

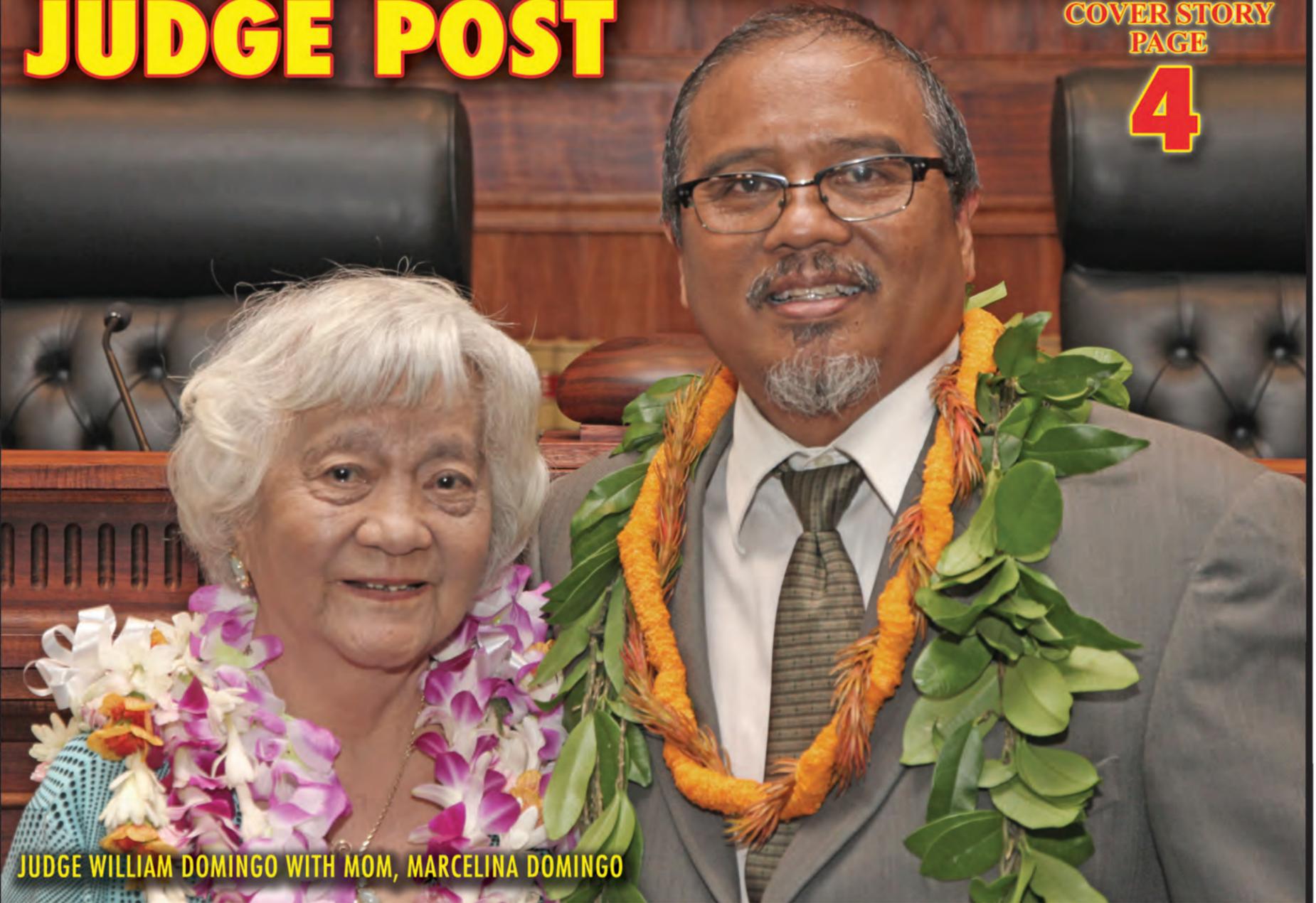
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EDITORIALS

Filipino Community Hails Appointment of Judge Domingo

The recent confirmation of William Domingo to the Oahu First Circuit District Court bodes well for Hawaii's Filipino community. Despite being the second largest ethnic group in the state, Filipinos are for the most part still underrepresented in education, engineering, law, medicine and other top professions. And as far as judicial appointments are concerned, it doesn't get any better in terms of prestige and influence than joining the bench, which is not only a tremendous honor but also signifies that you are among the very top in the legal profession.

Domingo's story is yet another in a familiar tale of Filipinos who arose out of humble beginnings to enjoy personal success. He came from an immigrant, blue collar family in Kalihi Valley and advanced himself through education. Domingo followed in the footsteps of one of his early mentors—retired State Supreme Court Justice Simeon Acoba who interestingly enough also hails from Kalihi and attended the same Methodist Church.

One of Domingo's admirable qualities is his willingness to not only be mentored but to also mentor younger attorneys in turn. Testimony received during his State Senate confirmation hearing indicated that Domingo often took on the more complex and difficult cases, yet still managed to find time to share his knowledge and legal expertise. In doing so, he has helped to raise the legal profession and state court system to a whole new level. Those who have followed his career say Domingo has the ability to listen to competing viewpoints and employ a balanced, common-sense approach to decision-making. That, in addition to his even temperament, sharp mind, work ethic and 30 years of experience as a trial attorney for both the State and Federal Public Defender's Offices, as well as in private law practice, make him an excellent judge and a tremendous asset to the Judiciary. In the broader picture, Domingo's appointment also bodes well for the state court system, which must reflect Hawaii's multi-ethnic diversity.

Congratulations to Judge Domingo on his well-deserved achievements and best wishes for continued success. We can only hope that younger Filipinos will draw inspiration from Domingo's example and follow in his footsteps, just as he followed those Filipino judges before him.

City Hires Contractor to Address Feral Chicken Complaints

City officials recently awarded an \$80,000 contract for its Integrated Feral Chicken Management Program, which is welcomed news for residents living next to City-owned parks, golf courses and other facilities who have complained of incessant crowing at all hours of the day and night. Crowing roosters are usually not a problem for most Filipinos, particularly those who grew up having chickens around the house and yard. Roosters tend to make the most noise, but hens also cause a ruckus, especially when protecting their chicks. For those who are unaccustomed to living with these birds, the crowing and cackling often deprive them of a good night's rest.

For now, only feral chickens that have taken up residence

FROM THE PUBLISHER

The past week weather-wise was unbearable for much of Hawaii, which endured sweltering conditions. We can only hope and pray that the trade winds and cooler weather will return soon.



Speaking of cool, our cover story for this issue is just that! Judge William Domingo, a local Filipino, is the newest addition to the State First Circuit Court for Oahu. In case you didn't know, the Circuit Court holds jury trials and has general jurisdiction in civil and criminal cases. It also has exclusive jurisdiction in probate, guardianship and criminal felon cases, as well as civil cases where the contested amount exceeds \$40,000. The Chronicle's associate editor, Dennis Galolo, delves into Judge Domingo's humble beginnings and his exemplary career as a State Deputy Public Defender, Federal Public Defender and attorney in private practice. His nomination to the bench was strongly supported by many colleagues and leaders from Hawaii's Filipino community, who provided glowing remarks of his wit, legal expertise and compassion. Judge Domingo is a tremendous addition to the State judicial system. We hope that you are inspired by reading Judge Domingo's story which begins on page 4.

While one prominent member of the Filipino community assumes a new post, a second quietly decided to call it a career after a long and illustrious 25-year career as an educator at the University of Hawaii-Manoa. She is none other than Dr. Ruth Mabanglo, coordinator and professor of the UH Filipino and Philippine Literature Program, Department of Hawaiian & Indo-Pacific Languages and Literature. She is the latest Filipino faculty member at UH to retire or relocate, following Dean Alegado and Belinda Aquino. Dr. Mabanglo has done much to promote the teaching of the Filipino language not only locally but around the world. Please turn to page 11 to learn more about this amazing poet and educator. The Chronicle wishes Dr. Mabanglo the very best during her retirement!

I also invite you to turn to page 8 and read in our "Personal Reflections" column a very moving letter written by contributing writer Seneca Moraleda-Puguan to her unborn child. As expectant parents, she and her husband are preparing their first child—a daughter—for the challenges that lay ahead for her and her generation. If you are a parent, you may share Seneca's fears as well as her hopes for our children who must navigate their way through this flawed and imperfect world.

That's all for now. Please take some time to read the other informative columns and news stories that we have for you in this issue. And as always, we are ever grateful for your continued support. If you would like to share a story idea, suggestion or concern, please email it to our staff at: filipinochronicle@gmail.com.

Until next time...*aloha* and *mabuhay!*

Chona A. Montesines-Sonido

at City-owned properties will be targeted since the money budgeted in the contract is not enough to include complaints involving private property. More than 1,500 chickens were counted at City facilities during a survey last May. The contractor—Sandwich Isle Pest Solutions—in the coming weeks will set up traps at City where the presence of feral chickens has been documented by department personnel. Captured chickens will be humanely euthanized in accordance to guidelines from the American Veterinary Medical Association.

The City's previous contractor was the Hawaii Game Breeders Association (HGBA), which addressed feral chicken complaints from 2005 to 2013. During a five-year period in

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COMMENTARY

They're Off and Running

By Lee H. Hamilton

The presidential election is 16 months away, but already we're smack in the middle of the usual media scrum of campaign coverage, prognostication and strategizing by many of us who have nothing much to do with the real campaigns. I've been following the rhetoric of both parties and there are a few points that stand out enough to tell us something about what we have to look forward to.

To begin, the country is not in a sunny mood. The website Real Clear Politics keeps a running tally of various polls and questions asking what Americans think of the country's direction. Some 62 percent believe we're headed in the wrong direction. That's not an all-time high—the figure was up in the 80s in the weeks before the 2008 election and stood at 76.5 percent in October of 2011—but it suggests that the electorate is in a wary mood. There is a sense that America is adrift and that we don't quite know how to deal with the forces of globalization, technological change, economic uncertainty

or terrorism. Americans are looking for a leader who can restore confidence.

The economy in particular weighs on ordinary Americans' minds. There's widespread agreement that the growing economy has done very little to help people of ordinary income—not just in recent years but for the past generation. Americans may feel better about the economy now than they did a few years ago but that hasn't lessened their long-term anxiety that it's harder than ever to get ahead and certainly harder than it was for their parents' generation.

Still, the improving economy may be responsible for one interesting aspect of the campaign: Republicans thus far have made national security a centerpiece issue—perhaps responding to polls showing that Republican voters consider it a key factor in deciding among the plethora of GOP candidates. This emphasis could change with world events but right now candidates are pressing the argument that President Obama is not tough enough when it comes to foreign policy; they don't think highly of his leadership in the world, and in particular want

to see more of a military buildup. It's a little less clear what they want to do with that military power.

Of course, national security and terrorism aren't the only issues that figure prominently in the Republicans' array of issues. So do the budget deficit, cutting taxes and as always, pulling back on the reach of government. They want to eliminate Obamacare as well as to cut Medicaid, move Medicare to a voucher system, repeal the estate tax, cut domestic programs, roll back financial reform and efforts to limit greenhouse gas emissions, and eliminate further consumer protections.

For the Democrats, addressing income inequality, maintaining social security and other entitlements, improving the country's decaying infrastructure, job creation, college costs, immigration and energy reform, and climate change all loom large. They want to preserve Obamacare, move forward on climate change, retain taxes on high-income earners, and preserve the financial reforms of

the last decade.

The stark differences in priorities between Republicans and Democrats will probably be exacerbated by the primaries. Despite agreement on the general sense of unease among the population at large, just reciting the parties' rhetorical positions suggests there will be a huge gulf between the parties, with no agreement on how to bridge it. The campaign will be characterized by heavy emphasis on the impact of money on the process, and by record-breaking spending by the candidates.

So with no incumbent president, a large number of candidates, no clear favorite and major differences in outlook on which issues to address and how to address them,

this will be in the grand American political tradition a lively, contentious, long, expensive, maybe even pivotal election. Up for grabs is who gets to answer the biggest questions we face—the appropriate U.S. role in the world, what the reach and purpose of government should be, which path will best secure Americans' prosperity and world peace. We've got an interesting election ahead as a nation. I'm looking forward to it. I hope you are, too.

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its contract, HGBA estimates that it caught about 5,000 wild chickens. City officials, however, terminated the contract in 2014 due to budget constraints, a factor which some observers say may likely have contributed to an increase in the numbers of the noisy fowl. Some estimates put the numbers of Oahu's feral chicken population as high as 20,000 islandwide. Other factors have contributed to their increase, mainly a lack of natural predators, the ability of hens to lay up to 10 eggs at a time and the fact that members of the public regularly feed and care for them like pets.

The problem is not limited to rural Oahu. Wild roosters and hens have taken up residence in urban neighborhoods like McCully and Moiliili where the birds have scratched out a living amongst the areas' low-rise apartment buildings and towering condos. In all

fairness, some say the feral chickens are a natural form of pest control because they eat large amounts of termites, centipedes, roaches and other problem insects. Nevertheless, the complaints continue to roll in.

Feral chickens and other wild birds are protected under state law, which means residents cannot take matters into their own hands and eliminate them. And because the Hawaiian Humane Society no longer responds to rooster crowing complaints due to budget cuts, residents for the time being can only call 911 to file a complaint. Fortunately, help is on the way. In addition to this year's funding, the City Council is likely to add an additional \$80,000 in next year's budget to further address the problem—much to the relief of those residents who want only one thing that's eluded them of late—a good night's rest.

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COVER STORY

Filipino Judge William Domingo Joins State District Court

By Dennis Galolo



Filipino kid born and raised amidst humble beginnings in Kalihi Valley is the newest judge of Filipino ancestry to join the State of Hawaii's First Circuit (Oahu) District Court.

Judge William M. Domingo was sworn in on May 18, 2015 in front of family, friends, colleagues and supporters who packed the Supreme Court courtroom. During the ceremony, he was described as a family man, strong mentor and community leader who volunteers with the YMCA, the American Youth Soccer Organization, Boy Scouts of America, Hawaii Filipino Lawyers Association and other local organizations.

The program included remarks from Gregory K. Markham, president of the Hawaii State Bar Association; Judge Christine E. Kuriyama from the Hawaii State Trial Judges Association; James A. Kawachika, chair of the Judicial Selection Commission; State Rep. Sylvia Luke, and State Sen. Will Espero.

Chief Justice Mark E.

Recktenwald appointed Domingo to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Leslie Hayashi. The State Senate's Judiciary & Labor Committee, chaired by Sen. Gilbert Keith-Agaran, heard public testimony on Domingo's nomination on April 15, 2015 and voted unanimously to confirm his appointment, as did the entire Senate a few days later by a vote of 25-0.

Domingo, who will serve for a six-year term, says it is a blessing for him to serve as a judge.

"I am very grateful for the opportunity to serve my community and the State of Hawaii," he says. "With my years of experience and the skills that I have developed as an attorney, I thought I could make a difference. Instead of client by client, I could make more of an impact as a judge

through my interactions with the public and also mentoring new attorneys."

Humble Beginnings

A product of the public school system, Domingo attended Kalihi Uka Elementary, Dole Intermediate and Farrington High School, where he graduated from in 1974. He later attended the University of Hawaii-Manoa and earned a degree in Philippine Studies in 1979 and his law degree in 1985.

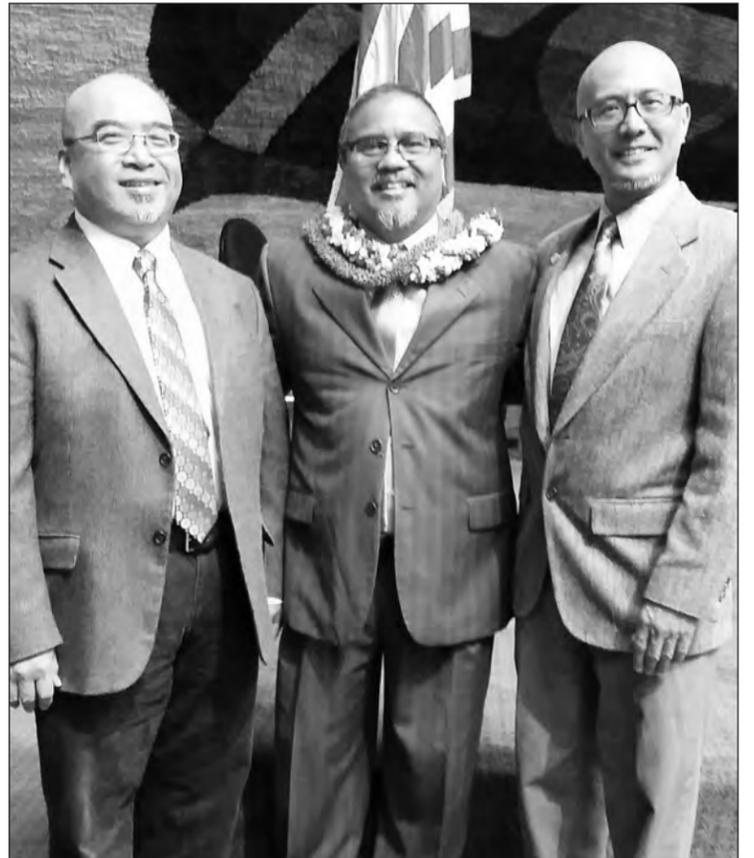
His father Prudencio immigrated to Hawaii from the Philippines in 1930 to work on the sugar plantations. The elder Domingo later attended UH-Manoa and graduated with a degree in business administration—an amazing accomplishment for a *sakada*. His mother Marcelina, who is from Ilcos Sur, came to Hawaii in 1951 as a student.

"My parents practiced a life of faith, family and hard work and believed that education was the great equalizer," Domingo says of his blue-collar family.

He is married to Trisha, his wife of 30 years who works as a manager and registered nurse at St. Francis Hospice. Together they have three children—Jessica, a State public defender; Aaron, a financial advisor with Wealth Strategy Partners; and Rachel, an English teacher at Waipahu High School.

Both daughters played soccer for the UH Wahine soccer team, while son Aaron attended school in Nashville, Tennessee, and is an accomplished musician.

"We are very proud of



Judge William Domingo (center) with State Senators Gilbert Keith-Agaran (left) and Will Espero

their accomplishments but take great joy that they are caring individuals with an amazing circle of friends," Domingo says.

Budding Career

As a teenager, Domingo briefly considered a career in social work, by virtue of his involvement in a number of outreach projects with church and community service agencies. The turning point came in college when he met several students from the UH law school.

"They convinced me that I could help more people as a lawyer and made a good argument for staying home for school," Domingo says. "I was accepted into law school and while there, I met other students who were focusing on criminal law.

"Growing up in Kalihi, I always rooted for the underdog. I also saw alarming rates of Filipinos in the criminal justice system, so criminal defense was a natural fit for me."

His first legal job was as a deputy attorney general dealing with child protective cases

in Family Court. In 1987, Domingo accepted a position as a state public defender where he served for 12 years before working as a federal public defender for the next 5 years. He spent the last 10 years in private practice specializing in criminal defense.

Domingo says he loved working with his clients and "got hooked on the rush of jury trials."

"In my almost 30 years as a state and federal public defender and in private practice, I have run the gamut of cases from speeding to murders," he says. "Although I have had cases with notoriously notable facts and circumstances, I will always remember the people. As a defense attorney, I had the pleasure to really get to know my clients inside and out. That is what I will truly miss as a practitioner."

Those who testified during his Senate confirmation hearing say Domingo is highly-respected in the legal profession. U.S. District Judge J. Michael Seabright, who has known Domingo for over 20 years,

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says Domingo always fairly and zealously represented the best interests of his clients.

“Willie has tried some very difficult cases in my court, always showing the highest degree of professionalism,” Seabright said in written testimony. “He always treats others with respect, whether the court or opposing counsel.”

State Public Defender John M. Tonaki, who has known Domingo for 30-plus years, says he has exceptional qualities as a trial lawyer.

“He has been a tireless advocate for justice on behalf of every person he has represented,” Tonaki also wrote in testimony. “He is always well-prepared and is a forceful and passionate litigator.”

Strong Support

Members of Hawaii’s Filipino community also came out in strong support of Domingo’s nomination and cited his numerous contributions to the Filipino community. One such supporter is Amy Agbayani, co-chair of the Hawaii Friends of Civil Rights who says Domingo was one of her students in the Operation Manong Program at UH-Manoa over 30 years ago.

“I fondly remember his engaging personality, enthusiasm and competence as one of our bilingual tutors working with recently-arrived immigrant and non-native English public school students,” says Dr. Agbayani. “He worked very well with those he tutored and was a leader among his peers.

“I have kept in touch with him over the years and am aware of his excellent reputation among lawyers for his legal expertise and sound judgments. I am also very grateful for his active and continuing leadership in educational community service projects and mentoring youth from various backgrounds.”

Oahu Filipino Community Council (OFCC) President Alex Vergara knew Domingo’s parents who were members of Aldersgate Methodist Church—a mostly Filipino congregation abutting



L to R: Patricia Walsh-Domingo, Domingo Los Banos, Judge William Domingo and Dr. Amy Agbayani

Mayor Wright Housing on Liliha Street. He remembers a young Domingo taking on leadership roles as a youth advisor and organizing numerous sports and music activities.

“His goal was to uplift and fortify Kalihi families,” Vergara said in his testimony. “He served on social service boards in Kalihi and scaled up his outreach efforts to a statewide youth leadership network called Sariling Gawa, which instills ethnic pride and offers mentoring for Filipino youth to become civically engaged in their own communities.”

Mentors and Mentoring

Domingo credits Retired Justice Simeon Acoba as one of his mentors. Both attended the same church and followed similar career paths.

“He was a real inspiration,” Domingo says. “While growing up, I constantly heard, ‘You can be a lawyer just like Manong Sim.’ He was the guiding force behind the Hawaii Filipino Lawyers Association (HFLA). He constantly prodded us get involved with the community and be active in the bar.”

Domingo in turn, takes time to mentor younger attorneys, including Bryan Andaya, who practiced as an attorney for nearly eight years before joining L&L Franchise, Inc., as chief operating officer and vice president. He first met Domingo through volunteer work with the HFLA.

“William served as an excellent role model for new attorneys like me that law is not

just about clients but also about the community and giving back,” Andaya stated in written testimony. “He struck me as patient, compassionate, with a true commitment to the legal and broader community.”

Waipahu-based attorney Daisy Lynn Hartsfield says Domingo freely shared his knowledge and has been an exceptional role model.

“He gives of his time to help the community,” Hartsfield wrote in testimony. “When I was legal counsel for the OFCC, he was willing to be the keynote speaker at their recent annual convention. His

speech inspired members to better work together to achieve a shared goal.”

A Proud Tradition

Domingo is the latest in a short but distinguished list of Filipino judges who blazed a trail and left behind an enduring legacy for future Filipinos to follow. Names like Simeon Acoba Jr., Peter Aduja, Rey Gaulty, Alfred Laureta, Benjamin Menor and Mario Ramil are recognizable, household names for Filipinos.

In fact, one of the most respected jobs in any country is that of a judge. Judges interpret the law and control the proceedings in a courtroom. And as far as influence is concerned, judges are nearly unparalleled—they have forged paths for society and their decisions have literally changed the course of history.

For many Filipinos, medicine and law represent the epitome of success. Both professions require years of personal sacrifice, studying and passing exams.

“In the Philippines, everyone aspires to be either a doctor or a lawyer,” says Dr. Belinda Aquino, retired

professor of Political Science and Asian Studies at the University of Hawaii-Manoa. “But being a judge comes with a tremendous amount of prestige. Anyone who makes it to that position is already among the very best in their field.”

According to Agbayani, Filipinos are the second largest ethnic group in Hawaii yet continue to be under-represented, especially among lawyers and judges. She says Domingo’s confirmation bodes well for Hawaii’s Filipino community.

“Appointing a very competent applicant who adds to the diversity of judges and who meets and exceeds the qualifications for this vacancy will be of great benefit to the judiciary, our state and our future,” she says. “I share the belief that programs, decisions and processes are better when groups are adequately represented and there is a diversity of backgrounds, opinions and experiences. Diversity and inclusion should be a compelling and critical beneficial dimension for the judiciary and all public decision-making institutions.”

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New Sex Ed Policy Moves Hawaii Forward

By State Senator Will Espero

OIt is very important that our children are educated about their bodies and their health. Sex education is needed to make certain correct information is learned and known by our youth. Many parents are uncomfortable about this subject, and some parents just don't know how to begin this conversation. That is why it is important that we teach our children age-appropriate sex education in our schools.

In reality, the only travesty at play here is the false and misleading information being spread by sex education opponents that will only cause harm to our youth.

When the Hawaii State Board of Education (BOE) voted last month to provide

public school students with comprehensive sex education, they did so with science, evidence, history and public support.

It's clear that our current strategy for educating youth on their sexual health is not working. Everyone agrees that abstinence should always be taught and encouraged. However, among all states, Hawaii ranks 9th in teenage pregnancy rates and 12th in chlamydia infections. In the use of condoms, our teens rank last. These statistics are devastating, and we need to do what we can to change them.

The BOE wisely recognized that we need to make some changes if we really want to improve the health and futures of our youth, including partnering with com-

munity organizations like Planned Parenthood, as well as parents and educators, to ensure that our youth receive accurate and developmentally appropriate sexual health education. As the data and support clearly show, over 80 percent of parents and nine out of ten teachers overwhelmingly support comprehensive sex education. It also shows that giving kids this information keeps them safe.

Don't believe the misleading information that some are spreading: parents still have the power to decide whether to include their children in the sex education program. The "opt-out" system still ensures that students can be taken out of the program at the request of their parents. Parents make the decision. The new policy also increases parental involvement both before and during the

program.

One Ewa lawmaker promotes abstinence-only education at length, but reality shows that it simply doesn't work. It hasn't worked in Hawaii and, further, has been contrary to current law since 2009, when I voted in support of a law to require all sex education programs provided by the state to be comprehensive. The BOE policy now mirrors state law but improves upon it by actually requiring schools to provide students sexual education. These programs must teach that abstinence is the surest way to prevent pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections and provide education on contraception and methods of infection prevention.

Further, they must teach students relationship and communication skills that

will help them to form healthy relationships and make better decisions about their sexual health.

The new BOE policy is absolutely necessary, and can be characterized as a "social reality." Parents will be able to review the curriculum, and it's time for us to recognize that when it comes to making healthy and safe decisions, our children may need more information than we're able to provide them. We want to stop unwanted pregnancies. We want to stop sexually transmitted diseases that hurt people and relationships. We want to stop poverty which can occur when a family is not planned. The new BOE policy gives us an opportunity to move forward together to ensure bright futures for all of Hawaii's youth. It is the right thing to do.

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Brain Trauma Expert Lectures at UH Medical School

A leading brain trauma specialist recently spoke at the University of Hawaii-Manoa's John A. Burns School of Medicine (JABSOM) about the effects of brain trauma and a nationwide study on the chronic effects of such injuries on the U.S. military's servicemen and women.

Dr. David X. Cifu, senior brain trauma specialist for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, lectured on the topic "Battlefield to Ball Field: An Integrative Approach to Traumatic Brain Injury." He is an expert in "polytrauma"—complex injuries sustained from improvised explosive devices (IEDs), blasts and other combat trauma that result in traumatic brain injuries, and complicated by associated amputations, burns, fractures and psychological disorders.

Dr. Cifu is leading a \$62 million study on the chronic effects of combat trauma, which involves researchers from UH and 30 other univer-



Dr. David X. Cifu

sities, 15 Veterans Affairs Medical Centers and five U.S. military treatment facilities. The goal of the study is to discern what types of individuals do and don't get well, what types of early and late treatments work best and what may be the long-term effects of the injuries.

Of the more than 2.5 million service members who have served in Iraq and Afghanistan, approximately 250,000 to 300,000 have suffered moderate-to-severe brain injuries. Nearly one in five service members have sustained one or

more concussions. About 200,000 service members continue to experience symptoms more than three months after their injuries.

"The most common symptoms include headaches, dizziness, attention and memory problems, and problems with irritability and a poor tolerance for frustration," says Dr. Cifu. "As a result of the intense horrors that cause polytrauma, many sufferers also have problems with post-traumatic stress disorder and anxiety disorder, which further complicates their care."

Other symptoms that occur less commonly include difficulties with vision, hearing, sleep, depression and an inability to return to school or work. Symptoms can occur immediately after the injuries, while some persist for months or years.

Dr. Cifu's lecture on July 12, 2015, was sponsored by the Hawaii Speech-Language-Hearing Association and JABSOM's Neurotrauma Registry Project.

LEGAL GUIDE

More Famous Cases Make Bad Law Like Upholding Obamacare Tax Credits



By Atty. Emmanuel Samonte Tipon

Stupid decision,” fumed Manila Mayor Arsenio H. Lacson when he read the decision of Manila Judge Agustin P. Montesa dismissing criminal charges for corruption against a high ranking police officer. Judge Montesa immediately filed a libel suit against Lacson who laughed it off, saying “I did not call him stupid, I simply called the decision stupid. There are many intelligent people who make stupid decisions.” Lacson was acquitted.

The word “stupid,” generally means “not intelligent,” or “not sensible or logical.” www.Merriam-Webster.com/dictionary/stupid.

The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (also known as “Obamacare”) requires every individual to maintain health insurance coverage or pay a “penalty” to the Internal Revenue Service. It provides that every State “shall . . . establish an American Health Benefit Exchange”—a marketplace where people can shop for health-insurance plan, and if a State does not set up an Exchange, the Secretary of Health and Human Services must “establish and operate such Exchange within the State.” [Federal Exchange]. The Act grants “premium tax credits” to subsidize certain purchases of health insurance through an “Exchange established by the State”. King v. Burwell, No. 14-114, 06/25/2015. http://www.supremecourt.gov/opinions/14pdf/14-114_q011.pdf

The issue is whether someone who buys insurance through a Federal Exchange rather than an “Exchange es-

tablished by the State” gets tax credits to pay for insurance premiums.

The majority opinion (6-3), written by Chief Justice Roberts, held that tax credits are available to individuals in States that have a Federal Exchange. He noted that the phrase “Exchange established by the State” is ambiguous. “The phrase may be limited in its reach to State Exchanges. But it is also possible that the phrase refers to all Exchanges – both State and Federal.” He claimed that the “context and structure of the Act compel us to depart from what would otherwise be the most natural reading of the pertinent statutory phrase.” He said that the Act contains examples of “inartful drafting” resulting from the fact that “Congress wrote key parts of the Act behind closed doors, rather than through ‘the traditional legislative process.’” . . . “As a result, the Act does not reflect the type of care and deliberation that one might expect of such significant legislation.”

In a scathing dissent, Justice Antonin Scalia said that the answer to the issue is “obvious” – “so obvious there would hardly be a need for the Supreme Court to hear a case about it.” He pointed out that in order to receive a tax credit to help pay for insurance premiums an individual must enroll in an insurance plan though an “Exchange established by the State,” but the Secretary of Health and Human Services is not a State. So an Exchange established by the Secretary is not an “Exchange established by the State – which means people who buy health insurance through such an Exchange get no money. He described the majority opinion “with no semblance of shame” when it said that “it is also possible that the phrase [Established by the State] refers to all Exchanges – both State and

Federal.” Scalia said this is an “impossible possibility”.

Justice Scalia said that he agreed with the majority “that sound interpretation requires paying attention to the whole law, not homing in on isolated words or even isolated sections. Context always matters. . . It is a tool for understanding the terms of the law, not an excuse for rewriting them. Any effort to understand rather than to rewrite a law must accept and apply the presumption that lawmakers use words in “their natural and ordinary signification.” The majority’s interpretation, said Scalia, “is not merely unnatural; it is unheard of. Who would ever have dreamt that “Exchange established by the State” means “Exchange established by the State or the Federal Government”?

Justice Scalia noted: “Perhaps sensing the dismal failure of its efforts to show that “established by the State” means “established by the State or the Federal Government,” the Court tries to palm off the pertinent statutory phrase as “inartful drafting.” This Court, however, has no free-floating power “to rescue Congress from its drafting errors. . . Only when it is patently obvious to a reasonable reader that a drafting mistake has occurred may a court correct the mistake.” Justice Scalia said that the majority “forgets that ours is a government of laws and not of men. That means we are governed by the terms of our laws, not by the unenacted will of our lawmakers. “If Congress enacted into law something different from what it intended, then it should amend the statute to conform to its intent.” In the meantime, this Court “has no roving license . . . to disregard clear language simply on the view that . . . Congress ‘must have intended’ something broader.”

Justice Scalia deplored the majority’s “interpretive jig-

gery-pokery.” He suggested that: “Rather than rewriting the law under the pretense of interpreting it, the Court should have left it to Congress to decide what to do about the Act’s limitation of tax credits to state Exchanges.”

Justice Scalia lamented that the majority opinion “changes the usual rules of statutory interpretation for the sake of the Affordable Care Act. That, alas, is not a novelty. In *National Federation of Independent Business v. Sebelius*, 567 U. S., [http://www.supremecourt.gov/opinions/11pdf/11-393c3a2.pdf], this Court revised major components of the statute in order to save them from unconstitutionality. The Act that Congress passed provides that every individual “shall” maintain insurance or else pay a “penalty.” This Court, however, saw that the Commerce Clause does not authorize a federal mandate to buy health insurance. So it rewrote the mandate-cum-penalty as a tax. The somersaults of statutory interpretation they have performed (“penalty” means tax, . . . “established by the State” means not established by the

State) will be cited by litigants endlessly, to the confusion of honest jurisprudence. And the cases will publish forever the discouraging truth that the Supreme Court of the United States favors some laws over others, and is prepared to do whatever it takes to uphold and assist its favorites. . . We should start calling this law SCOTUScare.”

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PERSONAL REFLECTIONS

A Letter to My Unborn Child

RAISING A MOTHERLESS AND FATHERLESS GENERATION

By Seneca Moraleda

With traditional marriages and relationships being redefined and same genders yoked together being celebrated, my heart can't help but be troubled. As an expectant mother, one thing came to mind—my unborn child...and her generation.

So I decided to write her a letter, which she will read years from now.

My daughter,

In barely three months, you'll come out of your safe, tiny shelter into a world that is beautiful yet complex, dangerous and broken. It's a place where you will be bombarded with contrasting ideas, opposing beliefs, differing ideologies and subjective definitions such as the concept of love and marriage. Daddy and mommy want to protect you but we can only do so much. Eventually, you will develop your own set of beliefs and mind-set.

There is a thin line between what's good and bad, right and wrong, moral and immoral. The world will define things for you, tell you what to do, where to go, who to be with and how to do things.

As parents, your daddy and I have a big responsibility to raise a child who is secure in her identity, a

daughter who will stand for her convictions and one who has Godly character. It is our prayer that as you live your life, the Word of God, the Bible, will be your standard. It is the Truth by which you will abide. It is our hope that our marriage, despite its imperfections, will be an example that you will look up to and emulate.

You were created out of love and intimacy, a gift that God has been given to us as man and woman, husband and wife. May our love that formed you also guide you, inspire and protect you. We trust that as we pray for you each day, the seeds that we're sowing will bear fruit in your life.

It has been very challenging with all the body aches and pains, but carrying you is a joy and a delight to me. And I am very blessed because your father, my partner, stands by me every single moment. He serves as my strength when I feel weak. He encourages me when I feel down. He takes care of me, provides for me and loves me selflessly. Having him by my side makes things easier.

You are blessed to have a mother who carries you in her womb and eventually will nurture you, feed you, take care of you and make you feel warm with her love. You are privileged to have a father who will provide for you, assure you that you are cared for, will protect you and make you feel secure.

However, with a radically-changing world, you will be part of a generation



where there are many who are motherless and fatherless. As you mature, you will meet people who have not experienced or felt the unconditional love that only a mother can give or the protection that only a father can offer.

I know what it means to have no mother figure in the house. When I was 17, your grandmother went abroad to work and provide for our family. Your uncles were just 15 and 14 years old then. They were in their critical years of adolescence. Although our material needs were met, I witnessed the destructive effects on my brothers of having a mother who was distant and absent. They entered into unhealthy relationships, especially my brother who was

very close to our mom. Your grandfather did the best he could to provide for our emotional needs but my brothers longed for a mother. I too, longed for her.

Having experienced this, your father and I desire to give you all the love and the guidance that we can ever give you until you are ready to spread your wings and fly. Your daddy and I are very different. I am excited to tie your hair, dress you up and go shopping with you. Your daddy, on the other hand, can't wait to play sports with you, carry you on his shoulders and bring you out on dates. We have individual strengths that we can offer you but together, we will listen to you, try to answer all your questions, help you

stand every time you fall, cry with you when you experience heartbreaks and rejoice with you when you triumph.

Unfortunately, not everyone will be as blessed and privileged as you.

On behalf of our generation, I would like to apologize for thinking only about ourselves. Forgive us for raising a motherless and fatherless generation because we only cared about our own happiness and neglected your well-being, your feelings and your desires. I am deeply sorry for the hurts that we have caused your generation.

But your mother remains hopeful that by God's grace and with the Truth embedded deep in your heart, you will stand strong.

Even though you're still in my womb, I declare that you will be a light to your generation. You will bring the hope, healing and the love of Christ to those who are hurting, shattered and brokenhearted. Indeed, you have a great destiny!

I love you from the bottom of my heart.

*Praying for you
and your generation,
Your mom*

HAWAII-FILIPINO NEWS

Kuakini Health System to Celebrate 115th Anniversary

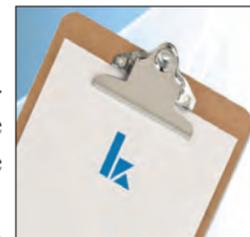
Kuakini Health System will mark its 115th anniversary with a festive celebration for the entire family at its Kuakini Street campus on July 18, 2015 from 10 am to 2 pm.

The event will offer prizes; free health screenings; informational and interactive activities for children including tattoos and face painting, crafts, balloon creations, and keiki ID cards; games such as basketball and rock wall

climbing; and refreshments like popcorn, shave ice and more.

Visitors will receive a special anniversary gift of one per family, while supplies last. Guests are also encouraged to bring their expired and unwanted medication for safe disposal at the Medication Take Back table.

Kuakini Health System is also the only health care organization in Hawaii that provides



a comprehensive spectrum of long term care services on the same campus with an acute hospital. Kuakini Medical Center, a subsidiary of Kuakini Health System, is the last surviving hospital in the U.S. founded by Japanese immigrants. Other subsidiaries are Kuakini Geriatric Care, Inc.; Kuakini Foundation; and Kuakini Support Services.

Parking is free. For more information on the event, call 547-9168.

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TRAVEL & TOURISM

Ethiopia: Holy Land, Rich Country, Your Next Destination

PEPE DON'T PREACH By Pepe Diokno



Here, at the Saint Mary of Tsiyon church in Axum, is where the Ark of the Covenant is said to be kept, protected by the Ethiopian Orthodox Church. Only the holiest priest is allowed to enter this place, but a replica of the Ark is present in every church in Ethiopia as a symbol of the orthodox faith.

Among Filipinos, there are many misconceptions about Ethiopia, a nation located in the northeast of Africa. “The country is so poor, people eat mud!” one of my friends said when I told him I was going. An-

other friend told me to be careful of violence, and a Twitter follower warned me about the heat. None of these statements are fair or true. Ethiopia is not hot. Most of the country rests above mountain ranges, making the weather cool and temperate — like Baguio in December

but before Baguio became over-developed. Ethiopia is not violent. Most of its people adhere to traditional forms of belief — Orthodox Christians co-exist peacefully with Muslims — and as a result crime and corruption are low; it is generally safe to walk in the streets. Most im-



Amor Maclang was taught how to weave by a local of Lalibela. One of my favorite things about buying souvenirs in Ethiopia was they're mostly community-based. Nothing is plastic or mass-produced. They're made by monks and traditional artisans, and the proceeds of the sales help them live and preserve their culture.

portantly, Ethiopia is not poor. Its economy is growing at a rate of 11 percent per year — even higher than the Philippines' and China's.

When I say Ethiopia isn't poor, though, I'm not just referring to money. I recently visited the country on the kind invitation of Ethiopian Airlines. Though my stay was short (four days — a blink of an eye, really), it was enough to discover one of the richest, most beautiful cultures I've ever encountered.

On these pages, I'd like

to take you on the journey I took. I got to touch structures dating back to the Old Testament, see the resting place of the Ark of the Covenant, pray inside rock-hewn churches built around the year 1187 (yet still functioning to this day). And I met people — the people — beautiful, friendly, welcoming, kind. This is honestly one of the best trips I've ever taken, and when Ethiopian Airlines begins flying direct to Manila on July 9, I hope you all will take the leap too. (www.philstar.com)

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By Emil Guillermo

HED: The Only Filipino American Who is Both A Former Women's World Cup Champion and a Gold Medalist? It's Tiffany Roberts Sahaydak

When I worked in Honolulu, I knew a member of the Rainbow Warrior women's soccer team.

I know just how soccer crazy it can get in Hawaii. It's all little girls juggling a ball and having big dreams.

And that's why diversity is important in a game like soccer.

Imagine how the presence of an Asian American on a team like the U.S. Women's National Team — the newly minted Women's World Cup champs for 2015 — would be an inspiration for every female soccer player in Hawaii.

You have to go back to the 1999 U.S. Women's National Team — the team that won the Women's World Cup and exposed Brandi Chastain's sports-bra — to find a Filipino American on a roster.

But there was one. Tiffany Roberts, now Tiffany Roberts Sahaydak.

The Filipino American from Northern California, was identified early as a 15-year-old, and first played for the national team at age 16. She became a two-time NCAA Champion at North Carolina, an Olympic Gold medalist, and then the 1999 Women's World Cup Champion.

But she told me on the



Head Coach Tiffany Roberts Sahaydak | Photo: Univ Central Florida Athletic Department

phone this week, if her Filipino mom had won the arguments with her Caucasian father, Tiffany would have been pushed more to music and singing, another one of her loves.

Instead, her father, a former track athlete, and the one who gifted her his speed, pushed her into soccer.

And it's been an amazing career.

The current World Cup champs could use a few more Tiffany's. But they're hard to find.

In recent weeks, the team has been criticized for its physical and direct style of play, far from the "beautiful game" from the streets of Brazil, and more typical of its natural U.S. environment—the white suburbs of the soccer mom.

The team picture only reinforces an image of U.S. women's soccer as a game of privilege.

But Tiffany isn't about to throw the current champs under the bus for its lack of diversity.

"I think diversity is great, but you don't want to force that just to say you have a diverse team," said Roberts Sahaydak who was in Florida, where she is now head coach of the University of Central Florida.

"It doesn't mean if you're diverse you will be better," Roberts Sahaydak said. "In 1999, we had a diverse team that was the accumulation of the best players in the county at that time. This time it wasn't as diverse, but it doesn't mean there aren't capable players out there," she added. "We have to do more to reach out to communities besides white suburbia and find ways to make (soccer) more affordable to families that can't afford youth soccer, since it's so expensive."

Roberts Sahaydak said the

costs can amount to thousands of dollars a year just to join the best youth team, to get the best coaching, and to be seen at the top tournaments. Often she said the motivation for many girls is to get an athletic scholarship to an elite college, and not the love of the game.

As the head coach of a winning NCAA program at the University of Central Florida, she recognizes the challenge to field a diverse team. But admits it's not the driving factor in her recruiting.

"We just need the best players," Roberts Sahaydak said. "We're not looking for an Asian kid, or an African American kid. I'm looking for the best players out there to help me win and I think that's what the U.S. team does."

To Roberts, the real value of diversity is to motivate younger players who see themselves as elite players.

"You want the diversity so that young kids can attach themselves to a player, instead of kids saying, 'I don't know if I can play at that level, I don't see anyone like me,'" Roberts Sahaydak said. "For me, that makes an impact."

The current national team will now have two things, leverage and momentum. The 1999 team paved the way, and 16 years later, the team and Title IX in women's athletics have changed the landscape. But there's still more.

There's the need for a stable women's professional league. There's still the need for pay equity.

And we can use a few more top Filipino American athletes as well.

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PHILIPPINE NEWS

Pope Francis Appoints Cardinal Tagle to Vatican Post Anew

by Rosette Adel
Sunday, July 12, 2015

MANILA, Philippines — Pope Francis has selected Manila Archbishop Luis Antonio Cardinal Tagle to serve as a member of the Pontifical "Cor Unum", a body that manages the Church's worldwide charitable activities.

Cardinal Tagle was appointed in this Vatican post almost two months after he was elected as the president of Caritas Internationalis, which made him the first Asian to head the confederation of global qualities.

Cor Unum was instituted by Pope Paul VI in 1971 and is part of the Vatican curia in



charge of the humanitarian initiatives during disasters serving in the name of the Pope.

Aside from extending help during typhoon Haiyan, CBCP said Cor Unum also raised funds to construct the Pope Francis Center in Palo, Leyte.

With Cardinal Tagle's appointment, he is eyed to extend help not only in the Philippines but also to calamity victims worldwide.

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NEWS FEATURE

DR. MABANGLO ENJOYING RETIREMENT

By Dennis Galolo

Dr. Ruth Elynia S. Mabanglo, coordinator and professor of the Filipino and Philippine Literature Program, Department of Hawaiian & Indo-Pacific Languages and Literature at the University of Hawaii-Manoa, is enjoying life as a retiree.

After 25 years of teaching at UH-Manoa, she decided to officially retire at the end of December 2014 due to health reasons. Taking over the reins of coordinator is Dr. Pia Arboleda.

The mission of the Filipino and Philippine Literature Program is to provide an in-depth understanding of the Philippines, its national language and its people, as well as to promote the teaching of Filipino and Philippine literature locally, nationally, and internationally—something which Mabanglo did very well as coordinator.

“Her students and colleagues benefited immensely from her broad knowledge of and continuing commitment to teaching the various dimensions of Philippine society and culture,” says Dr. Belinda Aquino, retired professor of Political Science and Asian Studies at UH. “I have always known her as a committed



teacher and writer, who was a valuable addition to the later growth and development of the Center for Philippine Studies.”

Poet Extraordinaire

Mabanglo, who is widely considered one of the world’s leading Filipina poets, was born in Manila and attended the University of the East, where she received a BA in 1969, and Philippine Normal College for a master’s degree in 1980. She later received a doctorate from Manuel L. Quezon University in 1985.

She has received numerous awards over the years, including the 1991 Manila Critics Circle National Book Award

for Poetry for her book *Mga Liham ni Pinay* (The Letters of Pinay), the Don Carlos Palanca Memorial Award for Literature in 1995 and the 2012 Presidential Awardee for Filipino Individuals and Organizations Overseas in the “Pamana ng Pilipino” category.

For all of her awards, Mabanglo lists her top accomplishments as being able to help her students. Specifically, she cites the opportunity to design the curriculum for the B.A. degree in Filipino and open a scholarship account for students, launch the Katipunan Club which became the identity of Filipino students at UH, and initiate the “Filipino as a Global Language Conference.”

The conference brought together attendees who shared their expertise in how to improve the standards of teaching the Filipino language worldwide.

Mabanglo also oversaw the Advanced Filipino Abroad Program, funded by Fulbright-Hayes Scholarships from the federal government, which sent UH students to study advanced-level Filipino in Manila for 10 weeks.

Her staunch efforts and advocacy for the teaching of the Filipino language locally and throughout the world did not go unnoticed by her peers.

“She has always promoted awareness and enhancement of the Filipino national language,” says colleague Dr. Aquino. “She was a highly valuable faculty member especially on the teaching of Tagalog and Filipino creative writing, being an acclaimed poet herself.”

Retirement Life

One thing Mabanglo misses most since retiring are her students.

“I was most happy serving as their role model,” Mabanglo says. “I find fulfilment in teaching, so teaching at the university was a dream come true for me.

“I want my students to be proud of themselves, their culture and their identity as Filipinos or Filipino-Americans.”

Mabanglo plans to remain as active as possible during her retirement. She accepted a consultancy job at the Commission on Filipino under the Office of the President and will also continue to write poetry—her first love.

“I’m excited that I can help the Commission develop its curriculum and retool their teachers,” she says, “But I will always write poetry wherever I am.”

HAWAII-FILIPINO NEWS

Maui’s Filipino Community Preps for Fil-Am Heritage Fest

Mark your calendars—the 2015 Maui Fil-Am Heritage Festival is scheduled for October 17 from 10 am to 3 pm at the Maui Mall.

Sponsored by the Maui Filipino Chamber of Commerce Foundation, the Maui Fil-Am Heritage Festival is part of the month-long celebration of October as Filipino-American History Month.

The festive event will feature Filipino cuisine prepared by Filipino restaurants; Filipino goods such as handicrafts, Christmas ornaments

and attire sold by Filipino small businesses; and entertainment featuring Filipino dances, songs and music performed by Filipino community organizations.

“We’re happy to present this family-friendly Festival again and we’re honored to be able to share Maui’s rich Filipino-American heritage,” says Melen Agcolicol, president of the Maui Filipino Chamber of Commerce Foundation.

Special events will include the Master P-Noy Chef Cook-Off®, Speedy Balut Eating Contest®, P-Noy Artist Con-

test®, Little Filipino Fashionista®, Filipino Fashionista®, the We Got History Exhibit®, Oh Wow@ Parol Making Contest® and the Polvoron Challenge: Eat & Tweet®.

The Maui Filipino Chamber of Commerce was established in 1994. Its mission is to promote, represent and advocate the interests of Maui’s business community.

For further details on the Festival or sponsorship information, contact event chair Alfredo Evangelista at 242-8100. Email inquiries may also be sent to foundation@mauifilipinochamber.com.

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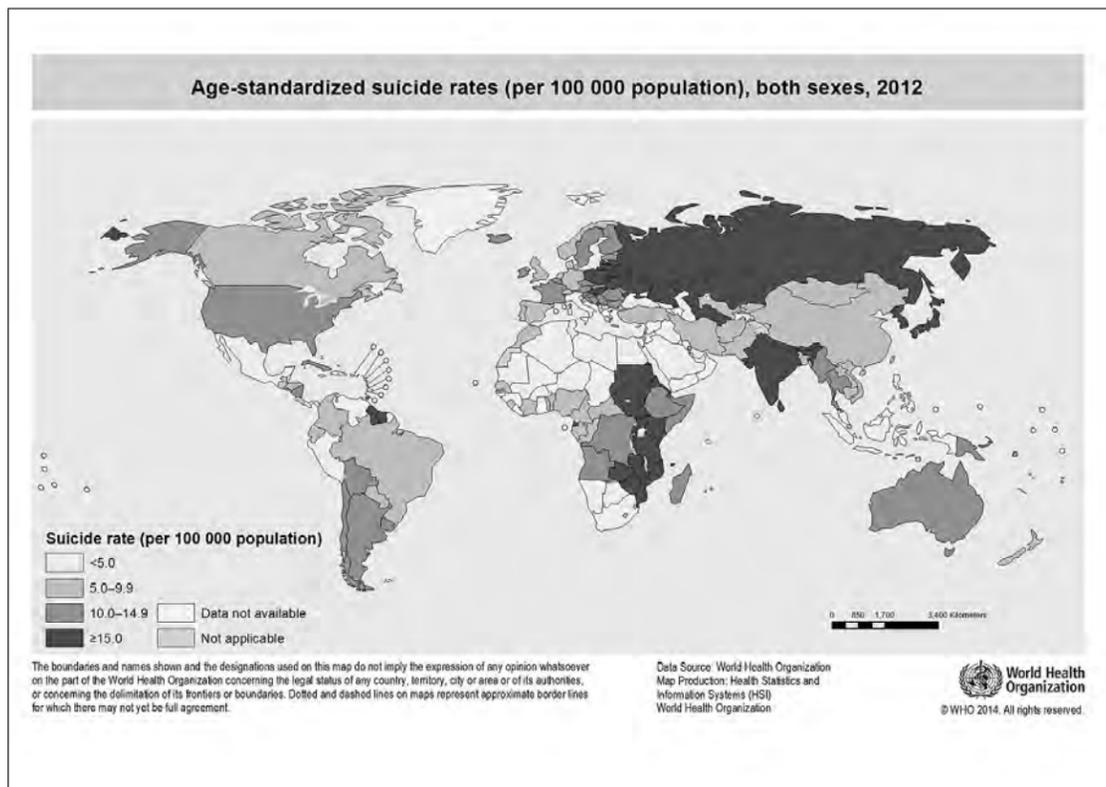
LOOK: SUICIDE RATES AROUND THE WORLD IN ONE MAP

MANILA, Philippines - According to the first global report on suicide prevention published by World Health Organization (WHO) in 2014, more than 800,000 people die by suicide every year – around one person every 40 seconds.

It also mentioned that among all regions, South-East Asia's estimated suicide rate is the highest.

"Most suicides in the world occur in the South-East Asia Region (39 percent of those in low- and middle-income countries in South-East Asia alone) with India accounting for the highest estimated number of suicides overall in 2012," the report said.

In the Western Pacific



region where Philippines belongs, the estimated suicide rate in low- and middle-income countries is lower than the global average of 11.4 per 100 000 in

2012 with approximately 180,000 number of deaths.

Data from the National Statistics Office noted that in the Philippines, the suicide rate from 1984 to 2005

went up from 0.46 to seven out of every 200,000 men; up from 0.24 to two for every 200,000 women. While the figures might seem insignificant com-

pared with those from neighboring countries that recorded the highest suicide rates, the increase in numbers is noticeably high.

It is a common misconception that suicides are a Western phenomena. The truth is, it is a major global health problem that occurs in every part of the world.

According to WHO report, the European region, having six countries in the list of highest estimated suicide rates, is above the global average of 11.4 per 100 000 in 2012 while the African region remains close to the global average with 38 percent suicide rate increase in 2012. The American region suicide rate is generally lower than the other regions despite housing Guyana, which is the country with the highest estimated suicide rate for 2012 globally. (www.philstar.com)

PHILIPPINE NEWS

Senate Panel Starts Inquiry Today on Fake Rice

by Christina Mendez
Monday, July 13, 2015

MANILA, Philippines - Sen. Cynthia Villar, chairperson of the Senate committee on agriculture and food, will preside today over the public hearing on the distribution and sale of fake rice.

Presidential assistant on food security and agricultural modernization Francis Pangilinan, National Food

Authority Administrator Renan Dalisay, Customs Commissioner Alberto Lina, and Department of Science and Technology Assistant Secretary Raymond Liboro were invited to attend the hearing at the Senate building's Laurel Room.

Villar expressed concern that the consumption of fake or synthetic rice might pose health hazards.

"Whether you consume it once or over the long term,

the fake rice should not be eaten because it reportedly has plastic. It is not good for digestion," she said.

To illustrate the dangers of eating plastic rice, Villar noted that consumption of plastic causes death to farm animals.

"I am told that if a farm worker wants to hurt your farm animals, they would just feed them plastic. Then they will die in a few months," she said.



Video grab from ANC shows the styrofoam-like appearance of the synthetic rice, which is reportedly made from potatoes, sweet potatoes and resin. | Photo: Philstar.com/File

"When you open the dead animals, you will find plastic in their abdomen," Villar added.

The senator also wants to know from experts the difference between the reported fake rice and the fortified rice being developed at the International Rice Research Institute.

She said there is a need for government and the agriculture sector to work together to improve the country's local rice production.

Villar, whose committee

had earlier conducted a probe on the alleged rice smuggling in the country, also called on local government officials to help farmers in the provinces.

She issued the same concern for other farm products such as onions, garlic and ginger.

The Senate panel also asked representatives from the Food and Drug Administration, Department of Justice, Philippine National Police, National Bureau of Investigation, and the rice industry to attend the inquiry. (www.philstar.com)

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LEGAL NOTES



By Reuben S. Seguritan

Asking Leniency in Immigration Enforcement

Part of the President's executive actions announced on November 20, 2014 included a shift in enforcement policies which are set forth in detail in the memorandum, "Policies for the Apprehension, Detention and Removal of Undocumented Immigrants."

The memo issued by Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Secretary Jeh Johnson identifies three deportation priorities, namely, priority 1 or individuals who pose threats to "national security, public safety, and border security," priority 2 or individuals convicted of three or more misdemeanor offenses or a "significant misdemeanor" and recent immigration violators, and priority 3 or individuals who have been issued a final order of removal on or after January 1, 2014.

The memo also provides guidance as to which cases

meet the standards and further directs that limited enforcement resources be dedicated to the removal of aliens identified as priorities for enforcement.

It also requires DHS personnel to exercise prosecutorial discretion based on individual circumstances. Factors in exercising prosecutorial discretion include extenuating circumstances involving the offense of conviction, extended length of time since the offense of conviction, length of time in the U.S., military service, status as a victim, compelling humanitarian factors such as poor health, among others.

When the President announced his enforcement priorities he explained, "That's why over the past six years, deportations of criminals are up 80 percent. And that's why we're going to keep focusing enforcement resources on actual threats to our security. Felons, not families. Criminals, not children. Gang members, not a mom who's working hard to provide for her kids. We'll prioritize, just like law enforcement does every day."

With President Obama's enforcement policies in place, the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Office recently released FAQs in connection with enforcement priorities and prosecutorial discretion.

The FAQs provide information as to what a person should do if he is detained in ICE custody or placed in removal proceedings, and he believes that he is not an enforcement priority or otherwise merits an exercise of prosecutorial discretion.

If the person is in ICE custody, he should follow the detainee-staff communication procedures for the facility to contact their Deportation Officer. The procedure is found in the orientation handbook provided to detainees when they are booked into ICE custody.

To make a request for prosecutorial discretion, the person may also call the ICE Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO) Detention Reporting and Information Line (DRIL), toll-free at 1(888)351-4024.

If the person is in removal

proceedings, the person should submit his request for prosecutorial discretion in advance of immigration court hearings. The request should be submitted to the prosecutorial email box of the ICE Office of Chief Counsel that is handling his case before the Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR).

Also, ICE's Office of the Principal Legal Advisor (OPLA) has issued guidance to its attorneys regarding persons who do not fall under the DHS enforcement priority. The OPLA attorneys are to review the cases at the earliest possible time.

Falling under priority 3 are persons whose prior removals were reinstated on or after January 1, 2014, or those whose voluntary departure expired on or after that date, or those whose appeals were denied after that date. The FAQs clarify that the ICE Field Office Director will evaluate these persons on a case-by-case basis whether removal would serve important federal interests.

The FAQs also note that whether a driving under the influence (DUI) conviction is

considered a significant misdemeanor falling under priority 2 will depend on the elements of applicable state law. The DUI conviction is a significant misdemeanor if the state statute of conviction (1) constitutes a misdemeanor as defined by federal law, (2) requires the operation of a motor vehicle and (3) requires as an element of the offense either a finding of impairment or a blood alcohol content of .08 or higher.

Also, even if a person with a DUI conviction falls under priority 2, senior-level officials can still make a determination that such person is not an enforcement priority when there are factors indicating that he is not a threat to national security, border security or public safety.

The FAQs further clarify, among others, that an adjudication of juvenile delinquency is not treated as a conviction and will not, on its own, make an alien an enforcement priority.

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MAINLAND NEWS

NYC Mayor Appoints Maria Torres-Springer as Economic Development Corporation President

NEW YORK – Mayor Bill de Blasio announced Monday, June 29, his appointment of Maria Torres-Springer as the next President of the NYC Economic Development Corporation.

Torres-Springer has spent the past 16 months as Commissioner for Small Business Services, spearheading the administration's efforts to raise wages and expand skill-building in workforce placement programs, grow women-owned and immigrant-owned businesses, streamline the regulatory environment for small businesses, and launch path-breaking initiatives like the Tech Talent Pipeline to grow

the tech sector and prepare New Yorkers for 21st century jobs.

"Maria has a proven track-record opening doors for New Yorkers and working closely with businesses to grow our economy. We are proud to have her lead EDC. Maria will focus on growing vital sectors in our economy, and preparing New Yorkers to seize those opportunities so they can be a part of our economic success story," said Mayor Bill de Blasio in a statement.

As the first woman to head EDC, Torres-Springer, 38, will prioritize the development of advanced manufacturing, life-sciences and tech in New York City, ensuring businesses have



Maria Torres-Springer

the infrastructure and human capital they need to thrive and catalyzing equitable and sustainable growth in neighborhoods across the five boroughs.

"It is an enormous privilege to serve as President of the NYC Economic Development

Corporation. Our city is powered by the strongest economic engines in the world, and I am thrilled to advance an economic development agenda that fights inequality and helps lift up every New Yorkers," Torres-Springer said. "I look forward to working with my colleagues at EDC to ensure our economic development programs strengthen our city's competitive position while delivering quality jobs, livable neighborhoods, and real opportunity for all New Yorkers."

"I am so proud to see Maria take the helm at EDC. She has already done so much to drive business growth while unlocking the potential of residents and communities across the city. She's opened new doors of opportunity for

women and minority entrepreneurs, raised the wage floor for workers in our job placement programs and brought together resources to start and grow small businesses. As head of EDC, Maria will drive inclusive growth that keeps NYC a capital for innovation and ensures New Yorkers see the benefits of our growing economy," said Deputy Mayor for Housing and Economic Development Alicia Glen.

Torres-Springer is returning to the New York City Economic Development Corporation, where she served as the Executive Vice President and Chief of Staff prior to being appointed Commissioner of SBS.

NYCEDC is the City's pri-
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PHILIPPINE LANGUAGE



DAYASADAS
By Pacita Saludes

Pasken Ti Oahu Filipino Community Council

nakaidasar ti kabaelan ken di malipatan a galad ni Filipina.

Dagiti lima a nagsasalip isuda Chelsea Alcaraz, Maricel Redona, Maygan Nabarrete, Kyllie Nishida ken Agatha Santos. Naiparang met ni Lovely May Orsino- 2015 Miss Oahu Filipina. Dagitoy ti nangbukel ti Scholarship Pageant iti daytoy a rabii.

Dagiti Panel of Judges isuda Jael Alita Agustin, Jack James, Aureana Tseu Vladimir “Val” Saban ken Courtney Viernes. Dagiti terno judges isuda Letty Tesoro Saban, nagpresidente ti Hawaii Filipino Women's Club ken mangis-ispensor ti Terno ball, ni Nancy Almospere-Walch, RN, BSN, MPH, LNHA, MCHES, CCHN, CMC, President and CEO of

Advantage Health ken adu pay a pagserserbianna. Maysa pay a terno judge ni Lawrence Patricio, choreographer. Dagiti Tabulators isu da Ben Cabrerros, Willam Cudal, ken Jake Manegdeg.

Nalalaing amin dagiti nagsasalip ngem ti napili a kalalaingan ni KYLIE NISHIDA. Isu ti kaaduan ti puntos ket isu ita ti 2015 Miss OAHU FILIPINA. Kadagiti saan a makaam-ammo pay ken Kylie, mabuyayo iti ILOKANIANA VARIETY SHOW iti OLELO TV Channel 53 a kaduana ti presidente, ALEX VERGARA, ni Proebel Garcia ken ti Ilokanista a mangiturong ti Ilokaniana Variety Show, Pacita Cabulera Saludes.

Conbension Ti OFCC

Junio 21, 2015 ti pan-

nakaaramid ti konbension ti OFCC iti Philippine Consulate a nakapilian manen dagiti mangituray ti OFCC iti 2015-2016 - ni Rev. Alex Vergara ken dagiti kakaduana.

Pinagsapata ida ni Consul

General GINA. Ditoy DAYASADAS ti pakaam-muantayo kadagiti nasanguanan a plano ken aramiden ti OAHU FILIPINO COMMUNITY COUNCIL. CONGRATULATIONS!

Napusek ti Ala Moana Hotel kadagiti timmalantan iti pasken ti Oahu Filipino Community Council (OFCC) idi June 6, 2015. Nangngegan ken nabuya ti pannakarepaso dagiti paspasamak itoy a tawen. Kangrunaanna a naidasar dagiti lima a nagsasalip a babbalasang para iti Miss OFCC 2016.

Imparang dagiti lima a babbai ti kabaelanda nga agsala, agkanta, agdiskurso ken panagarwat ti kawes Filipina. Kangrunaanna ti pan-



MAATARABAY TI MAIRURUMEN *Anonymous*

Maalingagko dagiti rinibu nga arasaas
Manipud bibig naruay a mansipsiput magapuanak
Adda nabatad, adda aweng laeng gaput' agamak
A ti padtona mabalin a pudno, mabalin a paspasarak.

Dayta ti lubong, napnot' upay ken panagduadua
Pannakagugor, pannakalais gaput' numo a makita
Umisemak nupay kaunggan rikna em-emennat' sainnek
Gabuay kinatarabit dila a manangimameg.

Diak agsanud iti uray ania a pannubok
Ta isudat' karit a mangiduron kaniak a situtulok
Itakderko dagiti panggep a sipipinget diak agdukot
Ammok a ti Dios itedna kaniak a pangsuot.

No dupirennak ublag ken nakana a pannakapaay
Ad-adda dagiti dapanko tumibtibker nga umaddang
Babaen bileg pakinakem, ikararagko nadalus a tarigagay
Diak sumkad, agbuteng uray biag ken patay.

Adu dagiti lapped tapno silawko aglumen
Ngem kunada, ti Dios tarabayenna ti mairurumen
Naikkan ti sarikedked a mangsuba ti apres ti panawen
Ta di nadalus a gagem isut' taklin dagiti managparbeng.

Kamaudianna, masiraratakon ti naan-anay a ballaigi
Dagiti arapaapko, ti panagbiagko napnot' umsi
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mary engine for economic development, charged with leveraging the City's assets to drive growth, create jobs, and improve quality of life. It also helps create affordable housing, new parks, shopping areas, community centers and cultural centers, among others.

From overseeing the development and implementation of more than 100 initiatives designed to support innovation and entrepreneurship across all industries, to helping lead the Applied Sciences NYC initiative, spurring new applied science and engineering campuses across New York City, Torres-Springer has continually proven her commitment to creating a dynamic city economy

that works for all New Yorkers. Torres-Springer has also served at the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Economic Development & Rebuilding as a Senior Policy Advisor and as the Chief Operating Officer of Friends of the Highline.

Proud Filipina

Torres-Springer, was born and raised in California a year after her parents moved to the United States from the Philippines. Her father Manuel is from Pampanga and her mother Elsa is from Batangas. She is the second of six siblings and she has four sisters and a brother.

"I come from a very traditional and closely-knit Filipino

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

PHILIPPINE NURSES ASSOCIATION 36TH NATIONAL CONVENTION | July 22-26, 2015 | HILTON HAWAIIAN VILLAGE, WAIKIKI BEACH RESORT | For more information, contact Tina Salvador @ 778-3832 or 426-6183

MISS HAWAII FILIPINA CORONATION DINNER, UNITED FILIPINO COUNCIL OF HAWAII (UFCH), | July 25, 2015 | PACIFIC BEACH HOTEL BALLROOM | 6:00 PM | Contact: UFCH Pres. Maria Etrata @392-2962

CONGRESS OF VISAYAN ORGANIZATION (COVO) ANNUAL CONVENTION | August 18, 2015 | DAYTIME SESSION WILL BE HELD AT THE KING KAUMU'ALI'I ELEM. SCHOOL CAFETERIA (8:00 AM - 4:30 PM), EVENING BANQUET AT THE KAUAI BEACH RESORT HOTEL | 6:00 PM | Contact: Firmo Dayao. 206-5301 | Contact: May Mizuno at 741-4503

FILIPINO WOMEN'S CIVIC CLUB MARIA CLARA BALL | September 12, 2015 | POMAKAI BALLROOMS, DOLE CANNERY | 6:00 PM | Contact: Bernadette Fajardo @ 342-8090 or Cecilia Villafuerte @ 371-8538

THE FILIPINO COMMUNITY CENTER'S BAYANIHAN GALA FUNDRAISER | September 18, 2015 | SHERATON WAIKIKI HOTEL | 5:30 PM | Interested in volunteering and for details, please contact Exec. Director Donnie Juan at 808-680-0451.

MRS. ILOCOS SURIAN CORONATION AND DINNER PROGRAM | October 24, 2015 | Hilton Hawaiian Village Hotel & SPA | Theme: Keeping Ilocano Tradition alive.....Five Finalists representing Cabugao, San Juan Lapog, Sto Domingo, Vigan and Santiago will be competing for the MRS ISAH 2015 crown. Part of the proceed will be

used for the ISAH Medical and Homecoming Mission December 2015 to the participating town of Ilocos Sur. Donation for the event is \$75.00 | Contact Danny Villaruz 778-0233

FILIPINO BUSINESS WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION'S KIMONO BALL AND FILIPINO BUSINESS WOMAN OF THE YEAR AWARD | November 14, 2015 | ALA MOANA HOTEL, HIBISCUS ROOM | Contact: Nancy A. Walch @778-3882

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MAINLAND NEWS

California Residents Decrease Water Use

A MIDST a statewide weary drought, California officials announced that residential water use had dropped 29 percent in May—the first real indication that the state might meet unprecedented conservation reductions imposed by Governor Jerry Brown.

The cut in water usage also suggests the aggressive campaign to get residents to change their lifestyle—such as taking shorter showers, replacing grass with drought-tolerant landscaping, and buying water-efficient appliances—is under-going with a successful drive.

“My first response is almost disbelief,” said Mark Gold of UCLA’s Institute of Environment and Sustainability. “These results are beyond encouraging; they’re heartening. They make you realize that as a whole, people in urban areas are making the sacrifices

necessary to get through this unprecedented drought.”

According to figures released by the State Water Resources Control Board, urban residents cut water consumption by 28.9 percent, when compared with May 2013—a significant improvement over the 13.6 percent reduction reported for April.

In April, Gov. Brown issued a sweeping executive order combating water waste by 25 percent (or 1.5 million acre-feet), implemented by the State Water Resources Control Board. It was the first mandatory water rationing in California history.

The news comes as California enters its thirsty summer season, a time when outdoor lawn irrigation makes up 80 percent of all residential water use. With slogans such as “Let it go” and “Turn it off,” state officials are urging residents to

let their lawn landscaping fade to “gold” in a bid to meet the governor’s mandatory reductions.

The savings are based on data submitted by the more than 400 urban water suppliers, which must meet or exceed specified savings beginning in June or face potential fines. Among those water suppliers that showed significant improvements in the latest round of reporting were the California Water Service-Bakersfield, with a 37 percent cut; Serrano Water District in Orange County (43 percent reduction); and Riverside County’s Lake Hemet Municipal Water District (49 percent savings).

Water officials and environmentalists acknowledged that in May, more frequent rainfall may have slightly improved the figures. Gold and others also noted that the real challenge in the battle against

d r o u g h t would come as the mercury began to climb over the summer.

“It’s only going to get harder,” said Gold. “Now we need to roll six months together to make a significant difference.”

California water suppliers have been assigned conservation targets based on their previous efforts to conserve water. Because of this, some suppliers are required to cut overall water use by as little as 4 percent, while others must slash their consumption by as much as 36 percent.

Among those Southern California water districts singled out for recognition Wednesday was the Santa Margarita Water District, water had been averaging just 3 percent

savings over the last 11 months. In May, the district cut its use by 18 percent.

“We’re doing everything we can think of to keep this in the public eye,” said Jonathan Volzke, spokesman for the Orange County district, who attributed the water cuts to a massive outreach campaign. “We’re relying strictly on communicating with our customers, to ensure they understand the severity of the situation, and they are responding appropriately.”

Volzke’s district campaign includes living room dialogues, TV commercials, and large aluminum signs that show the district’s progress toward hitting its 24 percent reduction target. (www.asianjournal.com)

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family,” Torres-Springer told the Asian Journal in a previous interview. She says she still speaks a little Tagalog “but I think my Kapampangan is better,” she quipped.

Married to a Jewish husband, Maria said they are planning to give their children the best of both cultures. “It’s important for me that they both understand their heritage,” she said.

She and husband Jamie live in Brooklyn with their two daughters.

“There’s nothing I’d love more than for them to experience the Philippines and to meet our family there,” she shared.

“I’m very proud of my ancestry and Filipino culture and my background. I’ve always hoped to take the values that I learned growing up and apply that to my work and I think more generally to insure that people and businesses of diverse background have a fair shot in New York City. If I’m able to do that in this role given my background, that would bring a lot of motivation,” Maria said.

Growing up Maria spent some of her formative years in the Philippines. From age 9 to 13, she lived in Betis, Pampanga, her father’s hometown. She moved back to the States around high school and then

she visited a couple of times as an adult. The last time she visited the country was in 2006.

Asked what important lessons her parents taught her, Maria replied, “Never take things for granted. Work hard to achieve anything, really. To be grateful.”

“I’ve been fortunate to have had mentors and supporters in my life, professionally and personally. My family has taught me the value of making sure that I am always thankful to those who have helped me and to ensure that I find a way to give back to others who need help,” she added. (www.asianjournal.com)

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