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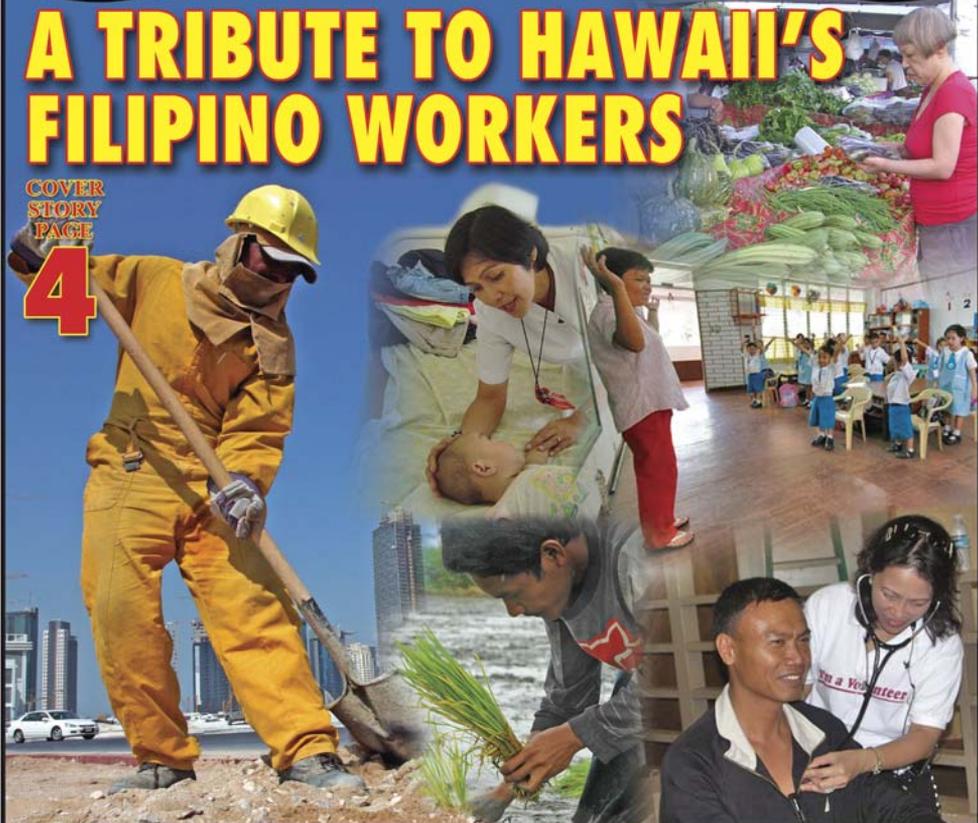
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The Impact of Filipino Workers

As Hawaii celebrates Filipino-American History Month, one can't help but appreciate the achievements and tremendous impact Filipinos have had in the islands. One area that Filipinos have advanced rapidly in is the work place and left an indelible mark in it over the years.

Historically, Filipinos have taken the breaking, labor-intensive jobs. Some may frown on such menial work but at least Filipinos earned an honest living and gained a reputation as honest, hard-working employees. It wasn't until the mid-1960s when a wave of college-educated Filipinos began arriving in Hawaii that Filipinos became more visible in white collar, professional and managerial level types of jobs. Also, the children and grandchildren of early Filipino immigrants continued their education past high school and received advanced degrees.

Nowadays, Filipinos can be found in nearly every type of job in Hawaii. Some are among the best and brightest in their respective fields. Why is this even worth mentioning? Because in the words of Philippine Consul General Leoncio R. Cardenas, it shows that ... "Filipinos have arrived." Such a statement can be a tremendous morale boost for an ethnic group that at times in the past has struggled with its collective identity—particularly among the younger generation.

In looking at the big picture, the estimated 142,783 Filipino and part-Filipino employees in Hawaii help to keep the economy going. If not for these Filipino employees, many sectors of Hawaii's economy could very well come to a grinding halt. While there is always room for improvement, the Filipino community can feel good knowing that its workers are positive contributors, rather than a drain to the state's limited resources. Now that's something all Filipinos can take pride in.

Political Jockeying for 2010

With the 2010 election a little over a year away, a number of politicians are positioning themselves for the seat of their choice. Congressman Neil Abercrombie set the tone early on by announcing his bid for governor last March. A likely opponent is Mayor Mufi Hannemann, who has already filed the necessary papers with the Campaign Spending Commission and established an exploratory campaign committee. Hannemann held two fundraisers on a recent trip to the mainland, according to documents filed with the Commission. Although the good mayor has yet to make it official, all signs point toward a three-way race between Abercrombie, Hannemann and Duke Aiona for the State's top seat.

The race for Hawaii's second-in-command is even more crowded. The slate includes State senators Bobby Bunda, Norman Sakamoto and Gary Hooser. Other possible candidates for lieutenant governor include State representatives Jon Riki Karamatsu, Lyla Berg and Joe Souki, along with Democratic Party chairman Brian Schatz. When it comes down to it, a governor/lieutenant governor ticket must be ethnically balanced in order to win. A good example is the 2002 governor's race, when the ethnically-balanced Lingle-Aiona team defeated the Hirono-Matsunaga ticket.

Eying Abercrombie's seat are veteran politician Ed Case, State Sen. Colleen Hanabusa and City Councilmember Charles Djou. Expect Djou, a Republican, to receive financial support from the national Republican Party, which sees the First Congressional race as winnable, given the district's large numbers of moderate Democrats, Republicans and independents.

As for the mayor's seat, two City employees are waiting in the wings if and when Hannemann bolts for the governor's race—prosecutor Peter Carlisle and managing director Kirk Caldwell. Several more may join the fray—councilmembers

FROM THE PUBLISHER

With Halloween a little more than two weeks away, have you made up your mind yet as to which costume you will be wearing? Since most Filipinos love parties, Halloween is as good a time as any to get together with friends and family. When driving, be extra alert for the little trick-or-treaters who will be out and about that evening. Also, please make sure to screen your children's treats. A little precaution will help make your Halloween safe and fun!



October is turning out to be quite a busy month for the Filipino community. In fact, October is Filipino-American Month in Hawaii. The Filipino American Historical Society of Hawaii (FAHSOH) and several community groups have planned a myriad of activities throughout October in observance of this special month. On October 17, "Boom Boom Brown! A celebration of Filipino-American Youth Culture" will be held at the Hawaii State Public Library at 12 noon. The following weekend, on October 25, three *lolas* from the Big Island will present "Flip Out!"—a storytelling performance at Kawanakaoa Backstage Theatre (see page 10). We hope you will support these very worthwhile events.

In light of Filipino-American Month in Hawaii, contributing writer Gregory Bren Garcia has written this issue's cover story (beginning on page 4) on the numerous contributions Filipino workers have made to Hawaii's economy. Filipinos are well-represented in nearly every industry—from agriculture to construction to medicine to government. The several million Filipinos who work overseas have gained a reputation as dependable, hard-workers. In fact, many OFWs are in high demand due to their college education and good command of the English language.

Also this month, donations have been pouring in for flood victims in the Philippines. Various Filipino organizations, including students from UH-Manoa (see page 13) are doing their part to help their kababayans back home. Please consider helping the many victims by making a donation. Every little bit will certainly help.

In closing, we hope that you will enjoy reading the many timely and informative articles and columns in this issue. As always, thank you for supporting our paper. Until next time, *aloha* and *mabuhay!*

Chona A. Montesines-Sonido

Todd Apo, Donovan Dela Cruz and Rod Tam. The early favorite should be Carlisle, given his tough-on-crime stance and frequent TV news appearances in high profile crime cases.

The speculation and mad scrambling for a number of open seats in a crucial 2010 election have made things quite entertaining for political pundits and observers. Still, it is very early, considering that the official filing deadline is not until February 2010. Nevertheless, based on the early interest and political jockeying, 2010 promises to be quite an election year, so stay tuned. The best, or worst in Hawaii politics, depending on how you look at it, is truly yet to come.

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OPEN FORUM

Convention Center Experience— A Reminder For Rail Project



By Romy M. Cachola
Councilmember, Dist. VII

There have been recent reports that the Hawaii Convention Center has fallen short of its economic goals. I am reminded of the contentious Convention Center debates during the late 1980s and early 1990s.

For starters, we knew then that the Convention Center would be a money loser. The public, though skeptical, sent a strong message in support of a convention center if built at no cost to taxpayers. Based on this charge, as then House Tourism chair I proposed several creative financing plans and cost savings mechanisms as follows:

- **Fort Armstrong**
(Kakaako Waterfront Park)
This site, which is owned by the State, was formerly a

dumpsite. To revitalize Kakaako, I proposed converting the property from fee simple to leasehold and granting air rights for developers to build hotel, condo and commercial space in exchange for a free convention center. In addition, the State as lessor, would receive annual lease rent estimated at \$7 million, which would have supplemented the operation, promotion and marketing of the convention center. This proposal did not materialize since the visitor industry preferred a site closer to Waikiki.

- **Waikiki International Marketplace**

Like Ft. Armstrong, I proposed that the developer provide the State with a free convention center in exchange for an increase in height and density for the project. This proposal became Act 96 of the 1988 Legislature. Unfortunately, Japan's economic bubble burst not long after, forcing the developer to withdraw.

- **Aloha Motors site**
(Hawaii Convention Center)

I negotiated an agreement wherein the developer would build a convention center and give the State free lease rent in perpetuity that runs with the land in exchange for the right to build a hotel and commercial improvements at the site. The proposal did not materialize because the visitor industry lobbied for a stand-alone convention center. This necessitated the purchase of land from the developer, a land swap and a bond float needed to construct the convention center.

In hindsight, the \$650 million predicament now facing the State could have been avoided had we opted for any one of my three proposals. We simply missed out on a golden opportunity to have a convention center built at no cost to taxpayers.

In much the same way, the City has had several opportunities to reduce the cost on its \$5.4 billion fixed rail project.

Due to lower-than-expected GET revenues, it is financially prudent for the City to reduce costs whenever feasible. Unfortunately, several cost-cutting suggestions have been brushed aside or labeled as delay tactics.

First, there was an offer from HRPT Properties Trust to assist in building a transit station in Mapunapuna. We should welcome help from the private sector, especially since we may fall short of funds to pay for the project.

Second, switching the rail alignment from Salt Lake Boulevard to the airport will cost an additional \$220 million. The City should find ways to cut, not add, to the total cost.

Third, there were suggestions to construct the initial rail segment from Downtown to Aloha Stadium, rather than from East Kapolei to Waipahu. This makes perfect sense, since it would reduce construction, operation and maintenance costs.

Fourth, the administration

received authorization for a \$917 million bond float which should prove to the FTA that we are financially-capable of completing the project. The bond float is likely to be included in the Final EIS as a way to address the \$500 million shortfall that the administration admitted to the FTA in a May 1, 2009 report. We need to be more judicious on this bond float since taxpayers will be paying over half a billion dollars in interest alone over a 10-year period.

Fifth, a study by Kamehameha Schools estimated that costs could be substantially reduced by \$1.7 billion if parts of the alignment are built at-grade. Despite the administration's opposition, I hope the Council will hold a hearing to determine the study's merits.

I can speak with a great deal of certainty on the Convention Center and rail projects and see similarities with both. I hope the administration will use the experience of the convention center as a reminder of what not to do. If not, history may repeat itself and once again hit taxpayers hard in their pocketbooks.

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A Tribute to Hawaii's Filipino Workers

By Gregory Bren Garcia

Of there is one thing residents of Hawaii can be truly proud of, it is the state's diverse ethnic and cultural heritage. No other state in the U.S. can boast a level of harmony among ethnic groups like Hawaii can. And among the most colorful ethnic groups that have contributed to this vibrant tapestry of present-day Hawaii are Filipinos.

From cultivating the islands' rich, volcanic soil to taking the lead in Hawaii's political and economic affairs, Filipino-American workers have helped shaped the state's history over the past 100 years.

The Plantation Legacy

The influx of Filipinos began in 1906, when the first officially-documented Filipino laborers were conscripted to work in Hawaii. In December 1906, 15 men from the Philippines disembarked from the SS Doric, becoming the first Filipino sakadas, or plantation laborers. The men were recruited by the Hawaii Sugar Planters Association to work for the Olaa plantation on Big Island. The following year, another 150 Filipinos arrived in Hawaii, and by

1919, more than 10,000 Filipinos were working in the islands.

The early Filipino laborers experienced grueling work conditions, toiled for 12 hours a day and earned very little. Filipinos were favored by the sugar planters because they were paid the lowest wages among imported laborers. Moreover, the Philippines' status as a U.S. territory afforded Filipinos legal status as American nationals but excluding them from labor laws which prohibited other ethnic groups from working freely in the U.S.

However, the passage of the Immigration Act of 1924, or the Johnson-Reed Act, limited the number of Filipino immigrants to the U.S. The Great Depression during the 1930s resulted in

many Filipinos being repatriated back to the Philippines. Nevertheless, by 1950 some 61,000 Filipinos had already settled in Hawaii.

Beginning in 1965, a new wave of Filipino immigrants entered the U.S. after the passage of the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1965 which officially abolished the national-origin quotas set by the 1924 Immigration Act. During the mid-1960s, some 5,000 individuals from the Philippines, including those with professional degrees and skilled expertise, began arriving annually. Filipinos became the fastest-growing ethnic group in the islands.

Filipinos in Hawaii Today

According to the U.S. Census Bureau's 2008 American



Community Survey (ACS), there are about 175,000 people of purely Filipino origin living in Hawaii, amounting to 13.6 percent from the state's 1.29 million total population. This number goes up to more than 287,000 people when individuals of mixed Filipino and other racial backgrounds are included.

Compared to the Filipino community's humble beginnings in the early 1900s, Filipino-Americans today occupy important roles in Hawaii's social, cultural and political landscape.

Wahiawa City Councilmember Donovan Dela Cruz attributes this to the myriad of opportunities that Hawaii, now a



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|---|-------------------------|
| Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting and mining | 1.8% |
| Construction | 9.3% |
| Manufacturing | 3.4% |
| Wholesale trade | 2.7% |
| Retail trade | 12.7% |
| Transportation and warehousing, and utilities | 5.2% |
| Information | 1.0% |
| Finance and insurance, and real estate and rental and leasing | 6.7% |
| Professional, scientific, and management, and administrative and waste management services | 8.7% |
| Educational services, and health care and social assistance | 17.3% |
| Arts, entertainment, and recreation, and accommodation and food services | 22.0% |
| Other services (except public administration) | 4.0% |
| Public administration | 5.1% |

Source: 2008 American Community Survey

COVER STORY



| Top destinations for Filipino emigrants and permanent residents | Number of Individuals as of 2007 |
|---|----------------------------------|
| United States | 2,517,833 (2,425,697)* |
| Canada | 410,626 |
| Australia | 221,892 |
| United Kingdom | 90,654 |
| Germany | 44,130 |
| Spain | 27,537 |
| Malaysia | 26,002 |
| New Zealand | 21,188 |
| Norway | 16,561 |
| Austria | 2,425 |

Source: Philippine Overseas Employment Administration

* 2008 American Community Survey information for the category "Filipino (Ethnicity) Alone"

| Top destinations for Filipino temporary contract workers | Number of Individuals as of 2007 |
|--|----------------------------------|
| Saudi Arabia | 1,046,051 |
| United Arab Emirates | 493,411 |
| Qatar | 189,943 |
| Kuwait | 129,708 |
| Italy | 82,594 |
| Singapore | 70,616 |
| Taiwan | 67,153 |
| South Korea | 62,528 |
| Bahrain | 40,818 |
| Japan | 38,329 |
| Hong Kong | 16,606 |

Source: Philippine Overseas Employment Administration

modern, progressive U.S. state, affords its people.

"More Filipinos have adopted a more driven attitude as far as where they want to be in their career is concerned. I think that today, more Filipinos are striving to thrive rather than merely survive," he says.

Filipino-American workers in Hawaii are now found in every occupation imaginable in the state. The 2008 ACS notes that about 142,000 individuals with Filipino or mixed Filipino backgrounds, 16 years old and up, are employed in the state's civilian workforce.

Of this, 22 percent are employed in the arts, entertainment, recreation, accommodation and

food services; 17.3 percent work for educational, health care and social assistance sectors; 12.7 percent are in retail trade; and 9.3 percent are employed in construction. Significant numbers also work in professional and scientific industries, administrative and waste management services, finance and real estate, transportation and utilities and public administration.

As far as leadership roles in the community are concerned, Dela Cruz believes that Filipino-Americans in Hawaii today have become more willing to take charge.

"I believe Filipinos have come a long way in terms of leadership in the community," he

says. "Filipinos have long been in support roles, but I am extremely happy to see more and more coming to the forefront and fulfilling leadership positions."

In his job as a councilmember, Dela Cruz realized that the Filipinos' generally amiable nature complement important leadership skills.

"Our hospitable nature makes it easier for us to bring people together for a general consensus. We can bring parties with differing views together and help find resolution. This has been a great help during my time at council," he says.

The Filipino Global Diaspora

For many years, Filipinos have joked that their countrymen can be found in every country in the world. After all, during the last decade, some 3,000 Filipinos a day left the country to work abroad. However, this urban tale was confirmed when the first Philippine Migration and Development Statistical Almanac, published by the Philippine government through the Institute of Migration and Development Issues, was released in January 2009. It reported that Filipinos, all 8.7 million of them (or about 10 percent of the Philippine population), are found in virtually all of the world's 239 countries and territories.

Filipinos, like seeds drawn to distant, fertile lands, are dispersed throughout the world today either as permanent migrants or as contract employees, more commonly known as Overseas Filipino Workers or OFWs.

Kris Dacumos, a Manila-based magazine writer, lived abroad with her family in Saudi Arabia for 14 years. Her father still works in Dubai, United Arab Emirates for the avionics industry. These countries, according to the almanac, are the top destinations for Filipino

contract workers, while the U.S. and Canada beat the rest as places of choice for permanent migrants. For Dacumos, the almanac's findings came as no surprise. As a child, she saw Filipinos everywhere her family went.

"There seems to be a Filipino community wherever you go. And it's a good thing. Because of our hospitable character, we can easily get along with people we don't even know. We consider every Filipino we meet abroad as family, making the world seem like it really is small," she says.

The almanac also notes that from 1975 to 2007, the Philippines received more than \$120 billion in cash remittances from Filipinos living or working abroad. In 2006, some 1.6 million Philippine provincial households also benefited from \$7.5 billion worth of foreign remittances sent in from abroad.

The very fact that many familial ties are severed when parents have to work abroad to provide for their children or vice versa is seen by many as the

enormous social downside of the Filipino diaspora phenomenon. But others see migrant work as an opportunity to take advantage of the new dynamism of the global market, which is being propelled by modern technologies.

In her paper entitled "A Futuristic Look into the Filipino Diaspora: Trends, Issues and Implications," California State University-East Bay professor Soledad Rica Lorente notes that "for Filipino workers, global forces have rendered the rest of the world as the new arena in which to venture and realize their dreams."

She notes that "with modern communications and transportation technologies, they can go farther, faster and cheaper as the world becomes a global village."

Dacumos agrees and says that technology has made it easier for her family to cope with spatial disparity.

"It's easier now because there's the Internet. We can use the webcam or instant messaging. Before the only means of

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By Senator Will Espero

Questionable Prison Decisions

Homelands, the Marine National Monument, and energy sustainability to name a few. But the closing of KCF will be seen as a black mark almost equal to the loss of the Super Ferry.

Hawaii currently has about 1800 inmates incarcerated on the mainland. Although it is cheaper to imprison an inmate on the mainland, the main reason they were sent there is due to overcrowding in Hawaii prisons. It costs Hawaii taxpayers over \$55 million per year for mainland imprisonment. We should transfer Hawaii inmates on the mainland back to Hawaii in order to fill KCF and spend millions of tax dollars here. A near empty facility should not be empty when one is exporting inmates. It makes no sense at all. With the multiplier effect, those tax dollars would certainly help the economy. Keeping some inmates on the mainland may be necessary, but the majority of those there now should be returned one day.

Having inmates closer to home benefits families and inmates when it comes to rehabilitation and support. One cannot put a price tag on the success of an inmate who goes through re-

entry and rehabilitation. Productivity in our society rather than a strain on society; stronger families; less crime; less victims. An inmate not properly treated or who does not have the services or assistance to improve will likely commit another crime and be incarcerated again.

That is why closing KCF is such a bad idea. Kulani is a minimum-security facility where all inmates are required to work full-time. It is an important component of our correctional system where inmates are learning skills, tools and knowledge to help them when they transition to the outside world. It is doing what was intended to do. The sexual-offender treatment program (SOTP) is also housed at Kulani, and has had much success in this rural, minimum security facility. Moving the SOTP to Halawa is not wise, and increases the chances that sexual offenders will be intimidated by the general population and have a more difficult time with their programming since it is not best practices to have these inmate populations so close together. The Department of Public Safety (PSD) did note that sex-

ual offenders will be segregated from the general population, however, the possibility of distractions, harassment, and direct threats will increase. Halawa's chronic lock downs could also result in program and class cancellations, thus lengthening the time to complete a program and costing more in the long run.

Inmates from KCF have also been a benefit to the Big Island with their community service projects. Estimates are the prison inmates have saved the City or state governments about \$200,000 per year for their work. During emergencies and civil defense situations, they have also been a source of labor to help where needed. This amount decreases the projected \$2.6 million in savings stated by PSD. Placing PSD employees on our unemployment rolls will also decrease the projected savings.

Finally, convicted felons are given a maximum sentence by the courts and a minimum sentence by the Hawaii Paroling Authority. When the minimum sentence ends, that is the tentative parole date (TPD). Inmates must complete their programming and training in order to be eligible for furlough or parole. If

their prescriptive programming is not completed, they must wait until their programming is completed or serve their maximum sentence. Incarceration costs increase and tax dollars for other worthy projects and services are diverted when maximum sentences are served and incarceration stays are extended.

Kulani Correctional Facility is an integral part of our corrections system and assists many inmates with rehabilitation. A rehabilitated offender is the type we want leaving our corrections system. With at least 95% of all inmates scheduled for release one day, a dollar value cannot be placed on the importance and need of the Kulani facility. I believe the chances of a rehabilitated inmate succeeding after prison are improved with Kulani kept open. There are other ways to save tax dollars such as electronic monitoring, home detention, mandatory employment, mandatory training and counseling, and drug testing for certain offenders in a community-based setting with extensive law enforcement and case worker oversight. The state should not close the Kulani facility and planning for a new Maui prison should continue due to our state's long-term needs.

I believe the closure of Kulani Correctional Facility (KCF) on the Big Island is not in the best interest of our state. I understand that we are in a very difficult budget crisis, however, removing a facility from the correctional system is a mistake. The KCF is an important facility when it comes to rehabilitating Hawaii inmates, and the need has not diminished or gone away. The Governor's recent decision to stop planning of a prison on Maui is also short-sighted. It appears she based her decision on the comments of one Maui state senator, and it seems odd that she would not vet the whole process before the full Legislature or at least the WAM/Finance committees and the Public Safety Committees.

Let me state the Governor has had success in her 2 terms in areas such as Hawaiian

HAWAII-FILIPINO NEWS

Library Fundraisers to Keep Mountain View Library Open

Thanks to the rapid response and generous support of library users across the state, a portion of the

monetary donations raised through the "Keep Your Library Open" fundraiser will be used to keep Mountain View Public and

School Library open during the month of October.

Located on the Big Island, Mountain View Public and School Library was scheduled to be temporarily closed from October 2-22, 2009 due to funding and staffing shortages. However, state library officials have decided to reverse closure plans and schedules.

"We are happy to announce that proceeds collected through the 'Keep Your Library Open' program and the Friends of the Library of Hawaii's complimentary fundraising campaign, 'Keep the Doors Open' campaign will be used to support the operational expenses to keep Mountain View Public and School Library open throughout the month of October," says State Librarian Richard Burns.

"We are very grateful for the tremendous outpouring of support shown by our library patrons since the launch of the fundraising campaigns. We expect that the funds raised will be able to help all our public li-

braries."

Combined, the "Keep Your Library Open" and the "Keep the Doors Open" campaigns, which were launched in early September, have generated over \$100,000 in monetary donations to date. The fundraisers were initiated in response to unprecedented budget restrictions that threaten to close public libraries during the current economic crisis.

While the two campaigns are off to a good start, the need for community support in raising funds for Hawaii's public libraries continues. Patrons are invited to make a tax-deductible monetary donation to their local library. The contributions will be used to support the operations of the Hawaii State Public Library System such as purchasing library materials, providing funds for core services and programs and for



Mountain View Public and School Library

other operational expenses.

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By Atty. Emmanuel
Samonte Tipon



It is easier for a camel to enter the eye of a needle than for an alien to get a visa to participate in the Olympics if held in the U.S."

President Obama, his wife, and Oprah Winfrey all went to Copenhagen to persuade the International Olympic Committee (IOC) to choose Chicago, his adopted hometown, as host of the 2016 Olympic games. They were confident of victory. A banquet hall for 500 people was reserved for the celebration.

I like Chicago. I have sentimental ties to the city. My father worked and studied there. My favorite baseball teams are the Chicago White Sox (also Obama's favorite) and the Chicago Cubs (even though they have not won the World Series for more than 100 years).

Imagine the shock and awe of Obama when the IOC rejected his plea.

Chicago finished last in the first round of voting. Out of 94 votes, it got a mealy 18, Tokyo 22, Rio 26, and Madrid 28.

A Filipino wit remarked: "The IOC members must have thought, 'Hey we are not an extension of the Democratic controlled U.S. Congress where Obama can get whatever he wants -- like bailouts for the rich soundreels at the expense of the poor and sick.'"

Another Filipino said that the rejection of Chicago indicates that there is a strong anti-American sentiment in the world.

Immigration Problems

The most plausible reason was given by the Immigration Policy Center, a pro-immigrant organization, which sent me an e-mail saying that during the Q & A session before the voting, a Pakistani committee member asked President Obama how smooth it would be for foreigners to enter the United States for the Olympic games. It was indicated that doing so could sometimes be "a rather harrowing experience."

The non-American committee members must have seriously considered this point. Why should

What's the Real Reason U.S. Olympic Bid Was Rejected?

we let our countrymen undergo a "harrowing experience" to obtain a visa to participate in the Olympics in the U.S.?

If Chicago had won, imagine these scenarios before a U.S. consul. So Mr. Athlete, you want to get a B visa to participate in the Olympics? That visa is only for visitors for business or pleasure. Participating in the Olympics is neither. Visa denied. Next.

You want to apply for an O visa to perform in the Olympics? O visas are for persons with "extraordinary ability" in athletics. You don't look extraordinary to me. Visa denied. Next.

You are seeking a P visa to perform in the Olympics? P visas are for persons who perform as an athlete at an "internationally recognized level of performance" which means a "high level of achievement" that is "renowned, leading or well-known in more than one country." I have never heard of you. You are not Manny Pacquiao. Visa denied. Next.

Your name is Al Salita? Sounds like Al Qaeda. Since 9/11, there is an unwritten policy not to give visas to guys whose names have an "Al". Visa denied. Next.

You want to accompany your husband who was given a visa to perform in the Olympics? You do not have enough evidence to establish that your marriage is bona fide. You do not have pictures before, during, and after marriage. No joint documents like income tax returns, bank accounts, mortgage, lease, insurance policies, receipts for joint expenses, telephone bills, utility bills, and affidavits of people who know that you are really married. You have a child with your husband? We need to have him and the child undergo a DNA to show that the child is really his. Even if the DNA proves that the child is his, that does not necessarily prove that when you married him you intended to marry him for love rather than for immigration purposes.

Immigration and consular authorities will likely want to background check every visa applicant going to the Olympics if it were held in the U.S.? By the time they have background checked the applicants, the Olympics if held in the U.S. would probably be over.

Almost everyone must have heard horror stories of how immigration and consular employees mistreat and humiliate visa applicants.

Our immigration system has officially become "our Achilles' heel in the eyes of the world," says the Immigration Policy Center.

Immigration Reforms

President Obama and his party mates talk about immigration reform. Even his Republican opponent John McCain supports immigration reform. One word describes their idea of immigration reform: "amnesty." The overwhelming majority of American citizens are against amnesty. If there is any doubt about this, why

does not Congress submit this issue to a referendum among the citizenry.

Even if the immigration laws were reformed, it would be useless unless all the anti-alien employees of the Department of Homeland Security and the Department of State involved in visa processing are changed.

Obama always talks of "change". But will he do it?

Until then, chances are remote that there will be an American city chosen to host the Olympic games.

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FEATURE



Filipina Doll Collector Shares World of Barbie With Others

By Fiedes Doctor

Photos By Tim Llena

Saying she loves dolls is an understatement. She is passionate about them.

In 1999, Florence Marton won the National Enquirer's contest with the most Barbie dolls, besting 462 other contenders from all over the world. She owned 924 versions of the iconic American girlhood symbol—International Barbie, Dr. Barbie, Teen Barbie, Marine Barbie, Air Force Barbie, Princess Barbie, and Baywatch Barbie, among others.

Ten years later, her Barbie collection reached to a dizzying 5,000 versions, ranging from the

tiniest 1.5 inches to as tall as 6 feet.

Marton's museum, aptly called Hawaii Loves Barbie, is tucked away in an unassuming Kailua neighborhood, where an estimated collection of 10,000 dolls and counting now awaits visitors.

Admission to the museum is free but requires prior appointment. She has been known to pick-up visitors from the Waikiki area and drive them to her place. Since opening her museum in 1986, Marton has entertained thousands of guests from 39 states and countries such as France, Ecuador, Germany, China, Africa, Mexico, Jerusalem and Taiwan.



Florence Marton shows her Barbie dolls collection

Most of the visitors are from Japan and Korea. Not many are Filipinos, she says.

Aside from Barbie, her collection includes Bratz dolls, Cabbage Patch, Strawberry Shortcake, GI Joe, Spiderman, Elvis, Charlie Chaplin, Carmen Miranda and Hawaii radio personality Michael Perry.

"As you can see, I love

them," Marton says, her face lighting up as she introduces significant ones like the original Barbie that came out in 1959, the international Barbies and those adorned by her own hand.

Her Barbie's gowns are luxurious transformations of scrap materials from her own clothes—from aloha prints, to silk and lace—with intricate

bead embellishments and matching accessories. Some of them wear innovative creations from scarves and ribbons of Christmases past, wrapped around the body and tied at the waistline. All are flamboyant and unique.

Has she ever thought of designing clothes for people?

"No, I only do it for the dolls," she says. "It makes me happy to see them. It relaxes me."

A Touch of the Philippines

Marton was born in Hawaii to Filipino parents but grew up in Pangasinan, in the Philippines with her grandparents and siblings. She was immersed in a life in the farm for 12 years where she learned the local culture, language and the importance of hard work and perseverance.

"That was what my parents

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FEATURE (CONT.)

(Filipina Doll... from page 8)

wanted for me—to learn the Filipino way of life,” she recalls.

Marton's collection includes several Filipina Barbies wearing classic and elegant Cordilleran, Tagalog, and Visayan costumes including different Maria Clara versions and two interpretations of the Philippine flag. The calesa (horse-drawn carriage), banga (clay pot), jeepney, and roosters for cockfighting complete the homeland setting. She dreams of setting up a Barbie and Ken Filipino diorama someday.

“I'd like to do that so I can

introduce my visitors to Philippine life and culture.”

Of course, Marton has a Polynesian display of Hawaii, Fiji, Samoa, New Zealand, Tahiti and Tongan costumes complete with muu muus, hula, grass skirts, and shell, kukui nut or floral accessories and headgears. Different Barbies and Kens can be seen enjoying a festive luau, ready to savor a kalua pig.

The dolls receive lots of love and attention from Marton who checks on them every day.

She bought her first Barbie when youngest daughter

Shirley Ann, at age five, wanted a Barbie doll. Since then, her collection kept adding up as she bought from their different venues—from swap meets to large toy stores and Barbie conventions.

Memorable Barbies are those given by random visitors who share her love for the Doll.

“There's one from an artist and another from a writer/photographer,” she says, showing the labeled dolls with the corresponding dates and names. One special Barbie was given by no other than the toy company Mattel, Inc. (Japan) who found

out about her museum.

“It was the first time that I got a visit from a Barbie company,” she says, her eyes crinkling at the memory.

Marton is pushing 70 but shows no signs of age. Although she has seen many pains, she is lighthearted and graceful, and always ready to tell everyone about her Barbie world.

She may be reached at (808) 772-8998 or (808) 262-1065 for appointments to the Hawaii Loves Barbie museum, which is open every day of the week.



Florence Marton's "other" dolls

FIL-AM HISTORICAL MONTH NEWS

Boom Boom Brown! at the Hawaii State Library

Fil-Am visual artists, poets, music ensemble and dancers will be performing “Boom Boom Brown! A celebration of Filipino-American Youth Culture” at the Hawaii State Public Library on October 17, 2009 beginning at 12 noon.

The public is invited to the free event, which is one of several planned by various community groups in observance of October as Filipino-Ameri-

can History Month.

“Boom Boom Brown!” showcases the works of young and talented visual artists Christopher Aradanas, Calvin Bagaioan, Shaun Castro and Elsie Simpliciano; poets Jessica Ladera, Melanie Medalle and Faith Pasqua; and musicians and dancers from Mahalohalo Kolintang Ensemble and Tekniqlingz Dance Crew.

According to event co-chair April Bautista, these

young performers express their cultural pride through the creative arts and do so in various genres.

“People are concerned that many young Filipinos are lost and disconnected from our roots but that's not true,” she says. “We take pride in our Filipino American culture, heritage and identity. And we know about our history.”

“Boom Boom Brown!” is sponsored by the National Fed-

eration of Filipino American Associations (NaFFAA) Hawaii, the Filipino American Historical Society of Hawaii (FAHSOH) and Friends of the Library. NaFFAA Hawaii is a non-profit, advocacy organization committed to empowering the Filipino-American community by working with college students via workshops, conferences and other events. FAHSOH is a non-profit organization whose mission is to



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foster an appreciation for the heritage and experiences of Filipino-Americans in Hawaii.

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Three Lolos to Perform at “Flip Out” October 25

In celebration of Filipino-American History Month, Hawaii Repertory Theater will present “Flip Out!” a storytelling performance by three lolos (Filipino grandmothers) from the Big Island who share their life stories about growing up Filipino.

“Flip Out!”—which is scheduled for Sunday, October 25, 2009 at Kawanakoa Backstage Theatre at 1 pm and 4 pm—comes to Honolulu after a successful run last month on the Big Island, where the show opened to enthusiastic audiences in Wailea, Volcano and Hilo.

In a series of comedic monologues, cast members Angie Libadisos, Sandra K. Claveria and Lorraine Godoy share their life stories while exploring and exploding myths about growing up Filipino in Hawaii. “Flip Out!” recaptures their profoundly moving and diverse dreams, disappointments and achievements. With honesty, humor, and at times irreverence, they cut deep to the jugular with stories of the uncanny ways they found to survive.

According to Dr. Theodore Gonzales, associate professor at the University of Hawaii-Manoa, “Flip Out!” is a reminder that comedy can cut like a knife.

“The performing arts has long played a profound role in the ways that

Filipinos have addressed some of the thorniest social and political issues of the day,” he says.

Nicki Garces, chair of the National Federation of Filipino American Associations (NaFFAA) Region XII-Hawaii Chapter, says “Flip Out!” appeals to younger, local Filipinos who often feel disconnected from their parent's immigrant culture.

But the “Flip Out!” stories also cut across ethnic and cultural lines, says Amalia Bueno, who saw the show in Wailea and Volcano.

“It's the universal story of people striving to make a better life for their children by holding on to what's important—their families, communities and humanity,” says Bueno.

Darlene Rodrigues, who traveled with Bueno to the Big Island to see the show twice, describes “Flip Out!” as “tonic for the soul.”

Flip Out! is presented and co-produced by Hawaii Repertory Theatre, Wailea Village Historic Preservation Community, UH-Manoa American Studies Department, NaFFAA Region XII-Hawaii Chapter and Bueno Media Works.

Tickets for the show can be obtained by calling 988-2215 or via email at: tickets@hawaiireptheatre.org. For more information, call 783-742 or go online to: www.hawaiireptheatre.org.

COMMUNITY PARADE



Viva La Virgen! Our Lady of Peñafrancia Fiesta

The fiesta began with cleaning and decorating the place to welcome guests with comfort and ease. At daybreak, Rainbow Marina Point's big white dome started its facelift with palm leaves and colorful banderitas. By mid-morning INA was sailing her flat-boat with two oarsmen on the waters of Pearl Harbor. The crowd was chanting *Dios-Te-Salve* interrupted by cries of *Viva* in between "Ohs" and "Ahs" when undercurrents threatened the dinghy.

Back on land, four clergies say a tri-duum mass with canticles by the Bicol Church Choir. This was followed by *A Taste of Bicol*, a medley of favorite delicacies from the region characterized by chili peppers, coconut milk, lemon grass and FREE like a Bicol fiesta should be. This was augmented by chili-eating games, singing (Thank You Consul), dancing to a live-band, donations from people across the Pacific, and lots of food-to-go. If you missed it this time, see you next year at about the 3rd weekend of September, when INA is 300 years old as the unifier, healer and patroness of the Bicol Region.



COVER STORY (CONT.)

(from page 5, *A Tribute...*)

communication was regular mail, which sometimes had to be coursed through friends and which the recipient received only after a few months. Keeping in touch and still feeling connected as a family is definitely easier these days," she says.

Llorente notes in her study that the migration trend is likely to continue in the foreseeable future.

"The Filipino diaspora will continue to accelerate into the 21st century. And since Filipinos maintain their ties and connections to their families in the homeland, transnational lifestyles, which is the back and forth flow of people, ideas, material resources and projects, will become the rule in the near future," she writes.

A Role Model Community

Filipinos are generally preferred by employers around the world because of their English proficiency and their generally high educational attainment. In the U.S., Filipino-Americans are, by and large, better educated than the general U.S. population. The 2008 ACS notes

that out of the more than 1.9 million individuals having Filipino or mixed Filipino backgrounds, 25 years old and up living in the U.S., 30 percent have some college or associate's degrees and 37.5 percent have bachelor's degrees.

In comparison, only 28.8 percent of the general American population have some college or associate's degrees, while only 17.5 have bachelor's degrees.

Filipino-Americans in Hawaii also earn more than the general American population. The 2008 ACS notes that Hawaii's Fil-Am has a median household income of \$72,381—compared to Hawaii's median household income of \$67,214 and overall U.S. amount of \$52,029.

Dela Cruz believes that that the force that gives Filipinos the strength to overcome challenges and to rise above the norms of success can be traced back to how they value the sacrifices of their forebears.

"Our culture, values and upbringing instill a sense of confidence in us that prepares us for the challenges we face. Our past helps mold our future. The opportunities I have had in

my life only existed because of the struggles of my grandparents," he says.

"Growing up in the Philippines, my grandfather had to give up his education to work on the farm and my grandmother was forced to sleep on the ground in the shack she shared with her family. The sacrifices of our people flows through us and reminds us that

our successes are not only for us, it is for everyone who came before us," Dela Cruz says.

Indeed, appreciation for the past sacrifices of their ancestors is something that is permanently etched in the collective consciousness of modern-day Filipino-Americans in Hawaii. They endured innumerable adversities and paved the way, so

that we, who followed, need not tread on a difficult path but on one that is bountiful and prosperous.

Recognition must also be given to present-day Filipino workers, particularly overseas, for taking the dreams of the Filipino people to unimaginable heights on distant shores, and yet still keeping their beloved land close to their hearts.



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HAWAII-FILIPINO NEWS

Local Film Festival to Show Ninoy Aquino Documentary

A documentary on the life of the late Benigno "Ninoy" Aquino Jr. will make its debut at the 29th Annual Hawaii International Film Festival.

The one-hour documentary will be shown on Sunday, October 18, 2009 at 12 p.m. and on Wednesday, October 21, 2009 at 4:30 p.m. Both screenings will be held at Dole Cannery Theatre.

"Ninoy Aquino & the Rise of People Power" is the latest documentary by local film director and historian Tom Coffman, whose previous credits include "Nation Within," "First Battle" and "Arirang."

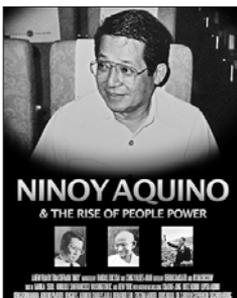
Coffman's film is an eyewitness account of dictatorship, assassination and revolution matching Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos and opposition leader Sen. Aquino. "Ninoy" tells the story of Aquino's extraordinary transformation from brilliant politician

of the Philippines to courageous martyr on the world stage in the tradition of Gandhi and Dr. Martin Luther King.

Described as emotionally explosive and intellectually challenging, "Ninoy" was filmed using two matched HD cameras in Manila, Seoul, Taipei, Honolulu, San Francisco, Boston, New York and Washington DC.

The Ninoy Aquino Story

Using an alleged communist plot to overthrow the government as an excuse, Marcos declared martial law and assumed dictatorial power. In the mass military roundup of government critics and political opponents, Aquino was the first to be arrested and thrown into prison where a light bulb glared in his cell around the clock. When his frantic wife, Cory,



found him, Aquino was so thin he was holding up his under-shorts with his hand.

During his eight-year imprisonment, Aquino wrote, studied nonviolence, fasted 38 days and at one point ran for Congress from his cell, where he constantly inspired the opposition. When taken before a military tribunal, he refused to dignify an

unconstitutional proceeding by defending himself and was condemned to death. Too renowned to execute and too powerful to simply release, Aquino was instead exiled to America for heart surgery.

Three years later on August 21, 1983, he returned to Manila, believing with Gandhi that "the willing sacrifice of the innocent is the most powerful retort to insolent tyranny that has yet been conceived by God or man."

In his dying moment, Aquino's bullet-ridden body fell on Philippine soil. His mother laid his remains in the family living room. A trickle of mourners became a flood of two million people, followed by three years of massive protests that drove Marcos from the country. The Philippines became the template for the many countries that since have transitioned peace-

fully to electoral democracy.

Q&A Session

After each screening, audience members will have an opportunity to ask the director questions. Also on-hand will be Ken Kashiwahara, originally of Kauai and Aquino's brother-in-law. He helped plan Aquino's fateful return to the Philippines to confront Marcos and was near his side at the moment of death.

Kashiwahara, who at one time served as ABC's chief international correspondent and as a local radio and TV news reporter, vowed to do all he could to keep Aquino's memory alive. As part of that mission, he will be present for the Q & A session after each screening.

For tickets, please call 548-5905. For additional details on the documentary, please contact Coffman at 247-8181 or via email at: tomcoffman@hawaii.rr.com.

Alay Sa Filipino: Free Call to Flood Victims in the Philippines

By HFC Staff

The Hawaii Filipino Chronicle is partnering with one of America's premiere phone card distributors in providing 3,000 free phone cards to low-income families in Hawaii who cannot afford to call

relatives who are victims of the two typhoons that recently hit the Philippines.

Phillip Escueta, business development and sales director of East West Ventures, LLC, announced this week that some 3,000 free phone cards will be

distributed to low income families through the Hawaii Filipino Chronicle and at selected distribution outlets.

"Doing so will allow our kababayans to get in touch with relatives who were affected by the typhoons that left hundreds

of Filipinos dead or homeless," Escueta says.

One phone card will be given per family. The Virginia-based company will distribute approximately 50,000 phone cards, each with free 30-minute call duration, all over the U.S.

According to Escueta, Tawag Philippines is in the process of producing the phone cards, which are scheduled to arrive in Hawaii within a week. He urges Filipino Chronicle readers to avail of the free phone cards. The free phone cards can only be used by U.S.-based Filipinos to call relatives in the Philippines.

When picking up the cards, please mention that you read about it in the Hawaii Filipino Chronicle. The cards are available at the following outlets:

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Additional distribution outlets may be added next week and will be announced in the next issue of the Chronicle.

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For more information about the free 30-minute phone cards for typhoon victims, please call (808) 678-8930 or (808) 284-4185 or email us at filipinochronicle@gmail.com or visit Tawag Philippines' website at www.tawagphilippines.net.

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LEGAL NOTES

Petitioning An Illegitimate Child



By Reuben S. Seguritan

A bona fide parent-child relationship exists, "where the father demonstrates or has demonstrated active concern for the child's support, instruction and general welfare."

A bona fide relationship may be shown by proof of emotional ties such as regular communication through letters; attendance of major events in the life of the child like birthdays, graduations; notarized affidavits of friends, neighbors, school officials and other knowledgeable persons who would attest to the existence of a parent-child relationship between the petitioner and the beneficiary.

It is also shown through evidence of financial support such as shouldering educational,

medical and miscellaneous expenses in support of the child. This support may be proven by canceled checks, wire transfer receipts, money orders, medical or insurance records, and school records.

Also, an illegitimate child may be subsequently legitimated under the law. Legitimation is "the act of putting a child born out of wedlock in the same legal position as a child born in wedlock".

The child may be legitimated under the law of the child's residence or domicile or under the law of the father's domicile or residence, if such legitimation takes place before the child is 18 years old and the legal custody is with the legitimating parent or parents at the

time of the legitimation.

Legitimation occurs when the natural parents subsequently marry or if there is a judicial decree or formal recognition of paternity or open/notorious acknowledgment of paternity.

Paternity may be established through primary evidence as when the father's name is indicated on the birth certificate or through secondary evidence such as medical or school records or blood or DNA tests.

There are countries that do not distinguish between children born in or out of wedlock, in which case, as long as a bona fide parent-child relationship is established, the child is considered a child for immigration

purposes. Examples are the Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Trinidad and Tobago, Ecuador, Cuba, Yugoslavia, Bolivia, Honduras and Guatemala.

In the Philippines, legitimation takes place only through subsequent marriage of the natural parents of the child who have the capacity to get married and no legal impediments to enter into marriage.

To petition for a child, an I-130 form needs to be filed along with the appropriate filing fees and documentary evidence establishing the parent-child relationship.

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HAWAII-FILIPINO NEWS

UH Students Launch Relief Drive for Flood Victims

Students at the University of Hawaii-Manoa have launched a relief drive for victims of recent floods in the Philippines.

Spearheading the drive are student members of Katipunan and Tinipuyog, two Filipino language clubs that are part of the Filipino Studies program at UH. The students have the full support of Philippine Consul General Jun Cardenas and State Rep. Joey Manahan.

"We are determined to support those who were devastated by Typhoon Ketsana in the Philippines," says Richard Tabalno, Katipunan president. "We will strive to provide everyone an opportunity to lend a helping hand to our kababayans back in the Philippines in any way possible."

Janelle Funtanilla, president of Tinipuyog, says that the students are deeply concerned with the social and economic costs of the recent flood in Manila as well as the typhoon that hit Northern Luzon.

"This is an effort to reach out to them and offer our hand in assistance so that they will be able to rise up again," she says.

Katipunan and Tinipuyog members are partnering with other student organizations at UH-Manoa and Hawaii Pacific University, as well as various individuals and non-profit groups. LBC Foundation has agreed to ship the collected goods to the Philippines as their donation to the cause.

The students are accepting canned goods, clean and

reusable clothing, blankets, sheets, toys and school supplies. Monetary donations are also accepted and encouraged as they are expected to reach victims faster than shipped items.

Donations may be dropped off on the second floor of the UH Campus Center in front of Jamba Juice. Donations will also be accepted at the Philippine Consulate located at 2433 Pali Highway.

Urgent Need For Help

Consul General Cardenas says that 12 days after Typhoon Ondoy, 80 percent of Manila and other areas were underwater. Victims are in need of food, clothes and blankets. With the threat of disease, basic medicines for fever and other respira-

tory conditions are also urgently needed.

So far, Cardenas says the response from the Filipino community and the people of Hawaii has been overwhelming.

"We are grateful for the overwhelming show of support," Cardenas says. "We are here to support efforts of the community to gather donations for the flood victims. I deeply appreciate the initiative of Rep. Manahan and the student leaders of Katipunan and Tinipuyog from UH and Kababayan from HPU for their spirit of volunteerism and their passion to help the flood victims."

Manila-born Rep. Manahan says the floods are the worst he has seen in his lifetime. Thankfully, many people are pitching in to help.

"There is no doubt that the recovery and rehabilitation process will require great effort and will rely on our generosity and willingness to give. I am glad to be working with Katipunan and Tinipuyog, as well as with Consul General Cardenas, on the flood relief effort."

If you have questions or want more information on how to make a donation, please call 586-6010 or 586-6133.

PHILIPPINE NEWS

Flash Flood, Landslide Alert Raised in Visayas, Mindanao

By Helen Flores /
Wednesday, Oct. 14, 2009

MANILA, Philippines - The Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (Pagasa) yesterday warned residents in the Visayas and Mindanao against possible flash floods and landslides due to frequent rains triggered by a low-pressure area (LPA).

Pagasa, in an advisory, said

that the LPA was expected to bring occasional to frequent rains in the Visayas and Mindanao, particularly the eastern sections, in the next two to three days.

"Residents in these areas are advised to take all the necessary precautionary measures," Pagasa said.

As of 2 p.m. yesterday, the LPA was spotted some 220 kilometers east-southeast of Guiuan, Eastern Samar.

Weathermen said the LPA was unlikely to develop into a

tropical cyclone.

For the next 24 hours, Pagasa said Southern Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao will experience cloudy skies with scattered rainshowers and thunderstorms, which will become frequent rains over the eastern sections.

The rest of the country, on the other hand, will be mostly cloudy with rainshowers and thunderstorms.

Pagasa said the coastal waters throughout the archipelago will be slight to moderate except during thunderstorms.

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PHILIPPINE NEWS

Estrada, Binay See Victory in Next Year's Elections

By Jose Rodel Clapano /
Thursday, Oct. 15, 2009

MANILA, Philippines - Former President Joseph Estrada said yesterday he is confident most Filipinos would support him when he runs for president next year based on the turnout of voters who elected former first lady Luisa Ejercito and his son, Jingo-gyo Estrada to the Senate while he was detained.

"I will not run for the presidency if I'm not sure I'll win," he said.

Estrada will formally announce his decision to run for president at the Sto. Niño Church in Tondo, Manila on Wednesday next week.

Estrada said his edge would be his experience as San Juan mayor, senator, vice president, and eventually as the 13th president.

He expects the administration to block his candidacy when he joins the race for the presidency next year.

Estrada said he was confident he would beat any legal challenge to his presidential bid.

"I commissioned some retired Supreme Court justices, deans of law schools and other legal luminaries, and they all agreed that I can still run," he said.

Estrada told The STAR the executive clemency which President Arroyo had granted him has restored all his political rights, including his right to vote and to run for office.

He had already exercised his right to vote after his release from six years of detention, he added.

His political party, Pwersang Masang Pilipino remains intact to back his presidential bid



Joseph Estrada and his running mate Makati Mayor Jejomar Binay next year, he added.

Estrada has chosen Makati Mayor Jejomar Binay as his vice-presidential running mate when he runs again for president next year.

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Speaking on GMA-7 television, Binay said Estrada informed him about his decision last week.

"Former President Estrada told me that he is taking me as his vice president," he said.

"It's an honor. Both of us are advocating for the poor. That will be the final tandem of the opposition in 2010."

Having served as mayor in Makati for two decades, he said people can be assured that he would be a better public servant as vice president.

Binay said Estrada has all the reasons to run again for president as he is highly qualified for the post.

"I hope he (Estrada) will be allowed to finish his term once he wins in the 2010 presidential

elections," he said.

Comprising Estrada's senatorial slate are: Senate President Juan Ponce Enrile, former speaker Jose de Venecia Jr., Senate President Pro Tempore Jingo-gyo Estrada, Ilocos Norte Rep. Ferdinand Marcos Jr., Makati Rep. Teodoro Locsin Jr., former Optical Media Board chairman Edu Manzano, Sen. Miriam Defensor-Santiago, Agusan del Sur Rep. Rodolfo Plaza, detained Army Brig. Gen. Danilo Lim, lawyer Aquilino Pimentel III and Grace Poe-Llamanzares, daughter of the late action star Fernando Poe Jr.

Margaux Salcedo, Estrada's spokeswoman, said the list only has 11 names, with one more slot left open for a possible guest candidate. "Senator Santiago is a guest candidate of UNO (United Opposition)," she said. (www.philstar.com)

International Pledges to RP Hit \$44 million - UN Official

By Paolo Romero /
Wednesday, Oct. 14, 2009

MANILA, Philippines (Xinhua) -- At least \$44 million worth of aid has been pledged by the international community to the Philippines to help alleviate the plight of thousands of people affected by two devastating storms that recently hit the country, a ranking U.N. official said today.

John Holmes, U.N. Undersecretary General for humanitarian affairs and emergency relief coordinator, said the U.N. was able to get financial commit-

ments amounting to \$19 million out of the \$74-million flash appeal it issued last week for victims of tropical storm "Ondoy."

"Even though the immediate effects of these typhoons have passed, we face many months of hard work, relief and recovery and reconstruction ahead. This crisis is by no means over. In some ways hard work is just starting," Holmes told a press conference.

He said another \$25 million has been pledged on top of the \$74-million appeal following another massive devastation, this time by typhoon "Pepeng,"



in northern Luzon.

According to Holmes, the amount will be coarsed through U.N.-accredited international organizations and other international non-government organizations such as the Red Cross.

Holmes said there is a need

to seek for additional assistance to the Philippines due to the large extent of damage on people, infrastructure and agriculture.

"We will revise it. We may need to increase it," he said.

At least 669 people were killed after the destructive storms pounded over the central and northern Philippines, causing heavy floods and massive landslides. The storms also destroyed over P7 billion worth of agriculture and displaced thousands of people.

The aftermath of "Ondoy" and "Pepeng" prompted Presi-

dent Arroyo to declare a "state of calamity" over Luzon.

Meanwhile, Holmes also expressed concern over the risk of disease outbreak in areas still submerged in floodwaters, urging the government to enact policies that will immediately reduce the impact of climate change to avert major disasters.

"Clearly, there is a major risk of disease," Holmes said.

He likewise called on the government to do something to remove the floodwaters than wait for it to recede naturally in the next few months. (www.philstar.com)

MAINLAND NEWS

Investors Roadshow Highlights RP 'Economic Growth' Story



Finance Secretary Margarito Teves and his team (left side) meet with US financial executives in Boston, Massachusetts on Sept. 21.

NEW YORK - The Philippines' "economic growth" story took centerstage in the recently concluded Philippine Investors Roadshow in Boston and New York City, according to the

Philippine Consulate General in New York.

Representatives of various financial and investment companies, fund managers, and rating agencies in the US reportedly met with Philippine

finance officials, led by Finance Secretary Margarito Teves for a briefing on recent developments in the Philippine economy, banking, financial and fiscal sectors.

Jose Ibazeta, president of the Power Sector Assets and Liabilities Management Corp. (PSALM), also discussed the progress in the privatization of the power sector in the Philippines.

The PCGNY said in a release that US that the Philippine team also discussed short- and medium-term outlooks for the Philippine economy and gave assurances that the Philippines continues to be an attractive investment destination. (www.philstar.com)



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GLOBAL NEWS

First Batch of Filipino Peacekeepers Arrive in Golan Heights

MANILA, Philippines — Filipino troops, comprising the first batch of the first Philippine Peacekeeping Contingent to the Golan Heights, arrived in Damascus, Syria on Sunday (Oct. 11), the Department of Foreign Affairs said in a release.



Members of the Philippines' first Peacekeeping Contingent to the Golan Heights upon their arrival in Syria on Oct. 11.

Photo courtesy of the Department of Foreign Affairs

It said that according to a report from the Philippine Mission to the United Nations in New York, 161 peacekeepers under Army Lt. Col. Milfredo Melegrito arrived in Damascus on Sunday afternoon and immediately assumed their positions.

The peacekeepers— composed of 28 officers and 133

enlisted men—left the Diosdado Macapagal International Airport in Pampanga on board a United Nations-chartered aircraft past midnight Sunday. A second batch of 161 officers

and enlisted personnel will complete the deployment when they arrive in Syria on Nov. 1.

The Philippine mission said the Filipino troops are expected to immediately start patrolling the southern portion of the so-called Area of Separation—a hilly 80-kilometer stretch in the Golan Heights that has been under UN supervision since the end of the 1973 Arab-Israeli War.

Manila committed to send a total of 336 peacekeepers after it was requested by the United Nations following the decision of Poland to end its peacekeeping presence in the Golan Heights where it has been serving since 1994. (www.philstar.com)

22 Filipinos Repatriated from Syria, Jordan

MANILA, Philippines — The Department of Foreign Affairs has reported that 22 Filipinos have been repatriated from Syria, while another batch of OFWs arrived from Jordan.

According to the DFA, 16 of the Filipinos were detainees at the Nadara Administrative Detention Center while 17 were from the Filipino Workers Resource Center. (www.philstar.com)



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