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# Pacquiao ignores DOH flu advisory

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Pacquiao's "adopted father," Environment Secretary Lito Atienza, said the boxing icon and his entourage boarded a plane bound for Manila at 10pm Wednesday, May 8.

"No one can stop Manny from returning home because that is his right," Atienza said.

Atienza said Pacquiao might even push through with his plan to hear Mass at Quiapo church.

Atienza stressed Pacquiao and his entourage are willing to go through the screening procedure at the airport—including thermal scanning—to determine if he or any of his companions has fever, which is one of the symptoms of

the A(H1N1) flu.

He added Pacquiao fans would have to wait for the weather to clear up before they get a chance to see and greet the world's pound-for-pound king. Typhoon "Emong" is expected to bring heavy rains in Metro Manila through out the week.

In interviews, Pacquiao said he and others in his entourage who were in Los Angeles, do not have any flu symptoms that could justify their quarantine.

"If you are healthy, why should you be quarantined?" he told dzBB radio.

"He wanted to come home and see his kids. He's been here in

the US for more than two months now. Like any father, he wants to see his children now and no one can stop him," said a Pacquiao insider.

Health Secretary Francisco Duque III urged Pacquiao to postpone his homecoming because the virus was found to have spread to Los Angeles.

The World Health Organization advised Pacquiao and his group to observe self-quarantine for the same length of time after their return, and airport welcomers should maintain a one-meter distance from the boxing champ and his party, avoiding handshakes and hugs. ■

# It's Pacquiao's time!

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140-pound IBO Light Welterweight Champion.

Pacquiao knocked the British champion down twice in the first round before finishing him off in the second.

"I mean I am surprised that it was that easy, but the fighter [Hatton] fights hard," said Pacquiao after the fight. "Our strategy was the one punch. Left hook. Right hook. That was going to be the key to this fight."

Pacquiao executed the game plan with perfection.

In the first round, Hatton started aggressively. He charged Pacquiao, clinched and threw short body blows. However, Pacquiao answered back. Pacquiao gained some distance and threw a quick left hook to the head that stunned the British champion.

He landed a few more combinations before knocking down the British fighter with a right hook to the chin midway through the first round. With the Filipino crowd on its feet, British fans were in disbelief.

Pacquiao pounced on Hatton again a few moments later. This time, Pacquiao landed a flurry of punches before a left straight to the head of Hatton fell the Englishman.

Pacquiao finished off Hatton in the subsequent round.

Pacquiao landed a left hook on the chin and below Hatton's earlobe, a textbook knockout punch. Hatton was out before he fell to the canvas.

Referee Kenny Bayless immediately waved the fight over with one second remaining in round two.

"I was just doing my job in the ring and doing my best to make the people happy," said Pacquiao. "There's nothing personal I was just doing my job this was a big for me as the De La Hoya victory."

Hatton was not made available for comment after the fight.

The British boxer was rushed to the hospital for

precautionary measures, according to Golden Boy CEO Richard Schaefer.

"Ricky is desperately sorry to all his fans," said Garrett Williams, the CEO of Hatton Promotions. "He got caught with a great shot. Congratulations to Manny Pacquiao. He is the best fighter, possibly of all time there's no shame in losing to somebody like that."

"I thought Ricky would get him," said Floyd Mayweather Sr., after the match. "I don't want to get into it more than that."

Before the match, Roach predicted a Pacquiao knockout in three, he'll settle for two.

"Manny is unbelievable," said Roach at the post-fight press conference. "I'm the best trainer in the world because I have the best fighter in the world."

Roach said that Hatton was very predictable.

"Every time he throws the left hook and cocks it, he is wide open for the right hook from the southpaw stance," Roach explained. "We worked on that every day in the gym and it just worked beautifully."

"I knew it was over," added Roach. "Ricky fights the same way over and over. He doesn't have the ability to adjust. I watched the tapes over and over the last few months. I know him as well as I know my fighters."

The win catapults Pacquiao in the boxing history books.

Pacquiao becomes the first Asian to capture six world titles in six different weight division—flyweight, junior featherweight, featherweight, junior lightweight, lightweight and now, junior welterweight.

He also joins Oscar De La Hoya as the only boxers to captures sixth different title belt in a different weight division.

The Hatton victory is Pacquiao's fourth win in a row in a different division.

The win improves Pacquiao's record to 49-3-2, 37 KOs. Hatton's record falls to 45-2 32 KOs. ■

# Pacquiao in Time's 100 most influential list

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had announced that he would run for public office next year.

Pacquiao's representatives have since petitioned the Commission on Election to accredit his new political movement, "The People's Champ Movement."

News commentaries and features on the run up to the May 2 (May 3 in Manila) Las Vegas fight often referred to Lewis' comment about Pacquiao's presidential future without crediting the magazine.

Both the CNN and BBC networks commented in several May 1 reports that Pacquiao had united the Philippines. The British news

program also cited the fact that the fight "had emptied parliament (Congress)."

"Pound for pound, Manny Pacquiao is the best boxer in the world. But even more important than holding that distinction, Manny had connected with the people of his home country, the Philippines, to the point where he's almost like a god," Lewis said.

Pacquiao is featured on a spread, which features Winfrey and losing United States vice presidential candidate, Sarah Palin.

He is among 11 most influential Asians who include Indonesian President Susilo Bambang Yud-

hoyono, Chinese Vice Premier Wang Qishan, Chinese Vice President Xi Jinping, Chinese Internet wiz Jack Ma, Chinese musician Lang Lang, Japanese physicist and Nobel prize winner Yoichiro Nambu, Pakistani Army chief of Staff Ashfaq Kayani, Indian CEO Nandan Nilekani, Indian composer A.R. Rahman and Cambodian activist Somaly Mam.

The Time 100 list included the world's top political leaders and revolutionaries; builders and titans; artists and entertainers; and scientists and thinkers. ■

# US celebrates Asian Pacific...

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observe this month with appropriate programs and activities."

"As the 111th Congress passes the 100-day mark of legislative business, I reflect on the contributions we have been able to give back to the AAPI community. In February, Congress passed the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act to turn around our economy and create millions of jobs," House Speaker Nancy Pelosi said in a statement. "Within this legislation, funds were allocated to compensate World War II Filipino War veterans, who were never officially recognized for their service more than 60 years ago in the Pacific Theater."

Pelosi said that she was happy to reflect on the accomplishments and influence of Asian American and Pacific Islanders (AAPIs) across the nation.

"This long-awaited formal acknowledgment of brave veterans who fought along side American soldiers to defend American's cause during World War II. I have long advocated for and am thrilled to see it passed into law and signed by President Obama," Pelosi remarked.

In New York City, the A/PA Heritage Month is considered as the community's cherished springtime ritual of renewal.

"Today, at the foothills of the United Nations, at the lush respite of Dag Hammarskjold Plaza, we pay special attention to our rich Asian American traditions and celebrate our heritage, which represents our valued legacy from the past, a living record of how we live today, and what we can build now to pass on to future generations," officials of the CAPA said in a statement.

The annual heritage festival, which is now on its 30th year is one of the more famous public events in the city which promotes dialogue and engagement among the Asian American community and its treasured neighbors

In 1978, a joint congressional resolution established Asian/Pacific American Heritage Week. The first 10 days of May were chosen to coincide with two important milestones in Asian/Pacific American history: the arrival in the United States of the first Japanese immigrants (May 7, 1843) and contributions of Chinese workers to the building of the transcontinental railroad, completed on May 10, 1869.

In 1992, Congress expanded the observance to a monthlong celebration. According to a 1997 Office of Management and Budget directive, the Asian or Pacific Islander racial category was separated into two categories: one being Asian and the other Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.

Kick-off celebrations were also held in San Francisco at the Herbst Theatre and in Los Angeles, where Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa honored members of the APA community who have contributed to the growth of the city.

The Los Angeles ceremony featured an eclectic array of art, music and food, representing the Asian Pacific Islanders' diversity. Fil-Am actress Tia Carrere, and Daniel Ho, Grammy award-winning artists, who had collaborated on two Hawaiian albums, performed at the program at the South Lawn of City Hall, which was hosted by ABC-7 health specialist and reporter Denise Dador.

The Library of Congress is also celebrating during the month of May with several events, a display and a web presentation.

With a theme of "Lighting the Past, Present and Future" these events are free and open to the public. Among the events scheduled is a discussion with author Svetlana Kim, who will talk about her new book, "White Pearl and I: A Memoir of a Political Refugee." Kim, who arrived in New York in 1991, was inducted into the Asian Academy Hall of Fame in 2008. She shares this honor with former US Secretary of Labor Elaine Chao and former Transportation Secretary Norman Mineta.

Later this month, a program titled "Who Is Babysitting Whom?" will be held in the Pickford Theater and will explore the Asian tradition of respect for elders. It will feature a 22-minute film titled "I Wanna Babysit Lola," with special guest, centenarian Remy Cabacungun; and a display of multigenerational family photos from the Library of Congress Asian American Association.

In her statement, Speaker Pelosi also paid tribute to Asian American leaders who are leading the way in the community.

"Leadership in this country is also drawing from the AAPI community and gathering the best minds and forces to guide them. With President Obama's appointments to his Cabinet of Secretary Steven Chu to the Energy Department, Secretary Eric Shinseki to the Veterans Affairs Department, and Secretary Gary Locke to the Commerce Department, we now have represented AAPIs as key decision-makers. Their heritage will add a key dimension in America's history of leaders and how they shaped this country," Pelosi said.

According to the Census, there is an estimated 15.2 million US residents in July 2007 who said they were Asian alone or Asian in combination with one or more other races. This group comprised about 5 percent of the total population.

Chinese-Americans are still the largest Asian group at 3.54 million, followed by Filipinos (3.05 million), Asian Indians (2.77 million), Vietnamese (1.64 million), Koreans (1.56 million) and Japanese (1.22 million). ■



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