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## EDITORIAL

## Celebrating Philippine Independence Day

**W**ith the Philippines' Independence Day right around the corner, a lot of Filipinos are being reminded of the pride they have for their country. Filipinos the world over will celebrate Independence Day on June 12—the date when Gen. Emilio Aguinaldo proclaimed independence for the Filipino people. One hundred and eighteen years ago, Filipinos stood proud as the Philippine flag was raised for the first time to signify the birth of an independent nation. It was a time when the task of nation-building, daunting as it was, served to form a shared vision of a free, prosperous and just society that would be worthy of the pride of every Filipino.

In Hawaii, where Filipinos and part-Filipinos now make up the second-largest racial group, there will be grand celebrations like the traditional Independence Day Gala that will mark the 118th Anniversary of Philippine Independence Day. In fact, June 2016 will be celebrated as Filipino Heritage and Pride month in Honolulu as the Philippine Celebrations Coordinating Committee of Hawaii (PCCCH), in partnership with the Philippine Consulate General in Honolulu, will embark on a month-long Philippine Independence celebration around the theme of “*Kalayaan, Kultura, at Kulinarya.*”

Our warmest mahalo to the Philippine Consulate and the PCCCH for planning these events that will blend elements of Philippine culture and history, via cultural dances, performances and presentations. But sadly, as Western culture continues to permeate every day life in the Philippines, the younger generation is slowly losing a sense of the importance and meaning behind Independence Day.

On this 118th Anniversary of Philippine Independence Day, let us join hands and work alongside one another as we look forward to an era of even greater stability and equitable progress for a prosperous Philippines. As we remember this historic event, let us also recognize the lasting contributions that every Filipino made in the past. We wish a very happy and united Philippine Independence Day to all those celebrating!

## Third Party Administrator Bad For Patient Safety

**A** little known bill that would have held health insurers accountable for their actions died on the final day of the 2016 Legislative session and received little to no mention by mainstream media. Introduced by State Rep. Romy Cachola, House Bill 2740 basically stated that if an insurer directs the care of the patient and “plays doctor,” it can be sued like any doctor for delaying diagnoses and treatment. The purpose of the bill was to hold the insurer liable for any damage that occurs to a patient caused by undue delays in medical treatment.

Kudos to Cachola, the veteran legislator from Kalihi, for courageously introducing the controversial measure, which was opposed by local health insurers who cited the importance of preauthorization in their efforts to decrease the negative effects of imaging and to decrease costs for their members. What insurers failed to mention were increased administrative costs and time absorbed by physician practices due to overly burdensome preauthorization processes. In De-

## FROM THE PUBLISHER

**I**f you haven't yet heard, the Philippine Congress has proclaimed Rep. Leni Robredo, 52, as vice president-elect. The representative from Camarines Sur eked out a narrow victory over second place finisher Sen. Ferdinand Marcos Jr., son of the late former dictator Ferdinand Marcos, by 260,000 votes. She and president-elect Rodrigo Duterte will officially assume office on June 30th.



With school now in summer session, the Filipino community is anxiously awaiting the celebration of Philippine Independence Day, which falls on June 12. Our cover story for this issue takes a closer look at the history behind this special day as well as the events planned locally. Organizers have planned several activities throughout the month of June which culminates in the 118th Philippine Independence Day Gala, scheduled for June 11 at the Hawaii Prince Hotel. Please call 392-8230 for ticket information and turn to page 4 for our cover story which also offers more details on other Philippine Independence events this month.

The Chronicle also congratulates our hard-working graduates who have earned their high school diplomas and to those who received much-needed scholarships and financial aid for college. With the cost of tuition rising higher each year, every bit helps. The Maui Filipino Chamber of Commerce Foundation recently announced its list of scholarship recipients for 2016 (see page 13). Mahalo to the Foundation for helping to make a college education a reality for Maui's young Filipinos!

Lastly, June 1st marked the start of hurricane season for Hawaii, and thankfully, weather experts are predicting a much less active storm season—between four to seven storms, compared to the 15 named storms in 2015 which was the most since scientists began recording data in 1970. Let's continue to hope for the best but at the same time, prepare for the worst.

In closing, thank you for faithfully supporting the Hawaii Filipino Chronicle. Please take some time to read the informative articles in this issue and feel free to email us at: [filipinochronicle@gmail.com](mailto:filipinochronicle@gmail.com) with any story idea, suggestion or concern you may have. We would love to hear from you!

Happy Independence Day celebration to all!  
Until our next issue...*aloha* and *mabuhay!*

*Chona A. Montesines-Sonido*

cember 2015, HMSA launched a pre-authorization program utilizing mainland-based Magellan Health as a third party administrator (TPA) to overrule local doctors' orders of such diagnostic tests. TPA contracting has become very lucrative as a business proposition and the company used by HMSA made over \$56 million in profits in 2014.

Cachola took action after hearing from his wife and daughter, who are both doctors, about the difficulty in obtaining CT scanning, MRI scanning, heart imaging studies and other essential diagnostic tests. Such tests are important in finding out the root cause of patients' health problems and proceeding with urgent treatment. Other physicians specializing in orthopedics, neurosurgery and cardiology also reported difficulty getting these studies for their patients.

Prior authorization and the delays and health risks that come with it make sense when utilization and quality issues are in question. However, statistics from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services show that Hawaii providers lead the nation in controlling costs and providing quality care.

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OPINION

# Remember When a Doctor's Order Was a Doctor's Order?

By State Rep. Romy Cachola

**D**o you remember when a doctor's order was a doctor's order? Do you remember when healthcare premiums were affordable? It was not that long ago—maybe seven or eight years. Now, employer paid premiums in Hawaii have become astronomical and the co-pay itself is a burden on those with limited and fixed incomes.

Your doctor, no matter how highly-trained and experienced, must now get permission or “pre-authorization” for payment from the insurance company or its surrogate in order to proceed with what is recommended and wanted by you the patient.

This pre-authorization or

“pre-auth,” as it is called, started at first with new, brand-named prescription drugs but has over the last decade widened to include various treatments and procedures including essential surgeries and has most recently come to include essential diagnostic tests such as CT scanning, MRI scanning and even heart imaging studies.

On December 1, 2015 our very own HMSA, which insures over 80 percent of the population, implemented a “pre-auth” program of just this kind using mainland-based corporation Magellan Health as a third party administrator (TPA) to overrule local doctors' orders of such diagnostic tests which has caused a furor throughout Hawaii affecting all ethnicities and peoples.

I first learned of this problem from my wife and daughter both of who are physicians here on Oahu. They told me how much more difficult it

had become to obtain these imaging tests which are important in finding out the root cause of their patients' health problems. They also thought it odd that doctors are required to obtain routine diagnostic tests for diabetes and other disorders for their patients under Medicare and must repeat these tests regularly over time or face penalties, yet important imaging studies such as CTs and MRIs were suddenly made much more difficult to obtain.

Other local doctors specializing in orthopedics, neurosurgery and cardiology have also reported difficulty getting these studies for their patients, making it impossible and in some cases to even move forward with urgent treatments. Most recently, there have been reports of patient deaths because of such delays.

It was for this reason that I co-authored legislation this legislative session requiring

insurance companies to take responsibility for delays in our community doctors' efforts to diagnose and treat. HB 2740 moved through both the House of Representatives and the Senate but was deferred in conference committee on the last day of session. The bill, in simple terms, would have held health insurers accountable for their actions. It basically says that if the insurer directs the care of the patient and “plays doctor,” it can be sued like any doctor for delaying diagnoses and treatment—and rightly so!

The big picture is that insurers' use of TPAs has not worked to control healthcare costs. Moreover, TPA contracting has become very lucrative as a business proposition and the one HMSA is using here made over \$56 million in profits in 2014. Is it any wonder that since TPA's were introduced healthcare premiums have continued to rise as have co-

pays? I was astounded to find out recently that the biggest rise in healthcare costs now is in the sector of TPA and other “cost control” efforts.

Most importantly, TPA approvals for care are causing more pain and suffering to people in Hawaii. HB 2740 is unpopular with local health insurers. However, being a good legislator is not a popularity contest. As an elected official, I will continue to use my office to protect those who are suffering and in need of healthcare, both in our own Filipino community and throughout our islands. Remember when a doctor's order was a doctor's order?

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The Hawaii Medical Association testified in support of the bill and stated that no identifiable data can be found to demonstrate overutilization or quality issues. While cost containment and financial responsibility are needed, pre-authorization is a flawed solution especially when Hawaii already faces a physician shortage. Adding

another administrative burden upon physicians will further delay timely access to professional care for patients. It is also not the role of a health insurance company to dictate the standards of healthcare. In short, pre-authorization and TPA approvals for care are causing more pain and suffering for people of all ethnicities in Hawaii.

Our elected officials should bear in mind that they need to protect the health and well-being of our residents, rather than the financial interests of insurance companies. Although efforts were unsuccessful this year, we urge the Legislature to pass this bill or a similar measure in the next session as this is critical in saving the lives of patients.

**Let us join the Filipino community in celebrating the 118th Anniversary of Philippine Independence!**

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## COVER STORY

# Celebrating the 118th Anniversary of Philippine Independence

By Dennis Galolo

**O**n June 12, 1898, Filipino rebels led by Emilio Aguinaldo proclaimed the independence of the Philippines from Spain after 300 years of colonial rule. Aguinaldo, in present day Kawit, Cavite formally read *The Act of the Declaration of Independence*.

According to historical records, it was between 4 pm and 5 pm when Aguinaldo announced the proclamation from his balcony before a large crowd that had gathered. Those in attendance included military, government officials and thousands of people from the provinces. History was also made when the Philippine flag was first raised into the air and the national anthem was played.

The Philippine Declaration of Independence was signed by 98 people, including an American army officer named L.M. Johnson, who witnessed the proclamation. The declaration was prepared by Ambrosio Rianzares Bautista, a lawyer and distant relative of Jose Rizal, who patterned it after the American Declaration of Independence.

The declaration of Philippine independence from the colonial rule of Spain con-

cluded the Philippine Revolution. The nation's independence, however, was not recognized by the U.S. or by Spain. The Spanish government later ceded the Philippine archipelago to the U.S. in the 1898 Treaty of Paris and the U.S. granted independence to the Republic of the Philippines on July 4, 1946 in the Treaty of Manila.

July 4 was observed in the Philippines as Independence Day until 1962 when President Diosdado Macapagal issued Presidential Proclamation No. 28, which declared Tuesday, June 12 a special public holiday throughout the Philippines "in commemoration of our people's declaration of their inherent and inalienable right to freedom and independence."

On August 4, 1964, Republic Act No. 4166 renamed the July 4 holiday as "Philippine Republic Day" and pro-

claimed the 12th day of June as "Philippine Independence Day" and enjoined all citizens of the Philippines to observe June 12 with rites befitting Independence Day. June 12 had previously been observed as Flag Day, which was moved to May 28.

July 4 is still celebrated in the Philippines but as Filipino-American Friendship Day to acknowledge the enduring relations between the Philippines and the U.S. Several factors have strengthened ties between the two nations, including a shared history and a common commitment to democratic values. The U.S. is also the Philippines' major trading partner and home to over three million Filipino migrants as well as Filipino-Americans.

## Philippine Independence Day Celebrations

In the Philippines, June 12 is a national holiday enjoyed by all workers. This year's theme is "Kalayaan 2016: Pagkakaisa, Pag-aambagan, Pagsulong."

Most business establishments will be closed, with the notable exception of shopping malls. Public transportation such as buses, passenger jeeps and tricycles still operate but their routes are limited due to the closure of streets used for parades.

As in the U.S., parades are held in the Philippines, with government officials, private sector employees and students participating. The main event marking the official celebration is the grand military and police parade in Manila, which is usually headed by the country's incumbent president, followed by a speech and



a 21-gun salute. Fireworks displays are also held, particularly in Manila and Makati. Other activities planned include a run-for-a-cause, Hataw/Zumba exercises, flag raising and singing of the Philippine national anthem, wreath-laying and 21-gun salute at Rizal Park.

In a show of national patriotism, the Philippine government has posted some 2,000 Philippine flags along major roads, bridges and places where celebrations are planned, including Rizal Park in Manila; Emilio Aguinaldo Shrine in Kawit, Cavite; Barasoain Church in Malolos City, Bulacan; Pinaglabanan Memorial Shrine in San Juan City; Mausuleo de los Veteranos de la Revolucion in North Cemetery, Manila; and the Bonifacio National Monument in Caloocan City. The flags were provided by the National Historical Commission of the Philippines.

Some people will proudly display the Philippine flag on their cars or homes, while others will spend the day with family, eat out or enjoy a movie at the nearest mall.

Manila-based physician Glez Medrano questions whether Filipinos are making

the most of the hard-won freedom fought for by previous generations. She hopes that under new president Rodrigo Duterte the prospects for greater personal freedom will be brighter.

"We will have to wait and see," she says. "We are hoping that there will be freedom from crime and to feel safer on our streets. It's a freedom we've never had and want to give to our kids."

## KKK: Kalayaan, Kultura at Kulinarya

Hawaii's Filipino community will observe the 118th Philippine Independence Day with a series of festive events that will culminate with the Independence Day Dinner Show and Gala at the Hawaii Prince Resorts Waikiki's Mauna Kea Ballroom on Saturday, June 11, 2016 at 6 pm. Tickets are \$75 each and include a fine selection of Filipino food and a Filipino community concert. Guests for the gala event are expected to top over 600 and include senior Hawaii government officials, legislators and community leaders.

The following day, June 12, the Philippine Consulate General in Honolulu will host

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a breakfast reception from 9 am to 10:30 am to commemorate the 118th Anniversary of Philippine independence.

This year, the Philippine Celebrations Coordinating Committee of Hawaii (PCCCH) and the Philippine Consulate have joined forces with the Hawaii Prince Hotel Waikiki and Philippine Airlines to co-sponsor the 2nd Filipino Food Fair hosted by the Hawaii Prince Hotel Waikiki's award-winning Prince Court from June 5 to 10, 2016. This year's theme is "KKK: Kalayaan (Freedom), Kultura (Culture) at Kulinarya (Cuisine)."

Prince Court executive chef Kirby Wong and his culinary team will create a delicious rendition of the Philippines' well-loved dishes for brunch and lunch buffets. The food offerings will bring the flavors of the Philippines to a high-end mainstream venue known for its fresh buffets.

During the lunch buffet, select artists will be performing from 12 noon to promote Filipino talent. Katrina Lopez,

ABS-CBN winner of International Singing Competition, will be performing along with Joel Tolentino and Melissa Chang. The gala will draw from local, home grown Filipino talent to showcase Filipino culture.

Sunday brunch buffet on June 5 is \$45 per person, while lunch buffet will be \$32 per person from June 6-10. Children ages 6 to 10 are half off the regular price and children 5 and under are free. Prices exclude tax and gratuity. For reservations, call 944-4494.

Hawaii Prince Hotel President Donn Takahashi says the hotel prides itself in celebrating the islands' many beautiful cultures.

"We are very proud to share in the celebration of Philippine Independence Day with our Filipino American community, our Filipino team members at Prince Resorts Hawaii and the Philippine Consulate," Takahashi says.

Consul General Gina Jamoralin thanked Takahashi and the PCCCH Chair Allan Alvarez for being partners in the Second Filipino Food Fair at the Hawaii Prince Hotel

which will showcase the best in Filipino cuisine.

"This year's Independence Day celebration is truly more memorable both in substance and scope," Jamoralin says.

In keeping with the theme for this year's festivities, the celebration also spotlights cultural events throughout the month of June. On June 6, Filipina musical artist Grace Nono, who specializes in the contemporary performance of Philippine songs sung in oral/aural traditions from different parts of the Philippines, will perform at the Doris Duke Theater at 6 pm. Nono's performance will connect the audience with music, rituals, spirituality, aural and oral traditions that indigenous practitioners have kept alive since the pre-Spanish colonization era. The event is free and open to the public.

On Sundays throughout the month of June starting at 1:30 pm, the rich Filipino heritage and culture will be on display at the Honolulu Museum of Arts' tour called "Encounters: Renaissance & Philippine Art." The free Encounters Tour taps into the displays found in the Museum's

Nancy Ellis Gallery of Philippine Arts and its European Medieval and Renaissance Gallery. Many of the Philippine pieces were donated by the late Jovita Zimmerman, co-founder of the Filipino Association of University Women, while many of the European paintings were from the Samuel H. Kress Foundation. Participants are advised to call 532-8768 since the tour is by reservation only.

In addition, Honolulu Hale is hosting an art exhibit throughout June entitled "Independence" at the Lane Gallery featuring works of local Filipino-American artists. A special two-day workshop to educate the youth on the life, works and legacy of Philippine National Hero Dr. Jose Rizal will also be held June 18-19 by the Rizal Youth Leadership Institute (RYLI) at

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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**May 26 - June 30, 2016 "Independence", An Art Exhibit**  
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10:00 am to 4:00 pm - Free  
Art work by local Filipino artists on display.

**June 6, 2016 Grace Nono Live**  
Special Talk & Performance  
Doris Duke Theater  
Honolulu Museum of Arts  
6:30pm - Free  
Contemporary performance of Philippine music sung oral/aural traditions.

**June 6 - June 10, 2016 2nd Filipino Food Fair**  
Prince Court Buffet  
Hawaii Prince Hotel  
11:30am to 1:30pm daily  
Brunch Buffet \$45.00/Lunch Buffet \$32.00  
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**June 11, 2016 "Awit ng Ating Inang Bayan; A Community Concert"**  
118th Philippine Independence Day Gala  
Hawaii Prince Hotel  
Mauna Kea Ballroom  
6:30pm to 10pm - \$75/person  
Independence Gala and culmination of the Filipino Food Fair. Cultural show and select Filipino Cuisine will be served

**June 18 to 19, 2016 2016 Rizal Youth Leadership Institute (RYLI)**  
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8:00am to 4:00pm - Free  
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**Who is Your Favorite Freedom Fighter and Why?**

**Toy Arre Jr., Executive Council Member, AARP Hawaii**



Dr. Jose P. Rizal. He believed in the non-violent approach to Independence but also recognized the need to prepare ourselves for self governance.

**Eugene Lao, M.D., UH Family Medicine Resident**



Cardinal Jaime Sin is one of my favorite freedom fighters from the Philippines because he inspired Catholic Filipinos to get out of their homes and join the EDSA Revolution.

**Loreto Vilorio, Paralegal Assistant**



Jose Rizal, who is our national hero. He defended and fought for Filipinos' freedom against Spaniards through non-violent means. To him, the pen is mightier than the sword.

**Ofelia Lagat, Waipahu, Hawaii**



Andres Bonifacio, the father of the Philippine revolution. He was the founder of the Katipunan, a movement that sought independence for the Philippines from Spanish colonial rule.

**Letty Saban, President, Philippine Women's Civic Club**



Andres Bonifacio, who led the revolution against the Spaniards who abused the Filipinos for 300 years. He is one of the great heroes of the Philippines and considered the first president of the country.

**Rhoda Yabes-Alvarez, President, Filipino Association of University Women**



My favorite freedom fighter is Dr. Jose Rizal. He was a genius, proficient in many areas and an ophthalmologist by profession. He skillfully used his profession and talents to illuminate and enlighten the *indios* as to what it means to be Filipino. He created a vision for a country that to this day continues to inspire us to be proud to be Filipinos wherever we may be.

**HAWAII-FILIPINO NEWS**

**U.S. Senate Funds Homelessness Programs**

The U.S. Senate passed the Fiscal Year 2017 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, legislation that provides key funding for programs that address homelessness.

U.S. Sen. Brian Schatz, a member of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation and Housing and Urban Development, worked to ensure more homeless assistance funds go to states with a greater need for housing resources. He also

worked to include additional resources for affordable housing programs in Hawaii and across the country.

“We were able to appropriate additional money for homelessness and affordable housing programs which will help Hawaii,” says Sen.

Schatz. “Homelessness is an urgent problem and these additional funds will give our state the resources to help families access affordable housing and services while we continue to implement long-term solutions.”

The transportation and housing appropriations bill includes billions of dollars in funding for programs to address homelessness in Hawaii, including:

- \$2.33 billion for Homeless Assistance Grants that fund local, regional and state homeless assistance programs across the country. Funding is used for permanent and supportive housing, transitional housing and other supportive services.
- \$20.4 billion for Tenant Based Rental Assistance which provides rental vouchers for more than 2.2 million households nationwide and 9,000 in Hawaii specifically. The program limits rent for low income families to no more than 30 percent of their income and HUD pays the difference to the private landlord. In 2014, private owners in Hawaii who provide rental housing received more than \$98 million in pay-

- ments from this program.
- \$20 million for 2,500 new housing vouchers for children who age out of foster care.
- \$3 billion for Community Development Block Grants, which provide annual grants to states and local governments to develop viable urban communities and housing for low and moderate-income individuals;
- \$950 million for the HOME Investment Partnerships Program, which funds activities including building, buying and renovating affordable housing for rent or homeownership or providing direct rental assistance to low-income people.
- \$50 million for Housing and Urban Development Veterans Supportive Housing.
- \$218 million to Hawaii for roads, bridges, buses and bike paths consistent with the funding levels established in the transportation authorization bill Congress adopted last year.
- \$525 million for TIGER Grants which fund critical infrastructure projects such as the Lihue Town Core Mobility and Revitalization Project in Kauai which received \$13 million last year.

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By Atty. Emmanuel Samonte Tipon

# No Warrant Needed to Get Cellphone Location Data

**T**he Government's acquisition of historical cell-site location information (CSLI) from two criminal defendants' cell phone provider without a warrant did not violate the Fourth Amendment, because it did not constitute a Fourth Amendment search, ruled the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 4th Circuit in a split decision (12-3) published May 31, 2016. CSLI are the records of a phone company that identify which cell tower – usually the one closest to the cell phone – transmitted a signal when the defendants used their cell phones to make and receive calls and texts. To obtain the CSLI from Sprint/Nextel, the Defendants' cell phone provider, the Government had to apply to a federal court for an order directing the company to disclose the records pursuant to the Stored Communications Act. 18 U.S.C. § 2703(c), (d).

**Why is this case significant?**

The Government used the historical CSLI obtained from

Sprint/Nextel at the defendants' trial to place them in the vicinity of the armed robberies when the robberies had occurred. There were 221 days' worth of information. The defendants were convicted.

**When is there Fourth Amendment search?**

The Fourth Amendment ensures that "[t]he right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated." U.S. Const. amend. IV. Broadly, "a Fourth Amendment search occurs when the government violates a subjective expectation of privacy that society recognizes as reasonable." The court said that an individual enjoys no Fourth Amendment protection "in information he voluntarily turns over to [a] third part[y]." This rule -- the third-party doctrine -- applies even when "the information is revealed" to a third party, as it was here, "on the assumption that it will be used only for a limited purpose and the confidence placed in the third party will not be betrayed."

According to the Court, the Government did not surreptitiously view, listen to, record, or in any other way engage in direct surveillance of Defen-

dants to obtain this information. Rather, CSLI is created and maintained in the normal course of the telephone company's business. The Court said that the question was whether the government invades an individual's reasonable expectation of privacy when it obtains, from a third party, the third party's records, which permit the government to deduce location information. Under the third-party doctrine, an individual can claim "no legitimate expectation of privacy" in information that he has voluntarily turned over to a third party, because by "revealing his affairs to another," an individual "takes the risk . . . that the information will be conveyed by that person to the Government." "The Fourth Amendment does not protect information voluntarily disclosed to a third party because even a subjective expectation of privacy in such information is "not one that society is prepared to recognize as 'reasonable.'" The government therefore does not engage in a Fourth Amendment "search" when it acquires such information from a third party.

The Court held that Defendants did not have a reasonable expectation of privacy in the CSLI records because Defendants "exposed" the in-

formation to the phone company's "equipment in the ordinary course of business." Each time Defendants made or received a call, or sent or received a text message, Sprint/Nextel generated a record of the cell towers used. The CSLI that Sprint/Nextel recorded was necessary to route Defendants' cell phone calls and texts. Having "exposed" the CSLI to Sprint/Nextel, Defendants "assumed the risk" that the phone company would disclose their information to the government. Therefore, the Government's acquisition of historical CSLI pursuant to 8 U.S.C. § 2703(d) orders, rather than warrants, did not violate the Fourth Amendment.

Judge James Wynn, in his dissent which was joined by two judges, said that a cell phone customer neither possesses knowledge of his CSLI nor acts to disclose it. Therefore, he "has not 'voluntarily' shared his location information with a cellular provider in

any meaningful way" and is not subject to the third-party doctrine. U.S. v. Graham, No. 12-4659, 12-4825 (4th Cir. 05/31/16)

An array of freedom-loving organizations supported the criminal defendants' position by filing amici curiae briefs, including, the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers and the American Civil Liberties Union.

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HAWAII-FILIPINO NEWS

## Mayor Signs Bill Targeting Illegal Dumping

**H**onolulu Mayor Kirk Caldwell recently signed into law a bill that addresses the illegal disposal of refuse and bulky items.

Under Bill 24 (2016) CD1 FD1 (Ordinance 16-9), City inspectors will be allowed to fine individual perpetrators who illegally dump bulky waste, not just nearby residents and managers. It also provides higher fines for individual perpetrators of up to \$2,500 for each violation.

"Oahu residents are tired

of seeing their sidewalks turned into illegal dumpsites," says bill introducer Councilmember Kymberly Marcos Pine. "These higher fines will ensure that anyone breaking the law will think twice before illegally dumping their trash in our neighborhoods."

The new law applies to those who intentionally dump trash along highways, roadsides, alleys and other public areas, as well as homeowners who put out their bulky items too far in advance of a scheduled bulky item pickup day.

Caldwell called upon

Oahu residents to call 911 if they see illegal dumping.

"There is no excuse for illegal dumping, which creates a safety hazard and an eyesore," Caldwell says. "Think about the seniors who have to walk into the road to avoid your old couch. Think about the neighbors who have to stare at it all month."

Residents are advised to put their bulky items out the evening during regularly scheduled pickup times. Go online to: www.opala.org and click "collection schedules" to see when crews will service your neighborhood.

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# Liberation and Philippine Independence Day

By Carolyn Weygan-Hildebrand

**L**iberation, as defined by Webster Dictionary, is that act or process of freeing someone or something from another's control. It presupposes a release from something that controls.

I was reminded of liberation because of a father at a lavish graduation banquet. He was receiving many congratulatory wishes from guests for his daughter's success in earning a bachelor's degree in nursing. He responded, repeatedly and proudly, with the phrase, "*nakapagraduar nga awan pulos utang*" which means that the family supported the daughter until graduation without incurring loans. After working two or more jobs for years, he had a good reason to feel liberated because they tackled today's high cost of college education without being shackled to

post-graduation debts.

The feeling of liberation and celebrating Independence Day should inherently be twined together also but somehow, the relationship is not straightforward when it comes to June 12—Philippine Independence Day.

The designation of June 12 as Philippine Independence Day was signed into law by then Philippine President Diosdado Macapagal in 1964. Specifically, he signed into law Republic Act No. 4166 that the Philippine Congress passed to change the date of Philippine Independence Day from July 4 to June 12. The signed document declares June 12 as a Philippine holiday to commemorate the Filipino people's declaration of their inherent and inalienable right to freedom and independence.

As it turned out, the dominance of July 4 as a U.S. hol-



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iday was one reason for the change. The Philippines decided to adjust to the dominant presence of the American holiday instead of compete with it. According to one account, July 4 did not inspire nationalism among Filipinos but rather it reminded a country of its colonization by the Americans. The Fourth of July celebration of the U.S. Declaration of Independence simply dwarfed any celebration of the event of July 4, 1946 that recognized Philippine Independence.

A commemoration on June 12 had a good rationale because of the event that took place in Cavite-Viejo (now Kawit, Cavite) in 1898. On June 12, 1898, an "Act of Declaration of Independence" (Acta de la proclamación de independencia del pueblo Filipino) was read, "Marcha Filipina Magdalo" (now Philippine National Anthem or Lupang Hinirang music) was played and a Philippine flag was formally unfurled before a

huge crowd of attendees from many provinces. The declaration asserted that the Philippine nation was already free and independent as of that day. It recognized a dictatorial government led by Emilio Aguinaldo.

Unfortunately, it is a declaration that was not recognized by Spain, the U.S. nor by any other sovereign nation. It was also a declaration of independence from Spain but was somehow blindly friendly to the U.S. For example, in explaining the symbolism behind the flag's design, the Declaration said that the blue, red, and white colors in the Philippine flag is a "commemoration of the flag of the United States of America and a manifestation of a nation's profound gratitude towards the U.S.' disinterested protection and support" (based on Sulpicio Guevara's translation of the original Spanish document).

Whatever sense of liberation the mass of people had on that day was short-lived. Spain and the U.S. signed a Treaty of Paris in December 1898 which ceded the Philippines to the U.S. in exchange of \$20 million.

Jose Rizal, who was executed in 1896, did note the eventuality of U.S. colonization of the Philippines. "Perhaps the Great American Republic, whose interest lies in the Pacific may some day dream of foreign possession..." he wrote in his essay "The Philippines: A Century

Hence." He was echoing the German scientist and world traveler, Fedor Jagor, whose incisive observations led him to state in the 1870s that the U.S. will expand its commercial interests in the Pacific and succeed Spain in occupying the Philippines.

As the morality of imperialism and the ratification of the 1898 Treaty of Paris were debated in the American political arena, a Philippine revolutionary government re-asserted itself in February 1899 with Emilio Aguinaldo as president. The two paths clashed when the U.S. ratified the Treaty and the Philippine revolutionary government refused to recognize it. A brutal 1899-1902 Philippine-American War ensued and it subsided only with the capture and death of Aguinaldo. In the end, the vanquished Filipinos had at least 50,000 dead, many of whom were civilians. The victorious Americans had over 4,000 dead. Skirmishes continued throughout the American occupation of the Philippines that formally ended on July 4, 1946.

Just like Americans' celebration of Independence Day on the Fourth of July, the Filipinos' commemoration of Philippine Independence Day on June 12 has become more festive and a celebration of national and ethnic pride.

Liberation? Maybe that's something to just reflect on everyday.

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HAWAII-FILIPINO NEWS

# An Evening with Grace Nono

By Carolyn Weygan-Hildebrand

Internationally-renowned recording artist and cultural activist Grace Nono will be in Honolulu for a one evening only event that will be free and open to the public.

She will sing and speak about reclaiming cultural relations and decolonizing voice on June 6, 2016 from 7 pm to 8 pm at the Honolulu Museum of Arts' Doris Duke Theater.

Those who have met Nono describe her as a powerful stage performer whose music tran-



scends typical classification. She is currently a Research Associate and Visiting Faculty with the Women Studies in Religion Program at the Harvard Divinity School in Massachusetts.

She earned her doctorate in ethnomusicology from New York University and is the author of two award-winning books that reveal her depth of artistry and scholarly work. These are the "Song of the Babayan: Living Voices, Medicines, Spiritualities of Philippine Ritualist-Oralist-Healers" and "The Shared Voice: Chanted and Spoken Narratives from the Philippines."

Nono has been recognized for her numerous contributions as an artist, writer and cultural

work. Her many accolades include Philippines' The Outstanding Women in the Nation's Service (TOWNS) award, the University of the Philippines' Distinguished Alumni award, Album of the Year award, Best World Music Album award, national book awards, and more.

The June 6 event is coordi-

nated by the UH-Manoa Center for Philippine Studies with major support from the Ligaya Fruto Endowment Fund, Decolonial Pin@ys, and University of the Philippines Alumni Association of Hawaii.

For seat reservation (free) and information, please visit [gracenonohonolulu.eventbrite.com](http://gracenonohonolulu.eventbrite.com).

## Group Says Rail Won't Get Help from Feds When Flood Hits

A group concerned with the risk of natural disasters to Honolulu's fixed rail project say that when a major flood hits, help may not be available from the federal government.

Do Rail Right's John Bond cited a report showing that the National Flood Insurance Program, which is managed by the

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), has fallen billions in debt and accused of waste, poor oversight and fraud. Without reform, experts say the future solvency of the flood insurance program could be in jeopardy, which is bad news for Oahu's rail project.

"Honolulu is long overdue for a Major Disaster and

FEMA is going broke," states John Bond in a recent email. "Placing billions of public infrastructure funds into widely predicted future disaster areas along the Oahu shoreline is seriously bad policy."

City attorneys contend that HART has fully complied with federal law and the National Flood Insurance Program.

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# Vakul: Symbol of Survival

by Ida Anita Q. Del Mundo



**M**ANILA, Philippines – The silence and tranquility that Batanes is known for was broken momentarily when the Ivatans celebrated the 1st Vakul Kanayi Festival on Sabtang island from April 25 to 27.

Being the first of its kind, there was much excitement surrounding the island and its six barangays.

Locals and guests from nearby islands enjoyed games familiar to any fiesta, such as catch the piglet, catch the goat and catch the chicken. Each catch was gleefully taken away by their new owners, perhaps to be prepared and shared with neighbors on the last day of the fiesta.

There was a fun run and a fun bike marathon as well – won by the local police chief who got his training from reg-



Elderly woman sells kanayi and vakul.

ularly cycling from end to end of better things to do, as of the island everyday, for lack Batanes has a zero percent

crime rate. The local police also leads kids in doing Zumba as part of their community projects.

There was a parade that wove through the six barangays – a short parade, but one that was well attended with people from the whole island, literally, lining the streets to enjoy the street dancing and ogle at the floats which featured the Batanes traditional stone houses with thatched roofs.

The locals also celebrated Ivatans who were visiting from abroad with a balikbayan night filled with song and dance, many of them



Young Ivatans don vakul and kanayi.

singing along nostalgically to old songs that they had grown up with. Some teenagers also performed more contemporary songs to the delight of the youngsters. The night ended with a fireworks display that was rivaled only by the myriad stars over the island.

The agri-trade stalls were bustling with life on the first day of the festival, each showcasing the best from each barangay, from giant squash to dried fish, to samples of what the festival was celebrating – the vakul and kanayi – in different sizes, even with a tiny doll-sized version for the family's Sto. Niño.

The vakul headdress and kanayi vests are worn by Ivatan farmers, the vest for men and the headgear for women. These are made from the leaves of vuyavuy, a tree endemic to Batanes.

The vakul shades farmers from the rays of the sun and is waterproof too, providing shelter from rain. Farmers are said to tuck matches and other small items on the inside of the vakul to keep them safe and dry. The vakul can also double as a mat for babies, or a small pillow when farmers have to take a rest in the fields.

The vakul and kanayi motif was evident throughout each of the four groups from the different barangays that took part in the street dancing parade and dance showdown.

For first timers, it was impressive to see each group's performance, especially after

witnessing them stay up late to practice their routines in the days that preceded the festival.

One group featured the fishing culture of the Island with blue skirts that could be flipped to show an aquatic scene and props that transformed from the bountiful flying fish to the popular dried fish.

Another group depicted the story of how their local heroes fought against the Spaniards.

The winning group was the most successful in showcasing the vakul and kanayi, incorporating the pieces into their choreography seamlessly. They also venerated San Vicente in their routine, whose feast day coincides with the festival.

The vakul has, deservedly, become an image synonymous with Batanes. It is not only something that looks unique, completing the romance of the rolling hills of Batanes. Beyond that, it exemplifies the spirit of the Ivatan. Every detail of their lives is centered around survival. From drying fish so that they may have food to eat when the waves become too treacherous, to building houses of solid stone that can stand up to the fiercest of storms. The vakul likewise reflects a simplicity and beauty valued in the life of the Ivatans, a place where traditions are kept sacred, largely unspoiled by technology and commercialism.

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# QUICK THOUGHTS ABOUT CHANGE WITH JUN AND CECILE YASAY

by Carolyn Weygan-Hildebrand

**T**here is a time for everything and a season for every activity under the heaven." The frequently quoted verse from the Holy Bible's Book of Ecclesiastes offers a philosophical way of viewing the great change that Filipino voters of the 2016 Philippine Elections thrust the Philippines into.

This holds true for incoming Philippine President Rodrigo "Mayor Rody" Duterte and those closest to him like Hawaii residents Perfecto "Jun" Yasay Jr., and Cecile Joaquin-Yasay.

Duterte asked Yasay to serve as the next Acting Secretary of the Philippine Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA). After mulling it over, Yasay accepted.

"I was as surprised as any-

one else to be offered the post and felt compelled to accept the offer, though I never sought any position. In this life, when a president whom you helped elect offers you a job, you cannot refuse to help him afterward," Yasay says.

The couple was in Manila during and immediately after the campaign season but they are "locals" already in Hawaii parlance. For example, Cecile Joaquin-Yasay was just recently the lead tour guide of the Honolulu Museum of Arts Encounters Tour-Renaissance and Philippine Arts when Philippine Ambassador to the U.S. Jose Cuisia Jr. participated in the tour last April 17.

They are no strangers to dramatic changes.

"When Jun asked me what I felt about the president-elect's request, I concurred with his decision," Joaquin-Yasay says.



"I am fully aware of the resulting drastic changes in our personal life, because we have been through this course before, when he served as chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission and I was the executive director of the Population Commission.

"We both believe that serving in government means you are a servant-leader. It is a huge commitment, a thankless job and you need to be single-

minded, despite criticisms. All actions are fueled by love of country and making a difference in people's lives."

Philippine government, politics, and community have taken center stage in the lives of the Yasay family before, and

even dramatically at that. An attorney by training, Yasay was former chairman of the Philippines' Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) from 1995-2000. He was among those who testified in the impeachment trial of former Philippine President Joseph Estrada on charges of corruption. He also ran for vice president in 2010 under the Bangon Pilipinas Party but lost to 2016 Presidential candidate Jejomar Binay. Joaquin-Yasay also served as executive director of the Philippine Population Commission.

The ebbs and flows of lives are deep wells from which leaders, or anyone for that matter, can draw wisdom from. For Yasay, that includes breathing and living "aloha" in Hawaii. As a visiting professor at the University of Hawaii-Manoa's School of Law, he introduced, developed the curriculum and taught "Introduction to Philippine Law." Doing so gave him opportunities to interact with young Filipino Americans who

yearned to discover more about the Philippines.

"It was an opportune moment to 'go up to the mountains' and reflect on what the future brings and how I can be a part of shaping that future, he says. "Even as we have thousands of Filipinos here in the rainbow state, they continue to be an integral part of the Filipino family, bringing with them the best of our traditions, culture, values and practices. The challenge is how to meld these two cultures of aloha and mabuhay."

In Hawaii, there were just over 8,000 qualified voters in the 2016 Philippine presidential election. Despite the small number, Yasay says the election was "noisy" due to the very personae of the presidential and vice presidential candidates.

Duterte happens to ramble with many thoughts. His pronouncements (or *binitiwang salita*, so to speak) are a rich fodder for the media (or *usap-usapan*) but challenging to sort out what is "substantial" and what is mere "noise" as far as executive direction and action go.

Amidst this, incoming Acting Secretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs Yasay has the following message for voters and non-voters in Hawaii:

"The people desperately wanted change and believed that Duterte was the one who could realistically achieve it. He is real, he is truthful, no pretensions and no deception. What you see is what you will get.

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"We are happy to offer in this year's festivities a series of activities that highlights aspects of Philippine culture," says Allan Alvarez, this year's chair of the PCCCH. "We continue to live up to our mandate as the coordinating committee under the Philippine Consulate. I hope everyone joins us as there is certainly something for everyone."

Consul General Jamoralin encourages Hawaii's Filipinos to take part in

the Independence Day festivities.

"It is important to celebrate Philippine Independence Day because on this day, we honor the sacrifices of our heroes who fought with incredible courage to secure our freedom as a nation," she says. "More than a century after we have gained our freedom as a people, there are still other fronts that we have to conquer if we are to call ourselves truly free. If we are united, we will be a political and economic force to be reckoned with."

(Carolyn Weygan-Hildebrand contributed to this story).

**HAWAII-FILIPINO NEWS**

**Takai Will Not Seek Re-Election**

U.S. Rep. Mark Takai has announced he will not seek a second term in Congress due to health problems.

Takai was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer last year and recently learned that the disease had spread. He previously served for nearly 20 years at the State Legislature, where he was chairman of the House Committee on Veterans, Military and International Affairs.

He beat Republican Charles Djou in 2014 for the seat vacated by former U.S. Rep. Colleen Hanabusa who ran for the U.S. Senate.

“Putting Hawaii and its people first means that I must regretfully withdraw from my 2016 re-election race for Congress and suspend my campaign,” Takai says. “Right now, for the sake of my family, I need to focus on getting better rather than getting re-elected. Although I will not be running for re-election, I

intend to serve out the remainder of my term in Congress. There is still much work that I am determined to see through for Hawaii and our nation over the next few months.”

Takai has been a supporter of Filipino World War II veterans. The first bill he introduced as a member of Congress was the Filipino Veterans Family Reunification Act which lifts limitations on immigrant visas and restrictions for children of certain Filipino World War II veterans.

President Barack Obama thanked Takai for his many years of service.

“As a long-time lieutenant colonel in the Hawaii Army National Guard, as a champion for our brave men and women in uniform and our veterans and as someone who stands up for our working families, he’s always been a fighter. That’s the approach he’ll take to his battle with cancer.”

**Maui Filipino Chamber Announces Scholarship Winners**

The Maui Filipino Chamber of Commerce Foundation has announced its 2016 list of scholarship recipients.

Scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 each will be awarded to 14 graduating high school seniors and one student currently enrolled at the University of Hawaii Maui College’s Culinary Arts Program.

“The scholars are all outstanding, having excelled academically and in extra-curricular community activities,” says Kit Zulueta, president of the Foundation. “We thank our partners and those who helped us raise funds from our golf tournament last month for allowing this to happen.”

The 2016 scholars include:

- Charwin Kenneth Andaya—will major in kinesiology at UH-Manoa. He attended Maui High School and is the son of Charwin Ganosa and Eden Andaya.
- Sherylynne Andrada—will major in biology at UH-Manoa. She attended Maui High School and is the daughter of Manuel and Florgieli Andrada.
- Jamie Advincula—will major in business-entrepreneurship/ marketing at Brown University. She attended Maui Preparatory Academy and is the daughter of Juan and Dominga Advincula.
- Alassie Marie Jean Casayuran—will major in biology at Pacific University. She attended Maui High School

and is the daughter of Alfonso, Jr. and Jessebel Dolores Pajela Casayuran.

- Thomas Takeo Macadangdang Hayashi—will major in environmental science/ philosophy at Santa Clara University. He attended Seabury Hall and is the son of Duane and Agnes Macadangdang Hayashi.
- Kaylee K. Harmon—will major in business management at Western Oregon University. She attended Lahainaluna High School and is the daughter of Dennis and Michelle Harmon.
- Micah Leval—will major in political economy at UH-Manoa. He attended St. Anthony Junior-Senior High School and is the son of Randal and Joni Leval.
- Nicole Kirsten Supnet Neilson—will major in business at Saint Martin’s University. She attended St. Anthony Junior-Senior High School and is the daughter of Ray Neilson and Sarah Neilson.
- Dean Omura—will major in mechanical engineering at University of Portland. He attended Lahainaluna High School and is the son of Ulrich Okura Kirkegaard and Nelde Okura Kirkegaard.
- Tara-Ann Marie Pacubas—will major in biological engineering at UH-Manoa. She was attended Maui High School and is the daughter of Roland and Maria Carmela Pacubas.

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## PHILIPPINE NEWS

# The Morning After: Duterte Draws Flak

by Edu Punay  
Thursday, June 2, 2016

**M**ANILA, Philippines – A day after he announced his marching orders to his incoming team in waging war on drugs, crime and corruption, criticism rained on president-elect Rodrigo Duterte, with opposition coming even from one of his Cabinet nominees.

Incoming social welfare secretary Judy Taguiwalo, detained and tortured for communist rebel activities during the martial law regime, yesterday opposed Duterte's plan to allow the burial of dictator Ferdinand Marcos at the Libingan ng mga Bayani, possibly as early as Sept. 11 on his 99th birth anniversary.

Taguiwalo, a professor of women and development studies at the University of the Philippines where she graduated with honors before martial law was imposed in 1972, is one of the nominees to the Duterte Cabinet of the Communist Party of the Philippines-National Democratic Front.

Media groups, for their part, expressed outrage over Duterte's comments on Tuesday that justified the killing of "corrupt" journalists, one of whom he described as a "son of a bitch" who deserved to die.

On another issue, Speaker Feliciano Belmonte Jr. yesterday predicted rough sailing in the 17th Congress for Duterte's pet legislation – the reimposition of capital punishment, this time by hanging.

Taguiwalo said that being a victim of the Marcos regime, she could never support the burial of the dictator at the heroes' cemetery.

But she clarified that her stand did not mean she could not work with Duterte, whose father was close to the late strongman and who has said he is a friend of Marcos' only son and namesake, Sen. Ferdinand Marcos Jr.

"I was arrested, tortured. I spent years in prison. That's my personal experience," Taguiwalo told reporters in Davao City. "President Duterte expressed his own experience... his father was appointed (by Marcos) so it was a different experience. I don't think he would tolerate the human rights violations that the Marcoses did just because they were friends and I think he already clarified that."

Duterte's father Vicente was Cabinet secretary for general services during Marcos' first term as president.

"I'm against the burial of Marcos and I think Duterte would understand it because I'm a victim of the Marcoses. So I said I'm against it. But is his position of giving Marcos a burial in whatever cemetery enough for me to say 'I don't want to be part of your Cabinet?' I don't think so, because there are other bigger issues right now that we can work on together," Taguiwalo explained.

She said Duterte could bring about changes in government and eradicate corruption, citing the incoming president's proposals to do away with wasteful practices and activities.

"He called for using simple vehicles, flying economy class, no more junkets. It is a good start," she said.

Meanwhile, relatives of slain environmental activist and Palawan broadcaster Gerry Ortega and Manila tabloid reporter Alex Balcoba also slammed Duterte for his remarks on journalist killings.

Ortega's daughter Mika said their family was "incensed by the hasty and crass generalizations made (by Duterte) about murdered journalists in the country."

"This kind of speech is alarming because without due process, it casts absolute judgment on all murdered journalists, including those who were killed for telling the truth," she lamented.

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CANDID PERSPECTIVES



By Emil Guillermo

# It's Not One of the Famous Bells, But the Ilocano One

**T**he celebration of Memorial Day in America coincides with the return of a special bell to the Philippines. But it's not one of the famed Balangiga bells taken to America after the Philippine-U.S. War. This one is the San Pedro bell, another wrongly taken bell.

Philippine geography buffs will note that Balangiga is in Samar. But the San Pedro bell is from further north and was taken from the Church of Saint Peter and Paul in Bauang, La Union.

It's an Ilocano bell! Not to be confused with any belle from Ilocos with Miss Universe dreams.

But please note the bell that rang in La Union on May 23rd is part of the overall effort of Americans and Filipinos to get all the bells taken during the Philippine-U.S. War returned to their native land.

This Ilocano Bell came mostly from the efforts of Dan McKinnon, 82, a retired U.S. Navy rear admiral who served at Subic Bay and now writes as a military historian. Two years ago, he began to research the

Balangiga bells of the Church of San Lorenzo de Martyr in Samar. Those are the famous ones, with two bells being held at F.E. Warren Air Force Base and a third in an air force base in South Korea.

McKinnon stumbled on the San Pedro Bell at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, New York. He immediately contacted Father Ronald Chan of the Diocese of San Fernando of La Union and the good father dashed off a letter last November to West Point. Chan identified the bell as given by Lieutenant Governor Balancio in 1883 to a Spanish Friar named Mariano Garcia, church pastor from 1877 to 1887.

"We are not exactly sure how our San Pedro bell found its way to your highly respected school, but we believe it was taken from the church during the Philippine-American War and was then transferred to the U.S. by an American Army officer, Thomas Barry," wrote Chan. "He served here during that same time period. Sometime after his return to the U.S., he was named the 27th superintendent at your school. Perhaps your historical data could shed some light on this?"

Chan mentioned that precedents for return are clear. Bells that were found gifted to schools such as the Naval Academy,

VMI and Harvard have all been returned to their respective lands or origin in Japan and Russia.

But not any Philippine bells. Church property is considered personal property and not subject to military confiscation. For bells to be taken as a war "souvenir" is not just immoral, it's illegal.

The letter's claims were confirmed and West Point didn't hesitate to return the San Pedro Bell which arrived a week before Memorial Day.

Happy ending? Not quite. The story is just beginning. What about those Balangiga bells still in Wyoming and South Korea? McKinnon is trying to get them returned to the Philippines but Wyoming continues to put up a big fight.

This week I connected with the person thought to be the only living daughter of an actual American fighter who was at Balangiga. Jean Wall told me after all these years she wants the issue resolved.

"All parties should work toward a compromise of sharing the bells," she told Emil Guillermo Media. "There are three bells, all believed to have

been in the belfry tower at Balangiga, one with Company C, presently in traveling museum with Company C and the two in the memorial structure on the base in Wyoming. We have three involved parties and three bells. Seems simple enough to share. Let Company C keep control over its bell until they decide at a later time what should be done with it—keep one bell as a memorial here and send one back to Balangiga.

"Out of the two bells currently in Wyoming, the 1889 bell has an irrefutable inscription linking it to Balangiga and should go back. The 1863 bell does not have the same inscription and could remain. At such a time that an agreement could be reached, suitable plaques should be applied and mentioned made of those men by name who fought and died at Balangiga. By doing that, it would then be in a category of a memorial to be recognized and honored on our holiday that remembers all our veterans."

Sounded reasonable.

"The bells have no significance for me on Memorial Day nor did they for my father," Wall told me as we approach the holiday in the U.S. "We honor our fallen heroes on that day, each

one for their contribution to preserve and protect our liberty and freedom which is more in danger now than ever before."

Then she talked about the real meaning of the bells for her.

"Our freedom to worship as we choose and the house we choose to worship in, along with all things considered holy to our belief systems, now are endangered," Wall said. "Church bells belong in churches as a reminder to each in his own way as what they have stood for in our past, and will continue to do so for all people through any adversity that faces us in the future."

She's right. The bells should be sent home where they can do what they were intended to do: call people to worship, not call people to war. That memory is a bad one of a war the U.S. should never have been involved in.

Imperial America was not a good look for a democracy. Nor is holding on to bells as souvenirs for more than 100 years.

EMIL GUILLERMO is an award-winning journalist and commentator who writes from Northern California. He recently won the 2015 Dr. Suzanne Ahn Award for Civil Rights and Social Justice from the Asian American Journalists Association, California.

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- Althea Mae Kaohu R. Pittman—will major in computer science at UH-Manoa. She attended Baldwin High School and is the daughter of Jeffrey and Josie Rabang Pittman.
- Joshua Kainoa Pulmano Schwartzlow—will attend Saint Martin's University. He graduated from St. Anthony Junior-Senior High School and is the son of Karl and Ailene Schwartzlow.
- Alyssa Hernandez Sumibcay—will major in nursing at UH-Manoa. She attended Baldwin High School and is the daughter of Joroel Sumibcay and Michaeline Hernandez.
- Alyssa Michiko Yoshimura—will major in

education at University of Portland. She attended Maui High School and is the daughter of Gary and Michele Yoshimura.

- Jayford Agbayani—has been enrolled in the Maui Culinary Arts Academy since Fall 2015. He graduated from Ilocos Norte College of Arts and Trades in the Philippines in 2005.

The scholarships will be officially presented at the Maui Filipino Chamber's annual Gintong Pamana Leadership & Scholarship Awards Ceremony on June 16, 2016 at the Maui Beach Hotel beginning at 5:30 pm. For more details on the event, send an email to: [info@mauifilipinochamber.com](mailto:info@mauifilipinochamber.com).

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**DAYASADAS**  
By Pacita Saludes

# "Parada" Ti Filipino Fiesta Iti Hawaii

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ipino ti nailako kadagiti pasdek a nanglawlaw ti pagbuyaan.

Nagpatingga ti ragragsak iti alas singko iti malem. Makapnek dagiti amin a naaramid iti daytoy nga aldaw nga agbalin a nakallalagip iti daytoy a tawen 2016.

## Adu met agsasaruno a "Graduation Party" ita a bulan

Di mabilang dagiti annak a nagraduar iti daytoy a tawen ket pakaragsakan met dagiti adu a nagannak ti mangselebrar ti panagraduar dagiti annakda. Kas pammadayaw dagiti naganak,agsasaruno dagiti GRADUATION PARTY a pangpadayaw ken pagtitipunan dagiti aggayem ken agkakabagian tapno kablaawanda dagiti nagraduar nga annak ken ap-appoda a nakaileppas ti maysa a tukad ti adalda a mangsango manen kadagiti sumaruno nga addang ti panagadalda. Nai-isekda a sumrek manen kadagiti sumaruno a sanguenda.

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LEGAL NOTES



By Reuben S. Seguritan

# Visa Parole for Filipino Vets to Start June 8

but it was only this month that the USCIS released a policy guideline for its implementation.

This program called Filipino World War II Veterans Parole Policy (FWVP) will benefit approximately 2,000 to 6,000 Filipino-American World War II veterans who are living here in the US.

The said program was created in recognition of the significant contribution of the Filipino veterans during World War II. According to the policy announcement, more than 260,000 Filipino soldiers enlisted to fight for the US during the war. This is also an acknowledgment that these veterans and their surviving spouses are in need of the support and care that can only be given by their family members especially at their advanced age.

Those who may benefit from FWVP are individuals

who are beneficiaries of approved I-130 Petition for Alien Relative, including any accompanying or following-to-join spouse and children who were approved on or before the start of the filing date of the parole request. The qualifying relationship with the veteran or petitioning relative must have existed on or before May 9, 2016 and the veteran or petitioning relative is residing in the US or in the case of deceased petitioners, was residing in the US at the time of death.

It is also important to establish the Filipino veteran's World War II military service. The policy provides that the said military service must have been previously recognized by the US Department of Defense and must have been described in Section 405 of the Immigration Act of 1990 (IMMACT '90).

The said act requires the veterans to fall within the following categories: (1) Those listed on the final roster pre-

pared by the Personnel Division of the US Army as having served honorably in an active duty status with the Philippine Army during the war; (2) those listed on the final roster prepared by the Guerilla Affairs Division of the US Army as having served honorably in an active duty status within a recognized guerilla unit; (3) those who served honorably in an active duty within the Philippine Scouts or within any component of the US Armed Forces in the Far East (USAFFE) from September 1, 1939 to December 31, 1946.

When any proof of such military service is not included in the visa parole application, the USCIS will send a Request for Evidence (RFE).

As to who are eligible for visa parole depends on who the petitioner is. If the veteran is the petitioner himself, beneficiaries

could be any one who falls in any family-sponsored preference category, except those considered as immediate relatives—spouse, parents and unmarried children under 21 years of age—because visa numbers are always readily available to them anyway. If the petitioner is the surviving spouse of the war veteran, beneficiaries could only be their children.

In cases where the petitioning relative dies before a visa number becomes available to his beneficiaries, eligible individuals may seek parole in their behalf in cases where USCIS has approved the reinstatement of an I-130 petition for humanitarian purposes.

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**G**ood news to the Filipino veterans of World War II! They don't have to wait very long before being reunited with their loved ones as the US Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) recently announced that it will grant parole to the beneficiaries of approved family-based immigrant visa petition and allow them to stay in the US while awaiting their immigrant visa numbers.

Due to the active lobbying of advocacy groups like the Asian Americans Advancing Justice (AAJC), the Filipino Veterans Equity Center and Filipinos for Justice, President Barack Obama announced the parole visa program last year

## PHILIPPINE NEWS

### Alvarez Eyes Con-Com for Federalism

by Paolo Romero  
Tuesday, May 23, 2016

**M**ANILA, Philippines – Davao del Norte Rep. Pantaleon Alvarez prefers to have a constitutional commission or con-com draft Charter revisions that will change the form of government to a federal system.

Alvarez, who is incoming president Rodrigo Duterte's choice to be speaker of the House of Representatives in the 17th Congress, said yesterday he liked the move of the late president Corazon Aquino to form a con-com that wrote the 1987 Constitution.

Con-com delegates are handpicked by the president rather than elected by the people.

"We prefer a con-com that is composed of learned people, recognized experts in their fields, and then after that



Congress can look at the draft," Alvarez told reporters.

He said a constitutional convention is not only expensive and possibly divisive, but also could take a long time to finish its task.

Amending the Constitution that would include having a federal form of government to decentralize power to local government units, reform the tax system and reimpose the death penalty are among the legislative priorities of the incoming administration.

Alvarez said there is no need to approve the proposed Bangsamoro Basic Law

(BBL), which seeks to create a new autonomous region in Mindanao, as federalism will substitute for it.

"Federalism is like BBL being replicated in all the other regions in the country," he said.

He earlier doused fears the entry of foreign investments will be put on hold if and when the Duterte administration initiates the shift to a federal government.

He also had floated a possible timetable for a nationwide plebiscite on the proposed amendments in 2019, or halfway into Duterte's term. ([www.philstar.com](http://www.philstar.com))

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## TRAVEL &amp; LEISURE

# Where to Go Before Summer Is Gone

FROM THE HEART by Gina Lopez

**T**here are a few weeks of summer left so these are my suggestions of where to go:

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Surf's up: Gina Lopez says her staff surfs like a pro, testimony to the teaching skills of the youth in Gubat Surf Camp. Photo by BUTZ EGUIA

trip. Enjoy the view of San Juanico Bridge. Enjoy the breakfast at our Basey Pre-Departure Area.

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All the projects here help the attached communities. All of the sites are an experience of the majesty of nature and the heart and warmth of our people. I urge you to schedule a trip to each of these sites. We have packages which can cater to both the well-heeled crowd and the backpacking crowd.

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Spend summer experiencing the majesty of the Philippines — helping our people and nourishing your spirit ... See you!

## PHILIPPINE NEWS

# Rody to Dominguez: Clean Up Customs

by Edith Regalado  
Tuesday, May 23, 2016

**D**AVAO CITY, Philippines — Radical changes will have to be implemented in transactions with the Bureau of Customs (BOC) and the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) to rid the two agencies of corruption.

This was declared yesterday by incoming finance secretary Carlos Dominguez, who said that incoming president Rodrigo Duterte instructed him to clean up the BOC, con-

sidered among the most corrupt government agencies.

Both the BOC and the BIR are under the Department of Finance.

“There would have to be changes in the way transactions are taking place in the BOC, and one of these is to make them inside a gym where everything is open and transparent,” Dominguez said.

Dominguez said a system would be put in place to make transactions flow from one section to another.

“What is more important is that transactions would be

posted on boards in the gym so people would know where or at what point their transactions have reached,” he said.

Transactions would also be posted on the Internet or wherever possible so that nothing would be hidden in the BOC, he added.

Dominguez explained that such a system in the BOC would be Freedom of Information in motion.

“It is freedom of information not only of past transactions, but what you see here is an actual and ongoing transaction that everybody would know,” he said. ([www.philstar.com](http://www.philstar.com))



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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**2ND ANNUAL FILIPINO FOOD FAIR PRESENTED BY THE PHILIPPINE CELEBRATIONS COORDINATING COMMITTEE OF HI (PCCCH)** | June 5-June 10, 2016 | FOR DETAILS, CALL ALLAN ALVAREZ 392-8230

**PHILIPPINE INDEPENDENCE DAY GALA DINNER COMMEMORATING THE 118TH PHILIPPINE INDEPENDENCE DAY ANNIVERSARY** | June 11, 2016, Saturday | MAUNAKEA BALLROOM, HAWAII PRINCE HOTEL | Contact: Allan Alvarez @ 392-8230

**118TH ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATION OF PHILIPPINE INDEPENDENCE** | June 12, 2016, Sunday | 8:00-10:30 a.m | PHILIPPINE CONSULATE | For further info, call the Phl Consulate @ 595-6316-19, ext. 112

**MAUI FILIPINO CHAMBER'S GINTONG PAMAMA'S LEADERSHIP AWARDS BANQUET** | June 16, 2016 | MAUI BEACH HOTEL. | Contact: Jenna Gamboa at (808) 419-1617

**SANTANIANS ASSOCIATION OF HAWAII-USA INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS** | July 16, 2016 | 6:00 - 11:00 PM | HIBISCUS BALLROOM, ALA MOANA HOTEL | Contact: Dr. Julius Soria (722-9958); Amy Quides (255-6380); Aurora Garcia (722-3150) or email santaniansofhiusa@gmail.com

**FILIPINO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF HAWAII (FCCH) AND FOUNDATION, INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS** | July 16, 2016, Saturday | 6:00 p.m | PTAPA BALLROOM, HILTON HAWAIIAN VILLAGE WAIKIKI BEACH RESORT | Contact: Bernadette Fajardo @ 342-8090 or Sam Acosta @ 306-1428

**LA UNION CIRCLE OF HAWAII, 2016 MISS & MRS. LA UNION HAWAII USA** | July 30, 2016, Thursday | 5:30 p.m Cost: \$65 | HIBISCUS BALLROOM, ALA MOANA HOTEL

| Contact: Baybee Hufana Ablan @ 753-5616

**PHILIPPINE WOMEN'S CIVIC CLUB (PWCC), FILIPINIANA BALL & INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS** | August 13, 2016, Saturday | 6:00 p.m | HIBISCUS BALLROOM, ALA MOANA HOTEL | For more info, contact Letty Saban @ 255-9429, Edith Gudoy @ 457-0253 or Mimi Gozar @ 312-0778

**UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF HAWAII (UPAAH), GALA DINNER INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS** | August 20, 2016, Saturday | 6:00 p.m | FILCOM CENTER | Contact: Bea Ramos Razon @ 778-6291, Melody Calisay @ 224-9535 or Jenny Normandy @ 286-4426

**FILIPINO WOMEN'S CIVIC CLUB MARIA CLARA BALL** | September 17, 2016, Saturday | 6:00 p.m | HIBISCUS BALLROOM, ALA MOANA HOTEL | Contact: Bernadette Fajardo @ 342-8090 or Cecilia Villafuerte @ 780-4985

**FILCOM CENTER'S BAYANIHAN GALA DINNER 2016** | October 14, 2016 | 6:00 PM | SHERATON WAIKIKI HOTEL | Contact 808-80-0451 for more information

**MAUI FIL-AM HERITAGE FESTIVAL BY THE MAUI FILIPINO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE** | October 15, 2016, Saturday | 10:00 a.m - 3:00 p.m | MAUI MALL, KAHULUI, MAUI | Contact Kit Zulueta @ 808-291-9407

**PASKO SA FILCOM** | December 4, 2016 | FILCOM CENTER | Contact 808-680-0451 for details.

**OHANA MEDICAL MISSION IN THE PHILIPPINES** | December 14-Dec. 21, 2016 | Contact: JP Orias @ 387-8297 for further information

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## GLOBAL NEWS

# Jaclyn Jose Beats Cotillard, Theron to Win Cannes Best Actress Award

**M**ANILA, Philippines — The Cannes Film Festival named Filipino actor Jaclyn Jose as this year's Best Actress, making her the first Filipino to be honored with the award.

Jose, the star of Brillante Mendoza's "Ma'Rosa," bested celebrated actors Charlize Theron (US entry "The Last Face" directed by Sean Penn) and Marion Cotillard (France's "Mal de Pierres" / "From the Land of the Moon" directed by Nicole Garcia).

In an interview aired over the ABS-CBN News Channel on Monday, Jose said she was surprised by the award since the other nominees are tough contenders whom she has been watching in films for years.

"They are my idols," Jose said,



referring to Cotillard and Theron.

She said that for "Ma'Rosa," Mendoza instructed her to unlearn years of acting techniques typically used in the local industry. The Philippines's entry to the festival, Jose had to be seen as not at all acting.

Complete list of 2016 winners

1. Palme d'Or: Ken Loach, "I, Daniel Blake"
2. Grand Prix: Xavier Dolan, "It's Only The End of the World"
3. Jury Prize: Andrea Arnold, "American Honey"
4. Best Actress: Jaclyn Jose, "Ma Rosa"
5. Best Actor: Shahab Hosseini, "The Salesman"
6. Best Director: Olivier Assayas, "Personal Shopper" & Cristian Mungiu, "Graduation"
7. Best Screenplay: Asghar Farhadi, "The Salesman"
8. Camera d'Or: "Divines," Houda Benyamina
9. Queer Palm (Feature): "Les Vies de Thérèse," Sébastien Lifshitz
10. Queer Palm (Short): "Gabber Lover," Anna Cazenave-Cambet.

(www.philstar.com)

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"Consequently, he is able to offer all players to join his team, including the leftist and Muslim rebels. It will of course be with conditions imposed by the government, such as surrendering their arms and abandoning their desire to fight a duly-constituted government through violent means. He gives us the best chance of achieving peace

and order in our country."

Since this quick exchange, Duterte has received recommendations for other cabinet posts, including the four agencies that he wants to reserve for the "left"—a direction that appears to worry some Filipino-Americans. The four agencies are the Department of Agrarian Reform, Department of Labor and Employment,

Department of Social Welfare and Development, and Department of Environment and Natural Resources.

In offering a perspective about his choices, Duterte is clearly weary about the lack of peace in the country. In a television interview, Duterte said he was 17 when he first heard the left's clamor for change. He is 71 now and the fighting has not ended.

# MABUHAY AND LONG LIVE THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES ON ITS 118TH ANNIVERSARY OF INDEPENDENCE!



The Hawaii Filipino Chronicle joins the Filipino community in commemorating the 118th Anniversary of Philippine Independence.

To out-going President Noynoy Aquino, thank you for the good governance reforms you instituted. We wish you the very best.

To President-Elect Rodrigo Duterte, we will rally behind your efforts to eradicate corruption, crime and drugs; and enforce discipline, peace and order throughout the nation. We are confident that economic growth to benefit everyone,

especially the poor, will soon follow.

The Filipino people pray that under your leadership, the country will unite together for a brighter future.

**GOD BLESS PRESIDENT-ELECT DUTERTE, THE FILIPINO PEOPLE  
AND THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES!  
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