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## EDITORIAL

## Happy Father's Day 2010

**H**umble self-sacrifice and servant leadership. Those traits are common among almost all fathers. For Filipinos, most would describe their dads as the strong, silent type. Filipino dads typically defer to moms as the family spokesperson but he still has the final say in important matters. When it comes to hard work, Filipino dads are second-to-none. They punch-in early, rarely call in sick and are model employees. In fact, many Filipinos will tell you that they developed their work ethic by observing their fathers. Best of all, Filipino dads dearly love their families. They sacrifice everything and willingly go the extra mile for their children's well-being.

One thing about most Filipino dads is that they are not prone to emotional displays of affection. Because of this tendency, he won't let on how pleased he is when you and the family make him feel extra special this Father's Day.

So rather than give him the usual aloha shirt, necktie, tools or other typical Father's Day gifts, tell him instead how much you appreciate him being your dad. He needs to hear you saying "thank you" for the wonderful job he has done in loving and taking care of the family. The time will come one day when there will be no 'hi dad's, no more phone calls and no simple moments to spend together. That's how life is. You never realize how much you love someone until that someone is no longer with you.

If there's still time to appreciate your dad for all the good things he has done for you, do it NOW. Seize the moment this Father's Day and don't wait because tomorrow has not been promised to us.

## The Aftermath of Furlough Fridays

**W**ith the stroke of a pen by Lt. Gov. Duke Aiona, Furlough Fridays have become a relic of the past. The newly-signed law requires Hawaii's public schools to have at least 180 days of instruction. Education officials and the State agreed to save the upcoming school year by tapping \$57 million from the Hurricane Relief Fund and receiving \$10 million in interest-free loans from local banks.

A dark blotch in the history of public education in Hawaii, the furloughs were loved by students but angered parents and others, including U.S. Education Secretary Arne Duncan. Implemented in October 2009, the furloughs sliced 17 school days off the calendar to help balance a nearly \$1 billion state budget deficit. During that period, Hawaii held the dubious distinction of having the shortest school year of all 50 states.

As a result, many parents worried about the effects of Furlough Fridays. Several have noticed that their children developed a three-day weekend mentality. For working adults, three-day weekends are a reward of sorts for the many years they have spent on the job. Not so for children, who have yet to earn such a luxury. These students need to realize that getting ahead in life requires a five-day week or more, whether it's at school or at work—not part-time.

Have we shortchanged the future of Hawaii's 17,000 public school students? Did the furloughs discourage our young people's attempts to get ahead in school or dash their hopes for college? In the short term, educators will know the effects of Furlough Fridays when schools start receiving the results of the Hawaii State Assessment (HSA) tests in math, reading and science, which were taken towards the end of the school year. With Hawaii students already testing well below the national average and many schools not adequately meeting yearly progress as required under the federal No Child Left Behind program, many teachers are hoping for the best...but aren't holding their breath.

For the long term, one thing is for certain—cuts in education are never good. While it's already too late for the Class of 2010, at least the new law ensures that future graduating classes will have an ad-

## FROM THE PUBLISHER

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loha and welcome to the Hawaii Filipino Chronicle's special Father's Day issue. We would like to send our best wishes to all of you fathers and grandfathers for a very Happy Father's Day! Our cover story for this issue is about the special man in our lives who has impacted us. Contributing writer Gregory Bren Garcia takes a closer look at fatherhood and the roles that fathers play in Philippine society and in modern day families. He also asks several Filipinos the impacts that their fathers have had on their lives. For our Chronicle pulse on pages 5 and 7, we also interviewed other Filipinos and asked them the importance of giving tribute to fathers. Their answers will warm your hearts. Also, we hope that by reading Gregory's story, which begins on page 4, you will be encouraged to take time this Father's Day to show your dad how much you appreciate him.

In following up with our last issue's article on Philippine Independence Day celebrations, Raymond L. Liangson, Ph.D. has submitted an exclusive article entitled "Kalayaan: the Continuing Struggle for Philippine Freedom." Liangson writes that for centuries Filipinos struggled for freedom from various colonizers. That oppression unfortunately continues today as Filipinos continue to be shackled not by foreign power but by domestic troubles, including poverty, human rights violations and exploitation...just to name a few.

To honor the Philippines' national hero, the Honolulu City Council recently passed Resolution 10-99, CD1, FD1 which names a portion of College Walk Mall as "Dr. Jose Rizal Square." You may want to take a leisurely stroll to this area, if you have never been to College Walk Mall. Located on the Ewa side of Nuuanu Stream by Aala Park, the area has a statue of Dr. Rizal facing makai (the ocean). The area offers a nice respite from the hustle and bustle of the Downtown/Chinatown area.

Lastly, if you enrolled your child in summer school to brush up on his or her math, reading or other skills, you'll be glad to know that Furlough Fridays are now a thing of the past. Many parents worried that their children developed bad study habits from having too many three-day weekends by staying up late the night before a Furlough Friday, waking up at noon the following day and wasting the time away instead of doing their homework. Young people are resilient and easily bounce back but it is still difficult to recapture lost time in the classroom. We encourage parents, especially fathers, to continue to play an active role in your children's education.

In closing, we hope you will enjoy reading these and other articles of interest in this special issue. Thank you for faithfully supporting the Hawaii Filipino Chronicle. Please feel free to contact us at: [filipinochronicle@gmail.com](mailto:filipinochronicle@gmail.com) if you have concerns or questions regarding Hawaii's Filipino community.

Until next time... aloha and mahuhay!

*Chona A. Montesinos-Sonido*

equately funded public school system rather than having to suffer through more furloughs.

## LETTERS

## COMMENTS ON THE "TEA PARTY"...

*I would like to comment on the editorial "Tea Party Anti-Government Hatred Has No Place in Hawaii" in your June 12th issue.*

*First of all, the Hawaii Tea Party is not a homogenous anti-government entity that you can simply define. They're simply men, women, children, grandchildren...everyday Americans making a living and trying to live the life of their dreams. They are not anti-government, anti-Obama or anti-Democrats. They are simply angry at the way government is run these days and what these leaders are doing to the country.*

*The government's policy to spend, spend and spend more of the money that we don't have is not a way to run this great country! A health care reform that's 70 percent unpopular tops their list. The government's year-long effort to pass the 2,700 page long healthcare bill topped their "to-do list" even before job creation and the economy.*

*Secondly, anger expressed at the government is not a bad thing. The civil rights movement wouldn't have happened without the anger, albeit in the most peaceful manner championed by the great and the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.*

*Finally, if there is anti-government sentiment, check out the Anti-Immigration Arizona Law.*

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COVER STORY

woman leaves her husband and takes their children with her. Eventually, the woman finds a new partner who is willing to raise the kids as his stepchildren. It is most unfortunate that there are some reports of stepfathers abusing their stepchildren, or stepchildren becoming juvenile delinquents as a result of depression or rebellion linked to their mother's failed first marriage. However, there are many more stories of successful relationships between stepfathers and their stepchildren who end up loving one another like their own flesh and blood.

As Filipino society becomes more liberated, the traditional concepts of fatherhood are also broken down slowly. Nowadays, many Filipino gay men are also adopting children, either as singles or as couples. Many of them try to be discreet to avoid attacks from religious and social conservatives but are nevertheless very successful in raising respectable and socially responsible children.

In addition, Filipino society is also becoming more accepting of young fathers—young men who have sired their own children when they were not yet

of legal age. Increasing awareness of the need of such individuals for support and counseling have given way for society to be more accepting of their situation instead of regarding them with contempt.

Moreover, fathers are also becoming more lenient these days with the increase in the numbers of free-thinking youth. The electronic and social media have become great venues in recent years for young people to voice out their feelings and beliefs. The Internet, mobile technologies and allied tools are giving a chance for today's progressive Filipino youth to be heard. Filipino fathers, instead of shying away from this social revolution, seem to be assimilating well to it. Increased inter-generational exchange between fathers and mothers and their children are creating a new breed of "cool" Filipino parents, schooled in the ways of the youth but still unyielding in their efforts to instill respect, familial love and other traditional Filipino values among their children.

REMEMBERING OUR FATHERS

At 90 years of age, it is

probably safe to say that retired longshoreman stevedore Alexander Casamina, a father to four daughters, a grandfather to eight grandchildren and a great-grandfather to six great-grandchildren, has seen and experienced it all. The patriarch of the Casamina clan in Hawaii was born in Narvacan, Iloocos Sur in the Philippines and immigrated to Hawaii in 1946 as a sakada. Recently, the Casaminas celebrated the 65th wedding anniversary of Alexander and his wife, Teodora Cabot-Casamina.

Even in such a ripe age though, Alexander Casamina has never lost his sense of humor.

"I always say jokingly that since I was the only male in the house, it was a challenge to make sure that my four daughters had enough toilet paper," he says in jest. But in reminiscing about the multifarious challenges he faced while he was raising his children in the 1970s, he says that the greatest joy of fatherhood was simply being able to provide for the needs of his family.

"As a dad, it was a good feeling to know that my children had what they needed every day, even the simple things. It was

fulfilling to know that my children were happy with what they have and that now, I could even see my grandchildren and great-grandchildren anytime I want," he says.

All of these mean a lot to Casamina, considering how his own childhood had been more difficult. As a child growing up in the Philippines, it was his father who taught him and his siblings to do chores like feeding the animals, planting rice, plowing the field using a water buffalo and processing sugar from sugarcane. It was also his father who instilled in him the value of education.

"Education was important to him," Casamina says. "He always made us go to school even when raining. We may not have had proper footwear when it was raining but he still provided us with raincoats and umbrellas. We walked about three miles every morning to school, three miles to come back home for lunch then back to school again, rain or shine."

The elder Casamina's dogged determination continues to serve as an inspiration to his family up to this day, especially for his children, Tessie Pasuca, Elsie Casamina-Fernandez,

Amelia Casamina-Cabatu and Evangeline Casamina. The four are grateful to their father for all the sacrifices he made.

"He was very strict with our upbringing because being the disciplinarian of four impressionable girls was a difficult job. I am sure he had many sleepless nights trying to keep up with all of our schedules and activities," Tessie Pasuca says.

Elsie Casamina-Fernandez also shares about how their father always believed in keeping his family close to him.

"He took pride in watching his family tree grow and prosper with every birth of each grandchild and great-grandchild. His first great-grandchild was named after him, Alex Jayden. He often said that the children were the medicine for everything that ailed him," she says.

Meanwhile, Nicholai Joaquin, Office and Development Coordinator for The New York Pops, a New York-based independent pops orchestra, will be unable to be with his family on Father's Day. Being apart saddens him.

"Now that I live in New York, I sadly no longer get to spend the day with my parents.

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WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO GIVE TRIBUTE AND HONOR TO OUR FATHERS?

SERAFIN COLMENARES

It is important to give tribute and to honor our fathers because we owe to them (and to our mothers) the very gift of life and, in a sense, everything that we have made out of our lives.

They have taken care of us from the time we were born up to our adult years, and have sacrificed a lot to nurture and provide us with what we needed. They guided us as we grew, served as our role models and gave us advice as we faced the realities of life.

My father was poor and lacked formal education but he was disciplined, hard working, God-fearing and forward-looking. He and my mother instilled in us basic Christian values, a strong work ethic, honesty, humility, service and love for our fellow human beings.

His most important goal was to give his children, all 10 of us, something that he was unable to have—a college education...a goal that he was very proud of.

My father has passed away but his legacy lives on in us his children. I can definitely say that he made me a better son, father, grandfather and a better man. He did so much to make us what we are today and for that, I honor and give him tribute.



LOLITA CAPCO

I have always been grateful to my father for taking care of us—my mother and seven children—to the best of his abilities. He believed that education was the best legacy he could leave his children and he devoted himself remarkably well to the task of having all his children get their university degrees. At every graduation, he would fondly say that he had done all he could for that son or daughter receiving his or her diploma.

Whatever success we may have, we owe it to our father. He was our teacher and our friend who taught us respect and affection as keys to a well-lived life. I would never be able to repay my father for all that he has done for me but I could carry his legacy, in life and in work, as a tribute to his memory.



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## LEGISLATIVE CONNECTION



By Senator Will Espero

# Innovation to Create Student Investment in Their Education

the new state golf champion. The robotics team scored first place titles at the Maui Invitational, Hawaii Region FIRST, West Oahu, Leeward Coast, and Northridge tournaments, as well as three Judges' Awards for best robot, and other awards. The media team got top honors in Brown Bags to Stardom and E Ola Pono competitions, and other honors in many of its other contests. The Naval Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps has received the distinguished unit title for eleven consecutive years. Three students won Pacific Asian Affairs

Council travel scholarships to Vietnam.

I am proud to represent a school where students invest in their own education and are motivated to excel, not just show up and get by. JCHS is up for a National School Change Award, a recognition it well deserves. Located in one of the poorest areas in Hawaii, in older days, students thought little beyond getting married and getting a job, and went to school because it was required and dropped out as soon as they wore out their parents. No more. Now JCHS is a school brimming with achievements.

Educational reform has long been a campaign issue. Governor Lingle ran on a never-materialized promise that she would replace the DOE bureaucracy, with its 80% administration/20% teacher ratio, and put in local school districts instead. The year-long Friday Furloughs that affected 170,000 public school students put changing the current system at the forefront. One idea is to make principals the "CEOs of their schools" both to increase motivation and accountability for improving school performance.

James Campbell's turnaround is a stellar example of the tremendous influence of a principal and the vitality of the teachers who work with her. Principal, Dr. Gail Awakuni, is JCHS' driving force. Her one band, one sound philosophy is that the collaborative, dedicated effort of her teachers, counselors, and staff all function together so that students benefit from their time at JCHS. James Campbell High School leads the State of Hawaii in redesign, finding innovative ways to open horizons and help the entire range of its students to find their avocation, be it the military, college, or work force. In its quest for teaching methods that actively involve students in their own learning, JCHS became the first and only public school to implement AVID, NOVA.NET online learning, inclusion, Permethan Boards, Achieve 3000, Read 180, Cognitive Tutor, I-Grading of progress over time, and Response to Intervention (RTI). All students are given opportunities for service learning, projects, internships, Senior Projects, and running start

ation of College Admissions.

For several years now, JCHS has met its Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) several years in a row in all but one category. Last year, JCHS was one of only three high schools and the only Title I high school in Hawaii to do so. As the largest high school in the Hawaii with the second largest special education population, its special education scores are the state's highest, as a result of its successful co-teaching, inclusion program.

JCHS's achievements prove that the key to improving our schools is to create an environment and provide opportunities so students know they can achieve more than they expected of themselves. "There is life past Renton Road," the saying goes at the Saber campus, and their success shows that our schools can be places where students invest in their future.

The Varsity and Junior Varsity girls soccer team took the state championships for 2007, with the Varsity girls team going on to third place in the U.S. championship. Lowen Tynanuez-Perez placed first in the 2007 state wrestling championship and later took third place in the 10th Annual Cliff Keen World High School Wrestling championship. The Varsity Girls Basketball won the 2008 state championship.

Marites Barangan was honored as a Milken "Teacher of Promise" for 2008. Wendell Tashiro was named the "2008-2009 State of Hawaii Career and Technical Education Teacher of the Year" for his 3-D computer Auto Cad program. Counselors Eleyne Fia (2007-2008) and Rick Yamashiro (2008-09) were both named the "State of Hawaii Counselor of the Year".

In 2008, JCHS was first place in the state Pacific Asian Affairs Council (PAAC) WorldQuest Competition, no small feat in a contest of 65 other teams from private and public schools statewide. The victory earned the team a bid in the national competition. Each year, at least one Saber is awarded a Pacific Asian Affairs Council travel scholarship, which has taken students to Beijing, Taiwan, South Korea, and Vietnam. In 2003, James Campbell became the first Leeward Oahu school to place first in the state Math Bowl competition, and remains the only Leeward school with this accomplishment.

his has been an awesome year for the James Campbell High School (JCHS) Sabers. Tyson Tynanuez-Perez successfully defended his state wrestling title. Chabrielle Gushi took the OIA Girls wrestling title. The boys wrestling team placed first in the OIA. Rudy Cabalar, Jr. is

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LEGAL MATTERS

# Woman Will Give Most Precious Possession for Green Card



By Atty. Emmanuel Samonte Tipon

**"G**od grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change those things I can change, and the wisdom to know the difference." - Serenity Prayer

Fuera de los buenos. There are a number of women who have given, or are willing to give, their most precious possession for a green card. If you don't know what is a woman's most precious possession, you haven't been around women. I met some on my last trip to the Philippines. This is not the time and place to talk about the savory details.

You have a chance to achieve the American Dream "for a fistful of dollars." Yet we hear the usual whiners complaining about the proposed increase in fees for applying for immigration benefits. Why not count your blessings - you can apply for benefits. Others, like the woman I met, cannot, for the nonce.

## FIANCEE / FIANCE & OTHER VISA FEES BEING REDUCED

Most of those complaining about fee increases are purveying half truths. They are, in the words of the late U.S. Vice President Spiro Agnew "nattering nabobs of negativism." They are not telling you the positive news - that fees are being reduced for applying for certain well-known immigration benefits. So you will know the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, here is the link to the USCIS Proposed Fee Rule Press Release: <http://www.uscis.gov/portal/site/uscis/menuitem.5af9bb55919f35e66f614176543f6d1a7/vgnex-toid=269d3d5d65919210VgnVCM100000082ca0a0RCRD&vgn-exchange=68439c7755cb9010VgnVCM100000453d6a1RCRD>

Fees for one of the most popular applications - the fiancé fiancée visa (Form I-129F) - is proposed to be reduced by 30% from \$455 to \$340, or a saving of \$115. Others proposed for reduction are: Application to Extend/Change Nonimmigrant Status (Form I-539) from \$300 to \$290; Application to Adjust Status From Temporary to Permanent Resident (Form I-698) from \$1,370 to \$1,020; Application for Family Unity Benefits (Form I-817) from \$440 to \$435; and Application for Replacement Naturalization/Citizenship Document (Form N-565) from \$380 to \$345. The reason -

lower processing costs for this type of application.

## NO CHANGE FOR NATURALIZATION APPLICATION

There is no change to apply for naturalization (N-400) which remains at \$595. According to the USCIS Director, Alejandro Mayorkas, "requesting and obtaining U.S. citizenship deserves special consideration given the unique nature of this benefit to the individual applicant, the significant public benefit to the Nation, and the nation's proud tradition of welcoming new citizens."

## SEE INCREASES INSIGNIFICANT COMPARED TO BENEFIT

The usual complainers keep flying back and forth to the Philippines. They will not hesitate to fly to Vegas to squander money. They will find other things to waste money on. The fee increase for filing an application pales into insignificance compared to the multitudinous benefits of getting a green card. Among the proposed fee increases involve Petition for Alien Relative (Form I-130) from \$355 to \$420; Petition for Amerasian, Widow(er) or Special Immigrant (Form I-360) from \$375 to \$405; Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status (I-485) from \$930 to \$985; Petition to Remove Conditions on Residence (Form I-751) from \$465 to \$505; Application for Employment Authorization (Form I-765) from \$340 to \$380. The weighted average of increase is about 10 percent or less than \$50. You are going to quibble over \$50? Where is your sense of proportion? That is less than the price of a dinner for two at a nice restaurant.

There is a price for carelessness. The fee to replace lost or misplaced immigration papers will increase. Application to Replace Permanent Resident Card (I-90) from \$290 to \$365; Application for Replacement of Nonimmigrant Arrival-Departure Document (Form I-102) from \$320 to \$350. You can buy a safe to keep these valuable documents for much less than the fee to replace them.

## NBODY BEING FORCED TO APPLY FOR IMMIGRATION BENEFITS

Nobody is forcing anybody to apply for immigration benefits and pay these fees. As they say in Tagalog "walang pilitan." Getting immigration benefits is a privilege, not a right. It is like getting a driver's license - nobody is forcing you to pay for one. It's different if the government raises taxes. You are forced to pay otherwise be penalized. You can join the Tea Party

if you want to protest tax increases. You can send your comment to USCIS by July 26, 2010 if you don't agree with the proposed immigration fee increases.

Most people don't realize that USCIS is a "fee-based organization." About 90 percent of its budget comes from fees paid by applicants for immigration benefits. This is because giving immigration benefits is not a governmental duty comparable to giving police protection. The latter is paid for by taxpayers because it is needed and available to everybody. Immigration benefits are not needed nor available to everybody. So why should taxpayers pay for giving immigration benefits.

## GET A JOB

Jejomar! Why don't these whiners get a job? Or a part time job? Jack in the Box, for one, is looking for workers. Not simply one worker. Workers, plural. And it's not only cooks and servers, but managers and assistant managers. And it's a beautiful Hawaii. You work a few hours in the lowest paying job and you earn the amount of the fee increase. I've an application form - in case of emergency.

An elderly man in Hawaii owns three houses all paid for, one of which is occupied by his son in law, rent free. He also owns a rental apartment and a corner lot leased by a 7-11 store. What does he do? Landscaper.

Another man in Hawaii in his mid 80's owns four houses on a one acre plot, one for each of his children. The land used to be a meadow with a brook rippling by. The meadow is gone but the brook is still rippling by. What does he do? Carpenter. He is a client. He is almost "no read, no write." He only knows how to sign his name. When he pays he issues a blank check with his signature, telling me to fill in the blanks.

What is the common denominator of these gentlemen? They are Ilocanos but did not go to Yale or Harvard. Who was it who said: "I

look upon myself and curse my fate, wishing me like those ones possessed."

## RELIEF FOR THOSE WITH NO MONEY

For those honest but poor immigration benefits seekers, there is relief if you really cannot pay and cannot work. But not if you cannot pay because you refuse to work. It is not a bailout from that s.o.b. (Son of Barack, since his father is Barack Sr.). Bailouts are for mostly scoundrels squandering other people's money and becoming rich, leaving their companies bankrupt.

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## CHRONICLE PULSE (cont.)

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### CIRVALINA LONGBOY

"It is most important that we give tribute and honor to our fathers because they are the backbone of our families. As we look back, we Filipinos mostly came from families of SAKADAS. Our fathers travelled far to seek a better life for us. They were separated from their families but they persevered. They toiled hard so that someday their children and children's children will be pillars of their families and our community. We owe them what we are today."



### RICHARD PECSON

True power and success comes from recognizing the significance of our fathers and all the mentors in our lives, valuing the virtues they have imparted and carrying out their legacy by becoming the person they always knew you could be.



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### TEODORA VILLAFUERTE

It's important to give tribute and honor fathers because they play a very critical role in the growth, education and success of their children. They are the protector and role model as children grow up and navigate through life. A father is someone we look up to no matter how tall we have grown.



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## HAWAII-FILIPINO NEWS

# Domestic Violence Fundraiser a Success

By Grace Larson

Friends, family and members of the Filipino community celebrated the life of domestic violence victim Catherine Esteves Dingle at a gathering at Moohau Park in Hilo on June 9, 2010.

Organizers say the event, which also raised funds for the victim's children whose ages range from 16 to 9, was a success. The initial money raised totaled \$3,977.72 in cash and checks.

"This is a good starting point for Catherine's kids' trust fund," says Ditas Udani, the insurance agent of the victim whose policy lapsed a few months ago.

Hawaii County Immigra-

tion Information Specialist/attorney Rose Bader-Bautista and Udani organized the day-long event, which included live music from the band NYR, the Hilo Baptist Church band as well as ecumenical prayers from various Big Island churches.

There was also a moment of reflection and opportunities for Dingle's friends, family members and co-workers at Big Island Candies to honor her memory. People from all walks of life donated canned goods, moral support and financial help. Delicious baked goods and Filipino dishes like pansit and fried chicken were sold. Blaine's also donated food for dinner, while Aloha Food Manufacturing Association donated bottles of water

and cans of assorted juices.

Among the many attendees was Big Island Mayor Billy Kenoi, a staunch supporter of non-profit organizations, especially those that assist children, the elderly and women.

"Let us help end domestic violence in the community and let peace and harmony reign on our beautiful island," Mayor Kenoi said.

"Manang Cathy, we will miss you but you will always be remembered," cousin-in-law Blossom Gebin said during her speech.

Organizers say the event was a poignant reminder of the need to end domestic violence in the community.

"Report it to the authorities immediately if you are a



victim or know somebody who is a victim of domestic violence," said an unnamed speaker. "Do not be ashamed to seek help from friends, family members, church elders, police department or government agencies."

If you are in a crisis situa-

tion and require immediate assistance, dial 911 or the 24-hour shelter hotline on your island: Hilo 959-8864, Kauai 245-6362, Kona 322-SAFE (7233), Maui/Lanai 579-9581, Molokai 567-6888, Oahu 841-0822, (Town/Leward) 526-2200 or 528-0606(Windward).

## City Council Honors RP National Hero

The City Council recently passed Resolution 10-99, CD1, FDI which names a portion of College Walk Mall as "Dr. Jose Rizal Square."

A statue of Rizal currently stands in the newly-named area. College Walk Mall is a 1.58-acre mall located along the Ewa side

of Nuuanu Stream between Beretania St. and Vineyard Boulevard in Honolulu. The Rizal statue stands on the Beretania St. end of College Walk Mall.

"Dr. Rizal's fight for equality through peaceful means is inspirational to nations around the

world and the Council believes that it would be appropriate to name a portion of College Walk Mall as the Dr. Jose Rizal Square," the resolution states.

The Council acknowledges Rizal as a "nationalist and prominent advocate for reforms in the Philippines during the Spanish colonial era, pushing for freedom of assembly and speech and equal rights for Filipinos."

Born on June 19, 1861 in Calamba, Laguna, Rizal is rec-



ognized as a national hero of the Philippines. His writings and martyred death was a catalyst for the Philippine Revolution which resulted in the independence of the Philippines. His most popular work include the novels "Noli Me Tangere" and "El Filibusterismo" and a poem entitled "Mi Ultimo Adios" which he wrote on the eve of his execution on December 30, 1896.

"The naming of a portion of College Walk Mall the Dr. Jose Rizal Square is a symbolic recognition of the growing pres-

ence and contribution of Filipinos in Hawaii," says Raymond Liongson, commander of the Knights of Rizal—Hawaii Chapter which supported the resolution and pledged to assist with the maintenance of the new Dr. Jose Rizal Square.

The Knights of Rizal is an international fraternal organization founded in 1911 and chartered under Republic Act 646 for the purpose of propagating the ideals and principles of Dr. Rizal. It was established in Hawaii in 1971.

## HAPPY FATHER'S DAY TO THE BEST FATHER IN THE WORLD DR. NICANOR JOAQUIN



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### CHRONICLE PULSE (cont.)

#### WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO GIVE TRIBUTE AND HONOR TO OUR FATHERS?

ALVIN CAPALAD

Our father's love underrated as it may seem, is just as important as a mother's. A father's love gives us a sense of discipline, validation, encouragement, and esteem. Through my experience with friends and relatives, people who have grown with the absence of a father's love tend to suffer from psychological adjustments, behavioral problems, delinquency, and social competence – this is why we have to value the sense of having a father, and honoring them should be an inward attitude of esteem in their position and their sacrifices in life.



**COVER STORY (CONT.)**

*(from page 5)*

But I do have some great memories of past celebrations, with my extended family crowded around a dinner table, celebrating the wonderful opportunities we've been lucky enough to have," he says.

His father, Dr. Nicanor Joaquin, who is based in Hawaii, still recalls the years when his wife used to give him and his seven children a gift each on Father's Day. Now that all his children are grown ups, his grandchildren try make up for their parents' absence by making him simple yet meaningful greeting cards on the occasion.

The elder Joaquin is happy that despite all the odds, he and his wife were able to make their family a close-knit one.

"This was my second marriage. In the past, my then older teenager girls were reluctant to be a whole family. Somehow through prayers and family vacations every two years, the children bonded. We are now a family," Joaquin says.

Today, the Joaquin children live in different parts of the country—two live in New York, one is in San Diego, one is in Seattle and three are in Honolulu.

"My father truly loves to see his children happy," says Nicholai Joaquin. "Now that my siblings and I are scattered across the country, my father knows it might be some time before we can visit Hawaii again, so he tries to make our short stays as fun as possible. He'll take us out to dinner at our favorite restaurants and he'll make sure we see all our favorite spots on the island, filling every day with new memories. He really just delights in making home a place where we desperately want to return. I don't think I've ever seen him smile more broadly than when his kids and grandkids are smiling."

**THE IMPORTANCE OF GIVING TRIBUTE TO OUR FATHERS**

Ben Bearis, a retired U.S.

Navy personnel believes that a father is many different persons all rolled into one.

"Fathers play an important role in keeping the family unit together," he says. "A father is a loving person who is Mr. Everything—provider, teacher, counselor, and others. He makes sure that the family is together and he provides for everyone's safety. He balances the needs of family in today's challenging and changing world. My father worked hard and he showed me how to strive to be the best, work hard, care for my family and honor God."

His son, Patrick Bearis, who works as a manager for Footaction, believes that a father is a family's role model and source of strength.

"A father must be the leader of the family unit and represent the family," Bearis says. His dad had to face one of the most difficult challenges a father can be drawn against—being away from the family. "He was in the Navy and had to be away from the family on deployments," he

says. However what made fatherhood fulfilling for the elder Bearis was the fact that at the end of the day, he realized that the sacrifices were all worth it. "He was able to see his family succeed in life," says Patrick.

Similarly, Nicholai Joaquin believes that this element of sacrifice is what makes fatherhood one of the most unique challenges one can ever take on.

"Above all, fathers are nurturers. They lead their lives to support their families, guaranteeing that their children can make the most of every opportunity. Knowing that they've provided all the advantages and life lessons necessary to succeed, the best fathers can step back and trust their kids to make the right decisions for themselves," he says.

Amelia Casamina-Cabatu recalls the multiple roles that her father had to assume.

"A father's role is to provide all that is necessary for a safe and loving home for the family. Our father provided us with the basic needs of food,

shelter and education, and was an advisor and friend to his four daughters. He was a role model not only to his immediate family but also to the families of his three brothers," she says.

Amelia's sister, Evangeline Casamina, adds that it is important to give tribute on Father's Day because it is an opportunity to show gratitude and respect to the family patriarch and to say what often goes unsaid.

"In honoring our fathers we are able to express our love and appreciation for their hard work and the sacrifices they have made for us," she says.

Nicholai Joaquin goes a notch further by reminding all of us that we owe our very existence partly to our fathers.

"Without our fathers, we wouldn't be here. With all due respect to our mothers, fathers do more than just provide life. They make sure that we have everything we need to enjoy life. That sort of generosity is rare in this world and should absolutely be honored at least once a year," he says.

**Greetings To All Fathers On Father's Day!**

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Co-terminus with GMA**By Marvin Sy /  
Thursday, June 17, 2010

The City Council recently passed Resolution 10-99, CD1, FD1 which names a portion of College Walk Mall as "Dr. Jose Rizal Square."

MANILA, Philippines - More than 50,000 rank-and-file government employees who are co-terminus with President Arroyo could lose their jobs after she steps down from office on June 30.

Presidential Management Staff head Elena Bautista-Horn said the list of the workers, along with 4,301 executive and management appointees, were contained in documents kept in two boxes turned over by Malacañang's transition team on Tuesday to the incoming Aquino administration.

"They received all of the documents from the Arroyo transition team yesterday (Tuesday). We gave them the blueprint, the OTRs (organizational transition report) and FTRs (functional transition report) consolidated from the whole executive branch," Horn said.

"They also received two boxes of the list of vacancies in the bureaucracy. As we said, at the management and executive level there are 4,301 vacant positions while for the rank and file, there are a little over 50,000 positions that are also vacant," she added.

The Arroyo transition team has repeatedly raised the issue of the looming vacancies because of the huge number of personnel involved, and the continuity of functions of the agencies to which they are assigned.

Executive Secretary Leandro Mendoza said last week that he had discussed the issue with his counterpart in the Aquino transition team, including the possibility of keeping some of the rank and file personnel on a holdover basis.

He said the Aquino transition team had admitted that it would not be able to fill up all the posts on or before the inauguration of president-elect Benigno Aquino III on June 30.

Aquino, in numerous interviews, has vowed to review all of the midnight ap-

pointments of President Arroyo. But what he likely had in mind were the executive and managerial positions.

Yesterday's meeting was the third between the two transition teams.

Yesterday's meeting was held at the Premier Guest House after the Aquino camp's inspection of the ceremonial hall and other function rooms and offices of the Palace.

The first two meetings were primarily focused on the preparations for the inauguration of Aquino and vice president-elect Jejomar Binay on June 30.

Comprising the Aquino transition team are Maria Montelibano, lawyer Mike Musngi, Sonny Coloma, Bettina Osmeña, Rochelle Aborro, ambassador Miguel Perez Rubio, Col. Ramon Mateo Dizon and Chris Tio.

With Horn in the Arroyo administration's transition team are Social Secretary Bettina Aboitiz, chief protocol officer ambassador Virginia Benavidez, Ronnie Gosengfio, Ann Tia, Toti Reyes, deputy chief of protocol Jaime Ascalon and Presidential Security Group chief Col. Ivan Samarita.

Horn said Aquino's choice of official residence was not discussed.

Aquino earlier said he was considering the Premier Guest House, Bahay Pangarap and the Goldenburg Mansion because of their proximity to the Palace.

Horn said the Goldenburg Mansion would require some work because it is now being used as a museum housing the antique collection of the Office of the President.

The Aquino team has inspected the Bahay Pangarap and has found it suitable as a residence for the president because of its amenities and security.

Horn said Bahay Pangarap has enough space for additional rooms to accommodate the aides and close-in security of the incoming president.

She added that the Premier Guest House may also be converted into a presidential residence as it had been during the Estrada administration. ([www.philstar.com](http://www.philstar.com))

**Overseas Remittances Hit  
\$1.5 Billion in April**By Helen Flores /  
Monday, June 14, 2010

MANILA, Philippines (Xinhua) - Remittance from overseas Filipino workers (OFWs) coursed through banks rose 5.4 percent on year to \$1.5 billion in April as the global recovery supports demand for Philippine labor, the Philippine central bank reported today.

This brought cumulative remittances for the months of January to April to \$5.9 billion, up 6.6 percent

from last year's.

"Notwithstanding concerns over sovereign debt problems in some European countries, remittances from overseas Filipinos continued to show strength amidst the gradual recovery of the global economy," Central Bank Governor Amando M. Tetangco, Jr. said in a statement.

The major sources of remittances were the US, Canada, Saudi Arabia, U.K., Japan, Singapore, United Arab Emirates and Italy. ([www.philstar.com](http://www.philstar.com))

PHILIPPINE NEWS

# College Students to Take Disaster Preparedness Course

By Alexis Romero / Monday, June 14, 2010

**M**ANILA, Philippines - College students may soon be required to attend a 25-hour course on disaster preparedness and national security before selecting the National Service Training Program (NSTP) component they will enroll in.

The NSTP replaced the mandatory Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC), making it just one of the three programs open to students. Its other

components are the Civic Welfare Training Service, which encourages students to participate in developmental programs, and the Literacy Training Service, which trains students to become teachers of school children and other sectors that need educational training.

Army spokesman Maj. Ronald Alcudia said the 25-hour module will be administered by the Commission on Higher Education (CHED), the Department of National Defense, and the Technical Education and Skills Development

Authority (TESDA). He said a directive from CHED is necessary to implement the program.

"We hope the program would be implemented this school year," Alcudia said in a phone interview.

Alcudia said college students will be required to attend the 25-hour lecture regardless of the NSTP component they chose.

"The IRR (implementing rules and regulations) of the National Service Training Program has been amended. The students will have to undergo the 25-hour common module," he told radio

station dzBB yesterday.

Alcudia said the program seeks to standardize the NSTP-related lectures in universities and colleges.

"We are continuously coordinating with the school authorities, CHED and TESDA to prepare for the implementation of the program," he said.

Alcudia said the 25-hour module is relevant as it would make students knowledgeable about disaster response measures.

"We want to instill the culture of disaster preparedness on everyone," he said.

Meanwhile, Alcudia urged students to enroll in the ROTC program, saying this will help them with the skills needed to defend their country.

"We are making our ROTC more attractive so the youth would be interested on it. The course is optional but defending the country is not optional," the Army spokesman said.

The mandatory ROTC program was abolished in 2002 after President Arroyo signed into law Republic Act 9163, which established the NSTP. ([www.philstar.com](http://www.philstar.com))

# Unemployment Rate Climbs to 8 Percent in April

By Ma. Elisa P. Osorio / Tuesday, June 15, 2010

**M**ANILA, Philippines (Xinhua) - Despite posting a record-high Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth rate of 7.3 percent in the first quarter, the number of unemployed Filipinos has increased to 3.097 million, or 8

percent in April, the Philippine National Statistics Office (NSO) said today.

The NSO data showed a growth of 270,000 in the number of the unemployed people in April, or 0.5 percent higher than the figure in the same month of last year.

Outlining economic downturn and fewer job vacancies as

the chief factors, National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) Acting Director General Augusto Santos said, "There is new employment but the number of employed is less than what was generated by the labor force because of the increase in population."

The NSO said that 62.5 percent of the unemployed were

males while 37.5 percent were females. By age group, for every 10 unemployed persons, five or 51.2 percent were in the age group of 15 to 24 years while three or 29.6 percent were in the age group of 25 to 34 years.

In terms of educational background, some 44.5 percent of the unemployed reached at most high school level while 41.6 percent had attained col-

lege level. Meanwhile, 58.7 percent of the 3.7 million underemployed people were reported as visibly underemployed or working less than 40 hours during the reference week. Those working for 40 hours or more accounted for 38 percent. About 45 percent of the underemployed were working in the agriculture sector, and those in the service sector made up 44.9 percent. ([www.philstar.com](http://www.philstar.com))



# Resorts Bringing Tourists Near Taal Crater Face Sanctions

By Helen Flores / Monday, June 14, 2010

**M**ANILA, Philippines - Resort owners who will bring tourists to Pulo Island, near the crater of the restive Taal volcano in Batangas, face sanctions, the Philippine Coast Guard said yesterday.

Tourists, according to the Coast Guard, will be allowed to go on a boat ride only up to about halfway to Pulo Island. "Going straight to Pulo is strictly prohibited," it said.

The Coast Guard will issue a stern warning for the first offense, and will fine the boat operator and resort owner at point of origin for the second offense. For the third offense, it will confiscate the motorboat and close the erring resort.

Alert level 2 remains hoisted over Taal volcano, which means that it is experiencing magmatic intrusion that may lead to an eruption.

"They (the tourists) are curious, they want to see what is new with Taal but we cannot allow that because of the danger," said Capt. Frankelino Phaeton, the local Coast Guard operations officer.

Despite earlier warnings from government volcanologists to avoid the volcano, foreign tourists were still coming to the island, often hiring horses to ride up to the volcano's crater, local Coast Guard personnel said.

Mostly South Koreans and some Japanese were visiting the restive volcano, they added.

Should the situation worsen, the Coast Guard said residents of Barangays Caloocan, Boco and Leynes shall exit on Sampaloc Road going to Tagaytay City, and those in Barangays Sta. Maria, Banga and Poblacion shall exit on Atsungay Road to Tagaytay.

Villagers in Barangays Quiling and Tumaway, meanwhile, shall exit on the national road to Tanauan, Batangas.

Some residents of the volcanic island though have voluntarily left, said Phaeton, but there has been no order yet to forcibly evacuate those remaining.

Taal, located 65 kilometers south of Manila, is one of the most unstable of the country's 22 active volcanoes with 33 recorded eruptions, the last one being in 1977. ([www.philstar.com](http://www.philstar.com))

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## PHILIPPINE NEWS

# More Pinoy Nurses Choosing UK Over US

By **Mayen Jaymalin / Monday, June 14, 2010**

**M**ANILA, Philippines - More and more Filipino nurses are now opting to work in the United Kingdom than in the United States, according to local recruiters.

Citing data from the UK Borders and Immigration Agency, recruitment leaders yesterday said that the number of Filipino nurses deployed to UK in the past three years has already surpassed those deployed to the US in the same period.

From 2007 to 2009, an annual average of 7,000 Filipino

nurses flew to UK under a study and work program that allowed them to study and work there at the same time.

Data from the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration (POEA), on the other hand, showed that less than 300 registered Filipino nurses went to the US to work during the three-year period.

Recruiters noted that Filipino nurses aspiring to work in the United States have to wait five to seven years for H-1-B working visas and between two to three years for EB 3 (immigrant visas) before they can enter the US.

Those hoping to study and

work in UK can leave the country within six months.

Recruitment leaders further noted that the recent expansion of the UK study programs may give wider opportunities to thousands more Filipinos, including non-healthcare workers.

The imposition of new rules for Tier 4 student visa applications early this year may also favor Filipino nurses who want to be registered nurses and become permanent residents there.

## JUST A 'TEMPORARY SLACK'

But the prevailing low demand for nurses abroad, especially in the US, is just temporary, according to Arellano University chairman Francisco P.V. Cayco.

Cayco said after the "temporary slack" in global demand for nurses, there could be a sudden surge especially once the effects of the enactment of the Health Care Reform Bill under the administration of US President Barack Obama, takes root.

In an interview with The STAR earlier this week, Cayco said that with the potential rise in demand for nurses, those struggling with their nursing education would be in the best position to take advantage.

Cayco emphasized that the health care reforms being implemented by the Obama administration made health and medical care more affordable among Americans, which would subsequently result to a higher demand in nurses and doctors in US hospitals.

He said this turnaround was the reason why Arellano University is still giving their nursing school its deserved importance in their overall effort to further improve the quality



of education in all their college programs.

"The temporary slack is not a reason to give our nursing education programs less importance," Cayco said, pointing out that the weak demand for nurses in the US was not necessarily the case in other countries such as in the UK and Australia.

He boasted that just last month, the Edith Cowan University in Western Australia had forged agreement with Arellano University where their Filipino nursing students who have completed two years of studies can enroll directly with their Australian counterpart, which would put them in a position to become registered nurses in Australia immediately after finishing the nursing program.

Cayco said that despite its open enrollment policy, the quality of education in the College of Nursing of Arellano University Manila has remained high.

The school landed in the ranks of Metro Manila's top nursing schools with a high student population whose graduates performed impressively in the 2009 nursing licensure examinations of the Professional Regulation Commission for 2009.

Cayco expressed overwhelming pride over the impressive performance of their

graduates in last year's round of PRC examinations, saying it will serve to inspire them in their bid to provide an affordable, but high quality nursing education to poor but deserving Filipinos wanting to become nurses whether here or abroad.

He noted that the high passing percentage rate of their nursing school's graduates was a difficult feat considering that they have an "open" admission policy that does not bar high school students from public high schools who tend to have low academic competencies.

Cayco added that Arellano University-Manila's College of Nursing has the lowest tuition rate among the big Metro Manila nursing schools that topped the 2009 PRC examinations.

"A lot of the big schools they have entrance exams. So they only admit those who already have high academic competencies," he said.

Cayco said that these "raw material" from the public schools in Metro Manila and even from the provinces, have notable deficiencies in English, Science, and Math.

Apart from giving them a nursing education, Cayco said Arellano tries to address the academic deficiencies caused by the sub-standard basic education they were given.

"We give them a chance. We do not discriminate of you graduated from a public school and you have low academic proficiencies. But in spite of that, with our low tuition, we still produce hundreds of board passers every year," he said.

The Commission on Higher Education (CHED) earlier released the lists of top nursing schools in the country, based on their graduates passing percentage in the 2009 PRC licensure examinations in June and November of last year. ([www.philstar.com](http://www.philstar.com))



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LEGAL NOTES

# Enforceability of Affidavit of Support



By Reuben S. Seguritan

**M**ost family-based applicants for immigrant visa or adjustment of status are required to submit an affidavit of support (Form I-864) to guarantee that they will not become a public charge.

The affidavit must be completed by the U.S. citizen or lawful permanent resident who filed the relative (Form I-130) petition. The petitioner-spponsor must demonstrate that his/her income is at least 125% of the current federal poverty guidelines for his/her household size.

If the sponsor's income is not sufficient to meet the requirement, the income of the spouse and/or other relatives living with him may be used. The income of unrelated dependents listed on the tax returns may also be included regardless of where they reside. The intending immigrant's income may also be added to meet the requirement.

If the petitioner falls short of the requirement, a joint sponsor may submit a Form I-864. A joint sponsor must be a U.S. citizen or lawful permanent resident who is at least 18 years old and domiciled in the U.S. or its territories. A joint sponsor does not have to be related to the petitioner or the intending immigrant.

Substitute sponsors are also allowed if the original I-130 pe-

titioner has died and the petition is allowed to continue. Under a recent law, surviving relatives of an I-130 petitioner may process their green card applications provided they were here in the U.S. at the time of the death of the petitioner and they continue to reside in the U.S.

A substitute sponsor must be related to the intending immigrant in one of the following ways: spouse, parent, mother-in-law, father-in-law, sibling, child at least 18 years old, son, daughter, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, grandparent, grandchild or legal guardian. Such relative must be a U.S. citizen or a lawful permanent resident.

Executing the I-864 affidavit of support should not be taken lightly as it is a legally binding contract once the spon-

sored alien becomes a lawful permanent resident. It may be enforced against the sponsor and/or joint sponsor by a federal state or local governmental agency or by the sponsored immigrant.

If the sponsored immigrant receives means-tested benefits after he/she gets the green card, the government agency that gave the benefits may sue the sponsor to recover the funds given to the immigrant. The said sponsored immigrant who receives means-tested public assistance may be subject to removal proceedings.

Under the law, the sponsored immigrant also has the right to enforce his/her sponsor's obligations. This could happen in a divorce proceedings. Even if the immigrant cannot be granted alimony, she

may be entitled to support from the sponsoring spouse under the terms of the affidavit of support.

The sponsor's obligation under the affidavit of support continues until the sponsored immigrant becomes a citizen or until he/she accumulates 40 qualifying quarters of work under the Social Security law or until he/she abandons permanent resident status and leaves the U.S.

Death of either the sponsor or the immigrant also extinguishes the obligations. But a divorce is not a ground to end the obligation.

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MAINLAND NEWS

## USAID Names Fil-Am as Mission Director in RP

By Jose Katigbak/  
Sunday, June 13, 2010

**W**ASHINGTON — Gloria Diño Steele left the Philippines 30 years ago little knowing she would return to her country of birth as Mission Director of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID).

Steele is scheduled to arrive in Manila next month at the start of a four-year assignment to oversee an office with a staff of about 120 and an annual budget of \$100 million.

"Here in America, many Americans can trace their roots to the Philippines, and they are all an important part of the American identity. I am confident that our nations, sharing in our democratic principles,

will continue our strong friendship and cooperation," President Barack Obama said in a message to mark Independence Day celebrations.

Before being named Mission Director in the Philippines, Steele was Senior Deputy Assistant Administration, Bureau for Global Health at USAID.

Steele said she didn't think she had much of a chance of getting the job because she was born in the Philippines.

But apparently this did not even come into the equation when USAID chose her from a field of applicants as its next Mission Director in the Philippines. She said US Ambassador Harry Thomas looked at her resume and concurred with the appointment.

"This is my first foreign



Gloria Diño Steele

assignment and I couldn't have asked for anything better," said Steele still beaming with joy.

She is the only one in her family to have emigrated to the US.

Her mother Herminia, four sisters and a brother all live in Metro Manila. Her father is deceased.

"When I told my mom

about my appointment she was dumbfounded. So were my sisters and my brother. They were just totally blown by the news that after a 30-year absence I would get to spend the next four years with them," she said.

Steele said she considers it a great honor to be able to help her country of birth and at the same time add to the legacy the US left in the Philippines such as democratic institutions and the English language.

She said she was in Manila for a few days in November 2009 — a quick detour after a conference in Vietnam.

Steele joined the Department of Agriculture under then Secretary Arturo Tanco in the early 1970s after graduating from Maryknoll College.

She was sent to Kansas State University in 1977-78 to get her masters degree and on her return to Manila she married her American husband who was with the USAID.

They left for the US in 1980 and almost immediately she joined USAID. ([www.philstar.com](http://www.philstar.com))

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## PHILIPPINE LANGUAGE



**ILOKO**  
By Amado I. Yoro

# Taldiap Ti DWCLCAAH: Duapulo A Tawen Iti Serbisio Komunidad Ti Hawaii Manipud Mayo 13, 1990

P angngaldaw daya a Mother's Day, Mayo 13, 1990 iti dati nga Amihan Restaurant iti North King St., Kalihi, idi nagtipon dagiti agnany a duapulo ket lima a sigud nga estudiante, graduado man ken saan, agraman kaingungotda, kas kada: Fely Alejandro, Alex Bumanglag, Divina Bumanglag, Consolacion Cadiente, Dolly Capili, Gil Dahilig, Estefania Fiesta, Lorenzo Fiesta, Juliet Gaoiran, Robert Gaoiran, Nestor Juan, Nena Lacar, Helen Layugan, Orlando Layugan, Dinah Lazaro, Delia Manuel, Gimo Manuel, Leonarda Palt-ing, Silverio Palt-ing, Lydia Pascua, Domingo Pascual, Esther Pascual, Jesse Pascual, Vesy Pascual, ket sangailida ni Mrs. Prima Sulicpan Albano, iti Laog City, tapno buklenmi ni Divine Word College of Laog College Alumni Association of Hawaii [DWCLCAAH], a nakapilian toy nagsurat Amado

I. Yoro kas founding president ken Mrs. Prima Albano kas founding adviser, agdama idi DWCL Alumni Affairs In Charge.

Dayta ti nangrugian ti DWCLCAAH kas mayna nga organisasyon. Maibatay iti umuna a pagalagadan ti gunglo, maminsan la nga agtaktem ti umuna a presidente.

Iniggaman dagiti nadumaduma a lider a nakaitalkan ti reyenda ti DWCLCAAH kas kada: Alejandro 'Alex' Bumanglag, 1991-1994; simaruno da Larry Fiesta, 1994-1998; Leo Delgado, 1999-2002; Cora Lucas, 2002-2004; Constanse Domingo, 2005-2009.

Maipukos laeng dagiti kangrunaan a gannuat ken aktibidad ti DWCLCAAH iti katengngaan iti 2007 kas punotda a nagpuligosan ti sabali pay a biag ti gunglo iti sabali a liderato.

Setiembre 2007, Ninawm ti International Reunion ket opisial a napresenta ken naprobaranan idi April 2008 daytoy makana DWCL First International Grand Reunion May 2, 2009 a naangay iti Hilton Hawaii Village Beach

Resort & SPA- ken inatendaran iti nasurok a limagasa a sangaili, alumni manipud iti nadumaduma a lugar kas iti Canada, California, Philippines and Hawaii.

Toy a paskan, napili ken napadayawan dagiti sinn a kangrunaan nga alumni pakairamanda: Dr. Aurelio Solver Ageaoili [Arts/Culture/Literature]; Byrne Munoz [Media Broadcasting & Communication]; Dr. Evelyn Pascua [Education]; Esther Balais Pascual [Healthcare & Caregiving]; Domingo Pascual [Real Estate & Investment]; Thom Pascual [Entrepreneurship & Business Management]; Jesse Pascual [Community Service/Voluntarism/Humanitarian]; Ernie Pasion [Governments/Politics]; Amado Yoro [Leadership Development]

May 3, 2009, naangay ti impormal a panagkakayammet ken pammalagda iti panagkakabsat dagitoy a kameng iti mayasa a paskan iti Philippine Consulate General. Sumagmanoan kadagitoy a kameng ken sangaili a nagpauy ti Filipinas ti nakipartisipan iti Filipino Fiesta & Parade nga insayangkat ti Filipino Community Center.

OFCC Golden Jubilee and Presidential Ball 2009; napadayawan ni Amado Yoro kas OFCC Past President [1982]. Mr. & Mrs. Jesse Pascual kas participante iti Rigodon Dance.

OFCC Convention 2009- Amado

Yoro nagpaay a kas Nomination and Election Committee, nagpaay a canvassers and ballot tabulator dagiti dadduma a kameng ti DWCLCAAH. Ni Larry Fiesta ti nagagnod iti kangatuan a botos ti OFCC director.

Adopt a Highway Clean up Project - Projekto ti OFCC ken nabayagan nga idadulanan toy nagsurat kadagiti mansanakanta a presidente ti OFCC now kaduana da Jesse Pascual ken iti panangidagang ti OFCC ken UFCH ken dadduma a gunglo. Daytoy dua a milia a kasitidag ti Kalihi Street manipud iti Nimiza Highway agpangato iti Kulea Kola St. sango ti Kalihi Elementary School.

Agpada nga akto bi komite iti Miss Oahu Filipina Scholarship Pageant; Jess Hawaii Filipina, Mrs. Hawaii Filipina da Amado Yoro ken Jesse Pascual

UFCH Convention 2009. Amado Yoro ti mayasa a nabotsoan a Board of Governor Convention iti Molokai idi Hulyo 2009 ken nagbalin a Chairman iti UFCH Golden Book; Daybreak; UFCH Publicity and Newsletter, ni Jesse Pascual kas delegate a nangbangi ti DWCLCAAH.

Amado Yoro and Jesse Pascual volunteered their time and treasure to the DWCLCAAH, other organizations Given thru Caritas Manila and Consuelo Foundation [Vol IV-No 1, May 2010 FilCom News]

US Census 2010/Filipinos Count ! April 10 [Waipahu] and April 17 [Kalihi] Amado Yoro received a Certificate of Appreciation for volunteering his time

Hawaii Food Bank 1267 pounds \$97 pound in November 2009 and 670 pounds on April 3, 2010 with the UFCH/OFCC and other organizations

Immawati ni Jesse Pascual iti Certificate of Recognition para iti DWCLCAAH as the most food donor during the HFB Campaign 2008

Iti usat ni Amado Yoro para iti DWCLCAAH, inkan ka ti Institute for Human Services [IHS] ti pammangbig a coordinator iti "Feed the Hungry" both Women's and Men's sites tunggal maudi a Lunes iti kada bulan iti las-ud ti 2010-2011, banag a sinuportaran ken danggayan nga agpada ti United Filipino Council of Hawaii/Oahu Filipino Community Council/Ilocos Surian Assn of Hawaii, Filipino Women's Civic Club, Filipino Business Women Assn, United Group Home Operators, dadduma a kuanen ni Yoro kas: "Mission Day Service"

The Divine News - napiblaak met laengen ti nabayagan a tagapinay iti pannakadda ti newsletter babaan iti pangpangsiyangkat ni Fe Velasco Baban met la ita isip ni Fe Velasco, Editor, ninawm ken napiblaak ti TUNOS, umuna nga isyu ti waramkan ti UFCH, a toy nagsurat ti Chairman ni Publicity and Newsletter

Medical Mission. Nangindoran DWCLCAAH \$200.00 para iti Ilocos Surian Medical and Homecoming Mission 2009 baban Annak Ti Sinait Iti Hawaii and the Sinait National High School Alumni Assn of Hawaii.

May 2009 umuna nga Executive Board meeting, naprobaran a maangay ti 2nd International Grand Reunion baban iti mosion ni Esther Pascual ken sinugdaran ni Amado Yoro. Ni Fe Velasco ti nagkaykaysang a Chairperson ken maangay ni Las Vegas iti May 22, 2010.

Membership Development, Maui Chapter, Victoria Torres, Justo Liguano, Area coordinator, Mary Ann Agnata Batallayan, president; Emilia Tolentino Almirez, vice president; Monica Rumbaoa Montano, secretary; Venus Eric Agdinnao, treasurer; Marlene Agnes Rumbaoa Rivera, auditor; Dindo Balagao Peralta, press information officer - 1; Marissa Laguarda Peralta, press information officer-2. Fe Velasco serves as Membership Development Chairperson.

Mayasa a kangrunaan a tampok ti Reunion iti pannakabuangyan ti International Society of Divination Alumni [ISDA] baban iti utek ni Fe Velasco a sinuportaran dagiti kakaduana. Baban iti panangidulno ken panangimantoy nagsurat iti organizational, orientation ken election, nabotsoan dagiti opisial a mangbangi kadagiti nadumaduma a lugar a nagpupaduan. [Saanni nga inawat ti nominasionni para presidente gapu iti UFCH responsibility] Ni Rolando Salvador, Montreal Canada ti presidente; Thom Pascual, umuna a bise [Kauai, Hawaii]; Rizalino Franco, maikadua a bise [Batavia City, Philippines]; Vicky Formoso Villena, sekretaria [California]; Jesse Pascual, toserero [Honolulu]; Liberato Menor, auditor [Laog City, Philippines] Willie Hernandez, Alex Almazan, Cecille Salvador, Lydia Fontes, Evangelina Ambrosio, PRO. Dagiti international director: Fe Velasco, Esther Pascual, Edgardo Villena, Larry Fiesta, Estefania Fiesta, Glory Ronduen, Robert Ambrosio, Robert Albornoz, Asuncion Albornoz, Ireena Hernandez, Nely Salvador, Amado Yoro. Gapu iti saan a pannakatabuno ti manamnama a pannakabagi ti DWCL, Laog City, kas installing officer, nupay saanni a napanapan ti idagugawenno sapatos ti pinadpanaanin, napadayawankami a pangpatayag iti kannawan nga ima dagiti padami a charter members and directors. So help us God.

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## GLOBAL NEWS

# Foreign Traders Upbeat on Aquino Presidency

By Ma. Elisa P. Osorio /  
Friday, June 11, 2010



that are now being discussed in the sidelines of the conference.

Meanwhile, Francis Chua, president of the Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PCCI), said that the overwhelming majority of the Chamber's leadership, business associations and members nationwide are ready to work and support President-elect Aquino.

He said the transformational policies in a post-crisis period would have to be put in place, in order to change the nation's growth trajectory.

"This is the opportune time for us to push for economic recovery measures that not only embraces but also mainstreams the principles of decent work, social dialogue and the partici-

pation of stakeholders," Chua stressed.

Chua added that the PCCI has submitted the first draft of the 100-day of economic agenda for the new administration, which focuses on reforms needed to improve the country's business and investment climate. The 100-day agenda, Chua said, underscores the need for reforms toward rational fiscal policy and macroeconomic stability and further reforms on infrastructure development, reducing the cost of doing business and job creation.

"The administration of President-elect Aquino can consider this a roadmap to put the economy back on track and accelerate recovery and growth," Chua said. (www.philstar.com)

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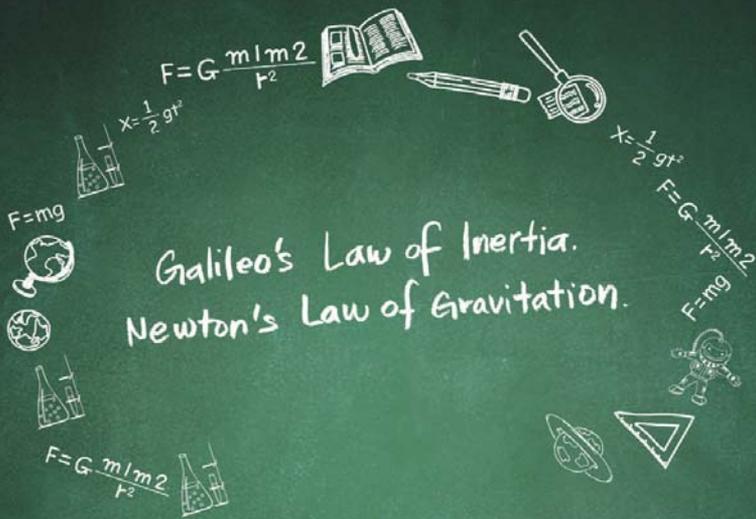
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