As we walk down the street we hear chants of the Hyatt workers on strike. Police officers are making sure they are protesting in a peaceably manner.

A high end Hyatt management worker pulls a random person on the sidewalk and says, “I’ll pay you $7 an hour if you put on this orange vest and watch these people. Make sure they don’t step on our property.”

I overhear and listen to the stories of the workers. Many of them were treated poorly and were laid off for no reason. Some claiming to have walked into work on a normal day, and all of a sudden, hearing that they have become unemployed. The Mainland strike workers are getting hurt by blasted heat waves and sun reflection panels. These laid-off workers work more than the duties required in their contract. Some have lost income that put food on the table for their kids.

I need no more explanation to support this cause. It was time for us to perform our “Welga Welga” (Strike, in Ilokano).

“Agbiag!,” a woman shouts from across the street as we finished our chant. The workers become more empowered, as the public crowd gathers to see.

Dancing starts in the streets. Newscasters ask questions. The stories of the workers are told on television and shared through Facebook and Twitter. They become the subject of all the conversations held within Waikiki, the restaurants, the tourists, the CEO’s and the locals.

Now there are more people supporting the cause. We have succeeded. The story of a few workers, are now a movement for justice.
Timpuyog members participated in a statewide event called Adopt a School Day and “adopted” Haleiwa Elementary School and Farrington High School.

Haleiwa Elementary School is located on the North Shore of Oahu. Its enrollment is approximately 200 students from grades preschool to 6th grade. Tarance Icari, Timpuyog’s Vice President of Public Relations, suggested that this school be adopted not because he is an alumni but more importantly, the school is on the verge of closing due to the low enrollment and bad economy.

The officers of the Timpuyog organization chose to present Haleiwa Elementary with a monetary donation. This money will help support the needs of the students.

On Saturday, October 8, Timpuyog members gathered at the front lawn of Farrington High School to participate in a beautification project. Members got down and dirty, digging and planting various plants along the front side of Building A. Some of the plants that were planted were plumeria trees and various types of ti leaf.
On September 17, Timpuyog held its Ilokano Language and Cultural picnic at Magic Island site 40. This was the first big event of the semester where members of the organization are exposed to the Ilokano culture by playing various games, singing, dancing, and enjoying delicious Filipino dishes.

The planning for the picnic was lead by co-chairs Dean Domingo and Almond Jaye Ereno. “I must say that this is the first time I have ever felt that I had fun as a ‘co-chair’ for such event even though I have chaired this a couple of times in the past. Dean and I did things differently this time. We planned about a month ahead of time,” said Ereno.

The theme of the picnic was “Ilokano Mythical Creatures” which the members were grouped into: Al-alia, Ansisit, Batibat, Engkantada, Kapre, Kumaw, Mannamay, and Sirena. Groups participated in various games throughout the day and earned points along the way. At the end the three teams with the most points won prizes.

The Ilokano classes also performed songs in front of an audience that consisted of the members of the organization and community.

Everything went well at the event. The first couple of games finished fast and the facilitators knew their games well. “Judging from the students’ reactions throughout the day, I could tell that this piknik brought out the ‘Timpuyog’ or ‘Togetherness’ spirit more than previous pikniks that I have attended. It was cool to witness and it felt good to have chaired such a wonderful event that brought together the Ilokano and IP classes,” said Ereno.

“We hoped everyone who attended the picnic had an awesome time socializing with one another and enjoyed what was planned. Hope to see you all again at the next event. Overall, it was a great piknik, we finished on time, we didn’t run out of water, the tug-o-war game was really fun, and there were many breaks this time around,” said Domingo.
October is upon us again and amongst all the Halloween and Midterms hype, let us remember that this month is also signified as Filipino-American Month. Take a break from your over-excessive studies and venture into what haunts our dreams when we were young kids. Philippine superstition takes prevalence in our culture, but do we really know anything about what creatures lurk in the darkness. It is during the week of All Saints Day, where Filipinos honor their dearly departed, by visiting them in cemeteries and staying there for the majority of their time. This season is regarded as the season for supernatural and ghost stories…. So why not delve into what creatures haunt us and find out more about why we were afraid to venture out at night as little kids…

The Aswang:

Probably the most popularly known and most feared, the Aswang is an evil vampire-like creature that is known for being the star in stories of grave robberies, child kidnappings, strange noises, and of course, eating people. The Aswang is the one to blame when a miscarriage was to happen, as they particularly love to feast on unborn baby fetuses. The Aswang are fast and silent, but what makes them most terrifying is that they are synonymous with shape-shifters, which makes them able to blend in anywhere, and be anyone.

The Sirena:

A creature of the sea, the Sirena is not your fair Little Mermaid. With the head and torso of a human female and the tail of a fish, the Sirena’s primary target and victim, are males. They are said to have haunting but enchanting voices, that tease and lure men. They have a beautiful voice that attracts and hypnotizes, distracting men from their work, causing them to fall into their awaiting waters so that they can be abducted or drowned.

The Tiyanak:

A vampiric creature, the Tiyanak is known to take the form of a child. The Tiyanak is said to be the demon spirits of children who died before they were baptized or born. Its main victims are unwary travelers, and the Tiyanak lures travelers into their jungle by taking the form of a newborn baby and imitating its cries. Once the victim picks it up, it reverts to its true form and attacks!

There are countless amounts of stories, creatures and myths that circulate our Philippine culture, so it is best to get them straight from the source… your parents! It is no doubt that the ghost stories told to you have kept your behavior in check for fear of the creatures that could attack you at any moment.

Be a good child and don’t forget to commemorate All Souls Day and All Saints Day by paying a visit to your family relatives who have already passed, as they are the focal point of Philippine superstition; they watch over you (so that you don’t get abducted by aswangs, sirenas, or tiyanaks!).

By Alycia Kiyabu
Sinigang a Bangus
(Stewed Milkfish in Tamarind)

Ingredients:
1 medium sized bangus
1 cup water
3-4 pcs tomatoes, sliced
1 onion, sliced
1 cup tamarind juice (boil tamarind 1 cup water and extract the juice) or Mama Sita’s Tamarind powder.
1 banana blossom (optional)
1 cup kangkong patis or salt to taste

Directions:
1. Clean and cut bangus into 3 pieces. Sprinkle with salt.
2. In a casserole pan, put the tomatoes and onions then boil with 1 cup water. Then add the milkfish, banana blossoms and patis to taste.
3. Simmer for 3 to 5 minutes. Then add the kangkong. Serve.

Naprito a Bangus
(Fried Milk Fish)

Ingredients:
Cooking Oil
3-4 sliced tomato.
Bangus

Directions:
1. Two ways to fry with cooking oil: deep frying or stove-top frying
2. Cook the fried bangus.
3. Add 3-4 sliced tomatoes, can be cut into cube-like pieces if preferred.

California Pizza Kitchen Fundraising Success

We raised close to $450 on September 19, 2011 at Ala Moana Center.
Thanks to everyone who supported our CPK FUN-draising!
Filipino-American History Month

On October 16, 2011 bring the kiddies out to “Anak,” the Filipino Kids Day at the Hawaii Children’s Discovery Center from 10am to 2pm. The free event is sponsored by Friends of the Filipino Association of University Women. There will be Filipino food, dance, music, games, arts and crafts, and storytelling.

You can also check out the different art exhibits being displayed at the Hawaii State Library and other participating libraries on Oahu.

Need a break from school? Get together with your friends and family and watch a Philippine movie shown by the Hawaii International Film Festival at Regal Theatres at Dole Cannery.

Hawaii International Film Festival

- **Busong**
  - Oct. 17 - 8:00pm
  - Oct. 18 - 1:00pm

- **Rakenrol**
  - Oct. 15 - 6:15pm

- **Star-crossed Love**
  - Oct. 21 - 9:30pm
  - Oct. 23 - 8:15pm

- **Thelma**
  - Oct. 15 - 2:45pm

- **The Woman in the Septic Tank**
  - Oct. 20 - 5pm

BROWNout is an ongoing exhibit now through October 31, 2011 at participating libraries throughout Oahu. The event is sponsored by the National Federation of Filipino-American Associations of Hawaii (NaFFAA) and the Friends of the Library of Hawaii.

“BROWNout was a project my organization (NaFFAA) had conjured up to promote art and art culture in Hawai‘i. Little is known of how expansive art is in the local Filipino community and we wanted to bring that out for, not only us to see, but for the community-at-large. I had taken reign over the event since its second year. In it’s third year, we’re taking the steps to branch out into several different libraries on Oahu. Now that we have a following, we’re hoping to branch out to libraries across the state so that it becomes a collective annual event,” said event coordinator Calvin Bagaoisan.

Visual artists who contributed to the showcase include Sharon Paulino Abad, Calvin John Bagaoisan, Christine Balboa, Jon Anthony Burdios, Shyrah Esteban, Jonathan Juan, Joanne Magday, Jennyliz Ordenez, Elsie Simpliciano, Pearl Tamayo, Joyce Transfiguracion, and Ericka Velasco.

Hawaii State Library Events

Oct. 1-29
“Filipino Komiks” exhibit displayed during regular library hours (LibrariesHawaii.Org).

Oct. 22
1:00-3:00pm a presentation on “Life of Dr. Jose Rizal.” Discussion to follow.
Learn Ilokano!

Naimbag a bigatmo!
Good morning to you!

Sadinno ti paggigianam?
Where do you live/reside?

Idiay (insert place) ti paggigianak.
(insert place) is where I live/reside.

Ammok ti agsao iti Ilokano!
I know how to speak Ilokano!

October 22, 2011
Football Homecoming Social
Aloha Stadium Parking Lot. If you’re going to
tailgate anyway, stop by our tent. Hang out
with your classmates and teachers outside of the
classroom and make new friends.

October 31, 2011
Bakesale at Campus Center by Jamba Juice
9am to 3pm. Satisfy your sweet tooth on
Halloween and help raise funds for the
Ilokano Language and Literature Program.

October 31, 2011
Timpuyog Day
Proudly wear your red Timpuyog shirt at school,
at work, or at the beach. Wear it wherever you go
today in celebration of Filipino American Month.

November 19, 2011
Fall 2011 Dramafest at Art Auditorium
9am to 2pm. Join in the fun as the students of the
Ilokano program showcase their talents through
skits/videos. Admission is free. Lunch will be
served.