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## EDITORIAL

# Passing the Kupuna Caregivers Program Bill Is A Win Situation for the State and Hawaii Families

**D**on't wait for a crisis. Prepare for it now. -- This is the frame of thought that Hawaii lawmakers ought to have in dealing with the state's rapidly aging population and healthcare.

The elderly are the largest users of health care resources from hospital stays to long-term care in both private and state health facilities. Add to this the stark statistic that the baby boomer generation, the largest demographic in the state and nation, are primed and ready-aged to put the heaviest toll ever in U.S. history onto the already limited health care resources available.

It's estimated that by 2020, nearly 300,000 people will be age 65 or older in Hawaii, that is about 30 percent of the population, or 3 out of every 10 individuals. Now compare that to stats in 1970, when only one out of every 17 individuals was aged 65 or older. The proportion of elderly to total population in the state has increased three-fold, roughly 5 percent in 1960 to 15 percent in 2012.

Clearly, the state must anticipate that it cannot throw a safety net large enough to carry the entire burden of seniors who are ill and need of long-term care at state facilities or state-subsidized private facilities or nursing homes.

This is the reason it's in the state's best financial interest to consider passing in this legislative session or the immediate future SB 534 or HB 607, bills that would provide financial assistance to family caregivers. Financially, morally, and ideally the common-sense choice is for seniors in need of care to stay at home rather than to live out their few remaining time of life at a long-term care facility. But the big "but" in this scenario, is that this becomes practical only if families can afford taking care of their loved ones at home. Disabled seniors require around-the-clock care and the high cost of living in Hawaii demands multiple household incomes for families to survive.

The common practice at this moment -- which has been saving the state multi-millions in dollars -- is that families have been taking care of their ailing parent, spouse, or relative at home at great cost, often having to incur huge debt, selling off large sums of assets, and quitting their jobs to become, in essence, de facto health care providers. Family caregivers commonly report being physically and mentally drained, feeling depressed and angry, that at times lead to family conflict.

Where SB 534 or HB 607 can make a world of difference to family caregivers is by offering in-home respite, temporary assistance. Either one of the bills, if passed, establishes the Kupuna Caregivers Program. Under this program, qualified families can receive a maximum of \$70 a day to hire home care aides or personal care assistance to come to the home for a few hours to watch over their loved ones. In the meantime, family members can keep their jobs and minimize financial disruption. It's a win-win situation for all parties: the state, the ailing senior, and their family caregivers. The Kupuna Caregivers Program bill would only be a supplement to long-term care. Hawaii families must take on the greater responsibility and consider building up future savings and purchasing long-term care insurance to ensure a healthier and easier senior lifestyle.

## FROM THE PUBLISHER

**T**he 2017 Hawaii State legislative session is moving along swiftly and in just a few days we will reach the pivotal first crossover period. Surviving senate bills will go to the House and house bills to the Senate for further review and amendments. There are many important bills still alive, including a set of bills that is the topic of this issue's cover story. In it, HFC's Carlota Ader reports on the growing need for family caregivers' assistance and interviews Dr. Clementina Ceria-Ulep.

As many in the baby boomer generation reach 65 years and older, we are finding that more Hawaii families are faced with the difficult task of caring for their senior loved ones. Just how prevalent is this? It's estimated that 1 in 3 people between the age of 45-70 currently helps care for an aging parent, spouse, or relative 60 years or older. Hawaii's uniquely high cost of living -- turns what would already be a struggle having to care for a disabled senior family member -- into something more like a family crisis. Family caregivers commonly must go into debt, sell assets, or even quit their jobs just to be able to care for their loved ones at home. The alternative of utilizing the services of a long-term care facility is just financially impossible for most Hawaii families.

SB 534, and its companion HB 607, aim to establish the Kupuna Caregivers Program that specifically helps working family caregivers to keep their jobs, and at the same time, hire respite assistance to care for their loved ones for a few hours. It's a needed program we hope lawmakers will pass this session.

Also in this issue, read about some of the community events happening around town. Related to the cover story issue, AARP Hawaii will have its Caregiver Conference on March 25. Other events: the Filipino Association of University Women (FAUW) book launch and art exhibit opening on March 9; the Team Philippines dance, exhibit, and march during the Honolulu Festival on March 10-12; and the Philippine Medical Association of Hawaii (PMAH) Foundation annual fundraising Bowling Tournament on March 18.

Be sure to read our regular columns and guest contributions that include a book review on "The Traditional Attires of the Igorot Tribes," article on avoiding investment fraud, a restaurant feature, and write-ups on immigration, among others.

We hope you enjoy this issue and thank you for your continued support.

Until next issue, warmest *aloha* and *mabuhay*!

*Chona A. Montesines-Sonido*

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## OPINION

# Immigrants Are Human Beings Who Just Want A Better Life

by Atty. Ted Laguatan

**I**mmigration laws are relatively new. These man-made laws were instituted long after countries and national boundaries were already in existence. When there were no immigration laws - people moved freely from one area to another. Famine, wars, natural disasters, plagues, poverty, personal problems, economic reasons, political oppression, etc. - are the usual reasons for migration.

Today, even with these immigration laws, people still move and leave their home countries for the same reasons. They bravely risk their lives and safety; often exploited; tolerate extreme weather conditions; face strange cultures, discrimination and local hostilities; cope with loneliness and alienation. They go through all

kinds of difficulties - sustained only by the hope that somehow they might find a better life.

Nowhere in the world is there a nation like the US whose population consists mostly of immigrants or children of immigrants. It can even be argued that the entire population of the US is totally composed of immigrants or children of immigrants since the forebears of American Indians migrated from Asia. Immigrants and their children from the four corners of the globe created this country. Ideas from their native lands, technical knowledge, trade secrets, new arts and philosophies, varieties of cultural ingenuity, their music, and all kinds of food - are now integrated in American society and culture. All these together with their skills, talents and work ethic - resulted in the creation and emergence of a uniquely great and powerful nation of immigrants.

The United States is a great nation not only because of her awesome political and economic power - but for her continuous aspirations to live up to the highest ideals of the human race: individual freedoms, the right to happiness, free speech, free thought, equal protection for all in application of the laws, religious freedom, Due Process principles, racial equality, etc.

Even if these aspirations are not yet complete realities - they are national, global and spiritual goals worth pursuing.

The U.S. is a country where good and evil are constantly in conflict, but where good often prevails in the long run. There are so many genuinely good human beings here and also horribly evil ones. Even the government policies of this country throughout its history reflect this constant unending conflict between good and evil. Like a pendulum, the country's policies continuously swing back

and forth from the evil side to the good side and back again.

The demonic genocide of American Indians, slavery, the extermination of entire barrios in the Philippines, segregation laws against blacks and Asians, the internment of Japanese Americans in WWII, dropping atomic bombs against the Japanese civilian population, racially discriminatory immigration laws, the mass murder and napalm bombing of innocent Vietnamese villagers, the use of torture against military and political prisoners, etc. These were the results of the pendulum swinging to the dark side.

But the swings of the pendulum to the good side - rectified these moral distortions: Slavery was eliminated; Indians were compensated with billions of dollars for their damages and their lands; higher education and national health care were established in the Philippines; segregation laws abolished; a national apology and monetary compensation were provided to Japanese American internees; U.S. aid to Japan led to economic resurgence after WW II; racial and national origins discrimination was removed from US immigration laws; a friendlier relationship was established with

the Vietnamese government; torture was discarded as a state policy, etc

Immoral state policies which cause so much suffering hurt all of us in one way or another. Conversely, policies which help human beings find better lives create a better kinder world.

With the new Administration's harsh immigration policies - thousands in immigrant communities throughout America now live in fear. The new government policy includes the hiring of around 10,000 new personnel who will hunt down out of status individuals and families and seek their speedy removal. Raids by ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement) throughout the US are currently being conducted.

*See this article:  
<https://qz.com/908081/if-you-want-to-see-what-trumps-immigration-policy-looks-like-in-practice-consider-the-deportation-of-this-arizona-woman/>*

Immigration and human rights lawyers will continue to contest the constitutionality and propriety of new policies and procedures which cause so much human suffering.

Generally, there are three  
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## HAWAII-FILIPINO NEWS



## Join Team Philippines at the Honolulu Festival

The Philippine Consulate General, Philippine Airlines (PAL), Filipino Community Center (Filcom), Filipino Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii (FCCH) and the Congress of Visayan Organizations (COVO), and with the support of the Dabawenos Association of Hawaii and Bulacan Circle of Hawaii joined together to form "Team Philippines" for the 23rd Honolulu Festival on March 10-12, 2017.

Team Philippines invites the community to join in the following festivities:

\*Friday, March 10, 7

p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Hawaii Convention Center | Philippine ethnic dances, "Fandango sa Ilaw," "Curacha," and "Singkil," representing the 3 largest island groups of the Philippines (Luzon, Visayas, and Mindanao). The dances will be performed during the Friendship Gala. Tickets for the Gala are available at [www.honolulfestival.com](http://www.honolulfestival.com)

\*Saturday, March 11, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Hawaii Convention Center | Craft Fair/Exhibition. Team Philippines will set up booths where cultural merchandise from the Philippines will be on display. The

Philippine Consulate booth will feature ready-to-wear barong and Filipiniana attire made of pineapple fiber by Elvis Cagunungan of Lumban, Laguna. Admission is free and open to the public.

\*Sunday, March 12, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Hawaii Convention Center | Second day of Craft Fair/Exhibition

\*Sunday, March 12 4:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., Waikiki | Grand Parade along Kalakaua Avenue featuring performers, floats, and marching bands

The Honolulu Festival is an annual cultural festival that showcases cultures of the Pacific region. This year's theme is "Cultural Harmony, Journey to Peace."

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## COVER STORY

# Kupuna Caregivers Program Aims To Help Hawaii Working Families

By Carlota Ader

**C**aring for our elderly, or *kupuna*, is a deeply held value in the islands. It's estimated that 1 in 3 people between the age of 45-70 currently helps care for an aging loved one or family member 60 years of age or older.

In many cases, families are financially unprepared to have their loved ones cared for at a long-term nursing facility or senior care home. This often forces family members to make tremendous sacrifices, to juggle at the same time full-time work and to find whatever assistance they can afford to care for their elderly loved one. If a higher level of care is needed, the hardship becomes more acute with at least one family member needing to cut short his or her career, retire, and take on the task as full-time caregiver. To fill the income gap with one less income-earner, often assets need to be sold or debt begins to mount quickly.

As Hawaii's demographics continue to change with an in-

creasing elderly population, this scenario is becoming all too common. By 2020, nearly 300,000 people will be age 65 or older in Hawaii. Anticipating this trend, the Hawaii State Legislature is considering two bills SB 534 and HB 607 to help families care for their elderly loved ones. The bills seek to establish the Kupuna Caregivers program. Qualified families under this program will receive up to \$70 a day to hire a home care aide for a few hours so that they can keep their jobs. This program is an alternative to long-term facility care and is aimed at keeping family members working while they receive assistance to care for their loved ones.

Dr. Clementina Ceria-Ulep, a champion advocate for



Caregivers and advocates show their support for the passage of the Kupuna Caregiving Assistance bills during a rally at the State Capitol last February 7.

elderly care, and someone pushing for the passage of a bill to establish the Kupuna Caregivers program, discusses the issue in our Q&A interview.

"We live in turbulent times. More than ever we need to recognize and address the challenges that we are facing as a state and as a community, and do what we can to address them. The demographics tell us that senior care needs are growing and people are struggling to cope. Families are doing what the state would otherwise have to do. Their unpaid labor is helping to ensure that the needs of the growing population or

seniors are met. Providing *kupuna* caregivers with a little assistance will go a long way," said Dr. Ceria-Ulep, Professor & Interim Associate Dean for Academic Affairs at the University of Hawaii at Manoa's School of Nursing and Dental Hygiene. She is also Chairperson of the Long-Term Care for Faith Action for Community Equity (FACE).

FACE is working with Caring Across Generations, a national nonprofit dedicated to building a care infrastructure across the nation, and other groups to advance this legislation. Those advocating for the

urgent need for Kupuna Caregivers Assistance include the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs (PABEA), the Hawaii Alliance for Retired Americans (HARA), the Hawaii Family Caregivers Coalition, AARP, ILWU, Mental Health America of Hawaii, and Young Progressives Demanding Action (YPDA).

**HFC:** Tell us more about the bills that would establish the Kupuna Caregivers Program?

**D.R. CERIA-ULEP:** SB534 and HB607 are companion bills with the same in-

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## WHAT THEY SAY

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**SAMANTHA CALUMPIT (UH student)**  
"I think passing the Kupuna Caregiver Assistance Bill would be a great help and relief for our families. Not only will it help with our economy but it will help our grandparents worry less. As a grandchild, I think about how I wouldn't want someone like my own grandma to be in distress, worrying about who will take care of her; especially for all the things she has done for her own grandchildren. The bill would be like giving back to those grandmas and grandpas who cared for us."

**DR. CYNTHIA GOTO**

"Self-interest, if not a sense of moral urgency, should prompt legislators to offer the thousands of caregivers in Hawaii some respite."

**JAN PAPPAS** (she and her husband, look after his 98 year-old mother)  
"Legislators must take the first steps towards helping our *kupuna* and those with disabilities to live with dignity and continue contributing to society."

**MOYA GRAY**  
(a former practicing attorney)

"As someone who was faced with the need to opt out of the workforce prematurely to care for family members, I have felt the financial and emotional cost of cutting short my career years. I would like to add my voice to those of the thousands of silent caregivers who have experienced what I have been through. Clearly, not having policies to take care of our aging parents in a state where people over 60 will make up about 27 percent of the population by 2030 is potentially disastrous."

## COVER STORY

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tent. The senate bill was introduced by Sen. Roz Baker and the House bill by Rep. Gregg Takayama.

The intent of the bills is to assist individuals who are caring for their elderly loved ones to stay in the workforce. This legislation would create the long-term Kupuna Caregivers program, which would provide support for working caregivers who are also taking care of their aging loved ones. Either one of these bills, if passed, will provide the needed respite care that our kupuna caregivers deserve and the support our working families and businesses need.

**HFC: What are the requirements to be able to qualify for the Kupuna Caregivers Program?**

Dr. Ceria-Ulep: There are requirements for both the senior citizen needing care

and the family caregiver. For the care recipient (senior citizen), the requirements are: the individual must be a citizen of the U.S. or a legal immigrant (qualified alien); is 60 years of age or older; does not reside in a long-term facility such as intermediate care facility, assisted living facility, skilled nursing facility, hospital, foster home, adult residential care home or expanded residential care home. The individual must have impairment of at least: 2 activities of daily living (ADL), or 2 instrumental ADL; one ADL and one IADL, have substantial cognitive impairment requiring supervision to ensure his or her and others' safety.

The caregiver (working individual) needs to meet the following requirements: provides care for a care recipient (senior citizen) and is employed at least 30 hours per week from

one or more employers.

**HFC: What are the benefits?**

Dr. Ceria-Ulep: If either one of these bills becomes law, it will benefit both our care recipient (senior citizen) and the family caregiver. For our senior citizen, he or she will be provided long-term support and services and remain in his or her home and community. This supports the idea of aging in a place that our elderly would want to. The Kupuna Caregivers Program shall award a voucher of a maximum of \$70 per day to cover costs for the following long-term support and services: transportation, personal care services, respite care, adult day care, and chores and home-making services.

For the caregiver, either bill focuses on providing respite care for working caregivers who typically have no other financial or emotional support. This is important as

many caregivers are in the sandwich generation, caring for our aging parents and grandparents while also struggling to continue to work to provide for our families.

**HFC: When did you take leadership of Faith Action for Community Equity (FACE) and how did you become involved in this organization?**

Dr. Ceria-Ulep: I was first president of FACE when it came into being in 1996. I became involved in FACE through the membership of my church, Our Lady of Mount Catholic Church.

**HFC: What message would you like to send to our legislators regarding SB 534 and HB 607?**

Dr. Ceria-Ulep: I urge our legislators to pass these bills!

Since FACE came into being in 1996, 21 years ago, this (long-term care for the elderly) has been an issue that our members have raised. Every 3-5 years when FACE conducts its Listening Process among its members, long-term care, caring for our elderly has been a priority, and last year was no different. A Listening Process involves one-to-one conversations about issues of concern to a church, synagogue, housing unit, etc.

I have been a champion for this issue in FACE for 21 years

-- educating family, friends, organizations, and the public of it. I have chaired many committees, taskforces, holding countless meetings and providing numerous presentations about it. Why do I do it? Because of the suffering that I have seen patients, family and friends go through; and I want to see them relieved of their suffering. I also want to make sure that if I need care when I grow old, it would be there.

More importantly, however, I want to do it because long-term care for the elderly is the right thing to do. It is part of my being and my culture. The caretakers in my family growing up were my grandparents. When my parents worked, my grandparents took care of my brothers, sisters and I.

In my Filipino culture, we are taught to respect and take care of our elders. This value of caring for our kupuna is common to all of us who live in Hawaii -- among Asians, Pacific-Islanders, Polynesians, Hispanics, and so on. So, I ask you, all our legislators, to support these bills because they represent Hawaii -- our value of caring for one another and our kupunas! Let's make it happen this year!

*(Editor's Note: As of Feb. 28, 2017, press time, both SB534 and HB607 are still alive in the State Legislature and expected to pass first crossover March 9, 2017.)*



Photo courtesy of Deborah Glazier

### WHAT THEY SAY

*"As caregivers, we neglect our own needs. We sell our assets. We put ourselves on the backburner. We make decisions under duress and we sometimes take on unconscionable levels of debt. We need to tell ourselves that we have done our best. In the process, we do emotional, physical, financial damage to ourselves. We simply refuse to make time for ourselves. That's not a healthy situation for the individual or for the community or for our state that is aging as fast as Hawaii is."*

— STEVE MITCHELL (retired businessman)

*"Our kupuna deserve dignity as they grow old. I was very lucky. I could take care of my parents as they fell ill, until they passed away. I would do it all over again -- even though it exhausted me emotionally and financially. They had a right to be looked after with love and kindness. My job as a bus driver allowed me to plan my route and look in on them during the day. I was there when there were sudden emergencies. I could rush them to the hospital. But I would have welcomed some help from professional caregivers. I know my mother would have welcomed a female caregiver. I hope our legislators will find a way to give caregivers like me*

*some relief."*

— REX FREITAS (bus driver)

*I support the Kupuna Caregiver Assistance Bill. Caregivers need the support in finding financial support to aid in the care of family members who are physically and mentally impaired. Caregivers are seeking help from the government not only because there are limits to our ability to spend time caring while doing our jobs, but also because we are at an age when we can also divide our time to continue to contribute our talents to the community.*

*We take pride in caring for our elderly ohana and our relatives who need care. Yet, this compassion is only fruitful and rewarding when the state provides financial reprieve to balance our time and resources. We have lives that are less worthwhile as we care. We need to access help for ourselves in order to return to caring with our full attention. This bill will improve our abilities to care for our loved ones.*

— DR. EVA ROSE WASHBURN-REPOLLO (assistant professor)

*"Even middle-class families cannot meet the cost of aging. Many years ago when we learned of our mother's diagnosis of dementia, our family was faced with this same dilemma. She did not have long term care insurance and her retirement from the DOE system as a second grade teacher did not provide enough financial support for her care. We were fortunate that four of her six children, could contribute monthly to provide home care with our younger sister in Hilo. Most local families do not have the option of having several children share costs for their aging kupuna. We need SB534."*

— MILILANI TRASK (attorney)

*"There are thousands of these silent, unheralded caregivers across the islands, doing the heroic work of making it possible for kupuna to age in their own homes and end their days in dignity. The Kupuna Care Assistance bill SB534/HB607 is an important step in the direction of helping family caregivers look after their loved ones at home. I know I speak for many families and I hope our legislators are listening."*

— HULU LINDSEY (Maui resident)

## COMMENTARY

# We Reject Trump's Ordering of Increased ICE Raids on Immigrants

by Asian Americans Advancing Justice

**W**e, the members and affiliates of the Asian American Advancing Justice, are outraged that Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) is increasingly aggressive and overbroad in its immigration enforcement efforts, creating chaos and panic in communities. Due to the Trump administration's executive order on interior enforcement signed on January 25th, there are no longer any meaningful enforcement priorities as there were under the prior administration. As a result, undocumented immigrants, in general, are now all at grave risk.

We are angered that, those promised protection by the federal government, now face a

devastating broken promise. Daniel Ramirez Medina, a 23-year-old resident of Seattle, is among more than 800,000 Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients who affirmatively gave their information to the U.S. government and were promised a reprieve from deportation, and he has been detained and separated from his 3-year old U.S. citizen child and family.

We are horrified that a victim of domestic violence in Texas, Irving Gonzalez, was detained in an El Paso court while seeking a restraining order against her abuser. Such actions only serve to deter victims of domestic violence from coming forward to challenge abuse and result in physical harm or death to victims of domestic abuse. It also violates a

Department of Homeland Security memo, "Prosecutorial Discretion: Certain Victims, Witnesses, and Plaintiffs," that directs agency personnel to avoid any enforcement actions that would deter victims, witnesses, and plaintiffs, including victims of domestic violence, from coming forward and reporting violations of the law.

Through the enforcement executive orders, this new administration has given ICE agents carte blanche to instill terror into immigrant communities. History will not reflect kindly on this moment, which is reminiscent of other dark times in our past when racism and xenophobia against immigrants prevailed.

From the Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882 to Japanese Internment during WWII to the



surveillance and profiling of Muslim and South Asian Americans, we are in the midst of the latest wave of resurgent xenophobia.

We call on Congress to rescind these executive orders and stand up for our core values as a nation that welcomes immigrants and respects due process and fair treatment under the law.

We urge immigrants – particularly those who are undocumented and out of status – to know their rights because

equipping oneself with the right information is the best defense against these aggressive and inhumane tactics.

Asian Americans Advancing Justice will continue to resist this agenda of fear and intimidation. We will fight to protect our communities against deportations and our Nation's values that no human is illegal. We are, after all, a nation of immigrants."

(The Asian Americans Advancing Justice is an affiliation of five civil rights organizations.)

## OPINION (from page 3, IMMIGRANTS....)

groups of immigrants who come to the US. Group one is composed of those who are more fortunate than the others and have an easier time migrating here. These are: Those who have US citizen or Lawful Permanent Resident relatives who can easily file immigrant visa petitions for them; those with enough money who come as investors; those with good educations in professions which are much needed. Highly qualified professionals can do self-petitions for immigrant visas or employers can file petitions for them.

The second group is composed of refugees - men,

women and children who were displaced and became homeless because of war, natural calamities and other disastrous situations. They undergo about two years of careful screening and vetting before being able to enter the U.S.

The third group is composed of out of status immigrants - also referred to as undocumented immigrants - and all just hoping for a better life. These are the overstaying: visitors (tourists or businessmen), students, workers on temporary working visas and crewmen ; or those who crossed the Canadian or Mexican border. Those from Mexico

have a much harder time coming to the US often paying "coyotes" (human smugglers) to bring them here. Canadians can easily come as visitors.

Sooner or later, those who are here illegally usually find some kind of immigration relief depending on the facts of their situation. To mention a few: Marriage to a US citizen; political or some other kind of asylum; presence in the US for more than 10 years and having a US citizen child or parent who will suffer extreme hardship if the alien is removed (deported); immigration legislation for an individual filed by a Congressman or Senator; utilization of special laws

for those who arrived in the US before the age of 16 or some other fitting law that provides for legalization; etc. An experienced imaginative creative expert Immigration Lawyer can often find ways to legalize those without legal immigration status or find ways to prevent removal (deportation).

My priority advice to those without legal status: Be aware that the protection of the US Constitutional Due Process Rights clause apply to you. You cannot be removed from the U.S. without a hearing before an Immigration Judge. If you get arrested by ICE agents - make sure you assert this right. If you sign a form paper where you are waiving this right, you can immediately be summarily deported. Be aware of what you are signing.

Also try to seek ready access to a competent and honest immigration lawyer who is sensitive and sympathetic - out there to really help you and does not worship Mammon. How can you tell? Ask his (or her) clients about their experiences with him. Immigration lawyers, especially these days are very busy. Access to a good honest lawyer when you need

him is very important.

A situation I particular find so personally galling and disturbing are some Filipinos and others in the first immigrant group who acquired their immigrant visas relatively easily - and expect everybody else to come to the U.S. like them. They express so much antipathy for those who are here illegally. They support harsh immigration laws and policies and even wish out of status fellow Filipinos and undocumented others to be deported. They demonize undocumented immigrants falsely accusing them of taking jobs from U.S. citizens or receiving welfare funds (which is not true as the undocumented are not qualified for these funds). They show no compassion for their fellow human beings.

Filipinos who are in unlawful status often work hard at different jobs and are able to provide food, shelter, health care and education to their families back in the Philippines with their regular remittances. They also contribute so much to the Philippine economy. They deserve much respect, admiration, and support.

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## A POPULAR RESTAURANT IS FOR SALE

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## WHAT'S UP, ATTORNEY?



**By Atty. Emmanuel Samonte Tipon**



*The wicked flee when no man pursueth, But the righteous are as bold as a lion.*  
Proverbs 28:1, King James Version

Since the inauguration of President Trump on January 20, 2017, there have been a number of executive actions on immigration, including Executive Orders of President Trump, Implementation Memos issued by the Department of Homeland Security, and Fact Sheets issued by the Press Secretary.

The liberal and anti-Trump media and certain attorneys have ignited fear among immigrants that they are all in danger of being picked up and deported by im-

# Good Guys Have Nothing to Fear from Immigration Authorities

migration authorities for any violation of law - even for jaywalking.

The corrupt and biased media do not tell you that a Department of Homeland Security Memorandum on February 20, 2017, specifically excludes from the enforcement actions against removable aliens (1) those alien children who entered the U.S. illegally before age 16 and who have been given benefits under the Memo on Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) and (2) certain parents of United States citizens or lawful permanent residents who have been in the United States illegally since January 1, 2010 and are allowed to remain here under the Memo on Deferred Action for Parents of Americans (DAPA).

## The Dept of Homeland Security's Enforcement Priorities

What aliens in the United States should be most con-

cerned with are the Department of Homeland Security's Enforcement Priorities. [https://www.dhs.gov/sites/default/files/publications/17\\_0220\\_S1\\_Enforcement-of-the-Immigration-Laws-to-Serve-the-National-Interest.pdf](https://www.dhs.gov/sites/default/files/publications/17_0220_S1_Enforcement-of-the-Immigration-Laws-to-Serve-the-National-Interest.pdf)

Effective immediately, the DHS personnel have been directed to faithfully execute the immigration laws of the United States against removable aliens. Except for beneficiaries of DACA and DAPA, DHS will no longer exempt classes or categories of removable aliens from potential enforcement. In order to achieve this goal, ICE is directed to hire 10,000 new officers.

In order to maximize the benefit to public safety, to stem unlawful migration, and to prevent fraud and misrepresentation, ICE has been directed to prioritize for removal those aliens described in Sections 212(a)(2), (a)(3), and (a)(6)(C), 235(b) and (c),

and 237(a)(2)( and (4) of the Immigration and Nationality Act. [criminal aliens, aliens who are threats to national security, aliens fraudulently obtaining visas or falsely claiming U.S. citizenship].

Additionally, ICE personnel have been directed to prioritize removable of aliens who:

(1) have been convicted of any criminal offense;

(2) have been charged with any criminal offense that has not been resolved;

(3) have committed acts which constitute a chargeable criminal offense;

(4) have engaged in fraud or willful misrepresentation in connection with any matter before a governmental agency;

(5) have abused any program related to receipt of public benefits;

(6) are subject to a final order of removal but have not complied with their legal obligation to depart the US; or

(7) in the judgment of an

immigration officer, otherwise pose a risk to public safety or national security.

Within these categories, ICE personnel have been directed to prioritize enforcement activities against removable aliens who are convicted felons, or who are involved in gang activity or drug trafficking.

## Internet link to Executive Orders, Memos, and Fact Sheets

You do not have to depend on second-hand or third-hand information nor reports from unreliable media, nor rumors.

In order that you may access directly the various Executive Orders of President Trump, the Implementation Memos of the Department of Homeland Security, and the Fact Sheets issued by the Press Secretary, and read them yourself, we are publishing hereunder the internet link to such orders, memos, and fact sheets.

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## OPINION (from page 6, IMMIGRANTS....)

I wish that the Philippine government were more committed to helping them. How?

Many Embassy and Consulate personnel are well meaning but they cannot provide the needed competent expert legal advice on immigration matters. Being in the private sector and not wishing to dictate Consular policies, but understanding the immigration problems of many Filipinos - in good faith, I can only respectfully suggest to Embassy and Consular officials - for them to consult with competent immigration lawyers so that they know the applicable laws and the procedures involved.

With this knowledge, they can better help the many who need immigration assistance. These are dangerous critical anxiety filled times for so many undocumented Pinoys. They really need help. My law office is open to provide important highly technical immigration law information to appropriate Embassy and

Consular officials free of any charges. If this can help to spread important legal and procedural information which will benefit many undocumented Filipinos - I'll feel good about it. It has to do with living a meaningful life.

We do not choose the circumstances of our birth nor situations which force us to risk going to another country for our safety and survival. We sometimes need to violate man made laws like immigration laws - as long as we don't hurt others - in order to follow higher God made laws which call for our survival or the survival of our loved ones.

I understand the need for immigration laws. But those which I fully support are humane reasonable immigration laws and policies which recognize the pressures that cause human beings to look for a better life outside their homelands - and take into consideration humanitarian issues as we are all part of the human

family. Out of status immigrants should not be treated like common criminals or like animals. Our compassion for other human beings differentiates us from beasts.

The heated immigration debate that currently divides the U.S. is a real conflict between those who genuinely care for their fellowmen no matter what race or nationality or religion they may have - and those who only care about their own selves who are engaged in the politics of hate because of their blind selfishness and irrational fears. It's a real conflict between good and evil, between love and hate, between heaven and hell.

So many great Americans were immigrants or children of immigrants. America's greatness as a nation is a direct result of non-discriminatory and humane immigration laws which enabled so many brilliant and good people to come here who created a great nation and a better world.

So many Americans and

other people around the globe realize this - and that is why millions of Americans and global citizens are demonstrating and protesting against the new administration's extremely harsh new immigration policies.

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## FOOD &amp; LEISURE

Variety, accessibility, reasonable pricing and relaxed ambiance contribute to the resto-bar's unfaltering popularity.



## THE RECIPE TO GERRY'S SUCCESS

by Abby Rebong



A N I L A , Philippines - Born from the simple idea of opening a bar where people can hangout after work, Gerry's Restaurant and Bar quickly expanded to becoming a home-grown favorite 20 years on.

It all started on Valentine's Day in 1997.

"The first Gerry's branch opened in Tomas Morato cor, E. Lopez Street," shares Gerry's Grill senior marketing manager Francis Villaluz. He says that since the restaurant opened, it has been continuously enjoying the support of

its patrons and new customers.

With the initial concept being a "bar and grill" – specializing on grilled fare such as Inihaw na Pusit, Blue Marlin Steak, Tuna Belly and Liempo, as well as dishes like Sizzling Sisig, Gambas, and Bangus Ala Pobre, Gerry's quickly became top of mind for popular resto-bars in the country.

"Our first customers were working professionals from offices and establishments around Tomas Morato (like ABS-CBN, GMA, Quezon City Hall, and St. Luke's) then those customers who visited us on weekdays to unwind, started bringing their families during the weekends," says Villaluz.

Through the years, Villaluz shares that the brand has been steadily evolving to meet its market's demands and stay ahead of the competition.

"Every aspect of the restaurant has been improved in one way or another, it's only the taste of the food that has remained constant. Ambiance, services and food offered would be the top items that have undergone several changes in the past 20 years," he elaborates.

He adds, "Gerry's became popular because of our grilled seafood and sisig and the items were more pulutan than ulam. Due to the change in customer profile (families with kids), we

tried to provide something for everyone like Fried Chicken, Lumpiang Shanghai, Garlic Adobo Shreds, Chicken Kebabs, etc. We keep our choices mainly traditional with a regional representation in the menu."

Aside from variety, Villaluz says that their accessibility, reasonable pricing and relaxed ambiance contribute to the resto-bar's unfaltering popularity. "We listened closely to our customers and innovated accordingly to their needs. Variety of food and drinks we served and value for money pricing, I think gave us our early success and we maintain this philosophy."

According to Villaluz, crowd favorites continue to be the Sizzling Sisig, Crispy Pata, Beef Kare Kare, Inihaw na

Pusit, Sinigang na Hipon, Nilagang Bulalo while their Pinakbet, to their surprise as it's a vegetable dish, is also a favorite among customers.

Looking back on the past 20 years that they have been doing great business, Villaluz beams with pride at how far Gerry's has grown – from that branch in Tomas Morato, the brand is now close to a hundred branches with even a few located in Singapore, the US and Qatar.

"We opened at a time when the restaurant industry was growing rapidly and competition was very tough, not only from local and regional players but from international as well. The longevity and staying power of the brand I believe is what we are most proud of," ends Villaluz. ([www.philstar.com](http://www.philstar.com))

## BOOK REVIEW

### Great Resource to Understanding the Igorot Tribes

by Rose Churma



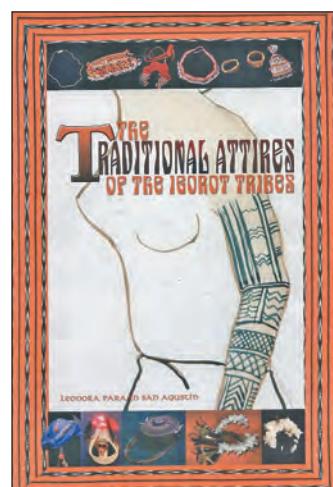
**The Traditional Attires of the Igorot Tribes.** by Leonora Paraan San Agustin, Central Book Supply, Inc., Quezon City. 2007. 146p. Softcover

This book is a valuable resource for the understanding of the culture of the Igorot tribes who lived in the mountain regions of Northern Luzon in the Philippines. It is the product of thorough research by the author, who also served as the curator of the Baguio-Mountain Provinces Museum since 1985 upon her retirement as an educator.

The author prefers the word "Igorot" rather than the

more modern "Cordillera" because "Igorot is an authentic native word" which comes from the indigenous word ig-golots meaning "from or of people in the mountains."

The book focuses on the traditional clothing of the major tribes -- Ibaloi of Benguet; Bontoc and Kankanaies of Mt. Province; the Ipugaoes of Ifugao; the Kalings of Kalinga; the Apayaos or Isnegs of Kalinga; the Tinguians or Itnegs from the foothills of Abra; Gaddangs of Nueva Viscaya and Paracelis



and Natolin of Mt. Province.

The author also uses "Attire" in the title versus "Costume" because it describes basic clothing worn day-to-day over the years and not the occasional wearable item worn for a show,

event or cultural presentation. The collection of apparel and wearable accessories took on some form in 1946 when Baguio Colleges Foundation (now called University of the Cordilleras), the first tertiary educational institution in the City of Baguio, was founded. The college formed a dance troupe composed of 15 to 20

students from the Igorot tribes who eventually named their dance group BIBAK, an acronym from the first letters of the tribes' names: Benguet, Ifugao, Bontoc, Apayao and Kalinga. Soon after, Mrs. San Agustin was appointed the troupe's adviser-coordinator.

Since this was the first dance troupe of Baguio, she had the opportunity to gather original notes, dance steps, rituals and clothing from the mountain tribes as provided by the students, or by their village elders.

The book is divided into seven chapters, with the tribes grouped according to geographical location of their domicile. Color photographs illustrate how the clothing items are worn for both gen-

ders. Also included are accessories such as beads, head-dresses, bags and other types of adornment. Also included are tattoo designs favored by certain tribes.

The book is a valuable publication for understanding the culture of the mountain people. As Gabriel Casal notes in the foreword--"External influences, environmental changes and the dynamism of culture itself are factors that will lead to the eventual disappearance of some of the original attires of these ethnic people over time."

We are grateful to Mrs. San Agustin for documenting the unique and rich heritage of the Igorots. For inquiries about the book, please email <[kalamansibooks@gmail.com](mailto:kalamansibooks@gmail.com)>.

## CANDID PERSPECTIVES



**By Emil Guillermo**

**I**t wasn't exactly a State of the Union, more like a Trump state of mind.

But that means the best thing you could say about Trump's address before Congress is this: At least the TelePrompTer didn't break.

If it did, who knows what we would have seen on speech night.

"Campaign Trump"? Or "Twitter Trump"?

That's the Trump who has been the real enemy of the people.

But this speech was more tempered. Milder. And he

didn't veer off.

The president showed us all--- he could read!

Sad.

And just for doing that, 78 percent of viewers in a CNN/ORC poll gave Trump positive marks.

Now that's something Trump understands. Ratings.

Governing, however, has been a mystery. But now Trump will learn from experience that if you give a political speech that's long on promises on things like jobs, education, infrastructure, and Obamacare, without a stitch of detail on how to keep those promises, let alone pay for them, ratings can go up.

And maybe he'll start acting normal?

There were two things



specifically I was looking for in the speech, and I was left pretty disappointed.

Though Trump began the speech talking about Black History Month and civil rights, he really could have condemned the threats to the Jewish Community Centers and the vandalism of Jewish cemeteries much stronger than he did.

And he could have

dwelled on the shootings of Indian Americans in Olathe, near Kansas City. One man, Srinivas Kuchibhotla died. Another Indian American was wounded.

A Caucasian man, Ian Grillo, 24, was wounded trying to disarm the shooter, another Caucasian male, Adam Purinton, 51, who started it all by hurling racial slurs at the Indians.

These are the kind of things Trump has brought out in America since the start of his presidency.

We should have seen a passionate denunciation of these acts. Instead, Trump simply read the prompter then bathed in the shower of self-congratulatory applause.

But what did Trump do since he's taken over?

With his anti-immigrant, build-a-wall, nationalistic rhetoric, he has given a segment of America a signal that hate is OK in America.

The O-KKK.

Trump's victory unleashed all that on America.

But the president acknowledged it with just a single line: "While we may be a nation divided on policies, we are a country that stands united in condemning hate and evil in all its forms."

It didn't seem sincere. Not after the first 40 days. It seemed hollow.

He didn't even mention the Asian Americans by nationality or name.

It was just a shooting in Kansas City.

Not good enough.

Of course, later in his speech, Trump milked another sentimental moment to honor Navy Senior Chief William "Ryan" Owens, who died in Yemen during a raid last January.

The military is always a safe bet. So honor a Gold Star family, and deplete the domestic budget in favor of billions for the military.

But for the Jews, or for the murdered Indian immigrant?

Trump gave them short-shrift.

It's the reason Trump's big pre-speech "leak" that he would be calling for a bi-partisan immigration reform seemed just like an insincere tease.

After the travel ban fiasco, and the new ICE policies that have resulted in round ups of undocumented immigrants around the country, a real push for a compromise on immigration would have been a great headline.

But there was "no there, there."

Not when Trump's speech contained more talk of a border wall, references to "illegal immigrants," and borders as "lawless chaos." And then, as he likes to do, Trump mixes border security with national security and all that entails, and creates for us all one big fear: "Radical Islamic Terrorism."

And he used that exact counter-productive term.

By the time he got around to his pitch for a bi-partisan immigration "compromise," Trump had no credibility.

Immigration has always been humanitarian based for political or economic reasons for the immigrant. The benefit to the U.S. has always been the extra.

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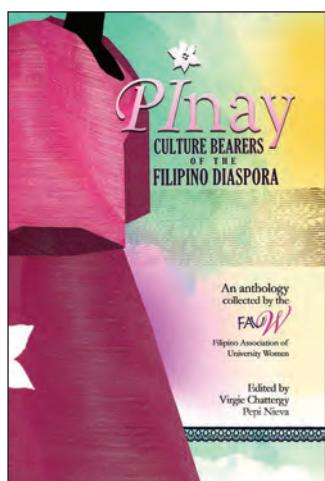
## HAWAII-FILIPINO NEWS

## FAUW Launches New Book and Art Exhibit at Hawaii State Library

The Filipino Association of University Women (FAUW) invites the public to join in the presentation of its latest book PINAY, Culture Bearers of the Filipino Diaspora at the Hawaii State Library, 478 South King Street, First Floor Reading Room on March 9 from 5:00 to 7:00 PM.

This book, FAUW's 5th publication, is a collection of stories and poems that features 23 writers on the topic of Filipino core values.

"The rationale behind the book came with the realization that many Filipinos live outside the country. So, an interesting question became, what happens to traditional core values that give people a sense of communal identity if they are forgotten? And if values are maintained, which one would Filipinos NOT give up because in doing so, they would no



longer be recognized as a Filipino, individually and/or collectively?" said Virgie Chattergy, editor of the book.

Chattergy will moderate a panel discussion at the book launching. The

book will be available for purchase for \$10. For pre-orders, contact Roberta Sullivan. Checks should be made out to FAUW. The email addresses are alohasullivan@earthlinknet or Leonor Tamoria, leetamoria@hotmail.com.

Chattergy mentioned some of the major life transitions explored in the book include: Finding a Life Partner, Becoming a Parent, Guiding the Family through many stages in Life - from Childhood, to Adolescence to Adulthood; Dealing with Loss of Loved Ones; Working with Aging Parents and Facing End-of-Life Issues.

"We write best about what we know. And everyone at some point in their lives have experienced these cross-roads. Every culture teaches its members how to deal with life.

It was slow going initially, but once the idea caught on, we had stories to fill a book," said Chattergy.

### Exhibit

FAUW will also launch on March 9 a new exhibit called "Baro at Habi: Visual Clues to Filipino Culture." The exhibit is designed by Big Island artist Iris Viacrucis. The exhibit will be from March 9-25, at the Hawaii State Library, open Monday to Saturday: Monday and Wednesday 10 to 5, Tuesday 9 to 5, Thursday 9 to 8, and Friday, Saturday from 9 to 5.

The exhibit features the clothing and hand-woven materials of indigenous tribes and religious influences in the Philippines. Wall hangings, dolls, photographs, and adornments will be on display in the First Floor Reading Room.

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# Heart of Hearst

**RENDEZVOUS** by Christine Dayrit

**F**ew people are lucky enough to inherit a legacy; fewer still are blessed enough to share their legacies among the populous majority. This generous act ensures their place in history as well as in the hearts of those with whom they shared it. That is the story of William Randolph Hearst and the castle he and his family generously gave to the State of California for us — their visitors — to experience, drink in and renew every time we set foot upon these sprawling acres of land with vistas as far as the eye can see.

Historical accounts reveal that in 1865, George Hearst purchased 40,000 acres of ranchland that included the Mexican ranchos of Piedra Blanca, San Simeon and Santa Rosa. In 1919, his son, William Randolph Hearst, inherited the land from his mother, Phoebe Apperson Hearst. He eventually expanded it to encompass 250,000 acres.

As an only child, William Randolph Hearst got the best of what the world had to offer; at the age of 10, he toured Europe and was impressed with its Old World charm. His young mind started to toy with the idea of recreating the grandeur and

scale of the castles, art and history of Europe for his own enjoyment. The power and vision of William Randolph — who grew up to be a powerful media genius with influence reaching far into publishing, politics, Hollywood and the art scene — allowed him to create one of the most ambitious architectural works in American history, the result of which can be seen in the magnificent grounds and structures of Hearst Castle.

Nestled on top of a hill, aptly known as "La Cuesta Encantada" (The Enchanted Hill), the Hearst Castle was built under the supervision of architect Julia Morgan. Originally designed to be a personal sanctuary on the land William Randolph Hearst camped upon as a young boy, he nevertheless added several cottages in order to host guests who socialized, wined and dined within the wonders of this castle. This estate has a sprawling landscape saved from developers when Hearst kept on acquiring lands made available to him. He had a vision of keeping the land as pristine as possible and, after its donation to the State of California in 1954, three years after his demise, his vision was realized.

Since then, the entire es-

tate and its priceless collection of art, garden sculptures and other household treasures have been opened to the public. Thousands of feet have trudged upon its ground, and on May 11, 1976, the estate consisting of 250,000 acres and 14 miles of coastline became a United States National Historic Landmark.

My friend Yvette, a photographer in her own right, captured the very essence of Hearst Castle as we took the Kitchen & Cottages Tour. There were several other tours available, but to see the whole estate would either take the whole day from the time it opens until the time it closes; or, it would take at least several visits over a period of time to be able to drink in the vastness of La Cuesta Encantada. The entrance to the visitors' area where we purchased our tickets for the tours was five miles from the main road entrance. The meandering asphalt road awarded us surreal natural panoramic sights even before setting foot inside the castle itself. When we stepped onto the premises, we felt like we had been transported to another time, into a place where arts and crafts of the highest standard from all over the world had been laid bare in front of our eyes. William Randolph Hearst was a keen collector and he developed his eye while traveling to Europe with his parents.

He was a generous host and flew in many well-known visitors with Charlie Chaplin and David Niven as regulars. Although he wasn't much of a drinker, his guests were provided with the best wines from his massive underground wine cellar. It still contains bottles in their original crates from the 1930s.

As we glided through the main house, we could almost hear the echoes of past festivities reverberating through its walls as our tour guide mentioned the extravagant parties, the lavish outlay of wine and culinary masterpieces for the Hollywood royalty and other famous people who set foot in



The main house of the Hearst Castle Estate

the very same place we found ourselves in. It made us feel privileged to be in the same sanctum that had entertained the famous, infamous or ordinary visitors before us.

Aside from the lush and verdant gardens that Hearst and Morgan carefully planned and developed, there are other several historic areas and locations at the Hearst Castle. One of them is the pool area. The castle has two unique pools: the Neptune Pool and the Roman Pool. The pool area has been witness to spirited parties and social gatherings at the castle. The area was even used for exercise and recreation.

The castle has its own Hearst Airport with its original airstrip, built in the 1920s, located behind what is now the Hearst Castle Visitor Center. The airport came in handy because it was the fastest and easiest way for Hearst, his loved ones and friends to reach his estate at San Simeon.

Of course, the zoo at the Hearst Castle is not to be missed. The Hearst Zoo, once upon a time, was the site of the world's largest private animal collection. Although no longer in operation, the "bear pits" still bear an imposing presence that can be seen on the way down the hilltop when visitors depart. Still roaming around the Hearst ranchland are descendants of the owner's original zebras, aoudads and Sambar deer.

Almost directly across from the entrance to the Hearst Castle is Elephant Seal Beach. Elephant seals were almost hunted to extinction during the 1800s for the oil that came from their blubber and, by 1880, they were thought to be extinct. However, a small colony of between 20 and 100 seals survived. All of the Northern elephant seals alive today are descendants of these.

The elephant seals were protected by the Mexican gov-

ernment in 1922; the United States quickly followed. As the seal population rebounded, they set up colonies in adjacent islands in Baja. It was when the islands became crowded that the seals moved to the mainland beaches.

We learned that it was in 1990 that the first small group of about a dozen was noticed just south of the Piedras Blancas Lighthouse. They increased in number each year, with the first pup being born in 1992.

By 1995, approximately 600 were born and thousands of these huge, fury mammals had spread themselves over the beaches along the stretch of Pacific Coast Highway near the lighthouse. This natural wonder made people stop for a look — and look they did. Parking cars illegally by the roadside and scrambling over fences and private property made for a dangerous situation, especially with cars whizzing down Highway 1. Fortunately, the government was able to realign the highway and trade land with the Hearst Corporation and was able to finally set up a designated parking area and viewpoint complete with a boardwalk and footpaths that not only allowed one a safe place to watch the seals but also meandered along the natural flora. The Piedras Blancas Elephant Seal rookery is the largest on the mainland. (There are larger ones in the Channel islands.)

The Hearst Castle, located at 750 Hearst Castle Road in San Simeon, California, is a legacy that sits majestically on 90,000 square kilometers of land with picturesque and wistful gardens, terraces, pools and walkways. The castle is an American heritage that has become a global showcase for William Randolph Hearst's art collection as well as the genius of his imagination.

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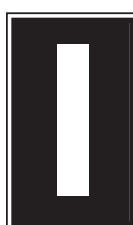
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## PERSONAL REFLECTIONS

# SEASONS CHANGE, EVERYTHING CHANGES BUT THE WORD OF GOD REMAINS CONSTANT

by Seneca Moraleda -Puguan



If there's one thing that is constant and inevitable in this world, it's change.

Living in a country with four different seasons, it is majestic to witness the change from one season to another. The flowers and trees that grow beautifully in springtime lasting until summer, leaves turning brown and orange that fall in autumn, and plants hibernating as temperature drops and turns everything dull and gloomy in winter.

In just a few weeks, the flowers will soon bloom. Gardens, country and city landscapes will have color once again. The sun will be out longer. Winter comes to an end and spring takes over. There will be a wonderful transfor-

mation that is going to happen. No more thick clothes. No more biting cold.

### **Seasons change. People change, too.**

Being a mother to a toddler of 16 months, change is something that I see every day. It amazes me. It scares me at the same time. There are times I can't believe with my eyes how fast things and people change. It was just like yesterday when my daughter was tiny. All she did was sleep, feed and poop. Now, she walks, dances, mimics my actions, reads books and says 'eomma' and 'appa' (Korean terms for mom and dad). She was as innocent as a dove; now she's naughty and stubborn. She used to be content in my arms; now she likes to be running everywhere. I won't be

surprised if by tomorrow, she wants her own room.

I, myself, have changed a lot. I don't care that much more about fancy clothes and make up to adorn my face. I enjoy looking for toys and dresses for my little one. The wanderer now enjoys staying home. Motherhood has brought a lot of changes in my life.

Change is exciting. It brings a lot of new things, great and wonderful things. But it is scary and frustrating at times. It brings anxiety, worry and fear. Adjusting from one season to another can be uncomfortable, which is why so many people are afraid of change. It's not easy, not at all.

There is something in life that doesn't change -- man's greed, man's selfishness. This is evident in government and



political systems. This is apparent in every day news. Corruption worsens. Crimes flourish. Society is breaking.

Change is coming -- veering away from oligarchy and unclean government. This is the motivation why millions voted for a candidate with strong political will to become the president of the Philippines. South Koreans' clamor for change in the 'chaebol' system (few influential and rich families controlling the economy) and their anger against corruption caused the downfall of their first woman president.

We are afraid of change but we also want change. For me, this is one of life's greatest mysteries. Things change at the blink of an eye, but at the same time, there are some things deeply ingrained in a system, that takes a lifetime to change.

The world is ever-changing, but this I can be assured: God's Word doesn't change. His love and faithfulness remain.

Evil may continue to exist. Corruption may become worse and worse as each day passes. The greed and the selfishness of man may destroy lives, but on this truth (God's Word) I can stand, and will not be shaken. God is sovereign. He still reigns. He is still in control.

Seeing my daughter change every single moment and the realization that the evil when I was her age still exists, I can't help but be frightened. But as I look above and see beyond all these changes, I have peace in my heart. I have hope. I have confidence. Because my God, our God is the same yesterday, today and forever. He is good, all the time.

### **CANDID PERSPECTIVES (from page 9, TRUMP ....)**

Trump's idea is for a merit based immigration.

He could have made a better case had he mentioned the Indian man who died, Srinivas Kuchibhotla. He was a tech worker at Garmin, the gps company. He was one of the immigrants Trump likes.

Just not enough to mention in a major speech.

There were other glaring things Trump said. Like calling education the "civil rights issue of our time."

Really? So is that why Betsy DeVos, the voucher queen hell bent on destroying public education, the secretary of education?

And what about the Philippines?

This is the week the militant group Abu Sayyaf revealed a video showing the beheading of a 70-year-old German hostage.

Trump didn't mention it at all.

But it was in the subtext when Trump said, "We cannot allow a beachhead of terrorism to form inside America—we cannot allow our Nation to become a sanctuary for extremists."

Stated or unstated, Abu was just more fuel for the xenophobic fire.

Maybe Bannon will mention it to him and they'll put the Philippines next on the travel ban list.

So you may hear people praise Trump. But don't be fooled by a guy who just proved to you he can read a TelePrompTer.

It's still the same Trump.

Senator Mazie Hirono didn't seem fooled either.

"With this President, I pay attention to what he does more than what he says because in his first month in office, Donald Trump's actions have not lived up to the clichés he delivered tonight," Hirono said in a statement.

"He stands by executive orders that have spread fear and chaos throughout the country. Tonight he called for repealing the Affordable Care Act and replacing it with rhetoric. He also clearly called for school vouchers, and in this he has the right Education Secretary who does not believe in public education. For all his rhetoric about national security and American interests, he had absolutely nothing to say about getting to the bottom of Russian interference with our democracy.

"No matter what the President said tonight, I remain resolved to resist his dangerous, divisive actions."

No matter, Trump will look at the polls and think he hit a home run.

Before the speech he gave himself an A for Achievement. Afterwards? No doubt, he'll think it was the Gettysburg Address.

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## HEALTH &amp; FAMILY NEWS

# Meadow Gold Dairies' 2 Percent Reduced Fat Milk Contaminated



**M**eadow Gold Dairies must stop its distribution and sale of its 2 percent reduced fat milk after laboratory results from routine milk samples exceeded standard limits for Coliform bacteria.

The Hawaii State Department of Health (DOH) issued a Cease and Desist Order to the company after discover-

ing samples of 2 percent reduced milk taken from Meadow Gold Dairies on Jan. 19, Feb. 6 and 22, 2017, revealed excessive Coliform counts of more than 150/ml, 130/ml and more than 150/ml respectively. The maximum allowed Coliform limit for pasteurized milk is 10/ml. Coliform is used as an indicator of post-pasteurization contamination.

"Milk production is regu-

lated with routine testing both at the farm and after packaging to ensure a safe product," said Peter Oshiro, program manager of the DOH Sanitation Branch. "Department of Health inspectors will work with Meadow Gold Dairies to investigate the possible source of contamination, approve a plan of correction, and conduct further testing to confirm the company meets the standards to resume two-

percent reduced fat milk distribution and sale."

Meadow Gold Dairies can resume distribution and sale of 2 percent reduced fat milk after it passes health inspections and undergoes additional testing of product samples. All other milk products from Meadow Gold Dairies met state and federal standards.

DOH conducts monthly testing of samples of all

Grade A raw and pasteurized milk produced at dairy farms and milk plants in Hawaii. State and Federal regulations require that samples be taken a minimum of four out of every six months, though most jurisdictions in the nation, like Hawaii, conduct sampling every month. DOH may also accelerate routine sampling of a specific product whenever product samples do not meet required standards.

## HAWAII-FILIPINO NEWS

## Learn More About Long-Term Care at AARP-Hawaii Caregiver Conference

**T**he AARP Hawaii will hold its Caregiver Conference on Saturday, March 25, from 8 a.m. to noon at the Manoa Grand Ballroom in the Japanese Cultural Center. Barbara Kim Stanton, State Director of AARP Hawaii, said this year's conference is focused on the cost of caregiving and how to pay for it. Co-sponsored by Wilson Care Group, the con-

ference is free. But people are asked to register online at <https://aarp.event.com/care3-25> or by calling 1-877-926-8300.

After working as a nurse and carefully saving her money, Patricia Bemis thought she was in good financial shape to begin taking care of her mother, who suffers from dementia.

"I thought we had a good,

solid financial future and that went out the window so quickly," said Bemis. "There's a lot of things you don't know. There's no roadmap."

It's not easy, but Bemis returned to work to help pay for the cost of caregiving and to rebuild her retirement savings.

Other caregivers, like Laurie Kaneshiro, have had to quit their jobs to care full-time for a parent.

"I don't think people realize how expensive it (caregiving) is," said Kaneshiro.

"You have people in their 50s, near retirement age, are they going to have enough money to retire if they are caring for someone in their home?" Bemis said. "There's just so many questions people have and they don't know who to go to."

The conference is designed to help people like Bemis and Kaneshiro, caregivers, their families and people who are planning for long-term care.

Speakers will share information on how to plan for caregiving, long-term care insurance, reverse mortgages, and Medicaid and other government programs. Another speaker will talk about accessory dwelling units and home improvements that may be needed as people age. University of Hawaii professor Michael Cheang will close the conference with tips for improving the quality of life at home. In addition, there will be an exhibition area with more information and hand-outs.

## PHILIPPINE NEWS

## Matobato, Lascañas Testimonies Generally Match

by Audrey Morallo  
Monday, February 20, 2017

**M**ANILA, Philippines — After denying the existence of the Davao Death Squad last year, a retiring police officer from Davao City confessed on Monday that it existed.

SPO3 Arthur Lascañas, the alleged team leader of DDS, directly linked President Rodrigo to the killings in Davao City when he was still its mayor.

He claimed that it was Duterte who ordered the killings and paid them for these.

In October last year, Edgar Matobato, a confessed killer

and former member of DDS, testified before the Senate and claimed that the president himself founded DDS in 1988 and ordered the killings of criminals and opponents.

Here are the allegations of the two men:

**Bombing of a Davao mosque**  
Lascañas corroborated

Matabato's claim last year that Duterte ordered the bombing of mosques in Davao City in retaliation for the bombing of Davao Cathedral in 1993. He also claimed that they were paid P200,000 by a certain Major Macasaet for the attacks on the mosques.

Matobato last year said that DDS was divided into several groups to plan bombs and kill Muslims. The bombing of the San Pedro Cathedral of Davao City was bombed on Dec. 28, 1993. The explosion killed six people and injured 151 others.

**Killing of Jun Pala**  
Matobato also told the Senate panel that Duterte ordered the killing of broadcaster Jun Pala in 2003 because of the journalist's hard-hitting commentaries against him when he was still

mayor. Matobato told senators that the killing was ordered by Duterte through Lascañas.

Lascañas said that he was involved in the planning for the assassination of Pala. He claimed that a certain SPO4 Sonny Buenaventura, a trusted aid and driver of then Mayor Duterte, paid him P3 million for the job. He added that several months later he was given another P1 million as a bonus for the killing of the broadcaster.

### Jun Barsabal's death

Lascañas also admitted being involved in the abduction and killing of Jun Barsabal, a former member of the Philippine Constabulary.

Matobato claimed last year that five mayors including Duterte wanted to have Jun Barsabal killed allegedly for grabbing and squatting on pieces of land in Davao. ([www.philstar.com](http://www.philstar.com))

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## LEGAL NOTES



By Reuben S. Seguritan

**T**he United States (US) prides itself in being the land of opportunity. Entrepreneurs flock to the US to introduce their companies and products, gain millions of customers and users, hire the best workers in the world and make a name for themselves.

On January 17, 2017, the US Department of Homeland Security (DHS) published the rule entitled "International Entrepreneur Rule". This rule will become effective on July 17, 2017. This rule is primarily for the benefit of qualified entrepreneurs to stay in the US and work for a start-up entity. A start-up entity is a

## Start-up Visa for Foreign Entrepreneurs

business or undertaking that has started operations within the last 5 years and aims to meet a marketplace need by developing or offering an innovative product, process or service. For purposes of this rule, the start-up entity must have been formed in the US.

The rule provides that the DHS may use its "parole" authority to allow foreign entrepreneurs to stay and work in the US for a particular start-up entity for up to 30 months and then for an additional 30 months thereafter, both upon approval. The DHS will evaluate applications and determine whether the foreign entrepreneur provides a significant benefit to the US and its economy and provide jobs to the public. A maximum of three entrepreneurs will be allowed per qualifying entity for purposes of this rule. Furthermore, the earliest that an entrepreneur may file under this rule is July 17, 2017.

The spouses and unmarried minor children of the approved entrepreneurs may also be allowed to enter the US under this rule. In addition, the spouses may apply for work authorization. However, the minor children of the entrepreneurs are not allowed to work in the US under this visa.

In order to apply, the entrepreneur must file the completed Form I-941, Application for Entrepreneur Parole on or after July 17, 2017, pay the application fee and the biometrics fee required for a background check to be conducted and must prove in their application that their role as an entrepreneur meets the criteria of the DHS.

In the criteria set forth by the DHS, the entrepreneur must show the following:

- That he has a significant ownership interest of at least 10% in the start-up entity (at least 5% for the additional 30

months) and that such start-up has the capacity for immense growth and can provide jobs to a lot of people;

- That he has an important and active role in the start-up entity such that he is well-positioned to substantially work for the success of the business; and

- That he can prove that his ability to live and work in the US as an entrepreneur will provide a significant benefit to the US by showing:

- that the start-up entity has received within the 18 months immediately preceding the filing of the application, a significant investment of capital in the amount of at least \$250,000 from qualified US investors with established records of successful investments;

- that the start-up entity has received significant awards or grants for economic development, research and development, or job cre-

ation from federal, state or local government entities that regularly provide such awards or grants to start-up entities; or

- that the start-up partially meets either or both a and b above and also gives reliable and compelling evidence of the start-up entity's substantial potential for rapid growth and job creation.

This new rule will encourage foreign entrepreneurs to live and work in the US and establish more start-up entities this year. Furthermore, the benefits to the US economy will be immediately felt because of the creation of jobs and the increase in investments which will in turn create a stronger and bigger economy.

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## HAWAII-FILIPINO NEWS

## PMAH Foundation Will Hold Its Fundraising Bowling Tourney, March 18



The Philippine Medical Association of Hawaii (PMAH) Foundation invites the community to join its annual Bowling Tournament to help raise funds for scholarships, educational programs, and donations to affiliate organizations for community outreach events. The tournament will be held on March 18, 2017 at Aiea Bowl, 5 p.m., check in at 4:30 p.m.

"We hope in 2017, we will surpass the fundraising bowling tournament collections," said PMAH Foundation President Dr. Rosalo Paeste.

There are three levels of sponsorship: Gold (3-teams entry) includes tele ads and banner for company, at alley, cost: \$3,000; Silver (2-teams entry) includes tele ads, cost \$2,000; and Bronze (1-team entry) includes tele ads, cost \$1,000. Each team can have 5-7 members to bowl 5 games. Substitutions are allowed. Food, drinks, and shoe/ball rentals are included in the cost. Additional individuals must pay \$50. For more information, contact Dr. Paeste at 808-223-3065 or 808-671-1634, or email

[rosalo.paestemd@gmail.com](mailto:rosalo.paestemd@gmail.com)

Dr. Paeste recapped the successful fundraising events of 2016.

"The Philippines Clinical Rotation Scholarships in 2016 were awarded to JABSOM MS3 Jeremy Shin and Tyler Ellis. The PowerPoint presentation at St. Teresa Church Cafeteria by the students was informative and engaging. Dr. Kenton Kramer, coordinator of the Preceptorship, and Dr. Fernando Ona were present for the presentation.

"The Mass for Physicians and Healthcare Professionals was well attended at St. Teresa Church. Bishop Larry Silva celebrated the mass," said Dr. Paeste.

Following the mass, physicians, nurses, pharmacists, pharmaceutical representatives, and PMAH Foundation supporters enjoyed food and live entertainment.

Dr. Paeste said this year's Mass for Physicians and Healthcare Professionals will be held in October.

## Bill That Holds Off Excise Tax Hike Moves Forward

The Senate Committee on Ways and Means voted to pass SB1183 SD2, a bill that explores other options to pay for the construction of rail without raising the GET. The bill repeals the requirement that 10 percent of revenues from the county surcharge on state tax be withheld to reimburse the State for administrative costs. The surcharge sunsets if an ordinance that allows the capitol costs of a rapid transportation system to be paid from county funds is not enacted before Dec. 31, 2017.

"By repealing the skim, the state is proposing to sacrifice \$30 million annually to support

this project in order to avoid extending the GET and avoid adding the burden it places on the most vulnerable in our community. As we pointed out during the hearing, there are ways to leverage existing City resources without raising taxes or fees to help pay for the construction of rail. As we are looking to make sacrifices, so too should the city," said WAM Chair Sen. Jill Tokuda.

The bill also requires that the Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu submit certain operation and maintenance plans with respect to the rapid transportation system.

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**DAYASADAS**  
By Pacita Saludes

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## Managpansion Kano Dagiti Pinoy

dan sada agkasar. Padaya dayta ti awag idiyay Ilokos no malagiptyao. Intayo maki-daya! Uray adayo no makawaya mapan latta makidayo.

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### Kababalin a Panagsisiningged

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Kinataom ap-apalan ti kaaduan

Adu nga agtutubo mangsapsapul kenka  
Paaklolo umarakup dita sibay  
Adu dagiti maawis agtarigagay  
Agtutubo man uray pay lallakay

Ngem apay, aya Mari Juana  
Sungsungbatam, gagayyem amin ida

Itedmo payen ta bagim ta magstuanda  
Kinaimnasmo, kinalapsatmo arakupenda

Awisem nga agrayo kenka dagiti agtutubo  
Dagiti bagbagida agmamayo  
Ungarda a masul-oy ta agekmo  
Ta uray bayadanda ti uray mano

Adaywam kad ida, abugem ida  
Lagipem masakbayan dagiti addim  
Ubbingda, agad-adalda pangaasim  
Dimo pirdien masakbayanda gapu ita sadia

## MAINLAND NEWS

### Find Out If You Are Susceptible to Investment Fraud

**W**ASHINGTON, D.C.--Are you the type of person who may be likely to be victimized by fraud? Are you aware of the dangers of fraudulent invest-

ments?

AARP Fraud Watch Network developed an online quiz designed to prompt investors to consider adjusting their investment approach if results show

they fit the profile of those most at risk of becoming victims. Google: Catch the Con Quiz - AARP to take the quiz.

Investors who score high on the quiz are urged to apply

a new level of caution when they received unsolicited investment overtures.

The quiz was created after AARP conducted a survey among hundreds of victims of fraud and identified some of the commonalities in personalities and investment approaches these victims shared.

Psychological Mindset – More victims reported preferring unregulated investments, valuing wealth accumulation as a measure of success in life, being open to sales pitches, being willing to take risks, and describing themselves as ideologically conservative.

Behavioral Characteristics – Victims reported that they more frequently receive targeted phone calls and emails from brokers, they make five or more investment decisions each year, and more of them respond to remote sales pitches – those delivered via telephone, email or television commercials.

Demographics – Some what replicating the previous industry studies, higher percentages of victims were found to be of older age, male, married and military veterans.

"The decline in traditional pensions has prompted millions

of relatively inexperienced Americans to take on the job of investing their own money in a fast-moving and complex market," said Doug Shadel, Ph.D., lead researcher for the AARP Fraud Watch Network. "Meanwhile, today's sophisticated technology makes it significantly easier for scammers to reach large numbers of investors."

Here are some investor protection tips:

- Do: Invest only with registered advisors and investments.
- Don't: Make an investment decision based solely on a TV ad, a telemarketing call or an email.
- Do: Put yourself on the Do Not Call list.
- Do: Get a telephone call blocking system to screen out potential scammers.
- Do: Limit the amount of personal information you give to salespersons until you verify their credentials.
- Don't: Make an investment decision when you are under stress. For example, when you've recently experienced a stressful life event such as the loss of a job, an illness or death of a loved one.

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**PMAH MEMORIAL WEEKEND & CME** | May 27 - 29, 2017 | TURTLE BAY HILTON | Contact Nelly Pongco Liu @ 228-7808, Carlota Ader @ 797-4381 or Mercy Mullins @ 226-1320.

**2ND PMAH GOLF TOURNAMENT** | October 18, 2017 | 9:00 am (Registration), 11:00 a.m. (Golf Tournament Begins) and 6:00 p.m. (Awarding of Prizes and Buffet Dinner) | HOAKALEI COUNTRY CLUB | For registration, contact Elmer Baysa, MD @ 689-8315, Ray Romero, MD @ 680-0554 or Christopher Regala, MD @ 622-2626.

## PHILIPPINE NEWS

# Palace Blasts CNN for Report on De Lima Arrest

by Audrey Morallo  
Thursday, March 2, 2017

MANILA, Philippines — Malacañang on Wednesday blasted international broadcaster CNN after airing a report that branded the arrest of Sen. Leila De Lima as "political persecution."

Ernesto Abella, the presidential spokesperson, challenged CNN to provide proper context in its reports.

"We challenge CNN International to provide the proper contexts in its telecasts in the interest of fairness and truthfulness in reporting," Abella said.

The Palace spokesperson said

that CNN's insinuation that De Lima's arrest was political contradicted established facts and mocks the country's due process and rule of law.

De Lima, considered as President Rodrigo Duterte's staunchest critic, turned herself in to authorities on Friday, Feb. 24 following the issuance of a warrant of arrest against her and former prison official Rafael Ragos and her former driver Ronnie Dayan by a Muntinlupa court.

De Lima's Liberal Party severely criticized Judge Juanita Guerrero's "deplorable haste" to issue an arrest order against De Lima, saying that she did not even study the pertinent documents to the case.

"The arrest of Senator Leila de

Lima is the latest move in a persistent campaign of political harassment being waged against a duly elected member of Congress," she said in a statement.

Abella said that it was a lower court that ordered De Lima's arrest as well as those of Ragos and Dayan.

"We call the attention of CNN International on its report aired today saying that the arrest of Philippine Senator Leila De Lima smacked of political persecution," Abella said. "For the record, a lower court ordered the arrest of Senator De Lima for drug trafficking charges and for allegedly receiving money from drug dealers at the National Penitentiary."

(www.philstar.com)

### WHAT'S UP, ATTORNEY? (from page 7, GOOD GUYS....)

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<https://www.whitehouse.gov/oov/whitehouse-press-office/2017/01/27/executive-order-protecting-nation-foreign-terrorist-entry-united-states>

January 25, 2017: Executive Order: Enhancing Public Safety in the Interior of the United States | WhiteHouse.gov

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/oov/whitehouse-press-office/2017/01/25/presidential-executive-order-enhancing-public-safety-interior-united>

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February 20, 2017: Implementing the President's Border Security and Immigration Enforcement Improvement Policies

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#### WHAT SHOULD YOU DO?

If you are righteous, do nothing. If you are not, see an honest and competent attorney. At least you should have an attorney whom you can contact if you are arrested and who can contact your loved ones.

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