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Online Voting Could Turn Tide of Voter Apathy



Hawaii holds the unenviable distinction of being dead last in the nation when it comes to voter participation. The big deal with low voter turnout at the polls is that the results do not accurately reflect the will of the people. After all, robust voter turnout is fundamental to a healthy democracy. When voters don't care, a small number of vested interests will end up controlling government.

It is therefore up to government officials to start thinking outside of the ballot box for innovative ways to make voting more accessible to the people. One suggestion has been to utilize technology to bring the voting process into the 21st Century by implementing an online voter registration and voting system. The beauty of an online system is that it brings the polling place to the voter, is more affordable, eliminates long lines and reduces errors associated with paper ballots. Such a system would also dramatically increase voter participation, especially among younger voters, who already pay their bills, file taxes and do mostly everything else online.

Hawaii is slowly embracing the concept of online voting. In 2012, the Legislature passed a bill that provided \$500,000 for the State Elections Office to design an online voter registration system in time for the 2016 elections. We applaud this effort and believe that there is no reason why such a system cannot be implemented given recent advancements in technology and an explosion in the use of social media.

Developing an online system requires political will, research and sustained funding. Such a system needs to be transparent and secure, which means that ballots would have to be encrypted and independently-verifiable. The process is slow and there are no easy answers, but we cannot remain idle and hope that more people will choose to participate in the process. Since the people aren't coming to the polls, it's up to government to make the voting process accessible and as easy as possible for all voters. If Hawaii's election officials want to raise the bar for voter turnout, an online voting system would be a good start.

Happy 31st Anniversary to National Night Out Program



On the first Tuesday in August, communities across the nation celebrate "National Night Out"—an event designed to strengthen communities by encouraging ordinary citizens to engage in stronger relationships with each other and law enforcement officials. The goal is to heighten crime-prevention awareness, build support and participation in local anti-crime programs, and most importantly, send a message that our neighborhoods are organized and fighting back. Last year marked National Night Out's 30th anniversary. Over 38 million people in communities from all 50 states, U.S. territories, Canadian cities and military bases worldwide participated in the celebration. On Oahu, last year's event was held at the Mililani Town Center, where HPD offered attendees an up-close look at its helicopter, command vehicle, SWAT K9's and other crime-fighting equipment. Folks also enjoyed food, entertainment and activities.

Fun and games aside, National Night Out is a serious business, especially when it comes to crime prevention. HPD's small but effective Community Policing Teams (CPT) work

FROM THE PUBLISHER



Aloha and welcome to the latest issue of the Hawaii Filipino Chronicle! The August 9th Primary Election is nearly upon us and campaign efforts have reached a feverish pitch. For the most part, negative campaigning has been kept to a minimum, which I'm sure is much appreciated by most voters who would rather focus on the issues at hand as well as candidates' priorities if elected. If you are running for office or have worked for a candidate's campaign, we wish you the best of luck!



Our cover story for this issue examines voter apathy in Hawaii, especially among Filipino voters. It's a condition that needs to be addressed. Many people choose not to vote because they are dissatisfied with the current system and/or believe their vote won't make a difference. Such a viewpoint is problematic because it shakes the trust in our nation's democratic system. After all, representative democracy is based on people electing their representatives. An online voting system and other viable solutions have been offered to boost voter turnout. Several readers also weighed in with their suggestions in our Chronicle Pulse question on page 6. To read our thought-provoking cover story "Turning the Tide of Apathy—How to Increase Participation Among Filipino Voters," please turn to page 4.

In other news, Dr. Melvin P. Palalay received an award from the American Cancer Society for his years of exemplary volunteerism (see page 8). State Rep. Rida Cabanilla was also named as 1 of the 100 Most Influential Filipina Women in the World by the Filipina Women's Network (see page 7). Congratulations to these two individuals for their outstanding contributions!

In closing, we urge you to do your duty as a U.S. citizen and vote this Saturday, August 9 in the Primary Election. Let your voice be heard! If you must take off from work, remember that employees are entitled to take up to two hours of paid time off under state law to vote.

That's all for now. Please take some time to read the various articles in this issue. As always, we encourage you to contact us at: filipinochronicle@gmail.com if you have any story ideas, tips or concerns regarding Hawaii's dynamic and vibrant Filipino community. Our sincerest thanks to all of you for reading and faithfully supporting the Hawaii Filipino Chronicle!

Until next time... *aloha* and *mabuhay*!

Chona A. Montesines-Sonido

with residents, businesses and other stakeholders on a variety of concerns. CPT's close relationship with the community enables its officers to quickly and effectively find solutions to problems. For a more proactive approach, residents in neighborhoods across Oahu have formed several hundred Neighborhood Security Watch (NSW) programs or Citizens Patrols to keep their neighborhoods safe from the criminal element. Members serve as the community's eyes and ears, and report any and all suspicious activities to the police. NSW and citizens patrol members realize that drugs and other crime are not the police's or the government's problems. It is really the community's problems. By working in partnership with HPD and other officials, residents take ownership of these problems. They realize that working together with government will enable them to take care of problems that effect everyone.

We fully support National Night Out and hope that the many NSW groups and citizens patrols continue to draw the level of interest, participation and support they deserve.. After all, that's how policing should really be done.

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TURNING THE TIDE OF APATHY— HOW TO INCREASE PARTICIPATION AMONG FILIPINO VOTERS

By Chona Montesines-Sonido

Hawaii takes pride in ranking first in many areas—health and wellness, life expectancy and natural beauty, to name just a few. But when it comes to voter participation, Hawaii unfortunately is at the very bottom of the list.

Even with native son Barack Obama on the ballot in the 2012 presidential election, Hawaii ranked dead last in the nation with a 44 percent turnout of eligible voters. Not long ago, the Aloha State once enjoyed the highest voter participation rate in the country. The era was statehood and voters back then were passionate about politics and prospects of a bright future. But along the way, their passion faded. Some blame Hawaii's laid back lifestyle, while others cite a lop-sided party dominance, big money politics, negative campaigning and other factors.

The prospects do not appear any brighter for the 2014 elections.

Nevertheless, State elections officials continue to do what they can, including offering curbside drive-through

voter registration service at select sites on the Big Island, Kauai and Oahu islandwide. The drive-through service allowed voters to remain in their vehicles while officials helped them to complete voter registration papers. Election materials have also been made available to the public in Ilocano, Japanese, Chinese and other languages for those with limited English proficiency.

Low Filipino Voter Turnout?

It is difficult to determine the percentage of registered Filipino voters who cast ballots in the 2012 election, since the State Office of Elections does not capture ethnicity in its voter registration database. However, the consensus among leaders in the Filipino community is that the levels are too low and need improvement.

Reasons for the low participation rate among Filipino voters vary. For starters, those voters who were born and raised in the Philippines are accustomed to voting only one time in an election, unlike in the U.S. where ballots are cast twice in the Primary and General.

"Many still have the mindset of a one time vote in every election," says former State Rep. Jun Abinsay, who served in the House of Representatives from 1995 to 2006.

According to Abinsay, voters from the Philippines, having seen the lasting effects of the political process in their home country, may simply have no interest in registering to vote, much less voting. A recent decision by the U.S. Supreme Court may have further alienated Filipino voters. The high court struck down a federal law that placed caps on donations in a single election to national political parties and federal candidate committees. It's a decision that did not sit well with Filipino voters, who routinely saw politicians in the Philippines buy the votes of the people.

"Many are in a dilemma whether their right to vote is even necessary at all," Abinsay says.

Another reason for the perceived low voter turn out among Filipinos is that many of them work multiple jobs to make ends meet.

"Too many have two, sometimes three jobs, and are so busy supporting their families they either don't register to vote or if registered do not vote



at all," says former Gov. Ben Cayetano.

Young Filipino Voters

Rica Radona is a young voter who has bucked the trend. She is among the 44 percent of Hawaii's voters who cast ballots in the 2012 election. The 20-something year-old nurse considers it her civic duty as an American citizen to get out and vote.

"I want to have a voice in the issues that are important to me," she says. "Even if my candidate does not win, I want to be able to say that I voted and tried."

She says it is crucial for young people to get involved in the election process.

"Today's issues affect how we will live and work tomorrow. The freedoms and privileges that we enjoy today may not be here tomorrow if the wrong candidate gets into office," she says.

Radona is the type of voter who goes the extra mile to educate herself about the candidates and despite a busy schedule, tunes in when she can to watch televised debates.

"I rely a lot on social media when I'm not able to watch the debates and to read up on each candidate. I also like to research what candidates have

accomplished to see if they are true to their word," she says.

Radona also does not automatically vote for a candidate of her own ethnicity.

"It all depends if I agree with their views on certain issues," she says. "I refuse to vote for a candidate just because of their ethnicity or gender. I need to know what they stand for, otherwise I will be wasting my time and my vote."

Another young voter who is registered to vote for this election is Andrew Ines, 18. He used to think that his vote wouldn't make a difference.

"After seeing the campaign ads on TV, reading articles from Facebook and listening to my parents and family talk about the election and those who are in office now, I realize I have to voice my opinion by voting for someone who has the same beliefs I stand for," he says. "Young adults like me should fight for what we believe is best for our islands and to help conserve it and at the same time keep a stable government and economy."

Like Radona, Ines takes the time to research candidates' backgrounds. He is also willing to consider his parents' advice on who to vote for.

"They have more experi-

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ence voting and hearing their opinions helps me form my own opinion too," he says.

But unlike Radona, Ines says a candidate who is from his ethnic background would be his first choice, provided that he or she shares similar values and beliefs.

Participation More than Just Voting

While most people are apathetic when it comes to politics, a few elections have motivated voters to turn out at the polls. This happened in the 2008 presidential election when young people and minority groups turned out in large numbers believing Barack Obama would change the country's direction for the better. These two groups failed to turn out in large numbers for the 2010 mid-term elections.

More often than not, it is rare for a single issue or candidate to bring out large numbers of voters. One notable exception that spurred Filipinos into action was the contentious debate over Senate Bill 1 (SB1), the controversial marriage equity bill which was passed by the State Legislature and signed by Gov. Neil Abercrombie late last year.

For the most part, Filipinos by nature are not the type to testify or get involved in the political process, unless the issue is "near and dear" to their hearts, such as same sex marriage.

"Participation means more than just signwaving, supporting a candidate's campaign or even casting a ballot," says one observer who requested anonymity. "Since Filipinos are staunch Roman Catholics, many of them spoke up in opposition to the bill."

It remains to be seen if voter backlash will be felt against those elected officials who voted in support of the gay marriage bill.

Abinsay notes that Filipinos have also jumped into action on a variety of pressing issues, including humanitarian relief efforts, building the FilCom Center and supporting WWII veterans' issues.

"If the rallying point is for a worthy and noble purpose,

our Filipino community will not hesitate to be a part of the process," Abinsay says.

Increasing Filipino Voter Participation

For years, leaders in the Filipino community have urged their *kababayans* to get out to vote. Toy Arre, a former City and University of Hawaii-Manoa employee and former President of the Filipino Community Center (FilCom), says too many Filipinos believe that their lives are unlikely to change regardless of who is elected to office.

"We need to consistently remind our fellow Filipinos that the decisions by those elected into office affect many aspects of our lives as well as those of future generations," he says. "I keep on pounding the idea that our being the largest ethnic group (in Hawaii) does not amount to very much unless we register and vote."

To increase voter participation, Arre suggests that those applying for a driver's license or business permit be required to complete a voter registration form. He also urges Filipino organizations to continue organizing year-round voter registration drives and hosting voter registration tables at U.S. citizenship ceremonies, installation banquets and other community functions.

Recognizing this need, the Filipino Community Center (FilCom) holds citizenship readiness classes that help to register Filipino immigrants as voters. In October 2013, a total of 21 participants completed the course. Many of them looked forward to becoming U.S. citizens and participating in the election process. One such participant was Imelda Ruiz, who moved to Hawaii from Sarrat, Ilocos Norte in 1989. It took her several years to file for naturalization because she was busy working to support her family.

"I now have the time to file my application because I work part-time. I want to be a U.S. citizen because I want to vote. I want to have the rights and benefits of an American citizen," she says.

Dr. Lindy Aquino, professor emeritus at the University

of Hawaii-Manoa where she was professor of political science and Asian studies, applauds the citizenship courses. Despite the Filipino-American community being the biggest ethnic group in Hawaii, she says that it has not yet become a major voting bloc in island politics compared to other ethnic groups like the Japanese-Americans.

"That is why the initiative taken by the FilCom Center to serve as some kind of 'citizenship clinic' is so commendable because once this process is institutionalized, applicants for American citizenship is expected to steadily grow in numbers," Aquino says.

Other Suggestions

Earlier this year, the State Legislature passed HB 2590, which allows for same-day voter registration. Gov. Neil Abercrombie signed the bill into law on June 30. New voters will be able to register at early voting sites beginning on Election Day 2016 or at their assigned polling places starting in 2018.

Cayetano believes that the bill is a good idea and says that allowing same day registration and eliminating deadlines for registration will encourage not only Filipinos but more people to vote. In fact, states that have allowed same day registration have seen an increase in voter participation between 3 to 12 percent.

In 2012, the Legislature passed a bill that provided \$500,000 for the State Elections Office to design an online voter registration system in time for the 2016 elections. An online voter

registration system, rather than the traditional mail-in or in-person method, not only makes voter participation more accessible and convenient, but also saves money. Studies have shown that it costs on average 3 cents to process an on-line application, compared to

83 cents per paper application.

Phone-banking, door-to-door personal contacts and better civics education are all tried and true methods to increase voter turn-out. Other creative, out-of-the-box suggestions include:

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What Is Your Suggestion to Increase Voter Participation?

By Carlota Hufana-Ader & HFC Staff

LOLITA AGUDELO

Waipahu

Encourage the younger generation to volunteer their time and go house-to-house to help register new voters after school. One hour every day or on weekends will surely increase the numbers of new voters.



PAUL ALIMBUYAO

Ewa Beach

To increase voter participation, collective efforts should be done throughout the year and not just before and during elections. Suggested ways include, but are not limited to, including voter applications forms in the driver's license application/renewal form to get young individuals turning 18 years old to be actively involved, and leveraging the use of social media. Of utmost importance is to revisit the requirements of a political candidate to ensure that we have highly-qualified individuals who are running, thus raising the consciousness of voters.



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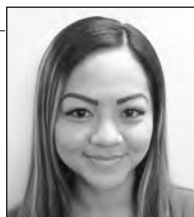
Employers should be more understanding to employees and assist them by designating a certain day and time for a "fun drive" which encourages them to register to vote. Office buildings or facility that are fortunate to have this should target other employees in the area, then distribute awareness posters or fliers before the "fun drive" so employees can bring their families and friends.



VALERIE GANO

Aiea

The Commission on Elections should be more innovative by using modern technology and introducing an online system. Busy voters can use their computers to register which would take only a few minutes of their time.



JO FARINA

Ewa Beach

One of the best ways to get people to vote is to simply make voting easier. People are busier and more preoccupied than they've ever been. The idea of standing in a long, disorganized line wasting their precious time at the end of the workday is enough to discourage anyone from even considering a trip to the voting precinct.

It wasn't long ago when several precincts on Oahu ran out of ballots and people were still queued up waiting for their turn to cast their vote—leaving those citizens angry, disappointed and bewildered. This fiasco could have been easily avoided if elections officials made sure that the ballots on-hand matched the number of registered voters for that particular precinct.

Long lines can be avoided. If paid precinct workers are in short supply, there are many civic-minded youth groups from high schools that would be willing to volunteer their services to ensure a smooth and expeditious flow of voter traffic. And if the number of voting booths and venue space are of concern, then simply supply more booths or ask voters if they would be willing to cast their vote on a desk or table.

In conclusion, if voters are convinced that casting their vote is a hassle-free process that will take no more than 10-15 minutes out of their busy day, then they would be more likely to make that trip to their precinct.



IMELDA JOAQUIN

Honolulu

We should educate the people of the value that every single vote counts and to vote for the right person who has good credentials and experiences. People should get involved in all aspects, including voter registration and awareness campaigns that encourage all eligible citizens to register and vote.



RICHARD PECSON

Mililani

We have to realize that America became a great nation because her citizens were empowered to freely elect their government leaders. Election time is that time to exercise that power. Let's all go out and vote!



CONRAD VALDRIZ

Honolulu

As the new president of the La Union Circle of Hawaii and Associates, I suggest to all organizations that voter registration should be a part of their curriculum during their monthly meetings. They should encourage members to work with their family first, then their relatives and friends on this project. As an incentive, they could give prizes to those who register the most number of new voters.



LUZ VEA

Pearl City

Practice the "bayanihan spirit" by volunteering to carpool with your neighbors to vote. Concentrate on the elderly so they enjoy the process when accompanied by their companions.



GEORGE VERSOZA

Honolulu

A lot of us work and one of the excuses as to why some have not registered to vote is that they're too busy. Registration day should not be geared to a certain month. During an election year, voter registration should be wide open so eligible voters are given ample time to register way ahead of the election month. To accommodate latecomers, the deadline to register should be closer to the voting day.





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State Announces QUEST Integration

The Department of Human Services Med-QUEST Division (MQD) is launching a more patient-centric Medicaid program to better serve clients. QUEST Integration effectively combines and replaces the QUEST and QUEST Expanded Access (QExA) programs.

“The benefits of QUEST Integration include more health plan choices for aged, blind or disabled individuals and a greater ability for a beneficiary to remain with the same health plan upon turning

65 or developing a disability,” says Dr. Kenny Fink, MQD Administrator. “Additionally, eligible beneficiaries will gain expanded access to home and community based services to prevent decline to institutional level of care.”

QUEST Integration also reduces administrative burden by creating a single managed care program. Participating health plans include AlohaCare, Hawaii Medical Service Association (HMSA), Kaiser Foundation Health Plan (Oahu & Maui only), ‘Ohana

Health Plan and United Healthcare Community Plan.

The open enrollment period for QUEST Integration is September 2-30, 2014. Enrollment packets will be mailed to all eligible QUEST and QExA members the week of August 25, 2014. The packet will include a newsletter and health plan informational flyers.

Beneficiaries who want to stay in their current health plan do not need to make a plan choice. Those who want to change to a different health plan must notify the MQD be-

fore September 30, 2014 by returning their completed plan change form to the MQD address provided in the enrollment packet or by faxing the form to 1-800-576-5504. Beneficiaries may also call the Med-QUEST Enrollment Call Center at 524-3370 or toll free at 1-800-316-8005.

In mid-December 2014, the MQD will mail Health Plan Confirmation notices that will identify a beneficiary's new (if selected) or unchanged QUEST Integration health plan that takes effect January 1, 2015. The MQD will facilitate transfer of client informa-

tion from the old health plan to the new health plan, including primary care provider information, specialist care and special care needs.

The QUEST Integration health plans will mail out identification cards in January 2015. If beneficiaries must access medical care prior to receiving their plan identification card, providers will accept the Health Plan Confirmation notice.

For more information about the DHS Med-QUEST Division and QUEST Integration, please visit www.humanservices.hawaii.gov.

Cabanilla Named Among Top 100 Influential Filipinas in the World

The Filipina Women's Network (FWN) has named State Rep. Rida Cabanilla as 1 of the 100 Most Influential Filipina Women in the World.

Cabanilla and other honorees have been invited to the Filipina Leadership Summit & Awards Gala, scheduled for October 5-8, 2014 in Makati, the Philippines where they will be presented with the 100 Most Influential Filipina Women in the World Award.

“I am truly proud to be honored by an organization so



Rep. Rida Cabanilla

relentlessly dedicated to the development and promotion of women across the world,” says Cabanilla. “I intend to contribute my own talents and

experience in building the future of our community and look forward to the exciting opportunity to mentor a young woman so that she too may one day be a benefit to society.”

FWN is a nonprofit based in San Francisco, California dedicated to increasing awareness of the activities, careers and status of women of Philippine an-

cestry. The award recognizes Filipina women who are influencing the face of leadership in the global workplace and for their achievements and contributions to society. Honorees were selected based on the size and scope of their positions, influence in their respective fields and communities, board affiliations and other leadership roles. Nominations were re-

ceived from 16 countries.

Honorees are requested to mentor a young Filipina protégé through the FEMtorship program to develop the next generation of Filipina global leaders.

Cabanilla is running for re-election for State House of Representatives District 41, which includes Ewa Villages, Ewa Beach, Ewa Gentry and Ocean Pointe.

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- Moving Election Day to Monday and making it a federal holiday. The day off gives people the time to vote.
- Holding an Election Day party with food, fun and music—all complying with state and federal voter laws, of course.
- Automatic voter registration at age 18, similar to selective service for males.
- Mandatory voting—if citizens must report for jury duty, why not require them to vote?



Filipino nuns and other church members rally at the State Capitol against the gay marriage bill, an issue that many Filipinos of the Roman Catholic faith staunchly opposed.

For Abinsay, the elusive “cure” for voter apathy begins with political leaders, whom he urged to serve their constituents with honesty and sincerity.

“Their actions should always benefit the people, particularly the constituency that they represent,” he says. “They have to lead by example and demonstrate the true meaning of being a role model. When the people see leaders serving with integrity, they will be encouraged to avail of the many conveniences of registering to vote and casting their ballots every election.”

The Bottom Line

Ultimately, the Filipino community as a whole benefits when more Filipinos turn out to vote at the polls.

“Elected officials are more likely to listen and act on concerns and issues that are important to us if we vote in significant numbers,” says Arre. “Once elected officials perceive that Filipinos can make a difference in the results of an election contest, they will listen and act accordingly.”

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HAWAII-FILIPINO NEWS

UH Medical School to Host HealthCare Workforce Summit

The University of Hawaii John A. Burns School of Medicine's Area Health Education Center (AHEC) is registering participants for a free summit that provides a unique opportunity to share new information and research related to training programs and workforce strategies that aim to improve diversity, retention and capacity within Hawaii's healthcare professions.

The day-long summit, entitled "Hawaii Health Workforce Summit: Building the Future," is scheduled for September 6, 2014 at the Hilton Hawaiian Village from 8:45 am to 5 pm.

Qualified healthcare professionals will receive eight hours of continuing medical education (CME) for attending the summit, which will cover such topics as healthcare reform, patient centered medical homes, workflow redesign, new practice models, inter-professional team practice, telemedicine, career transition, health careers pathway resources and preceptor training.

Several planned discussions at this year's summit will focus

on healthcare reform and its impact in Hawaii and across the nation. The Affordable Care Act (ACA) is spurring the need to expand types of training for an increased number of healthcare employees and to develop new business models for providers. These fundamental changes, aimed at improving the quality of care, will be a major theme of the meeting.

"This summit encourages students and professionals in healthcare to successfully deal with many new challenges through innovative partnerships that will yield both happier practice environments and better health outcomes for Hawaii's people," says Dr. Kelley Withy, AHEC Director.

The summit will also present the latest AHEC research pertaining to Hawaii's looming workforce shortage in healthcare professions. For those interested in entering the healthcare profession, a job fair will feature 20 exhibitors and booths representing at least 10 healthcare job specialties.

Summit organizers stress the

importance of reaching out to students in order to attract qualified individuals into Hawaii's healthcare industry. Local jobs in healthcare are expected to increase, according to the State Department of Labor and Industrial Relations. While the prognosis for employment expansion in healthcare is good news for job-

seekers, it also means that Hawaii must take steps to ensure that an ample pool of professionals are well-trained to address the unique medical needs of Hawaii's diverse population, especially in low-income and rural areas.

"Low-income groups and people in rural areas are likely to have the most healthcare needs

in the state, yet these same groups are woefully underrepresented in healthcare professions. We want to remedy this by increasing the number of providers who are from the populations that they serve. A key step is to invite students of all ages to visit the job fair at the summit," says Dr. Withy.

Filipino Physician Honored for Distinguished Service

Dr. Melvin P. Palalay was recently presented with the American Cancer Society's St. George National Award, the Society's most prestigious honor for its volunteers.



Dr. Melvin Palalay

legislative advocacy and event engagement.

Erin Moncada, the Society's senior director of community engagement, described Dr. Palalay as a "well-respected oncologist with great personal warmth."

"Dr. Palalay is a great asset

to the American Cancer Society," Moncada says. "He serves as a mentor to new board members and has always been a willing spokesperson for the Society, adding great value to our presence in the Hawaii-Pacific region."

Dr. Palalay has volunteered with the American Cancer Society for over 10 years and was immediate past president of its Hawaii Pacific Board of Directors. He has used his expertise as an oncologist and hematologist to serve as a media spokesperson and also actively participates in the Relay For Life, Making Strides Against Breast Cancer and other events.



"Colleen has proven she is a leader our community can trust."

"We know Colleen will continue to fight for immigration reform, family reunification, support for public education and small businesses. She will advocate for our veterans, and protect Social Security and Medicare. As State Senate President, and then our U.S. Congresswoman, she knows our community and looks out for our families. She is the great-granddaughter of Japanese immigrants who came to work on the sugar plantations. She understands our hopes and aspirations, and lives our values of honesty, hard work, and self-reliance. Colleen will always listen, and always help. She will represent us with honor and dignity in the U.S. Senate."

- Dr. Lindy Aquino and Dr. Cecile Sebastian

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CANDID PERSPECTIVES



By Emil Guillermo



here's a reason God made summer.

How else are mainlanders going to get the time to breathe deeply, get to

Hawaii on vacation and forget their troubles while listening to slack-jaw guitar licks?

This summer there are simply too many troubles in the world. There's Putin in Russia, who with the Malaysia Airline downing over Ukraine, has singlehandedly put the "cold" back in Cold War.

And then there's the Middle East situation, with Hamas bombing Israel and Israel bombing back. It's become the new litmus test among friends.

And all we have are questions. Is Hamas gaming the system, teasing Israel into bombing back? By doing so, is Hamas

sacrificing Palestinians for P.R. purposes by turning Israeli incursions into de facto "suicide" bombings?

And what about the Israelis? Don't they have a right to destroy tunnels used by Hamas to destabilize Israel? Doesn't Israel have a right to protect itself from the bullies they are surrounded by?

If you feel the Palestinians are being raped and pillaged, then Israel is the bad guy bully. But if you feel the Palestinians are cynically and wickedly manipulating public opinion, then you back Israel but incur the wrath of those who feel Israel is the oppressor.

The spectrum is pretty basic with no one occupying the middle. Conservatives tend to back Israel on this. Liberals tend to back the Palestinians.

But smart people like me are in the middle wondering who's speaking out for peace? I'm glad John Kerry is at least pushing for a cease-fire. He needs to go to the Middle East, not Hawaii.

A "two-state" nation has long been the established ideal

and there have been a number of concessions on Israel's part. But people seem to forget that. But how can negotiations go anywhere if bombings and their media images continue?

In the Middle East, all the players seem to prefer the "long game." The only thing we can do is manage the hate and intolerance, and simply trust that "this too shall pass."

The Bachelorette

God also made summer so we can have stupid TV shows to occupy our time instead of thinking about all the heaviness of the world.

Given that, what could be better than that reality show mating call "The Bachelorette?" I have a problem with the lack of diversity on these shows. Of course, the contestants are white, prototypes of "American Love." Ugh.

They don't look like my neighbors did in Manoa.

But I've railed about that in the past. I got hooked into watching the last few current episodes because of the women in my life.

They all said Andi was going for Nick. But I knew she was likely to pick the ex-baseball player Josh. They were both from Atlanta. Andi even revealed she fell for the athletic type. And they had what I call "narcissist's appeal." They looked like each other. Practically like brother and sister.

Sure enough, despite heavy editing to the contrary, Andi dumped Nick and picked Josh, to the disappointment of the females in my family. But the best part of the show is that Nick wanted closure.

That doesn't mean putting Andi in a bodybag and zipping it up. It meant he wanted to know the question all jilted guys ask, probably right now on a beachfront near you:

"If you weren't in love with me...not sure why....you made love to me?"

Whoa. When he asked during the after-show, it was like he had broken some code of honor. Andi, a lawyer, could only reply that it was "a little below the belt, some things should be kept private."

Really? In a reality TV

show? It exposed the duplicity of Andi but did it vindicate Nick?

Most women seemed to cheer Andi like she was the modern woman. Imagine a woman acting as ornery and as horny as a guy? Andi did say that she had some feelings but that Nick was competing with a "higher love."

So she was selfish, horny and duplicitous. What great qualities! And in the end, Nick walks and Andi goes off with Josh. Modern love, right?

I've since condemned the show in my mind. But it least it gave me a sense of power and control. The Middle East or Ukrainian crises? Can't really help you there. But Nick, Josh and Andi? That's what you're supposed to argue about during a normal summer.

This year, the world is not normal.

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OPINION

Anointment

FIRST PERSON By Alex Magno



I just could not help it. As he had done in most of his speeches the last two months, President Aquino in last Monday's SONA gave broad hints about who might win his endorsement for the 2016 elections.

He has been accused of premature electioneering for all those awkward references to his possible successor. He feels compelled to make them anyway, as if concerned that his endorsement might ultimately not matter at all — or not be sought.

The hints, however, are constantly vague. It is as if, as in his love life, he is afraid to commit, much less to take the plunge.

His mentioning of his desired successor in the last SONA is probably the most significant instance yet of this bizarre compulsion to do electioneering. That event, with all the controversies besieging his presidency, marks his descent into lame duck status.

His base of support is softening. There is grumbling at the grassroots. Petty politicians are spitting into the wind to find guidance about emerging factional realignments. The value of Aquino's endorsement is likely depreciating by the day.

The bigwigs of the LP, those responsible for inventing the "disbursement acceleration program" as a virtual war chest for party-building, naturally expect Aquino to endorse the party's chosen standard-bearer. They expect this Aquino to be loyal to the party, unlike his mother who, at the last moment, turned her back on her party and chose to anoint a maverick.

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The precedent of Cory anointing Fidel Ramos instead of Ramon Mitra in 1992 is a specter that haunts LP bigwigs. History could very well repeat itself — not so much because of the determinism of genetics but because of the facts on the ground.

Mar Roxas is the presumptive LP standard-bearer. The man, however, seems to have a rare knack for losing votes at every turn. It is a reverse Midas Touch: the harder he tries, the more votes he loses.

He could not handle a hammer properly, indicating he never drove down a nail in his cloistered life. He never realized how heavy a sack of rice could be until he tried to lift one before the cameras. All Mar's recent photo-ops have



been disastrous.

He is coming back rather than surging ahead. He is sinking like an iron ball. Each new poll shows him getting a smaller share of voter preference. Even DAP might not be able to save him.

But not to worry, the LP bigwigs must be thinking, mainly to comfort themselves. The party has a Brutus in the wings.

Franklin Drilon is said to be quietly maneuvering in the shadows, preparing for a presidential run in case Roxas simply sinks into the muck. If Roxas does not have a lock on the party's DAP-filled war chest, it will not be beneath Drilon to grab it along with the LP standard. Remember how he praised Gloria Arroyo to high heavens one day and then joined the mutiny against her the next.

The problem with this alternative LP scenario, however, is that Drilon is not much better a vote-getter than Roxas is. Since Drilon as president is so unthinkable for many, the pollsters have not included him in the recent surveys. Maybe they will do so in the next ones, upon request.

Drilon might improve his stock if he behaves a little more independently, as our people expect a Senate president to be. But he missed his opportunity in that laughable hearing on the DAP.

If he had a little more class, he could have thrown safe jabs at the beleaguered budget secretary, questions the latter could easily dodge. That he did not do. Instead, he chose to be totally obsequious, licking Abad's ass instead of exercising statesmanship. After that, he found the gall to call on his discredited chamber to redeem itself.

We know why Aquino might anoint Roxas in defiance of the numbers. The former is captive to the thought that he owes the latter a favor. Roxas gave up his own presidential bid in 2010 to allow Aquino to run.

But what is the value of that "favor"? Roxas' numbers in 2010 were only marginally better than his numbers were. The outcome of that elections, furthermore, tells us Roxas has the rare ability to snatch defeat from the jaws of victory.

The elephant in the room, the stuff of

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PHILIPPINE NEWS

DOTC Eyes Interconnection of NAIA 1 and 2

by Lawrence Agcaoili
Friday, August 2, 2014

MANILA, Philippines - The Department of Transportation and Communications (DOTC) is now looking at further expanding the capacity of the congested Ninoy Aquino International Airport with the full operations at NAIA Terminal 3 to cope with the increasing number of tourists.

Transportation Secretary Joseph Emilio Abaya yesterday said the government is mulling the interconnection of terminals 1 and 2 of NAIA.

Aside from building a NAIA Terminal 5, Abaya pointed out that the government is studying the possibility of augmenting the passenger capacities of both terminals 1 and 2.

"It will be better if we could bring NAIA Terminal 2 closer to Terminal 1. It will become more convenient for passengers to transfer," he said on

the sidelines of the inaugural flight of Delta Airlines and the opening of its Pacific Club lounge at NAIA 3.

Abaya said the government would first relocate the fuel depot between the two terminals so it could build a structure connecting both passenger terminal buildings.

Latest data from the Manila International Airport Authority (MIAA) showed that the number of domestic and international passengers increased by 3.1 percent to 32.865 million last year from 31.877 million in 2012.

The four terminals in NAIA have a combined capacity of 30 million.

The DOTC chief earlier announced plans to put up a fifth terminal in NAIA. The building would rise beside the NAIA 3.

He added that the agency is now also resolving the issue concerning the Philippine Village Hotel that is partly owned by the state-run Government



Secretary Joseph Emilio Abaya

Service Insurance System (GSIS).

He said the agency is just awaiting valuation of the Commission on Audit (COA) on the property so it could settle the amount with the GSIS.

"Whatever value – half of it or a fraction of it – will be paid to GSIS then we demolish the building and plan the expansion of Terminal 2," he said.

He pointed out that the DOTC is also waiting for the recommendation of a consultant with regard to the planned P2-billion parallel runway that would result in more landings

and take-offs.

The main issue of the proposed runway that could accommodate Airbus A320 aircraft, he said, is the dislocation of close to 600 families.

Delta Airlines has completed its relocation to NAIA 3 with the opening of its lounge yesterday. Other foreign airlines including KLM Royal Dutch Airlines, Emirates, Singapore Airlines and Cathay Pacific Airways are scheduled to transfer to NAIA 3 from NAIA 1 within the next two months.

Takenaka Corp. of Japan has completed the P1.9-billion rehabilitation of NAIA 3, paving the way for the transfer of the five foreign airlines.

Abaya said the transfer of the "Big Five" to NAIA 3 would decongest NAIA 1 by bringing the volume of passengers back to design capacity of four million from the current eight million.

On the other hand, the volume of passengers at NAIA 3 would increase to about 10 mil-

lion compared to its design capacity of 13 million a year.

The DOTC chief cited a slight delay in the ongoing P1.3-billion rehabilitation of NAIA 1 being undertaken by DMCI Holdings that is supposed to be completed by January.

"About 80 percent of its passenger area should be done by end February next year. There will be lingering work underneath the passenger area but will not be felt by passengers," he said.

Based on the recommendation of the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), the DOTC is looking at putting into operation a new international airport probably at Sangley Point in Cavite by 2027 with the joint development of NAIA in Manila and the Clark International Airport in Pampanga.

The government is open to evaluating the proposal of SMC to put up a new \$10-billion airport in a 1,600-hectare property owned by CyberBay Corp. along the Manila-Cavite coastal road. (www.philstar.com)

Comelec Won't Suspend Overseas Voting

by Sheila Crisostomo
Friday, August 2, 2014

MANILA, Philippines - Despite the mandatory repatriation of migrant Filipino workers in some countries, the Commission on Elections (Comelec) is not about to stop the overseas voter's registration in the affected countries.

According to Comelec spokesman James Jimenez, they have not suspended the voter's registration in Israel, Libya, Afghanistan, Kenya



Repatriation of OFWs from Libya

and Iraq although the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) had raised the crisis alert lev-

els in those countries.

Jimenez said they are waiting for instructions from the DFA, which has not recommended a suspension of registration of Filipino voters.

"Post sends a recommendation to Comelec if they find it's too dangerous to continue registration or if registration is not feasible. On the basis of that recommendation, registration is either suspended or not. So far, no suspension has been ordered," he noted.

"We act solely on the basis

of the posts' recommendation. If the post doesn't recommend suspension, we don't issue orders," he added.

Crisis Alert Level 4, or the mandatory repatriation phase, is now enforced in the Gaza Strip, Libya and Iraq while

Crisis Alert Level 3, or voluntary repatriation phase, has been raised in Afghanistan by the DFA due to worsening security situation there.

Working with the DFA, the Comelec is hoping to gather one million new overseas voters for the 2016 elections. (www.philstar.com)

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LP nightmares, is Vice President Jejomar Binay.

In the latest surveys, Binay garners over 40% of voter preference. His share is larger than the combined total of all five other potential rivals. That is enormous, to put it lightly. All the usual strategists concede the next election is for Binay to lose.

Unlike the aristocrats of the LP, Binay connects with the masses. Although he has de-

clared his presidential intentions early, he has gone about pursuing his political project quietly.

Aquino mentioned Binay in the SONA rather fondly, recalling how they went through the perils of a coup attempt together. Binay, according to his daughter, will welcome Aquino's endorsement although his bid is not dependent on that. That could not have been phrased better.

There are enough reasons

for Aquino to endorse Binay, not the least being that he is at the moment the most winnable. The VP proved an unwavering supporter of the President's mother and is said to have the support of his sisters.

For the LP bigwigs, alas, the only way to take Binay out of the equation is to take him out of the game altogether. The VP needs to be thoroughly discredited, quickly, to prevent Aquino from radically reviewing his options. (www.philstar.com)



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HEALTH & FAMILY

How to Combat Signs of Aging

AN APPLE A DAY By Tyrone M. Reyes, M.D.

Mature skin is physiologically different from younger skin, and changes in skin appearance and texture are among the most obvious signs of aging. The plethora of anti-aging skincare products on the market attests to the fact that many women over 50 are striving to hold back the clock when it comes to developing fine lines and wrinkles.

Some of the changes that occur in the skin of women as they get older are unavoidable. As estrogen levels drop after menopause, the skin's natural oil production decreases and it becomes drier. The sun is also a factor. Sunlight damages the elastic fibers that provide support and firmness to body tissues, and skin is no longer able to "snap back." As we age, we also lose subcutaneous fat, giving the cheeks a flattened appearance, thinning the lips, and resulting in a general loss of fullness in the face.

The process is exacerbated by smoking. Smoking alters the structure of the epidermis and dermis of the skin, and accelerates skin aging. Squinting to prevent smoke from a cigarette from getting into your eyes also emphasizes crows'-feet around the eyes, while pursing the lips to grip a cigarette can cause lines around the mouth.

Caring for older skin

While you can't stop or even slow down the natural skin-aging process, you can make its effects less obvious by

incorporating products that contain richer emollients, such as petroleum, cocoa butter or shea butter, into your skincare regimen. As skin tends to be drier as one gets older, it is important to moisturize and retain water in the skin.

Research suggests that some anti-aging creams contain ingredients that may reduce the appearance of time lines and wrinkles. These include:

- **Retinoids:** These are vitamin A derivatives of which tretinoin and tazarotene are examples. These are USA FDA-approved treatments for photoaging. It may take, however, three to six months before you see the results. Keep in mind that these creams can cause redness and irritation of the skin, and mention any such symptoms to your dermatologist. Some over-the-counter anti-aging creams and richer creams to be used overnight also contain retinoids (listed as retinol, retinyl, or retinoic acid) in lower strength.

Other active ingredients that may help combat the signs of aging include alpha-hydroxy acids (AHAs), which remove the upper layer of the skin and stimulate the growth of new skin, and peptides, small protein fragments that may stimulate collagen production.

- **Alpha-hydroxy acids (AHAs):** Synthetic versions of acids derived from sugar-containing fruits that remove the upper layer of old, dead skin and stimulate the growth of smooth, evenly pigmented



new skin.

- **Peptides:** Small protein fragments that may stimulate the production of collagen.

If you smoke, quit and eat a healthy diet with plenty of antioxidant-rich fruits and vegetables. Antioxidants, such as vitamins A and C, encourage cell and tissue growth, helping the body to repair itself. This may benefit the skin, which is constantly shedding and regrowing cells. Also, drink plenty of water to keep your skin hydrated.

Resurfacing your facial skin

Resurfacing your facial skin involves removing one or more layers of the skin that have wrinkles, spots or other blemishes. When the facial skin grows back, it may be tighter and smoother. Spots or wrinkles may diminish or, in some cases, they may go away altogether.

Most resurfacing choices involve trade-off. Generally, milder therapies produce more modest results with minimal risk and discount. Harsher therapies produce more pronounced and longer-lasting benefits, but with greater risk, discomfort, and recovery time. Fortunately, new technologies and techniques that are less

harsh but still deliver good wrinkle-erasing results are starting to change this equation. Whether a wrinkle treatment option is worth the effort and expense — which isn't typically covered by health insurance — is entirely up to you and how you feel about your appearance.

Diminishing wrinkles

Skin resurfacing is often done with one or a combination of the following:

- **Non-wounding (nonablative) laser resurfacing.** This doesn't damage the outer layer of the skin (epidermis), but heat energy from the laser damages collagen beneath your skin and stimulates the growth of new collagen, tightening underlying skin and improving skin tone and appearance. Over a series of treatments, improvements in skin texture and pigment gradually emerge.

- **Wounding (ablative) laser resurfacing.** With this, a laser destroys the epidermis and heats the dermis, leading to collagen destruction and subsequent regrowth. You'll have a wound after this surgery. As the wound heals, new smoother and tighter skin forms. Ablative laser resurfacing can be harsh, but results are often dramatic and may last for many years.

- **Fractional laser resurfacing.** This relatively newer technique may use the same lasers as are used in ablative and nonablative laser resurfacing, but instead of fully destroying a broad area of the skin, the epidermis and dermis are destroyed in thin, tightly spaced columns. The remaining columns of healthy tissue help speed healing of the epidermis within the columns of destroyed tissue. If an ablative fractional laser is used, collagen is damaged and new growth of collagen is stimulated. Desired results of the skin improvement are often nearly as good as with nonfractional ablative resurfacing, but it may take several treatments to reach that level.

- **Chemical peel.** This in-

volves placing a chemical on the skin to destroy the top layers. A light chemical peel removes only the epidermis. You may need several peels to improve fine wrinkles, acne, uneven skin tone or dryness. Medium to deep chemical peels remove the epidermis and some or most of the dermis. The harshness of the procedure usually correlates to the depth of treatment. Depth of treatment also usually matches results, with deep peels conferring the most dramatic long-lasting results.

- **Dermabrasion.** This involves using a small, motorized device with an abrasive wheel or brush to remove the outer layers of skin. When skin heals and grows back, it's usually smoother and younger looking.

Not for everyone

Facial resurfacing isn't simple or risk-free. Your doctor will likely do a review of your medical history and a physical exam to make sure you're healthy enough for the procedure. Heart disease, diabetes, and many other medical issues may make facial resurfacing much riskier. There are many factors that may rule out facial resurfacing as an option. These include having taken the acne medication isotretinoin in the recent past, active acne or facial warts, having a history of scar tissue overgrowth (keloids), or a history of radiation therapy to your face.

If you're a candidate for facial resurfacing, it's important to consider the risks. They include:

- **Scarring.** Rarely, this may occur.

- **Changes in skin color.** Skin may become darker than normal (hyperpigmentation) or lighter than normal (hypopigmentation). Changes in skin color are more common in people who have darker skin and can be permanent. Persistent redness of the skin also may be a problem.

- **Acne.** Acne may develop as treatment skin heals, due to previous acne or the use of bandages and thick creams on healing and newly formed skin.

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LEGAL NOTES



By Reuben S. Seguritan

Employment-based Priority Dates Continue to Advance

China's second preference cut-off date will move by over three months to October 8, 2009 while India's cut-off date will move by more than four months to January 22, 2009. All the other employment preferences will remain current for all countries.

The family-based preferences (F-1 to F-4) will move slowly. The worldwide preference cut-off dates are as follows: F-1 – April 22, 2007; F-2A – May 1, 2012; F-2B – July 1, 2007; F-3 – November 15, 2003 and F-4 – January 1, 2002.

The Philippines cut-off dates are: F-1 – June 1, 2004 (advance by 17 months); F-2A – May 1, 2012; F-2B – October 8, 2003; F-3 – April 15, 1993 and F-4 – January 22,

1991.

The Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) sets the number of immigrant visas that may be issued under certain preference categories. The cut-off dates in the Visa Bulletin are established to ensure that the immigrant visas issued each year do not go beyond the limit established in the INA.

If an applicant's priority date is before the cut-off date stated in the monthly visa bulletin, a visa number is immediately available. If the priority date comes on or after the cut-off date, the applicant needs to wait until the priority date becomes current.

Because of the long wait period, beneficiaries of employment-based preference pe-

titions, such as foreign nurses sponsored under the EB-3 category whose priority dates are before June 1, 2010 may be required to update their documents such as their visa screen certificate and professional license, among others.

Also, the USCIS has recently required adjustment applicants to submit a new Form I-693 (Report of Medical Examination and Vaccination Record). Since about 2004, the USCIS has extended the validity of the civil surgeon's endorsement on Form I-693 until the adjudication of the adjustment of status application but effective last June 1, Forms I-693 which are more than one year old were no longer valid.

Beneficiaries of employment-based and family-based preferences who have priority dates earlier than the aforementioned cut-off dates and who are outside the United States will have to apply for an immigrant visa at a consular post abroad. Those who are currently living in the U.S. may apply for adjustment of status.

Those with pending adjustment of status application will be allowed to remain and work in the U.S. while their adjustment application is being adjudicated. Beneficiaries of employment-based preference petition whose

adjustment of status has been pending for 180 days or longer may transfer to another employer pursuant to the portability rule subject to certain eligibility requirements.

The portability rule under the American Competitiveness in the Twenty-First Century Act of October 2000 (AC21) allows an adjustment applicant to change employers if the new job is in the same or similar occupational classification, the Form I-140 has been approved or is approvable when concurrently filed with the adjustment application and the I-485 application has been pending for 180 or more.

The 180-day period starts from the date the I-485 application was received by the USCIS as indicated in the USCIS receipt notice. If the adjustment applicant meets all the requirements, he may change employers under AC21. It is however advisable for the adjustment applicant to notify the USCIS after he starts his new employment in order to avoid Requests for Evidence or Notice of Intent to Deny from the USCIS.

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MAINLAND NEWS

San Francisco Rally – 'Destroy China Military Bases,' 'UN Ruling Against China Invasion Now'

SAN FRANCISCO, California — Shouting "China out now!", Filipino Americans in the Bay Area on July 24 joined their counterparts in other part of the United States and other capital cities in the world in denouncing what they called the invasion of the Philippines by China.

Carrying inverted Philippine flags, the San Francisco contingent marched to and around the United Nations Plaza with placards, condemning China for its alleged "bullying" tactics in dealing with the Scarborough Shoal conflict.

At a program detailing continued "harassments" against Philippine sovereignty, speakers denounced the Chinese government's incursions in the disputed territory.

"We march with our Philippine flag with the red color on top as the Philippine is in distress because China is building a military base on



Mabini reef with a mile-long air strip and a Marina for their ships to dock," Rodel Rodis, President of US Pinoys for Good Governance (USPGG) told protesters.

"They could go all over the Philippines with the range of their rockets and their ships and this is a very dangerous development worse than if they set up oil rig," Rodis added.

He explained that when China set up an oil rig in an island claimed by Vietnam, the Vietnamese erupted in anger and demonstrated against Chinese businesses in their coun-

try, forcing the Chinese to send back 3,000 of their workers back to China. Rodis urged Filipinos to do the same because what China is doing in the Mabini Reef is "worse than what they did in Vietnam."

Mabini's oil and gas

Mabini Reef is one of the contested islands and reefs in the West Philippine Sea that also include the Ayungin shoal, considered as the gateway to Recto Bank, which is 85 miles from the Philippine coast and was estimated by the U.S. En-

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By Pacita Saludes

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sumagmamano a panunoten-tayo no asino ti mangidaulo a pilientayo. Narigat ti mangikeddeng, aglalo no denggentayo dagiti sabali a kapanunotan ti kakadua. Apay a ditay agpili iti bukodtayo a panagpipili ken panggeddeng. Umona: Lagipen ti nakaisigudan a galad no ti agpapili makita a ti kasapulantayo a nasayaat a pannakikadua ti ipakita ti pilientayo a saan ket a mangidumduma. Adda kenkuana ti naan-anay a pan-

nakaawat iti sapasap.

Maikadua: tay marikna a ti pagrebbenganna a sakupen a makaparagsak, mangitandudo, mangsalaknib ti pagsayaatan ti sapasap a saan la a ti bukodna a biang. Maikatlo: Maipakitana ken maaramidna dagiti bambanag a kasapulan ti nakabuklan ti grupo wenno ti masakupanna. Maikapet: no addaan iti rikna maipakitana nga addaan rikna ken galad a mangitandudo ti pagsayaatan ti sapasap nga iturayan ken

pagturayanna, nga awan maidumduma. Maikalima: ammona ti dumngeg a saan laeng a padengdenggeg.

Ladingitenmi, sungbatmi laeng kadagiti agsaludsod no ania ti pilienda. Awan ti agpapili a dina ammo a kargana dagiti galad a naimaldit. Agduduma ti panggeddeng ken pagrukodan. Kasta ti DAYASADAS ti agdama.

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Sika ti agturay panunotmo ken bagi

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Ngem awan ti umona a babawi no di mamaudi

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Kapkapnekam a tumogaw iti pagsaadan
Makapagserbi makatulong pagrang-ayan.

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ergy Information Administration to contain 213 billion barrels of oil and two quadrillion cubic feet of natural gas.

“Now we have to start getting the word out. In the Chinese consulate in Los Angeles, as in New York, Washington, DC, all over Canada, all over Europe and in capitals all over the world, Filipinos are organizing and mobilizing like us because we keep educating our communities to make sure that China does not invade the Philippines, to make sure that we are able to stop the intrusion,” Rodis announced.

With over 12 million overseas Filipinos all over the world, it is believed that Filipinos can mobilize and educate not only themselves, but also citizens of over 200 countries where Filipinos are based.

For his part, USPGG spokesman and legal counsel Ted Laguatan, reiterated his earlier call for the immediate destruction of the military bases that China has started to build.

“Once the bases are established, it is almost impossible to take them off, and we will become a slave nation. So we

are urging the Philippine government, the US government, Australia and Japan to immediately destroy these bases, because if we allow them to be embedded there, they will threaten the national security not only of the Philippines, but also the neighboring countries Malaysia, Thailand, Vietnam, Indonesia, Saipan and so many other countries,” Laguatan explained.

He added, “There is a need for world condemnation to exert stronger pressure on China, which is acting like a rogue nation by not respecting international laws. We have informed so many in the world, we have turned public opinion against China in many, many ways. The more we inform people what China is doing, the more we gain in terms of having China condemned by world opinion.”

With his “battalion” of World War II veterans in tow, Rudy Asercion, executive director of West Bay Pilipino Multi-Service Center, insisted that the rallyists compel the United Nations to make a ruling on the Philippine case brought before the UN Interna-

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GLOBAL NEWS

Thousands of Filipinos Refuse to Leave Libya Jobs

MANILA — Only a fraction of about 13,000 Filipinos have expressed a desire to leave Libya so far despite frantic Philippine government efforts to evacuate them because they're afraid of losing their jobs in the conflict-torn country, Foreign Secretary Albert del Rosario said yesterday.

Del Rosario said only 1,700 Filipinos have signed up to be repatriated from the Libyan cities of Benghazi and Misrata as well as the capital, Tripoli, after the Philippines called for

the mandatory evacuations of its nationals from the North African nation.

The Philippines has chartered a ship to transport the Filipinos this week from Libya to Malta, where flights will be arranged to take them home.

About 160 Filipinos have escaped by land to Tunisia, including 50 workers who were briefly stranded when the border crossing was shut by authorities Friday night due to violence that erupted amid the rush to escape from Libya, del Rosario said.

"I'm not sure that we can even get 50 percent to come home," he told The Associated

Press after arriving in Manila from Tunisia, where he helped arranged the evacuations of Filipinos in Libya. "They're so scared, but their concerns are their jobs."

Filipino nurses are especially apprehensive about leaving because employers have enticed them to stay with additional pay and they are committed to their hospital work, del Rosario said.

Philippine calls for the Filipino workers and their dependents to move out of Libya heightened after a Filipino construction worker was beheaded a few weeks ago and a nurse was

abducted and gang-raped amid the escalating violence.

President Benigno Aquino III deployed del Rosario to Tunisia with an order for him to make sure "no one gets left behind," del Rosario said, but

he added that many simply refused to leave despite the danger.

The Philippines is among the world's top labor exporters, with about a tenth of its 100 mil-

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one. In fact, with laser resurfacing and chemical peels, you'll need to avoid unprotected sun exposure for at least a year, or perhaps permanently, to prevent irregular pigmentation. Limit the time you spend in the sun and always wear protective clothing and hats. Also, use sunscreen on exposed skin, even on cloudy days. (www.philstar.com)

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tional Tribunal on the Law of the Seas (ITLOS), so that China may be stopped from building their military bases in maritime waters so important to commerce.

"We also call on Secretary John Kerry to see what is going on in the west Philippine Sea," Asercion stressed. "We want the Americans to be aware of the infringement of China in our territorial rights in our sovereign waters. We have to make sure that America is knowledgeable about what is going on in the Philippine Sea and what is impeding international commerce in maritime waters China's violation of Philippine sovereignty."

While also commending the WWII veterans who joined

the rally for making a stand that "no invaders shall trample upon our sacred shores" when they fought in Bataan, Corregidor and all over the Philippines, Rodis echoed Asercion's appeal for the UN to rule that China's "invasion of the Philippines" within the 200-nautical mile exclusive economic zone is illegal.

That decision should be issued now and not three years from now, Rodis asserted, "because by then China would have consolidated already its control over those islands," in an interview later.

"Once we get the United Nations to issue a ruling that China's invasion is illegal, it doesn't matter if they don't recognize it. It gives us a moral

high ground, a basis to say (what) you are doing (is) something totally illegal (and) against the United Nations ruling."

With the rhetoric in the rally was strong, protesters ac-

knowledge that the Philippines is a small nation fighting a giant, as USPGG board member and treasurer Charito Benipayo described it.

"It is a big challenge since China is a very powerful na-

tion. But Rome and the Tower of Babel, remember, also have fallen. In order to win this, we need to continue to get the support and awareness of the citizens of the world," Benipayo stated. (www.inquirer.net)

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