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## DOCTORS-ON-STAGE TO PERFORM NEW MUSICAL "BELIEVE: IN PRAISE OF FAITH & FREEDOM"

By Chona Montesines-Sonido



The cast of "Believe", a Doctors-on-Stage production | Photo by Tim LLENA

**"Believe: In Praise of Faith & Freedom,"** a new musical presentation by Doctors-on-Stage, will be performed at the Kroc Center in Ewa Beach on Saturday, October 27, 2012 with a matinee at 3 pm and a gala evening performance at 7 pm.

Tickets for the 3 pm matinee are \$40 for premium seats and \$25 for general admission. Tickets for the 7 pm performance are \$50 for premium seats and \$30 for general admission. Tickets are available by calling 671-3911 or 841-4195.

"Believe" is the fifth major musical production by Doctors-on-Stage. The group is comprised of physi-

cians, their assistants and friends who banded together several years ago under the leadership of Dr. Charlie Sonido. Doctors on Stage's previous four productions were entitled "Love Stories," "War and Peace," "Rainbow Connection" and "Butterflies and Kisses."

Their most recent musical, "Love Stories" was performed at the Filipino Community Center in October 2010 and was well-

received by audiences during its run. Dr. Teresita Bernales has seen all four of Doctors-on-Stage's musical productions and enjoyed each one. She says each production has a theme and message that touches the heart, such as patriotism, war and peace, Filipino the diaspora, a mother's love and personal faith.

"I'm impressed with the range of performing arts

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### EFFORTS TO HONOR FIL-AM VETS CONTINUE

by HFC Staff

**F**ilipino-Americans have been an important part of the nation's diverse history. Since their first docu-

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### TRAFFICKED SURVIVOR GRANTED T-VISA, REMOVAL PROCEEDINGS TERMINATED

by HFC Staff

**T**he U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) has granted a T-visa (T-Nonimmigrant Classification) to Jacqueline Aguirre, a trafficked worker from the Philippines who went public in 2009 with her story. An investigation found that Aguirre's employer had exploited her.

The T-visa granted to Aguirre is valid for a period



Jacqueline Aguirre

of 4 years from September 21, 2012 to September 20, 2016. She is now authorized to work in the U.S. within the validity period. Aguirre's removal

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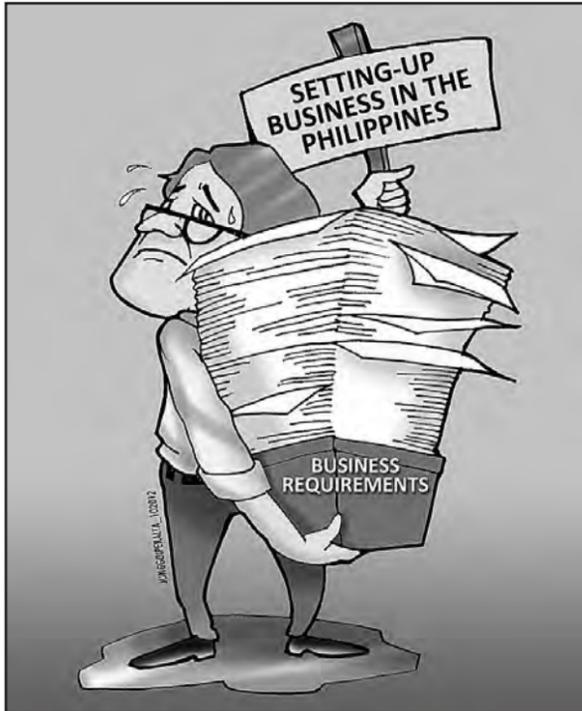
## EDITORIALS

# Smart Regulations

It's about smart regulations, not about many regulations. That's according to groups that track what makes it easy to do business, and the Philippines isn't faring well in this area. In the 10th annual Doing Business report, released recently by the World Bank and the International Finance Corp., the Philippines ranked 138th among 185 economies, down two notches from the previous year, and from 134th in 2010.

In 10 basic processes of doing business, the Philippines failed to improve in seven: starting a business, getting electricity, registering property, obtaining credit, protecting investors, paying taxes and enforcing contracts. The country registered improvements only in three processes: dealing with construction permits, resolving insolvency and trading across borders.

Such ratings won't be so bad if the country's neighbors don't fare any better, but this is not the case. The top three – no surprise here – were Singapore, Hong Kong and New Zealand, with the city state rating No. 1 for the seventh consecutive year. The United States placed fourth. Malaysia ranked 12th overall and third in East



Asia and the Pacific, Thailand placed 18th overall and fifth in the region, and Vietnam was 99th overall and 15th in the region. Indonesia was rated better than the Philippines, placing 128th, and even Cambodia did better at 133rd.

It's surely no coincidence that the rankings also reflect levels of foreign direct investments, and track results of surveys on national competitiveness. In previous surveys where the Philippines slipped in ranking, those behind the studies said the slide was not necessarily because the country did worse, but because others did better.

This time, those behind the Doing Business report noted that the Philippines failed to introduce reforms, implement existing policies, or improve processes that would make doing business easier. They emphasized that

reducing the steps in doing business also reduced opportunities for corruption. This alone should make the government of daang matuwid or straight path give priority to making it easier to do business in this country. As the latest Doing Business report showed, the country has a long way to go. ([www.philstar.com](http://www.philstar.com)) ■

## Know Your Candidates

Although the campaign period is still a few months away, the race for thousands of positions in the 2013 midterm elections starts today, as the one-week period opens for the filing of candidacies. The early filing should give voters time to know the candidates well enough to make informed choices during the elections in May.

The long period can give voters time to consider lesser known candidates who have limited resources for raising their profile. There is also enough time to get to know the groups vying for party-list representation in Congress. Despite a purge carried out by the Commission on Elections, many of the remaining accredited party-list groups violate the spirit of the constitutional provision that seeks congressional representation for marginalized sectors.

For security forces, the early filing of certificates of candidacy or COCs should lead to better preparations for containing election violence. The nation's worst case of political violence was perpetrated

in November 2009, on a convoy on its way to file Esmael Mangudadatu's COC for governor of Maguindanao. Mangudadatu himself wasn't even in the convoy, but 58 people were killed.

With COCs being filed, security forces can also monitor certain candidates who might resort to illegal activities to raise campaign funds. At least one has been linked to a spate of armored van robberies in Metro Manila. Gun laws should also be strictly enforced. Local races are always the most violent in Philippine elections. Filipinos should be weaned from the idea that a death toll of 80 in an election season is normal. Using violence to intimidate or eliminate political rivals should have no place in a democracy.

The Internet is changing the way campaigns are waged, and should make it easier for voters to know candidates. With lawmakers sitting on the epal bill, a campaign is underway in cyberspace to shame politicians who take credit for projects financed with public funds. With new communication tools, people don't have to settle for business as usual during elections. Filipinos deserve better from elective officials and should vote for change. ([www.philstar.com](http://www.philstar.com)) ■



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# AN OPEN LETTER TO THE FILIPINO COMMUNITY IN HONOLULU



## Dear Fellow Filipino-American Citizens:

We strongly condemn Pacific Resource Partnership (PRP) for its lies about one of our most beloved and respected leaders, former Governor Ben Cayetano. PRP knows that it can't persuade the people of Honolulu to reject Ben Cayetano on the issues – rail, development, and the City's priorities.

With new information coming out about rail just this year, we all know that rail fails on every single measure. Rail will reduce Leeward freeway traffic by only 1.7 percent, which is practically nothing! It will likely cost \$7 billion just for construction and an extra \$250 million every year in extra subsidies from our tax dollars. It will destroy Leeward's long-line bus routes into town and force Leeward people to take feeder buses to rail, or else drive to town. It will bring ugliness and blight to our Leeward towns and neighborhoods. It will not bring jobs – those jobs will go to mainland workers; and most of the contract money will go to the mainland or Europe. It will not even be environmentally friendly – constructing rail, plus huge electricity consumption during operations, will produce huge amounts of carbon.

So, PRP attacks Ben with lies about campaign donations made more than ten years ago without his knowledge. Anything but discussing the actual issues and the actual needs of the people. As Ben keeps trying to remind us, the City faces major challenges – roads that are the third-worst in the nation; crumbling sewer and water lines; wastewater treatment plans that need upgrading; a landfill problem.

Fair-minded people from all over have condemned PRP's ads. TV's Joe Moore called PRP's ads violations of "truth in advertising." Honolulu Star-Advertiser writers David Shapiro and Richard Borreca and others have also condemned them. On October 24, the staff of online newspaper Honolulu Civil Beat were so disgusted with PRP's latest round of lies that they wrote:

*"This latest ad, PRP's fourth in the general election campaign, is a slick piece of work. The commercial dings Cayetano for pardoning people for "homicide," something the average watcher may equate with murder. But according to PRP, the pardons involved negligent homicide related to drunken driving — a far cry from first-degree murder."*

When the corporate big-money people and union bosses line up to tell us how the City should be spending its money, we all know we should be checking our wallets. What they want is what will make them richer, and not what will be in our best interests.

## We stand united with Ben in his fight for the people.

We urge our families and friends in the Filipino community and others who believe in fairness and justice to **GO TO THE POLLS ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, AND CAST YOUR VOTE FOR BEN CAYETANO. MARAMING SALAMAT. DIOS TI AGNGINA. DAGHANG SALAMAT.**

## PEOPLE POWER

Do not allow PRP's barrage of countless lies and smears on TV prevent our former Governor Ben Cayetano from becoming Honolulu's first FILIPINO MAYOR.

Let's band together to display our pride and show everyone that PEOPLE POWER is greater than PRP's multi-million dollar smear campaign.

**Please remember to Vote on TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2012.**

Call at least 5 or 10 of your family and friends to remind them to go out and vote for our former Governor.

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talent in the local medical community," she says. "They are very professional."

Dr. Mercedes Kua has seen two productions—"Love Stories" and "Butterflies and Kisses" and came away impressed.

"I love stories about families and kids," she says. "The performers were very good. I'm also looking forward to 'Believe.' I would not miss it for the world, especially to show support for this very good cause."

"Believe" promises to be just as good as the previous four productions. Through the medium of carefully selected music from across different genres accompanied by artfully crafted interpretative choreographic movements, this unique faith-inspired musical theatre presentation deals with the many different ways in which spirituality is expressed in everyday life. It also shows how faith-based solutions can help us effectively deal with personal and social problems, demonstrates the role of the Scriptures in revealing the truths about ourselves and reminds us how the teachings of faith serve as a reliable guide to an ethical and moral life.

"It will be a quality show and an improvement of all



Photo by Tim LLENA

the previous productions," says Doctors-on-Stage's artistic director J.P. Orias. "It's not just a variety show—it's thematic, it's musical theater with the best collection of songs."

Previous musicals have been held at the Blaisdell Concert Hall, Hilton Hawaiian Village's Coral Ballroom, Farrington High School auditorium, the Filipino Community Center, the Aulani Disney Hotel, and on Lanai and Maui. The new venue for "Believe" will be at the brand new Kroc Center.

"We chose the Kroc Center because it has a new theater-like setting that will maximize the staging of a full production and has ample parking," says producer Dr. Charlie Sonido.

**MEET THE CAST**

Doctors-on-Stage is an all-amateur, unpaid group of performers showcasing the

artistic talents of Philippine Medical Association of Hawaii (PMAH). The total budget for "Believe" is \$15,000 which covers production costs, staging venue, sounds, lights, playbill printing, stage decorations and costumes.

"Believe" has a total of 22 cast members consisting primarily of physicians, family members and a few guests. One cast member, in particular, is narrator Peggy Laurel, who recently retired and relocated to California. She returned to Hawaii just to participate in "Believe" and spent her own money for transportation and accommodations.

According to Orias, the doctors and cast members rehearse about nine hours per week for 12 weeks, usually after clinic hours or whenever possible. Participating physicians include: Drs. Michael Castro, Carolina Davide, Nestor Del Rosario, Sorbella Guillermo, Nicanor Joaquin, Mark Joven, Richard Kua, Benilda Luz-Llena, Cesar Palana, Ross Simafranca, Charlie Sonido, Cheryl Udani and Jojie Waite.

For Dr. Joaquin, the musical provided an outlet for doctors to get away from their busy practices. The musical is the first time for participant Dr. Udani who hopes to join in future productions. Dr. Benilda Luz-Llena says "Believe" will be her fourth musical and described the previous ones as "fun and enjoyable." For Dr. Joven, "Believe" is his second production. He says it is a pleasure to work with his colleagues on a worthwhile event.



Photo by Tim LLENA

Cast members and performers include: Zare Anquay, Erica Brenner, Jay Flores, Anna Davide, Stephenie Kunz, Peggy Laurel, Tim Llena, JP Orias, Reggie Padilla, Corazon Palafox-Aczon and Noella Querubin.

Brenner is 14 years old and a 9th grader at Island Academy. She says that her fellow cast members have "helped me to grow and have all become a part of me." Anna Davide is the daughter of Dr. Carol Davide and also a 9th grader at Asset Schools. For her, the musical is an "enjoyable way to help other people."

A small army of behind-the-scenes volunteers is also working hard to make "Believe" a smashing success. The list includes Kathy Adaoag, Dennis Bondocoy, Imelda Joaquin, Inday Orias, Rudi Ocampo, Cely Paet, Nelson Sonido, and Arnold and Dory Villafuerte.

The main sponsors are the Philippine Medical Association of Hawaii (PMAH), the Hawaii Filipino Chronicle, Galiher DeRobertis Ono Attorneys-at-Law, TeamPraxis and Waipahu Therapy Center.

**MAHALO BCWW**

Funds raised from "Love Stories" will benefit Bayanihan Clinic Without Walls (BCWW), a non-profit, free clinic that provides free medical and dental services to immigrants and underserved residents of all ethnicities who do not have medical insurance.

"BCWW is honored and thankful to be the recipient of the funds generated from this event," says BCWW president Dr. Nicanor Joaquin. "We bring this new musical to the community to raise funds for BCWW

which serves the most vulnerable members of our community—our indigent new immigrants."

BCWW is a project of PMAH, under the stewardship of Dr. Arnold Villafuerte. The clinic is staffed by over 69 volunteer physicians of various specialties, as well as dentists, nurses and other medical professionals who have generously donated their time, skills and resources. On average, about 100-120 patients are seen and treated by the BCWW volunteers each month.

Services provided by the BCWW are voluntary and serve as stop gap measures to help immigrants and migrants requiring immediate medical and dental attention during their initial process of arrival and assimilation. These free medical and dental services offered are designed to supplement, not replicate other state and private health care agencies providing services to low-income and indigent families.

BCWW also conducts outreach programs such as community health fairs and medical missions on Oahu and the neighbor islands. Over the years, BCWW's volunteers have impacted thousands of lives.

"Our goal is to bring awareness to the public that we have a program to help indigent immigrants and to generate funds to help support this program which does not have government support," says Dr. Villafuerte. "We have been able to help a lot of needy immigrants—not just Filipinos but also other ethnic groups such as the Samoans, Chinese, Mexican, Marshallese...you name it." ■

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# HEADLINES

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mented arrival in Morro Bay, California in October 1587, Filipino-Americans have made remarkable contributions to every sector of American life, including government, business and the military.

In 1941, more than 250,000 Filipino soldiers responded to President Franklin D. Roosevelt's call-to-arms and later fought under the American flag dur-

ing World War II. Many made the ultimate sacrifice as both soldiers and as guerilla fighters during Japan's occupation of the Philippines. Many of these brave individuals later became proud U.S. citizens. For over 60 years, Filipino veterans and community advocates have fought to obtain compensation for those who served with U.S. soldiers during World War II.

President Barack Obama

recognizes the extraordinary contribution made by Filipino veterans. The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, which Obama signed into law, contained a provision creating the Filipino Veterans Equity Compensation Fund. Eligible veterans who are U.S. citizens receive a one-time payment of \$15,000 and eligible veterans who are not U.S. citizens receive a one-time payment of \$9,000.

U.S. Rep. Mazie Hirono says that the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act includes a provision that created a compensation fund for Filipino veterans.

"As an advocate and supporter of Filipino veterans for many years, mahalo to President Obama for his renewed effort to ensure each claim receives the proper attention and that all eligible Filipino World War II heroes receive their rightful pay-

ments," she says.

The Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) established a process, in collaboration with the Department of Defense (DOD), to determine eligibility to receive payments from the Fund. To date, over 18,000 claims have been approved. However, the Obama administration has also heard from many Filipino veterans who say they have been impeded

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proceedings was also terminated by an immigration judge on October 11, 2012.

"I am so happy. This is proof that victories can be achieved if we fight for it," Aguirre says. "I spoke up against the injustice done to me, so other people heard and helped me through this ordeal. I know I did not do anything wrong and that gave me the strength and confidence to speak out and fight for my rights."

The National Alliance for Filipino Concerns (NAF-CON), with its member organizations in the Northeast, helped to publicize Aguirre's

case to the community as part of its Stop Trafficking Our People (STOP) Campaign in December 2010, along with the case of Leticia Moratal, who was also granted a T-visa earlier this year.

"We admire the courage of trafficked survivors such as Ms. Aguirre who stand up for their rights. Her experience is one of the inspirations for many of our other *kababayans* who have been trafficked to the U.S. and an eye-opener for the community that these kinds of abuses also happen even in the land of milk and honey," says Michelle Saulon, NAF-CON Northeast coordinator.

## AN UGLY TRUTH TO FILIPINO MIGRANTS' SITUATION IN THE U.S.

Based on the lawsuit pending in the Eastern District Court of New York, Aguirre worked as a staff accountant in Best Care Agency owned by Dorothy de Castro and Perlita Jordan in Floral Park, New York starting in 2001.

The agency promised to sponsor her as an H-1B worker and to pay her initially at a rate of \$19 per hour for a regular 40-hour work week. After her H-1B petition was approved, Aguirre was not paid the prevailing wage rate or the offered wage. Her compensation was cut in half.

The agency then represented to her that she would receive the prevailing wage rate once she received her green card, which they likewise promised they would initiate. She was told that if she did not agree to receive the less pay, they would discontinue their H-1B sponsorship and she would become unlawfully present and could be deported. Not wanting to be deported, Aguirre accepted the agency's conditions and hoped that her green card sponsorship would be approved soon, as her employers kept on reminding her they had the financial capability to sponsor her immi-

grant petition.

Even while her green card application was pending, Aguirre demanded that she be paid the prevailing wage rate. Her employers told her to wait for her green card approval. In April 2009, the USCIS denied Best Care Agency's immigrant petition on Aguirre's behalf as Best Care failed to submit sufficient evidence to convince the USCIS it had the financial capability to pay Aguirre the offered wage. Best Care had fraudulently represented to Aguirre it had the financial capability so that it could continue to have her work for

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# Aquino, Arre Receive UFCH Lifetime Achievement Awards

**DR. BELINDA "LINDY" AQUINO** and Geminiano "Toy" Arre, Jr. were named the recipients of the prestigious 2012 Lifetime Achievement Award, the top category of the United Filipino Council of Hawaii (UFCH) Progress Awards, which were announced at the organization's annual banquet October 19, 2012 at the Ala Moana Hotel Hibiscus Room.

The occasion also marked the reaffirmation ceremonies for UFCH's new set of officers headed by Jenny Quezon as its 54th president. UFCH is a statewide organization encompassing all the islands of Hawaii with a mission to promote Filipino unity, camaraderie, friendship and cultural heritage in the state.

Other honors were given for the Juan Dionisio Sr. Achievement Award, Humanitarian Service, Community Service, "Ating Kaibigan" (Our Friend), Government Service, Business, Healthcare, Law and Jurisprudence, Education, Medicine, Media and Communications, Science and Technology, Agriculture, Labor and Construction, Sports, and Outstanding Youth.

Keynote speaker U.S. Sen. Daniel K. Inouye delivered a stirring speech on the sacrifices and services of thousands of Filipino veterans who fought side-by-side with U.S. armed forces during

World War II. Sadly, he noted, the U.S. government has failed to acknowledge their services and has denied benefits due them by reneging on their promise to grant the veterans American citizenship after the war in exchange for their services in wartime. Over the years, Inouye and fellow members of Hawaii's congressional delegation have consistently sponsored or co-sponsored legislation to provide financial compensation and benefits to the veterans. And though many have received benefits, several have been denied or their claims are still being processed.

Aquino and Arre—two of the most popular and competent personalities in the Filipino community—were honored for exemplifying dedicated leadership and professional excellence in their fields of academia and government/administration, respectively, while remaining active and productive members of the community. Both retirees, the two have a combined total of more than 80 years of professional and community service.

Aquino's longest tenure is with the University of Hawaii-Manoa, where she served as professor of political science and Asian studies, and as director of the Center for Philippine Studies for 35 years. She is currently professor emeritus of the School of Pa-



cific and Asian Studies and has served as visiting professor, research fellow and lecturer at Tokyo University of Foreign Studies, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies (Singapore) and the University of the Philippines (UP), among others. She also served as UP's vice president of public affairs from 1989-1991. An internationally-recognized expert on contemporary Philippine affairs and an articulate academic and social critic, Aquino has lived in or traveled to about 50 countries to date.

A prolific writer as well, she has authored books, monographs and articles too numerous to mention. She has written social and political commentaries for the Philippine Daily Inquirer, Asian Wall Street Journal, Chicago Tribune and other international publications. She is a regular contributor to Honolulu local newspapers and a speaker at community forums.

The latest award from UFCH is Aquino's umpteenth one having received the YWCA Leader Award last June and the first-ever Dr. Jose Rizal Award for Peace in 2011. She has also received the Presidential Pamana (Heritage) Award from the Philippines, the UH Outstanding Faculty Service Award, Most Distinguished UP Alumna, and several citations from for-

foreign universities in Asia and Europe. A recipient of three other distinguished lifetime achievement awards, Aquino is the immediate past national president of the UP Alumni Association in America and long-time chair of the International Council of Philippine Studies.

Born in San Fernando, La Union in the northern Philippines, Aquino received her BA in English from UP, MA in political science from UH-Manoa as an East-West Center scholar, and Ph.D. in government (political science) and Southeast Asian Studies from Cornell University as a Ford Foundation Fellow.

Arre, an expert on financial management and public/private administration, has enjoyed a long career spanning the City and County of Honolulu, the City of Manila, UH-Manoa and the Filipino Community Center (FilCom). His leadership and efficiency were responsible for major innovations at the City and County of Honolulu, where he served as deputy director and director of finance, legislative analyst and consultant on real property taxes, and deputy director of the budget. His efforts led to the transfer of the real property tax assessment function from the State to the counties. He drafted many bills and testified on numerous issues af-

fecting the City.

Previously, he served as manager of the UH bookstore, which he parlayed into a million-dollar enterprise. He was also assistant comptroller and faculty housing manager. After his retirement from the City, he returned to UH to develop a 10-year plan for student housing, direct the new parking program and establish bookstores at seven community colleges of the UH system.

As president/COO of FilCom, he successfully refinanced the original \$4 million construction loan of the Center and raised hundreds of thousands of dollars to modernize the FilCom Center as the hub of Filipino programs, ceremonies, seminars, performances and other activities celebrating Filipino culture. He secured funding for the Banda Kawayan musical group, which includes young Filipinos and regularly performs at community functions.

Arre served as financial adviser to Manila Mayor Lito Atienza from 1999-2004 and successfully raised 300 million pesos for the City of Manila by closing loopholes, modernizing computer applications and improving customer services.

Also of Ilokano roots like Aquino, Arre was born in Caoayan, Ilocos Sur, and likewise finished at the UP with a degree in business administration degree. He received his MA from the University of Michigan and has served as faculty and consultant to various universities including UH and UP-Los Banos over the years. ■



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**THE PHILIPPINE CONSULATE GENERAL OF HONOLULU** will conduct an outreach program for Overseas Absentee Voting at the Filipino Community Center (FilCom) on October 28, 2012 from 3:30 pm to 7 pm during the Fil-Am History Fest 2012.

The registration drive will be held in lieu of the pre-



vious outreach program scheduled for October 30, 2012.

"Let us exercise our right and responsibility as Filipino citizens to vote for the Philippines' next leaders," says Sheila Tarrosa of the Consulate. "Please spread the word."

For more information on the registration drive for overseas absentee voting, please visit the Consulate's website at: [www.philippineconsulate-honolulu.com](http://www.philippineconsulate-honolulu.com). ■



by Atty. Emmanuel Samonte TIPON

# May Overstaying Alien Claim Fraudulent Intent in Getting Visa and Avoid Deportation?

**M**ay an overstaying alien validly claim that when she applied for a visitor's visa she fraudulently concealed an intention to remain in the United States permanently and therefore she is exempt from deportation?

This case illustrates how immigration lawyers concoct defenses to save a client from deportation. Let us see whether it will fly in this case.

Two citizens of the Philippines, Lourdes and Genevieve, entered the United States as nonimmigrant visitors for a stipulated period. After entry, each bore a child, a U.S. citizen by birth. Deportation (now called removal) proceedings were commenced against each on the ground that she had remained longer than permitted by her visa, and was therefore deportable under § 241(a)(2) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1251(a)(2).

Each defended on the ground that when she applied for her visitor's visa she fraudulently concealed an intention to remain in the United States permanently.

The Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA) rejected

their defenses. As to Genevieve on the ground that § 241(f) applies only to persons who enter as immigrants and not to those who enter as nonimmigrants. As to Lourdes on the ground that her testimony established that she intended to remain permanently only if she could do so lawfully.

Section 241(f) reads: "The provisions of this section relating to the deportation of aliens within the United States on the ground that they were excludable at the time of entry as aliens who have sought to procure, or have procured visas or other documentation, or entry into the United States by fraud or misrepresentation shall not apply to an alien otherwise admissible at the time of entry who is the spouse, parent, or a child of a United States citizen or of an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence."

*(Writer's comment: Section 241(f) has often been referred to as a "waiver" statute, but it is not a true waiver statute because immigration authorities have no discretion on whether or not to grant it. The words "shall not apply" shows that it is an exception to the deportability of an alien who meets the requirements of the statute. This provision is no longer in effect. The current version of*

*the statute is § 237(a)(1)(H). This is a true waiver statute because its availability is at the discretion of the Attorney General. This writer has written an annotation discussing § 237(a)(1)(H) which he has submitted to Thomson-Reuters. This writer is also writing a book on Immigration Waivers).*

## § 241(F) NOT AVAILABLE FOR OVERSTAYING VISITORS

The Court of Appeals sustained the deportation orders, holding that the charge of remaining after the expiration of the period permitted by each alien's visitor's visa was not "waived" by § 241(f) because it did not depend directly or indirectly upon the asserted misrepresentation in obtaining the visa.

Literally § 241(f) waives deportation of aliens only "on the ground that they were excludable at the time of entry as aliens who have sought to procure, or have procured visas or other documentation, or entry into the United

States by fraud or misrepresentation" in violation of § 212(a)(19). While not limited to the single ground for deportation found in § 212(a)(19), § 241(f) is properly invoked only when the fraud is "germane to the charge" upon which deportation is sought.

However, the mere fact that the alien claims to have made a misrepresentation at the time of entry does not excuse the alien from deportation validly ordered on another charge, not related to the misrepresentation. In these cases, the aliens were ordered deported because the period of their authorized temporary stay had expired. The charge had nothing to do with their entry. Lawfulness of their entry was assumed. Proof that their visas were procured by fraud was irrelevant to the charge. Accordingly, the orders of de-

portation were not barred by § 241(f). *Cabuco v. INS*, 477 F.2d 108.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Aliens who have been charged with fraud in procuring a visa should seek assistance from a lawyer who knows how to use the fraud waiver provision. ■

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from filing claims or believe that their claims were improperly denied.

To address their concerns, the White House Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, in collaboration with the Office of Management and Budget, has launched an Interagency Working Group comprised of officials from the DVA, the DOD and the National Archives and Record Administration. The Interagency Working Group is tasked with analyzing the process faced by these Filipino veterans in demonstrating eligibility for compensation in order to ensure that all applications receive thorough and fair review. This is part of the Obama

administration's on-going efforts to honor the contributions of all veterans in their service to our country.

"Our work is not yet complete," Hirono says. "Currently, Filipino World War II veterans who have since become American citizens are unable to bring their sons and daughters to the U.S. due to a cap on immigration numbers. We must do all we can to end this lengthy and heart-wrenching separation of family members. I will continue to fight for the reunification of Filipino World War II veterans and their families." ■

*(CHRIS LU, assistant to President Obama and cabinet secretary, contributed to this article. He is also co-chair of the White House Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders).*

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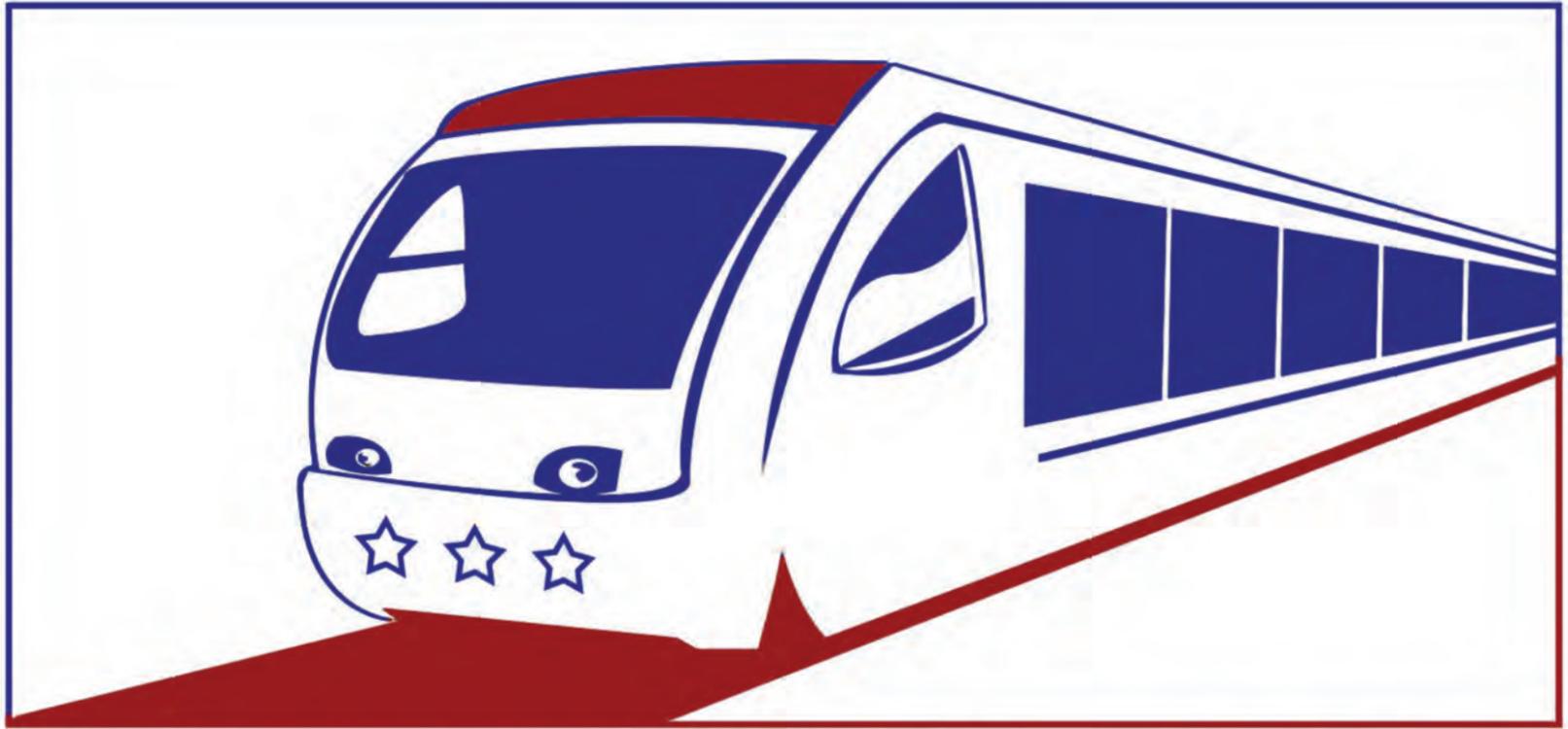
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**Two Filipinas Vying for Hawaii  
County Council District 1**

**THE HAWAII COUNTY COUNCIL DISTRICT 1 ELECTION** has boiled down to a two-woman race pitting two Filipina candidates against each other—Valerie Poindexter and Chelsea Yagong.

Poindexter and Yagong were the top vote getters in the August 11th Primary, with just 93 votes separating them. All indications are that the race is too close to call.

Poindexter is currently employed as a human resources manager for Hamakua Health Center, Inc. while Yagong teaches performing arts at Honokaa Elementary School. The winner will represent Hawaii County Council District 1, which encompasses the Hamakua Coast, North Hilo, and the northern edge of South Hilo.

In the Chronicle's October 20th special issue on Filipino candidates running in the General Election, Poindexter, who is half Filipino, was unknowingly omitted. In fairness, the Chronicle has decided to publish Poindexter's responses to our brief survey which was sent to all Filipino candidates. Her responses have been edited for space and clarity.

**VALERIE POINDEXTER**

*Q: What seat are you running for?*

A: County Council District 1.

*Q: Why have you decided to run?*

A: Born and raised in Hamakua, I have seen and experienced the vast changes since the demise of our sugar industry and witnessed the economic hardships of our people. My interest in public service stems from my heritage and includes watching people struggle through life just to make ends meet. With my college education, professional work experiences and continued commu-

nity service, I feel that I can make a difference in people's lives.

*Q: In 50 words or less, please state what it is that you stand for.*

A: Humility, honor and truth are the values that I bring to the table. I believe that every person should be empowered to stand up for what they believe in and be treated equal. I believe in grassroots leadership, teamwork and cooperation. I truly believe in "People First."

*Q: If elected, what areas will you focus your attention on?*

A: Improving existing roads in our communities; building safe parks for our children and families; protecting viable agriculture and rural lifestyles; improving services for children, elderly and persons with disabilities; and building collaborative partnerships that will spur responsible entrepreneurship, foster economic growth and create jobs.

*Q: Name the top three problems facing Hawaii. Briefly state your solutions to those problems.*

A: First, we need to address the trash issue head-on as the top priority in Hawaii county. Collectively as a team, we can do something about this pressing issue. Second, we need to unite and stand-up against the rising cost of electricity and better promote the utilization of renewable energy to benefit our people. Third, we need to create jobs, which is done through collaborative partnerships that will spur responsible entrepreneurship and foster economic growth.

*Q: Why should Filipino voters support your candidacy?*

A: I believe in honoring our heritage and planning for the future. I will honor and respect our tradition by supporting local festivals, heritage events and similar activities. I will also work hard to promote equity and social justice for all. ■

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less pay. As a result of Best Care's financial incapability, Aguirre's adjustment or green card application was likewise denied, and she was put in removal proceedings.

"Aside from applying for a T-visa, we also filed a federal complaint against Aguirre's former employers for violating the Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act, forced labor, involuntary servitude, fraudulent inducement and negligent misrepresentation. We are seeking compensatory damages by way of overdue wage adjustments worth at least \$300,000, plus moral damages related to the abuse of Aguirre by her employers, as well as the suffering she had to undergo for having been put in removal proceedings," says Atty. Felix Vinluan, whose Foundation for Immigration and Employment Rights Advocacy handled Aguirre's case. He has also taken on other cases involving human and labor trafficking of Filipinos on the east coast.

"This has been a roller-coaster ride

for Ms. Aguirre and the fight is not over yet," says continued Saulon. "There are also many more like Ms. Aguirre out there who need to be empowered to speak against these kinds of injustices and let them know that they have rights as immigrants, documented or undocumented alike."

**TRAFFICKED SURVIVORS WITH COMMUNITY RISE UP**

NAFCON deputy general secretary Jonna Baldres says that the organization will continue to fight and hold actions, whether be it in the streets or through cultural activities and educational discussions, against the Philippine government's continuous implementation of the Labor Export Policy (LEP).

"Acquiring the T-visa is just one of the many victories that we will achieve in our campaign against labor and human trafficking," Baldres says. "We have a lot more victories to look forward to."

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# Senate Starts Hearings on Bill vs Political Dynasties

by **Marvin SY**/  
Wednesday, October 24, 2012

MANILA, Philippines - **THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON ELECTORAL REFORMS** and people's participation has started deliberations on the proposed bill that would define and outlaw political dynasties in the country.

While the bill is not expected to be approved in the 15th Congress, Sen. Aquilino Pimentel III said the conduct of committee hearings now and the possible release of the recommendations by the committee could provide the next Congress with a starting point for deliberations on the issue if such is revived.



Apart from lack of time, Pimentel admitted getting the bill approved in this Congress would be difficult since the elections are coming up and there are several political clans that would be affected by such a measure.

"But I never lose hope. The new generation could have a change in its mindset. So even a dynastic generation may pass an anti-dynasty law," said Pimentel, chairman of the committee.

There is only one bill that was filed in the Senate to eliminate political dynasties, Senate Bill 2649 filed by Sen. Miriam Defensor-Santiago last year.

The 1987 Constitution says that equal access to public service must be guaranteed and political dynasties are prohibited "as may be defined by law."

"To give force and effect to this provision, the playing field of the political arena should be leveled and opened to persons who are equally qualified to aspire on even terms with those from ruling politically dominant families," Santiago said in

her bill.

"The socio-economic and political inequities prevalent in Philippine society limit public office to members of ruling families. In many instances, voters, for convenience and out of cultural mindset, look up to these ruling families as dispensers of favors and thus elect relatives of these politically dominant families," she added.

Pimentel said the bill only covers politics in local and not national level, so such a law would cover the elected members of the barangay up to the House of Representatives. ([www.philstar.com](http://www.philstar.com)) ■

## Phl Leads Asian Countries in Global Gender Gap Report

by **Jovan CERDA**/  
Wednesday, October 24, 2012

MANILA, Philippines - **THE PHILIPPINES REMAINED AS THE TOP ASIAN** country in ensuring that men and women have equal access to rights and privileges, including economic opportunities, a report released Wednesday by the World Economic Forum showed.

The country remained at the 8th spot of the World Economic Forum's Global Gender Gap Index 2012, which ranks countries based on their ability to close the gender gap in healthcare,

education, political participation and economic equality.

"The Philippines remains the highest-ranking country from Asia in the Index. It ranks 1st on both education and health and is also among the top 20 on economic participation and political empowerment. The Philippines is the only country in Asia this year to have closed the gender gap in both education and health," the report said.

It added that the country also performs in the top 10 of indicators that include legislators, senior officials and

managers, literacy rate, enrolment in secondary education and years with female head of state.

The Philippines has already elected two women presidents which include Corazon Aquino and Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo. In August, President Benigno S. Aquino III appointed Maria Lourdes Sereno chief justice of the Supreme Court, the first female to hold the position.

Ranked ahead of the Philippines are Iceland (1st), Finland (2nd), Norway (3rd), Sweden (4th), Ireland (5), New Zealand (6th) and Den-

mark (7th), while Nicaragua (9th) and Switzerland (10th) rounded out the top 10.

Among the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, the Philippines is followed by Singapore (55th), Thailand (65th), Vietnam (66th), Brunei Darussalam (75th), Indonesia (97th), Malaysia (100th) and Cambodia (103rd). Myanmar and Laos are not included in the list.

Among economic powerhouses, the United States is ranked 22nd, China is 69th and Japan is 101st.

Stuck at the bottom of the list are Saudi Arabia (131st), Syria (132nd), Chad (133rd), Pakistan (134th) and Yemen (135th).

The report said there is a strong correlation between countries at the top of the index and the countries that are most economically competitive.

"The key for the future of any country and any institution is the capability to attract the best talents," said Klaus Schwab, WEF founder and executive chairman.

"In the future, talent will be more important than capital or anything else. To develop the gender dimension is not just a question of equality; it is the entry card to succeed and prosper in an ever more competitive world," he added.

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NAFCON believes that the LEP, a policy that sends Filipinos away from the homeland to work abroad, makes the Filipino migrants prone to abuses by employers. The migrant sector has also been a powerful force for decades and has become a main source of the country's wealth through remittances. NAFCON believes, however, that keeping the migrants under the system of forced migration is still not the solution to the country's economic problems.

"We must continue to demand that the Philippine government create jobs in the

motherland and address the basic needs and issues of the people—such as national industrialization and genuine agrarian reform—for the people to not leave and seek work abroad," Baldres says. "Our kababayans do not deserve to undergo these abuses under the unjust system of forced migration."

Aguirre and other trafficked survivors have joined actions, spoke at forums and tirelessly called for a stop to human and labor trafficking, making the issue more widely known to the Filipino community not only in the U.S. but also in the Philippines, and also generating more consciousness and awareness on how to fight

against it.

NAFCON and its member organizations nationwide have also helped in rallying community support for the cases of Elma Manliguez, Leticia Moratal and many more who have been trafficked into the U.S. as early as the year 2000.

"The collective efforts of Ms. Aguirre, other trafficked survivors and the community—from the church members to community grassroots organizations who support her fight—will never go to waste. Every step is a victory towards achieving justice and a better Philippines for all migrants and all our loved ones back home," Baldres says. ■



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# MNLF Willing to Hold Dialogue on Bangsamoro

by **John UNSON**  
Wednesday, October 24, 2012

COTABATO CITY, Philippines - **THE LARGEST AND MOST POLITICALLY-ACTIVE GROUP** in the Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF) is merely seeking a peaceful quadripartite dialogue on the newly-crafted framework deal, without the the saber-rattling of Nur Misuari, one of the leaders of the group said.

Cotabato City Vice-Mayor Muslimin Sema, chairman of the largest of three factions in the MNLF, said their group would only be able to reach a consensus about the newly signed agreement with the government, the Moro Islamic Liberation Front and the Organization of Islamic Cooperation if they meet with them.

Sema, whose group is comprised of 20 "revolutionary states" scattered in different "peace zones" in Mindanao, said they are confident that the OIC, through its Southern Philippines Peace Committee, (SPPC) is willing to cooperate

in organizing a "quadripartite meeting" meant to hasten the resolution of the Mindanao Moro problem.

"We're confident that President Aquino will not allow any abrogation of the September 2, 1996 GPH-MNLF final peace agreement while he is pursuing a settlement with the MILF. We are for peaceful dialogues on that issue, we will never do any war-mongering," Sema told reporters in an emailed statement.

Sema said Malacañang, the OIC and the MNLF already reached 42 consensus points in the tripartite review of the peace accord, practically the same issues that the government and the MILF are set to discuss based on the newly-signed framework agreement.

Sema said there are three remaining issues that are to be ironed out - transition mechanism, transition period and the best option to shift from the present autonomous government to another political body as envisioned by the OIC, the



government and the MNLF.

"We're not rattling the saber. We are for a peaceful dialogue on the framework agreement," Sema added.

Sema said they also support the government's plan to present the framework agreement to the OIC during its foreign ministers' meeting next month in Djibouti.

"We don't have any problem with that. That would help hasten understanding on the 'parallelism' of the framework agreement and the on-going tripartite review of the 1996 government-MNLF peace agreement," Sema said.

The OIC, a pan-Islamic bloc of more than 50 Muslim countries, including oil-exporting states in the Middle East and North Africa, helped

broker the government-MNLF peace agreement.

The OIC had monitored the initial implementation of the peace accord through a committee of seven countries, among them Indonesia and Libya, in a bid to push forward the government-MNLF peace overture even prior to the crafting of the 1976 Tripoli Agreement in Libya.

The Tripoli Agreement was signed December 23, 1976 by the government and the MNLF.

Sema said their group is convinced the OIC will give the government and the MILF the chance to present the framework agreement to the meeting of its foreign ministers in Djibouti.

"It's premature to say that the OIC will not allow the MILF and the government to participate in that meeting," Sema said.

A lawyer of the MNLF claimed Tuesday that the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) and the MILF have no legal personality to attend the

OIC's activity in Djibouti.

"The OIC meeting is exclusive only to member countries and the Philippines is already represented by MNLF chairman Nur Misuari," the lawyer, who refused to be identified, said.

Sema said the OIC has a special committee - the SPPC, which looks into the plight of the country's Moro communities and the government-MILF peace efforts.

"We don't need to do any war-mongering, or saber rattling because all of these things are best discussed amicably," Sema said.

He said the MILF and the MNLF are not at war with each other.

"These two Moro fronts are both fighting for homeland, self-governance and welfare of the Moro people," Sema said.

Misuari and a leader of another MNLF faction, Mujahab Hashim, of Islamic Council, have both criticized the GPH-MILF framework agreement, saying the pact could prompt the MNLF to seek independence for Mindanao again. ([www.philstar.com](http://www.philstar.com)) ■

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by Reuben S.  
SEGURITAN

# Romney If Elected Will Honor DACA Approvals But End Program

weeks after a recent announcement by Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney.

Mr. Romney has said that he would not cancel the two-year deferrals given to young immigrants although he plans to replace it with a more permanent solution. He had been ambiguous about his stance on the DACA program but was expected by many to put an end to it if elected in office.

This development should prompt DACA-eligible individuals who are still on the fence to submit their requests right away.

Many young immigrants, or DREAMers as they are often referred to, are holding back and waiting for the results of the November 6 elections. Because there is no deadline for filing, a lot of them have chosen to "wait and see" before applying because they do not want to be

at a higher risk of deportation in case the program is not continued.

Mr. Romney declared that while he will honor the two-year deportation reprieve, he will replace the program with his own. He proposes a long-term solution to the country's immigration problem and promises that before the approvals expire, there would be a comprehensive immigration reform plan already in place.

Mr. Romney has not clarified the specifics of his immigration reform plan but he has expressed support for legislation that would give permanent resident status to undocumented immigrants who serve in the military. Unless Mr. Romney has a change of heart, proof of student status just like in President Obama's policy would not be enough to make DREAMers eligible for the relief.

So far, therefore, it appears that under the Romney version, many of the 1.76 million childhood arrivals otherwise eligible under President Obama's program might not qualify for relief, unless they serve in the military.

Interestingly, in clarifying his position on DACA Mr. Romney inaccurately referred to the reprieve and the accompanying work permit as a visa. He remarked that the "two-year visa" would continue to be valid and that he was not going to take something that the young immigrants had "purchased", most likely referring to the \$465 filing fee for the deferred action request. The USCIS, immigration lawyers and various organizations have tried to make it clear that the DACA program does not grant any visa or any lawful status.

It is difficult to predict if a

request filed today would be completed by January 20, 2013 when the next presidential term begins, given the processing time and the huge increase in the filings in the last month. In addition, a recent information request cloaked as a demand for transparency from two Republican lawmakers to the Department of Homeland Security might have the effect of slowing down adjudications.

Still, as the saying goes, a bird in the hand is worth two in the bush. A reprieve from deportation, even if for only two years, is better than nothing. Mr. Romney has not outlined what his long-term solution is made up of. And four years ago a presidential candidate also vowed to pass comprehensive immigration reform but failed to do so with the deadlock in the bipartisan Congress.

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## MAINLAND NEWS

### Pro-Veterans Group Plans Equity March

**JUSTICE FOR FILIPINO AMERICAN VETERANS (JFAV)-LOS ANGELES CHAPTER** will be holding a March For Equity on Veterans Day, November 12, 2012.

JFAV national coordinator Arturo Garcia says that the struggle of Filipino World War II veterans is "concrete proof"

that racial discrimination still exists in the U.S.

"The Department of Veterans Affairs and Congress refuse to allot a mere 1 percent of the DVA's budget to the Filipino veterans," he says. "Efforts to lobby Congress have gone on for over 20 years and yet the veterans' pleadings have fallen on

deaf ears. This is a blot on America's conscience, when those who fought and won its wars cannot be compensated and are continually denied their dignity and honor."

With only five months left for the 112th Congress, JFAV officials are making an urgent appeal to Fil-Ams in California to contact their congress-

sional representatives to support HR 210, or the Filipino Veterans Fairness Act of 2011.

Approximately 41,000 out of the 250,000 Filipino veterans who fought during WWII are still alive but their numbers are continuing to dwindle. Since the struggle for the rights of Fil-Am veterans began, a handful of small victories have been achieved, including access to healthcare and additional monetary support in the form of a lump

sum payment. However, recognition as full-fledged American veterans is still not a reality. After more than 66 years of struggle, Fil-Am vets are still treated as second-class citizens, the forgotten soldiers and veterans of this nation.

"We must continue to keep up the fight," Garcia says. "We call on all veterans, activists and communities of color to support this struggle and to come out on November 11th to march and protest this great injustice to all veterans." ([www.philstar.com](http://www.philstar.com)) ■

### Study: Cancer Patients Overestimate Value of Chemo

NEW YORK (AP) — **MOST PATIENTS GETTING CHEMOTHERAPY** for incurable lung or colon cancers mistakenly believe that the treatment can cure them rather than just buy them some more time or ease their symptoms, a major study suggests. Researchers say doctors either are not being honest enough with patients or people are in denial that they have a terminal disease.

The study highlights the problem of overtreatment at

the end of life — futile care that simply prolongs dying. It's one reason that one quarter of all federal Medicare spending occurs in the last year of life.

For cancers that have spread beyond the lung or colon, chemo can add weeks or months and may ease a patient's symptoms, but usually is not a cure. This doesn't mean that patients shouldn't have it, only that they should understand what it can and cannot do, cancer experts

say.

Often, they do not. Dr. Jane C. Weeks at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and researchers at several other Boston-area universities and hospitals led a study of nearly 1,200 such patients around the U.S.

Surveys revealed that 69 percent of those with lung cancer and 81 percent of those with colorectal cancer felt their treatment was likely to cure them. Education level and the patient's role in care decisions made no difference in the likelihood of mistaken

beliefs about chemo's potential. Hispanics and blacks were three times more likely than whites to hold inaccurate beliefs.

Federal grants paid for most of the research.

Patients also may have a different understanding of "cure" than completely ridding them of a disease — they may think it's an end to pain or less disability, note Dr. Thomas J. Smith of Johns Hopkins University School of

Medicine and Dr. Dan L. Longo, a deputy editor at the medical journal.

"If patients actually have unrealistic expectations of a cure from a therapy that is administered with palliative intent, we have a serious problem of miscommunication," they write. "We have the tools to help patients make these difficult decisions. We just need the gumption and incentives to use them." ([www.philstar.com](http://www.philstar.com)) ■



## ILOKO

by Amado I. YORO

**N**apintas a damag ti nabasami iti Tawid News Magazine [Oktubre 15, 2012] nga ipabpablaak ni kamannurat ken Pedro Bucaneg Awardee Salvador A. Espejo iti Vigan City maipapan iti naindaklan proyekto ni Dr. Charlie Y. Sonido, nagaget ken managayat a doctor nga agnaeden iti Hawaii.

Dagiti binatog:

**RODOLFO S. SONIDO LYING-IN CENTER.** Ti baro a Rodolfo S. Sonido Lying-in Center nga indonar ti familia ni Dr. Charlie Sonido a nakabusbosan iti P2.3 million. Nainaguraran ti lying-in center idi Setiembre 28, 2012 a naipatakder tapno adda pagganakan dagiti marigrigat a residente iti Cabugao ken pakaipaayan iti serbisio ti salun-at. Ni Apo Rodolfo Sonido ti ama ni Dr.

# Ta Rimatda iti Bukodda A Kagimongan

Charlie Sonido.

Kastoy pay ti inagapad ti nasao a warnakan:

Indanon ni Mayor Cobangbang ti nasao a proyekto iti maysa nga organisasion sadiay Hawaii ngem idi nangeg ti familia ni Dr. Charlie Sonido ti kinapateg ti nasao a klinika, dinagdagusna nga impatalged nga isudan ti mangibaklay iti mabusbos iti panakaipatakder daytoy.

“Lying-in clinic ti dawdawatek, doktor, ket no adda pannakabalinna, clinic koma nga itedmo,” kinuna ni Mayor Cobangbang.

Imparang ni Mayor Cobangbang ken ni Dr. Sonido ti program of work ken ti masurot a plano nga inaramid ti Department of Health sana inyunay-unay a maited ken ni Dr. Sonido ti waya a mangpili iti kontraktor a mangipatakder iti klinika. Iti met biang ti sangguniang bayan ti Cabugao, inanamonganna ti maysa a resolusion a mangipaay iti donasion a lote a pakaipatakderan ti lying-in clinic.

Ni Dr. Sonido ti maysa a dadaulo ti Ilocos Surian Medical Mission ken dadduma a mission medical. Gapu kadagiti nasayaat ken pakairanudan ti kaaduan kadagiti proyekto a pakitamaminganna, immawaten iti adu a pammadayaw ken pammigbig. Napadayawan nga umuna kadagiti dua a President Elpidio Quirino Award ni Dr. Sonido idi 2011 babaen iti Ilocos Surian. Natenneb iti padas iti tay-ak ti medisina. Maysa kadagiti kaaktibuan a mangidadaulo kadagiti adu a proyekto iti komunidad.

Pondador ken nakipagpondar kadagiti sumagma-mano a grupo.

1. Co-founder – Bayanihan Clinic Without Walls,
2. Founder and First President - University of Santo Tomas Alumni Association of Hawaii,
3. Founder and First President – Titans USA Medical Foundation USA and in the Philippines.
4. Founder – Doctors On Stage Production, a

group of physicians, their assistants and friends who banded together to produce three major musical productions including “War and Peace”, “Rainbow Connection”, and “Butterflies and Kisses” shown at the Neal Blaisdell Concert Hall, and in the neighboring islands.

5. Founder and Organizer – Philippine Medical Association of Hawaii Annual Fiesta Health Fair since 1997, one of biggest health fairs in the entire state.
6. Owner, Publisher, and Executive Editor – Hawaii Filipino Chronicle.
7. President and Co-Founder – Oahu Healthcare Association of Hawaii
8. Founder – Hawaii Physicians Preceptorship Program

### LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

1. President – Philippine Medical Association of Hawaii, 1997
2. President – University of Santo Tomas Alumni Association of Hawaii, 1993.
3. President – Titans USA, 2005 to 2009.
4. Member of the Board of Directors - Hawaii Medical Center, 2006-2010.
5. Officer - Hawaii Physicians Group, a local group of 140 physicians
6. Lead Organizer – U.S.T. Singers Concerts every 2 years since 2001.
7. Lead Organizer – Ilocos Homecoming Medical Mission, every 2 years since 2001 where 10,000 to 12,000 patients are treated for free by volunteer physicians, nurses, and other health professionals.
8. Lead Organizer – Ilocos Homecoming Chess Competitions, Ilocos Idol, Ilocos Science, Math, and Spelling Bee Contests for high school and elementary students, and other cultural activities.
9. Director and Mission Volunteer – Aloha Medical Mission, 1997.
10. Physician Columnist –

Hawaii Filipino Chronicle “Ask a Doctor”, a free question and answer medical column published in an ethnic paper providing health education.

11. Director – Hawaii Filipino Healthcare, the only Filipino HMO in the United States.
12. Past President - Cabugao Sons and Daughters of Hawaii ts.

Taga Cabugao, Ilocos Sur ti familia Sonido.



Sabali pay a rimat ti Cabugao dagiti agassawa nga Alfonso ken Rosaline Sabangan.

Napadayawankami a nanginomina kadakuada iti 2012 UFCH Progress Award – Community Service [Volunteerism] Category, gapu iti pammatimi iti kinapateg ti serbisioda iti komunidad kas boluntario kadagiti adu a proyekto iti man OFCC, UFCH, Ilocos Surian ken adu pay

- Ilocos Surian Association of Hawaii Medical and Homecoming Mission to Ilocos, Payatas, Quezon City in 2011;
- Feeding the Homeless at the Institute for Human Services [IHS] with the Mission Day Service Project
- President Elpidio Quirino Humanitarian Award Banquet sponsored by the Ilocos Surian Association of Hawaii, so with the ISAH 35th Anniversary Celebration
- Adopt a Hwy project
- Cabugao Global Grand Reunion
- Filipino Centennial Parade with the Ilocos Surian Association of Hawaii Float depicting the 15 Filipino Sakada
- FilComCenter Filipino Fiesta Parade

Kas kadagiti dadduma a napadayawan, inawat dagitoy nagaget nga agassawa iti pammigbig idi Oktubre 19, 2012 iti Ala Moana Hotel a nakaangayan ti reaffirmation ken instolasion dagiti opisial ti UFCH nga ipanguluan ni Jenny Quezon. ■

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**SAN NICOLAS GOODWILL FOUNDATION OF HAWAII LITTLE MISS INFANTILE PAGEANT / SATURDAY** • November 10, 2012, • FilCom Center Casamina Flores Ballroom • Donation \$45 • For more information, pls. call 680-0451

**ISAH MRS. ILOCOS SURIAN FUNDRAISER / SATURDAY** • November 17, 2012, • Hilton Waikiki Beach Resort Hotel • Donation \$65 • For more information and tickets, pls. call Davelyn at 489-8782

**3RD ANNUAL NIGHT OF HONOR AND TOY, JCI HAWAII FILIPINO JUNIOR CHAMBER / SUNDAY** • December 9, 2012, • Hibiscus Room, Ala Moana Hotel • For more information please contact Randy Cortez at: 342-7685

**GLOBAL NEWS**

**NZ Scientists to Help Develop Phil Geothermal Energy**

WELLINGTON (Xinhua) - **NEW ZEALAND GOVERNMENT SCIENTISTS WILL HELP** develop geothermal energy in the Philippines, according to an agreement signed today.

New Zealand's Institute of Geological and Nuclear Sciences (GNS Science) will conduct viability reviews of the Philippines' Energy Development Corporation (EDC) steam fields over six months, said a statement from GNS Science.

Geothermal energy development was one of a number of areas of improved cooperation, including defense, tourism, and trade, which were discussed during the two-day state visit of Philippines President Benigno Aquino to New Zealand this week.

In an initial study, GNS Sci-

ence would determine the resource viability of two major geothermal fields in the Philippines, as well as reviewing the reservoir strategies and drilling performance of EDC.

EDC chief operating officer Richard Tantoco said in the statement that GNS Science would work with local specialists to help improve geothermal operations at several fields.

"This will greatly help us in the reservoir management for our existing operating fields and identify and eliminate costs, complexity and risks," he said.

An earlier evaluation by GNS Science enabled the company to save \$2.48 million in operating costs.

"Over the next four years we plan to drill 75 new geothermal

wells," said Tantoco.

"If production improves by at least 1 MW per well, compared to the average of the last three years, the value it will deliver will be an added \$75 million a year in revenues."

GNS Science business development manager Rob Johnston said in the statement that the new contract was likely to be a forerunner to further work in the Philippines.

Since the 1970s, the collaboration between New Zealand and Philippine specialists has resulted in the discovery and development of several major fields which had helped make the Philippines the world's number two geothermal energy producer.

EDC is one of the largest geothermal companies in the world with 1,130 MW of installed geothermal capacity. ([www.philstar.com](http://www.philstar.com)) ■

**HAWAII-FILIPINO NEWS (CONTINUED)**

**Renovation Work Forces State to Relocate TB Program**

**THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (DOH)** has temporarily relocated its Tuberculosis Control Program from the ground floor of the Lanakila Health Center for approximately 10 weeks during a remodeling of the air conditioning system.

The services and offices have been moved to 2385 Waimano Home Road, Building 4, Uluakupu (the first building on the right after the security booth entrance).

To facilitate the move, the TB Control Program at Lanakila Clinic will close on Friday, October 26 and reopen at 1 pm on Monday, October 29. The new hours of operation will be:

- **TB Skin Testing:**  
Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri:  
7:45 am to 3 pm  
Thurs: 7:45 am to 2 pm (skin

test reading only)  
Tel: 832-5731; Fax: 832-3538

- **TB Clinic:**  
Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri:  
7:45 am to 3 pm  
Thurs: 7:45 am to 1:30 pm  
Tel: 832-3539; Fax: 832-3538

- **Chest X-ray:**  
Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri:  
7:45 am to 3 pm  
Thurs: 7:45 am to 1:30 pm

DOH officials encourage the public to use other public health nursing clinics for tuberculosis skin tests, such as the Wahiawa Civic Center, Waipahu Civic Center, Waianae Community Services Center or Windward Oahu Health Center.

Services offered by the DOH's TB control program are provided for free to individuals who meet

State of Hawaii requirements under Hawaii Administrative Rules Section 11, Chapter 164. State-provided TB services include skin tests, chest x-rays, evaluations and tuberculosis treatment medications.

The renovation work is expected to be completed in January 2013. The TB Control Program website will be updated and another news release will be sent notifying clients when the TB clinic will relocate back to Lanakila Health Center.

For more information about TB services, please call 832-5731. Access to the 24-hour TB Info Line is at 832-5738 or visit the website at <http://hawaii.gov/health/family-child-health/contagious-disease/tb/index.html>. Directions for driving or taking the bus to the new location are provided on the website. ■

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