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Dinagyang Festival 2010 Champion Tribe Pasaway of Fort San Pedro National High School in Iloilo City will be featured at the Philippine Independence Day parade in New York City on June 5, 2011. Parade spectators will get a rare chance to see one of the most spectacular Mardi Gras-type festival competitions in Asia, the Dinagyang Festival of Iloilo City, watched annually by at least two million tourists and locals.

PH heritage, culture motif of N.Y. parade

The Philippine Independence Day Council, Inc. (PIDCI) parade on Sunday, June 5 will feature the tourism sensation Dinagyang Festival from Iloilo City, the Philippines' "Queen of

Festivals," it was announced by PIDCI president Jeji J. Jalandoni. Philippine Vice President Jejomar C. Binay will be guest of honor, while the 30-person Dinagyang contingent will be its

main feature along with its cultural festival, two of the three major events held the same day of the 113th commemoration of Philippine independence. Also invited to march along the

parade route on Madison Ave. are Rep. Jerry P. Treñas of the lone district of Iloilo City; Agrarian Reform Undersecretary Gerardo Madane; Iloilo Gov. Arthur D. Tano to page 3

Binay grp. to seminar at Wharton



VP JEJOMAR BINAY

Vice President Jejomar C. Binay will lead a Manila delegation to attend a week-long seminar on international housing program finance course at Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania starting June 6, 2011.

Binay will be the guest of honor at the Philippine Independence Day parade on June 5, 2011 starting at 38th Street down to 27th Street on Madison Avenue in New York City.

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THOMAS SARINO

GRACE LUYUG AQUINO

ESTRELITA MOORE

3rd Filipino a twister victim

A former New Yorker was identified as the third Filipino fatality in the Joplin, Missouri tornado that killed some 140 people and left thousands homeless on May 22.

Thomas Sarino, 76, a former employee at Warner Brothers in New York, was reportedly crushed by boulders in his apartment at 2001 Connecticut Avenue in Joplin when the monster tornado — the deadliest single U.S. tornado recorded in 61 years — raged six miles of Joplin town.

The first two Filipino victims were Grace Luyug Aquino, 46, a

mother of three and receptionist for the China Pantry; and Estrelita Maransala Moore, 64, a breast cancer survivor and hairdresser at JC Penney.

Both are natives of Panganga, Philippines.

Sarino, a Cebuano who was a naturalized American citizen, was not reported missing earlier because he lived alone and had no immediate family members in Missouri, according to ABS-CBN, which added that Sarino was not known among Joplin's Filipino community.

His death was only confirmed five days after the devastation.

According to a niece in Cebu, Grace Sarino, she was contacted through Facebook on May 28 by a certain Taylor Jayne Thompson, who relayed to her the cousin's confirmation of Thomas Sarino's death.

The niece told ABS-CBN that a certain Mrs. Gillette, a supposed neighbor of Thomas Sarino, spoke to Thompson and claimed that she saw him being pulled from the rubble "deceased."

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Bill refiled to reunite veterans' children

WASHINGTON — A legislation that would reunite U.S.-based Filipino World War II veterans with their Philippine-based children was reintroduced in the U.S. Senate on May 27.

The Filipino Veterans Family Reunification Act of 2011 was refiled by Sen. Daniel K. Akaka (D-Hawaii).

It is co-sponsored by Senators Daniel K. Inouye (D-Hawaii) and Robert Menendez (D-New Jersey).

The text of the bill is included in the Military Families Act reintroduced by Menendez and eight other Democratic senators that included New York Senators Charles Schumer and Kirsten Gillibrand.

The Military Families Act would grant permanent-resident status to the immigrant relatives of active-duty military personnel.

If approved, it would provide green cards to immigrant parents, spouses and children of anyone who has served in the armed forces since 2001.

The bill, with the family reunification provision, also covers the immigrant relatives of those who have died while serving in the military.

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M.D. convict loses appeal

ATLANTA — The Georgia State Supreme Court unanimously upheld the 2007 precedent-setting felony murder conviction and life jail sentence of south Georgia Filipino-American internist Noel Natividad Chua, who used his

position as a physician and access to prescription drugs to have sex with young men.

The unanimous ruling, released Monday, is in connection with the 2005 death of 19-year-old James Carter III, who moved into Chua's home a

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