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## EDITORIAL

## Getting Ready For Beautiful Music

**H**awaii audiences will be treated to an another performance by the UST Singers, an award-winning choir from the Philippines. The group has been to Hawaii in 2001, 2004 and 2006. Each return visit by this premier choral group is highly anticipated. And for good reason. The UST Singers has been captivating audiences worldwide for the past 15 years with beautiful renditions of its broad repertoire, which includes Gospel, Filipino songs, Spanish folk songs (sung in Castilian, Gallego and Basque), Latin American songs and Broadway songs. Along the way, the UST Singers has won 45 top prizes from choral competitions around the world.

That a choir from a Third World country in Asia has performed at such a high level for so long a time is truly nothing short of remarkable. Credit must be given, obviously, to the singers for their dedication, and to the choir's supporters and financial sponsors. The lion's share of their success however, goes to conductor Fidel G. Calalang, Jr. who has had to organize and coach new groups all over again as choir members graduate and disperse. He has met the unrelenting challenges time and again, and continues to produce an excellent ensemble.

If you have not yet heard the UST Singers in concert, we encourage you to make plans to see them in performance and to enjoy their beautiful music.

## Proposed Cell Phone Ban Makes Good Sense

**U**sing a cell phone while driving would be illegal, under a bill currently making its way through the City Council. If passed, Honolulu would join six other states and the District of Columbia that have already banned talking on a hand-held cellular phone while driving. The bill also bans the use of music players, video games and other hand-held electronic devices while behind a steering wheel.

There are of course, exceptions. For example, motorists are allowed to call 911 in the event of an emergency and to use a hands-free device like a Bluetooth earpiece. The bill also exempts emergency personnel and drivers who use two-way radios on the job.

Officials with the National Safety Council say that driving while talking on a cell phone puts drivers at a four times greater risk of a crash. While nationwide studies support such a ban, most people don't need cold, hard statistics to convince them that cell phones and driving don't mix. We have all seen our fellow drivers so absorbed in cell phone conversations that their ability to concentrate was severely impaired, thereby jeopardizing the safety of vehicle occupants, other motorists and pedestrians.

The inconvenience of a missed call or having to pull over to use a cell phone is a small price to pay for the sake of safety. And the right call for the Honolulu City Council to make.

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## FROM THE PUBLISHER

**W**elcome to another edition of the Hawaii Filipino Chronicle! We hope you enjoy a wonderful Easter with your family and loved ones.

Speaking of wonderful, our cover story for this issue, written by J.P. Orias, is about a return visit by the world-renowned University of Santo Tomas Singers. The 35-member choir is truly one of the good things about the Philippines and another thing that we all can take pride in. We look forward to hearing them perform!

We can also take pride in two Filipino senior volunteers who were among several honorees at the 43rd Annual Mayor's Senior Recognition Program. Also, several Filipino entrepreneurs were recognized by the Small Business Administration for their business achievements—which is no small feat, considering Hawaii's flat economy. Congratulations to both the senior volunteers and the small business owners! Both of their respective stories can be found on pages 8 and 10.

The City & County of Honolulu is continuing its efforts to plan for the fixed rail project. City transportation officials have held Transit Oriented Development workshops in Waipahu over the past two years, which gave residents the opportunity to participate in the planning of their community. The City has further expanded its efforts to include more neighborhoods in Leeward Oahu, particularly Kapolei. We encourage our readers in Leeward Oahu to attend these workshops. Please read more on page 8.

We hope you will enjoy reading these and other columns in this issue, including Legislative Connection, Family Corner, Legal Notes and Philippine Language.

In closing, we again thank you for supporting the Hawaii Filipino Chronicle! Until next time... Aloha and *Mabuhay!*

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### GETTING IT STRAIGHT

We apologize for the factual errors in our cover story "A Closer Look at Hawaii's Early Visayan Pioneers" which appeared in our March 28, 2009 edition. A corrected version of the story will appear on our website at [www.thefilipinochronicle.com](http://www.thefilipinochronicle.com).

## MAYOR'S COLUMN



By Mayor Mufi Hannemann

**W**e are committed to revitalizing our neighborhoods, using rail transit as the catalyst, and we will continue to ensure that the Filipino community and all other stakeholders are involved with Transit-Oriented Development planning.

I'm very pleased with the first neighborhood TOD plan, focused on the two rail stations planned for Waipahu. Stakeholders are proud of these two areas, and their recommendations for each station are quite different, responding to unique opportunities and challenges of the Leoku Station and the Mokuola Station.

This plan, and those for other neighborhoods such as east Kapolei, will help create economically vibrant communities that are healthier and

# Revitalizing Neighborhoods, and Creating Jobs for Our Youth

more pedestrian-friendly. The plans will become the foundation for specific zoning regulations and financial incentives. Zoning regulations will address parking standards, new density provisions, open space and affordable housing. Financial incentives could include public-private partnerships, real property tax credits and infrastructure financing.

In another neighborhood, we recently activated new traffic signals at the intersection of Gulick Avenue and Beckley Street in Kalihi, near Kalihi Waena Elementary School. Installing these new signals is part of our comprehensive effort to improve traffic and pedestrian safety across our island. Combined with public education and police enforcement, these signals should help make our streets safer for everyone.

We have also launched a new effort to clean and renovate public park grounds and facilities in Waikiki, including Kapiolani Park and the Diamond



Head end of Kalakaua Avenue. We're very committed to ensuring that our parks remain clean, safe and welcoming to everyone. This extra effort will require the collaboration of several city departments, but no additional funding. We're also making sure the community is involved, and we are consulting and briefing Waikiki stakeholders as we move forward.

Areas of Kapiolani Park, Mauka of Kalakaua Avenue, will be closed from midnight to 5 a.m. daily, beginning April 20. This includes the tennis courts. Areas makai of Kalakaua Avenue will be closed from 2 a.m.

to 5 a.m. beginning April 20. The comfort station behind the Police sub-station will remain open until 2 a.m., four hours longer than before.

Our Summer Youth Employment Program for disadvantaged youth and young adults will employ 650 people this summer, from June 15 to July 24. Applications are available through April 3 at the Youth Services Center, Kailua Satellite City Hall; and at Oahu WorkLinks Centers at locations listed below. Applications can also be downloaded from: <http://www.honolulu.gov/dcs/spcialprojects/youthservices.htm>.

Youth deemed eligible under the Workforce Investment Act will be enrolled into the program on a first-come first-served basis. Applications must be returned complete with original signature and attached copies of eligibility documents, and must be returned to and received by the Youth Services Center, Oahu WorkLinks Center, and Kailua Satellite City Hall no later than April 6, 2009, 4:00 PM.

For questions regarding applications, please call Ms. Donna Fatuatu at 832-7818.

Locations for picking up and dropping off applications are:

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## NEWS FEATURE

## Malunggay Eyed vs Poverty

**M**ANILA, Philippines - Proving that it is indeed a super vegetable, Malacafang has tapped "malunggay" (moringa) in the fight against poverty and climate change.

The government has sought the cooperation of malunggay farmers in helping alleviate poverty and save the environment because the vegetable can improve air quality, reduce the incidence of floods and lessen hunger and malnutrition.

National Anti-Poverty Commission (NAPC) chief Secretary Domingo Panganiiban also pledged to increase support services for farmers under the government's malunggay development program.

He said malunggay farmers are in a position to mitigate the effects of climate change and increase employment opportunities for the poor.

"Malunggay trees can improve air quality and reduce



"malunggay" or moringa

the incidence of floods that are brought on by more frequent and more powerful typhoons," Panganiiban said during the induction of the newly elected officers of the Moringa Growers Federation of the Philippines.

Much of the flooding now seen in various parts of the country can be attributed to massive and widespread deforestation, he said.

Panganiiban said the propagation of malunggay in the country's poorest provinces could also increase employment opportunities for the poor and reduce hunger and malnutrition.

"A vast number of the country's rural folk are poor. The growing market for malunggay products can allow them the employment and income opportunities they need to rise from poverty," he said.

Director Alicia Ilaga of the Department of Agriculture (DA) Biotechnology Unit agreed and reiterated her agency's commitment to assist malunggay farmers throughout the country.

"Our first commitment is to help you identify agricultural lands suitable for malunggay commercial plantation," she said.

She said the DA will also develop better technologies and shed facilities for the massive production of malunggay planting materials.

Ilaga said the DA is developing new technologies that will allow the production of 27,000 plantlets from a single seed.

"Last but not least, we will develop the standards for malunggay so we can maintain the quality of malunggay prod-

ucts and we can protect the industry we are creating," Ilaga said.

Eufroceno Udarbe, president of the Moringa Growers Federation of the Philippines, meanwhile said that his organ-

ization is comprised of some 15 farmer associations. "We have already seen to the planting of malunggay in some 500 hectares nationwide," he said.

He said the demand for malunggay products is growing for both pharmaceutical purposes, food and biofuel production. ([www.philstar.com](http://www.philstar.com))



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# UST SINGERS TO PERFORM "BEYOND DREAMS"

By J.P. Orias



**I**t is beyond Conductor Fidel G. Calalang, Jr.'s dreams that the University of Santo Tomas (UST) Singers would be declared Choir of the World at Llangollen, win three grand prizes in different years in other countries, bag seven first prizes in various categories and complete 15 concert tours around Europe, the U.S., Canada, Mexico and Asia in 17 years since it started.

They were the official artists of the World Expo in Germany and Spain. They have sung for Pope John Paul II, Pope Benedict XVI, the King and Queen of Spain and even Luciano Pavarotti. Their Festi-

val Europe tour last year covered Spain, Germany, France, Belgium and Italy.

The UST Singers was founded in 1992. The group is the school's premiere mixed choral ensemble composed of a

select group of students and alumni representing the different colleges and faculties of the Pontifical and Royal University of Santo Tomas – the oldest university in Asia, under the baton of Prof. Fidel G. Calalang Jr.

During the course of its 15 years in the international choral music scene, the UST Singers has embarked on 13 concert tours bringing them to over 25 different countries worldwide. At the same time, the choir has achieved both national and international recognition as one of the top choirs in the world.

The choir's most recent trip was last July 2007 in Taiwan, where it participated in the 8th Taipei Philharmonic Festival together with choirs, vocal groups and conductors from Russia, Hungary and China. This is an annual musical gathering which is sponsored and arranged by the Taipei Philharmonic Foundation for Culture and Education. The choir performed in different cities around Taiwan and at the historic National Concert Hall in Taipei.

the Filipino Centennial Celebration. The choir was recognized by Mayor Mufi Hammadann who declared October 25, 2006 as "UST Singers Day" in Hawaii.

Local Filipinos who have heard the UST Singers in concert have been impressed.

"I really, really enjoyed their Filipino songs," says Aaron Aparigoso, a teacher at Manana Elementary and director of Na Keiki o Manana. "I wanted to hear more of them. The choral arrangements were absolutely wonderful and showed a lot of soul."

Bobby Reyes, a retired professional entertainer and current member of the group "The Sounds of Aloha," was equally impressed. He notes that the group is well-disciplined by conductor Calalang, whom he describes as "very smooth."

"It's the best choir that I have seen that came from the Philippines and I have seen a lot," he says.

This year, the UST Singers will perform a very special collection of songs from its October 2008 farewell concert in Manila.

## Aloha UST Singers

While on their way to Mexico as guest performers at the Pueblo International Choir Competition, the UST Singers will stopover in Hawaii for several performances. It will be the group's fourth visit to and the third major concert in islands within a span of nine years.

Its most recent tour was in October 2006 when it invited by the UST Alumni Association of Hawaii to take part in

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farewell performance according to Maria Orosa, it had minimal scores, thus enabling the singers to focus and concentrate on phrasing, accents, nuances, tonal color, expression and dynamics.

In the opening sacred songs which include a spiritual, the 26-member mixed choir conveyed remarkable qualities that characterize the whole performance. There was cohesiveness throughout — in very long, sustained pianissimo lines resembling the faintest whisper receding ever-so-slowly and dying out, or gradually reaching thunderous fortissimos which, ending in abrupt, arresting stops — at the wave of the conductor's hand — would leave the audience breathless.

Calalang's conversance with so many types of songs, the widest latitude implying considerable study and research, is evident. Ranging from Renaissance to contemporary — sacred, folk, a spiritual, a madrigal, Broadway tunes, motets, ballads — the selections

were of Spanish, Cuban, French, Russian, American, Lithuanian, African origin.

Conducting with an economy of movement while demonstrating total command and authority, Calalang accompanied the choir on the piano after the spiritual, and the singers, every so often, would engage in hand-clapping, finger-snapping and feet-stomping in perfect unison.

The native songs, e.g., Magtaning Ay Di Biro, Dandansoy, Talusaling Polka, Ikaw Kasi — all arranged by Calalang — sounded fresh and vibrant. The modern numbers, especially the Broadway medley, were infused with that git-up-and-go, infectious spirit. Admirably, the songs were stylistically distinguished from each other, and the soloists, judiciously chosen, were outstanding, particularly baritone Noel Azcona.

Joining conductor Fidel G. Calalang, Jr. in this year's tour are:

*Sopranos:* Mary Anne P.

Abeleda, Belinda Leigh V. Alano, Jeanra S. Bometivo, Eunice A. Eserupulo, Florencia Maria Kustandi, Irene V. Quiso, Ma. Pilar Charlene V. Ramos, and Maria Viola L. Villena

*Altos:* Maria Alethea Ysabel B. Adriano, Karen Stephanie M. Arriola, Mylah Ann T. Combo, Maria Lucia M. Lapido, Maria Melina G. Mariano and Jaimie Rose O. Mojica.

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Erwin M. Lacs, Roberto Gabriel B. Tagalog, Jessie Louie N. Singh and Anthony G. Villanueva.

The UST Singers will also perform "Mothers' Day Serenade" during a dinner show at the FilCom Center on May 10. This performance will have a

different repertoire of love and folk songs. Doctors-On-Stage will perform on both concerts. Tickets are available at Hawaii Filipino Chronicle Office, Dr. Charlie Y. Sonido, MD Office or call (808) 678-8930, (808) 671-3911 or (808) 387-8297.

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## GOVERNOR'S COLUMN



By Gov. Linda Lingle

## Utilizing Stimulus Funds

tions would further weaken our economy.

At the same time we have been working to close the budget gap, we have also been focused on ensuring that funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act are used as effectively as possible in order to create jobs for Hawai'i residents and boost our economy.

The White House has created a system of accountability for the distribution of federal stimulus funds to states. President Obama and his Administration decided the best way to ensure that stimulus funds are put to the best possible use, and for the intended purpose of stimulating the economy and creating jobs, was to use the nation's governors as conduits for the funds and to hold them accountable for how these funds are used.

Meeting the requirements put forth by the federal govern-

ment is a comprehensive process – as it should be. Nevertheless, we have been able to move forward efficiently in utilizing stimulus funds because of our ongoing focus on areas like infrastructure and clean energy, as well as our close collaboration with Senator Inouye and his staff to help facilitate the flow of funds to Hawai'i.

Recently, the state Department of Transportation (DOT) announced the first shovel-ready projects in Hawai'i to be started using funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). Hawai'i received \$246 million in federal stimulus funds to improve transportation infrastructure statewide, augmenting the \$1.8 billion capital improvement project plan we unveiled in December 2008 ([www.hawaii.gov/cip](http://www.hawaii.gov/cip)), and further supporting our Airports and Highways Modernization Plans.

Determining which state and county road projects would be funded by the ARRA required an unprecedented level of coordination between the Federal Highways Administration, state DOT, four county mayors and their transportation directors, and the O'ahu Metropolitan Planning Organization.

On O'ahu, residents can expect work to start soon on the replacement of the South Punalu'u Bridge on Kamehameha Highway and the installation of an Explosive Detection System at Honolulu International Airport, both of which are state projects, as well as county projects that will perform traffic congestion and safety improvements along Harding, 5th and 11th Avenues; Waipio Point Access Road improvements; and Kalaheo Boulevard widening and reconstruction.

These projects are good

news for Hawai'i's workers. The Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism estimates that for every \$1 million in stimulus money invested, 12.9 jobs are created or preserved. This translates into 3,170 jobs statewide in the construction industry and other related sectors that will be generated by federally funded transportation projects.

Our HI-Way to Recovery website, at [www.hawaii.gov/recovery](http://www.hawaii.gov/recovery), is dedicated to showing you how your hard-earned money is being spent to stimulate Hawai'i's economy and create jobs, including this investment in transportation infrastructure, as well as in other important areas like clean energy, broadband, health care and education. Please visit this website often for the latest information regarding funding received and new projects as they are announced. In addition, please feel free to send my office your ideas and suggestions at [governor.lingle@hawaii.gov](mailto:governor.lingle@hawaii.gov).

## HAWAII-FILIPINO NEWS

## RP Secretary of National Defense Attends Town Hall Meeting

By Danny de Gracia II /  
Wednesday, April 8, 2009

Gilberto Cojuangco Teodoro Jr., the Philippines' Secretary of National Defense spoke before a crowded audience of local expatriates, immigrants, veterans, and various military and civilian dignitaries at a town

hall meeting on April 5, 2009 at the Philippine Consulate.

Despite an on-going hostage crisis which continued to demand his attention while in Hawaii, Teodoro was upbeat and positive as he discussed the Philippine government's handling of the situation. He also addressed the crowd about domestic challenges that face

the current administration, the on-going war on terrorism and his deep appreciation for the older generation of World War II veterans who were present in the audience.

Teodoro said that the administration must not negotiate with terrorists. He compared concessions with hostage takers to "desertion of post" for soldiers and said that pulling back military forces would only expose the Philippines to more attacks and more incidents of terror.

Last week, Philippine Senator Richard Gordon and Teodoro were at odds over the handling of the hostage crisis, during which Sen. Gordon had broadcasted a list of demands enumerated by Abu Sayaf insurgents.

"As the sole totally democratic government in Southeast Asia, there is a responsibility to ensure not only that our country is free, but also stable and that we advocate the same ideals of democracy and freedom in our area of the world and that we can partner with the United States," Teodoro said.

The Secretary promised to continue to work to modernize and strengthen the Philippine Armed Forces. He stated that at



Defense Secretary Gilbert Teodoro with Hawaii's Filipino War Veterans

present, military spending is less than six percent of the total budget, but that the Armed Forces and police are essential in maintaining stability and security.

When asked by the Chronicle what measures would be taken to modernize the military, Teodoro said, "Ours is primarily an internal conflict at this time, not an external. We do not need weapon systems such as fighters, interceptors and other external, offensive weapons. What I need is low tech weapons, men and transport systems to move them such as cargo planes. I also need attack aircraft."

When asked by town hall members about his aspirations

for the presidency of the Philippines, Teodoro remarked, "I have an administration and a president to serve right now. If I am to be the president, so be it, but if not, I will be a good soldier."

State Rep. Corinne Ching, who was present at the meeting, remarked, "Filipinos and Americans have stood side-by-side during the toughest of times and hopefully will continue to do so in the interest of peace and prosperity around the world. Our shared values and the Filipino-American alliance that helped win World War II are just as strong today as they were in 1942. We must always remember this friendship."

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[wes.lum@doh.hawaii.gov](mailto:wes.lum@doh.hawaii.gov),  
**586-0100**

The HFCC provides training and education, counseling, and respite services to help caregivers become well-informed and better able to care for their loved ones and themselves. Their advocacy, education, and outreach efforts promote awareness and best practices for caregivers and their families. Their Speakers' Bureau provides public education to improve the quality of life for seniors and their caregivers. Topics include Financial Issues (social security, Medicare, Medicaid, long-term care insurance); legal issues (advance health care directives, power of attorney, guardianships); community resources

(support groups, geriatricians, adult day care, case management, respite services); housing options (nursing homes, assisted living facilities, residential care homes); end of life issues (hospice, bereavement); and general aging information (Alzheimer's disease, fall prevention, healthy aging).

**Child & Family Services (CFS)**  
**Contact: 681-3500**

Child and Family Services offers a wide range of services for the elderly: Ohana Care (assisting families caring for their elderly); Reach(outreach to prevent or intervene in elderly abuse and neglect); Share (services for senior housing residents in Honolulu); Case Management (supportive counseling and education, links to community resources); Caregiver Respite (clearing-house for respite aides to assist family caregivers); Health Maintenance (senior fitness and fall prevention classes); and Adult Chore Services (in-home chore services to disabled seniors).

CFS's handbook, "In the Comfort of Your Home" discusses home health care. The book explains the different type of services an elderly person

may need, such as homemaker services, therapists, home medical equipment, and hospice care; how to arrange for home health care; options for paying for services needed; adapting the home for safety; preventing home fires and preparing for emergencies; self care including diet, exercise, and preventing infections; and health.

**Catholic Charities**  
**Contact: 595-0077;**  
[www.CatholicCharitiesHawaii.org](http://www.CatholicCharitiesHawaii.org)

Catholic Charities provides many services to the elderly:

**Housing Assistance:** counseling on affordable housing options; assistance with information, referrals, and applications to permanent affordable housing units; referrals for social and financial services; group homes and shared housing projects for seniors.

**Transportation Services:** door-to-door transportation for seniors.

**Respite Care:** information and referral to respite and other services.

**Services:** in-home and community-based services including housekeeping, shopping, escort, letter writing and reading, interpreting and trans-

lating, advocacy, and para-professional counseling.

**Caring for an Older Adult**  
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This comprehensive guidebook is quick and easy to read, and covers many of the issues that caregivers face. Topics include: Are You a Caregiver?; Getting Started; Creating a Care Plan; Daily Care; Home Safety; Managing Medications; Doctor Visits; Long Distance Caregiving and Support; When Care is Refused or Resisted; If the Person You Care for is Depressed; Memory Loss and Confusion; When Independent Living is no Longer an Option; Planning for the Future; Balancing Caregiving and the rest of Your Life; Respite Care; and the Rewards of Caring; and Resources.

These are just some of the resources available to the public. If you need assistance or more information, feel free to contact my office.

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The Elderly Affairs Division of the City and County of Honolulu has a resources pamphlet on an array of services for our seniors. Service categories include: Education; Respite; Support Groups; Case Management; Home Delivered and Group Dining Meals; Individual Assistance; Health Promotion; Housing; Legal Assistance; Senior Centers; and

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## HAWAII-FILIPINO NEWS

## SBA to Honor Filipino Entrepreneurs

By Danny de Gracia II /  
Wednesday, April 8, 2009

Despite the limited opportunities and financial hardships of a cooling economy, Hawaii's Filipino entrepreneurs, small business owners and advocates will come out shining this year at the Small Business Administration's 2009 Awards Luncheon on April 24, 2009 at the Hilton Hawaiian Village.

The annual event recognizes individuals who best illustrate the important contributions of small business to the local economy and local quality of life.

Three of the awardees are entrepreneurs of Filipino ancestry, including: Agnes Reyes of Case Management Professionals, Inc; Jean Jeremiah of SCORE of Hawaii; and Randy Francisco, president of the Kauai Chamber of Commerce

"I'm very proud of this year's winners," says former governor Ben Cayetano. "Their being selected for a such a prestigious award speaks much about their business skills. I'm pleased to offer my warmest congratulations and best wishes."

Agnes Reyes of Case Management Professionals, Inc, which is based in Ewa Beach,



The 2009 SBA Small Business Award Winners for the State of Hawaii

will be honored for providing an essential service for the Hawaii State Department of Human Services. Her company, which was established in 1999, assists Medicaid clients who are at nursing home care levels but are cared for at home or residential facilities. Reyes is a registered nurse. Her case management and consultation team is comprised of both nurses and licensed social workers.

Jean Jeremiah of SCORE Hawaii will be honored for her outstanding efforts in supporting local businesses both in her capacity as an administrator but also her personal devotion to the community through involvement in the Filipino Chamber of Commerce, the Oahu Filipino Community Council, the Philippine Consulate, the Filipino

Women's Business Association and other organizations.

Kauai Chamber of Commerce President Randy Francisco will be honored for his innovative and energetic approaches to promoting local businesses. He has a weekly radio program, a monthly column in the Garden Island News and a "Chamber Juice" column in the Kauai Business Report.

Many in the community are proud of the accomplishments of these Filipino business leaders. Others were impressed that their businesses thrived despite the challenges of a bad economy.

"These outstanding small business owners, small business exporters, young entrepreneurs, family-owned small business and financial services advocates provide invaluable contributions

to our economy and our communities," says Governor Linda Lingle. "This year's honorees represent the many small businesses throughout our state that overcome challenges and seize opportunities to remain prosperous, create jobs for our residents and provide innovative solutions that strengthen their industries and make life better for all the people of Hawaii."

Representative Gene Ward, who co-founded the House Small Business Caucus, told this year's Filipino awardees "Salamat Po!" and commented, "These winners have demonstrated a tremendous entrepre-

neurial spirit while persevering during these tough economic times. They are the cornerstone of innovation and advancement in our economy. We owe them a debt of gratitude for their tireless efforts."

"This is a shining example of the hard work, American innovation and entrepreneurial skills put forth by Filipino Americans," says Sarah Hunt, host of the television show Better Government. "As the economy continues to sour, these individuals represent the light at the end of the tunnel."

Reservations for attending the SBA awards ceremony on April 24th can be made by calling (808) 526-1001 or by registering online at [www.hwbc.org](http://www.hwbc.org).

## City to Hold Rail Station Community Workshops



Birds-eye view of the Mokuia Station

The City & County of Honolulu will hold a series of workshops this spring and summer to educate residents from Kapolei to Waipahu about rail stations to be built along the transit route and to seek public input on the appearance of the seven stations in their area.

The first of three community workshops for planned rail stations in Waipahu will be held on Tuesday, April 14 from 6:30 pm to 9 pm at Waipahu Intermediate.

The two Waipahu stations will be located at West Loch at the intersection of Farrington Highway and Leoku Street, and at the Waipahu Transit Center at the intersection of Farrington Highway and Mokuia Street. Two other Waipahu workshops are scheduled for later this summer.

"We encourage residents to attend these workshops and contribute to the look and feel of the transit stations on aspects such as colors, landscaping and material finishes," says Mayor Mufi Hannemann. "The communities will be among the primary users of these stations, so we encourage residents' feedback on how the transit stop design can best reflect their area."

The areas of the station to be discussed are the "touch

down" sections where the elevated portions of the stations meet the ground level. Some of the categories include color, landscaping, entryway design, exterior and interior wall finishes, seating areas, and plaques and monuments for the station.

Hannemann noted that more than a dozen local architecture firms are working on rail stations. A design guidebook has been developed by Dan Chun, a noted local architect and past president of the Honolulu chapter of the American Institute of Architects.

Similar community-based workshops will be held later this spring for rail transit stations planned for the West Oahu area (East Kapolei, UH West Oahu and Hoopili area) and at Leeward Community College. All meetings will be from 6:30 pm to 9 pm.

The initial 6.5-mile segment of the transit route will run from Kapolei to Pearl Highlands near Leeward Community College. The City is scheduled to break ground for the rail project at the end of 2009 and begin service for the first leg of the transit route in 2013.

For more information on the community workshops, contact the project office at 566-2299 or at [infor@honolulutransit.org](mailto:infor@honolulutransit.org).



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## HAWAII-FILIPINO NEWS

# Mayor Honors Outstanding Senior Volunteers

Two Filipino senior citizen volunteers were among the 79 honorees at the 43rd Annual Mayor's Senior Recognition Program, held April 2, 2009 at the Hawaii Convention Center before a capacity audience of family, friends, and well-wishers.

Victorio Macatumbas, 82, received the Gold Akamai Living Award, while Antonio Garcia, 76, was given the Bronze Akamai Living Award. Both volunteers were among the many seniors who have helped others to cope with life's difficulties or assist organizations that deliver health care, recreational or social services.

"Honolulu is truly blessed to have so many senior volunteers who serve unselfishly to help those in need," says Mayor Mufi Hannemann, who personally thanked each honoree for their service. "We deeply appreciate all the ways they help from their hearts."

Macatumbas was nominated by Koku Kalih Valley's Elderly Services Program. He volunteers Monday through Friday and is also available evenings and on weekends. He is the primary resource in keeping seniors informed about programs available to them and follows through on what needs to be done to get needed health and social services.

Macatumbas helps frail seniors who are

unable to do household cleaning, chores and yard work as well as supporting their efforts to remain as independent and active as possible. If that isn't enough, he is also the Senior Center's Building and Grounds maintenance and beautification person.

Garcia was nominated by the State Executive Office on Aging Sage Plus Program. His skills and knowledge of Veteran's benefits supports the "Endearing Section," a special project at the Veterans Administration.

Garcia also volunteers as an AARP Tax Aide. He assists individuals find ways to ensure that they obtain the best benefits when preparing their tax returns correctly. He also helps the Hawaii Food Bank as part of the "Odd Fellows Organization." Those who know him say the volunteer spirit is part and parcel of his character.

The theme of this year's awards ceremony was "Healthy Living by Sharing Aloha," which recognizes that volunteering benefits one's health and well-being, while providing valuable service to the community.

The 43rd Mayor's Senior Recognition Program was organized by the Honolulu Committee on Aging and the Elderly Affairs Division, City and County of Honolulu. The Hawaii Medical Service Association and First Hawaiian Bank were the principal sponsors.

## PHILIPPINE NEWS

# Villar: Garbage Problem Now An Environmental Disaster

By Aurea Calica /  
Tuesday, April 7, 2009

MANILA, Philippines — Sen. Manuel Villar Jr. said yesterday the country's garbage problem was becoming an environmental disaster due to the government's lack of long-term and permanent solution to waste disposal, particularly in Metro Manila.

Studies show that Metro Manila produces at least 8,000 tons of solid waste per day, of which only 6,000 end up in dumps. The rest are dumped illegally on private land and even in rivers, creeks or at times openly burned.

"The rate at which we produce waste or garbage is really a cause for alarm. Garbage dumps and even sanitary landfills eventually get filled up. We may soon run out of sites for these facilities, which are heavily protested by residents and for good reason too — these cause environmental damage and pose hazards to people's health," Villar said.

The operation of open dumps is prohibited under Republic Act 9003, or the Ecological Solid Waste Management Act.

If not properly planned, built and managed, landfills and dumps are prone to landslides, flash floods, erosion and other environmental hazards. Moreover, the removal of forest cover to make room



for a dump endangers the lives of people in nearby communities on top of eliminating their sources of livelihood, Villar said in a statement.

"Our country, which has among the highest solid waste generation per capita in the developing world, still has no acceptable and sustainable waste disposal facility. This should be prioritized on a national level, especially as the effects of global warming and climate change become more apparent," Villar said.

Villar also urged homeowners segregate their garbage since almost 75 percent of the garbage are generated from households.

Villar said nearly 45 percent of waste generated by households was organic but due to the lack of composting facilities, these could not be processed into useful products such as organic fertilizers. ([www.philstar.com](http://www.philstar.com))

## PHILIPPINE NEWS

## Supreme Court Chief to Filipinos: Fight Government Corruption

By Edu Punay/  
Tuesday, April 7, 2009

**M**ANILA, Philippines —As the nation enters the Holy Week, Chief Justice Reynato Puno yesterday reiterated his call for a moral force and asked Filipinos to work together to combat widespread corruption in government.

Some Supreme Court justices who support Puno in this initiative are expected to name before Thursday members of an advisory council that would push for the movement toward moral transformation in government.

Speaking at the launching of the moral force movement of the Manila Episcopal Area (MEA) of the United Methodist Church (UMC) in the Philippines of which he is a member, Puno lamented how the country is now perceived in the world as a "moral pariah."

He said Filipinos have witnessed moral decadence and leprosy, referring to corruption in government that he likened to the corruption in England at the time when John Wesley founded their church in the 1700s.

"We are cast as a moral pariah. What a tragic social landscape for the only Christian country in Southeast Asia," he said.

"Corruption in the country has been deforming all its institutions, undermining our stability and security and preventing



Chief Justice Reynato Puno

our socio-economic development. We can arrest this social decadence through a moral force," said Puno.

Other religious groups, including the Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines (CBCP), the Philippine Council of Evangelical Churches, the National Council of Churches in the Philippines, the Philippine Bible Society and the Ecumenical Bishops Forum, expressed solidarity with the Methodist Church in Manila at its launch.

"They are part of the moral force movement," Puno said of the Catholic hierarchy, adding that there were CBCP representatives during the launch.

"However, I expect the CBCP will have its own brand of moral force movement," he added, referring to a similar activity at which Catholic leaders would launch their own moral force initiative.

Bishop Lito Cabacungan Tangonan led UMC Manila Episcopal Area's launch of the moral force at the Central United Methodist Church in Manila.

"We see the moral force as prophets of our time — people who feel the urge to expose and denounce the debilitating ills in our society, especially those generated by the structural system that promotes, breeds and spawns corruption," read the UMC-MEA's handout on its area-wide moral force movement.

Puno said yesterday's activity in Manila wasn't the first launch of a moral force movement.

The Chief Justice earlier called for a moral force movement nationwide to arrest corruption in the country while maintaining an apolitical stance, saying a council should be formed to spearhead the campaign.

Members of the moral force council would include credible leaders from "business, church groups, youth and the media."

The core group would "set parameters for the moral force movement with the purpose of making the people aware of what's been happening and to do something about it."

Puno earlier vowed that the movement would not be anti-administration or pro-opposition but rather "a positive-neutral constructive" force. (*www.philstar.com*)

## New Malls to Create 6,000 Jobs

**M**all developer and operator SM Prime Holdings will open three new malls in the Philippines this year and expand two existing ones.

Despite the global economic crisis, SM Prime will open new malls in Camarines Sur, Cavite and Las Piñas City. It will also expand SM malls in North Edsa and Pangasinan.

By the end of 2009, SM Prime will have 36 malls nationwide and three malls in China, with an estimated gross floor area of 4.9 million square meters, according to SMIC executives.

Locally, the malls will create at least 6,000 jobs in sales, cashiers, product promotions, waiters, maintenance work and other positions. The company's mall expansion program this year is even faster than the 9 percent expansion it implemented last year when it added 353,000 square meters to its total selling space.

Last year, SM malls opened



An interior of an SM Mall

in Marikina, Baliwag and Rosales. The company also expanded The Annex in SM City North Edsa—making it the third-biggest mall in the world—and The Atrium in SM Megamall.

The expansion plan is part of the company's thrust of opening smaller malls in more geographic locations nationwide and creating more jobs for the Filipino people.

SMIC also owns the "Makro" warehouse club chain — which currently has 14 stores. (*Good News Philippines*)

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## GLOBAL NEWS

### Philippine Embassy in Hanoi Warns of Illegal Recruiters

**T**he Philippine Embassy in Hanoi issued a warning against unauthorized recruiters, particularly those based in Vietnam, who promise jobs in the country.

According to the Embassy, a certain Filipino based in Ho Chi Minh City has recruited workers from the Philippines for employment. Upon arrival in HCMC, with no valid job contracts, work visa, and work permit, the victims learn that there are no employers.

The illegal recruiters make a profit by selling overpriced plane tickets, then leaving vic-

tims to fend for themselves.

The victims were duped into paying a US\$100 "service fee" and between P20,000 and P30,000 for air fare—which is above the air fare offered by Cebu Pacific and Philippine Airlines which range from US\$200 to US\$400.

The Embassy advises Filipinos who wish to work in Vietnam to go through the proper channels and obtain proper documentation such as a valid contract, work visa and work permit, which are a must for foreign workers in Vietnam.

The global recession has af-

fected Vietnam's labor market. Some 100 to 150 overseas Filipino workers were reported to have lost their jobs late last year.

The majority of Filipino OFWs in Vietnam work in executive and managerial positions in construction, engineering, accountancy, banking and investment, education, garment/textile industry, hotel and restaurant management, food and beverage industry, marketing, furniture industry, medicine and foreign investment projects. These Filipinos are hired through professional channels. (*DFA*)

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# Protecting Children from Violence



By Grace F. Fong, Ed.D.

**P**rotecting our children from violence is of increasing concern as incidents of violence in our community are reported with greater frequency. It is important to recognize that violence is learned. Children watch, listen, and imitate. They experiment with new ideas; it's how they learn. If violence is what they see and hear, violence is what they learn. If they observe others in their environment acting violently toward others, they easily imitate these kinds of negative behaviors and attitudes. They copy the same facial expressions, body posture, and tone of voice. Children naturally think about, remember, and try out whatever they see and hear.

Children are exposed to many forms of violence in many ways. They may see people acting violently in everyday situations: driving aggressively, making cruel remarks about or yelling at another person. They may experience it in their homes: yelling, screaming, swearing, hitting, angry words and body language, hurtful actions. Violence in the home greatly af-

fects a child's ability to learn. It creates fear and a sense of powerlessness. These emotions negatively affect a child's outlook on life and feelings of well-being, both of which are very important elements of a child's readiness to learn.

Some children grow up in a safe home but live in an unsafe neighborhood. These children also suffer the negative effects that violence has on learning. Babies may have a harder time learning to trust when their parents and caregivers are fearful of trusting others. As they grow, these young children may have fewer opportunities to venture out and explore their surroundings, talk to new people, or try new things. These limitations can slow down their development.

Children are also exposed to violence through the media, such as comics, books, movies, videos, video and computer games, music, and TV. Pictures of violent scenes on posters, ads, book covers, and magazine pages along with aggressive music and angry songs seem to say that violent behavior is acceptable. Children who are continually exposed to violence in this manner can become desensitized to it and less able to distinguish between acceptable and destructive or hurtful behavior. TV's effect on children is especially subtle. The images on TV slowly shape the way they think and feel about themselves and others. Many TV shows, even cartoons and children's shows,



are filled with conflict and violent behaviors. Very young children can't distinguish between reality and "make-believe." To them, everything is real. They may copy behaviors without knowing that they may hurt themselves or others. As they grow older, they often idolize their favorite TV characters, wanting to look, act, and talk like whomever they consider "cool."

Continuous exposure to violence can have many effects, some more serious than others. The effects depend on how severe the violence is and how often it is experienced. Some common effects of exposure to violence include: difficulty sleeping and waking up; fear of sleeping alone; nightmares and dreams; confusion about feelings; and problems in school, work, and home life. Children who live in a dangerous environment often worry about their safety, feel afraid or stressed, are unable to concentrate or are forgetful, and may even feel responsible for the violence around them.

To deal with their fears, children often develop defense mechanisms that interfere with their development and learning. Repeated exposure to family or community violence can:

- Limit development of cognitive abilities—reasoning, analytical, and language skills. When children feel guilty about the violence around them, they feel

worthless and incapable of learning.

- Affect children's ability to form close attachments—healthy relationships with others. They often don't know whom to trust or believe; they can't tell who are the "good guys" and the "bad guys." They may act aggressively, act tough, or withdraw, making it hard to form friendships.

- Disturb psychological functioning. Some children find comfort by reverting to behaviors from earlier years: thumb sucking, clinging to their parents, or expressing fear of being alone. These behaviors represent a time in their lives when things were easier. Children may experience anxiety, extreme worry, and helplessness. Others may react with emotional numbness—seeming not to be affected at all. Some may come to believe that violence is natural and appropriate. They may have trouble controlling their own anger or frustrations, and react in violent ways.

To protect children from violence, we need to build a non-violent community, creating a nonviolent environment for each child, one at a time. It starts with creating a home life that teaches your child positive behaviors and attitudes. Teach him to use his words in an acceptable way to ask for things

he wants or to explain his feelings when frustrated or angry. Help him to find ways to solve problems without hurting others or himself. When he behaves aggressively, stop him and show him more acceptable ways to act and speak. Remember that children, especially very young ones, learn by watching and imitating. They need adults, especially their parents, to serve as role models to learn how to behave. They need your guidance to learn to act in nonviolent ways.

It's impossible to completely prevent exposure to violence, however, you can show your child what to do when he sees or experiences violence. Teach him to react in nonviolent ways. Help him be an example to others. Discuss what to do if someone acts or speaks violently. Plan and practice how to play and speak nonviolently. Everything you do to encourage nonviolence in his life will help reduce the violence in our community. Starting with each of us and our families, we can choose to:

- Avoid violent language and behavior
- Limit exposure to violence on TV or in other media
- Treat others with kindness and respect
- Respond to others with calm and logic, even during conflicts
- Be calm when driving, disciplining children, or waiting in lines
- Take control of our thoughts and attitudes: "Let it go" and not "get even."

This article is adapted from the Family Resource Kit, produced by the University of Hawaii Center on the Family.

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## LEGAL NOTES



By Reuben S. Seguritan

## E-2 Visa for Investors

als from a state with a treaty with the U.S., they can apply for E2 visa to establish and operate this business in the U.S.

Applicants in this category must have extensive documentation detailing the business plan, the amount of investment, the nature of the capital, the jobs to be created by the enterprise, and how the proposed enterprise will benefit the U.S.

The applicant must seek to enter the U.S. to develop and direct the operations of the enterprise in which he/she has invested. He/she must have the ability to do so by showing ownership of at least 50% of the business or have operational control in the company.

The capital investment needs to be substantial. Investments as defined by the regulations must pertain to

funds or assets placed at the disposal of the business with the objective of making a profit and subject to a risk of loss incident to the business operations.

While there is no specific dollar amount specified by immigration regulations, the investment must represent a significant proportion of the total value of the business enterprise or it must be sufficient to establish a profitable and viable business. In the past, some U.S. consulates have accepted investments in the amount of about \$50,000.00 or more.

One of the issues affecting E-2 is how to document investments. The source of the funds need not be outside the U.S. nor is it required that the source must be from a treaty state. However, the capital must be in the possession or

control of the treaty investor. It is possible that the source of funds may be from a gift or a loan to the E-2 applicant as long as it is attributable to him/her and that it is invested in the business enterprise to be set up in the U.S.

The capital invested must be irrevocably committed to the enterprise, meaning that the mere intent to invest in or holding the money in a bank account without commitment to the business will not suffice to meet the investment requirement.

To show commitment, the applicant may show, for instance, contracts for purchase and sale of a property or business in the name of the enterprise or an escrow for the purchase conditioned on the approval of the E-2.

Payments for purchases, leases or rents of equipment or machinery for the busi-

ness may also be shown as qualifying investments.

The business enterprise must be bona fide or a real and active commercial undertaking and must meet the legal requirements for doing business in the U.S. It is not just speculative or a "paper organization" just incorporated without business activity.

The maximum validity of E-2 treaty investor visa depends on reciprocity with the alien's country although it is usually five years. The initial period of admission is not more than two years.

Immediate family members, including spouse and unmarried children under 21 of the principal E-2 treaty investor holder, may be admitted in the U.S. on a derivative status.

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**A**vailable option for non-immigrants seeking to come to the U.S. to invest and operate a business enterprise is the E-2 visa.

As a basic requirement, the E-2 visa applicant must be a national of a country with a treaty of commerce or navigation with the U.S.

For this purpose, it is not the place of incorporation of the business that determines eligibility but the nationality of the individual owners of the business applying for the E-2 visa. If more than 50% of the business is owned by individu-

## MAINLAND NEWS

## Western Union Foundation Awards First Scholarships Under the Family Scholarship Program Pilot

**E**NGLEWOOD, Colo., Jan. 27, 2009—The Western Union Foundation today announced the first award recipients of the Family Scholarship Pilot Program for migrant workers and their families. The pilot phase of the program was focused on awarding scholarships to families within the Guatemalan and Filipino diaspora in the Los Angeles, California, area and is now expanding to include the Mexican diaspora as well.

Filipina immigrant sisters, Carla Mae and Carmela Mae Ubalde, both received scholarships to help continue their college education at California State University in Northridge. Carla is studying to be a nurse, while Carmela is majoring in computer science. Both girls volunteer in their local community, in addition to attending school and working at various jobs to help pay tuition and other educational expenses. "We are so grateful to the Western Union Foundation for caring about young people. You've helped us make our family proud," said Carla Mae and Carmela enthusiastically. "These scholarships will help make both of our lives a little easier and we truly appreciate your gift."

"We are pleased to be able to

award our first family scholarships to these hard-working, young women from the Filipino community," said Luella Chavez D'Angelo, president, Western Union Foundation. "Education is a universal need and has the ability to create opportunity and improve lives. This family scholarship will help improve the lives of these two sisters, lessening their financial burden and providing them with the opportunity to achieve their educational goals."

The Family Scholarship Program is a component of Western Union's Our World, Our FamilySM signature program, a five year, \$50 million commitment designed to provide communities with the skills, knowledge and resources essential to breaking the cycle of poverty. The program is framed around four areas: Our World Gives; Our World Learns; Our World Strives and Our World Speaks, with each area given equal attention towards helping families stay connected, overcome barriers and realize their dreams.

The Western Union Foundation Family Scholarship Program is independently managed by the Institute of International Education (IIE), an international non-

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### About Western Union

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From left: Randy Accelli, regional vice president for Western Union; Vance Peterson, vice president for university advancement for California State University, Northridge; Carla Mae Ubalde, scholarship recipient and a nursing student at Cal State Northridge (with scarf around neck); Carmela Mae Ubalde, scholarship recipient and an information systems major at Cal State Northridge; Diana Zuniga with Western Union; and Martin Del Secco, country development manager for Western Union.

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Ipaneknek dagitoy a gunglo nga adda dagiti bukodda nga aramiden ken isayangkat.

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