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## EDITORIAL

# Filipino Voters to Decide Philippines' Future in 2016 Election

**A**s far as elections go, one can probably argue that the Philippines has come a long way since the days when grandiose showmanship during song-and-dance-filled campaign trails was all that mattered. It has also come a long way since those days when electoral frauds were seen as rampant.

For the first time in more than two decades, the presidential and vice presidential candidates were able to lay out their plans for the country and face off with their rivals in nationally televised debates organized by the Commission on Elections. These events were a great hit. Not only were they popular among television viewers, they also became trending topics on social media and were talked about by the common people on the streets even days after they were concluded.

Whereas before it took more than a month to tally election results, today it takes just a single day, thanks to the elections being automated since 2010. Despite the system's flaws, many Filipinos saw the computerization process as the biggest step toward improving transparency and preventing fraud during election seasons. After all, it has brought significant improvements in the speed of counting votes, thereby reducing the possibility of cheating in the interim between the closing of voting precincts and the end of vote tallying.

But observers should make no mistake. Automation is good, but it is not enough. For one thing, there are areas in the country where political leaders continue to benefit from the established system of command votes, in which they persist to influence or even determine people's voting choices, thus hindering genuine exercise of the right to suffrage.

For another, the Philippine elections are still pretty much personality-driven. Historically, platforms and political party affiliations have counted for little in the Philippines. Voters generally look at individual personalities and usually elect someone they deem is likeable and approachable, or someone with whom they can relate. This is, of course, not entirely unreasonable, since they want to put into position people who can actually help them in times of need or can make important decisions for them in response to crucial situations in the future.

But this personality-driven character of Philippine elections can also put many competent candidates at a disadvantage. Since campaigns are expensive, candidates have to rely on the support of businesses and rich families to fuel their campaign machineries. Without the beneficence of these patrons, many of those running for office are doomed to languish in obscurity. But getting favors from powerful oligarchs, business leaders, and other politicians could also put winning candidates in a position in which they will feel obliged to return the favors they owe once they are finally in office.

Given the nature of politics in the Philippines, the electorate will be well advised to study their options carefully and thoroughly. The stakes are high, given the fact that the economy has truly taken off and the country is at a crossroads where its people must finally decide where they want their nation to go. We are almost, in Malcom Gladwell's words, at a tipping point—the point at which small changes become significant enough to make the most important change of all a possibility. Every vote should be counted as part of these series of small changes toward the realization of that one big change all Filipinos hope for.

## FROM THE PUBLISHER

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ll eyes will be on the Philippines in the coming weeks, as frenzy and interest in the national elections are sure to reach a fevered pitch. And for good reason. The

May 9th election will determine the nation's leaders in all levels and branches of government—from president to provincial, city and municipal level offices. The big prize, of course, is Malacañang, where leading candidates Manuel "Mar" Roxas II, Jejomar "Jojo" Binay, Grace Poe, Rodrigo Duterte and Miriam Defensor Santiago all have their eyes upon. The candidates hit the campaign trail in early February, stumping for votes in various areas of the country and will continue doing so until the last ballots are received.

Whoever is elected president will lead the nation forward during the next six years, so voters should choose wisely since he or she will either build upon or altogether end Noynoy Aquino's reforms for good governance. The new president will face the unenviable task of addressing long-standing problems in the areas of crime, corruption, economic inequality, lack of jobs, traffic, substandard public infrastructure—to name just a few. We therefore sincerely urge Filipino voters to see beyond superficial qualities like a candidate's personality or celebrity status and instead wisely choose a leader who is honest, courageous, a good communicator and can inspire others to work together on issues that have long plagued the country.

In this issue's cover story (see page 4), the Chronicle's Philippine correspondent Gregory Garcia introduces us to the five leading presidential candidates and their vice presidential running mates. Gregory provides detailed information on each candidate's backgrounds, platforms and visions for the future. If you are eligible to vote in the Philippine election but have not yet cast your ballot, we urge you to study these candidates' profiles and choose the one who you think is best suited to lead the Philippines.

In our previous issue, the Chronicle featured the 8th Annual Filipino Film Festival which was held at the Honolulu Museum of Art. Contributing writer Carolyn Weygan-Hildebrand was among the attendees at the opening night of the film "Bonifacio: Ang Unang Pangulo" in which organizers held a special reception themed in ode to the 1898 inauguration of the First Republic of the Philippines. To read more about what transpired during this special gala event, please turn to page 7 for Carolyn's news feature "2016 Filipino Film Festival Opening Highlights History."

And in the Chronicle's continuing coverage of Kauai and its large Filipino population who deserve more news coverage, we have included in this issue a business profile of Aloha Sweet Delites, a successful bakery in Kaumakani located on the west side of Kauai. Co-owner Carlota Manuel Nada is originally from Marikina, Metro Manila and is a graduate of the National College of Business and Arts. She and her husband Clyde have run the bakery for the past several years and have drawn a loyal following for their delicious baked goods among locals as well as first time visitors to the Garden Isle. To find out what customers are saying about the bakery and its products, please turn to page 11 for "Aloha Sweet Delites Serves Up Delectable Treats."

In closing, please take some time to read the other informative columns and articles in this issue, particularly our Book Review on page 17 for suggested good summer reading. If you have any story ideas, suggestions or concerns to share regarding Hawaii's dynamic and vibrant Filipino community, please do not hesitate to drop us an email at: [filipinochronicle@gmail.com](mailto:filipinochronicle@gmail.com). We'd love to hear from you!

Until our next issue...*aloha* and *mabuhay!*

*Chona A. Montesines-Sonido*



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## EDITORIAL

## Big Corporations Must Pay Their Share: Close the Corporate Tax Inversion Loophole

**T**his election all the major candidates are running populist campaigns. Uniquely, even leading Republican candidates have been critical of big corporations and Wall Street, specifically big companies' disloyalty to Americans by shipping jobs overseas for bigger profits. Of course, Democrats already have been singing that anti-globalism tune for years now. Yet, not-so-remarkably, big corporations keep shipping money and jobs abroad and Americans keep wondering after another election season: what happened?

### Enough of Corporate Welfare

The umbrella of corporate welfare is as big as the encyclo-

pedic tax codes, riddled with loopholes for corporations to wiggle out of their responsibilities and pay their fair share. Many Americans are quick to point the finger at our low-income population for not paying enough in taxes but the reality is big corporations are gaining and "gaming" the system literally billions of dollars more than your average Joe's meager tax obligation.

If politicians are true to their newly found populist image, both Republicans and Democrats alike ought to be serious about working together to change the tax codes and policies to stop rampant corporate welfare.

### Tax Inversion

One area in particular that

more and more corporations are cheating the American public in tax avoidance is by way of tax inversion. Since the 1990s, billions of would-be corporate tax dollars are not being paid through the set up of offshore tax havens. Well known giant American companies are relocating their legal headquarters outside the U.S. to countries where the tax burden is a lot less. But at the same time, these same companies continue to operate largely in the U.S. as they did prior to the simple legal change in headquarters.

So for all intents and purposes, these companies are simply setting up legal headquarters abroad just to get out of paying more in taxes. It's an insidious tax loophole wherein corporations are no longer

playing by the same set of rules that your average American must abide by. It is tax evasion on the grandest scale yet politically whistles are not being blown or the IRS is not beating down these corporations' doors because the big cats who are taking advantage of this loophole are large political donors.

### Higher taxes but higher profits

Corporations cite that the U.S. corporate tax is higher than most countries so it is justified that they "invert" their headquarters to another country with less corporate taxes.

While it is true that the U.S. has a higher corporate tax rate than many of the countries that these corporations are fleeing to, it is still fair because these companies are making more in profits in the U.S. than if they were to truly relocate their operations abroad, not just in changing headquarters for namesake.

These corporations are benefiting from American consumers who have higher buying power; they are benefiting from the American system of law and order that minimizes corruption and yields higher standards of conducting business; they are benefiting from American infrastructure that enables their businesses to better prosper. Just as richer counties in the U.S. tend

to pay more in property taxes, the same logic applies here that corporations ought to pay slightly higher as well for all the tangible and intangible benefits they reap from their communities.

What tax inversion does ultimately is deprive Americans of billions in loss revenue that could be spent on improving American education, infrastructure and all the areas of need from critical healthcare to simple maintenance of public parks. Lost revenues of this magnitude also means that the money must be made up from somewhere else.

How tax inversion affects Americans is beyond loss revenue. If we allow big corporations to continue balking from their fair responsibility in taxes, once again the glaring injustice in the system leaves more Americans feeling cynical, angry, doubtful, and disempowered to a point where a demagogue like Donald Trump could be electable.

Common sense says that with government money being so tight, corporate welfare, a tighter tax code, and this issue of tax inversion ought to be talked about more and pursued aggressively. It is the responsibility of Congress to change the tax code so Americans ought to put pressure on their representatives in making this a priority issue and closing this loophole costing Americans billions of dollars.

## HAWAII-FILIPINO NEWS

### Schatz Co-Sponsors Bill for Airline Seat Standards

**U**.S. Sen. Brian Schatz has co-authored a bill requiring the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to set standards for minimum seat width, legroom, padding and aisle width on all commercial passenger planes consistent with the flying public's health and safety needs.

The bill comes on the heels of a resolution passed by the Hawaii State Senate that urges the federal Secretary of Transportation to set minimum sizes for airplane seats.

"In Hawaii, air travel is

central to our visitor industry, and residents depend on it for work, health care, and to visit family," Schatz says. "Passengers are tired of getting less space for their hard-earned money. It is time to have the FAA step in to say enough is enough."

Currently, there are no federal standards on the width of airline seats or on legroom length. Since 1978, legroom decreased from 35 inches to about 31 inches. Similarly, the average seat width on airlines has dropped from 18.5 inches in the 1990s to approximately

17 today.

Supporters of the bill say the key issue is establishing a reasonable standard that provides for safety and a minimum level of comfort for passengers. However, opponents argue that airlines should be unrestricted in the way seats are configured in a plane's cabin. Should the bill pass, airlines will largely retain the ability to provide varying seat sizes depending on a customer's preference to pay for more comfortable seating.

Schatz's co-sponsored legislation has received support from Travelers United, Consumers Union, Business Travel Coalition and FlyersRights.org.

### Statewide Employment to Increase 2.9 Percent by 2017

**I**n good news for job seekers, the State Department of Labor & Industrial Relations (DLIR) predicts that statewide employment will expand by 2.9 percent from the first quarter of 2015 to the first quarter of 2017. The increase signals about 20,020 jobs, mainly in the construction sector.

DLIR's "Employment Forecasts for the Short-Term Future - 2017" shows that Hawaii's construction industry will have the fastest growth rate for jobs at 12.1 percent and create about 3,880 jobs. More than half of construction industry jobs will occur in the specialty trades, while building construction accounts for another 40 per-

cent of the increase.

"This is certainly good news and confirms that our economy remains strong," says Gov. David Ige. "We remain focused on diversifying our economy beyond tourism and the military, which is why I am taking a comprehensive, long-term approach to develop an innovation economy that offers the best promise of high-quality, living wage jobs in Hawaii."

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DUTERTE



SANTIAGO

# Who Will Be the Next President of the Philippines?

By Gregory Garcia

**Q** Less than a month before the Philippine presidential election of 2016, the candidates have shifted their campaigns into high gear, scouring individual provinces and cities in the home stretch of the race for the nation's top political prize.

A few days from now, on April 24, the presidential bets will also be engaging in the third and final leg of the historic PiliPinas Debates 2016, the first public debate for presidential candidates in more than two decades.

If opinion polls were of any indication, this year's election will be a tight race among four candidates, namely former Davao Mayor Rodrigo Duterte, Senator Grace Poe, Vice President Jejomar Binay, and former

Interior Secretary Mar Roxas, who has received the endorsement of President Benigno S. "Noynoy" Aquino III. Senator Miriam Defensor-Santiago, who is running for the third time, is currently languishing in the surveys, receiving the favor of just 3 percent of the respondents in the latest poll conducted by polling body Social Weather Stations from March 30 to April 2.

In this same survey, the clear front-runner was Duterte,

who got the support of 27 percent of the respondents. Poe, the neophyte senator who is running as an independent but is backed by the Nationalist People's Collation political party came in second with 23 percentage points. However, with sampling error margins of +/-3, Poe is actually statistically tied with Binay and Roxas, who got 20 and 18 percentage points, respectively.

The campaign period for the election officially began in February 9, 2016, but the candidates began campaigning as early as late 2015, supported by

the Supreme Court's decision on the Comelec vs. Pnera poll case of 2009, which essentially abolished premature campaigning as an offense when the campaign period has not yet officially begun.

Since then, the presidential bets have drawn upon various narratives of reform and populism to bolster their candidacy. Binay mainly portrays himself as the pro-poor leader who will transform the Philippines into a socialist paradise with numerous benefits and zero taxes for the poorest citizens, while Roxas, as the current administration's standard-bearer, promises to continue Aquino's "Daang Matuwid" (straight path) anti-corruption reform agenda. Duterte, on the other hand, is banking on a neo-authoritarian platform that pledges to restore law and order in the country while also diminishing the financial and decision-making power of Manila in favor of in-

dividual provinces or regions. Poe presents herself as alternative to the other strong candidates, reinforced by her image as a caring individual who has a heart for the poor while also being untarnished by corruption. Finally, Santiago runs on her reputation as a quick-witted and fearless leader, promising to effectively implement all national and state-recognized international laws if she becomes president.

More detailed summaries of the five presidential candidates' profiles and platforms of government are presented below.

## Mar Roxas

Manuel "Mar" Araneta Roxas II is a grandson of former President Manuel Roxas and son of former Senator Gerardo Roxas. He ran for vice president during the 2010 election but lost to his rival Binay. Nevertheless, he later served in Aquino's cabinet as secretary of the Department of Transportation and Communication

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## THE 'VICE-PRESIDENTIABLES'



**A**side from choosing a new president, Filipinos will also be electing a new vice president come May 9, 2016. The most recent opinion poll conducted by polling body Social Weather Stations (SWS) from March 30 to April 2 shows that Senator Ferdinand "Bongbong" Marcos Jr. is currently leading the race for the second-highest government post with 26 percentage points.

Senator Francis "Chiz" Escudero, who has long led opinion polls, suffered a major decline in his ratings, garnering just 21 percent-

age points, down from 28 percent in the SWS poll conducted from March 8 to 11. Liberal Party's vice presidential bet Maria Leonor "Leni" Robredo was favored by 19 percent of respondents, a statistical tie with Escudero's score due to the +/-3 sampling error margin.

Senator Alan Peter Cayetano ranked third with 13 percentage points, while Senator Antonio Trillanes IV and Senator Gregorio "Gringo" Honasan tied for last place with 5 percentage points each.

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from 2011 to 2012, and of the Department of Interior and Local Government from 2012 to 2015.

Roxas' priority is to continue Aquino's "Daang Matuwid" policy, which, according to the president's allies, is the administration's greatest accomplishment. They credit this reform policy as the underpinning element that has reestablished people's confidence in the Philippine government, as evidenced, they say, by the country's major improvement in international corruption perceptions indices and competitiveness rankings.

Indeed, Roxas' greatest strength is that he stands as a symbol of the continuation of the incumbent government's policies. Despite what many perceive as Aquino's shortcomings, his presidency actually remains popular. Latest polls have revealed that the president is still the highest-rated and most-trusted top government official in the country. Naturally, Roxas anchors his campaign on this popularity, presenting a platform that promises to build on the momentum gained by the current administration and to ensure

dynamic continuity of institutional reforms that will further check corruption, bring inclusive economic growth, and help the country attain its goals of prosperity and stability.

Roxas' campaign is banked on "three freedoms," namely freedom from hunger, freedom from fear, and freedom to dream. Freedom from hunger will be achieved through creation of jobs and more foreign and government investments in industries like manufacturing, infrastructure, and agriculture. Freedom from fear, on the other hand, is about improving health- and disaster-related social safety nets as well as ending injustices perpetrated by institutions like the police force. Finally, freedom to dream is about empowering citizens to achieve their goals, one example of which is through the expansion of Conditional Cash Transfer Program, which is supposed to help children from the poorest families finish their education.

Roxas, however, also carries the weight of all of the administration's shortcomings—whether it's the failure to bring justice to the victims of the Maguindanao

massacre, the apparent inability of the government to significantly bring poverty and unemployment levels down, its incapacity to put an end to the woeful state of the MRT 3 rail system in Metro Manila, its clumsy handling of relief efforts in the aftermath of Typhoon Yolanda, the botched anti-terrorist operation in Mamasapano, and most recently, the violent dispersal of demonstrating farmers in Kidapawan.

**Jejomar Binay**

Jejomar "Jojo" Binay Sr. is the 15th vice president of the Philippines. A political science graduate from the University of the Philippines (U.P.) Diliman, he later took up law at the U.P. College of Law and served three terms as mayor of Makati, the country's financial capital.

As a matter of fact, Binay has consistently capitalized on what he says is his strong track record of delivering robust social services during his two-decade tenure as mayor of the city. He says that if elected president, he will focus on creating a government that nurtures the principles of integrity, justice, compassion, and com-

petence—similar to what he says he fostered in the city of Makati.

Indeed, Binay enjoys a somewhat good reputation for his quasi-socialist policies in the city, in which he provides residents a host of benefits, including free education for elementary and high school students, hospital discounts, and free birthday cakes and cinema tickets for seniors. Recently, Binay has even made the promise to abolish income taxes completely for all Filipinos who earn under P30,000, an idea that his opponents have criticized as an impossibility, especially because he has also vowed to increase government spending on areas like infrastructure and public services.

Since 2014, however, Binay has come under sustained criticism for purported corruption during his terms as mayor of Makati. Opponents have pointed out that the vice president has never really provided any acceptable response to the allegations that he and his family had enriched themselves by overpricing major infrastructure projects in the city. He has so far refused to attend

any of the Senate hearings on the allegations, maintaining that the sessions were "futile" and "farcical."

Furthermore, critics have noted that Binay should refrain from trumpeting the achievements of Makati's private sector as his own. During the second leg of the presidential debates, Roxas insinuated that Binay has been obscuring the true state of Makati, saying that the city actually had two faces—the prosperous one nurtured by the industrialists of the Ayala family and the one mired in poverty under the Binay family.

Nevertheless, despite these issues and the fact that he has lost several percentage points in polls over the last three months, Binay continues to be popular. His party, United Nationalist Alliance, also enjoys a strong national network of supporters, ensuring that their goal of portraying the presidential bet as a caring populist leader is achieved.

His platform, he says, is centered on creating a pro-poor, pro-business Philippines that will encourage the creation of more private enterprises,

*(continued on page 6)**(from page 4, THE 'VICE-PRESIDENTIABLES')***Senator Ferdinand "Bongbong" Marcos Jr.**

*Education:* Special Diploma in Social Studies, Oxford University

*Running Mate:* Miriam Defensor-Santiago

*Political Party:* Nacionalista

During the televised vice presidential debate last April 10, Marcos talked about the importance of including different interest groups to enable the peace process in Mindanao to move forward. He also talked about the urgency of tackling major economic concerns, including the decentralization of development projects in order to address traffic and congestion in Metro Manila, the completion of train projects going north and south of Luzon, and attracting international internet service providers to enter the Philippine market to break the monopoly of current local providers.

Despite his sensible platform, many observers believe that Marcos was unsuccessful in his attempt to deny his complicity with his family's continued refusal to surrender their ill-gotten wealth. His opponents during the debate also lambasted him for failing to apologize for the human rights violations committed by his father, the late dictator Ferdinand Marcos Sr.

**Senator Francis "Chiz" Escudero**

*Education:* BA Political Science, University of the Philippines (U.P.) Diliman; Bachelor of Laws, U.P. Diliman; Master of Laws in International and Comparative Law, Georgetown University

*Running Mate:* Grace Poe

*Political Party:* Independent

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bring in more foreign direct investments, support small businesses, provide adequate education to all citizens, improve the quality of government services, and uphold human rights.

Binay is also challenging a few of the major policies that the current government supports. He is a critic of the Bangsamoro Basic Law, which is aimed at expanding the autonomy of the Muslim region in Mindanao, and he also prefers to negotiate bilaterally with China on the issue of territorial dispute over parts of the West Philippine Sea. The government has instead sought to deal with the matter by filing a case against China with the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea.

**Grace Poe**

While Binay is constantly plagued with allegations of corruption and Roxas appears to suffer from a nagging public perception that he is uncaring and inept, Mary Grace Poe Llamanzares, a political science graduate from Boston College, Massachusetts, enjoys a reputation of being largely untainted by corruption and of being empathetic to the needs of people. The message is best encapsulated in her slogans “Galing at Puso” (wisdom and empathy) and “Gobyernong may Puso” (government with a heart) —mantras that have been well received by many from both the poor and the elite.

Her opponents, however, have consistently raised doubts about her ability to hold the highest office in the land. Prior to running for president, Poe only served one term as sena-

tor, and before that, as chairperson of the Movie and Television Review and Classification Board — a government experience considered by some as very lean. However, her good showing in the first two legs of the presidential debates has most likely assuaged the reservations of many voters. Observers have noted that during these events, she came across as earnest and well versed about important policy issues.

Nevertheless, critics have also slammed Poe for apparently defending businessman Eduardo “Danding” Cojuangco, who is alleged to be one of those who perpetrated the Coco Levy Fund Scam, a controversial case in the 1970s and 1980s that involved the misappropriation of taxes imposed on coconut farmers. A crony of former President Ferdinand Marcos, Cojuangco is a known supporter of Poe.

The issue on her citizenship has also been consistently dragged into the picture. A foundling who was adopted by the late actor and presidential candidate Fernando Poe Jr. and his wife Susan Roces, Poe once renounced her Filipino citizenship to become an American

citizen, only to convert back later on to become a Filipino citizen once more. There was also a question as to whether she lacks the minimum 10-year Philippine residency required by the Constitution for her to become eligible to run in the election. However, on March 8, 2016, the Supreme Court ended all debates with a 9-6 vote in favor of Poe, affirming her natural-born status and her eligibility to run as a presidential candidate.

According to Poe, her platform is centered on the principle that no individual Filipino and no region of the Philippines should be left behind. In past speeches, she said that she was inspired by her father’s dream to create better lives for the poor and the marginalized. To achieve this, she plans to institute reforms that will promote inclusive growth, transparency in governance, and global competitiveness.

Her reform plan includes increasing government infrastructure spending to 7 percent of the GDP, empowering farmers by giving them their own land and improving their technical capabilities, partnering with the private sector to initi-

ate an industrialization program that will enable more local manufacturers to create their own products, and enhancing education by harnessing the power of digital technology, expanding scholarship programs, and promoting “study now, pay later” plans.

Also included in her platform is resolving the power shortages in Mindanao, improving social safety nets for the poor, creating a national lunch program in all public schools to prevent malnutrition among children, providing better legal assistance to overseas Filipino workers, and affording appropriate assistance to vulnerable sectors such as the urban poor, seniors, children, persons with disabilities, indigenous peoples, and LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender) individuals.

Grace Poe has also expressed her intention to pass a freedom of information law immediately after she takes office, a step which she deems important in the fight against corruption.

**Rodrigo Duterte**

Another candidate who has enjoyed increasing popularity

even as Roxas’ and Binay’s poll numbers have plateaued is former Davao City mayor Rodrigo “Digong” Duterte.

The San Beda College of Law graduate and member of the PDP-Laban party mainly derives this popularity from his neo-authoritarian platform that promises to bring a swift end to what is seen by the masses as widespread criminality and deterioration of public order in the country. To support this platform, Duterte presents the city of Davao as an embodiment of what he will accomplish for the Philippines.

In the 1980s, the city descended into chaos as it became a hotbed of criminal activities, gaining the unfavorable title as the country’s “murder capital.” But after decades of being ruled by the Dutertes, the city is now thriving as an economically competitive metropolis with apparently low crime rates.

Duterte’s critics, however, allege that the former mayor was only able to achieve this through various acts of human rights violation. He has long been associated with the shadowy vigilante group Davao

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Escudero’s platform basically mirrors that of his running mate, Grace Poe. In previous speeches, he talked about their desire to move the nation forward while making sure that the most neglected and vulnerable members of society are given priority by the government. He is also a proponent of the passage of a freedom of information law.

Like Poe, Escudero is often criticized for being supported by businessman Eduardo “Danding” Cojuangco Jr., a former Marcos crony and one of the alleged perpetrators of the Coco Levy Fund scam in the 1970s and 1980s.

**Representative Maria Leonor “Leni” Robredo**

*Education:* BA Economics, U.P. Diliman; Bachelor of Laws, University of Nueva Caceres

*Running Mate:* Mar Roxas

*Political Party:* Liberal Party

Leni Robredo was widely praised for her good showing during the vice presidential debate, in which she exhibited profound understanding of government policies and talked about the actual bills she filed in Congress which are important in the fight against corruption and political dynasties. Robredo also provided plans on how to decongest Metro Manila, which included the creation of a bus rapid transit system in the short term and the development of the countryside and of the provinces in the long term. A self-identified “probinsyana,” Robredo and her family are well-known for their simple lifestyle. She has been calling for a greater focus on providing much-needed aid to people who are in the margins of society.

**Senator Alan Peter Cayetano**

*Education:* BA Political Science, U.P. Diliman; Juris Doctor, Ateneo de Manila University

*Running Mate:* Rodrigo Duterte

*Political Party:* Nacionalista Party

Like his running mate, Rodrigo Duterte, Cayetano is running on a “law and order” platform, vowing to fight criminality and drugs by modernizing the country’s crime-fighting strategies and technical capabilities. He has also called for a shift toward federalism in order to diminish the power of Metro Manila and bring economic development to the provinces. Furthermore, he is also planning the creation of specialized hospitals (lung, kidney, and heart) in the Visayas and Mindanao and the establishment of a permanent Emergency Response Department that will be in charge of disaster preparedness, relief, and rehabilitation. Cayetano emerged as the most dominant critic of Marcos during the recent vice presidential debate.

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## NEWS FEATURE

# 2016 FILIPINO FILM FESTIVAL OPENING HIGHLIGHTS HISTORY

by Carolyn Weygan-Hildebrand

**T**here was appreciative energy and Filipiniana ambience in the Honolulu Museum of Art's Palm Courtyard during the opening night of the 8th Annual Filipino Film Festival. Reflection and re-thinking kicked in as well with the screening of the opening film "Bonifacio: Ang Unang Pangulo" at the Museum's Doris Duke Theatre.

The Honolulu Museum of Arts anticipated 300 guests and it looked like everyone showed up on time.

## Attire, Food and Entertainment

The opening night reception was promoted as an ode to the first Republic of the Philippines. Attendees were encouraged to dress up in inaugural fashion. In response, many men wore formal *barong tagalogs* and women wore Maria Clara and kimona-inspired tops and jewelry pieces. One of the youngest attendees, Vice Consul Joy Espinosa-Santos' daughter, was spotted in a youthful *balintawak* dress.

Guests were enthusiastically offered a dinner menu that incorporated names of notable people and places that are associated with the 1896-1898 Philippine Revolution era. The evening's dinner course included *Daing na Bangus ni Plaridel*, *Relyenong Pakpak na Manoksa Biak-na-Bato*, *Bistek at Kabute ng Barasoain*, *Ensaladang Talong ni Magdalo*, *Kangkong at Kamatis ng mga Katipunero* and *Panghimagas para kay Paterno* (local fruits, *bibingka* and *leche flan*).

Meat and fish dishes were expected but the vegetable dishes also delighted. Apolonia "Apol" Stice, a member of the Festival's steering committee, enjoyed the "*Kangkong at Kamatis*." Elsa Talavera, a recent U.S. Small Business Administration awardee, was pleasantly surprised with the



L-R Allan Alvarez, Rhoda Yabes Alvarez, Consul General Gina Jamoralin and her mom, Elisea, and Ethel Ward. Photo Courtesy: Rhoda Yabes Alvarez and Erik Holmes

tastiness of the "*Ensaladang Talong*." Many had second servings of their favorite dishes and desserts.

The entrance to the Museum's Henry R. Luce Pavilion served as the stage for the evening's entertainment. Significantly, the Bulacan Circle and Associates of Hawaii presented Philippine folk dances and Hawaii's very own Grand Master Robert Garcia led an *Eskrima* demonstration. Bulacan, as most Filipino immigrants are aware of, is immortalized in the Philippine flag as one of the first eight Philippine provinces that declared themselves in a state of war against Spanish colonial regime. *Eskrima*, as martial arts enthusiasts know, refer to a class of martial arts that evolved out of pre-colonial Philippine regional environments. It was outlawed for centuries by the Spanish colonial regime but the system survived underground and developed in secrecy.

## Resetting History

Taylor Chang welcomed everyone to the Honolulu of Arts Museum Doris Duke Theatre.

"I can't emphasize enough that films coming out of the Philippines and Southeast Asia are probably the most exciting films that are coming out in world cinema," she said. "I would argue, and many would agree, that Philippine cinema is in its 3rd golden era. The 1950s would be known as the first golden era of Philippine cin-

ema. From the 70s into maybe the early 80s is the second. Today, right now, we're arguably in the midst of the 3rd golden era. We say that because every single film genre is thriving. The breadth and depth of films coming out of the Philippines are simply remarkable. The filmmakers and storytellers who are coming out of the Philippines are leading the way to shape the future of world cinema. Not many people really realize that but I think more will when more content gets produced out of the Philippines."

Dr. Patricio "Jojo" Abinales, director of the University of Hawaii-Manoa Center for Philippine Studies and political science professor, relayed a deeper appreciation for the historical setting of the opening film.

"I taught the course 'Rizal' in the University of the Philippines for 10 years," he said. "At the end of each semester, I asked my students who is the national hero of the Philippines and almost always, my students were divided between Jose Rizal and Andres Bonifacio. The arguments got so heated at times and I remember a time when fraternity members almost hit each other because of it.

"We know much about Rizal...smart kid... spoke eight languages...first cosmopolitan person from Asia. The Spaniards were so scared of his novels that they put him to death when he was just 32. We know little of Bonifacio. He



Shown are members and officers of Filipino Association of University Women (FAUW) with other members of Filipino Film Festival organizing committee during the opening night. Photo Courtesy: Rhoda Yabes Alvarez and Erik Holmes

was a son of Tondo and had a much rougher life growing up compared to Rizal. He taught himself Spanish, read Rizal's novels and met with him. He was drawn to the Masonic organization and became an organizer for liberation and independence when he was just 28. In 1986, he was discovered as a good organizer. Later, he was pushed out of position and executed by his fellow Filipinos. Somehow writers become well-known but organizers do not.

"That Philippine revolution period was a glorious period in the nation's history. Why? Young people were engaged in nation building. Rizal and Bonifacio, for example, were only in their 20s. Rizal completed two novels, while Boni-

facio founded an organization that was nobly called, "*Kataas-taasan, Kagalang-galangang Katipunan ng mga Anak ng Bayan*" or "The Supreme and Most Honorable Society of the Children of the Nation." In contrast, I ask my young students today what they are doing and they are worrying about their weekend parties.

"The Philippine Revolution was the first of its kind in Asia so when China learned about it, the Chinese traveled to the Philippines to learn how it was done. In Indonesia, some families even named their children 'Rizal.'"

Without a doubt, "*Bonifacio: Ang Unang Pangulo*" (Bonifacio: The First President) moved many. A lot of

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# There's Too Much Secrecy in Government

By Lee H. Hamilton

**W**e have a secrecy problem. This may seem odd to say during an era in which the most intimate details of individuals' lives are on display. Yet government is moving behind closed doors, and this is definitely the wrong direction.

In fact, I'm dismayed by how often public officials fight not to do the public's business in public. And I'm not just talking about the federal government.

City and town councils regularly go into executive session to discuss "personnel issues" that might or might not truly need to be carried on outside public view. And let's not even talk about what can go on behind closed doors when it comes to contracting.

At the state level, lawmakers exempt themselves from public records laws, underfund public watchdogs, and exempt lobbying expenditures

from sunshine laws. "While every state in the nation has open records and meetings laws, they're typically shot through with holes and exemptions," the Center for Public Integrity reported last year. "In most states, at least one entire branch of government or agency claims exemptions from the laws."

In case you're wondering whether this has an impact on real people's lives, it's worth remembering that thousands of emails released in the wake of Flint, Michigan's water crisis revealed "what appears to be an active effort by state employees to avoid disclosure of public records under [freedom of information laws]," according to *Governing* magazine.

Meanwhile, there's no shortage of efforts to keep the public from learning all sorts of details about how the federal government conducts business.

Campaign contributors increasingly manage to avoid disclosure of their political activities. Government contractors are not subject to most of

the transparency rules that affect federal agencies — even as more and more business is being done through contractors.

The 72 federal inspectors general who are appointed to ensure the efficiency and accountability of the agencies they oversee face constant efforts to limit their access to records. Routine information is classified and kept secret; members of Congress joke that what they've just read in a top-secret document was taken from the front page of the *New York Times*. Yet they themselves increasingly rely on omnibus spending bills — which are put together behind closed doors by a handful of leaders and congressional staff with no public scrutiny.

Most notably, of course, secrecy extends to national security issues. There are some government secrets that are necessary to protect, and a balance has to be struck between protecting national security and openness. But the presumption should be in favor of openness. Those who favor se-

crecy should make their case in public and not rely on the old adage, "Trust me."

Take the question of the U.S. drone program. The overall program may be necessary, and technical means, operational details, intelligence methods are all rightfully classified. But that should not be an excuse for hiding information from the American people about what we're doing with drones. Do we want our resources spent on targeted killing programs? Who determines who gets killed? What's the evidence on which we base who gets killed? How many innocent people have been killed? The American people have a right to know what's going on. But we're being kept in the dark.

Openness is not a panacea, but it makes good government more likely. Representative democracy depends on our ability to know what's being done in our name. We cannot exercise the discriminating judgment required of citizens about politics, policies and politicians if we do not know

what they're doing. Nor is it possible to maintain the checks and balances required under our Constitution without openness and transparency. We have to shine a bright light on the actions of public officials so that it's more likely they'll act with integrity. Justice Louis Brandeis gave perhaps the most famous formulation of this requirement in his 1913 statement, "[S]unlight is said to be the best disinfectant."

But Judge Damon Keith of the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals put an exclamation point on the idea in a 2002 ruling that the government could not carry out secret deportation hearings without proving the need for secrecy. "Democracies," he wrote, "die behind closed doors."

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## COVER STORY (from page 6, WHO WILL BE...)

Death Squad, which purportedly conducts summary executions of suspected criminals. Duterte, however, has denied the group's existence. He has also suggested that he will eliminate criminal elements only in accordance with what the law allows.

Nevertheless, the tough-talking former mayor has continued to hint at the importance of dealing with criminality by force to achieve peace and order within six months, even threatening to abolish the Congress with the help of the police and the armed forces if the lawmakers tried to get in his way. His critics see this as a serious danger to the country's delicate democratic institutions.

Also part of Duterte's platform is to support the country's transition to having a federal form of government from its current unitary one, an idea touted by his supporters as the definitive answer to the many negative effects of centuries of over-centralized governance.

According to Duterte, the most outstanding feature of the federal set-up is that it would solve the unfair distribution of funds by the national government by allowing regions in the country to use and benefit from a majority of their resources and income. Currently, local government units remit all of their income to the national government in Metro Manila, and then only receive an Internal Revenue Allotment from the taxes collected by the Bureau of Internal Revenue.

### Miriam Defensor-Santiago

Known for her fiery and lengthy Senate speeches, Senator Miriam Defensor-Santiago first announced that she would be running for president in a Twitter post in November 2014. Four months earlier, in July, she revealed that she had stage 4 lung cancer, a fact that has cast a shadow over her candidacy as voters wondered whether her health could endure the rigors of the campaign period and the six

years of presidency thereafter. Nevertheless, the senator has insisted that she has fully recovered. She is now running under the banner of the People's Reform Party.

Santiago, a Magsaysay Awardee who has a doctorate in juridical science from the University of Michigan, was a very popular candidate during the Philippine presidential election of 1992, but she lost to former Defense Secretary Fidel Ramos. She has since served in all three branches of the Philippine government, and is running again this year for the third time, vowing to reclaim the presidency which she claims was stolen from her through widespread fraud.

Santiago's announcement that Bongbong Marcos, son of former President Ferdinand Marcos Sr., will be her running mate was criticized by opponents of the late dictator and his family.

Santiago has said that she will concentrate on creating a stronger nation with more sta-

ble political institutions, one that fosters unity among its people and one that has leaders the people can be proud of. She wants to restore meritocracy in government, pass a freedom of information law, and solve corruption in problematic institutions like the Bureau of Customs.

To make the country more economically competitive, Miriam says she will also invest more in agriculture, government institutions, and infrastructure, especially on airports and railway systems. She also plans to reform the taxation system to make it easier to manage, more responsive to the needs of the economy, and so that it will be on par with the taxation systems of the other ASEAN 5 economies. She also wants to start a major project in each of the 17 regions of the country.

### Still too early to tell

Despite the fact that there's barely a month left before election day, a lot of things can still

happen. Just less than two weeks ago, Poe was still ahead of the pack in a poll conducted by polling body Pulse Asia. Earlier in February, it was Binay who was pulling ahead of his rivals.

The candidates continue to face certain challenges with their campaign strategies, with some of their messages failing to take root. While Binay is bogged down by corruption charges, Roxas is encumbered by questions about his capability and by his association with the failings of the current administration. Duterte's message of a strongman approach to law and order is popular among the masses, but his speeches that are bordering on demagoguery is unpalatable to those who fear that authoritarianism is a danger to the country's frail democratic institutions. The dark horse could, in fact, be Poe but her victory will depend on how well she convinces the populace that her brand of reform and populism is the best among the rest.

## CANDID PERSPECTIVES



By Emil Guillermo

**M**aybe Supreme Court nominee Merrick Garland gets a hearing before the Senate or not.

It would be the right thing to have a new justice appointed by President Obama and confirmed, rather than wait for the “mystery” judge to appear in a new administration.

But one benefit of all the stalling is how it’s backfired on the GOP’s assault on unions. For more than a generation since Ronald Reagan’s takeout of air traffic controllers, unions have been taking it on the chin, in the shorts and every other soft tissue place that can possibly hurt.

And now as tech Uberizes everything in America, unions have little cred with young people who just want the personal freedom to do as they will. Unions, after all, represent rules and restrictions and everything seemingly bad and limiting.

Or at least, all that appears to be “not cool.” But then again, are union counterparts

# Gridlock That Works: Unions Get Boost From Court Deadlock



Photo credit: Instagram – California Teachers Association

ever really “cool?” It’s the re-education of America. A new labor algorithm. Recently, however, the standard rubric of labor and mortality prevailed. The good guys won again.

Call it the short-term benefit of the 4-4 tie in the Supreme Court after the passing of the now non-voting, still late and lamented, Antonin Scalia. We all know how he would have voted in the case of *Friedrichs v. California Teachers Association*. He would have put the unions out of commission and taken them with him.

At issue in the case is whether workers can be forced to join and pay dues for union activities done on their behalf. Workers, including those who didn’t want to pay up, as well as those who didn’t agree with the union, said it was an in-

fringement of their First Amendment rights.

The union claimed the workers, whether members or not, still got the benefit of its efforts. But it really needed a victory in this case. BSD (before Scalia’s death), the majority of the court was likely to have voted 5-4 against the union.

But the justice of the new math at 4-4 is different. The equally-divided Supreme Court means that the judgment of the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals stands, upholding the union’s collection of fees from objecting teachers.

Now we can point to the only gridlocked thing in Washington that still works. And we can look upon the existing “liberal” faction of Ginsburg, Breyer, Sotomayor and Kagan

in a different light.

Four gets you somewhere in SCOTUS (Supreme Court of the United States), at least for now. So hooray for the unions, indeed.

But for those paying attention and not distracted by the latest Trump news, unions are still a hard sell in this era where technology, entrepreneurialism and the “right to work” have a ring of freedom that especially attracts young Asian Americans away from union anything.

For me, as an American Filipino, I like to point out that the unions are in our blood. It always goes back to my dad. When he came to the U.S. in 1928, he didn’t go to the fields. He found himself in San Francisco’s hotels and restaurants as a cook.

The Cooks Union Local 2 was as strong as it got. Six years after his arrival, San Francisco had a general strike in 1934. That’s when the unions solidified their hold in the Bay Area.

I can’t say there were never any problems. After 1965, when more Asians were allowed to immigrate to the U.S., the hotel and restaurant union was a stabilizing force in a new immigrant’s life. By then, the Cooks Union had merged with the International Hotel and Restaurant Workers Union, which had become the biggest union in the city, given San Francisco’s tourism industry.

The workers in San Francisco were a diverse group of

Asians from China, Southeast Asia and the Philippines, mixed with those from Mexico.

The union bosses were all bureaucrats from the 1930s and ‘40s, who mostly spoke nothing but English and at times may have been no different from the work bosses.

But in general, a Filipino cook standing up for his rights did a whole lot better standing with a kitchen full of workers banging on pots and pans, than he did standing alone in his chef’s hat and checkered pants next to a chopping block.

Standing alone gets you crushed like garlic. Standing with your brothers and sisters, that’s the union. Still, I know some of you are saying, “Union? I’ll cut my own deal.”

Sure, if you have a choice. You might get more. You might get less. But the argument for a union is that it can build a common base or floor, not a ceiling, that provides stability and fairness for everyone.

At least that’s what my dad, the veteran pantry man, member of the Cooks Union Local 2, told me.

It’s still as good a labor lesson that you can get. And as long as it’s deadlocked, the United States Supreme Court still seems to agree, 4-4.

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sniffing from the audience could be heard towards the end of the movie and there was loud applause after it ended. The movie revises the historical narrative that acknowledges Emilio Aguinaldo as the first president of the first Republic of the Philippines.

A history was also made that evening as Chang announced this year’s festival as having the largest number of community partners. This year’s partners included the Philippine Celebrations Coordinating Committee of Hawaii (PCCH), The Filipino Community Center (FilCom), Bulacan Circle and Associates of Hawaii, Filipino Association of University Women (FAUW),

Oahu Filipino Community Council (OFCC), Filipino Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii (FCCH), Philippine Medical Association of Hawaii (PMAH), Hawaii Filipino Lawyers’ Association, Hawaii Women in Filmmaking, Filipino and Philippine Literature Program at University of Hawaii-Manoa, and the University of the Philippines Alumni Association of Hawaii (UPAAH). The Festival also had the Outrigger Resorts as hospitality sponsor and Max’s of Manila as caterer.

Chang also acknowledged the Filipino Film Festival committee members who advised the Honolulu Museum of Arts on film selection, community

outreach and publicity, ticket sales and more. The members are Rickie Camara, Rose Churma, Pepi Nieva, Rhoda Yabes-Alvarez, Apolonia Stice, Tracy Larrua, Natalie Aczon, Gabe Torno, Ethel Ward and Bryan Ruiz.

## Beyond Opening Night

“There is no other medium that best describes the Filipino culture,” remarked Philippine Consul General Gina Jamoralin about movies. “It is a critique of society sometimes. It mirrors reality at other times but most of all it is the window to the Filipino soul.” She thanked the Honolulu Museum of Arts and wished that more people in

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## TECHNOLOGY FOR DAILY LIVING

**TGER**

By Sheryll Bonilla, Esq.

**O**ne of the logistics the Army has to deal with on foreign soil is not leaving garbage behind as a trail for the enemy to track its units. Using local contractors to dispose of the rubbish poses a security risk. Burning it in incinerators uses large amounts of fuel. The top three users of fuel in the Army are stoves, generators, and the trucks that carry the fuel, not tanks and helicopters.

TGER – tactical garbage-to-energy refinery -- a mobile biorefinery unit to convert the waste into fuel for stoves and generators, getting rid of it safely and efficiently. The technology was developed by the U.S. Army Research, Development, and Engineering



Command (RDECOM), Defense Life Sciences (of Virginia), and Purdue University researchers. The university scientists addressed the integration of biocatalysts, bioreactors, with other elements. It conducted the scientific experimentation and modeling, which supported the design and manufacture of TGER. Prototypes were built in 2006, with more testing done in

2007, and a second prototype after that. The Army took TGER to Camp Victory in Baghdad, Iraq to be tested under real life conditions. Other companies also participated in its development, by supplying engineering, parts, and equipment assembly.

TGER is roughly the size of a small moving van. On a daily basis, it can transform almost a ton of garbage into

power to run a 60kW generator. Much of the rubbish is from food and beverage wrappers, ammunition wrappers, and paper. TGER technology turns this trash into energy. The waste is ground and shaped into little fuel pellets that go into a gasifier, are heated and broken down, turning it into gas. This syngas, which is similar to propane, is then blended with ethanol and aspirated into a 60 kW generator, which produces electricity that is either used directly or put into a power micro-grid. This electricity runs the stoves and generators needed by troops in the field.

The Baghdad prototype, operating under high temperatures in Iraq, showed positive results. The machinery

demonstrated excellent waste processing and very high levels of net power efficiency. Defense Life Sciences is now in the process of designing fixed, on-grid systems for large buildings and complexes to provide on-site conversion of garbage into energy. RDECOM anticipates that the system may eventually be used in hospitals or on board ships, and can even be useful in catastrophic disasters where there is a lot of trash and little or no power.

The demonstration models are still being tweaked and refined. Right now these units are hand-built, using parts that are designed and built for other machines and other uses. When the garbage to energy technology and machinery becomes fully developed so that it can be produced on a viable mass scale, it can be a highly useful solution to the landfill shortages and fuel production issues faced by industries, communities, and governments.

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BUSINESS FEATURE

# ALOHA SWEET DELITES SERVES UP DELECTABLE TREATS

BY Chona Montesines-Sonido

**I**f you're visiting or live on Kauai and find yourself in the mood for fresh Filipino and local pastries, Aloha Sweet Delites may have just the items to satisfy your cravings.

Aloha Sweet Delites is located just off Highway 50, in the tiny town of Kaumakani. Since first opening its doors in 1966, Aloha Sweet Delites has earned the reputation as the premiere bakery on Kauai's westside with its wide array of mouth-watering menu items.

Visitors who step inside the doors will see a small bakery offering Filipino pastries like *ensaymadas* and *pandesals*, donuts, apple and coconut turnovers, malasadas, manju and other mouthwatering baked goodies. There is also a mini-mart located at the back of the store.

Misti and a friend from Pittsburg visited Kauai in January 2016 and stumbled upon the bakery on their way to the Waimea Canyon State Park, a popular visitor destination.

"We found the most delicious treats for our day long adventure," she writes in an online review. "We bought an apple fritter and a custard filled pastry. The pastries were light and airy and had just the right amount of icing."

Misti regrets not buying more of the delicious custard pastry which she described as "very tasty."

Chesapeake, Virginia visitor Allison loved the *malasadas* and glazed donuts which she called "the perfect blend of a Krispy Kreme and Dunkin Donut." But her favorite pastry and the one that



Aloha Sweet Delites owners Carlota Manuel Nada and husband Clyde pose in front of their store in Kaumakani, Kauai.

literally stole the show, she says, was the ham and cheese roll.

"It's made with what I think is *pandesal* bread, which is amazing by itself, and ham and cheese. That's it. It's so simple but unbelievably good. But don't take my word for it, see for yourself," she says.

A visitor from Columbus, Ohio who has been to Kauai at least 10 times first wandered into the bakery back in 2013, sampled the delectable goodies and was instantly hooked.

"I don't know how we've missed this place," he says. "The cinnamon twirls are amazing and the chocolate icing was good too. They're reasonably priced, open late and a well-kept secret."

An Oahu resident who visited the Garden Isle last month dropped by the bakery at the advice of a friend. She bought several donuts and *pandesal* and took the remainder home for refrigeration. Several weeks later, she popped the *pandesal* into the microwave and was surprised with its freshness.

"Even though it's over two weeks old, it's still soft and tastes as if it was freshly baked," she says.

Owners Carlota Manuel Nada and her husband Clyde take tremendous pride in their bakery and products. Carlota is originally from

Marikina, Metro Manila and is a graduate of the National College of Business and Arts. The two met shortly after she came to Hawaii in 1983. They have been married for 30 years and have two daughters who are both college graduates.

Clyde inherited the business from his father Jack, who originally ran it as a food service-grocery market that sold hot lunches, *manapuas* and assorted pastries.

The couple puts their heart and soul into the business and it shows in the quality of their products. The result is fresh products that are prepared each morning and throughout the day for their hungry customers.

"We have no secrets or secret ingredients," she says. "You have to maintain good quality in all of your products. Once you do that, your customers will keep coming back."

The couple recently added more deli items to their menu, including sandwiches, bentos and mini-bentos filled with your choice of lau lau, kalua pork, roast pork, adobo, fried chicken, hot dog, sausage, teri pork and rice.

If the Nadas put the same amount of TLC into the deli items as they do their baked goods, success is sure to follow.

"We have the passion,



Carlota and Clyde show off their mouth-watering baked goods and pastries.



Aloha Sweet Delites is also a mini-mart which sells snacks, coffee, vegetables and other goods.



Aloha Sweet Delites' employees prepare fresh-baked products each morning.

commitment and willingness the key to our longevity. I to go the extra mile to ensure hope that we can continue to our business advances," she serve our customers for a says. "I think that has been long, long time."

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FOOD & LEISURE

# Owner of Hit Café Bares Secret to Happiness: It is Homemade

By Alixandra Caole Vila

**M**ANILA, Philippines — Where can we find happiness?

As an old saying goes, whoever said happiness can't be bought, do not know where to shop. Perhaps, it must be true.

Mary Grace Dimacali, the force behind Mary Grace Café gave a meaningful speech at the Manila leg of the international Incontro Romano forum on Saturday about the secret to attaining happiness in life. And while others might think it's a long process, Dimacali believes that happiness is homemade and happiness is wherever it is, you consider a home—in a restaurant, your workplace or in a bus with strangers.

This is why for Dimacali, the Mary Grace Café chain is not just a business, nor just restaurants where people satisfy their craving, but a home built by a mother who wants all her children to be welcomed warmly and find safe refuge.

The restaurant, aside from offering heavenly ensaymada

and chocolate combo, has gained love from customers through the years who commend its service and home-inspired ambiance.

By creating a place which makes people feel welcomed and satisfied, Dimacali said anyone can bring happiness to anyone. As recalled by Dimacali in her keynote address, there was once a customer who left a note in the restaurant saying, "I came in was sad and forlorn but I leave with joy and hope. I am writing with a broken heart, but your food makes me feel better."

Dimacali encourages people to create a place as if it was Our Lady Mary's home—a table with an ordinary bread, but an extraordinary one because it was made with love; flowers, not placed in vase but is freshly picked everyday; clothes, old but clean and made by your mother's hand. Wouldn't it be lovely to come home to such place? You will be truly happy to be at home.

In the end, Dimacali encouraged students wanting to join the service industry to recognize one's power to bring happiness by always bringing



Photo shows Mary Grace Dimacali, owner of Mary Grace Café. Dimacali gave a meaningful speech at the Incontro Romano student congress on Saturday, March 6, 2016 about the secret to happiness in life.

love, joy and gratitude wherever they go—do everything happily, with a sense of wanting to create wonderment and

hope to others.

"Create safe havens, create homes in the hearts of those you serve. For you are a home

yourself, from where good things come. What a power. The power to transform," she said. ([www.philstar.com](http://www.philstar.com))

## HAWAII-FILIPINO NEWS

### Gabbard Supports GMO Labeling

U.S. Rep. Tulsi Gabbard has praised a recent vote by the U.S. Senate to reject the Deny Americans the Right to Know (DARK) Act would critics say undercut efforts to label genetically engineered foods, commonly referred to as GMOs.

Gabbard called the vote a victory for American consumers and a significant roadblock to big food corporations that oppose transparency for the public. She warned, however, that the

fight is far from over.

"Until labeling of our food is mandatory, these companies and special interest groups will continue to try and strip away years of progress in food labeling laws made by states across the country in order to keep the American people in the dark," she says.

Gabbard urged her colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to pass the Genetically Engineered Food Right-to-Know Act and a

companion bill in the Senate (S.511), to give American consumers the right to make transparent, informed decisions about their health and safety.

Gabbard co-sponsored the Genetically Engineered Food Right-to-Know Act (H.R. 913), which requires the U.S. Food & Drug Administration to label foods containing genetically-engineered ingredients. H.R. 913 is being considered in the House Energy and Commerce committee.

(from page 6, THE 'VICE-PRESIDENTIABLES')

**Senator Gregorio "Gringo" Honasan II**  
*Education:* Bachelor of Science, Philippine Military Academy  
*Running Mate:* Jejomar Binay  
*Political Party:* United Nationalist Alliance

In the debate, Honasan talked about continuing the fight against corruption, which many observers derided as hypocritical considering his running mate, Vice President Jejomar Binay, is facing numerous corruption scandals.

His most solid points during the debate were about addressing the current problems on urban congestion and traffic, which he said he planned to solve by promoting better land planning and ensuring that urban engineering best practices are observed and implemented in the Philippines.

**Senator Antonio Trillanes IV**  
*Education:* BS Naval System Engineering,

Philippine Military Academy; Master of Public Administration, University of the Philippines.  
*Running Mate:* None  
*Political Party:* Independent

Trillanes is mainly known for being one of the leaders of the 2003 Oakwood Mutiny in which he and some 300 junior officers and enlisted men of the Armed Forces of the Philippines took over the Oakwood Premier in Ayala Center to protest corruption in the government of then President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo. He has since become a senator and is now known for his fearless criticism of suspected corrupt government officials.

Trillanes was instrumental in authoring laws like anti-bullying law and anti-trafficking in persons law, as well as a bill on the creation of an Emergency Management Agency. Trillanes also supports the Enhanced Defense Cooperation Agreement between the United States and the Philippines.



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## LEGAL NOTES



By Reuben S. Seguritan

## USCIS Issues H-1B Filing Instructions

USCIS received approximately 233,000 during the first five business days in April. The USCIS will notify the public when the H-1B cap has been met. Those not selected will be returned.

The first 20,000 H-1B petitions for individuals holding a US master's degree or higher are exempted from the cap. Once this limit is reached, the petitions will be subjected to the regular cap.

Processing of H-1B petitions may be expedited through premium processing request on Form I-907. This may be filed concurrently with the H-1B petition. For a fee of \$1,225, premium processing guarantees a fifteen calendar day processing of filed petitions from receipt of the request. This year the USCIS will start premium

processing of H-1B petitions subject to cap no later than May 16.

Before the filing of an H-1B petition on Form I-129, the petitioner must file with the U.S. Department of Labor, a Labor Condition Application (LCA). The certified LCA must be filed with the Form I-129 petition.

To be classified as a specialty occupation for H-1B purposes, the occupation requires at least a bachelor's degree or higher in the specific specialty or its equivalent. In order to be eligible for a specialty occupation, the beneficiary must have at least one of the following: (1) US bachelor or higher degree, (2) foreign degree equivalent to a US bachelor degree or higher, (3) an unrestricted license or certification to practice pro-

fession or (4) experience equivalent to completion of degree.

The H-1B petition must be accompanied by proof that the beneficiary is eligible for H-1B classification. Documentary evidence includes diploma, transcript of records, credentials evaluation and license to practice the profession, if required, among others.

The USCIS allows for the submission of other evidence if the degree has not been awarded yet but requirements for the degree have been met. The final transcript as well as a letter from the Registrar confirming that all degree requirements have been met may suffice.

A U.S. employer cannot file multiple H-1B petitions for the same beneficiary. Mul-

iple H-1B petitions by a single employer for the same beneficiary will be rejected. However, related employers such as a principal and subsidiary may file for the same worker for different positions subject to other requirements. The H-1B beneficiary may work for more than one employer provided that each employer files a separate petition with the required labor condition application.

There is a base fee of \$320 for an H-1B petition, an ACWIA fee of \$750 or \$1,500 depending on the number of employees of the employer and an anti-fraud fee of \$500.

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**H**-1B petitions for fiscal year 2017 that starts October 1, 2016 will be accepted beginning April 1, the USCIS announced last March 16.

More petitions than the H-1B cap of 65,000 are expected to be filed during the first five business days. So all the petitions received during that period will be subject to a computer-generated lottery system to randomly select the petitions required to meet the cap.

Last fiscal year, the

### HAWAII-FILIPINO NEWS

## Displaced HC&S Workers to Receive Federal Assistance

The U.S. Department of Labor has approved a petition for federal aid that will provide funds for displaced workers at the Hawaiian Commercial and Sugar Company (HC&S), marking the first time ever that Hawaii sugar plantation workers displaced by foreign trade will receive such funds.

U.S. Sen. Brian Schatz,

who worked with U.S. Labor Secretary Tom Perez to identify the federal funding and determine HC&S's eligibility, praised the announcement.

"For these workers, this money means they have additional financial support to make ends meet and an opportunity to gain new skills and find a new job," says Schatz, a member of the Senate Appro-

priations Committee.

Federal funds will provide compensation to help replace lost wages and cover the expenses for job retraining, including tuition, books and transportation. The amount workers will receive depends on individual circumstances, but it could be up to \$2,000 a month in direct cash support for an additional

year or longer while they are retrained to find new jobs.

The funds will provide additional support for HC&S workers on top of already existing state benefits that they are entitled to receive. In addition, workers at companies that are impacted by HC&S's closure may also be eligible for the same benefits and the companies may be eligible for

business consulting services.

The last sugar plantation in Hawaii, HC&S will close at the end of 2016 and some 675 workers were laid off beginning last month. Workers who have questions on accessing federal relief can contact their local Workforce Development Division One-Stop Office at (808) 984-2091.

## DOH Launches Restaurant Inspection Website

The State Department of Health has launched a new online portal that lets consumers see how Hawaii restaurants and other food service organizations fare in food safety inspections.

The food safety inspection reports, which include descriptions of violations, give consumers a behind-the-scenes glimpse at food safety and sanitation practices at their favorite restaurants and food outlets.

"We're taking transparency to an entirely new level," says Peter Oshiro, who manages DOH's food safety inspection program. "Information from the inspection reports empowers consumers and informs

their choices."

The online portal is a companion component to the State DOH's placard program, which gives food establishments green, yellow or red placards that are required to post them at entrances. The color-coded placards indicate whether a restaurant has passed its health inspection, received a conditional pass, or has been closed due to permit suspension. Restaurants are fined for not posting them.

"With this degree of disclosure, we believe the online reports will make restaurants and other food service organizations pay closer attention to their food safety and sanitation

practices," Oshiro says.

Just as the placards provide an incentive for restaurants to rectify food-handling or other safety issues, the online inspection reports are expected to motivate restaurants to take a closer look at their own practices since these reports become a permanent, historical record accessible to the public.

The DOH has posted all of the previous Oahu inspections online and currently has nearly 7,000 inspection reports in the database, representing about 80 percent of all the inspections completed statewide since the program began in July 2014. The remaining Oahu inspection reports will be uploaded by

May 2016 and past neighbor island inspections will be uploaded by the end of the year.

More than 10,000 food establishments statewide that prepare or serve food require a DOH permit to operate. There are roughly 6,000 such establishments on Oahu, 1,800 on Hawaii Island, 1,700 on Maui,

and 700 on Kauai. This includes restaurants, hotels, caterers, food warehouses, markets, convenience stores, lunch wagons, push carts and institutional kitchens for healthcare facilities, schools, adult and child day care centers and prisons.

To access the DOH website, go online to: <http://hi.healthinspections.us/hawaii>.

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## MAINLAND NEWS



### City of San Francisco Approves Filipino Cultural District

The City & County of San Francisco's Land Use and Transportation Committee unanimously approved Bill 151109 which would establish the South of Market (SoMa) Filipino Cultural Heritage District and a working group to develop recommendations on policies and strategies to encourage community development, preservation and stabilization.

Historically, Filipinos in San Francisco have made the SoMa district their home. SoMa is also home to such landmarks as the first and only public school with a curriculum in the Filipino language in the nation—Bessie Carmichael Elementary School/ Filipino Education Center—and the first park named after a Filipino American Olympic Champion—Victoria Manalo Draves Park.

A coalition of community advocates testified in support of the measure they say would also stem the out-migration of Filipinos in San Francisco, a city that in 2014 certified Tagalog as its third official language. Statistics show that the popu-

lation of Filipinos in San Francisco dipped 9 percent during the past decade from 40,083 to 36,347 residents.

The approval yesterday was to mark the geographic area of Filipino Town in District 6 of San Francisco and to activate a process to revitalize the area planned to be the regional center for Filipino culture and commerce.

Marilyn Mondejar of the San Francisco-based Filipina Women's Network says the project languished in the Planning Commission for years until October 2015 when the area was officially established as a Filipino social and cultural district.

"Now we're on our way to actually get the City of San Francisco to fully commit, allocate funds and staffing," Mondejar says.

Bill 151109 was introduced on October 2015 and sponsored by City Supervisor Jane Kim. Plans to develop a Filipino social and cultural district began in 2007 with the Western SoMa Community Plan which was adopted by the San Francisco Board of Supervisors in 2012.

### Supreme Court Vote Preserves Equal Representation for Minorities

Asian Americans Advancing Justice (AAAJ) and immigrants rights advocates are applauding the Supreme Court's recent 8-0 ruling that affirms every member of society deserves representation—including children, recent immigrants and other non-voting individuals.

At issue was whether voting districts should be changed to only count citizens who could vote. Mee Moua, AAAJ president and executive director, hailed the ruling as a "huge win" for democracy.

"In this election year, the ruling is a timely reminder that those who cannot or do not vote are still impacted by government," Moua says. "Elected officials do not only represent the people who voted for them or the people who are eligible to vote, but everyone in the community, including children and other not-yet-eligible-voters."

Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (AAPIs) are already underrepresented as language and other barriers often prevent them from registering or turning out to vote. Officials say the decision ensures AAPIs will continue to be represented in the democratic process.

Supporters cited the case of California, where 20 percent of Asian Americans, or nearly 1.2 million children and adults, are not yet U.S. citizens. In addition, there are 1.1 million Asian American children in the state who are U.S. citizens.

"Had the Supreme Court ruled that district lines need to be drawn based only on eligible voters, 2.3 million Asian Americans in California would have been discounted, including immigrants and youth who are not able to vote," says Stewart Kwoh, president and executive director of Advancing Justice-Los Angeles.

## PHILIPPINE NEWS

# Still a Four-way Race for President – Pulse

by Janvic Mateo  
Thursday, April 14, 2016

**M**ANILA, Philippines – Despite the recent surge in survey ratings of presidential candidate Davao City Mayor Rodrigo Duterte, an executive of pollster Pulse Asia still believes that the upcoming elections will be a tight race.

Pulse Asia research director Ana Maria Tabunda noted the fluidity in the survey results of the presidential bets since the start of election season.

She also noted that the other bets have trained their guns on Duterte in recent days and this may affect his numbers.

“We don’t know how his supporters will take it, especially the ones who have recently shifted support,” said Tabunda. “A lot of things can happen.”

Duterte solidified his lead in the latest Pulse Asia and Social Weather Stations (SWS) surveys released this week.

The tough-talking mayor obtained the lead with 27 percent in the March 30 to April 2 SWS survey released on Monday.

He was followed by Sen. Grace Poe with 23 percent, Vice President Jejomar Binay with 20 percent and Liberal

Party candidate Manuel Roxas II with 18 percent.

In the March 29-April 3 Pulse Asia survey commissioned by ABS-CBN and released on Tuesday, Duterte led with 30 percent, followed by Poe with 25 percent.

Binay and Roxas are statistically tied for third place with 20 percent and 19 percent, respectively.

Sen. Miriam Defensor-Santiago trailed in both surveys, obtaining three percent in SWS and two percent in Pulse Asia.

In recent days, Duterte’s rivals, particularly Binay and Roxas, have pounded on his track record, particularly the allegations of extrajudicial killings thrown at him.

High turnout in overseas voting

While fluidity is observed in pre-election surveys, there is a high turnout in the first three days of overseas absentee voting (OAV) for the May 2016 elections, according to the Commission on Elections (Comelec).

Comelec Commissioner Arthur Lim said 32,364 Filipinos, mostly from Middle East and Asia Pacific, cast their votes as of 7 a.m. yesterday.

Filipinos in the Middle East and Africa registered the



Testing of vote counting machines (VCMs) at the COMELEC.

highest number of those who cast their votes so far at 14,453, followed by voters from Asia Pacific with 13,081, Europe with 4,485 and the Americas and Canada with 345.

“We have a very good number and this is an indication or signal that come May 9 we will be able to surpass or breach the 50 percent mark of total registered overseas absentee voters,” Lim said in a press conference.

He also said many Filipino overseas voters are encouraged to participate because of the tight battle for the presidency as well as the Comelec’s dissemination of information about OAV.

“Because this is a close fight among presidential candidates, it is but natural for candidates and their supporters to give their utmost attention not only locally but also abroad, because the votes from the more than one million overseas voters can affect the results of

the elections,” he explained.

“As you may have observed, all the presidential candidates went to campaign in Hong Kong and Singapore and this could be one of the factors why many have already cast their votes,” he added.

Lim also admitted that there were minor hitches such as reports of vote counting machines (VCMs) bogging down, voters with deactivated records requesting to vote and reports of cheating.

Comelec recalled the malfunctioning VCMs and deployed 25 replacements for contingency. The poll body also set up hotlines to assist voters.

Comelec Office for Overseas Voting director Jane Valesa said the poll body is checking reports that some registered overseas voters in Hong Kong were unable to vote.

She said some voters were not able to vote because their names could not be found in

the official list of registered voters, while others were listed but were not able to vote in past two elections so their registration was deactivated.

“The Comelec cannot just allow those who are claiming that they are registered voters to vote because we will be opening the floodgates to flying voters,” Lim explained.

Regarding reports of cheating spreading online, Lim said it was not true but the Comelec would initiate an investigation.

“There is no truth to such report so we will ask the law department to investigate so that appropriate charges can be filed against those who are trying to spread false information and undermining the credibility of the elections,” he explained.

“Elections should be taken seriously and not be treated as a joking matter in social media,” Lim said, noting those behind such activities can be charged with election offense punishable by imprisonment.

The Comelec also put in place security features to ensure the credibility of the OAV. Lim said there are CCTV cameras in the polling precincts and each political party has its own watchers to prevent tampering of ballots.

Valesa said both the ballots and the envelopes being used in manual voting have serial numbers to ensure that these would not be tampered with.

(www.philstar.com)

## NEWS FEATURE (from page 9, 2016 FILIPINO....)

Hawaii would witness the creativity and artistry of Filipino filmmakers.

Out of the two dozen or so attendees who were casually polled for this article, all except one expressed interest in viewing some of the remaining festival films.

A young museum volunteer selected “Above the Clouds” as her favorite while another chose “Bonifacio: Ang Unang Pangulo” as his most impressive. A committee member thought all were relatively easy viewing except for “Dahling Nick” which is a biopic on Philippine National Artist for Literature Nick Joaquin.

A mother of school age children selected “Patintero:

Ang Alamat ni Meng Patalo” as one that she was most curious about, while others wanted to see “Filemon Mamon” and “All You Need is Pag-ibig.” Someone opined that young adults will relate with “Sleepless,” which deals with the angst of adult life and that, for contrast, one should watch “An Kubo sa Kawayanan.” The latter is also most unique because it is in the Bicol language. “Kid Kulafu” is the better of Manny Pacquiao biopics to date and shows a glimpse of present-day struggles of people in rural Mindanao and urban Manila.

In addition to the Filipino filmsthat are showing from April 2 to 16, Chang also men-

tioned the showing of the best of Southeast Asian Films, “Cemetery of Splendor” and “The Last Reef.”

The Festival’s opening night concluded with a brief video on “Encounters: Renaissance and Philippine Arts” (see

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WJtb1Xde8qc>). “Encounters” is a project of the Honolulu Museum of Arts that seeks and interprets the connection between European Renaissance Arts and Philippine Arts. The project features

tours for groups of 15 and more. Free tours are offered on Sundays from 1:30 pm to 3 pm. Interested readers can visit the museum website for reservation or more details ([http://honoluluuseum.org/15597-encounters\\_sunday\\_tours](http://honoluluuseum.org/15597-encounters_sunday_tours)).

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TRAVEL & LEISURE

# PANGASINAN 101

By Ida Anita Q. Del Mundo

**M**ANILA, Philippines – Pangasinan is well known for the Hundred Islands, a popular tourist spot in Alaminos. A little further exploring, however, will prove that the province has so much more to offer.

Get a bird's eye view of the province as you slide down the country's longest zipline at Balungao Hilltop Adventure.

At 1.4 km, you'll have more than enough time to get over the initial scare to be able to just enjoy the ride.

The hike up to the zipline jump off point is a bit challenging, since it is so high up and you will have to walk strapped into your safety gear, so if hiking back does not seem appealing, there is another zipline at 620 m that will take you directly back to



The elegant Capitol Building, beautifully restored and fully functional. Photo by Martin San Diego

the main pavilion. Aside from the sheer length, the Balungao ziplines are also unique since they sometimes dip down so low that you can almost touch the treetops as you zoom past.

If this is not enough, there are also ATVs available to explore the property by land. After the adrenaline rush, visitors can soak their aching muscles in the Mt. Balungao hot spring.

Another record-breaking attraction in Pangasinan is the Balingasay River in Bolinao. Awarded as the cleanest river in the Philippines, the river is lined with 15 hectares of mangroves teeming with biodiversity.

Visitors can go on a tranquil river cruise on a bamboo hut pulled by two bancas, serenaded by local musicians while enjoying a delicious meal. To relax even more, visitors can savor a massage on board the cruise.

When all the adventure works up your appetite, Pangasinan has one hundred and one ways of cooking bangus (milkfish). Matutina's, Gerry's Seafood and Patio Elmina in Dagupan have giant fish sculptures fronting their restaurants – making the province indisputably the Bangus Capital of the World.

Matutina's serves the fish in multiple ways, from the traditional inihaw to the popular bangus sisig, to an interesting dish that is a surprising play on savory and sweet – a breaded bangus fillet with a sweet cream sauce made of evaporated and condensed milk, topped with slices of tangy mango.

For a taste of culture, a visit to the Capitol Complex in Lingayen will leave you in awe. The Capitol Building is the shining gem of the complex – and the province as well. It is unlike any other capitol building in the country – a beautifully restored and maintained building designed



Braving the longest zipline in the country at Balungao Hilltop Adventure – and it's perfect for a selfie too! Photo by Martin San Diego

in American colonial style, evoking the capital's history. The interiors are spacious and wood-paneled, with high ceilings and columns. The building is fully functional, serving the people of the province in the most elegant setting possible. The building's roof deck offers another panoramic view of the city.

Nearby is the Urduja House, the governor's official residence. Named after the legendary warrior princess of Pangasinan, some of the rooms in the house are open to visitors and can be toured for free.

Just outside in the town square is an open air gallery of sorts in the Veteran's Memorial Park. Here visitors can learn more about the history of the province, especially its importance during World War II. On a more personal note, my grandfather was a veteran, an army doctor stationed in Lingayen, so I was hoping to find a connection to him during my visit – something beyond a few photo reproductions and printed text displayed in the park. Our guide assures us the province is working on an arts and culture center with a museum, which will hopefully be ready to welcome visitors soon.

Not far from the Capitol Building is the Sison Auditorium. From the outside, it is a seemingly simple building,

pale yellow with white columns, a charming addition to the Capitol Complex, but once you step inside you will be in awe of the opulence of the auditorium. The cream walls make the wide space airy and bright. The high ceilings meet at the center with a glittering chandelier. It is heartening to see a province that puts importance in its history and culture.

A few steps away is the Lingayen beach where water sports like kayaking and skim boarding can be enjoyed.

On a breezy day, try your hand at power kiting with the Pangasinan Power Kites Group. The able instructors will guide you as you try to keep the billowing kites afloat – which is not as easy as it seems! One must become one with the wind and the cords attached to the kites, holding on not too loose nor too tight, moving with the breeze. The more advanced kite fliers can graduate to kite boarding – there are some, even children, who can glide down the whole sandy beach, pulled by their kite. But for me, a first-time kite flier, it was elation enough to see the giant kite up in the clear blue skies of Lingayen – the same delight felt each time we come across new discoveries along the Pangasinan journey. ([www.philstar.com](http://www.philstar.com))

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BOOK REVIEW

# Immersing Oneself With Filipino Books for the Summer

By Rose Churma

## PLANTAS MEDICINALES DE FILIPINAS

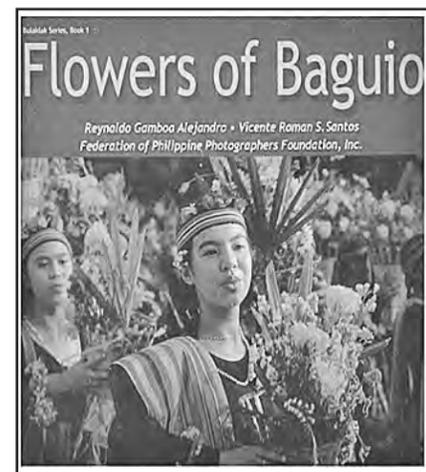
T.H. Pardo de Tavera. | Makati: Ayala Foundation, Inc./Filipinas Heritage Library, 2000, 445 pp, softcover. | \$40.00



This is a practical manual on “the use that Filipinos make of their plants in the treatment of the disease.” The book talks about the many and diverse plants which can be used to treat coughs, wounds, diarrhea or dysentery and other common ailments. Having been conferred the medical degree at the Sorbonne in Paris, Pardo de Tavera would have had more respect for western medicine, but he tenaciously held the view that ordinary people possess real insight in to how they can cure their afflictions with plants available to them in their surroundings. Reprinted from archival documents, this book is a collectible.

## FLOWERS OF BAGUIO

Alejandro, Reynaldo Gamboa, etal. | Metro Manila: National Bookstore and Anvil Publishing, Inc. 2001, 135 pp. hardcover with color photographs. | \$42.95

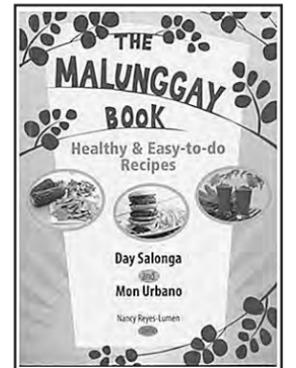


This colorful and engaging book captures the splendor of Baguio and Benguet’s flowers. It also features the creative use of highland flowers in various landscape designs and floral compositions. The pageantry of the Baguio Floral Festival is also captured in dazzling color photographs. It also provides insight on the flowers and their cultural significance. The book provides insight into the cut flower industry and remembrances of the old Baguio magic.

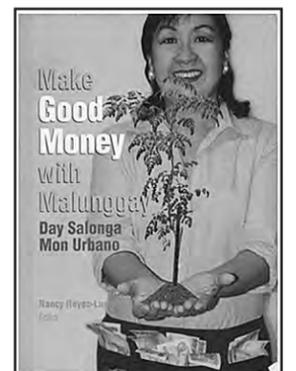
## MAKE GOOD MONEY WITH MALUNG-GAY &THE MALUNGGAY BOOK, HEALTHY & EASY-TO-DO RECIPES

Salonga, Day and Urbano, Mon. | Metro Manila: Anvil Publishing, Inc., 2013. 62 pp. & 70 pp. respectively. softcover. | \$12.00 for two books.

The first book contains a winning formula for the home-based business. Because of the growing demand for wellness products that are healthy, natural and affordable, the nutritional benefits derived from malunggay are explored in this book. The authors took the initiative to formulate, kitchen test and promote malunggay rich recipes that are designed for small home-based business.



The second book is all about the wonders of this “miracle plant” that is both food and health-and-wellness supplement. The recipes in this book do not just feature malunggay, but a personal testimony from the author-chefs who made sure that the dishes presented are not only nutritious but also delicious.



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## PHILIPPINE NEWS

# Now it's UP Law for 'Whiz Kid' after Ph.D. in Physics

by Gianna Francesca Catolico  
Wednesday, April 13, 2016

**N**OWHERE to go but further.

Or so it seems for former child prodigy Mikaela Irene Fudolig, who entered college at 11, graduated summa cum laude in Physics at 16, and took her master's and Ph.D. degrees shortly after.

After teaching at the University of the Philippines Institute of Physics and becoming a Fulbright scholar in Economics at the University of California-Irvine, Fudolig has made her way toward law school.

The 25-year-old, who started college at 11 under an experimental program for gifted children, was among the 218



Summa cum laude physics graduate Mikaela Irene Fudolig during her graduation at UP Diliman in 2007 | Photo: Edwin Bacasmas

who passed the 2016 UP Law Aptitude Exam.

The 2007 summa cum laude graduate, who also received the Best BS Physics Student award and the Dean's Medallion for Excellence in Undergraduate Studies at the UP College of Science, was shielded from public scrutiny and the ruthless glare of media as preconditions to her en-

tering college at such a tender age. The restrictions of the experimental program were meant to allow gifted children to enter the university without compromising their emotional and social development.

### Whiz kids

“It was a great thing that I was able to show people that it can be done,” she said of the Early College Placement Program (ECP) in an Inquirer interview in 2007. Many gifted children end up discouraged or unproductive because of a dearth of programs to guide them and maximize their abilities, Fudolig said.

These whiz kids sometimes refuse to take required courses, claiming early mastery in these areas, or are simply interested in other things, she added.

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## PHILIPPINE LANGUAGE



**DAYASADAS**  
By Pacita Saludes

# Kada Aldaw A Maikupin, Marsing Iti Naikudi A Panagbiag

abasen ta dimet ammo no inton bigat saanen a maaramid.

Kas iti maysa a pangulo, nasaririt, managplano, adu dagiti panpanunotenna nga aramiden tapno dagiti iturayanna naragsakda ken adu ti

makita a naaramidanna a pagsaya-atan ti kasasaad, nasaldet a panagplano ket napintas ti anagen ti maaramid. Dakkel ti pagbaliwan ti kasasaad. Ngem anian a kinadakangasat. Saan metten a naaramid dagiti plano ken ara-

paapen a maaramid. Naidalit ket nadanon ti maudi nga aldawna. Saanen a naaramid dagiti arapaapna.

Ti nasayaat saan nga itantantan ti aramid. Saan a palubosan dagiti aldaw a lumabas. Di la ammo ti oras ken aldaw

a naikeddeng para kada maysa. Kunada a di palabasen ti kada aldaw a lumabas nga awan maaramidan. Di ngad nasayaat a pagserbien kada aldaw a dumteng tapno itantan pagbanaganna a di maaramid. Pudno tay pagsasao nga awan ti umona a babawi no di maududi!

**T**i paulo tayo pangpalagip laeng. Ti kinapudnona kaaduan ti di makalagip kabayatan ti panagbiag a naragsak, naliday ken nakurapay, akuen ket di malagip a lumabas laeng ti panagbiag kada aldaw. Aglaklak-am tay man ti gin-awa maragsakan tayo no agnanayon koma, ngem no agallin ti pilid ti biag ket datayo ti maladladdit iti baba sangitan dayta, ngem ti pilid agal-allin segun ti naikudi a gasat ti naiyanak,

Lagipen ngarud a ti aldaw agal-allin ken agsukatsukat. Natalingengen ti kasasaad ita ngem di mapadtuan no ti sumuno a bigat maidasayka. Nakaragragasak ti biag ita nga aldaw ngem inton bigat maguped ta regta. Isut gapuna a no ania ti nasayaat nga aramiden ita nga aldaw di pal-

## NADUMADUMA A WAGAS TI PANAGAYAT

Ti napudno nga ayat, agubbog iti rikna

Awan makasupang no karugsona

Uray inebneb ti aloyo irukuasna

Uray napigsa a baagyo di kumorpa

Tawen dina pilien, ubing, baket, lakay

Awan alumiim no isu ti kaptan ti rikna

Saan a napintas kenka, sabali ti panagkita ti maysa

Baknang wenno agkadmada, uray awanan adal

No pagduyosan rikna isu ti mapana

Ta ti puso iti mangiparikna ti ipitpitikna

Umona pay laeng a panagkita addan a marikna

No sibugan, regget agrukbos rumangpaya

No agkatumpung dayta nga ayat, naragsak a pareha

No adda pagtalimudokan ti ayat ket adda bangen

Mabriat ti barukong a masugat, marikna ti saem

No met mapilpilit ti ayat, awan ragsak, pait masagrap

Maidukem ti biag, awanan simbeng ti sanguen a biag

Aniaman naipatang a sagsagrapen a naipagasat ken ayat

Sanguen a pilit, no di ipamuspusan ta lumias

Ta no sapsapuyotem natitil nga ayat awanan anag

Matdaka nga agpaypayakpak ti taaw kinadaksanggasat

Napadasmo man nagduduma a kolor/garit ni ayat

Dagitat' mangted natibtikker a gaudmo a sumanglad

Iti naikaitawatawam nalawa a taaw, lubong ni ayat

Ibaklay mo, sapsapuyotem a pilit inagganat' tungpal biag.

### PHILIPPINE NEWS (from page 17, NOW IT'S...)

“Many people think that a child, even if equipped with the mental abilities, is not emotionally prepared to enter college. I am glad to have proven them wrong,” Fudolig said.

Tony Fudolig and Lyn Di-maano apparently took pains to have their eldest child grow up a balanced individual.

“Mikaela could read and write in English and Filipino at 3 years old,” Fudolig’s mother recalled. But she made sure that the child still had her share of playmates and nursery games, she added.

#### Intimidated

Recalling her first day at Math 11 class when she was 11, Fudolig laughingly said she was intimidated. “It was one thing to have your classmates stare at you because you are three years younger, and another for them to strangely appraise you because of the way you dress.”

She recalled in particular how her Math 11 classmates stared at her baby-doll shoes, which she wore in high school: “They were all so quiet, choosing to remain silent in their seats, wearing their college getup. And there I was, wearing a skirt and a blouse, squirming uncomfortably in my seat.”

Then on the verge of adolescence, Fudolig was shocked at the fast pace of the summer lessons. She got a grade of 72 on

the first exam, and felt disheartened. After days of intensive study, she took the second exam—and aced it, getting the highest score in class.

“I felt very happy that I could fit in,” she said.

At the age of 12, Fudolig was formally enrolled as a BS Physics student at the UP National Institute of Physics. She also took two consecutive music courses “because I just love studying different kinds of music in the world,” she said.

The ECPP’s careful steps in keeping her out of the public eye helped a lot, according to Fudolig, who recalled a similar case of another student who was accepted to the university at a young age.

#### Bullied

The 13-year-old Philippine Science High School student was allowed to enroll at the UP College of Science, but “cameras would sometimes follow her when she came out of the classroom. The other students, perhaps resentful of her achievements, would also bully and make fun of her in the corridors,” Fudolig’s mother recounted.

“It was a good thing there was an agreement that Mikaela be shielded from the media so she could live her life as a normal university student,” the mother added. ([www.inquirer.net](http://www.inquirer.net))

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## PHILIPPINE NEWS

# Roxas Intensifies Tirades, Tags Duterte's Views as 'Narrow and Limited'

by Alexis Romero  
Wednesday, April 13, 2016

**A**LUBIJID, Misamis Oriental - Liberal Party (LP) presidential candidate Manuel Roxas II on Wednesday intensified his tirades against survey frontrunner Davao City Mayor Rodrigo Duterte, this time targeting his rival's stance on the South China Sea row and foul language.

Roxas, who earlier vowed to avoid name-calling and to launch an issue-based campaign, also labeled Duterte as ampaw or rice puff, a Filipino idiom referring to someone who lacks substance. ampaw or rice puff, a Filipino idiom referring to someone who lacks substance.

"Do not fool us Duterte. Do not deceive us. Puros ampaw ang sinasabi mo (You are just giving us empty words)," the LP standard bearer said in a press conference here.

"Matapang ka lang sa salita. (You are just brave in words). You failed to do it in your own city and yet you are

promising to accomplish it in three to six months. Ampaw ka," he added.

Roxas was reacting anew to Duterte's claim that he can end criminality in the Philippines in three to six months. The promise, which seemed to have helped the mayor attract a following, has been disputed by Roxas, who claimed that Davao City is one of the areas with the highest number of murder, homicide, and rape incidents.

### Foreign policy

Roxas's verbal attacks on Wednesday also aimed at the tough-talking mayor's stance on China's aggressiveness in the South China Sea and his use of bad words.

Roxas said Duterte's statement that he would challenge the Chinese to a fist fight or a gun battle was "kagaguhan (stupidity)."

"Is that the type of leadership he will bring to the country? Is fist fight or gun battle your response to all the problems of our country and our countrymen?" the LP standard

bearer said.

"Being a commander-in-chief is a tough responsibility. You don't put your troops in danger because of your tough words or to avoid losing your face. Lives are at stake here. Our country is at stake here," he added.

Roxas, who backs the country's move to file a case against China before an international tribunal, said posing a challenge to China would not address the territorial dispute.

### Tough talk

With regard to Duterte's foul language and sexist comments, Roxas claimed the mayor does not recognize views that go against his "narrow and limited" perspective.

"You continue to disrespect different sectors of our society including women, (members of) LGBT (lesbians, gays, bisexuals and transsexuals) and your opponents. You do not have respect for anyone," he said.

Duterte previously admitted to being a womanizer with two wives and two girlfriends. He was also photographed with female supporters sitting on his lap. Duterte, however, has

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denied treating women as mere sex objects, saying he was just being honest to the public.

Roxas also criticized Duterte's use of the word "bakla" (gay) to describe him and the Aquino administration.

"You (Duterte) represent the biggest danger to our country. You will bring us to uncertainty," he added.

Interestingly, Roxas appeared to have used a gender stereotype in denouncing Duterte's supposed sexist attitude.

"Ang tunay na lalaki, hindi maingay. Ang tunay na lalaki, hindi tawag-pansin. Ang tunay na lalaki, may respeto. Ang tunay na lalaki, kilala ang kanyang limitasyon," he said.

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