIPINA PAGEANT BY UFCH / SATURDAY

June 6, 2009 • 6 pm • Hilton Hawaiian Village, Tapa Room • Contact person: Eddie Agas-783-3327, Carlota Ader-688-3215

11TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PROCLAMATION OF PHIL. INDEPENDENCE / FRIDAY

June 12, 2009 • 7 pm • Featuring the music of Jay Cayuca and his band • Hilton Hawaiian Village Tapa Ballroom • For more info, call Jean Jeremiah at 387-5481 or Emily Reyes at 595-6316 x 242

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June 13, 2009 • 9:30 am - 1:30 pm • Likelike Highway & Kalihii Street • Contact Lina Longboy at 375 0828

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June 14, 2009 • 6 pm • Hawaii Prince Hotel • Contact event chair Danny Villanuz at 778-0233 or Lina Longboy at 375-0828

OFCC GOLDEN JUBILEE PRESIDENT'S BALL / FRIDAY

June 26, 2009 • 6 pm • Hilton Hawaii Village Resort & SPA H • Contact event chair Leo Gozar at 230-0088 or Lina Longboy at 375 0828

OAHU FILIPINO COMMUNITY COUNCIL (OFCC) ANNUAL CONVENTION / SATURDAY

June 27, 2009 • 7:30 am - 4 pm • Hilton Hawaiian Village Resort & SPA • Contact event chair Carlota Ader at 688-3215 or Lina Longboy at 375 0828 for more details

FILIPINO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF HAWAII INSTALLATION BANQUET / SATURDAY

July 11, 2009 • 6 pm. • Hilton Hawaiian Village • Call Rose Mendoza at 371-3902 or Bennett Evangelista at 398-5988

VISAYAN CENTENNIAL EVENTS

VISAYAN CENTENNIAL AWARDS GALA / SUNDAY

July 19, 2009 • 6 pm. • Hale Koa Hotel, Waikiki

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