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Why HFH May Be Best Health Plan For Filipinos

Choosing a doctor can be one of the most important decisions we make. Our lives may even depend on it. Even so, many of us choose a doctor the same way we choose a hairstylist or a plumber—from the Yellow Pages or from a recommendation from a close friend or relative.

For immigrants, factors such as a physician's academic history, board certification or hospital affiliation may not be as important. Rather, communication may be the most important factor for them. Studies have shown that doctors can very likely misunderstand their immigrant patients, while English-speaking patients are shown more involvement and empathy. This is particularly true for many immigrant Filipinos, the vast majority of whom strongly prefer a Filipino doctor. Not only is there a clearer line of communication with Filipino doctors, but because they understand the culture, they stand a better chance of getting to the root cause of a patient's problems.

For the past 12 years, Hawaii Filipino Healthcare has catered to Filipino patients by offering a healthcare plan involving Filipino doctors at no additional cost. HFH contracts with HMSA as one of its 22 healthcare centers. HFH assigns patients to a primary care doctor who oversees their treatment. If necessary, patients can be referred to other non-Filipino healthcare providers outside of HFH, particularly when there is a subspecialty not provided by HFH member physicians.

HFH's numbers are small but continue to grow as word gets out to the Filipino community. More and more Filipinos are opting to be treated by their very own, showing an ever-increasing level of confidence in their expertise. Those who have never heard of HFH may want to carefully weigh the pros of cons of before switching. They just might discover that HFH best suits them. To us, it's a win-win situation for everyone involved—the patient, the physician and the Filipino community.

Dog Slaughtering Practice Rears Ugly Head in Hawaii

The Filipino community may want to keep an eye out this October when trial begins for two Kalihi men charged with stealing and eating a pet dog. In December 2007, Moanalua Golf Club employees Saturnino Palting and Nelson Domingo stole a 50-lb. dog that was left in an equipment area while its owner played golf. Witnesses saw the two workers load the dog into their car. The owner returned and found his dog missing. Palting and Domingo, who were off duty by then, were called back to work and later admitted to their supervisor to taking the dog and butchering it. Both men were subsequently fired.

Early last month, the pair was in court to ask a circuit judge to throw out their statements, claiming they were not informed of their right not to make a statement beforehand. The judge disagreed and ordered both of them to stand trial.

Just what were these men thinking? In the first place, taking property that does not belong to you is outright theft. Butchering a dog for food may be acceptable in the Philippines and other Asian countries, but not so in the U.S. Here, it is considered cruelty to animals—a Class C felony punishable by up to 5 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine.

The media spotlight will be more intense than normally since the defendants will be the first to be prosecuted under the state's new and tougher animal cruelty law. The fact that both defendants are Filipino does not bode well for the Filipino community, which has worked so hard to instill cultural pride and to show other ethnic groups that after a century in Hawaii, Filipinos have "finally arrived." It's sad to say, but a dark stain such as this may nullify much of the gains made by the Filipino community and make it harder for an ethnic group that some say is still in search of its identity. We'll know just how much harder come October."

FROM THE PUBLISHER

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loha and welcome to another edition of the Hawaii Filipino Chronicle—the top Filipino ethnic community newspaper in Hawaii! We are well into summer and entering the dog days of August when the mercury and humidity will rise even higher. Many of us will be tuning in to the 2008 Olympics in Beijing. If you've ever wondered, the Philippines has never won a gold medal. The country's best finish was a silver medal, by boxers Anthony Villanueva in Tokyo 1964 and Mansueto Velasco in Atlanta 1996. For this year's Olympics, the Philippine government has promised at least P7 million to any Filipino athlete who wins a gold medal in Beijing.

The cover story for this issue is written by Linda Dela Cruz who delved into a little known health care plan called Hawaii Filipino Healthcare or HFH. The health plan has been in existence for about 12 years and offers Filipino patients the opportunity to be treated by Filipino doctors who may be best able to understand their medical needs. The number of HFH participants continue to grow as more Filipinos are discovering this innovative health care plan. Please read more about HFH on pages 4-5.

While on the subject of healthcare, congratulations are in order to Dr. Danilo Ablan, who was recently named chief medical officer of the Hawaii Medical Center West. He takes over for Dr. Genevieve Ley who resigned to return to her full time private practice. We send him our best wishes as he embarks in his new position. More on Dr. Ablan is available on page 10.

Congratulations also to Councilmember Romy Cachola who was recently awarded the 2008 Farrington Governors Hall of Fame Award. He was among a handful of awardees who were honored for excellence in their respective fields and for accomplishment that have benefited Kalihi, Farrington High School and its students. The 70-year-old Cachola, who has been in public office since 1984, is considered the elder statesman among Filipino elected officials here in Hawaii. Please read more on him on page 6.

We again hope that you will enjoy reading the many articles in this issue, such as the Governor's Column, Immigration Guide, Philippine Language and Legal Notes. As always, *mahalo* for your support!

Aloha and Mabuhay!

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Thank You for an Excellent Coverage!

Thank you so much for your excellent article in this week's Filipino Chronicle on the I Love Liliha Town Festival. It was extremely well written and very informative! With warm Aloha!

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LEGISLATIVE CONNECTION

Transit-Oriented Development *(Part 2)*



By Senator Will Espero

Transit-oriented development (TOD) is a term used when discussing the future rail transit system for Oahu. These developments will be an important tool as policymakers plan for the future growth of our island. With the scarcity of land, older neighborhoods can be revitalized or rehabilitated with TODs. A rail transit system will allow landowners to review their parcels of land and see how they can be incorporated into a master plan for our island. It is imperative that government take the lead in assisting and providing incentives for landowners and developers to create communities which will become active urban settings providing a quality lifestyle for our diverse island population.

Let's imagine Oahu 25 years from now with a rail transit system in place. It will be a growing bustling island with possibly 1,250,000 million residents living here, an increase of about 300,000 residents. The rail line will connect Ko Olina Resort to Kalaheo and Kapolei, near U.H. West Oahu to Waipahu and Pearlridge; pass Aloha Stadium to Salt Lake with a spur to the airport; onto downtown, Ala Moana Shopping Center and the University of Hawaii at Manoa. A spur to Waikiki or Kahala Mall is also possible.

The connection of U.H. Manoa and U.H. West Oahu will allow these 2 universities to share more resources and partner with each other on important issues such as housing. With limited land at Manoa, the university system may be able to offer student and faculty housing in West Oahu to accommodate both campuses. Faculty and students will easily travel from campus to campus for shared seminars, workshops or meetings.

During Christmas time and other important shopping days, Ala Moana Shopping Center will connect with Pearlridge Shopping Center, and the proposed DeBarolo Shopping Mall in Ewa. Shoppers will be able to park at one location and easily use the rail to visit other destinations, thus avoiding the tasks of parking and driving.

When there is a U.H. football game, fans will have the option to park near a transit station and ride the rail to the stadium. Traffic congestion around the stadium will be less, and fans will have a more enjoyable and pleasant time cheering on our U.H. Warriors. Large concerts and other events held at Aloha Stadium will experience the benefit of a rail system as well.

The transit-oriented developments will have a plethora of facilities and services to benefit Oahu residents. Affordable workforce housing will be a top priority near the stations with high density housing developments allowing more housing units per acre, and with the proximity to the rail line, ownership of a vehicle would not be necessary. It is likely that parking



A transit station in China

spaces per housing project would be less, lowering the cost for builders. These savings in costs will be passed on to consumers.

Developers of elderly housing and elderly care facilities will build around rail stations. As our population ages, driving a car is one of the privileges elderly will eventually cease to do. A rail line with easy access for our disabled and elderly will be valuable for future generations. When I'm elderly, I hope to live near a rail station. It will be convenient to ride the rail and not have to rely on someone to drive. If one needs a driver, handi-van or relative will be available.

As a healthcare provider, I will also want to be near the rail transit stations. Imagine a mega-health complex near a rail station. From Kapolei to Manoa, it would be convenient to be able to have your ears checked, or have a dental appointment, or have an eye examination all under one roof. Baby's annual check-up, tutu's quarterly appointment, monthly blood bank donation, dialysis, pharmacy visit, chiropractic care, acupuncture sessions, nutrition classes,

gym workout, escrima; an assortment of healthy living initiatives and offices could be included in the mega-health complex along the rail line.

Then there's the TOD that emphasizes recreation and socializing. Restaurants, cafes, coffee shops, and nightclubs will anchor an entertainment district.

Then add in movie theaters, miniature golf and a bowling alley. How about a museum, library, and community computer center to keep people connected. This type of transit-oriented development would certainly be a destination for both tourists and residents alike.

A TOD that has a combination of housing, retail stores, childcare, medical offices, cafes, and other establishments is a likely scenario in your community.

How will one get to the transit station? If one lives nearby, a leisurely walk will be the best way to get to the rail. Feeder buses will pick-up residents in neighborhoods and drop them off at the rail stations. Park and

rides will be built in some areas for those who must drive to the station. Once at the station, a cup of coffee, bento-to-go or newspaper will await you. If you have time, a nearby restaurant will happily fill your hunger pangs. The stress of sitting in traffic will be gone, and a clean, air-conditioned train will operate on a consistent schedule for your transportation needs.

TODs will incorporate smart development theories and practices; less use of vehicles, more pedestrian walkways, safe bike-ways, convenient connectivity for residents; useful establishments, institutions, and facilities which will be utilized by residents. From housing to shopping, healthcare and social services, education and recreation, transit-oriented developments along rail transit lines will be valuable as planners, developers, and government officials create communities of the future. These developments will not happen overnight, but as a transit line matures and ridership increases, new TODs surrounding rail stations will make sense practically and economically. If done properly, TODs will help keep more land in agriculture and conservation, thus leaving more open space for all of us to enjoy. Our natural environment is so precious, and the decisions we make today will impact our islands tomorrow. Let's develop the urban core in a smart manner, and strive to keep the country country. Transit-oriented developments are part of the answer.

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Hawaii Filipino Healthcare Better Suits Filipino Patients

"The greatest wealth is health." — Virgil, classical Roman poet

By Linda Dela Cruz

Hawaii Filipino Healthcare (HFH) has a collective goal of ensuring that Filipino patients are best treated by physician who understands their needs.

"The best way to get the word out about the organization is to have the doctors tell their patients about it," shares Dr. Ed Alquero, who has served as the HFH president for five years.

HFH is 12 year-old independent practice association that contracts with Hawaii Medical Service Association as one of HMSA's 22 healthcare centers. In an independent practice association, physicians can have their own practice as well as see patients who are a part of the HFH.

Obstacles to Health Care

Studies have shown that Filipino women, like other Asian women, tend to have less

accessibility to public health education programs and screening tests. They also face language barriers that prevent them from getting screening. Or their culture may encourage denial of medical problems.

For patients who were born and raised in the Philippines and who may or may not be able to speak much English, HFH is a God-send. It was established to help such patients navigate through the often confusing healthcare system.

Patients are assigned to a primary care doctor who oversees the patients' care, and if necessary, are referred to other healthcare givers.

"The main advantage is that the doctor and the patient can both speak the same language," Dr. Alquero adds.

HFH Vice president Dr. Rosalo Paeste, an internist who has medical offices in Waipahu and Kalihi elaborates on the



advantages of HFH.

"It offers a better cultural understanding for Filipino patients," notes Dr. Paeste. "Most of the doctors are able to converse in at least one dialect with the patient."

Dr. Paeste speaks Ilocano and Tagalog. A graduate of the University of Hawaii-Manoa's John A. Burns School of Medicine, he has served as HFH vice president for three years and has been a participating physician for five years.

Dr. Paeste estimates he has a total of roughly 200 HFH patients whom he sees in his Waipahu and Kalihi offices.

The top challenge the organization faces is that Filipinos do not want to go for preventive screenings. For example, Filipino women, do not want to get pap smears and mammograms.

"It's a cultural thing," explains Dr. Alquero, a family practitioner in Waipahu for the past 21 years. "They are ashamed. They don't want the doctors to see their bodies. It's private and a cultural taboo. Their husbands don't want them to go through it because it is a shame. This is a problem because insurance companies use the screenings as a measure to determine what the best practices of medicine are."

Filipino women have one

of the highest rates of breast cancer and cervical cancer in the nation. Studies conducted between 1988-1992 examined breast cancer rates among Asian and Pacific Island women in the U.S. During this period the occurrence rates were highest in Hawaiian women followed by Japanese, Filipino, Chinese, Vietnamese, and Korean women.

Despite these alarmingly high rates, Filipino women are still not getting their pap smears and mammograms even when they are offered incentives such as cash or free exams. Insurance companies do not recognize the gap, and they cite us for not doing enough. We are doing everything possible."

Other unique health concerns for Filipinos are their dietary habits.

"If you've ever observed a typical Filipino party, there are a lot of meat dishes that are served, compared to vegetable dishes. Culturally, there's a stigma that if you serve less meat dishes, you're not so well off financially," says Dr. Alquero.

Unfortunately, Filipinos' tendency to eat meat leads to more fat and salt intake which in turn causes hypertension, diabetes and a host of other illnesses.

Why HFH

For most of HFH's history, Filipino physicians have been the backbone of the organization. To date there are now 80 doctors with HFH but in recent years, there has been a need for more doctors.

To make up for a lack of Filipino physicians, HFH has sought those who are at least "culturally competent."

An example of a "culturally competent" physician is perhaps someone who has lived in the Philippines, is married to a Filipino, has staff that speaks Filipino, and associates with Filipino community regularly. For example, Dr. Joseph Zobian, an ophthalmologist, who is on the HFH board, is married to a Filipina and was a Peace Corps volunteer.

For doctors, they need to clearly understand why a healthcare system that caters to Filipinos should be used. Some reasons given are presented below:

1. They understand the cultural nuances of their Filipino patients and can immediately take action on problems and misunderstandings that recur on a daily basis.

Filipino physicians tend to be more understanding and able to clearly communicate

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with the patient in finding out what is really wrong. For example, Filipino doctors tend to be more tolerant and understanding when a patient proclaims, "Doc, I feel dizzy, maulawak, please give me injection."

Non-Filipino doctors may not realize what 'dizzy' could mean when a Filipino patient says it. When a patient says they are dizzy, it could be from depression, heart disease, stroke, side effect of medications, or anxiety related to stress.

"An understanding of the culture helps to get to the problem, and the solutions," says Dr. Alquero. "Something gets lost in the translation if the culture is not understood. The same thing is true for any ethnic immigrant group like Samoans, Tongans, Japanese, Chinese."

2. *Patient care is facilitated by networking with other Filipino doctors who are members of the Hawaii Filipino Healthcare system.*

Filipino doctors networked through the Hawaii Filipino Healthcare system are able to refer their patients to other Filipino specialists. This is particularly important for patients who need a Filipino primary physician.

Since many hospitals have established mandatory physician referrals based on factors other than ethnicity, the present healthcare offerings have many times prevented Filipino doctors from referring their patients to other Filipino doctors for contractual reasons. This is not beneficial to the patient and defeats the patients' wishes.

3. *Other physicians can be recommended.*

Contrary to popular assumptions, primary physicians can still refer the patient to other physicians outside of the Hawaii Filipino Healthcare system when there is a need to do so, as long as prior authorization is made. This is especially true when there are sub-specialties needed that are not represented in Hawaii Filipino Healthcare.

4. *No Additional Cost to Healthcare Members.*

One observer remarked, "I think many Filipinos, especially immigrants, will enlist immediately if they realize this comes at no extra cost."

In fact, a recent member of Hawaii Filipino Healthcare exclaimed, "when I switched to Hawaii Filipino Healthcare, I did not incur any cost and my insurance premium is cheaper. And when I was hospitalized, I didn't pay anything at all. So we are saving a lot with our new healthcare insurance coverage."

5. *Ethnic Pride.*

The Hawaii Filipino Healthcare system is a source of ethnic pride in the Filipino community. It shows the growing number of trained Filipino general physicians and specialists in our state, a sign of Filipino progress and success of many Filipino physicians.

The Filipino value system is further strengthened and inculcated through the trusting relationship between doctors and patients.

6. *Filipino Empowerment.*

The success- or failure- of the Hawaii Filipino Healthcare will reflect on the ability of the Filipino community to support it. Filipinos will have to demonstrate that they are able to take care of its own, on its own terms.

Filipino doctors have a proven record of helping Filipinos and non-Filipinos, especially through the many charitable organizations they had established such as the Aloha Medical Mission and the Bayanihan Clinic Without Walls.

It would be a sad day for the Filipino community if Filipino patients would not support the Hawaii Filipino Healthcare physicians.

7. *Hawaii Leads the Nation in Filipino Healthcare.*

Hawaii Filipino Healthcare is leading the way in Filipino healthcare. With the increasing Filipino population in Hawaii, this demographics theoretically guarantees its success.

HFH has grown initially from 46 members to 80 members. It has treated 2,500 patients per month on average in the past. Today, that number has increased to 3,500 and continues to grow.

HFH's Future

Each year, HFH's member physicians get together for a retreat to discuss topics and concerns that may need to be addressed. The most recent annual retreat was held at the Ilikaia during the past July 4th weekend.

The board has 11 people, including treasurer—Dr. Elizabeth Abinsay, who has a practice in Kalihi, and secretary—Dr. Sorbella Guillermo, who has a practice in Waipahu.

One of the keys to success for the organization is keeping its expenses small. A simple, yet practical way, includes using Dr. Alquero's office as the group's office.

Alquero says HFH has recently partnered with Ohana Health Plan as well as the extended care program for the aged, blind, and disabled with Quest. With the addition of these programs, HFH's leaders can focus on other goals, which include expanding the number of providers and recruiting more non-Filipino specialists.

For more information about Hawaii Filipino Healthcare, call 676-2271.

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By Governor Linda Lingie

Women Sharing Perspectives and Visions for a Global Community

that have increased in scope and participation with each passing year. Our fifth annual conference is happening on Wednesday, September 24, 2008 from 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Sheraton Waikiki Hotel and Resort. I hope you will visit www.hawaii.gov/gov/iwlc/2008 to learn more and register.

The theme of this year's conference is sharing Perspectives, Reflections and Visions for a Global Community. Our inspirational lineup of speakers from 10 different nations embodies this theme. These women – including U.S. Ambassador to the Philippines Kristie A. Kenney – are actively making a difference in Hawai'i, the U.S. and around the world.

Our other speakers include Chief Cathy Lanier, the first-ever female chief of police for

the District of Columbia; Moira Cameron, who was appointed as the first female Yeoman Warder at the Tower of London in 2007; and Adueli Riak, a paralegal in Boston who was one of the 4,000 Sudanese refugees as a child. Attendees will also have a chance to hear video messages from prominent leaders such as U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice.

With education being an important focus for my Administration, I am also excited that this year's conference will feature a panel discussion with education leaders from Finland, New Zealand, Uganda,



China, Japan, Hawai'i and the mainland U.S.

As important members of our state's multicultural makeup who have made vital contributions in the public and private sectors, I know that Hawai'i's Filipino community can offer valuable perspectives to this year's conference. I hope you will take advantage of this opportunity to learn from the experiences of other women and

to share your own experiences with contemporaries and the many students – our next generation of Hawai'i leaders – who will be in attendance.

As we do year-round, my office continues to value your feedback on issues affecting our state and my Administration's initiatives. With the 2008 legislative session now concluded, members of my Administration are already working to develop initiatives for 2009 that will improve the quality of life for Hawai'i residents.

Please send my office your input at governor.lingie@hawaii.gov and visit my website at www.hawaii.gov/gov, where you can learn more about my Administration's initiatives and sign up for my weekly e-newsletter.

HAWAII-FILIPINO NEWS

Cachola Receives Farrington Governors Hall of Fame Award

Honolulu City Councilmember Romy Cachola and a select group of honorees received the 2008 Governors' Hall of Fame Award on July 22 at the Hilton Hawaiian Village.

Honorees were selected for excellence in their respective fields and for accomplishments that benefited Kalihi, Farrington

High School and its students.

"I was surprised that I won this award," Cachola told the audience at the Hilton's Coral Ballroom. "I'm grateful to the Farrington Alumni Association for selecting me."

Cachola recounted the story of how he, his wife Erlinda and 2-year-old daughter Lyla arrived in America from

the Philippines in 1971 with \$500. After many unsuccessful job interviews, he finally landed a position at Territorial Savings as a messenger.

Grateful for the opportunity, Cachola worked hard to prove himself. He volunteered to work extra hours and in one year learned his co-workers' jobs by covering for them when they went on vacation. At the same time, he attended Savings and Loans courses, for which he was named outstanding student three times. In a little over a year, he was promoted from messenger to Waipahu branch manager.

Cachola said those early, difficult years shaped his character and taught him many valuable lessons in life, such as:

- Always doing your best, be proud of who you are and don't be afraid to take chances.
- Remembering those who helped you.
- Giving back to the community.
- Praying rather than lose hope.

"Our faith in God and prayer kept us going through the difficult times," he said.



Councilmember Romy Cachola (left) pose with other honorees

Helping Farrington High School

Cachola's support of Farrington includes the following:

- Providing annual college scholarships.
- Helping establish the Farrington Health Academy in 1991, a three-year program that prepares students for jobs in the healthcare industry. Romy's wife, Dr. Erlinda Cachola, mentors students who intern at her clinic, where they can observe health care practices in a real-world medical office setting.
- Establishing the Farrington Tourism Academy, a two-year program for students interested in the travel and tourism industry. Students learn about careers in hospitality, airlines, and tourism areas through site

visits, guest speakers and field trips.

- Establishing Speech Craft, a program that helps Farrington's Leo Club and St. Anthony's School to improve public speaking skills.

As a state representative and councilmember, Cachola worked hard to provide funds for the Kalihi YMCA, Susannah Wesley Community Center and other non-profits that offer much-needed programs for Kalihi's residents.

For the past 25 years, the Cachola's helped to organize the annual Kalihi Community Health Fair. This year's event will be on Saturday, August 23 at the Susannah Wesley Community Center. The fair provides free basic medical services for immigrants, the poor and needy.

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IMMIGRATION GUIDE



By Atty. Emmanuel
Samonte Tipon

From the Jaws of Defeat or How We Turned a Loser into a Winner

had some redeeming qualities. The case was doable but we needed their full cooperation.

We developed a strategy for winning. We had to establish that the alien was statutorily eligible for cancellation of removal and convince the judge to exercise her discretion in granting relief.

SAFETY NET

Having strong family ties in the United States is the basic requirement to win cancellation. Respondent's family had moved to Seattle to get away from him. I told the sisters that his wife and children must return immediately to Hawaii. One sister said that they would not be able to do so because the children were in school but might return in the summer. They also said that they had no money for their fare. I insisted that they must be brought back to Hawaii and testify to convince the Judge that the entire family was solidly behind their brother. If they did not cooperate, I would withdraw from the case. Within the week, the sisters told us that the entire family was in Hawaii.

We spent weekends preparing and rehearsing the family for their testimony. Each one had a written statement expressing support for the Respondent. During the hearings, everyone came to court.

REHABILITATION

Another significant factor in winning cancellation is rehabilitation. The Respondent had gone to a rehabilitation facility to arrange for his rehabilitation but was arrested by ICE before he could start. We got a drug assessment counselor to evaluate the Respondent. He submitted a favorable report that he had good potential for rehabilitation.

VALUE TO THE COMMUNITY

We made several visits to the Federal Detention Center to prepare the defendant for his testimony. We told him that the prosecutor will ask "What have you done for your country to deserve cancellation of removal."
"What should I answer," he asked.

You told the truth -- you have raised 4 children who are all good citizens. One of them will be deployed to Iraq. You

have been working and paying taxes and gave your family all your earnings.

REASON FOR TAKING DRUGS

It is better to attribute the Respondent's taking drugs to something that is not due to his own inherent weakness or peer pressure.

He testified that he took drugs after his father in law had kicked him out of their house which led to depression and shame.

ASK FOR FORGIVENESS

At the end of the Respondent's testimony, I stood up, placed my hands on his shoulders, and asked if he wished to say anything to the Judge.

"I pray for your forgiveness Your Honor. I am very ashamed of what I have done. I am a human being and have many weaknesses. But I will change. I promise that I will not go back to drugs. Please give me a second chance to go back to my family and make up for my shortcomings to them. I believe that they are ready to forgive me and take me back."

RECOMMENDATION

An alien can win a deportation case despite seemingly

overwhelming odds if he has an effective lawyer who has the 4 E's -- excellent education, experience, exerts a lot of effort, and enthusiasm to succeed.

(ATTY. TIPON has won all deportation cases he handled and obtained approval of all visa petitions he filed. He is from Laoag City. He has a Master of Laws degree from Yale Law School and a Bachelor of Laws degree from the University of the Philippines. He served as an Im-

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From the jaws of defeat or how we turned a loser into a winner

The Respondent is a "loser" intoned the Immigration Judge as she announced her Decision. He has 45 arrests, 22 convictions. One drug conviction is sufficient to warrant removal. He has been high on drugs. He abandoned his children. He has no regular job. He is homeless.

However, he has lived here for 29 years. All his family is in the United States - his wife, children, mother and 2 sisters. They said that they will provide a "safety net" so that he will not go back to drugs. He will stay with his mother if released. They will pay for his rehabilitation and get him a regular job.

Respondent has not taken drugs since August 2007. He wants to change and take care of his family. His wife is willing take him back if he changes.

His son is on active duty in the National Guard and will soon be deployed to Iraq. He said: "I am fighting for my country and I want to see my father's freedom in return."

"Ordinarily I would deny respondent relief," declared the judge, "but under the circumstances, I will give this loser a chance and grant cancellation of removal."

GREAT JOB

"You guys did a great job," said the judge, smiling at us.

WHAT WE DID

When my team mate and I took the case, we did not know that the Respondent had 45 arrests and 22 convictions. We thought he had only one arrest and one conviction for possession of drug paraphernalia. When we saw the rap sheet, we shook our heads. The respondent's sisters and mother saw us and expressed alarm "He does not have much chance, does he?" his mother asked. "You pray for your son. I will also pray for him," I counseled her.

We told them that we had talked with the Respondent. He

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HAWAII-FILIPINO NEWS

Recipients of Del Rosario Scholarship Named

The Del Rosario Scholarship Foundation has announced nine recipients of scholarships totaling \$1,000 each.

The recipients are as follows: Tanya Alconel, Kaimuki High School; Michelle Tagorda, Kea'au High School; Christianne Liangson, Maryknoll School; Jennifer Lucas, Waipahu High School; Hildegard Velasco, Kapolei High School; Tyson Akira Chihara, Kauai High School; and Ayla Bicoy, Molokai High School.

The awardees were selected by a panel of judges who evaluated their scholastic achievements, community involvement, letters of recommendations, financial need and personal essays explaining their intention to

contribute to the Hawaii-Filipino community.

"When I graduated from high school, I received a \$250 scholarship from the Filipino Women's League," said Dr. Nestor Del Rosario, who practices internal medicine, critical care and pulmonology in Waipahu. "Their faith in my potential inspired my career in medicine. I believe that instead of repaying kindness we pass it on. I'm honored to assist students who are committed to excellence and serving their community."

The Del Rosario Scholarship Foundation is a non-profit charitable organization under the direction of Dr. Nestor Del Rosario. This year also marks the 10th anniversary of his clinic in Hawaii.

Ablan Named Chief Medical Officer

Hawaii Medical Center has named Dr. Danilo Ablan as Chief Medical Officer of Hawaii Medical Center West.

Dr. Ablan, who was born and raised in the Philippines, received his medical degree from the University of Santo Tomas in Manila. He conducted pediatrics internships at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, Children's Hospital of New Jersey at Hackensack University Medical Center and St. Michael's Medical Center in Newark, N.J.

He completed his residency in internal medicine at Cabrini Medical Center in New York City. He also conducted a pulmonary diseases fellowship at Hackensack University Medical Center and was a Senior Clinical Fellow in Critical Care Medicine at Albert Einstein College of Medicine in Bronx, N.Y.

Dr. Ablan was previously Medical Director of HMC West's Intensive Care Unit/Pulmonary Division and is Board certified in internal medicine, pulmonary diseases, critical care medicine and sleep medicine. He is a member of the American College of Chest Physicians and Society of Critical Care and is past president of both the Philippine Medical Association of Hawaii and SIRMATA.



Dr. Danilo Ablan

Dr. Ablan takes over for Dr. Genevieve Ley, who resigned to return full-time to her private medical practice.

"We appreciate Dr. Ley's leadership of the medical staff at HMC West during her tenure," said Dr. Danelo Canete, HMC's chief executive officer. "She worked diligently to help the organization define its strategic priorities and expanded collaboration among the HMC staff."

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Farrington Student Wins Logo Design Contest

Mitch Cadiz, a senior at Farrington High School, was named the winner of the logo design contest held by the Global Youth Center, a non-profit group based in Hawaii that trains youth to become tomorrow's leaders in global affairs.

Cadiz's design is unique, original and maintains a distinctive Hawaiian beauty that emphasizes the GYC's location. The design also masterfully synthesizes

themes that the GYC strongly promotes.

The design will undergo further professional refinement and be officially posted at a later date.

Runner-ups in the logo design contest were students Princess Manuel, Shai Cadiz and Emily Powers.

For his efforts, Cadiz received a free laptop from the One Laptop Per Child project, another non-profit group whose mission is to provide free computer laptops to school children in developing countries as a means of empowerment and educational enhancement.



PICTORIAL NEWS DA MAYAH



The cast of "Da Mayah" supporting their candidate. (Back, L to R): Troy M. Apostol, Anna-Marie Love, Stu Hirayama and Karen Kuioka Hirongaga. (Front, L to R): Jarod G. Bailon, and Eddy Gudoy. Written by local journalist Lee Cataluna, "Da Mayah" will run at Kumu Kahua Theatre from August 28-September 28, 2008. Please call 536-441 for more information or go online at: www.KumuKahua.org.

PHILIPPINE NEWS

Overseas Filipinos, Retirees Remain Top Buyers in RP Residential Market

A top official of an international real estate services company said on Wednesday Filipinos overseas and retirees remain the most active buyers of residential properties in the Philippines thus boosting market demand.

Mike Mabuto, Director for Investment Properties and Capital Markets at CB Richard Ellis Philippines said that the bulk of overseas Filipino workers and retirees from around the world residing in the country or considering residing here invest in mid-end residential development projects.

Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs) have long been a lucrative market for residential properties because of their desire to provide a better life for their families.

According to Mabuto, OFWs prioritize investing their hard-earned income in residential properties.

"Retirees have also ramped up property spending, mostly from life savings and retirement benefits," Mabuto said.

"This trend started four to five years ago and now we see these retired buyers becoming more active in the market," said

Mabuto, despite property woes in other parts of the world, particularly the US.

To address increasing demand by OFWs and retirees, real estate developers are developing affordable housing developments and condominium projects, with investments ranging from PhP 1-Million to PhP 2.5-Million, according to a CBRE Philippines report.

In the period 2008 to 2013, 28 residential condominiums are expected to rise in Makati City, providing more than 18,000 units.

In Fort Bonifacio, 33 residential condominiums are expected to be completed between 2008 and 2013, which will provide more than 11,500 units.

High-end residential condominiums are also in demand. As a result of increased demand, prices for high-end residential condominiums in Makati City have risen from Php 90,000 per square meter in 2006 to Php100,000 to Php 130,000 per square meter this year. Low interest rates and flexible financing terms have helped boost the residential property sector.

According to Trent Frankum, CBRE Philippines

General Manager, mortgage rates are hovering in a range of 8.5 percent to 12 percent.

Another bright prospect for the Philippine residential market is the development and market positioning of retirement villages for expatriate "empty nesters."

Studies show that retirees from the US, Europe and other countries in Asia, such as China, South Korea and Japan are flocking to tropical countries like the Philippines for their retirement.

"The retirement market is a potential multi-billion-dollar industry, and the Philippines has stepped up efforts to entice foreign and local investments in such projects," Mabuto said.

The Philippine Retirement Authority (PRA), a government owned and controlled corporation, and the Philippine Retirement Institute (PRI) encourage local and foreign investors to support retirement community projects. Road shows in Korea, Japan, and the United States, have promoted Philippines retirement villages, offering tax incentives for pioneering projects in the country.



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From Batanes to Jolo, BF Posters Soon to Sprout

by Michael Punongbayan

His posters are going beyond the confines of Metro Manila, and can now be seen on street corners from Batanes to Jolo.

Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA) chairman Bayani Fernando has new tarpaulins featuring a new photograph – with his index finger pointed straight at you.

Known as the "pink panther" with a very Filipino manner of speaking when it comes to public service announcements, Fernando said his new posters will soon be seen all over the Philippines.

He said his people, who are working for him personally and are not MMDA employees, have begun putting up BF tarpaulins in Northern Luzon provinces.

"Mga batas ay solusyon, dapat alamin at sundin (Laws are the solution, learn them and obey them)," one poster reads.

"Pantay-pantay kung may

disiplina (There is equality when there is discipline)," says another.

Fernando however strongly denied allegations that he is using public funds of the MMDA to further his own political plans, and said he has his own people going around the country who are not MMDA personnel.

He also defended his various posters dotting the city landscape, saying he is only "promoting order" unlike others who are endorsing beauty products.

Fernando, who has been very vocal about his plan to run for president in 2010 under the Lakas-Christian Muslim Democrats (CMD) party, said he cannot be accused of early campaigning because there is no such thing in the first place.

"It's a personal advocacy. It's the same advocacy (we are promoting in the MMDA.) There's nothing wrong with that, anybody can have his own advocacy," he told THE STAR.

"I'm not endorsing any beauty product, I am endorsing 'kaayunan' (order)," emphasized Fernando, who is said to have earned the ire of the poor but praise from the middle class because of his strong advocacy for law and order.

The MMDA chair has been going around the country the past months for speaking engagements and other activities, even just plain visits "to test the waters."

According to him, he has been gaining popularity and is still the only Lakas-CMD party member who has declared interest in the upcoming presidential elections.

In Metro Manila, posters with him holding his chin and looking very serious are being criticized as early campaign material.

Fernando said sending out the message that the MMDA is very serious in instilling discipline in the metropolis would not be that effective if his tarpaulins show his smiling face.

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ILOKO



By Amado I. Yoro

LAKAY HERMOSO CRUZADO: SAKADA Umuna Iti Dua A Paset

kampo. Nairuamen iti sinungbat a taroak dagiti kawitan. Ti paswit ken pinnasindayag dagiti agtutubo. Ken ti di mangpiripirit a pangakakaaruba dagiti sabali a puali.

Ditoy Kampo Uno ti nangibalayan ti kompania kenkuana. Maysa a benepisio ti plantasion ti maadaan iti balay. Ngem iti panangbalaw ti kunkunada nga economic crisis ken ti plantation survival, adda Redevelopment Project nga ipagpagna ti plantasion a nagretiruana. No ania dayta a proyekto, dina maawatan. Ti ketdi madlawna iti kampo, bu-

massiten ti balalay. Main-inuten a mapanawan ken marumek no di man mapuoran. Bassiten ti natda iti ligason a yanian. Agtuluoyen nga agrakaya dagiti balay. Ket iti nagbaatan ti Kaiki ken Kalilo, naatar madagiti bachelor's quarter. Agyan iti maysa kadagiti BQ. Nababa ti abang.

Nairuamen ni Lakay Hermoso iti kastoy a buya. Ditoy ti kaadaan a nangpalabasanna iti pitopulo ket dua a tawenna. Gagangayen kenkuana ti asuk ken daranudor ti sugar mill. Dagiti usang ken basura iti aglawlaw. Nabatop ti kalsada iti kaligaw, nalulot met no tudtudo. Kampo Filipino ti ad-adda nga awagda ditoy ta ad-adu ti Pinoy.

Sumsumaren a kanayon ni Lakay Hermoso Cruzado no kaanon met a tubagenda ti taengna. Namin-adun a kinasarita da Adigi Campos, Employee Relations Director ti Ohana Sugar Mill; ken Laurel Palma, Housing Administrator, tapno panawanna ti BQna. Ipat-patangenna a dina mabalalin a panawit ni Kampo Uno.

Ngem kaanton a sardenganda? Sipsiputandan ti biagna. Kayatda a yakar iti Elderly Housing Project nga aywan ti

gobierno. No adda koma pamiliana, adda koma kamangna iti. Ngem dakkel a malas ti biagna iti yaadayona iti Sta. Narcisca.

"Pumanawak tapno sapulek ti gasatko iti ballasiw-taaw," impasingkedna ken ni Carmencita Dayoan. "Ammom a nangpanglawkami isu nga awan ti kaimdingak iti imatang ti amam." Agrubrubat idi a sumurot iti biahe nga agluas iti Port Salomague, Cagubago, Ilocos Sur.

"Material a banag ti sanikua, Hermoso," kinuna idi ni Carmencita, "Uray dinno ti ayanno, mabirokam ti gasatmo no agsaeka."

"Ngem no iti ballasiw ti taaw ti pasakaraki iti supapak ti ayat a birbirken ti amam, sumangpetakto no agballigati. No mapayaak, maudin a panagpakadag daytoy."

"Ammom nga ay-ayatenka iti amin a kinaatomo, Hermoso," naglua idi ni Carmencita. "Tagikuanaenk sakabay a pumanawka."

Nagtilmon. Nagmalanga. Dina maawatan no apay a sumangpet dagitoy a lagip iti agaganen nga uppat a pulo a tawen!

Ngem dina maawatan ti bagina manipud yaay ni Moises Simon, kameng ti screening committee ti 40th anniversary committee for the 1946 Filipino Sakada, itay biagit.

Ti reunion ken ti sentimental journey a mangsuknal iti Port Salomague ti yaw-awis ni Moises Simon.

Saanna nga inikkan iti kaipapanan ti isasarungkan ni Simon. Ngem adda nagatad iti barukongna itay madakamat ni Simon ti Puerto Salomague.

Siniripatna manen ti Kampo Uno. Daanen dagiti balabay. Kas iti tawenna, agsalog met ti pigsa ti rimatsi dagitoy a taeng ken umok ti biag. Madlawna ketdi nga adda pay imeng ken bara dagitoy a siled. Adu met a pamilia ti mairanrangid ditoy.

Tingtingingna ti kaung-gana. Simged ti iliw iti barukongna. Ngem astino ti kailliwna? Asino pay ti makaam-ammo kenkuana idiyay Sta. Narcisca?

"Ipasngaykonto nga awan ti amana ti adda iti saklotko," inandur ni Carmencita iti insurat ditoy Hawaii. "Ammom a sika pay laeng ti patpatgek, Hermoso. Ket no biroknemanto ti ramutna, bay-am a sapulennakanto..."

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PHILIPPINE NEWS

GMA, Nograles Fare Badly in Polls

by Helen Flores

Filipinos appear generally satisfied with most of President Arroyo's programs, although they don't like or trust her, according to a Social Weather Stations (SWS) survey commissioned by an ally of the President.

In another SWS survey, Speaker Prospero Nograles received the lowest mark for all speakers since the SWS began regular monitoring in 1990.

The nationwide SWS survey commissioned by Quezon Rep. Danilo Suarez showed that two in three Filipinos, or 67 percent, were dissatisfied with Mrs. Arroyo, while only 17 percent were satisfied.

Suarez, chair of the House oversight committee, told reporters yesterday that the survey he commissioned cost him P2 million.

The survey was conducted last July 13-17 and had 1,200 respondents.

"I can't understand it. Our

people are satisfied with her programs, but she remains highly unpopular," Suarez, a staunch ally of Mrs. Arroyo and one of her favorite companions on her trips abroad, said.

When asked why, in his view, the President is unpopular, he said, "It's the media. The rated programs have been hitting her, and she has been getting bad press."

The President has been receiving negative trust and satisfaction ratings in SWS and Pulse Asia surveys.

The Quezon congressman said he commissioned the survey to check whether the President is really unpopular and to determine if his committee's positive report about her programs jibes with people's sentiments.

"I am happy that our report jibes with what the people feel about these programs," he said.

The SWS poll showed that 52 percent of respondents were satisfied with government efforts to reduce electricity rates, while

38 percent were dissatisfied.

In the area of fighting terrorism, 47 percent were satisfied, while 32 percent were dissatisfied. A larger 50 percent were satisfied with how the administration fights criminality, with 33 percent dissatisfied.

However, high dissatisfaction marks were recorded for some major programs. Exactly half of respondents, for instance, were dissatisfied with government efforts to eradicate graft and corruption.

A larger 56 percent of the people were not happy with the way the administration fights inflation, while 53 percent thought the national leadership does not keep its promises.

Some 52 percent were of the view that the administration failed to ensure that no family would ever go hungry.

Nograles received a dissatisfaction rating of 41 percent, with 25 percent satisfied. (www.philstar.com)

LEGAL NOTES



By Reuben S. Seguritan

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from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS).

To apply for a re-entry permit, a Form I-131 Application for Travel Document must be filed along with a copy of the front and back of the green card and a filing fee of \$305.00 and \$80.00 biometrics fee. The application is filed with the Nebraska Service Center.

The applicant must apply for the re-entry permit while he/she is still physically present in the U.S. and before traveling abroad. The person need not wait however for the decision on the application before traveling and can request its delivery at an overseas office of the U.S. Embassy or Consulate of his/her country of destination.

Under a recent decision by the Administrative Appeals Office, the application for re-entry permit was denied by the USCIS

Nebraska Service Center after it was determined that the applicant filed the application after having already left the U.S.

In his appeal, the applicant admitted that he filed the application while he was abroad but he contended that he had an initial travel document that was valid at the time that he left the U.S. The document expired while he was abroad and he filed the I-131 in an attempt to extend the expired travel document.

The AAO denied the appeal stating that the regulations did not provide for extending an expired travel document and that "there is no exception for the physical presence requirement at the time of filing a Form I-131."

This month, the USCIS also issued its newly revised I-131 instructions on the biometrics (e.g. fingerprints and photographs) that need to be taken by applicants for re-entry permits

and refugee travel documents. The instructions state that while departure from the U.S. before a decision is made on the re-entry permit application usually does not affect the application, there is a risk of denial if the applicant leaves before his/her biometrics are collected.

A re-entry permit is valid for two years from the date of issuance. If the green card holder has been out of the U.S. for more than four years of the last five years or since becoming a permanent resident, the permit's validity will be restricted to only one year, except if the green card holder is traveling under U.S. government directive, or is employed by a public international organization, or is a professional athlete who regularly competes.

A re-entry permit is not a guaranty of admission to the U.S. It is just a proof that the permanent resident has not abandoned his/her status during the prolonged absence. He/She

is still subject to the immigration rules on admissibility.

Also, it does not negate the rule that absence from the U.S. for one year or more will generally break the continuous residence requirement for naturalization.

The USCIS advises applicants for re-entry permits to anticipate their travel plans and to apply for the travel document or re-entry permit in the U.S. at least 60 days prior to their travel dates in order to have their biometrics collected. If the green card holder leaves the U.S. while the decision on the I-131 is pending but before the biometrics is taken, then it would not necessarily deny the re-entry permit application as long as the applicant returns to the U.S. within that year to attend the biometrics appointment.

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A common question asked of us by new permanent residents or green card holders is whether they can travel abroad and for how long they can stay abroad.

Lawful permanent residents or green card holders may travel in and out of the U.S. generally without restrictions if the trip will be for not more than one year. One only needs to present his/her passport and the green card to re-enter the U.S.

However if the stay outside the U.S. will exceed one (1) year, then the green card holder needs to get a re-entry permit

MAINLAND NEWS

Bay Area Filipinos to Celebrate Pinoy Culture, Community Pride

Northern California's 400,000-strong Filipino community is gearing up for the 15th Annual Pistahan Festival and Parade, which will be held on August 9, 2008.

The Pistahan Festival is a two day event that promotes Filipino American art and business through interactive cultural exhibits and pavilions showcasing heritage, health, dance, music, arts and cuisine. The two-day event is expected to draw over 50,000 people. There are over 400,000 Filipino-Americans in the Bay Area,

making them the second largest Asian American group in Northern California.

The Pistahan Parade is the only major Filipino parade on the West Coast. Organizers have billed it as the Filipino community's counterpart to other cultural events like the Chinese New Year's Day Parade and the St. Patrick's Day Parade. The parade will travel along San Francisco's main street—Market Street—from the Embarcadero and end at Yerba Buena Gardens, the crown jewel of the city's cultural district.

The parade will feature colorful floats, historical themes and lively community contingents. This year, the highlights include the premiere of the San Francisco Filipino American Jazz Festival with headliner Charmaine Clamor and world-class performances by Broadway, Hollywood and local rising stars.

By popular demand, organizers will bring back the popular adobo cook-off and the balut eating contest. One of the new events includes the longanisa eating contest. All of the food events are sponsored by Mama Sita's.



McDonalds Launches New Website For Asian-Pacific American Community

Fast food giant McDonald's is hoping that its new, hip website catches on with the Asian-Pacific American community. The website is geared towards youths and helps them stay connected with peers, learn and celebrate their cultural heritage and holidays, and obtain information on scholarships and career opportunities at McDonald's.

The launch of MyInspirAsian.com is an integral part of McDonald's strategy to recognize the uniqueness of the Asian-Pacific American heritage and to celebrate its diverse customer base.

"With the increasing number of consumers logging on to the Internet to seek entertainment and social connections, MyInspirAsian.com taps into the passion points of our consumers—passion for their cultural heritage and for opportunities that enable them

to achieve their goals in life," said Vivian Chen, marketing manager for McDonald's USA.

The new website is a collection of fun and interactive applications that highlights interesting events in the APA community. It also includes information on scholarship programs such as the Ronald McDonald House Charities and the Asian and Pacific Islander American Scholarship Fund, as well as career opportunities with McDonald's. In

addition, MyInspirAsian.com helps web visitors stay connected with their Asian-Pacific American culture through fun and engaging content such as

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McDonald's will frequently update the website to provide new and interesting content.

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