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EDITORIAL

A Beautiful Harmony of Filipino Music

By nature, Filipinos love music. This love is apparent in the presence of many native music instruments in nearly all communities in the Philippines. Perhaps the most popular of instruments is the guitar. It was used by our forefathers to pass the time during planting seasons and to serenade fair maidens. Filipinos also take great pride in Philippine guitar makers who export their products worldwide.

As for guitar music from the Philippines, it is as diverse as the many regions and islands of the country and influenced by many cultures, ranging from the indigenous music of native aborigines, to music from centuries of Spanish rule and more. However, outside of relatively small circles of guitar aficionados, most Philippine guitar music is unknown outside of the Philippines.

Enter music virtuoso and composer Bayani de Leon who is self-taught in the guitar, trumpet, violin, accordion, cello, the kuling-tang, rondalla and other indigenous Philippine instruments. He has composed several hundred musical arrangements of Philippine folk and indigenous music, standard classical repertoire, Broadway and opera tunes and world music for band, rondalla, chorus, various chamber groups and orchestra.

He is also an accomplished poet, short story writer, ethnomusicologist, scholar of Asian arts and culture and martial artist. He holds Bachelor's degrees in journalism, philosophy and music composition, and an Master's in avant-garde music from the University of California in San Diego. His fascinating background has led him to compose deeply esoteric work that successfully reinterprets traditional folk music from the Philippines and makes it accessible for an entirely new global audience. His range of genres enables listeners to absorb all aspects of Filipino culture.

If the history of any culture is told through its music, then de Leon is the orator of his time. He represents the very best of the Philippines' musical talent and ingenuity and makes us proud to be Filipino.

Light at End of Tunnel For Mass Transit Project

The approval of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) last month was a key milestone for Oahu's long anticipated and long overdue transit project.

The ball is now in Gov. Linda Lingle's court, so to speak. With her approval of the FEIS, the FTA can issue a Record of Decision—which clears the way for groundbreaking to begin. However, she has specifically stated a desire to independently review the project's financing plan. She is entitled to do so but we hope that her review won't result in unnecessary delays. In fact, any such review by the State should cover only new and pertinent issues such as financing and the Programmatic Agreement on how to proceed with Hawaiian burials and historic sites along the transit route. The review should not rehash alternatives, technologies and other old topics. As far as we're concerned, those ships have long sailed.

It's time to move forward courageously on mass transit. Our elected officials have spent enough time debating, studying and discussing the issue. In fact, we can no longer afford to wait. If we wait for the "perfect" mass transit system that satisfies every critic, we will be waiting for the next several hundred years. The truth is, there will never be that "perfect" system. But the current proposal put forth by the City and is waiting in the wings is the best solu-

FROM THE PUBLISHER

Aloha and welcome to yet another issue of Hawaii's leading Filipino community newspaper—the Hawaii Filipino Chronicle! Our staff is dedicated to providing our readers with informative and timely stories in each and every issue.



Since many Filipinos enjoy playing basketball, many of you are probably aware that last week NBA member LeBron James signed a mega-contract to join U.S. Olympic teammates Dwayne Wade and Chris Bosh in Miami. But did you know that the Miami Heat head coach Eric Celino Spoelstra is Filipino-American? In fact, Spoelstra, who traces his roots from San Pablo City, San Pablo, Laguna in the Philippines, is the first ever Fil-Am to call the shots for an NBA team. Best of luck to Coach Spoelstra and the Heat for a successful 2010-2011 season!

A little closer to home, a bill to ban fireworks was advanced by the Honolulu City Council earlier this week by an 8-1 vote. The bill calls for a complete ban on all consumer fireworks, including firecrackers and sparklers. Dozens testified for and against the bill, with supporters citing health and public safety issues and opponents saying that an all-out ban imposes on cultural and religious traditions in Hawaii and is difficult to enforce. Stay tuned on this very important issue that will affect many Oahu residents.

For this issue's cover story, contributing writer Fiedes Doctor introduces us to Bayani de Leon, a musical genius and expert composer of Philippine music. Once in a blue moon, someone like de Leon comes along and astounds us with his or her talents. We hope you will enjoy reading her story on this extraordinary musician which begins on page 4.

Speaking of extraordinary, congratulations are in order to a select team of students from Hanalani School for winning the International Botball Tournament held in Edwardsville, Illinois. The tournament was one of the highlights of the 2010 Global Conference on Educational Robotics. The small, private school in Mililani faced 64 teams from around the globe and came out victorious. Hanalani's victory will hopefully encourage other Hawaii students to study the growing and fascinating high-tech field of robotics! Please read more about Team Hanalani on page 8.

In closing, we hope you will enjoy reading these and other articles of interest in this issue, such as Legislative Connection (page 3), Immigration Guide (page 7), Legal Notes (page 13) and Philippine Language (page 14). Thank you for faithfully supporting the Hawaii Filipino Chronicle. Please feel free to contact us at: filiplinchronicle@gmail.com if you have concerns or questions regarding Hawaii's Filipino community.

Until next time... aloha and mahuhay!

Chona A. Montesinos-Sonido

tion to date to Oahu's traffic woes.

As for traffic, it will worsen as our population and development, particularly in West and Central Oahu, continue to grow—unless commuters are given an alternative. What is needed is a quick, reliable and efficient way for commuters to get into town and back home. So far, only a grade-separated rail system is capable of doing just that.

Sure, it costs a pretty penny—\$5.5 billion to be exact—but with a dedicated funding source in GET tax collections and a \$1.55 billion commitment from the federal government, it is an investment we MUST boldly make for the future. It simply makes sense for Oahu residents.

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LEGISLATIVE CONNECTION



By Senator Will Espero

The New Hui

lence with tasty opakapaka, aku, mahi mahi, shrimp, and many more. Old-timers may have welcomed Primo Breweries, which once again began offering that familiar blue-label beer.

It's time for us to move forward and embrace agriculture and aquaculture as a vital contributor to our state's economy. Let's look at our Pacific Northwest sister state, Washington, to see what kind of potential there is in supporting food production as an industry.

Our Sister State

Washington is the third largest food producing state in our nation, exporting nearly \$14.8 billion in 2008. Annually, the industry generates \$38 billion, comprises 12% of the state's economy, and provides 160,000 jobs. A hefty chunk of its exports goes overseas to Taiwan, Korea, and southeast Asia. There are 39,000 farms. The apple crop contributes 59% of the entire national production. Washington is the country's top

producer of apples, cherries, and hops, and the second top producer of potatoes and grapes. Its 10 largest commodities include, in this order: apples, milk, wheat, potatoes, cattle, hay, nursery/greenhouses, cherries, hops, and grapes. Other important crops include raspberries, mint oils, fish and shellfish, and farm forest products.

Variety is a key characteristic of Washington agriculture, with around 300 commodities produced. The state is the largest producer of 10 crops around the country. Many crops are sold to independent or co-op food processors. Would it surprise you to learn that Washington is the country's top producer of potatoes for french fries? It also is a leading producer of apple, grape, and berry juices. Washington, with over 600 wineries, is the second largest American producer of wines, following California, and leading Oregon and New York. Our country is the world's fourth largest producer



among the crops that are planned by the first 20 farmers.

Our "Hawaii 2050 Sustainability Plan" encourages reports that only about 15% of the total food and 35% of fruits and vegetables we consume are grown locally. The Legislature passed HB 2421/Act 73 this year to create initiatives for economic development in local food & energy businesses to promote self-sufficiency. With 99 lots available for new farms, we are moving in the right direction toward food security. The more we can -- raise livestock for meat, grow vegetables and fruit, produce milk and dairy products that we consume -- the less dependent we will be on imports. Just as importantly, growing our own food keeps our dollars circulating through our state economy rather than sending it out, which keeps our local markets strong.

I commend the entrepreneurial spirit of these new farmers who are taking the bold step to make things happen and provide food for Hawaii residents, and for the foresight of the hui for providing the opportunity for them to do so.

of wines, with California's alone being more than twice the production of the entire country of Australia.

Kunia Loa

The new Kunia farm hui is exciting because of the great potential it has for diversifying our economy and producing locally available food. The Kunia Loa is one of the biggest agricultural areas in Hawaii, with 854 acres. Act 271, passed in 2006, was passed to make it easier to large landowners to lease property to small farmers. C&C Farmlands LLC is the first entity to use the law to subdivide the land to farmers. Banana, lychee, and mango are

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Federal Appeals Court in the Philippines. Younger sister Luningning, who passed away last year, was a long-time cellist with the Manila Symphony Orchestra and a rondalla teacher. Another sister, Marilag, was a piano and music education graduate at the University of the East in Manila, a successful business woman and is currently the executive director of the World Pranic Healing Foundation.

The next generation of de Leons likewise have the same musical gift, nurtured through mentors and, of course, by their father, the virtuoso himself. His children from his first marriage, son Lakasunbay and daughter Sarighani both started playing at age 5 the violin and the piano, respectively. Sarighani later tried her hand on cello at age 9. She eventually took up music and major in the cello at the San Francisco Conservatory of Music. She now plays with the Nashville Symphony Orchestra.

His son from his second marriage, Okir, started violin also at age 5 while daughter Amihan started piano at age 4 and a half.

Eclectic Repertoire

De Leon's repertoire in music is eclectic but always reflects his Filipino heritage. He is well-known for his passion in the rondalla, a native Philippine string ensemble at the cusp of extinction. His involvement with the Filipinescas Dance Company helped launch his efforts to elevate rondalla as a serious concert ensemble aside from its traditional role as accompaniment to folk dancing and singing.

His works in this category include "Bahay-Bata," which won an international prize in 1976. He was director and teacher of several rondalla performances in the Philippines and the U.S. like the Samahan Dance Company and PASACAT Performing Arts Rondalla in San Diego, California; the Paaralang Pilipino Foundation and U.P. Alumni and Friends



Bayani received the 2008 Most Outstanding Filipino-American Achiever in America Award in the field of music from the Filipino Heritage Foundation, Inc. based in the tri-state area of NJ, NY, and CT

Rondallas in New Jersey; and the Foundation for Filipino Artists Rondalla in New York. He has arranged around 500 rondalla pieces, several of which are available on CDs such as "Paskong Pilipino," "Mga Bagting ng Musika," "Bulalakaw," "Lawiswaw Kawayan" (Rustling Bamboo), "Mga Katutubong Himig" (Native Airs), "Alaala," "Himig Pilipino" (Philippine Airs), and "Magandang Pilipinas" (Beautiful Philippines).

Worldwide, he has received accolades for such notable compositions as "Okir," a flute, harp and contrabass ensemble utilizing Maranao and Maguindanao motifs, performed at the La Jolla Museum of Contemporary Art and at Schoenberg Hall in 1981; "Eliknya," for voices and movements, performed at the California Institute of Arts in 1982; "Villa Mariquita" at the Wilshire Theatre in Los Angeles in 1985; "Silay Pamaso," a rhapsody for violin and orchestra, performed at Merkin Hall in 1989; and "Mga Sugatang Perlas," a music-dance staged at Broadway's Town Hall in Manhattan.

His other major works are "Vertigo," for clarinet and orchestra and "Anting-Anting" (Talisman), a contemporary ballet. He has won awards for his dance drama "The Golden Earth," choral drama "Los Penitentes" (The Penitents), choral portrait "Sisa" and choral legend

Passion and Generosity

The man is over 60 but nowhere near retirement. He is also a celebrated writer, poet, folklorist, cultural scholar and leader, martial arts and yoga teacher, a spiritual teacher and a healer using natural forms. At one point in his life he was a fruitarian and fasted on liquids for six months.

"I am on a quest for total knowledge and I want to understand what life is all about," de Leon says. "I don't want to be lazy. Most people don't even use 10 percent of what they have. We have to do justice to it by developing our faculties to the fullest."

For the youth who wants to succeed in today's music world, he has the following advice: "Perseverance and determination are the keys to developing talents in music, as well as in any other fields. Talent doesn't amount to anything unless consciously cultivated with hard work and passion. Also, talent must be shared because I believe it's a gift that is not only meant for us but meant to be an instrument for imparting joy and beauty to others."

A generous and genuine person, de Leon describes himself as a "planetary archer" and the earth as his bow.

"I want to know all the mysteries of the universe. My arrow is aimed at the universe," he says.

This is what de Leon has done in the CD "Kanta Filipina," launched last May in San Francisco and presented by the Philippine American Writers and Artists, Inc., Arkipelago Books & VGo Recordings. The launching was Calputra's tribute to him for being instrumental in her growth not only as a musician but also as a Filipino-American artist.

"This is a milestone for me," says Calputra. "It made me feel not so isolated being of mixed descent, realizing that Filipino identity itself is mixed because the music is such a rich combination."

Another public launching is De Leon's latest original works like "Ritwal" (Ritual), toccata bambay for guitar quartet; "Amihan" (Eastern Breeze), pasacaglia for guitar orchestra; and "Batang Laro" (Child Play), a suite for solo guitar, which will premiere on August 23-27, 2010 in Manila during the International Guitar Festival.

At the rate he's going, we can expect more arrows from the music master as he continues to make beautiful music and celebrate our Filipino heritage.

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OPINION

On Fiesta (Part 1 of 2)

ROSES & THORNS
By Alejandro R. Roces

Fiesta is our highest form of community expression. In its production, it exemplifies the talents and culture of the Filipino. The fiesta is Philippine culture and history in microcosm.

Some fiestas are the story of the Catholicization of the Philippines; and the Filipinization of Catholicism. Take for example, the terpsichorean rituals of the Obando fertility rites. The roots of that fiesta are deep in the pagan traditions of the Philippines. It harkens back to the days of our ancestors dancing sacred groves to the anitos (village or household gods); praying through the oldest expression of humanity's connection to the natural world. Our ancestors prayed for fertility then. With the coming of Catholicism, overlaid was the devotion to three saints, one after the other. First came the Virgin Sta. Clara, then San Pascual Baylon (appropriate since "Baylon" translates as "fond of dancing") and finally Our Lady of the Conception. In Jose Rizal's Noli Me Tangere Doña Pia, desiring a child, makes the journey to dance during the feast in Obando. The result was Maria Clara.

In the fiesta we find the Filipino as an artist. For example,

in Lucban, during the pahiyas, we discover that modern art, at times, is nothing more than calling folk art by a new name. The leitmotif of the pahiyas is the kiping, in an explosion of color. Part of the event is straw dummies dressed in all sorts of attire, what we would term today an assemblage. The art of Lucban reflects the colors and beauty of Nature. In essence, the pahiyas is folk art as environmental art.

In Marinduque, the masks used during the Moriones are painstakingly handcrafted during the year. The Moriones also references another aspect of our history; our close ties with Mexico. The Moriones was introduced by a Jesuit from Cuernavaca, Mexico sometime in 1859; after the Jesuits were readmitted to the Archipelago. The Moriones is the story of Longinus, the centurion who speared the side of Jesus Christ upon the cross. It is the masks that depict Roman soldiers. The mask is carved from coral wood, painted pink or red. It is wide-eyed, Roman-nosed, eared, with a black beard and an open mouth that resembles a fish's, topped by a colorful headdress called turbante. The carving and design of the masks has evolved over time; becoming more creative and ornate in its design. Becoming Filipino art.

If the Moriones has a touch of the carnival spirit to it, the Ati-Atihan is the closest we

have to the Carnival. It is undoubtedly the most uninhibited fiesta in the Philippines. In the Ati-Atihan we find the Filipino as homo fantasia. The fiesta allows Man's imagination free reign; not only in the Ati-Atihan but any of our festivals. The Ati-Atihan though is a surrealist spectacle. The moving force of the festivity is the unleashed inhibition and imagination of each and every participant. In the Ati-Atihan we find the Mad Hatter's homage to the Santo Nino.

The fiesta is not just our highest community expression. It is the repository of our customs and traditions. It is the soul of the Filipino. Man is homo festivus; always seeking an excuse to celebrate. Fiestas are their own excuse for being. It puts the talents of the Filipino on display; the Filipino as artist, gourmand, musician, dancer and host. It is the veneration of our saints and the celebration of our Catholicism. The fiesta is the Filipino.

The fiesta is one of the blocks upon which a commu-

nity is built. There has to be a folk foundation, a binding force, upon which the structure of a nation is built. In other words, as Nick Joaquin says: "The local precedes the national; and it's the town that gives birth to the nation." We look at the fiesta as a local tradition; connected only to its community. What the fiesta does is tell the story of localities, and in doing so it tells the story of the Philippines. The fiesta is living tradition.

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HAWAII-FILIPINO NEWS

New U.S. Passport Fees Take Effect July 13

Taking a U.S. passport will cost more beginning July 13, 2010 as the U.S. Department of State has instituted new processing fees for all passport services.

The fee for a new passport has increased to \$135 from \$100. Renewing a passport will cost \$110, up from \$75.

Passports for minors 16 or younger will increase to \$105, up from \$85.

The additional fee for expedited processing of passport will

remain \$60.

Fees for passport cards, which can be used for crossing the U.S. border except when traveling by air, will increase to \$55 for adults and \$40 for minors. Renewing a passport card will cost \$30.

In addition, the fee to add visa pages to a passport, which used to be free, will increase to \$82.

According to State Department officials, the regular processing time for a passport is currently four to six weeks. With expedited processing, including

overnight delivery to and from the passport agency, the time is between two to three weeks.

Those who need a passport can apply at most post offices on Oahu, the Hawaii State Library, University of Hawaii-Manoa Campus Center, Kapiolani Community College, Leeward Community College and the Federal Building at 300 Ala Moana Boulevard, Suite I-330.

Please call the Passport Information & Applications office at 522-8283 if you have questions.

City to Unveil New Tsunami Evacuation Zone Maps

The City's Department of Emergency Management (DEM) will continue to unveil the new Tsunami Evacuation Zone Maps at a series of public information workshops islandwide.

"The new tsunami evacuation maps are of significant importance to our residents and the safety of their families and prop-

erty," says DEM director Melvin Kaku. "We hope that everyone will take the opportunity to attend a presentation in their community to learn more about the new evacuation maps."

Work on the new maps for Hawaii and Oahu began in 2004 and is a product of the Tsunami Inundation Mapping Project at the University of Hawaii-

Manoa. Funds for the mapping project were provided by a Federal Tsunami Mitigation Grant.

DEM officials will be on-hand to present the new maps, discuss the implications for Oahu residents and answer questions. City and County first responders will also be available to answer questions from the public.

Draft copies of the maps will be posted online at www.oahuDEM.org

Four of DEM's scheduled 12 workshops have already been held in the Sunset Beach, Wai'anae, Nanakuli and Wai'alua communities. The remaining workshops will run through August 2010 as scheduled:

WORKSHOPS SCHEDULE FOR JULY

Pearl City to Airport	Halawa District Park	July 19, 2010
Kahe Point to Kalaeloa	Kapolei Hale	July 20, 2010
Kaneohe to Kualoa	Kaneohe District Park	July 21, 2010
Waikiki	Waikiki Elementary	July 26, 2010
Hauula to Kawela	Brigham Young University	July 27, 2010
Niu Valley to Makapuu	Koko Head District Park	July 28, 2010
Waimanalo	Waimanalo District Park	July 29, 2010
Kualoa to Punaluu	Kaaawa Elementary	August 3, 2010

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By Atty. Emmanuel Samonte Tipon

Suing Arizona - Will It Secede from Union?

1070) is an immigration law, (3) therefore Arizona's law is unconstitutional. United States of America v. State of Arizona and Janice K. Brewer, Governor.

There are already a number of private individuals and organizations suing Arizona over S.B. 1070. Why would the federal government file its own suit. According to USA Today 07/07/10, perceived as liberal and pro Obama. "The irony in the Justice Department's lawsuit to block Arizona's obnoxious new immigration law is that neither the suit nor the law would be necessary if Washington had done its job enforcing federal immigration laws in the first place.

"The lawsuit, announced Tuesday, might allow the Obama administration to feel righteous, pretend it's doing something about the nation's immigration mess, and appeal to Hispanic voters ahead of November's congressional elections."

The belief that all Hispanics support illegal immigration is a myth and an insult to all law-abiding Hispanics.

Federal Authority over Immigration

The Constitution's Supremacy clause provides: "This Constitution, and the Laws of the United States which shall be made in Pursuance thereof; . . . shall be the supreme Law of the Land;" U.S. Const., art. VI, cl. 2.

The Constitution says that Congress shall have the power "to establish a uniform rule of Naturalization" U.S. Const., art. I, § 8, cl. 4, and "to regulate Commerce with foreign nations." U.S. Const., art. I, § 8, cl. 3.

"But the Court has never held that every state enactment which in any way deals with aliens is a regulation of immigration and thus per se preempted by this constitutional power, whether latent or exercised." De Canas v. Bica, 424 U.S. 351. Thus, California Labor Code § 2805 providing that no employer shall knowingly employ an alien who is not entitled to lawful residence in the United States if such employment would have an adverse effect on lawful resident workers, was upheld against arguments that it was unconstitutional as an attempt to regulate

immigration and pre-empted by the Supremacy Clause.

Is Arizona's law an immigration law?

Arizona's law provides that (1) for any lawful stop by a law enforcement officer, where reasonable suspicion exists that an individual is an alien and is unlawfully present in the U.S., the officer must make a reasonable attempt to determine the individual's immigration status by verifying it with the federal government; (2) aliens must carry their alien registration card; (3) it is a crime to smuggle aliens; (4) it is a crime for unauthorized and unlawfully present persons to work; (5) it is a crime to transport or conceal illegal aliens; (6) warrantless arrests may be made of persons committing an offense that renders such person removable.

An immigration law determines who should or should not be admitted into the country, and the conditions under which a legal entrant may remain. De Canas v. Bica. Applying this test, Arizona's statute is not an immigration law. It does not exclude or deport anybody. It does not prescribe the conditions under which aliens in Arizona may remain.

Examples of state laws affecting aliens that have been upheld as valid include: denying undocumented aliens a driver's license (Lulac v. Bredesen, No. 06-5306, (6th Cir. 2007) <http://www.ca6.uscourts.gov/opinions.pdf/07a0341p-06.pdf>; John Doe No. 1 v. Georgia Dep't of Public Safety, 147 F. Supp. 2d 1369 (N.D. Ga. 2001)); and denying undocumented students enrollment at post secondary institutions (Equal Access Education v. Merten, 305 F. Supp. 2d 585 (E.D. Va. 2004).

Arizona law based on police power

"States possess broad authority under their police powers to regulate the employment relationship to protect workers within the State." De Canas v. Bica. The Arizona statute is a valid exercise of the State's police powers.

The De Canas court justified California's law barring illegal aliens from jobs, saying that "California has sought to strengthen its economy by adopting federal standards in imposing criminal sanctions against state employers who knowingly employ aliens who have no federal right to employment within the country; even if

such local regulation has more purely speculative and indirect impact on immigration, it does not thereby become a constitutionally proscribed regulation of immigration that Congress itself would be powerless to authorize or approve."

Federal-State cooperation on immigration

The suit alleges that the Arizona statute conflicts with federal immigration law and interferes with federal enforcement priorities. A reasonable person will find it complements (makes perfect), not conflicts with, federal immigration law.

In 2005, a unanimous Supreme Court in *Muehler v. Mena*, 544 U.S. 93, upheld the authority of local police officers to inquire into the immigration status of persons who have been lawfully detained.

The lawsuit itself acknowledges that the federal government receives state and local cooperation in its enforcement efforts, such as (1) empowering state law enforcement authorities to assist when there is an actual or imminent influx of aliens requiring immediate federal response, (2) entering into agreements with states to pro-

(continued on page 10)

The Confederate states seceded from the Union on the issue of slavery. Will Arizona - and about 17 other states thinking along the same lines as Arizona - secede from the Union on the issue of illegal aliens? The issue of illegal aliens is more serious than slavery. Abolishing slavery meant taking away someone doing a job you wouldn't do. Protecting illegal aliens means taking away your job.

As the Supreme Court said: "Employment of illegal aliens in times of high unemployment deprives citizens and legally admitted aliens of jobs; acceptance by illegal aliens of jobs on substandard terms as to wages and working conditions can seriously depress wage scales and working conditions of citizens and legally admitted aliens; and employment of illegal aliens under such conditions can diminish the effectiveness of labor unions." *De Canas v. Bica*, 424 U.S. 351.

Fed up with the deluge of illegal aliens within its borders and the failure or refusal of the federal government to stem the tide, Arizona enacted S.B. 1070 designed "to discourage and deter the unlawful entry and presence of aliens". What's wrong with that? Is that not what the federal government is doing or supposed to do? Why is it angry and sue when somebody else wants to do the job.

A cartoon in USA Today 07/08/10 sums it best. A man (marked Arizona) is repeatedly complaining to a sleeping guy (marked Washington, D.C.) "illegal immigration," "illegal immigration". There is no reaction. The complaining man says: "O.K. I'll write my own immigration law." The sleeping guy wakes up, shouting: "I'm suing you."

The Lawsuit: Its motive and logic or illogic

The lawsuit alleges that (1) the federal government under the constitution has preeminent authority to regulate immigration matters, (2) Arizona's law (S.B.

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HAWAII-FILIPINO NEWS

Hanalani Students Win Intl Robotics Championship

At the end of an intense, three-day international competition, a team of five students from Hanalani School in Mililani was named champion of the International Botball Tournament held in Edwardsville, Illinois.

Hanalani—whose motto is “Love God. Love Others. Challenge Yourself”—competed against 64 teams from around the globe, including Kuwait, Poland and teams from across the U.S. Hanalani went undefeated as they entered the final rounds of competition and finished number one in the seeding rounds.

The 2010 Global Conference on Educational Robotics is an annual event where middle and high school students, educators, robotics enthusiasts and professionals gather to connect

with peers, discuss technology-related ideas and cheer on their favorite teams during an exciting autonomous robot tournament called the International Botball Tournament.

Hanalani won the Hawaii Regional Botball Tournament last May, besting 39 other local teams. During the tournament, they set a national record for highest score during seeding rounds.

Botball engages middle and high school aged students in a team-oriented robotics competition based on national science education standards. By designing, building, programming and documenting autonomous robots, students use science, engineering, technology, math, and writing skills in a hands-on project that reinforces their learning.

Botball is one of six major educational robotics programs in the state. Recognizing the importance of promoting robotics at an early age and sustaining students’ interest in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) education, Hawaii’s six robotics programs (FIRST Robotics, Botball, Underwater ROV, VEX Robotics, Micro Robotics, FIRST LEGO League) have joined together to form the Hawaii Robotics Organizing Committee (ROC).

As a critical component of the Hawaii Innovation Initiative, robotics engages students in STEM education and provides them with the teamwork, critical thinking and problem-solving skills they need to compete in the 21st century workplace.

Kahala Properties Up For Sale

Ever dream of owning a house in Kahala? For many Filipino professionals and investors, the opportunity to “move on up” may be now as 13 of the 24 properties on Kahala Avenue owned by Japanese billionaire Genshiro Kawamoto are up for sale.

Kawamoto has allowed native Hawaiian families to reside on three of his properties, but most of the remaining homes and vacant lots are either run-down or overgrown. According to State Rep. Barbara Marumoto, Kawamoto knocked down several perimeter walls, tossed the rubble into swimming pools and then paved them over.

Vandals broke into some houses, while several of the million dollar homes were razed. One property was cited for construction of an illegal seawall.

The City’s Department of Planning & Permitting issued Kawamoto at least 53 citations for various violations and initiated liens on at least two lots for repeated non-compliance.

“Should the homes sell, we will have new residents in the neighborhood who will undoubtedly take better care of the premises,” says Rep. Marumoto. “Please, let prospective buyers know that there are some lovely beachfront properties for sale in Kahala.”

The smallest property, which totaled 2,241 square feet, sold earlier this month for \$2.25 million. The remaining lots range in size from 13,500 feet to 35,428 feet and in price from a low of \$1.8 million to a high of \$17.8 million.

For more details on the Kahala Avenue homes, call Rep. Marumoto at 586-6310.

PHILIPPINE NEWS

Power Back After Typhoon Kills 26 in Philippines

By Helen Flores / Thursday, July 15, 2010

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — Electricity was restored in the Philippine capital, flights resumed and schools reopened Thursday after the first typhoon of the season killed at least 26 people and plunged most of the main northern is-

land into darkness. Thirty-eight people remained missing, mostly fishermen caught by Typhoon Conson’s fury at sea.

Electricity was restored to most of Manila and nearby provinces after Conson, packing winds of 75 miles (120 kilometers) per hour, slammed ashore late Tuesday and early Wednesday, toppling power lines, down-

ing trees and ripping off roofs and tarpaulin billboards.

Flights at the Manila international airport also resumed and schools reopened.

Heavy rains, unrelated to the typhoon, have also wreaked havoc in China and Japan. The death toll from rain-triggered landslides rose to 41 in western China, and workers raced to drain overflowing reservoirs in the southeast. Flooding has killed more than 100 people in China so far this month, the official Xinhua News Agency said.

Storm in southern and western Japan left two dead and three missing.

An elderly woman drowned in a swollen river and another woman in her 70s was found buried in a landslide in Hiroshima, western Japan, according to Hiroshima police. Two women in their 70s also were missing there, as was an 82-year-old man in neighboring Shimane prefecture.

More rain was predicted Thursday in both Japan and China. Conson, which weakened into a tropical storm over the South China Sea, was forecast to make another landfall along the Chinese-Vietnamese border this weekend.

In the Philippines, many died while fleeing the typhoon’s fury, regional disaster operations

Pedestrians walk under the beams of a collapsed crane brought down by strong winds from typhoon ‘Basyang’ at the Sucal Interchange of the South Luzon Expressway in Parañaque City



officer Fred Bragas said. The 26 deaths were spread over six provinces and areas near Manila.

Newly elected President Benigno Aquino III scolded the weather bureau for failing to predict that the storm would hit Manila, which left government agencies unprepared for the onslaught.

The Philippines is hit by about 20 typhoons and storms a year, gaining a reputation as the welcome mat for the most destructive cyclones from the Pacific. Last year, back-to-back typhoons inundated Manila and outlying provinces, killing nearly 1,000 people.

Several people were killed by falling debris or electrocuted. One man drowned trying to save a dozen pigs in a swollen lake

south of Manila, while his companion was swept away and is missing, Bragas said. Twenty-seven out of 30 towns in Laguna province were flooded and the governor declared a state of calamity.

A concrete wall collapsed and pinned four carpenters to death while a landslide killed a man in his house in nearby Tagaytay city. The man’s son remains missing in the landslide, Bragas said.

In Quezon province, four fishermen drowned and 18 others were rescued after huge waves and strong winds battered their motor boats as they raced toward an island to seek shelter late Tuesday, provincial Gov. David Suarez told The Associated Press. (www.philstar.com)



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Congratulations to Christa Lei Sonido who recently graduated from Punahou School. Shown here (L to R) Penrynlyn Biniek, Christa Lei, Erlinda Sonido, Nellie Somera and Nena Sarmiento



Dr. Noli Zosa with wife Nena of California visiting Hawaii recently



The Lao Family: Chef Rean with his wife Bonafe and only child Frankie during a family gathering in Pearl City



Seated l-r: Geraldine Nakamura, Margie Minson, Erlinda Velasco. Standing: Jackie Saganuma, Lynn Nicholas, Becky Lynda Dybal-Fadale, Lorelei Felipe, April Wong-Waring, and Terri Leong, taken at the farewell party for Becky Klungresetter, HMC West Chief Nursing Officer who recently went back home to Kansas.



Mercy and Carme Langcay, mother and daughter bonding in Waikiki during the 4th of July celebration



Lawrence Pagulayan with his grandparents Rudy and Glorita Pagulayan during his Pre-School graduation ceremony

WHAT'S COOKING

Sesame crispy puffs with tofu light dip



A Crispy, Crunchy Tofu Snack

SESAME CRISPY PUFFS WITH TOFU LIGHT DIP

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 cup *Maya All-Purpose Flour*
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1 1/2 tbsps *canola oil*
- 3 tbsps *water*
- egg white, for brushing*
- 1 tsp *black sesame seeds*
- 1 tsp *brown sesame seeds*
- canola oil for frying*
- Tofu light dip:*
- 125 g *tofu firm, chopped*
- 1/2 cup *yogurt, low fat*
- 2 cloves *garlic, minced*
- 1 pc *small white onion, chopped*

- 1 tbsp *lemon juice*
- salt and pepper to taste*
- 1 tsp *spring onion*
- parsley, chopped*

PROCEDURE:

In a bowl combine all-purpose flour and salt. Alternately mix oil and water until well blended or until it forms a dough. Using a rolling pin, roll dough until paper-thin, then brush with little egg whites and sprinkle with sesame seeds. Cut dough into rectangles approximately 3x1-inch then fry in medium-hot oil until puffy and golden brown. Drain on a paper towel to remove excess oil.

Prepare dip: Combine all dip ingredients in a blender except parsley, then blend until smooth. Serve sesame crisps with tofu dip. Garnish with parsley.

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PHILIPPINE NEWS

**PET Orders Binay to Answer
 Mar Roxas Protest in 10 Days**

By Edu Punay /
 Tuesday, July 13, 2010

MANILA, Philippines - The Presidential Electoral Tribunal (PET) yesterday ordered Vice President Jejomar Binay to answer the electoral protest of his closest rival, former Sen. Manuel Roxas II.

Binay was required to submit his comment on the protest seeking to nullify his proclamation and instead declare Roxas winner in the election by ordering a recount that would include some three million votes nullified by the Commission on Elections (Comelec), according to Supreme Court spokesman Midas Marquez.

The Vice President is given 10 days to comply with the order to be sent by lawyer Ma. Luisa Villarama, SC clerk of court and PET ex-officio secretary.

Chief Justice Renato Corona, chair of the tribunal, directed the PET secretariat to send the summons to Binay after finding the protest of Roxas "sufficient in form and substance," according to Marquez.

"The PET will see the counter claims of Vice President Binay and if he will raise a counter protest before setting the case for preliminary conference," Marquez explained.

He stressed that the resolution of the protest of Mr. Roxas against Vice President Binay could "possibly be faster" as compared to previous protests in manual elections.

"This is faster because the PET no longer has to go through each of the ballots and scrutinize handwriting, for example. But it still depends on the comment and counter comments of both parties," he said.

As for the reported plan of President Aquino to appoint his running mate to a Cabinet post after the one-year ban on appointment of losing candidates, Marquez said there is no jurisdiction yet on such a case.

He said previous PET cases only covered protestants who joined elections so their pending protests then were junked by the tribunal for abandonment of their protests.

The protest that was filed last Friday is hinged on the three million votes that were declared null by the Comelec.

Roxas, through his lawyers, alleged that election results used for Binay's proclamation did not reflect actual votes due to what he described as "anomalously high incidence" of null and misread votes in the certificates of canvass in all precincts nationwide and especially in his bailiwicks, Regions 6, 7 and the Caraga Region.

Roxas believes that he should have won the election if only the Comelec counted the null votes, which supposedly largely belong to him and would have made him overtake the final 727,084-vote advantage of Binay.

He also alleged that there were fraud, anomalies, irregularities and statistical improbabilities in certain clustered precincts in the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao.

Apart from recount, Roxas has also asked the PET to create a technical panel of independent experts that would conduct a comprehensive, system-wide forensic analysis of the country's first automated election system. (www.philstar.com)

IMMIGRATION GUIDE (cont.)

(from page 7, Suina Arizona...)

vide training and supervision in the investigation, apprehension, and detention of aliens, and (3) authorizing state and local law enforcement authorities to arrest aliens unlawfully present who were previously removed after being convicted of a felony.

Is Arizona's law unconstitutional?

Based on the foregoing analysis, you can now decide if Arizona's law is unconstitutional and how the courts will rule. Arizona has a track record of winning challenges to its laws touching on illegal immigration. Do not assume that all federal judges are so terrified of the President that they will automatically rule for the government. There are also federal judges with cojones. This is not the Philippines. Recently, a federal judge in Louisiana blocked President Obama's six-month ban on new offshore drilling in deep water, saying that the administration improperly assumed that since one rig failed all deep-water wells present an "imminent danger." USA Today, 06/23/10.

As for me, I will consult with Paul

the psychic octopus. It has accurately predicted the results of the World Cup soccer games.

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PHILIPPINE NEWS

2 More Activists Killed

By Paolo Romero /
Tuesday, July 13, 2010

MANILA, Philippines - Unexplained killings continue as two more activists – a public school teacher and a farmer – fell to assassins' bullets in Masbate and Nueva Ecija over the weekend, flouting the Aquino administration's declaration of an all-out war against murderers of activists and journalists.

Mark Francisco, a member of the party-list group ACT Teachers and a teacher at the San Isidro Elementary School in Palanan town in Masbate, was on his way home on a motorcycle along with four other teachers who were also on motorcycles when gunned down by two men in ski masks last Friday at 5 p.m. Francisco, 27, died instantly.

The gunmen, armed with M-16 rifles, also tried to kill one of Francisco's companions but he was able to escape and report the murder, ACT Teachers party-list Rep. Antonio Tinio said.

In Nueva Ecija, 78-year-old peasant leader Pascual Guevarra of the Agrarian Reform Beneficiaries Association and the Alyansa ng Magsasakang Nagkakaisa was shot in the chest by an unidentified man who barged into his house in Barangay San Isidro in Laur.

Injured in the attack was Guevarra's 18-year-old grandson Ronald Vitoria. Guevarra was declared dead on arrival at the Bongabong District Hospital.

After his first command conference with the Philippine National Police (PNP), President Aquino said those responsible for the killings would be punished, but noted that several of the murders – mostly triggered by personal disputes – had already been solved.

"We'll see to it that there will be convictions. The PNP has also indicated that local politics triggered a lot of these killings," he said.

"It's (political assassination) not a policy of the administration," he told reporters in a briefing at Camp Aguinaldo.

But he said he had directed PNP chief Director General Jesus Verzosa to get to the bottom of the cases.

"Our commitment, and that of the armed forces, is to remove the difference between law enforcers breaking the law and simple lawbreakers," Mr. Aquino said in Filipino.

He also called on members of the military and PNP to observe human rights.

Condemnation

ACT's Tinio said Francisco's colleagues should be given police protection, citing the assailants' attempt to kill at least one of them.

"We condemn the brutal murder of public school teacher Mark Francisco. We demand justice for our fellow-teacher and party-member," Tinio said.

ACT said Francisco had actively campaigned for the party-list group during the last election.

Tinio urged the Department of Education to work with the PNP and with local government authorities in extending police protection to the teachers who survived the at-

tack and who may be tapped as witnesses.

Tinio pointed out that there had been a spate of violence targeting teachers in Palanas, Masbate.

He noted that three days before the murder of Francisco, another public school teacher in Palanas was attacked but luckily escaped. Dexter Legazpi, 36, was on a motorcycle on the way to school with his wife on the morning of July 6 when five men, also in ski masks and military uniforms, shot at them. Legazpi, also a member of ACT party-list, was able to speed away to safety on his motorcycle.

"Government must immediately take steps to put an end to the violence faced by teachers in Palanas town. The Aquino government's ability to ensure the well-being and safety of its citizens is being put to the test," said Tinio.

Francisco is the third member of a militant party-list group to be killed within the first 10 days of President Aquino's term. On July 5, Bayan Muna-Aklan provincial coordinator Fernando Baldomero was gunned down by

motorcycle-riding men in Lezo, Aklan.

Tinio pointed out that during the campaign period, ACT Teachers party had been a target of a vilification campaign, along with other progressive party-list groups such as Bayan Muna, Gabriela and Anakpawis.

"We were routinely tagged as communist and New People's Army front organizations by the military during the campaign period and some of our members and supporters were harassed and threatened. Now, they are being attacked, and one of them killed," Tinio said.

"These murders show that the extrajudicial killing of activists continues to take place under the new dispensation of President Aquino," he said.

"It's only been a few days, yet the death toll is already rising. We expect nothing less than an end to impunity from this new government. President Aquino must direct the necessary government resources to ensuring that the perpetrators of these three murders are caught, tried and punished," said Tinio.

(www.philstar.com)



1 Million Pinoyos Give Up Job Hunt

By Mayen Jaymalin /
Thursday, July 1, 2010

MANILA, Philippines - Believing they will never find employment, at least a million jobless Filipinos have quit looking for work.

Labor Secretary Rosalinda Baldoz said these unemployed but capable workers are now classified as "discouraged workers" after the country adopted a new definition of unemployment to conform to international labor standards.

"Our new government is now looking at ways to address the needs of this group," Baldoz said.

Discouraged workers are defined as jobless people available for work, but are not actively seeking employment.

Baldoz said the number of unem-

ployed went down dramatically since the adoption of the new definition in 2005.

She said the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) is also working on various programs to solve the prevailing skills mismatch among workers.

Baldoz said jobseekers have difficulty finding jobs because they possess skills that are not needed by companies.

"At this time, it take months or almost a whole year for employers to find the right workers to fill in vacancies in their companies and the situation could even get worse unless the mismatch problem is properly addressed," said Criselda Sy, director of DOLE's Bureau of Local Employment (BLE).

She said DOLE is now coordinating with the Department of Education, Commission on Higher Education and other concerned agencies to find a solution to the problem. (www.philstar.com)

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PHILIPPINE NEWS

Taiwanese Traders to Invest in RP

By **Mayen Jaymalin / Thursday, July 15, 2010**

MANILA, Philippines - More local jobs may soon be available to Filipino jobseekers as several Taiwanese businessmen have expressed a desire to invest in the country, a recruitment official said yesterday.

Jackson Gan, Piliplan Manpower Agencies Accredited to Taiwan (PILMAT), said many Taiwanese businessmen are interested in putting up factories and other establishments here although they are hampered by the country's strict laws.

Gan urged the Aquino administration to look into possible legal remedies that would

allow foreigners to own land that they would use in setting up their business here.

"Many Taiwanese factories in China are now slowly closing down due to problems with workers and foreign exchange laws of China which disallow flight of capital investment or remittance of profits and this could mean opportunity for the Philippines," he said.

He urged the government to ease the requirements like minimum capital investment of \$500,000 and no less than 20 workers to be hired locally.

Gan noted that the country has a special investment rule allowing residency for foreigners who hire 10 or more Filipinos in setting up business establishments or factories. He said the

Aquino administration should adopt new investment rules that are less bureaucratic.

Labor Secretary Rosalinda Baldoz said the new government is now looking at different measures to encourage more foreign investors to put up businesses here and generate local jobs here.

"To encourage more foreign investors, we need to ensure that we have available skills, a flexible work scheme and that our existing wage is competitive. We are now addressing this issues," Baldoz said. (www.philstar.com)

Exports Post 37.3 Percent Growth in May

By **Donnabelle Gatdula / Thursday, July 15, 2010**

MANILA, Philippines (Xinhua) - Philippines' export revenues rose 37.3 percent to \$4.2 billion in May as global recovery spurs demand for electronics, the National Statistics Office (NSO) said yesterday.

Aggregate merchandise exports from January to May 2010 also increased on year by 38.7 percent to \$19.2 billion. Electronics was the coun-

try's top export revenue earner and accounted for 60.3 percent of total export revenues in May. Shipments of electronic products raked in \$2.5 billion, up 42.5 percent on year. Other top export products like garments, coconut oil and furniture also posted higher revenues.

The United States, Japan, China and Singapore were the top export markets of the Philippines in May. (www.philstar.com)

Account Surplus to Augur Well for RP

By **Paolo Romero / Thursday, July 15, 2010**

MANILA, Philippines (Xinhua) - The Philippines' current account surplus of \$1.8 billion in the first quarter will help the country cushion any possible impact of financial crisis in the Euro zone, the World Bank said today.

In its latest issue of the Philippine Quarterly Update, the World Bank said the country has a healthy external position and its banks are conservative in their lending, funding, and investment strategies.

"(The Philippine banks) have low loan-to-deposit ratios so that they have limited reliance on external wholesale funding markets," World Bank said, adding that the loan-to-deposit ratios indicate the bank's capacity to fuel its own growth and cushion itself against sudden withdrawals.

A surplus in the current account is significant in that it will strengthen the country's economic defenses against such threats as the debt problems of some countries in the European Union, the World Bank said.

In contrast, Canada and the United States have posted current account imbalances. (www.philstar.com)

World-class Robots to Compete in RP

By **Donnabelle Gatdula / Thursday, July 15, 2010**

MANILA, Philippines - Filipino robotics enthusiasts are in for a double treat with the 9th Philippine Robotics Olympiad (PRO) and the World Robotics Olympiad 2010 (WRO), which will be held in the country.

During the launch of the PRO at the Quezon City Science Interactive Center, Mylene Abiva, national organizer of PRO, revealed that, after three tries, the WRO advisory committee has finally chosen the Philippines to host this year's World Robotics Olympiad.

Abiva, president and CEO of Felta Multimedia Inc., said, "Not only are we able to offer our Filipino students through the PRO an opportunity to expand their horizons by the exploration of robots and robotic systems in schools, we are also able to promote the Philippines as an

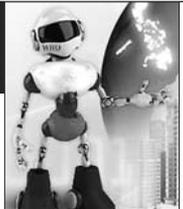
emerging technology hub in the Asia-Pacific and that is through the WRO."

This year, Abiva said they are expecting over 300 public and private schools nationwide to participate in the PRO slated on Sept. 10, where the grand awardees will get to represent the Philippine team in the World Robotics Olympiad, which is scheduled on Nov. 6 at the SMX Convention Center, where more than 1,200 foreign students and coaches are expected to participate.

"And we are quite confident that the Philippine team will make the country proud this year," she said.

In creating the robot models for the competition, participants use LEGO Robotics, which can be manipulated using an NXT or RCX brick, a microcomputer that serves as the brain of Robolab inventions.

Participants also use computers to design a program with command icons, which is transferred to the NXT/RCX brick



via Bluetooth technology, where the robots are commanded to move in various ways through a designated field of challenges.

"Through these challenging and educational robot competitions," Abiva said, "we are able to hone the youth to be the future scientists, engineers and inventors, by developing their creativity and problem-solving skills."

Aside from the Science Education Institute of the Department of Science and Technology and the Department of Education, PRO is also supported by SM, Karate Kid, A-Z direct, McKesters and the Asia Pacific College.

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LEGAL NOTES



By Reuben S. Seguritan

Visa for Returning Residents

If the LPR remains abroad for more than a year or beyond the validity of the reentry permit, he/she may be considered as having abandoned his/her permanent resident status. To enter the U.S. and resume permanent residence a new immigrant visa will be needed.

An immigrant visa requires an approved immigrant visa petition based on family relationship or employment. But there is a law that provides for another option. The returning resident may obtain a special immigrant returning resident (SB-1) visa.

To qualify for this returning resident visa, the LPR has to prove that he/she was a lawful

permanent resident at the time of departure from the U.S. and that he/she intended at that time to return and has not abandoned such intention.

In addition, the returning resident has to show that the protracted stay abroad was due to circumstances beyond his/her control and for which he/she was not responsible.

The State Department has recently issued guidelines for the processing of the application. The guidelines cover where to file the DS-117 (Application to determine returning resident status), how to process such applications, and how to create a permanent denial record.

The DS-117 must be accompanied by the green card or reentry permit, if available. The applicant must document the dates of travel outside the U.S., ties to the U.S., and intention to return to the U.S. The applicant must also prove that the protracted stay abroad was for reasons beyond his/her control.

Intention to return may be proven by tax returns and evidence of economic, family and social ties to the U.S. Dates of travel may be documented by airline tickets and passport stamps.

Examples of reasons why the protracted stay was beyond his/her control are medical incapacitation, employment with

a U.S. company, and accompanying a U.S. citizen spouse.

A consular officer will conduct a personal interview of the applicant to determine if the DS-117 is approvable. If it is approved the officer will open a case in Immigrant Visa Overseas (IVO). If it is denied, the DS-117 application and all supporting documents and notes will be entered in the file.

Upon approval of the DS-117, the returning resident will proceed with an application for SB-1 immigrant visa. At the interview he/she will be subjected to medical and security screenings that apply to all immigrant visa cases.

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A lawful permanent resident (LPR) who goes abroad must come back to the U.S. within a year in order to maintain his/her status. If the LPR intends to be outside the U.S. for more than a year, a reentry permit must be secured.

A reentry permit is obtained by filing Form I-131 with the USCIS before departure. It is valid for 2 years.

MAINLAND NEWS

Teachers Group Receives Top Award

An association of Filipino teachers based in Louisiana received a prestigious award from the American Federation of Teachers (AFT), an education labor union with almost one million members.

The Filipino Educators Federation of Louisiana (FEFL) was bestowed the President's International Democracy Award at the annual AFT convention in Seattle, Washington on July 9, 2010. Created two years ago, the award highlights the continuing struggle for human rights around the world.

Convention attendees paid tribute to Louisiana educators who stood up against the illegal and demeaning tactics used by the firm that recruited them to work in U.S.

FEFL organized Filipino migrant teachers against the alleged abuses of recruitment agency Universal Placement In-

ternational (UPI) and its Philippine-based counterpart, PARS International.

With the help of the AFT and other labor groups, the efforts of the Filipino teachers resulted in initial legal victories, including a decision by the Louisiana Workforce Commission that ordered UPI to refund up to \$1.8 million in fees to the teachers.

Three years ago, Cruz and about 300 Filipino teachers were flown to Louisiana for jobs which, their recruiter promised, would give them a salary of \$40,000 annually.

The Filipinos protested inflated fees, commissions and rents that their recruiter tried to collect from them in return for their U.S. work visas.

In her acceptance speech, FEFL president Ingrid Jomanto-Cruz said AFT helped



The Filipino Educators Federation of Louisiana revisited the Filipino tradition of "bayanihan."

"It is the old tradition of neighbors helping a relocating family by getting enough volunteers to literally carry the house on their shoulders and move it to a new and better location. And believe it or not, the act is done with a happy, festive disposition. We can clearly see the heroes in the community collectively work and sacrifice for each other. In essence, bayanihan is all but one with the spirit of unionism." (*Good News Pilipinas*)

Djou Supports Bills to Curb Govt Spending

U.S. Rep. Charles K. Djou (HI-01) has signed two measures that would help in the fight against wasteful government spending by allowing a line-item veto for the president.

The bills are H.R. 5454, introduced by U.S. Rep. John Spratt (D-SC), House Budget Committee chair, and H.R. 1294, introduced by U.S. Rep. Paul Ryan (R-WI), ranking member of the House Budget Committee.

Djou says that in meetings with constituents during his most recent visit home, the top

concern was "reckless and runaway federal spending in Washington."

"Government is simply spending too much money on programs that aren't working and that government has no way to pay all the money back," Djou says. "We need more private sector jobs, not more public sector programs. Giving the president the power to target specific provisions of spending bills will promote the kind of fiscal restraint that the American people want."

Djou will work to move *(continued on page 15)*

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PHILIPPINE LANGUAGE



DAYASADAS
By Pacita C. Saludes

Napateg ken nakallalagip nga aldaw ti Julio 4 iti Filipinas ken America gapu ta kadagiti nagkauna a tawtawen, daytoy a petsa ti PHILIPPINE INDEPENDENCE DAY agingga ti indeklalar met laeng ti America a "Philippine FRIENDSHIP DAY". Maselebraran met a siraragsak kadagiti adu a palalibong ken masindian a luses iti Waikiki ken amin a nakallalagip a disso a panglagip iti daytoy nga aldaw.

Adu met dagiti mangipateg iti daytoy tapno di malipatan dagiti nakallalagip nga aldawda, kas kadagiti agkas ken apabuniag tapno no madanon daytoy a petsa ken bulan ti tawen malagipda met dagiti napateg nga aldawda.

Di met malipatan ti ANNAK TI KAILOKUAN ITI AMERICA a daytoy ti aldaw a pannakaorganisama. Napateg daytoy nga aldaw nga isu ti itataud ti grupo dagiti

ILOKANOS ditoy Estado.

Julio 4, 1986 ti pannakaorganisar ti AKA babaen ti panangilongalongo daytoy. Nagsapata daytoy nga aramidentayo daytoy a pangidasig ken pangpakita a dagiti Ilokanos ditoy America adda met pannakabalinda a mangipakita iti kabaelan kan panngantian-ok ti bukodda a puli. Nagdarang daytoy kadagiti adu a tawen babaen ti ilulungalong. Idasdasarda a panagpiesta ti KAILOKUAN kas mangipakita ti kultura a tradision ken kabaelan ni Ilokanu a mangurnos dagiti kabalanelana a mangtaginayon kadagiti KINAILOKANODA a kas kadagiti sabsabali nasnyon. Naawis pay ti dayagna kadagiti Ilokanos iti "main" America tapno makikanunongda kadagiti gandit daytoy a grupo. Kinanunungan daydi LEGAL ADVISOR Atty. Peter Aduja ti pannakainganna a kas "SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF ILOKANOS IN AMERICA". Nagbalin a maysa kadagiti aktibo a grupo a sakupen ti OFCC.

Naewng ti gandatna a mangidasar ti "KINAILOKANANO" ti aramid,

kababalin, ken kangrunaanna ti panagsao. Dagiti tradision ken kultura, mangin-inuten a malipatan dagiti kaaduan nga Ilokanu iti America. Kangrunaan ti napateg a pannakaorganisar nga Ilokanu iti pagilian ken ditoy gangannaet nga ayantayo. Adun a tawen manipud idi naorganisar ti AKA, ket agtutuloy latta ti dayagna nupay adu met dagiti mauna.

Malagip daytoy kadi nga adu met datiti tattao a mangipateg ti ti kina ILOKANONA a saan laeng a ti kainaisangngayan a bigbigenna?

NAGSAPATA DAGITI OPISYALES TI AKA

Julio 4, 2010 alas ocho iti rabii idi pagsapataan ni Atty. Melodie Aduja dagiti opisyaltes ti AKA para iti tawen 2010-2012. Presidente Pacita Cabulera Saludes a sidaan a magipasublat iti asino man a naanep ken mangtuloy ti gandat a nakabulkan ti AKA. Umuna a Bise - Emerita Espiritu; maikadua a bise - Fely Cristobal; Secretaria - Letty Bayudan; katulungan a sekretaria - Lina Jacobe; Tesorera - Albina Gamponia; Auditor -

Saan A Malipatan Ti America Ken Filipinas Ti Julio 4



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TI PROGRAMA

Kabayatan ti pannangan, nagtuloy met ti ragragsak babaen ti panangiwawan ni Lilia del Rosario, Josie Takamoto ken Albina Gamponia, Nagsala ti Hula ni Fely Cristobal. Naipatayab dagiti Iloko a kankanta babaen dagiti kumakanta ti AKA ken Dramatista, Nagkompaniar met iti silindro ni Trelly Paulino ken nagdaniw met ni Gloria Raquedan. Naala dagiti ladawan ket nagtululoy ti program agingga iti alas dies ti rabii. Good Luck!

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July 24, 2010 • Dinner: Balaan Catalina Society Clubhouse, Waipahu • 5:00 pm - Mass; 6:00 pm • Contact: Erwin Gabrillo 282-4186

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GLOBAL NEWS

Indonesian Officials Arrest Filipina for Smuggling 2.5 Kilograms of Heroin

DENPASAR (Xinhua) - Indonesian customs officials stationed at the Denpasar international airport arrested today a Filipino woman who tried to smuggle heroin weighs 2.5 kilograms worth about \$797,000 to Indonesia's leisure island of Bali.

The 41-year-old woman, namely Carolina Sarmiento Bautista, was arrested at the airport after the customs official suspected an unusual object at her briefcase when the briefcase was screened with X Ray.

"We saw a thick orange layer inside the briefcase that indicates organic content underneath the layer,"



Carolina Sarmiento covers her face after a press conference at the Ngurah Rai airport customs office in Bali on Tuesday.

Bambang Wahyudi, Head of Customs office at the airport said.

Bambang said that he immediately told his subordinates to undertake thorough search over the

briefcase and eventually found two plastic bags of heroin wrapped with aluminum foil that concealed inside the briefcase layers.

Carolina arrived in Denpasar International airport directly from Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, today.

According to her initial testimony, she was offered to bring in those drugs to Bali by an Indian man. In return, she will be paid some \$1,000 if she were successful.

If she were proved guilty in the court proceeding, Carolina could face death penalty for violating Indonesia anti drug law No. 35/2009. (www.philstar.com)

Filipino Welfare Case Officer Jailed in Riyadh for OFWs Death

MANILA, Philippines--The wife of a welfare case officer of the Philippine embassy in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia has appealed to migrant workers' rights group based in Middle East for the immediate release of her husband from detention.

Bing Ayob, wife of Bahay Kalinga officer in charge Bashir Ayob, sought the help of Kapatiran sa Gitnang Silangan to intervene

and communicate with the embassy officials regarding his husband's case, according to Migrant-Middle East regional director John Monterona.

Mrs. Ayob initially told KGS-Migrante chairman Eric Joeson that her husband has been arrested last June 12, 2010 while attending a repatriation proceedings of an overseas Filipino worker.

Saudi police nabbed the 47-

year-old Filipino welfare officer after reportedly being implicated in the death of another OFW at the Shemesy Hospital in Riyadh last May 22, according to Mrs. Ayob.

Bashir was earlier invited for questioning regarding the OFW's death but was later cleared by Saudi authorities on June 10, she added.

Mr. Ayob, who have worked for the Philippine embassy since 2006, is now detained at Al Dhera Detention Center of the Criminal Investigation department in Riyadh. (www.philstar.com)

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MAINLAND NEWS

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government in the direction of fiscal responsibility and accountability and with colleagues on both sides of the aisle who realize that the current spending in Congress is unsustainable.

H.R. 5454, the "Reduce Unnecessary Spending Act of 2010," was introduced by U.S. Rep. Spratt and has 20 Democrat co-sponsors. Djou is the first and only Republican co-sponsor. The bill increases the power of policy makers to eliminate wasteful spending through a procedure known as expedited rescission.

H.R. 1294, the "Congressional Accountability and Line-Item Veto Act of 2009," was introduced by U.S. Rep. Ryan, along with companion legislation in the Senate by senators Russ Feingold (D-WI) and John McCain (R-AZ). The bill creates a line-item veto to target wasteful earmarks, improve congressional accountability and deter lawmakers from inserting "frivolous spending into future bills. It also enables the president to single out egregious earmarks in bills that arrive on his desk for signature and send these specific items back to Congress for expedited votes on whether to rescind, or cancel funding for these provisions.

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