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CACHOLA RECEIVES PRESTIGIOUS AWARD FROM PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT

By Carlota ADER

Honolulu City Councilmember Romy M. Cachola was recently bestowed the 18 December Award For 2009, a prestigious award created in 2008 by the Philippine government to honor Filipinos and organizations that have significantly contributed to the protection of the rights of Filipino migrants in the Philippines and overseas.

In a press release, Philippine Consul General Leoncio R. Cardenas stated the following: "In the past thirty years, Councilman Cachola's dedication and advocacy in the promotion of the rights of Filipino veterans, the sakadas, nurses and those in other professions, as a legislator, public servant and community leader, have earned him not only the immense gratitude of the Filipino community but also the respect of the larger community in Honolulu. From thousands of nominations from Filipinos all over the

world, Councilman Cachola was among five recipients of the award."

Cachola was chosen to represent the USA. The other honorees included Ms. Benedicta Offen (United Kingdom), the Apostleship of the Sea (United Kingdom), the Afro-Asian Migrant Center (Lebanon) and Rev. Fr. Agustin Advincula (Lebanon).

"Romy is a true champion of the rights of Filipino migrants and we are very proud of him," says Consul General Cardenas.



Councilmember Romy Cachola (6th from right) in Manila with Philippine government officials and other recipients of the 18 December Award

ADVOCATING FILIPINO RIGHTS

Cachola has served as an elected official since 1984, serving in the State House of Representatives for 16 years until the

year 2000 when he ran and won a seat on the City Council. During his years in public office, he enacted numerous initiatives for

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City Council Honors Radford Cheerleaders for National Title



By Dennis GALOLO

Councilmember Cachola presented an honorary certificate to national champion Radford High School's cheerleaders during the City Council's meeting on January 27, 2010.

Radford's cheerleaders were honored for winning the 2009-2010 National Cheerleaders Association (NCA) National

Cheerleading Championship, held December 28-29, 2009 in Dallas, Texas. They faced over 150 of the very best cheerleading teams from across the U.S., including state champions from Texas, Illinois, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Indiana.

Winning the national title was quite an accomplishment for Radford's 12-member

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Judge Grauly to be Honored as Outstanding 'Oldtimer'

By Shalimar PAGULAYAN

State Circuit Court Judge Rey Grauly will be honored as the Outstanding Oldtimer of the Year by the Hawaii Junior Chamber International (JCI) Senators, United States Junior Chamber Ambassadors, Jaycee Oldtimers and current Jaycees at the 31st Annual Hawaii JCI Senate Oldtimers Recognition Banquet.

The banquet is scheduled for February 5, 2010 at 5:30 pm at the Japanese Cultural Center Manoa Grand Ballroom.

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EDITORIAL

Drug Test

Starting this month, the Commission of Higher Education will implement a random drug test in public and private universities in Central Visayas. A report said at least 30 college students per school will undergo the test, which will be held from the last week of February to the first week of March.

The drug testing is mandated by the law as a measure against the illegal drug trade. Under the Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002, college students shall undergo the drug testing with the cost to be shouldered by the government.

Drug testing is also contained in the students' handbook. The move is part of the Department of Education's drive to help authorities stamp out the illegal drugs in schools across the country.

It is undeniable that the drug trade has already penetrated different colleges and universities in the country. In fact, the drug menace has even infiltrated the elementary and high school.



Government data showed that majority of the illegal drug victims are students. One reason is that they helplessly succumb to pressures from classmates and friends.

Besides, students harbor a very active lifestyle that the need to take drugs seems inevitable. So it is among the students that authorities should concentrate in their campaign against illegal drugs.

We view the implementation of the random drug testing among students as an effective way to combat the menace that is now slowly penetrating the system that serves as springboard for the youth in their quest for a better tomorrow.

It is certainly a way of sending a message to students that the effects of drugs cannot only be measured physically. The mental effects have far more consequences as they enable the victims to lose their ability to face the future.

But for as long the students' rights are not violated, the random drug testing could be the start of a more serious approach in the drive against illegal drugs.

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On the Rise

Decades after the first case of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome was diagnosed in another country, the prevalence of AIDS and the Human Immunodeficiency Virus remains low in the Philippines. Some have attributed this to weak reporting and wrong diagnosis of symptoms, while others suspect that certain viruses do not thrive in this country.

Today, with potent cocktails of drugs proving effective in slowing the spread of HIV, public concern over AIDS is even lower than when Sarah Jane Salazar came out in the open to campaign against the spread of the disease that eventually claimed her life. But the low prevalence and improved treatment should not lull the country into complacency about a deadly disease.

The United Nations agency in Manila has warned that HIV infection has been increasing "at an unprecedented rate" among Filipino youth. The Department of Health has also reported that last year, 126 new AIDS cases were recorded – the highest in the past 25 years. Most of the cases involved sex between men aged 25 and 29 years old, the DOH reported.

Government epidemiologists have warned that the ingredients for an AIDS epidemic are present in the country: a high prevalence of sexually transmitted infections, sex at an early age, low rate of condom use and insufficient knowledge about the disease. The epidemiologists point out that while many Filipinos are aware of AIDS, few people are aware of the three modes of HIV transmission, and still have numerous misconceptions about

the disease.

The government is partly to blame for this, with its refusal to promote safe sex through the use of condoms. Under the Arroyo administration, the DOH has abandoned family planning and safe sex programs and has kept millions of women in the dark about their reproductive health.

The lack of information on AIDS/HIV is one of the factors behind the rising number of infections. From 41 cases in 2007, for example, 110 HIV infections were reported in 2008 among Filipinos aged 15 to 24. Noting that the rising number "has become a cause for alarm," the UN has urged the Philippine government to improve its campaign against AIDS/HIV along with other deadly diseases, which is one of the eight Millennium Development Goals. Dealing with this scourge must be among the priorities of the DOH when a new administration is in place. (www.philstar.com) ■

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COMMENTARY

One Year Later: Someone Please Tell Obama He Is President

by Edwin QUINABO

So much for President Barack Obama's populist slogan: "Hope."

After eight years of Republican rule, Democrats still fight a losing battle, Washington walks in gridlock circles and Wall Street mightily dictates policy. The hope for real change ticks on for one reason: Obama has shown weak presidential leadership, talking tough rhetoric, but flexing little negotiating muscle.

Certainly assigning a grade to any sitting president after one year usually depends on who is doing the assessment. Republicans stood by George W even after his ruinous first-term. Democrats, a much more undisciplined, motley group, traditionally stood by their executive chiefs through blunder after blunder, holding steadfast to the idea of political loyalty.

Based on this innate, unbiased outlook, how is Obama, a unique self-proclaimed independent under the banner of the Democratic party, and under the naive notion that all rules of partisanship can suddenly be transcended by his election, faring after one year of office?

His one-year report card could be generalized in the following: a disappointing "D" among Democrats for his playing the centrist role without any results on policy; a "D" among independents for his playing the leftiste role without any results on policy; and a failing "F" among Republicans for his supposed radical role against the status quo. Who and what are we to believe? Perhaps Hillary Clinton's repeated name-calling of a "naive" Obama during their presidential bid is most apt. His freshman attempts to challenge a stubborn system, drawn deeply along rigid party lines, resemble an ambitious student on the fast track — brilliant, idealistic, but feeling his way instead of leading the way. Many Americans are baffled over who this president really is, not because of his convictions, but his soft commitment to push through with them. Americans can only hope that after one year, he can believe what already is — that he's the president of the United States, and ought to govern like a leader the populist have elected.

OBAMA'S BIGGEST FAILURE THIS YEAR

Hands down, Obama's whopping bust is healthcare reform. His "please-everyone" concessions have killed "real" promising healthcare reform, whether or not this current watered-down, set-to-fail version

passes. While the Democratic leadership struggled for a decisive quarterback to draw-up clear plans on how to get healthcare with a public option passed, and more importantly, sell it to the American people and pressure lawmakers to act, Obama chose to sit sidelined, waiting for whatever Congress came up with. His motivation for resting behind a standby White House still leaves supporters wondering why.

Did his desire to be perceived a victor trump his resolve for true healthcare reform? — waiting safely for the most popular healthcare bill to pass out of Congress, as if the public option feature didn't matter. With the election of Scott Brown to the U.S. Senate, a win which cost the Democratic party its filibuster-proof majority, Obama's waiting gamble may prove to be a fatal error for the president to claim any healthcare reform victory at all.

Now that the damage is done on this teetering bill, Obama's central feature of domestic policy, the big question is how much traction can he realistically muster onto other controversial issues — such as immigration reform? Or has the once bearer of hope actually squandered his historical populist momentum in just one year?

THE OBAMA NARRATIVE ISN'T OVER...

Obama's latest banking reform package seems to signal a new direction for his flagging administration, one that embraces the populist suit he fits so well. His latest fight aims to cut down to size the largest banks that left the nation's economy in shambles. His reform package includes prohibiting activities deemed as risky bets in the market and regulating practices that encourage consolidation in the financial industry. The most eye-brow raising among the reform includes new taxes on these banks to reclaim some of the bailout money they received from American taxpayers.

Given the magnitude of this feat, forecasters can already predict if taking on insurance companies and pharmaceutical giants were too daunting for Obama in the healthcare debate,

what pitfalls lie before him butting heads with the true masters of Capitalism, the U.S. International banking industry. But in a clear posturing attempt to strike fear in the hearts of powerful financiers, the president is taking on this next challenge with a pugnacious spirit never seen before.

With that said just one day after announcing this development, Obama confuses Americans once again, retreating, and pitching a spending freeze in the face of massive joblessness, which economists say will only further hurt the mainstream middle- and working classes. This latest move, no doubt inspired by "rightist" advisers, highlights once again Obama's wishy-washy, flip-flop presidency, where in the end, nothing significant gets passed.

WHO ELSE CAN SHARE IN THE BLAME?

Americans cannot be deluded into thinking that Obama's inability to pass significant policy is based solely on his poor leadership. Walking the political gridlock tightrope, the president at least must be credited for trying to bring Republican and Democrats to agree on common ground. Republicans, who shouldn't have been surprised by the administration's goal to take on healthcare reform in 2009, have yet to present a comprehensive GOP proposal for the president to work with. Instead, they've resorted to Congressional procedural blocks, stalls, and costly campaign scare tactics.

For Obama, one year of playing the amiable independent to pass legislation through bipartisanship is devastating enough. This one critical year sadly cost a near century struggle to get some form of national healthcare enacted. The lost opportunity cost millions of Americans today, and who knows for how long into the future, a chance to access affordable healthcare.

The basic truth to American politics is: demands of a partisan system requires that a president be partisan to get things done. The power of partisanship is so convincing that even evangelical Christians (the grassroots base of the Republican party), with all their claims to preserving life and charity, would vote against a bill such as healthcare reform, which

highest truth is precisely for the purpose of preserving life and charity.

WHAT OBAMA NEEDS TO DO?

Two likely scenarios could play out during Obama's sophomore year. As the country's first true "outsider-president," Obama still isn't comfortable with his new position. His first-year trouncing could scare the president to new heights of timidity and disbelief in his own rhetoric. He might backpedal and concede to the powers-that-be, as he has been doing, only more frequently. Should this route be his choosing, he would have achieved mere symbolic history, becoming the first black, one-term president, nothing more in the way of what he was expected to get done.

Or, a likely course of action perhaps later in his presidency is to begin to make real changes. Obama must finally realize his "outsider" status carries the greatest legitimacy for him being at the helm. Those around him whose counsel he passes off as his own are the true outsiders disconnected with the populace. Streaky popular polls, media pundits (mostly all white elitists) all contribute to a layering of confusion Obama buys into; and worse off, acquiesce to.

Obama must embrace the unique multi-base that voted him into office in the first place: the country's NEW majority. Obama owes it to this base — Blacks (95%), Hispanics (66%), Asians (63%), White working class (55%), Catholics (54%), Jews (78%), Buddhists and all other faiths except Evangelical Christians (73%), secularists (75%), women (55%), college educated

and high income earners over \$200,000 (53%), and young voters (66%) — to back their positions on the issues. Republicans, who clearly showed cooperation is off the table, as well as fickle independents, should receive secondary consideration. Conciliatory efforts to these groups (whose only goal is to see him fail) must be redirected to strengthening coalitions with America's NEW majority that supported Obama's historic victory.

Americans are reluctant to talk about themselves as separate, diverse groups after a presidential election, siding instead for an idealistic, homogenous, collective label as "Americans" moving forward together for the greater good of the country. Given partisan politics' iron grip on Washington affairs, America's NEW majority cannot afford to let those who speak of such cozy, fanciful propaganda lull them away from the fight for real change. The great lesson for Obama this freshman year is this — neither should he. Reconciling the gap between idealism and reality should not come at the constant expense of one-sided Democrat concessions. If championing so-called independent and centrist values over Democratic ones were his original intention, Obama should have run as an Independent in the first place. Obama has time to learn from his errors. But recent developments show he's become a proficient student of a system overrun by special interests, the quintessential model America's NEW majority voted against.

Americans can only wish for a restart button, and suddenly that slogan of "Hope" actually might have a genuine meaning behind. ■

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the benefit of all Hawaii residents.

Political observers say that Cachola has earned a reputation as a staunch advocate on many issues affecting the Filipino community. According to Joe Lazo, a Filipino leader and well-known radio personality, Cachola has constantly looked at ways to assist his kababayans as well as to protect and enhance the image of Filipinos.

"He is very deserving of the award," he says. "Such recognition for him is long overdue. I give Romy an A-plus as an elected official. The entire Filipino community as a whole respects him for always doing his best for them."

HELPING FIL-AM VETERANS

Those who have benefited from Cachola's assistance include Filipino veterans of World War II. As a State representative, he introduced legislation that provided key benefits for Filipino World War II veterans, including burial assistance and the privileges to be buried at a U.S. veterans cemetery. He tirelessly lobbied his House colleagues and members of Hawaii's Congressional delegation to support the Filipino veterans.

Cachola continued his support of Filipino veterans when elected to the City Council. He introduced several resolutions that urged Congress to support the Veterans' Benefits Enhancement Act, which expands the eligibility for Filipino veterans' benefits provided by the U.S. Department of Foreign Affairs.

"We owe a debt of gratitude to Romy for being very supportive of our cause," says Art Calveda, president of the Hawaii Chapter of World War II Filipino-American Veterans. "He has been one of our staunchest supporters."

Calveda also thanked Cachola's wife Erlinda, a medical doctor, for providing medical care

for the aging veterans.

OPERATION NIGHTINGALE

Another Cachola initiative that has positively impacted Filipino migrants was Operation Nightingale, a training and re-view program that helped to resolve Hawaii's nursing shortage. One of Cachola's most enduring legacies as an elected official, Operation Nightingale prepares both U.S.-trained and foreign nursing graduates for licensing exams required by the Hawaii State Board of Nursing.

The program is a partnership between the State and local hospitals. The State provided funds for the review classes and the hospitals provided enrollees—employees who held degrees in nursing but worked as LPNs, ward clerks and nurse aides. In lieu of working, hospitals paid the salaries and benefits for enrollees while they prepared for the licensing exams.

According to Luz Gantan, executive director of the Filipino Nurses Organization of Hawaii (FNOH), Operation Nightingale was a very effective program that helped many Filipino nurses to pass.

"Romy has been sympathetic to the nursing profession and supportive of our concerns," she says. "We've missed Romy at the Legislature now that he's moved on to the City Council."

DESPERATE HOUSEWIVES

Cachola moved quickly and decisively against an offensive remark aired during "Desperate Housewives," a popular ABC-TV series. He introduced a resolution that called upon the network giant to account for the remarks that disparaged Philippine-trained physicians and other healthcare professionals.

The City Council was the first legislative body in the U.S. to con-



Romy administers an eye test for a patient at a recent Kalhi Health Fair, which provides free annual medical services to immigrants and the very poor.

demn ABC-TV. Charlene Cuarensma, president of the Filipino Coalition For Solidarity, says that a swift response by the global Filipino community, including Hawaii, sent a clear message to the U.S. mainstream media that there is no room in the American marketplace for racism.

"Unlike other states, Hawaii is very fortunate to have elected officials from diverse backgrounds like Councilman Cachola, who has earned tremendous grassroots support," she says. "It's no accident that Hawaii is seen by the rest of the country as a champion for minorities."

Ultimately, Cachola's resolution, which was supported by Council colleagues Nestor Garcia and Donovan Dela Cruz, reinforced the National Federation of Filipino American Association's (NaFFA) negotiations with ABC network executives to ensure diversity in the company's hiring practices, opportunities for internships and that writers consult cultural experts from the Filipino community and other underrepresented groups.

BOOSTING TOURISM

Cachola served as chair of the House Tourism Committee for 12 consecutive years during the late 1980s and much of the 1990s. According to Murray Towill, presi-

dent of the Hawaii Hotel Association, Cachola's initiatives as chair helped to improve the livelihoods of hotel workers, including thousands of Filipinos, many of them immigrants, employed by the visitor industry.

"Romy was an active and effective leader in the Legislature," says Towill. "He was instrumental in getting a number of positive bills passed. He recognizes the importance of the visitor industry and that the healthier it is, the better overall for taxpayers and the State in general."

FUTURE GENERATIONS

Yet another of Cachola's contributions was serving as honorary chair of statewide events commemorating the 40th Anniversary of the 1946 sakadas and the 80th Anniversary of the arrival of the first Filipinos to Hawaii. He also served on the Filipino Centennial Commission.

To commemorate these events, a young narra tree, which became known as the Sakada Tree, was planted in 1986 on the grounds of the Hawaii State Capitol. More recently, another narra tree was planted at Ala Moana Beach Park during the Filipino Centennial. Both trees are reminders to future generations

of Filipinos to never forget the sacrifices made by those before them.

Later this year, the Cacholas and dozens of community volunteers will be holding the 27th Annual Kalhi Health Fair, a yearly event that strives to address the health needs of the poor and needy in Kalihi and surrounding neighborhoods.

As immigrants, Cachola and his wife Erlinda experienced many hardships during their humble beginnings in Hawaii. Romy offers the following advice to all immigrants:

- Always do your best.
• Don't be afraid to take chances.
• Never forget where you came from.
• Remember those who helped you.
• Strive to give back to the community.
• Pray and never give up.

"I want to thank the Philippine government for this award. It's not only for me, but for all Filipinos worldwide," Cachola says. "The award has inspired me to do even more and I hope it will encourage others to do their share to make our community a better place for everyone." ■

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squad, which brought it's "A-game" against the elite caliber of opponents at the nationals.

Radford is also the Hawaii State Champion, having won the Middle Division Championship in early December 2009 at the UH-Manoa Stan Sheriff Center. Overall, it was the fifth state cheerleading title for Radford, all under Coach Bo Frank.

Councilmember Romy Calchola congratulated the team and stated that the entire community is proud of their accomplishments.

"It's rare for any high school athlete or team in any sport to be

both a state and national champion—but Radford can claim both," he said.

Team members include: Kyla Antonio, Malysa Barbas, Christopher Fletcher, Ridge Frank, Rachel Gines, Hunter Kea, Kaycee Kealoha, Melissa Lowe, Jayva Pailing, Tiana Pating, Liko Seaveastasi and Amber Sistoza. Their coaches are Bo Frank and Thomas Luna.

"What separates these cheerleaders from other athletes is that they remain upbeat no matter the outcome," Councilmember Cachola said. "They truly represent the very best of Radford High School and Ram Pride." ■

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Jaycees and the Oahu Filipino Jaycees, Grautly will be honored for utilizing the knowledge and experience gained from the Jaycees and making the community a better place for all.

According to JCI officials,

Grautly has lived his life to reflect the last line of the Jaycee Creed: "That service to humanity is the Best Work of Life."

More details on the Hawaii JCI Banquet are available by contacting Mike Fujioka, JCI Senate Vice President, at 295-9754. ■



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More Inspectors, Funds Needed to Stop Illegal Fireworks



by Senator Will ESPERO

The recent 2010 New Year celebrations highlighted illegal aeriels and booming bombs throughout Oahu. With the new legislative session upon us once again, calls for a complete ban on individual fireworks use are permeating in the news and blogosphere. If Hawaii residents would just follow the existing laws, the calls for a ban would be minimal. Unfortunately, many people blatantly disregard our laws, and many residents are angry and upset at the perceived lack of action being taken by law enforcement. HPD did respond to many calls, and it has been reported there was an increase in citations this year. With the high number of calls and limited resources, however, they could only do so much.

I have heard that booming bombs started as early as September in some areas of Oahu. Someone even told me the bombs go off year round. Certainly by Thanksgiving, it was common to hear the bombs or see illegal aerial fireworks in residential neighborhoods.

Our dilemma at the Legislature is our constituency is split

when it comes to a fireworks ban except for cultural and religious reasons and commercial regional presentations. There are many who say fireworks are an island and Asian tradition that is celebrated by numerous families. Others feel the noise and smoke are too much for those with health or breathing problems and pets in particular. One new station reporter there had been pet deaths due to illegal usage. With a divided constituency, there is no consensus among lawmakers on the right course of action.

In October 2009, the Senate Public Safety and Military Affairs Committee held an informational briefing at the Capitol focusing on the smuggling of illegal aerial fireworks into Hawaii. The Federal Aviation Administration, HPD, county fireworks inspectors, civil defense staff, fireworks industry, state Department of Transportation, a Matson rep and others testified on their expertise. One gaping hole we found was the domestic containers brought into Hawaii from the mainland by Matson and Horizon do not include enough random inspections. Only about 5 percent of those containers are randomly inspected. I believe this is unacceptable in our state. Thus if at least 100,000 containers are imported, at least 95,000 are not inspected at all. It's easy to see where some of the illegal contra-

band is coming from.

What is also alarming is the random inspections do not include the use of sniffing dogs or explosive detection equipment. One would think that after September 11, these items would be used for domestic container inspections. This is also unacceptable, and residents must demand better security and inspection methods from government officials. Conversely and ironically, when it comes to foreign containers from abroad, 100 percent of the containers are inspected. The threat from foreign shores is serious but I question the wisdom in the drastic discrepancy between foreign and domestic container inspections. Apparently the threat of domestic contraband does not rise to the level of foreign contraband, and this mentality must change. State and federal officials must address this open issue when it comes to container inspections. I feel more sense to be done. It does not make any sense to place a high priority on foreign containers and what I call a low priority on domestic containers.

The state Department of Agriculture advised me that agricultural containers are 100 percent inspected from the mainland to combat invasive species. If we can provide resources for invasive species, we should be able to increase resources for other

contraband such as explosives and methamphetamine.

Our briefing also found that explosives are arriving by mail. Mail courier companies like FedEx for example do not routinely x-ray packages for explosives. The FAA and TSA are involved here, and I was told passenger planes get more scrutiny and attention than air cargo planes and that seems reasonable. In one instance for example, fireworks were discovered only because the shipped package had torn open.

Lacking a ban of fireworks, what should the Legislature do? Two places to seek assistance are our Congressional delegation and the Department of Homeland Security. The state should request federal funding to improve our port and air cargo security since a dirty bomb or other high explosives detonated in Waikiki or downtown would have devastating effects on our economy. More resources for law enforcement to catch and convict blatant law breakers are needed as well. An increase in import and user fees

is a way to raise funds for law enforcement. Stronger penalties and punishment against law breakers are also warranted. I would like to see the fine doubled from \$2000 to \$4000 for disregarding some of our fireworks laws. This session I will be introducing legislation to address these matters.

Many Hawaii residents reading this article know neighbors or friends who broke the law or are still breaking the law with loud bombs or illegal aerial fireworks. Local attitudes must change and family members or others must become responsible and stop illegal activity. Frankly, the negative actions of a few are pushing this debate, and if residents don't start respecting our laws and the rights of their neighbors, an outright ban on individual fireworks could be a possibility.

Finally, in this election year, ask your current elected officials and candidates for office how they feel about fireworks. Do they support a ban? Will they support more funding for law enforcement? How will they secure our harbors better? As a society, we must tackle on this issue as it is not likely to go away. ■

■ HAWAII-FILIPINO NEWS ■

Better Business Bureau Warns of New Scam Using BBB Name

HAWAII'S BBB IS WARNING CONSUMERS about phone scammers who are using the BBB name to trick people into believing they have won a prize package. Hawaii's BBB recently obtained the first report of this fake prize scam and similar stories have emerged from BBBs on the Mainland as well.

In one instance, a Honolulu woman received a phone call from a man named Michael Kobani who claimed to work for the Better Business Bureau. He informed her that she had won a \$900,000 in a sweepstakes lottery and all she had to do to receive the prize was to wire \$1,000 to his California address. Thankfully, a scam-savvy employee at the Dillingham Money Mart refused to conduct the transaction.

When he did not receive the money, Kobani called the woman the next day and told her to send a money order instead. That's when

she called Hawaii's BBB.

"Scammers use the well-known and trusted name of BBB to make themselves seem legitimate," says Dwight Kealoha, CEO of Hawaii's BBB. "BBB has nothing to do with sweepstakes, giving away money or contacting prize winners."

Fake lotteries, sweepstakes or other prize offers was the number one scam in the state last year, with Hawaii's BBB receiving more than 1,800 related complaints, reports and inquiries.

BBB offers the following tips on how to avoid lottery, sweepstakes, or other prize fraud.

- Do not pay to collect your winnings. Legitimate sweepstakes or contests don't require up front tax payments, or charge insurance, delivery or other fees to collect a prize.
- Hold on to your money. Scammers pressure people

to wire funds through money transfer companies because wiring money is the same as sending cash—but when the money's gone, there's very little chance of recovery. They may also ask for a check or money order sent by overnight delivery or courier. Rip-off artists like these services because they can get to your money before you realize that you've been cheated.

- When in doubt, check it out with Hawaii's BBB. Verify written offers and tell any suspicious caller that you are going to check with BBB before agreeing to anything.

If you or someone you know have been contacted about winning a prize in a contest that was not entered, report it to Hawaii's BBB at 536-6956 or toll free from the Neighbor Islands at 1-877-222-6551. ■

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MAYOR'S COLUMN



AROUND THE ISLAND

by Mayor Mufi HANNEMANN

Our continuing effort to improve public parks and facilities took another big step forward in January when we began work on a new gym, play courts and a parking lot at Ewa Mahiko District Park, on the former site of the old Ewa Sugar Mill on Renton Road.

This neighborhood is very important to our Filipino community, and the \$8.3 million project will provide much-needed recreational facilities for a part of Oahu that's rapidly growing.

The project should be completed late next year, and I'm sure everyone will enjoy the new additions, including a 10,440-square-foot gym, multipurpose building, two basketball courts, two tennis courts, two volleyball courts, lighting, walkways, irrigation, and a 235-stall parking lot.

Moving Forward in the Year of the Tiger

On another subject, I'm very pleased that the City Council has confirmed my appointment of Theresia McMurdo, Kapolei Property Development vice president for public affairs, to the Board of Water Supply. She is a dedicated community leader, has served as chair of the Filipino Community Center board, and currently serves as vice chair. Congratulations, Theresia!

Likewise, I'm very pleased to appoint entrepreneur Eddie Flores, President and CEO of L & L Drive-Inn, to the Honolulu Police Commission. He is well-known for his community service, and has also served as chair of the Filipino Community Center board. I'm sure he will make a fine police commissioner upon the Council's confirmation.

There's much for all of us to look forward to this year. The Chinese Year of the Tiger officially begins on February 14, and traditional observances art already under way in Chinatown, including lion dances, fireworks, exhibits, singing and dancing, martial arts demonstrations, feng shui displays, fortune-telling, and a wide variety of food that represent the rich diversity of the Chi-



Mayor Mufi Hannemann recently joined other officials and community members for a groundbreaking ceremony at Ewa Mahiko District Park, which will soon have a new gym, play courts and a parking lot.

natown community.

Chinatown is very important to all of us, and I'm proud that my work in fostering the arts and community development there was among the efforts recognized by two groups that recently awarded me the 2010 National Award for Local Arts Leadership. In presenting the award in Washington DC, Americans for the Arts and the US Conference of Mayors noted that I introduced legislation to create an arts enterprise zone in downtown Honolulu in 1997, as a City Council member. In 2001, in collaboration with the Hawaii Arts Alliance, the ARTS at Marks Garage opened as a result of his legislation. Today, this new arts center's activities serve

nearly 30,000 people and more than 1,000 artists each year.

It's truly an honor to be recognized for something in which I believe so passionately. I accepted this award on behalf of all those people and organizations in the City and County of Honolulu who share that same passion for the arts, and understand how important the arts are in adding to our city's quality of life. The arts define the essence and the soul of a city.

On another subject, I'm very pleased that the Construction Industry Task Force has recommended that the city's rail transit project should be the state's top priority.

The 16-member task force

formed last year by the Legislature and composed of local business and community leaders highlighted the recommendation in a report on ways to improve the economy. The group stressed that "one overarching consensus was the need to support the Honolulu Rail Transit Project."

"While other plans for construction in both the public and private sectors will be helpful, no other project on the horizon has the same potential for generating jobs, assisting local business and contributing to Hawaii's overall economy," the report stated in reference to the rail project.

The report independently validates what we have been saying all along: rail is the number one economic stimulus project that Hawaii has to offer. Unlike other economic initiatives being proposed at this point, rail can help our economy right away. Rail is shovel-ready, will put thousands of people back to work and pump \$300 million in the local economy this year through construction.

For jobs, our economy, our transportation needs, and our island's future, it's time for this project to move forward. ■

HAWAII-FILIPINO NEWS

State to Receive \$6 Million For "Green Jobs"

HAWAII WILL RECEIVE \$6 MILLION IN RECOVERY ACT FUNDS to help develop Hawaii's green industries by providing workers with cutting-edge training in energy efficiency, renewable energy and biofuels.

"This \$6 million grant will be used to train some 1,400 people in Hawaii to work in clean energy jobs," says U.S. Rep. Mazie Hirono. "These are the kinds of jobs that will help Hawaii become more energy self-sufficient."

The money, which comes via State Energy Sector Partner-

ship and Training Grants from the U.S. Department of Labor, will provide workers with the skills needed for emerging energy efficiency and renewable energy industries. Participants will learn the technical and occupational skills necessary to obtain industry-recognized credentials.

The grantee is the State Department of Labor & Industrial Relations which will develop curricula and training programs with opportunities to obtain certificates and/or degrees in Home

Energy Rating System (HERS), Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED), Solar Photovoltaic Installation, Biofuels Processing and Power Plant Operation.

Funding will be allocated to the following entities:

- Hawaii's One-Stop Career Centers, to focus on providing services to dislocated workers and veterans.
- Catholic Charities and Goodwill Industries of Hawaii, which will provide

recruiting, training, placement and retention services to target populations.

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ment, recruiting, training, placement and retention services to populations that have not traditionally utilized the State's One-Stop Career Centers. ■



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LEGAL MATTERS

Can Dual Citizen Run for Office in Philippines?



by **Atty. Emmanuel Samonte TIPON**

A number of FilAm dreams of running for office in the Philippines while retaining their U.S. citizenship. "Nanangangka sa dalawang ilog," as they say it in Tagalog.

In the early 90's, I had breakfast at the Manila Hotel with my fraternity brother, Leonardo B. Perez, then a member of Congress from Nueva Vizcaya. I wrote on a napkin a proposed dual citizenship bill titled: "Once a Filipino, always a Filipino." The bill simply reads:

"A natural-born Filipino citizen shall not lose his citizenship by the fact that he is naturalized as a citizen under the laws of another country."

"Can you sponsor this bill, brod?" I asked him.

"Yes, but you better have Joe de Venecia as the main sponsor. Whatever Joe wants, Joe gets." Joe was the powerful speaker of the House. I went to his Dasmariñas Village home.

"Maganda ito," exclaimed Joe. "You better take care of this. It will help you," he told Congressman Manny Sanchez who was nearby. Manny, also my fraternity brod, was the congressman of Rizal but the Sumulong were contesting his election on the ground that he was a U.S. citizen.

Joe filed my bill exactly as I wrote it. Unfortunately, the anti-balikbayan members of Congress

torpedoed the bill. One of them expressed concern that I might be running against them. "I do not have any ill gotten wealth to finance a political campaign," I responded.

Subsequently, I had breakfast with Manny Villar at the MGM Grand in Las Vegas. We were introduced by a mutual friend, Atty. Bert Bravo, the multi-millionaire businessman of U-Bix fame. I asked Manny to re-sponsor my dual citizenship bill. He said that the political climate was not good because there was a strong anti-balikbayan sentiment in Congress who believed that FilAms want to have the best of both worlds. "Wait 'til I am President," he remarked, winking.

ADVANTAGES OF MY DUAL CITIZENSHIP BILL

Under my bill, a natural born Filipino did not have to do anything to retain his Filipino citizenship. As a full-fledged Filipino, he could do anything any Filipino citizen could.

The new dual citizenship bill enacted by Congress is a farce. I have nothing to do with it. A former Filipino citizen must take an oath of allegiance to the Philippines and pay a fee to reacquire Philippine citizenship.

EFFECT OF OATH OF ALLEGIANCE TO FOREIGN COUNTRY

If you took the oath of allegiance to the Philippines, a foreign country in the eyes of U.S. law, what will you write on your U.S. passport application when it asks you whether you have ever taken an oath of allegiance to a foreign

country? If you say "yes," you will probably be denied a passport. If you say "no," you will be making a false statement under oath. Under my dual citizenship bill, you did not have this problem because it did not require you to take an oath of allegiance to the Philippines.

NECESSITY OF RELINQUISHING U.S. CITIZENSHIP TO RUN FOR OFFICE

So, you are now a Filipino citizen again, while retaining your U.S. citizenship. Can you now run for public office in the Philippines? After all, Filipino citizens can run for public office.

No. You must relinquish your U.S. citizenship, first. Why? Because that is what the new dual citizenship law requires. A dual citizen is not really a genuine Filipino citizen because he or she does not have equal rights as a Filipino citizen. The dual citizen must relinquish his or her U.S. citizenship in a written form, under oath, and filed with the proper Philippine government office. But if you do that, you will have lost your U.S. citizenship.

According to the Philippine Supreme Court, in *Guzman v. Commission on Elections, G.R. No. 180048, June 19, 2009*: "Section 5(2) of Republic Act



No. 9225 compels natural born Filipinos, who have been naturalized as citizens of a foreign country, but who reacquired or retained their Philippine citizenship (1) to take the oath of allegiance under section 3 of Republic Act No. 9225, and (2) for those seeking elective public offices in the Philippines to additionally execute a personal and sworn renunciation of any and all foreign citizenship before or simultaneous to the filing of their certificate of candidacy, to qualify as candidates in Philippine elections."

WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR RENUNCIATION REQUIREMENT

Ask Franklin Drilon, a senatorial aspirant in the Aquino-Roxas ticket, who was then a Senator when this dual citizenship bill was being discussed. "I think it's very good, ha?" he remarked when the renunciation of American citizenship was imposed as a requirement for running for

public office of a former Filipino citizen.

WHAT IF YOU LOSE?

So you renounced U.S. citizenship to run for mayor or councilor of your little town. What if you lose? "Massakit, kuya Eddie," as Eddie Ilarde's radio listeners would say when they complained to him about their misfortune.

Can you reacquire your U.S. citizenship? That is another story. ■

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ILOCOS SURIAN HOMECOMING MISSION 2009

Sixty volunteers from Hawaii and the mainland joined the Ilocos Surian Homecoming Mission 2009 which covered nine cities in nine days from December 15 to 23. Local volunteers from Manila and Ilocos joined the group. The entourage included internists, surgeons, nurses, medical practitioners and lay volunteers. Total patients served was estimated at 15,000. This is the third homecoming mission of Ilocos Surian Association of Hawaii in six years. The mission also featured the Ilocos Sur Idol, a singing contest, and Academic Excellence Competition for elementary and high school students.



Dr. Diane Place, a volunteer from Barbados and Dr. Rey Etrata from California and Santiago work on patients from Santa, Ilocos Sur assisted by Fely Ricardo and Emi Etrata respectively



Sinait had a total of 120 surgeries of different body parts. Dr. Jess Valencia, Surgery Department Head of the University of Santo Tomas, led the team of surgeons



Volunteers express their Mahalo to ISAH Homecoming Mission sponsors Renato & Maria AF Etrata Foundation, Titans USA Foundation and Bayanihan Clinic Without Walls



Aloha Night Reception for mission volunteers closed historic Calle Crisologo at the heart of Vigan City



Early breakfast orientations at Hotel Salcedo de Vigan -- "The goal is to serve everyone who comes to the mission with medications, vitamins, surgery, gifts and caring."



The ISAH Homecoming Mission volunteers after a hard day's work in Santiago, Ilocos Sur



Cuantacla -- More than 1000 Cabuguenians were served. They came by busloads from neighboring barangays



Ilocos Sur Idol run for 6 weeks prior to mission week on DWRS, Ilocos Sur commando radio. It generated awareness among local folks on the medical mission



Pharmacy section at Sinait -- The count-pack-label group. There was no OD at all



Dr. Erlinda Cuchola assisted by Maria Etrata, attending to a patient in Barangay Merville in Paranaque, Metro Manila



Academic Excellence Competition High School Division winners with ISAH Homecoming Mission volunteers



A sidetrip lunchtime medical mission to Barangay Dadaeman in Pasuquin sponsored by Jimmy and Kathy Adaoag



Destination Barangay Rancho, Santa, Ilocos Sur. Reachable only by a bamboo bridge after typhoon Ondoy destroyed the infrastructure



ISAH Homecoming Mission went as far as Pasuquin, Ilocos Norte with a medical mission and Academic Excellence Competition in cooperation with Dr. Arnold and Mrs. Dory Villafuerte

FOOD & LEISURE

Jeep Thrills at Intercon's Cebu Fest

by Ching M. ALANO

The Queen City of the South has laid out a feast fit for a king — or is it the Queen of Sheba? — at Café Jeepney, InterContinental Manila until Jan. 31. With Café Jeepney in Makati on an 18-day Cebu stopover, we're thrilled to hop aboard this iconic native-themed coffee shop one fine Wednesday lunch. We've always loved Cebu — sea and sand, sights and sounds, and food, but of course! And now, while it can't bring its breathtaking blue waters to Manila, Maribago Bluewater Beach Resort has flown in its seasoned, London's Le Cordon Bleu School-trained executive chef Gilbert Alan Mathay who's now making waves at Intercon.

The jolly good chef comes with a palate-tickling array of specialties with a Cebuano accent. Over Day 1 Cebuano culinary masterpieces (from appetizer to soup, salad, main course, sugba or grilled station, carving station, and dessert), he unravels the sizzling secrets of the Cebuano kitchen.

"Cebuano cooking uses a lot of lemongrass (tanglad)," chef Alan names one secret. "The taste of Cebuano food is really defined. We use the freshest of fresh ingredients."

Being a flourishing trading port for centuries, Cebu is home to a cuisine that's an intriguing mix of flavors and textures. There are traces of Indo-Malay, Chinese, Spanish, Mexican, American, and Thai influences."

We ask Chef Alan what makes adobong Cebu so deliciously — and delightfully — different from the many adobos we've tasted in our lives. He tells us, "Our adobong Cebu is pork belly tenderized in vinegar (Datu Puti), patis, star anise, garlic, bay leaf, peppercorn. It's boiled in that mix-



Cebu's Kare-kare

ture for two hours over low heat for the taste to penetrate, and then fried. We have two kinds of adobo: One's got vinegar while the other has soy sauce and sugar, which makes it somewhat sweet."

Of course, who hasn't heard of (or, yes, tried) lechon de Cebu, which is as legendary as Magellan's Cross? "We stuff our lechon with tanglad, garlic, and spring onions, and rub the inside with salt and pepper," Chef Alan reveals. "Its skin is thin, we rub it with salt and let it dry, and then we cook it over charcoal. Instead of the usual liver sauce, we use the native Cebu sauce made of soy sauce, vinegar, onions, chili, a bit of ginger, salt, and pepper."

Guests agree this lechon is worth pigging out for. "It's a staple on the Cebuano table in many a celebration," notes Alan.

In fast-food outlets at malls in Cebu, people line up for their sinful share of this delicacy whose popularity has spread by word of mouth (contented mouths, we're sure).

Care for Cebu's kare-kare? It's quite ox-kay! Chef Alan shares, "We do use oxtail, too, but our Cebu kare-kare has no ground rice; instead, we use bread crumbs as well as crushed peanuts and annatto oil."

The Cebuano's kare-kare is quite light (and just right), unlike the rich kare-kare our jaded taste buds have grown accustomed to.

Quite a meaty treat is Cebu's version of the paella valenciano. It's a whole heap of pork, chicken, liver, and chorizo. A

drizzle of soy sauce gives the sticky rice its brownish color.

Name that tuna? Yes, Cebu's kinilaw na tanigue or tuna, which is sliced on the spot or a la minute, comes with a choice of condiments — three kinds of vinegar, coconut cream, ginger, tomatoes, red onions, silipganda, chopped sili — and is eaten with boiled kamote and boiled banana.

Savor a bit of history with Cebu's chorizo, which has a sweet Spanish heritage.

Have you tried Cebu's dinuguan? It's got coconut milk, and you just might go loco over the coco twist.

Chef Alan tells us the tale of Cebu's oxtail stew. It's called balbacua, oxtail boiled in star anise, soy sauce, beef stock. It's slow cooked for four to five hours.

Now, this one rocks — Cebu's steamed rock lobsters (hanilitikil)!

And what's a Cebuano feast without the sinugba? The sugba station offers a lot of grilled faves guaranteed to thrill (chicken, pork, liver, fish, chorizo, squid). They're cooked on the spot and you can enjoy 'em with your choice of sauce.

Relish your salad days, too, with the many Cebuano salads, like the green mango salad, ensaladang kamatis ug kesong puti (tomato salad with cottage cheese), grilled eggplant salad, sweet potato tops salad, fried dilis salad, ensaladang chicharon (pork crackling salad), banana blossom salad.

Each day offers something different on the buffet table. So expect a different gustatory adventure each time you visit.

To end a most memorable food trip on a sweet note, try Cebu's many pastries and rice cakes, like the budbud kabog (millet and coconut milk rolls),

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otap (flaky, crispy pastry), and the really sweet Cebuano mangoes.

Now, here's another sweet offer: To celebrate InterContinental Manila's 40th anniversary, guests get a chance to win trips to dream destinations. Every P4,000 in a single receipt at restaurant and bar outlets earns a raffle ticket. Prices

include a Princess Cruise trip for two to either the Caribbean or Alaska or the Mexican Riviera, and a trip to a European destination of one's choice on board KLM Royal Dutch Airlines. Raffle period runs until April 16, 2010.

So, all aboard now for Cebu's jeep thrills! (www.philstar.com) ■

Cebu's Kinilaw na Tanigue



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HAWAII-FILIPINO NEWS



**Vandalism Rocks Hawaii's
Plantation Village**

OFFICIALS AT HAWAII'S PLANTATION VILLAGE are reeling from a recent break-in and vandalism incident and are asking the public's help in finding those responsible.

On January 25, 2010, vandals broke into HPV's Okada Building where the administrative offices, museum and archives are located, and proceeded to trash the facility while looking for cash and valuables.

"They made a huge mess, emptying desks and cabinets in each room," says Jeff Higa, HPV's executive director. "Since they didn't find money, they took pennies that were in the donation box, a digital camera, a hatchet from my office and several Filipino knives from the archives room."

The vandals also damaged the security alarm system, as well as many of the interior doors which are beyond repair. Fortunately, the thieves forgot to take a laptop they had packed and ready to go, Higa says.

HPV officials reported the incident to HPD but have not provided an estimate on the value of the items stolen or damages incurred.

Last month's break-in is the second recent setback for HPV, which is still recovering from a copper theft a little over a year and a half ago. Both incidents will make 2010 especially challenging for HPV officials.

"With funding cuts from the State and a decline in visitor arrivals to HPV, it will be a rough road ahead for us," Higa says. "We're a small non-profit organization so incidents like this take a huge toll on the facility and business."

HPV officials are asking the public to report any suspicious activity to the police.

"Thankfully, our Village structures were untouched so we can carry on with our docent-led tours and continue to operate," says Faith P. Evans, HPV Board President. "It's virtually impossible for us to finance round-the-clock security for HPV without any outside support."

Hawaii's Plantation Village is the only attraction on Oahu that is dedicated to preserving the sugar plantation history. It is a living history museum and ethno-botanical garden featuring 32 original and authentically-reproduced buildings, circa early 1900s. ■

**New Farmers Market to Benefit
Ewa Beach
Shoppers**

THE ABRUPT CLOSURE OF STAR MARKET IN EWA BEACH has resulted in jammed parking lots and long lines during the last two months at Foodland, the only remaining grocery market for area residents.

However, recent efforts by the Ewa Beach Shopping Center Merchants Association and Rep. Kymberly Pine to launch a new farmer's market as a temporary replacement is welcomed news for the community. Located at the old Star Market location, the new farmer's market began operating seven days a week on January 23, 2010. Regular operating hours will be seven days a week, from 8 am to 7:30 pm.

Longs Drugs is slated to take over Star Market's old location but won't be up and running for at least eight more months. According to Rep. Pine, a farmer's market should satisfy the community's needs until Longs Drugs opens its doors.

"We are blessed to live in a community that looks out for one another," she says. "The elderly were really struggling with losing the convenience of having fresh produce close to home and working families were frustrated trying to compete for parking space at the nearest grocery store. The loss of Star Market also hurt neighboring merchants who saw a drop in revenue when it



Rep. Kymberly Pine (District 43: Ewa Beach) with Lay Yongkhamchah, owner of Lay's Farm Produce

closed."

Lay Farm Produce, a local farming enterprise, is running the Farmer's Market. Tish Rothwell, president of the Ewa Beach Shopping Center Merchants Association, says the Farmer's Market will help boost the local economy and provide shopping relief for area residents.

"I'm excited and looking forward to drawing people to the Ewa Beach Shopping Center," Rothwell says.

Rep. Pine was disappointed with the handling of the closure of Star Markets in November 2009. She says Times Supermarket gave residents little notice that it would replace the Star Market with a Longs Drugs, which already exists in Ewa Beach. More planning should have been done to help the community with the transition and that a lack of notice placed undue hardship on the community, Rep. Pine says. ■

PHILIPPINE NEWS

Pacman Gets 3rd Fighter of Year Award

by Abac CORDERO / Tuesday, February 2, 2010

MANILA, Philippines - THE BOXING WRITERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA has chosen Manny Pacquiao as its Fighter of the Year for 2009, and in the process made the charismatic Filipino superstar only the fifth fighter in history to win the prestigious award three times.

Muhammad Ali, Jose Frazier, Sugar Ray Leonard and Evander Holyfield are the other three-time recipients of the award, which the BWAA has handed out yearly since it named Jack Dempsey as winner in 1938 or 71 years ago.

All, who will be remembered as "The Greatest," won the award in 1965, 1974 and 1975, the year he shared it with Frazier who had

won it previously in 1961 and 1971. It was in 1975 that Ali and Frazier staged the historic "Thrilla in Manila."

Leonard won it in 1976, 1979 and 1981 while Holyfield earned the nod of the BWAA in 1990, 1996 and 1997. Among the two-time winners are Floyd Patterson, Carmen Basilio, Dick Tiger, Marvin Hagler, Thomas Hearns and Mike Tyson.

Oscar dela Hoya, known as boxing's golden boy, only won the award once, in 1995, as well as Ricky Hatton in 2005 and Floyd Mayweather Jr. in 2007. The fact that Pacquiao has won it thrice only cements his status as the best there is today.

As an icing on the cake, the BWAA has also named Pacquiao as the Fighter of the Decade, an

award that was bestowed to the 31-year-old pound-for-pound champion by the Ring Magazine, the bible of boxing, and ESPN, the mother of all sports channels.

Pacquiao won his first Fighter of the Year award in 2006, the year he knocked out Erik Morales twice, and in 2008, the year he jumped three divisions higher in beating Juan Manuel Marquez (130 lb), David Diaz (135 lb) and Dela Hoya (147 lb).

Pacquiao demolished Ricky Hatton in May last year to win the IBO junior-welterweight title and Miguel Cotto in November for the



Manny Pacquiao

WBO welterweight title, making him the only boxer in history to win seven world titles in seven different weight classes.

Pacquiao's chief trainer, Freddie Roach, has his fourth Trainer of the Year in the bag. He is the only trainer so far to receive the BWAA

trainer three times (2003, 2006 and 2008) and this fourth one will put more distance between him and the rest.

"Manny and I are a great team and to win this award you need a great fighter. It's my favorite award because its named after my

trainer," Roach told ESPN.com, referring to his trainer, the late Eddie Futch, who also took him in as an assistant.

"I give Eddie all the credit for where I am today. He gave me great guidance during my apprenticeship with him," added Roach. The BWAA will hand out the awards on June 11 in New York.

His third Fighter of the Year award from the BWAA should serve Pacquiao in good stead as he prepares for his March 13 fight with Josh Clottey at the Dallas Cowboys Stadium in Arlington, Texas.

More importantly, the award should put to rest allegations that Pacquiao, who had won titles as a flyweight, super-bantamweight, featherweight, super-featherweight and lightweight, is into performance-enhancing drugs. (www.philstar.com) ■

Comelec Worried About Cell Phone

Jammers

by Sheila CRISOSTOMO / Tuesday, February 2, 2010

MANILA, Philippines - THE COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS (Comelec) yesterday expressed concern over the reported arrival in the country of some 5,000 jammers of mobile phone signals.

Comelec spokesman James Jimenez said the presence of the jamming devices is a cause for alarm for poll officials since these could be used to block the electronic transmission of votes from polling precincts to canvassing centers on election day.

"When you're talking about 5,000 units of the same thing and

considering the proximity of the elections, then you cannot help but be suspicious at this stage... it is only prudent that we be suspicious," Jimenez said.

The Comelec had received information that the jammers had been smuggled into the country three weeks ago.

The agency is now coordinating with the Bureau of Customs about the reported smuggling incident.

The May 10 automated polls would utilize the services of telecommunication companies in transmitting the counted votes from the polling precincts to the canvassing centers.

Smartmatic-Total Information

Management Corp. had purchased 5,000 broadband global area network (BGAN) or satellite Internet network devices to be used to send the ballots in case the satellite signal fails.

Jimenez admitted that the loss of cellular phone signals is one of the possible problems that the Comelec and Smartmatic-TIM have been preparing for.

At present, the Comelec is set to investigate the two field tests it conducted in four schools in Pateros and Taguig City last week, which were marred by failure in transmission and failure of a unit

precinct count optical scan (PCOS) machine to read the ballots although they were described by the Comelec as generally successful.

Jimenez said jammers are not new and illegal in the Philippines. A jammer, however, could be blocked by another jamming device.

Asked if the Comelec has jammers to counter any effort to block the transmission of votes on election day, the official refused to comment.

"(It's a) secret. What's important is that these measures are

available and that we have the means and, of course, the inclination to use them as needed," he added.

The Bureau of Customs (BOC) had deployed intelligence teams to verify reports that 5,000 units of cellular telephone signal jammers have been smuggled into the country and might be already out in the market.

The BOC learned that the National Telecommunications Commission (NTC) has not issued any import permit for these units. (www.philstar.com) ■

IBM Opens 2nd Global Delivery Center in Cebu

by Edda M. DAGOG / FREEMAN Tuesday, February 2, 2010

CEBU, Philippines - TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS GIANT IBM HAS OPENED its second Global Delivery Center (GDC) in the Philippines, in Cebu, taking advantage of the province's abundant supply of high-value Information Technology (IT) talents.

The Cebu GDC site for Application Services (AS) will complement the Manila's GDC operations that will focus on providing support service and product development for package, web technology, and other consumer application product developments.

Initially, Cebu site will focus on capabilities in Java, testing and groupware, said Lula Mohanty IBM director for GDC Philippines.

"This is a big revelation to the world that Philippines can do. We have full spectrum of applications services here," Lula said in a press conference on the formal opening of the Cebu GDC site located at the TGU Tower in Asia Town IT Park.

In IBM's eight strategy centers in the world, Philippines is considered as one of the central and strategic locations, said Richard Patterson vice president for Globally Integrated Delivery.

Patterson said one of the considerations IBM has seriously look at in expanding its operations around the world especially in the high-end capabilities such as the GDC facility, is the government's strong support in this kind of investment, strong academia system that provides ample supply of talents and IT capabilities, good IT infrastructure, and stable environment in terms of political stand point.

With this, Patterson said "Cebu became a logical choice. We saw the capability and skills here."

IBM is expanding its applications services in the country offering key competencies such as Java, and Web technologies, Lotus Notes, Testing and Software Maintenance.

Local IT stakeholders said the entry of IBM in Cebu will reinforce Cebu's name in the global IT investment community.

According to Lula, IBM still has to calibrate the strength of Cebu high-value IT talent and it may focus on the three identified services—Java, Testing and groupware.

One of the services that will be delivered by GDC sites, is to provide support to IBM's clients worldwide, or develop product depends on the unique demand to IBM's customers worldwide, Patterson explained.

(www.philstar.com) ■

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PHILIPPINE NEWS

SWS: Noynoy 42%, Villar 35%, Erap 13%

by Helen FLORES /
Tuesday, February 2, 2010

MANILA, Philippines - **LIBERAL PARTY STANDARD-BEARER SEN. BENIGNO "NOYNOY" AQUINO III** continued to top the list of presidential candidates in the latest survey conducted by the Social Weather Stations (SWS), but Nacionalista Party bet Sen. Manny Villar has further narrowed the gap to just seven percentage points.

The SWS poll, commissioned by BusinessWorld, found that 42 percent of Filipinos would vote for Aquino while 35 percent would choose Villar.

The survey, conducted from Jan. 21 to 24, used face-to-face interviews of 2,100 adult respondents.

Aquino's lead over Villar was 19 percentage points in Dec. 5 to 10 and 11 percent in Dec. 27 to 28.

Before the filing of candidacy papers, Aquino's lead over the rest of the aspirants was more than 20 percentage points.

He had a 27 percentage-point lead over Villar (Aquino 47 percent; Villar 20 percent) in the Nov. 4 to 8 SWS survey.

A press release issued by the LP yesterday showed that the seven percentage-point difference between Aquino's and Villar's ratings translate to about three million votes if all 49 million registered Filipino voters will vote on May 10.

It also pointed out that "the full



L-(R) Noynoy Aquino, 42%; Manny Villar, 35%; Erap Estrada, 13%; Gibo Teodoro, 4%; Dick Gordon, 2%

impact and implication of the Senate C-5 report...had not yet sunk into the consciousness of the voters," and that "the numbers will still change in favor of Aquino and against Villar."

Former President Joseph Estrada placed third with a rating of 13 percent while former Defense secretary Gilbert Teodoro Jr. ranked fourth with four percent.

Sen. Richard Gordon and Jesus is Lord founder Bro. Eddie Villanueva got two percent each.

The other presidential bets received less than one percent of votes. They were Sen. Jambay Madrigal (0.4 percent); Veteliano Acosta (0.3 percent); John Carlos de los Reyes (0.2 percent); and Nicano Perlas (0.1 percent).

Villar welcomed the latest SWS survey results, saying this gives him more drive to campaign harder for the presidency.

He expects his detractors to resort to more drastic measures to stop him from closing in on Aquino.

"I am happy about the survey that I continue to get good ratings and the margin is getting closer.

This is very inspiring for me and my colleagues. This shows that our fellow countrymen are starting to know who we are, what we have done in the past and how we can help in the future," Villar said.

"This also shows that we are not distracted by the issues being hurled against (me)," said Villar, adding that the C-5 Road issue has been repeated a number of times and the Filipino people may have grown tired of it.

MAR STILL TOP CHOICE FOR VP

The survey also revealed that Sen. Manuel Roxas is still the number one choice of Filipinos to become the next vice president.

Roxas broadened further his lead over his closest rival, with a high 49 percent of respondents choosing him over Sen. Loren Legarda who got a 28 percent rating.

The LP said that Roxas' 21 percent lead is equivalent to nine million votes if all 49 million registered voters will vote in May 10.

Makati Mayor Jejomar Biny

ranked third with 16 percent, followed by former Metro Manila Development Authority chairman Bayani Fernando and former Optical Media Board chairman and actor Edu Manzano, who got two percent each.

"The Aquino-Roxas tandem has been enjoying huge leads in all pre-election surveys conducted by credible polling firms in the country, including university mock polls done in various schools nationwide," the LP said.

GIBO ALLY STILL OPTIMISTIC

Presidential Adviser for Political Affairs Prospero Pichay, a supporter of Teodoro, said the administration standard-bearer could still beat LP bet Aquino, whose survey ratings are now declining.

Pichay said Aquino is actually facing a growing problem of declining ratings that is to Teodoro's advantage.

"His (Aquino) ratings have peaked early and that is actually a nightmare for him because he has to maintain that," Pichay said.

"Second, these survey ratings have to be translated to actual delivery of votes," he said.

He said the ruling Lakas-Kampi-CMD has candidates in about 95 percent of the elective posts nationwide while Aquino's LP was able to field only less than 40 percent.

Pichay said the administration party is fielding only one candidate per congressional district, province, city and municipality - almost all of which have complete tickets - following the merger of the country's two biggest parties last year, Lakas-Christian Muslim Democrats and the Kabalikat ng Malayang Pilipino (Kampi).

He recalled that in the 2007 senatorial elections, administration bets fared badly as there were two sets of local administration candidates - one from Lakas and one from Kampi - who were busy campaigning against each other.

Dean Nelson Abeleda of the University of Manila's College of Business Administration and Accountancy also said Teodoro is the next leader that the country needs as he "is intelligent, has experience, is honest, transparent and young."

Some 800 students from UM have signed up to be part of the National Youth Movement for Gibo, during his recent tour of the school and dialogue with some 1,000 students at the campus' quadrangle.

Teodoro had also dialogued with some 1,500 students at the La Consolacion College auditorium, where another 600 volunteers signed up. (www.philstar.com) ■



RP Military Deploys 100 Soldiers to Protect Candidates in May Polls

by Paolo ROMERO /
Tuesday, February 2, 2010

MANILA, Philippines (Xinhua) - **PHILIPPINE MILITARY OFFICIALS HAVE DEPLOYED** about 100 soldiers throughout the country to serve as bodyguards to candidates in May's national elections.

Lt. Col. Romeo Brawner, spokesman of the Armed Forces of the Philippines, said in Monday's press briefing that soldiers were deployed to 50 candidates whose applications for bodyguards were approved by the Commission on Elections.

Brawner said that the Comelec has also asked the Philippine National Police to provide security personnel to 500 candidates.

He declined to identify the candidates.

The Comelec has issued a resolution in December which allowed candidates to have at least two soldiers as bodyguards.

Brawner said the military anticipates the number to increase in the coming weeks as the campaign season intensifies.

Philippine military officials have ordered the soldiers not to engage in any partisan political activity. However, they can vote and if needed, provide security to candidates. (www.philstar.com) ■

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LEGAL NOTES

Green Card Through Adoption



by Reuben S. **SEGURITAN**

A U.S. citizen or lawful permanent resident who wants to adopt a child abroad has to comply with laws both in the U.S. and in the country of the child.

U.S. immigration laws require

that the child must be adopted by the U.S. citizen or permanent resident before the child's sixteenth birthday. Evidence of a full and final adoption is required.

If the child is the brother or sister of another child who was adopted by the same parent, said child may be adopted even before the sixteenth birthday but before he turned twenty-one.

The adopting parent must demonstrate that he had legal and physical custody of the child for at least two (2) years while the child was a minor.

Legal custody means that there was a final adoption decree or a custody award by a court or a government entity. Sworn state-

ments attesting to custody are not sufficient to prove legal custody.

The legal custody and the two-year residence may be waived if the child had been battered or abused by the adopting parent or by a family member of the adopting parent residing in the same household.

If the adopting parent is a relative of the natural parents, the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) may require proof of the bona fides of the adoption. And if the child resides with his natural parents even after the adoption, the adoptive parent must submit adequate proof that he has parental custody.

An adoptive child cannot petition his natural parents for immigration benefits. But if the child did not obtain immigration benefits through the adoptive parent and the adoption had been terminated, the natural parent-child relationship is re-established and the natural parent may petition for the child. An adopted child cannot obtain immigration benefits for his siblings even if the child did not obtain immigration benefit from his adopted parents.

A U.S. citizen may file a relative petition for an adopted child if the child is unmarried and under 21 years old, or is an unmarried son or daughter over the age of 21, or is a married son or

daughter.

A permanent resident may file a petition for an adopted child who is unmarried and under 21 or is an unmarried son or daughter over the age of 21.

An adopted child may enter the U.S. as a derivative beneficiary of a parent who is applying for an immigrant visa.

The child's priority date for purposes of obtaining a visa number will be same as the parent. ■

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PHILIPPINE NEWS

RP Trade Promos in Japan Generate \$38 Million

by Ma. Elisa P. OSORIO / Thursday, February 4, 2010

MANILA, Philippines - THE PHILIPPINES TRADE PROMOTION ACTIVITIES IN JAPAN last year earned \$38 million, the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) announced yesterday.

"About 1,100 Philippine companies gained exposure to the Japanese market through the trade promotion activities initiated by the government in key sectors namely home furnishings and wearable, food, IT and IT-enabled services and construction materials and services," reported Senior Trade Undersecretary Thomas G. Aquino.

DTI said this is one of the concrete results of the benefits of signing the Japan-Philippines Economic Partnership Agreement (JPEPA).

"The JPEPA-assisted initiatives are meant to cushion our local enterprises from the slump in tradi-

tional markets last year. The activities were all meant to explore the opportunities in Japan and how our local companies can benefit from them," Aquino explained.

DTI through the Center for International Trade Expositions and Missions (CITEM) implemented eight trade promotion projects under JPEPA last year. This includes participation in Japan's key international trade platforms such as Interior Lifestyle Exhibition (home furnishings and wearable), International Jewellery Show (fine jewelry), Foodex (food), and Japan Home and Building Show (construction materials and services).

Under JPEPA, incoming business missions from Japan were also organized for CITEM's locally held international fairs: International Food Exhibition Philippines Very Important Buyer Program; e-Services Global Sourcing Conference and Exhibition in cooperation with the Japan External Trade Or-

ganization (JETRO) and Philippine Software Industry Association (PSIA); and Manila F.A.M.E. International.

The Philippine participation in Foodex generated orders for Philippine fresh pineapples, biscuits and confectioneries, and other marine products. The Philippine participation was also supported by the country's Export Development Council (EDC).

Under the participation in Japan Home and Building Show, joint venture partnerships were formed with Philippine company manufacturing wall panels made of laminated indigenous materials since green building materials were prominent in Japan.

Locally, Japanese buyers who visited Manila F.A.M.E. International in 2009 contributed \$1.6 million in sales in the show's April edition and \$1.9 million in sales in the October show. (www.philstar.com) ■

Comelec, DFA See 50 Percent Overseas Voter Turnout

by Evelyn MACAIRAN / Thursday, February 4, 2010

MANILA, Philippines - AN OFFICIAL OF THE COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS (Comelec) yesterday said the poll body is expecting about 50 percent turnout in the overseas absentee voting (OAV) because the position of president is up for grabs.

Comelec Commissioner Armando Velasco, committee of OAV chairman, said that based on the turnout of the first two OAVs, it appeared that a majority of Filipinos abroad would want to have a say on who should be the country's next leader.

Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) Undersecretary for Special Concerns Rafael Seguis, who is also chairman of the OAV

Secretariat, said they do not foresee any major problems except in the address of the voters abroad.

Velasco said there are 589,830 registered voters under the OAV, 138,113 of whom are postal voters and 451,717 personal voters.

Seguis said they have identified 49 foreign posts for voting by mail and about 40 foreign posts for personal votes. A foreign post includes consulates and embassies.

The Comelec has allocated one month, from April 10 to May 10, for overseas absentee voting and the counting would be done simultaneously with the vote in the Philippines.

The counting of votes would be done in the foreign posts, but canvassing would be in the Philippines. (www.philstar.com) ■

MAINLAND NEWS

California Man Posed as Marshal to Deport Woman to RP

HEMET (AP) - A SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA MAN POSED AS A US MARSHAL to kidnap a distant cousin's wife and falsely deport her to the Philippines, police said Tuesday.

Police arrested Greg Raymond Denny Jr. of Riverside County last month on suspicion of impersonating an officer and kidnapping Cherriebele Hibbard.

Police said Denny, 37, barged into Hibbard's Hemet home on Jan. 15 wearing a fake badge and a shirt that said "US Marshal." Denny handcuffed the woman at gunpoint and forced her husband to buy her a plane ticket. He then used a fake

badge to get through San Diego airport security and put her on a plane to her home country, according to a police report.

Craig Hibbard said he called the US Marshals Service three days later and officials there told him Denny wasn't an agent.

Police said they arrested Denny after he came to the station for questioning wearing a fake badge and a replica pistol. Denny claimed he was a federal marshal but later admitted he impersonated a marshal and confirmed the family's account, Lt. Mark Richards said. No motive was released.

Denny told The Press-Enter-

prise newspaper Monday that the kidnaping claims were false, but he provided no further details.

Cherriebele, who is five months pregnant, wed Craig Hibbard three years ago. She canceled her immigration documents and said she wanted to go home after the two fought last year, Craig Hibbard said.

She later renewed her green card granting permanent residency status and was waiting for it to be processed when Denny abducted her, Craig Hibbard said. Immigration officials in San Bernardino told her she was allowed to stay in the United States in the meantime, he said.

Denny is free on \$50,000 bond. (www.philstar.com) ■

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Ti Panagsukisok Ti Kinabaknang Ti Naglasatan A Dalan Ti Panagbaniaga Ni Filipino (Part I-Ti Panagsukisok)



ILOKO

by Amado I. YORO

Pakuna: Maisagsaganan ti UFCH Convention idiy Maui a maangy ti Hulo 23, 24, 25, 2010, babaen ti Maui Filipino Community Council nga ipanguluhan ni Atty. Herman Andaya, Ryan Piroos ken kakaadua.

Ita a kasapa, sira ratentayo manen ti namunganganan ti 'panagdaliast' ni Kartapilus a Pinoy ti urat ti siglo, ti panagkatlangkatang ti tataaw ken tangalang, babaen ti nangato a namnamada a masanglad iti mayasa a lugar - America ken Hawaii.

Kasta ti panagsurost ti lanut ti kamange no arigen ti panagsukimati ti kinabaknang ti dalan a naglasatan dagli immuna a kadaran a nagbaniaga ti America, sa immayda ti Hawaii - ti daga ti paraiso a kunada. Weno dagli immay ditoy daga "ti malantunaw a bangsa" [Melting pot] weno iti kunada a "Crossroad of the Pacific".

Imigrasion weno panagbaliast ti kayako nga iuanan ditoy a sarilaan. Ni Filipino ti mayasa kadaglig kaserisohan nga agbaniaga weno agadabentura iti sab-sabati a lugar. Adda dagli Judio, ti kunada a "Kartapilus". Wen, malin wen ni Filipino, aglalo kadaglig Ilokano dagli "Kartapilus" a patinayon nga agkalkallautang - a magna kadaglig barbaro a dalan

uray kaipapananna a lasatenda dagli taww ken ti let-ang ti tangalang. Surotenda laeng ti nit ti kabaloganda, uray ania man a lugar ken panawen, isuda dagli dapandapan ti pudno a Kayumanggi.

Ni Filipino ti magmagna a bagi ti 'belay ti dars' ti kinatured, kinaurud, kinaarus ken kina-gaget. Sibiliag a lasag ken bagi a nakaigameran ti dera dagli nagkauma a naliboi ti Filipinas sak-bagi a tinkulanen ni Ferdinand Magellan idi 1521 weno makasaganapulo ket innem a sentenariano. Kas takust ti namunganganan ti first aborigens of the Philippines dagli negroid, sa immay dagli Malayo-Polynesians, sabali laeng ti mitolohia ti limtak a kawayan ken adda ni Malakas [Ni Napigsa] ken ni Maganda [Ni Napintas].

Makaya-ayo pay ket ngarud ti takuati a kasoy. [In legend] "In the beginning there was only the Sky and the Sea and a great bird flew between them, and the great bird, weary from its limitless flight and finding no place to rest, provoked a quarrel between the God of the Sky and the God of the Sea. The God of the Sea in anger threw up water. The God of the Sky in vengeance threw down rocks."

Out of this war the islands were formed. And the bird alighted and reeds and vines sprouted out of the rocks. This, say the ancients, was how the Philippines came to be. [Origin of the Philippines, Filipino Fiesta Book 76, R. Respcio and E. G. Labez]

Ngem panonotem man ti ipapanaw ken yaadayo gapu iti 'guyod' weno tagruot ti panagtalawataw a kas met laeng ti 'tumaytay' nga awitna ti di pay napsaan nga itlog ta libirirokna ti umok, ti sanga, iti daga a pagsadsadan ken pagdisulian ti baro a taeng.

Disiembre 20, 2009, kalpasan nga inawatim ti proyekto manipud iti UFCH BOG miting idi Disiembre 19. Rinugliannim ti rinabiini a mangsurubot ti dana a nangrujan ti panagdaliast ni Filipino manipud iti Filipinas. Inawatim ti pagprebangan gapu iti pateg ti UFCH ken ti ibabangana a kas gunglo ti amin a gunglo dagli Filipino iti Hawaii Aglatiatiw ti aldaw, iti biblioteka ken taeng a yan ti 'sidudulin a gameng ken tal-diap ti pakasaritaan - addada iti uneg dagli pinanid.

Sapay koma, nupay amomni nga agkamtudkaminto latta, ngem iti kangatuan, kangyadeng ken kinanodestoyato nga agserbi kas mayasa kadaglig Hunta del gobernador ken pangulo ti komite: UFCH Golden Book: The Footnotes and the Footprints, iti nagan ti panagersbi - ipakanunim ti dumawat ti pamnungo kadaglig labing weno giwang ti panakamaemo ken sira ratim itoy maisagsagan a libro.

Ipagurumit, weno patienim, adda nangatan dagli immun-nga a pangngan ti maisurat ngata koma met ti mayasa a pakatiponan dagli namaris a pakasaritaan, nupay makuna a baliopada, dagli agnayan a trefolpato a pasado a presidente ti UFCH sipud pay nabangan idi damo a naindaklan a kombensidona iti Royal Hawaiian Village Hotel idi Hunio 19, 20 ken 21, 1959, a ni Ambassador Juan C. Dionisio, Sr., a tubo iti Kalibo, Aklan, ti pondador, a ti tema daytoy a kombensidona a napanaganan iti "The Gathering of the Eagles" kesu ti "The Statehood and the Filipinos". Ditoy met ti nakaplian ni HPD Re-

tired Major Roland Sagum nga umuna UFCH president, tubo ti Batangas, Batangas.

Ditoy met a nagtitipon dagli 150 a delegado a nangbangi iti original a 47 a gunglo Filipino a nagpappu iti Isla ti Oahu nga indauluan da Justo dela Cruz, i-Laog, ken Atty. Peter Aduja, Vigan, ken immuna a Filipino legislator iti Territory of Hawaii, Anastacio Luis, Big Island, Marcelino Francisco, Kauai; Liberato Abado, Lanai; Rafael Cabebe, Maui; Antonio Abrahamo, Molokai.

Kangrunana a panggep ti panakabuangyati ti UFCH: "... For the purpose of furthering the political, economic and social aims of Filipinos in Hawaii; to work vigorously for the advancement of Filipinos; to preserve Filipino culture and enrich tradition and appreciate Filipino beauty, to get more involved in all aspects of social, political, economic, agricultural, education, science, arts, medicine, and others"

Sakripido daytoy a panagsukisok ket saanmi a samiren ti puyat ken ketang ti manmano a pagsaaso dagli anak ti laps ken pluma: segdan ti kingki bibaen iti lana iti tengngat rabii.

Ti panagsukisok ket silawan, broken dagli urat ti panagbaniaga ken panagdaliast. Kas iti panangbirok ti "kayo de familia" [Family tree] ti sangamaanan, sangiana, da appo a dapan, tumeng ken dagli sarsaringit ti pamilia dagli nagsangasgala a panagtitipon dagli panagasasawa dagli anak ken dagli an-annak.

Daytoy a panagsukimati a sungsumgradammi ti lana iti tengngat rabii, agusakarmi kadagligi daan a libro ken reperesia, dagli daan a souvenir book ken programa weno daan a warnakan, an man bukod a lengguawe weno naisurat iti sabali a pagsaaso a maawatan kas iti English, salindag daytoy weno daglitoy a nabaknang a pagbatayan.

Dagli takuati kas matigotan daglitoy a panagulumek, panagmairi ken panangimutek. Iti paglala ti editorial ti Hawaii Filipino Chronicle, Marso 1, 2001: "The first recorded settlement of Filipinos in America dates way back to 1763 when Filipino aboard Spanish galleon jumped ship in New Orleans and fled into the bayous of Louisiana"

"Prior to December 20, 1906, historical discoveries claim that the earliest Filipinos came to the United States way back in 1763 when a group of Luzon "Indios" working as slaves in the Spanish Galleon Trade jumped ship and settled in the bayous of

Louisiana", "Milfish In Brickish Water/Bangus" by Reverend Fred Vergara.

Iti Hawaii, dinakamati ni Andrew Lind iti librona: Hawaii's People, "that there were 5 Filipinos came to Hawaii in 1853, as cooks and musician."

Idlig iti mayasa a takuati: "The very first Filipinos to make Hawaii their home in December 1888 were group of musicians, namely: B. Jose Libornia, Francisco delos Santos, Geronimo Inocencia, and Lázaro Salamanca, immediately joined the Royal Hawaiian Band"

Natakuaan pay itoy a panagsukimati nga adda aganay a 10 a papastor weno papadi nga imbitasyon ti Hawaii babaen iti imbitasyon ti Hawaii Board of Mission iti sakup ti makuna nga Umuna a Barsada (First Wave of Immigration) kas nainaganan a:

- **Rev. Vidal Lining** [1910] for Filipino Methodist Church - Pahala, Big Island.
- **Rev. Mauricio Valera** [1921] for Filipino Congregational Church - Hilo, Big Island
- **Rev. Pedro Racelis** [1921] for Filipino Congregational Church - Papa'kou - Big Island.
- **Rev. Emeterio Centeno** [1920] for Filipino Congregational Church - Puunene, Maui
- **Rev. Braulio Makapagal** [1920] for Filipino Congregational Church - Lahaina, Maui
- **Rev. Jacinto Runes** [1923] for Kekaha Filipino Methodist, Kauai
- **Rev. Catalino Cortezan** for Filipino Congregational Church - Koloa, Kauai
- **Rev. Venancio Madayag** [1929] for Filipino Congregational Church - Ewa, Oahu
- **Rev. Flaviano Santa Ana** [1910] for Filipino Methodist Church - Waipahu, Oahu

One of the most well known was **Rev. Emilio C. Yadao**, born in Sinalit, Ilocos Sur in 1903. Yadao graduated from Union Theological School in Manila in 1925. Hawaiian Board of Mission invited Yadao to Hawaii in 1927 to serve as a pastor of Filipino Congregational Church in Wai'alea, Oahu. Then he was transferred to Pala, Maui, and served many years, then moved to serve as pastor at the Filipino Congregational Church in Hilo, Big Island. Married to Librada Guerrero and have four children: Emilia, 1923; Elias, 1925, the father of former KGBM TV journalist and film producer Elisa Yadao; Estrella, 1926 and Lawrence, 1930. [Source: Dean Aldegado Oral History Collection]

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Filipino Scientist Develops Anti-Malaria Vaccine

RHOEL DINGLASAN, AN ENTOMOLOGIST AND BIOLOGIST at the John Hopkins University Hospital, has developed a new anti-malaria vaccine that disables a mosquito's malaria-spreading capability.

Called a transmission-blocking vaccine (TBV), Dinglasan's new vaccine is aimed not at protecting individuals from the disease but at preventing mosquitoes that carry it

from spreading it. When a mosquito bites a vaccinated person, the antibodies are transferred to the mosquito, which then loses the ability to infect other humans.

Dinglasan's work was cited in a recent issue of Time Magazine and has generated excitement within the scientific field. The robust



vaccine so far works against the major types of malaria and all species of mosquitoes tested, which is critical if the disease is going to be not only controlled, but eradicated completely.

Malaria kills nearly 900,000 people per year, most of them children below age five—mostly in Africa. Half the world's population remains at risk, including travelers to affected countries. ■

Filipino Physicists Gain Access to CERN Postgraduate Studies

by Helen FLORES/
Tuesday, February 2, 2010

MANILA, Philippines - THE DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY and the European Organization for Nuclear Research (CERN) recently signed an agreement that would allow Filipino physicists to pursue post graduate studies in one of the world's largest scientific research organizations.

Science Secretary Estrella Alabastro said the signing of the "Expression of Interest" between the DST and CERN is the first step towards furthering joint scientific researches, mentoring, and technical trainings to boost human capacity in the field of physics in the country.

She said the agreement will link Philippine universities and institutions involved in physics research particularly the University of the Philippines (UP), Ateneo de Manila University, De La Salle University and the Philippine Nuclear Research Institute with CERN.

"The initiative opens opportunities for Filipino physicists to complete their postgraduate studies in European universities participating in the CERN research program. Moreover, vital summer programs and other training programs on Physics and Science Education for Filipino Science teachers are being organized," Alabastro said.

"The initiative will also facilitate linkages and possible project col-

laborations with other institutions and member nations," she added.

However, CERN clarified that the initiative "does not touch on the nuclear power issues in the country."

CERN, which is based in Geneva, Switzerland, is one of the world's most respected scientific research centers, having the largest particle physics laboratory in the world.

"People in UP are very much in tune with what we do at CERN," said CERN Director Emmanuel Tsesmelis, who recently visited the country.

He also expressed optimism that more Filipinos will work at CERN as researchers and scientists. (www.philstar.com) ■

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