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## Asian-Americans vote GOP in midterm polls



Women micro-entrepreneurs take part in a ceremony in Tacloban on Nov. 8 to celebrate their resurgence a year after losing their businesses due to Super Typhoon Yolanda.

### Tacloban braces for misery and darkness this Christmas

MANILA — It's Christmas time once again in Tacloban after a year of misery and darkness.

Residents of the city are in the mood to celebrate the joyous season after slowly picking themselves up from the massive devastation caused by Super Typhoon Yolanda in November last year.

To help spread the yuletide cheer among Taclobanons, Coca-Cola Philippines, in partnership with the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority

(TESDA), launched its most unique/holiday campaign by lighting up the streets of

#### Ping rips mayor for protest rallies

MANILA — Rehabilitation czar Secretary Pantalo Lacson on Monday slammed Tacloban City Mayor Alfred Romualdez for the slow pace of Yolanda (Haiyan) rehabilitation in his area.

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Tacloban and other areas in the country.

The first Coke parol (Christmas lantern) made from recycled materials was lit on Nov. 8, coinciding with the first anniversary of Yolanda.

"The Tacloban leg is most special to us because it also marks the realization of the commitment we made one year ago to help the city get back on its feet. We do not commemorate the onslaught of the typhoon. What

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### Filipino invents anti-Ebola device



Nurses applaud Ebola patient Dr. Craig Spencer after his release from Bellevue Hospital Center in New York on Nov. 11. (Ruth Fremson/The New York Times)

MANILA — A locally developed machine that taps electrical current to promote general health and well-being and fight all kinds of diseases may just be able to neutralize killer viruses, including the current global scourge, the Ebola virus.

Danny Orjuela, inventor of the electrotherapy device, told the *Philippine Star* he was offering his invention as a possible

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By **TIM MAK**

The Asian-American outreach desk at the Republican National Committee is uncorking the champagne over the results of the midterm elections — not only did these communities vote more favorably for the GOP than in previous elections, but they're also becoming increasingly influential.

The Asian-American electorate is the fastest growing portion of

the voting population: Making up just 1.6 percent of the electorate in 1996, it ballooned to 3.4 percent of the electorate by 2012, and these effects are beginning to be felt on the ground. In the Virginia Senate race, for example, Asian-Americans made up 3 percent of the electorate, larger than the margin of victory, meaning that they were influential in determining the eventual out-

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### 11 of them elected to next Congress

Eleven Asian-Americans will serve in the next Congress beginning in 2015, the same as this year's record number.

The new names are California State Sen. Ted Lieu who easily defeated Republican Elan Carr 58-42 percent and State Sen. Mark Takai of Hawaii who won 52-48 percent over Charles Djou.

Takai will replace Colleen Hanabusa who lost in the primary in a run for the U.S. Senate.

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### Aquino in Beijing, talks of West Philippine Sea



President Benigno Aquino III (left) shakes hands with China's President Xi Jinping during a welcoming ceremony at the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum in China on Nov. 11. (Reuters/Kim Kyung-Hoon)

BEIJING — In a gathering of Asia-Pacific leaders where the economy is the main agenda, President Aquino raised the West Philippine Sea issue, particularly efforts by his administration to resolve territorial disputes through international arbitration.

In a press briefing at the Philippine Embassy here Monday, Foreign Affairs

Secretary Albert del Rosario said the maritime row was "touched broadly" in all of the five bilateral meetings.

The President is in the Chinese capital for the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) summit.

"For example, in the case of Vietnam, there was common

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