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The Primary Boils Down to Ige's Solid Track Record vs. Hanabusa's Strong Leadership

The state of Hawaii remains one of the most cosmopolitan, highly desired cities to live and visit in the United States. It's a world-class city with an abundance of natural beauty alongside the most modern and historic buildings. The diversity of its people is unlike anywhere in the world, United Nations col-

ors, which is even more impressive given the size of the state. Hawaii consistently ranks at or near the top when it comes to health, life-expectancy, and national polls on most "happy" people. Our healthcare system, though not perfect, still is one of the best in the nation. The University of Hawaii ranks among the top 2 percent universities in the world.

There's a wealth of reasons why the people of Hawaii can be proud of the state. For those who travel often or lived in other parts of the world and the U.S., it's apparent how special the 50th state is.

All of these "special" qualities of Hawaii is what the next governor must protect and improve on. In a way, the governor is not just the leader of our state, the governor is the top guardian of our people and our environment.

In the coming weeks, voters will choose between incumbent David Ige and top challenger Colleen Hanabusa in the primary election. Given that the state is predominately Democrat, the winner of this race most likely will become the next governor. More recent polls show that the margin between the two has moved closer.

As Democrats, Ige and Hanabusa's political positions are not too far apart.

But all democrats are not the same. Leadership, management style, vision are areas voters must look at, where Hanabusa offers compelling potential. Then voters must look at executive experience, where Ige, as the incumbent, is the only candidate who really has an executive track record in this race.

As a former state senator (and Senate President), congresswoman, and attorney -- Hanabusa is arguably the most qualified non-incumbent to ever seek the office of governor for Hawaii.

She and Ige agree on many areas, but she has expressed some very bold leadership differences from Ige as her plan to sue the federal government to carry out its obligation to COFA migrants, as well as to support the creation of ohana zones, legalized homeless camps. As far as vision, Hanabusa's idea for state government to consider developing housing for its employees to relieve some of the pressure on the housing market is truly out-of-the-box thinking, in a good way.

Looking beyond the false missile scare, it's reasonable for many residents to say that Ige offers a solid track record to justify four more years. He had a few stumbling blocks in his first half of his administration with the homeless encampment in Kakaako and coming up with state money for the rail project, but he has gained steam in the second half of his administration.

Homelessness is down for two consecutive years. Unemployment is the lowest in the nation. Tourism is at its highest ever. His Early College program potentially saves thousands of dollars for families. His innovation economy and support of entrepreneurship is on the roll. And economic indicators show that Hawaii's economy is in a boom cycle.

At the same time, economic indicators are just half the story.

Many Hawaii families still struggle with the high cost of living, high cost of rent, low wages (relative to other desirable cities in the U.S. of its caliber), low quality job opportunities, a housing crunch, homelessness, and low test scores in primary and

FROM THE PUBLISHER



e are just a few weeks away from Hawaii's Primary Election. Candidates are doing their last-minute final push to connect with voters and inform them of their plans for the state, county, congressional and senate districts.

In our cover story this issue, associate editor Edwin Quinabo writes about the two major Democrat candidates for governor -- incumbent David Ige and top challenger former congresswoman Colleen Hanabusa. The candidates' record and priorities on the economy, jobs, wages, leadership, housing, homelessness, education, health, and senior care are highlighted.

Also, a few members in our Filipino community tell us who they are voting for in this race and give us their reasons why we should do the same. It's a comprehensive and informative cover story that could supplement your own research on the candidates.

In our news section, read about Hawaii's senators Mazie Hirono and Brian Schatz's reaction to President Donald Trump's nomination to the U.S. Supreme Court, Judge Brett Kavanaugh. In Mainland news, U.S. Senators urge oversight on migrant family reunification. There have been reports of trouble reconnecting children who were separated under Trump's zero-tolerance policy and senators want to ensure this family crisis is handled properly. And yet more news, preparations are underway for the 12th Biennial Igorot International Consultation that will be held at Hale Koa Hotel on August 2-5.

In this issue, we also present a special Primary Election supplement to help our readers in their decision-making process to find the best candidate for them. Included in it, is another HFC cover story on Filipino representation in public office, as well as a listing of some of the Filipino-American candidates running in the primary with their profiles and priorities. Other candidates in the gubernatorial and 1st Congressional District race are also featured. The supplement is only a guide and not an endorsement of any candidate by the Filipino Chronicle.

Be sure to mark your calendars to vote on Primary Election day this August 11, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. It will be on a Saturday so plan ahead. Make it a day of civic duty and fun to be shared with family and friends. If you anticipate not being able to vote on that day, you can vote at select early walk-in locations starting Monday, July 30 through Thursday, August 9. Visit the Office of Elections website <https://elections.hawaii.gov> for locations.

As always, we are thankful for your support through the year. Until next issue, warmest Aloha and Mabuhay!

Chona A. Montesines-Sonido

secondary education.

The state faces other challenges not talked about much such as finding the right balance between urbanization/development and preservation of the environment; as well as a culture of cronyism, quid pro quo, hiring and promoting practice in government.

Both Ige and Hanabusa are capable and experienced candidates to lead the state. It would have been refreshing to see a strong challenger outside the inner circle of political power to make a push for governor besides the two. Even if it were to just shake up the establishment and force frontrunners to rethink their limits of possibilities. Hawaii needs creative policy leaders who can dream big for the state and approach governing in both conventional and unconventional ways.

Whoever is your candidate of choice, it's imperative to vote.

We encourage the Filipino community to be the force equal to our numbers and have control over our future. Vote in the primary and general elections.

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EDITORIALS

Suspend Supreme Court Replacement Until After the Midterm Election

Arguably equal to or more important than Democrats winning one of the two chambers of the U.S. Congress this midterm election is finding an acceptable appointment to the Supreme Court seat vacated by retiring justice Anthony Kennedy.

The retiring judge in many cases was a swing vote on the Supreme Court siding on both liberal and conservative issues, someone considered less an ideologue and respected for it on both sides of the political spectrum. Democrats and Republicans must reach an agreement on a replacement similar to justice Kennedy or the high court -- that's already tilted conservative -- could become even more GOP-friendly.

Currently, the 9-seat Supreme Court has voted 5-4 on various controversial issues with the conservative majority having its way since Trump's appointment of justice Neil Gorsuch. This conservative-heavy high court has recently disempowered unions

(Janus v. AFSCME), upheld the anti-immigrant Travel Ban (Trump v Hawaii), and sided with religious liberty as an excuse for discrimination against the LGBT community (Masterpiece Cakeshop v Colorado Civil Rights Commission).

With Kennedy's retirement, President Donald Trump and the Republican majority in the Senate could tilt the balance even more to a possible 6-3 conservative advantage.

So what could this mean? Obamacare, Roe v Wade, same-sex marriage, could be dismantled in parts or whole. Liberal challenges to overturning Citizens United and election reform, anti-gerrymandering, will be placed on the backburner. All these are obvious targets. But who knows what will be challenged in the courts and taken up by a conservative-heavy Supreme Court.

What's at risk could be anything when there is no balance in the highest court of the land. Healthcare, civil rights, workplace discrimination, union busting, corpo-

ration empowerment, public education, voter election bias, sanctioned discrimination against immigrants or any minority group, challenges to minimum wage, affirmative action, and government entitlement programs are all at risk, bending to the conservative agenda.

The fate of DACA, Trump's zero tolerance policy, consumer protections, banking regulations, anti-trust laws that protect middle-to-small businesses in the market – the list is endless of what the Supreme Court could rule on and change millions of lives and businesses. It could be one crisis after the other as a stacked conservative court resort to reactionary rulings.

What must be done

Democrats are waging its most serious fight since Trump was elected. They must pull out of the hat every procedural trick in the Senate (responsible for confirming S.C. justice) in an all-out political battle to block any of Trump's nominees for appointment to the high court until after the midterm elections. Should they retake the Senate at the midterm, this

will give Dems leverage over who Trump picks.

It's time for hardball tactics. It's time to do exactly what Senate Republicans did in holding out on justice Antonin Scalia's replacement when Barak Obama was president. Republicans refused to even consider Obama's supreme court pick of Merrick Garland. They held no hearings and blocked any attempts to get Garland in – and there were eight months left in Obama's administration. Compare this to only a few months remaining until the midterms.

Anything short of suspending confirmation until after the midterm would be outright hypocrisy by Senate President Mitch McConnell and Republicans.

Possible changes to Supreme Court

If Democrats regain Congress, they should work to get bipartisan changes to the Supreme Court passed. Some ideas: Supreme Court replacements should not be allowed in an election year; there should be additional justices increasing the number to 11 or 13; there should be a long term limit set to 20 years. All of these changes would make it more difficult for either political parties to attempt court-packing and tilting the balance.

Midterm Election

Given the hard right turn the country has taken since Trump took office, this midterm election has already been touted by many as the most important in modern U.S. history.

Adding to the possibility of yet another conservative to be appointed to the Supreme Court makes this election even more critical. The appointment to replace justice Kennedy could have generational impact and become a monumental shift that could impact any future presidential or legislative policy in the next 10-plus years.

If there was any time more crucial for Americans to come out and vote, it is during this midterm elections. The Supreme Court cannot be allowed to be another arm of the GOP making judicial rubber stamps of the GOP agenda. Since Gorsuch, the current SC composition had already set back progress that took years to build. Justice Gorsuch has joined justice Clarence Thomas (most reliable conservative on the court) in 14 of the 17 cases in which the court has not been unanimous.

It could get worse. It could spell doom for the Democratic Party for at least a generation should the Democrats fail to regain a Senate majority in this election.

MAINLAND NEWS

Hawaii Senators Express Doubt Over Trump's Nominee for Supreme Court

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Hawaii senators Mazie K. Hirono and U.S. Senator Brian Schatz released statements on President Donald Trump's nomination to the U.S. Supreme Court, Judge Brett Kavanaugh.

Sen. Hirono, the ranking member of the Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on the Constitution, said: Donald Trump selected Brett Kavanaugh for the Supreme Court from a list hand-picked by two organizations with a far-right ideology — the Federalist Society and Heritage Foundation.

"As a federal appellate court Judge, Brett Kavanaugh's record is replete with decisions favoring the privileged and powerful. His writings and rulings show a determination to

restrict women's reproductive freedom and strip federal agencies of their power to protect our water, air, and safety.

"Significantly, Judge Kavanaugh has advocated that Congress legislate to exempt U.S. presidents from civil and criminal actions while in office. This is of deep concern at a time when Donald Trump is a defendant in numerous civil lawsuits and is the subject of a significant criminal investigation.

Judge Kavanaugh has not earned the benefit of the doubt. He has the burden of proof to demonstrate his ability to be independent of the President and exercise unbiased and independent judgment.

Senator Schatz said: "Judge Brett Kavanaugh has a troubling record of undermining civil lib-

erties, opposing environmental protection, favoring corporations over workers, and undermining reproductive rights.

"It is disappointing that President Trump has again selected a nominee from a pre-determined list provided by a special interest group with a radical agenda. As a nominee from this list, Judge Kavanaugh represents a judicial philosophy that is committed to overturning Roe v. Wade and stripping millions of people with pre-existing conditions of their health care. It is now up to him to prove to the American people that he does not represent an extreme judicial doctrine, can serve as an independent check on the executive and legislative branches, and will champion civil liberties."

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COVER STORY

David Ige or Colleen Hanabusa: Who is the Better Choice?

By Edwin Quinabo



Are you better off today than you were four years ago?

The majority's answer to this usually determines who's out and who's in, come election day. That's the rule of thumb.

So, it isn't surprising that Governor David Ige has done what looked impossible, coming back from a 20-percentage point deficit in a mid-March poll, to Ige now leading top challenger Colleen Hanabusa in the latest Honolulu Star-Advertiser Hawaii Poll just weeks before the August 11 primary election.

The latest poll shows Ige ahead with 44 percent to Hanabusa's 40 percent with 16 percent undecided. Mason-Dixon Polling and Strategy conducted the Hawaii poll.

The peak of Hanabusa's lead hovered at 20 percentage points in mid-March just two months following the false missile scare that roused red anger at HI-EMA and the governor. That blunder in management oversight has remained a stain on Ige's administration and was the whale pushing down the scale in Hanabusa's favor for months, until recently.

Brad Coker, managing director of Mason-Dixon, said it is "very rare" to see such a dramatic reversal of fortunes for a well-known incumbent such as Ige.

But as memories fade, and following Ige's capable handling of two local natural disasters – the April Kauai-Oahu floods and ongoing Big Island volcanic eruptions – the tides have changed for Ige.

It could also be the false missile scare created a temporary false pulse of Hawaii voters and that rule of thumb that usually sways voters – Are you better off than you were four

years ago? – is now taking its natural effect.

Just after the dismal Advertiser poll in March, Ige remarked that previous governors including Ben Cayetano and George Ariyoshi were behind in the polls by as much as he was but went on to win second terms.

With the gap closed in this latest poll, it's safe to say that Hawaii now has a real race unfolding.

How do the two leading Democrat candidates for governor stack up on the issues that matter most to isle residents: on the economy, housing, homelessness, education and health? How does leadership, management and vision come into play this election? Who are Filipinos voting for?

ECONOMY, JOBS, AND FAIR WAGES

Most economic indicators reveal that the state's economy is humming along. Hawaii has the lowest unemployment rate in the nation at 2.1%; the main economic driver tourism is at an all-time high, pumping nearly \$17 billion into the local economy last year; and the state's large support industries

-- construction, military, and health -- are all steadily contributing to what appears to be nothing short of a boom economy. Homeowners see their property values rising; and still reap the benefits of having one of the lowest property taxes in the country.

On paper, the strong economy bodes well for an Ige re-election.

But that's just one-half of the story of living in paradise. Many other Hawaii families continue to struggle with the high cost of living, high cost of rent. The jobs employment number can also be deceiving because many residents are working two jobs at low wages just to get by. Or are just not tallied in the methodology of the statistical unemployed because they are no longer looking for jobs. The brain drain hasn't let up either as Hawaii youth seek employment off-island.

"Hawaii families need jobs with living wages so they can afford to stay in Hawaii. We cannot wait another four years while our young people choose to leave the islands to seek opportunities elsewhere," said Hanabusa.

She is in support of rais-



DAVID IGE



COLLEEN HANABUSA

ing the minimum wage. "I've always been in support of the minimum wage. I've actually supported the living wage throughout my career in the state Legislature...and the reason is, when you grow up on the Waianae Coast, the one thing you do know is that unless people have the ability to equalize and earn a decent living wage, they never going to be able to make it." Before serving in Congress, Hanabusa was State Senate President, the first woman to serve as leader of either chamber of the Hawaii legislature.

Ige, who served as chair of the powerful Ways and Means Committee while at the Senate before becoming governor, also supports raising the minimum wage. He wants it to go up to \$15.

Ige supporter Rose Galanito said "Filipinos are proud, hardworking men and women who are employed in positions from healthcare, maintenance, tourism, professional services, and more. Because of our high cost of living, many must work two or more jobs because the minimum wage is no longer meeting its intended purpose. Gov. Ige recognizes a higher minimum wage is needed to support and protect our health and well-being. He believes raising the minimum wage will further economic recovery and help Hawaii's work-

ing poor out of poverty. I fully support this."

The state of Hawaii is still perceived by many as anti-business and a tough market to break through for entrepreneurs.

Bernie Bernales of Kailua is one of those not sold on the positive economic indicators.

When asked why he should vote, he said "Why waste my time in helping proliferate the hopeless case of Hawaii's welfare state? In addition to being the most liberal state in the country, it is also the most anti-business state in the union. What a distinction!"

"The gubernatorial candidate I prefer will not get significant votes at all come election time because the Republican Party in Hawaii is practically extinct, dead."

It's not just Republican-leaning residents who criticize the anti-business environment. Democrats in power themselves know that this is a problem, including Ige.

One of Ige's bright spots that he's added to the already mature economy he had inherited, is the building of the state's innovation economy that emphasizes a pro-business environment. This includes start-up accelerators that provide high-paying jobs in the areas of clean energy, biotechnology, new media and entertainment, and defense.

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Having Hawaii as a new innovation hub that supports entrepreneurship in high-technology and other “futurist” digital careers in today’s new economy has been creating a buzz; and Ige has thrown his full weight of support behind it, including the building of an Entrepreneurs Sandbox facility in Kakaako that is envisioned to be an ignition point for an Innovation Block.

Well-known businessman Eddie Flores, president of L&L Hawaiian Barbecue, said “Governor Ige created many new jobs and our Hawaii economy is booming. We Filipinos need to re-elect Governor Ige for another four years.”

Hanabusa believes the state could do more with its world-class tourism industry by taking the lead in creating “training hotels” to train students for management positions and keep in tune with ways the industry is growing and changing.

Hanabusa supporter Gregg Ilagan, a former Hawaii County council member, said, “Hanabusa demands better opportunities for working people like us. I need a governor who is tough on lowering the cost of living in Hawaii so I can afford to stay here, build my home, and start a family.”

The economy as a barometer of how people vote is becoming less trustworthy as the state’s economy increasingly becomes one of “haves” and “have-nots.” Economic indicators might show progress, but it becomes hardly believable as many isle residents talk of having tougher times.

Hanabusa supporter, Amy Agbayani, Emeritus Assistant Vice Chancellor, UH Manoa, said “Colleen has stated that Hawaii families need jobs with living wages so they can afford to stay in Hawaii. She knows that it’s not enough to have a strong economy if it’s not shared by everyone. We must consider how we pay our workers to ensure we are being fair and that their families can afford the necessities to live here in the islands.”

LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT STYLE

As an incumbent of one of

two top executive government positions (governor or mayor), Ige has the potential edge to refer to a track record of accomplishments. Hanabusa’s mostly collaborative-based experience in legislative bodies makes it difficult to predict how well she’d actually do as an executive leader. In such a case, voters must rely on her vision and ideas. In the case of Hawaii’s economy, she has yet to reveal specific plans on her campaign literature and website.

After an Ige-Hanabusa debate, Colin Moore, director of the University of Hawaii Public Policy Center, said the debate was about leadership. “Everyone already believes he’s trustworthy,” Moore said of Ige. “The question is if he’s up for the job.”

For Hanabusa, it was about the lack of specifics. “There hasn’t been a lot of content with her campaign,” Moore said.

For many supporters of Hanabusa, her leadership is one of the main reasons they are voting for her.

Reginald Dayaoan, who has supported Hanabusa throughout her long career, said “she has clearly and consistently demonstrated her ability, capacity and productivity as a dynamic leader and public servant in major areas of public governance, policy and service in our state and in the U.S. Congress. She has shown her visionary and proactive leadership in affordable housing, public education, infrastructure development, health care, environmental protection, and social issues like homelessness, job security and unemployment.”

The missile scare is something many isle residents look to when comparing leadership and management between the two candidates. The governor knew within two minutes it was a false alarm, but it took 38 minutes for an official correction.

“There has been no indication that Colleen will be as inept a governor as Ige. For example, in that Missile Fiasco of January 13, 2018, Ige should have resigned along with his Director of State Emergency/Disaster Management. Period!” said Bernales.

Ilagan also feels Ige’s inability to lead has brought con-

fusion to the false missile scare.

“He (Ige) is an engineer which I thought would help him to have a plan for the State, but instead he over complicates issues, and stalls to make decisions,” said Ilagan.

Ige supporters say it’s unfair to judge Ige’s entire 4 years of leadership and management style on one incident. Ige has worked to improve government’s efficiency and transparency such as improving oversight of government contracts to ensure that government proceeds with business honestly.

A clue as to what Hanabusa’s leadership style might be is in her plan to sue the federal government to demand more support for Pacific Islanders who immigrate to Hawaii under the Compact of Free Association. She said it is the federal government’s obligation to provide homes, education and medical care to COFA migrants, but it is Hawaii that bears much of the cost.

Many Hawaii residents complain about having to pay an unfair burden of the cost of medical care to citizens of the Federated States of Micronesia, the Marshall Islands and Palau under COFA.

“I’ve always felt that — and waited to see whether any governor would do it — is whether or not a governor had the intestinal fortitude to take on the federal government and to sue them for the COFA fair share. The only way we’re going to get the attention of the federal government is that the state will have to sue them,” said Hanabusa.

Hanabusa was able to sharpen and enhance her leadership skills over her long history in government and as an attorney. She is arguably one of if not the most experienced candidate to run for governor besides governors seeking reelection.

“Hanabusa’s candidacy for the highest position in our State is not just another election in her long and distinguished career. Her leadership, experience, competence and notable accomplishments over time on various issues exceedingly qualify her to be our next Governor of Hawaii. Her long experience in the U.S. Congress representing Hawaii’s first district would be immensely useful in advancing

“Hanabusa demands better opportunities for working people like us. I need a governor who is tough on lowering the cost of living in Hawaii so I can afford to stay here, build my home, and start a family.”

**— GREGGOR ILAGAN,
FORMER HAWAII COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBER**

Hawaii’s interests and resolving many issues that would require federal input and assistance,” said Dayaoan.

Abelina Madrid Shaw, Honolulu attorney and former Chief of Staff to former Mayor Jeremy Harris is supporting Hanabusa for her vision. “Colleen is the candidate who can lead and help to chart a course for Hawaii that we plan for and desire. We need strong leadership with a vision for Hawaii – 5, 10, 15, 20 years and beyond. We need a leader who is able to articulate that vision so as citizens

we can be part of the thinking to help shape that vision, which will impact our lives today and the lives of our grandchildren and theirs. Colleen can provide this leadership.”

Ige supporter Ed Mangallan praised the governor’s leadership style. “He is respectful, methodical/analytical thinking, listens more, talks less and gets the job done.”

He also questioned what kind of leader is Hanabusa that she ran to go back to Congress after Rep. Mark Takai’s illness,

promising “to finish the work of the late Senator Daniel Akaka and Senator Daniel Inouye. But within 15 months from the time she filed for Takai’s seat, she announced she would be running for governor in 2018. What happened to her promise?”

HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS

Ige’s record in creating 5,300 new housing units since he became governor is an accomplishment. He says the state is on-track to build 10,000 units by 2020.

According to the nationwide Point in Time Count, homelessness has fallen 9 percent statewide in each of the last two years while Ige has been governor. Federal housing reports show the number of housing beds for homeless individuals increased by 2,434 beds during Ige’s time.

“We’ve completed 5,300 new housing units, affordable housing is up more than 2,000 units since we’ve come into office. We’ve made progress and for the first time homeless-

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CANDID PERSPECTIVES



By Emil Guillermo

First things first. Kudos are in order to tiny Thailand. It rescued 12 boys trapped in a cave for more than two weeks and does so heroically while the whole world watches.

Meanwhile, the U.S., in a sign of how it has diminished as a moral leader, has lost at least 50 young children separated from their parents when government officials enforced a nasty Trump zero tolerance border policy.

This week, the U.S. failed to respond to a federal court order to reunite all of the youngest of the children. Reports say only half were reunited. But where's the valiant reunification plan? The truth is, the government never had plans to reunite the children even when they were first taken away.

It's not too late. But where are the visible signs of an "heroic" effort to reconcile this human tragedy caused by an inhumane immigration policy?

And all this while, Trump makes a Supreme Court pick that could solidify a conservative tilt on the High Court for decades.

What's the best you can say about Trump pick Brett Kavanaugh? At 53, he's young.

It's also the worst thing about him.

He's going to live.

And he will weigh in on

The Thai, The Kids, The Pick

such things as bad immigration policy, bad social policy, and bad leadership—which means if Donald Trump is ever a defendant, guess who is likely to be the deciding vote on a 5-4 court?

American Filipinos want and need vindication from a judge. Someone to come in and make everything wrong, right again.

Kavanaugh will only affirm that all that is wrong is OK by him.

No wonder Sen. Mazie Hirono issued a statement expressing doubt and skepticism about Kavanaugh.

"As a federal appellate court Judge, Brett Kavanaugh's record is replete with decisions favoring the privileged and powerful. His writings and rulings show a determination to restrict women's reproductive freedom and strip federal agencies of their power to protect our water, air, and safety," Hirono said in a statement.

"Significantly, Judge Kavanaugh has advocated that Congress legislate to exempt U.S. presidents from civil and criminal actions while in office. This is of deep concern at a time when Donald Trump is a defendant in numerous civil lawsuits and is the subject of a significant criminal investigation.

Judge Kavanaugh has not earned the benefit of the doubt. He has the burden of proof to demonstrate his ability to be independent of the President and exercise unbiased and independent judgment."

That latter part is signif-

icant. You know how Trump has humiliated Attorney General Jeff Sessions for recusing himself on the Russia matter. Trump likes loyalty. If Kavanaugh has to decide on defendant Trump will it be a done deal?

Immigration Politics' impact yesterday and today

The significance of cementing a 5th deciding vote on a 5-4 court cannot be overstated. It could mean everything on an issue whose impact could be for generations.

I know about generations. American Filipino ones.

This week will mark the 90th year since my father's arrival to America from the Philippines.

Which means, if he was as horny as they said Filipinos were in those days, I should be at least 90 years old today. Or dead.

But I'm not.

Lucky me. And that's just one of the positive benefits of racism.

It's a core story in my show, "Amok: All Fucked Up," which I'm doing for one night in the San Francisco Bay Area this Aug. 17, in the small, intimate space at the I-Hotel/Manilatown Center, on the edge of Chinatown on Kearny Street.

Tickets will go on sale soon, but email me at emil@amok.com and I'll make sure you'll be the first to know. And if you can't make it that night, let's figure out a way to bring the show to your town, community or campus center, or walk-in closet.

MY LIFE, MY SHOW

I mention this historical marker of my father's arrival, because 90 years ago wasn't a great time to be a Filipino, an Asian, an Asian American, a Filipino American, or whatever you want to call yourself.

I myself prefer American Filipino. But the fact is these early Filipinos were colonized Americans.

Not colonists. That would be guys like Hamilton, who gets a full Broadway musical.

Colonized. Like my dad, for whom I do my one man show.

There were 30,000 Filipino men, mostly in California and the west, who came primarily as a labor force. Just in time for the Great Depression. The catch was these ethnic Filipino men as 1 colonized Americans, had one privilege. They didn't need a green card and could come and go to the U.S. as they pleased.

But that came with problems.

Whites feared that Filipinos were taking white jobs and white women (there were too few Filipino women to stick to one's own kind). The xenophobic sentiment drove a movement in California to change Filipinos' status from U.S. nationals to aliens.

It was just a cover for a white supremacy/ethnic purity subtext.

For Filipinos, it made California like the Jim Crow South. There was mob violence against Filipinos resulting in deaths, even lynchings.

The anti-Asian politics of the day brought on the Filipino version of the Chinese Exclusion Act, which, along with the laws preventing Filipinos from intermarrying, put Filipino American life on the slow track and out of sync forever.

There's a lost Filipino generation out there that no one ever talks about. Except me, because I'm one of the lost and out of step.

But here I am, found again and looking at the current situation at the southern border as new lives are destroyed by a bad mix of wrongheaded im-

migration politics and fear.

I share this with you as a reminder that our country has always had a problem with new people coming in to take part in what really makes America great.

And the historical pattern keeps repeating.

In the recent travel ban ruling, Korematsu and the internment of Japanese Americans during WWII were central reference points.

Filipinos in the '20s and '30s faced xenophobia.

Chinese were the targets of exclusionary laws in the 1880s.

We could strengthen our democracy by learning our history and never forgetting.

But we don't.

There's a default lesson that comes in time: we will overcome. It's not just a song.

Mr. Racism? We've got your number.

But to get to that promised land, it just helps to take the long view, which may take you the long way around.

You may even end up missing a generation or two. Like the American Filipino community.

I've managed. But what of all the lost children of the Trump administration?

Funny how the greatest country in the world has managed to botch such a basic human concern.

But it figures when the person behind the policy is a thrice-married divorced philanderer whose self-interest comes above public interest.

Contrast that with little Thailand, which has done the heroic. It has done the near impossible, by saving 12 boys trapped in a cave for two weeks in a daring rescue effort the whole world witness.

Trump and America have been shamed. Will it learn a lesson from the Thai?

There will be no need for lessons with a Trump-tilting high court.

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WHAT'S UP, ATTORNEY?



By Atty. Emmanuel S. Tipon

Many people, including some lawyers, do not know this, but there is such a thing as "premature marriage" under the immigration law. USCIS will not approve a visa petition for the spouse of an alien who enters into such a premature marriage, unless certain requirements are met.

Section 204(a)(2)(A) of the Immigration and Nationality Act [8 USC 1154(a)(2)(A)] provides that if an alien obtains lawful permanent residence (green card) through marriage with a U.S. citizen or lawful permanent resident and the marriage is terminated (other than by death) and the alien remarries within five years after obtaining the green card, USCIS will not approve a petition for the new spouse of such remarrying alien, unless the petitioning alien establishes by clear and convincing evidence that the prior marriage (on the basis of which the alien obtained the status of an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence) was not entered into for the purpose of evading any provision of the immigration laws.

The Instructions to the Petition for Alien Relative (Form I-130) also discusses this matter.

An alien obtained a green card through a U.S. citizen wife. They divorced within 2 years. The alien remarried within 5 years after obtaining his green card and then filed a petition for his new wife. USCIS sent him a Notice of Intent to Deny (NOID) the petition unless he could establish by clear and convincing evidence that the prior marriage (on the basis of which the alien obtained the status of an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence) was not entered into for the purpose of evading any provision of the immigration laws. The alien complained that nobody told him that he could not marry within 5 years. "Did you ask anybody?" I questioned him. "I did not," he replied. Then how do you expect anybody to tell you if you did not ask," I told him. "The lawyer who prepared my petition should have told me that it cannot be done," he lamented.

Actually the law does not prohibit an alien from remarrying within 5 years, it merely states that USCIS will not approve an immigration petition for the new spouse unless the alien can establish by clear and convincing evidence that the prior marriage

(on the basis of which the alien obtained the status of an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence) was not entered into for the purpose of evading any provision of the immigration laws. The alien filed a response with the USCIS stating that his prior marriage was bona fide and that at the time of their marriage they intended to establish a life together as husband and wife, citing Bark v. INS, 511 F2d 1200 (9th Cir. 1975). The alien submitted joint documents, such as a joint bank account, joint tax returns, photographs, plus his affidavit and those of his relatives and friends attesting that they lived together as husband and wife with his prior wife. But USCIS denied the petition anyway saying that the alien did not prove by clear and convincing evidence that his prior marriage was not entered into for the purpose of evading any provision of the immigration laws.

Can you really establish before the USCIS that your evidence is "clear and convincing" that your prior marriage was not entered into for the purpose of evading any provision of the immigration laws? Like "beauty" which is in the eye of the beholder, "clear and convincing" is in the eye of the beholder – the USCIS adjudicator. It is very

ly moving from neighborhood streets to parks to less crowded industrial district parking lots. Struggling families also resort to crowded multi-family dwelling just to get by.

Hanabusa said on her website: "Hawaii has one of the highest housing costs in the nation, and one of the lowest rates of homeownership. The state must embrace an active role in creating and subsidizing affordable housing, while streamlining processes that enable people to get the housing they desperately need. The state needs to move forward on transit-oriented development

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Premature Marriage Under Immigration Law

subjective. It is extremely difficult to challenge the USCIS decision.

COMMENT: "Marry in haste, repent at leisure". "Ask and it shall be answered." "If you don't ask, nobody will tell." Select the best lawyer, not just any lawyer.

We submit that Section 204(a)(2)(A) of the Immigration and Nationality Act is unconstitutional because it violates due process and equal protection of the laws. This law is silly. In effect it provides that if an alien remarries within 5 years after getting a green card, his prior marriage (on the basis of which the alien obtained the green card) will be presumed to have been obtained for immigration purposes and the alien must prove by clear and convincing evidence that it was bona fide. Where is the logic in that? What has the remarrying got to do with the validity of the prior marriage which took place years earlier?

The prior marriage has already been established to be bona fide when the alien was given a green card and when the alien's petition to remove conditions on residence was approved. So why should the prior marriage's validity be questioned again simply because the alien divorced his prior wife and remarried with-

in 5 years from the date the alien obtained a green card. If the alien remarried 5 years and 1 day after obtaining a green card, his prior marriage will not be questioned. Where did the legislators get "5 years"? What is so sacred about 5 years?

The bad thing about this premature marriages is that the petition for the second spouse will be denied, not because it is not genuine, but because the prior marriage is presumed not to be genuine. So what will happen now to the lawful permanent resident status (green card) of the petitioner if the alien did not establish by clear and convincing evidence that the prior marriage (on the basis of which the alien obtained the status of an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence) was not entered into for the purpose of evading any provision of the immigration laws?

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(COVER STORY: DAVID IGE OR COLEEN HANABUSA...from page 7)

and stop being short-sighted by selling off affordable family and senior housing which reduces our affordable housing inventory."

Affordability of housing and its byproduct of homelessness (in expensive cities) has always been linked to market forces with the state playing a limited "safety net" role. It's the compilation of policy, projects and initiatives by the state and counties that are offering some relief from market force demands.

One out-of-the-box idea Hanabusa has floated is for state government to consider developing housing for its own employees to relieve some of the pressure on the housing market.

Where the two candidates differ is the creation of ohana zones, or legalized homeless camps. The state Legislature recently approved \$30 million for ohana zones that will help an estimated 3,500 people to have basic shelter. How or if that money gets used will depend on who is elected as governor.

Ige said he is against building ohana zones because they don't work and cost as much as or more than permanent housing solutions. "It doesn't help to reduce homelessness. Safety and security is an issue and a problem, and it gets very expensive," said Ige.

Hanabusa said politicians must consider solutions that may not be politically correct, including the building of safe or ohana zones. That is a sign of leadership. She supports the idea but did not answer to

specifics of where these ohana zone shelters would be, which is a sensitive issue to residents not wanting shelters in their neighborhoods.

EDUCATION

One of Ige's most popular education initiatives is expanding the Early College program so Hawaii's public high school students can take courses to earn high school and college credits.

"I appreciate the Early College program so that children can earn college credits for free during high school. This saves thousands of dollars for those who wanted to attend college but could not afford it. And, it provides hope for so many immigrant families. Because of Governor Ige, our children can achieve a higher education, get better paying jobs and have a bright future," said Galanto.

Flores said: "Governor Ige is the best choice for the Filipino community. He supports education." Flores also supports the Early College program and says some students at Waipahu High School and others are already getting college credits while in high school.

On improving education, Hanabusa says "micromanaging only impedes progress, and we must reach beyond clique of advisors. We must promote inclusiveness and collaboration and work collectively toward educational excellence."

Ige said he supports a plan to vote in favor of a proposed constitutional amendment that

would allow the state to establish a surcharge on investment properties to support public schools.

Hanabusa also supports the proposed constitutional amendment and said "it is an opportunity for Hawaii residents to demonstrate their commitment to public education."

HEALTH AND SENIOR CARE

Hawaii has one of the highest rates of healthcare coverage largely due to the Hawaii Prepaid Health Care Act enacted in 1974 that mandated employer health coverage for employees. It also set minimum standards of health care benefits for workers.

"But, there is a growing sense we are behind on planning for the nationwide changes to healthcare and health coverage. What plans do exist remain unimplemented. We must protect the Hawaii Prepaid Health Care Act from any attempts to undermine it. We must also find ways to protect and improve healthcare for Hawaii's kupuna and fund programs at levels that recognize the needs of Hawaii's growing senior population," said Hanabusa.

Hawaii's inclusive health-care system is partly responsible for residents having the longest life expectancy. Under Ige's administration, he oversaw the start of Hawaii's first medicinal cannabis dispensaries statewide for qualified persons. He has secured federal funding to help fight opioid abuse.

A highlight relating to health is the Ige administration's work with the state Legislature in approving the Kupuna Care, a first of its kind in the nation that assists family caregivers who also work full-time with money allowance to be used on caring for seniors with hired help, transportation and other services. The Kupuna Care program that was recently passed is popular because it enables seniors who qualify for assistance to be able to stay at home. This works well with the cultural value of caring for senior family members, many Filipinos have commented.

"I appreciate Ige's support for our seniors. He successfully secured nearly \$4 million for the Kupuna Care Program to support the needs of our aging population -- daycare, home-delivered meals, home-maker services, respite care

"Governor Ige created many new jobs and our Hawaii economy is booming. We Filipinos need to re-elect Governor Ige for another four years."

— EDDIE FLORES,

PRESIDENT OF L&L HAWAIIAN BARBECUE

and transportation. He also obtained almost \$2 million for Aging and Disability Resource Centers, and 500+ senior housing units are being produced so our aging relatives have peace of mind," said Galanto.

RELATIONSHIP WITH THE FILIPINO COMMUNITY

Agbayani has worked with Hanabusa on special projects and brings up the congresswoman's relationship with the Filipino community as one reason to vote for Hanabusa.

"Colleen has demonstrated throughout the years her support and respect for the Filipino community. Colleen has also shown strong leadership when it counts. We can count on Colleen to listen to our community, be accessible and receptive to our many views and needs, and make informed, clear and decisive decisions.

"As State Senate President, U.S. Congresswoman, and a labor attorney, she has stood by us in fighting for recognition of our WWII Filipino Veterans, representation for our community in government, and equal rights and access for all.

"She understands our community and is accessible – and not only during election years. We deserve that kind of a leader who will hear our concerns, including finding ways to increase Filipino teachers, college graduates, and representation on state boards and commissions such as the Board of Education."

Get to the polls, Vote

Flores said, "Being an immigrant, voting is a right that I cherish. For us Filipinos to get political empowerment, we must vote in the primary and general election to show that we are a force to contend with."

Galanto also encourages the Filipino community to exercise their rights. "Voting allows us to make important choices for our future."

Agbayani said, "voting is a special privilege and a serious

responsibility. In some countries, voting is a requirement and not an option (similar to Jury duty). In some countries there are major barriers (dictatorships, wars, threats, discrimination, complex procedures, inconvenient, language issues, poverty). In some countries and states, voting is encouraged with active outreach by candidates, parties and the government to make voting easy and universal (e.g. media campaigns, community and union door-to-door outreach, mail-in votes, same day registration, multilingual ballots, computer voting).

"Unfortunately, not enough people in Hawai'i vote. Hawai'i has one of the lowest if not the lowest percentage of voters in the nation. Not enough people take advantage of this privilege. The Filipino voter participation rate is even lower than the very low statewide voter participation rate. Compared to other ethnic groups, Filipino voting participation in primary elections is extremely low.

"The barriers facing Filipino non-voters or any non-voter can include: multiple jobs, care giving, no transportation, unfamiliarity with process, language issues, lack of information, candidates are unappealing, issues are not relevant, apathy, and a belief that their vote does not count. It is my hope that the Filipino community will have more organized efforts to register voters and to get out the vote. This, I believe is a responsibility for the entire community and candidates.

Voting for candidates will decide who will be our government leaders responsible for making decisions that harm or help our families and our community. Our community also needs to nurture and support more Filipino politicians and actively support candidates who support our issues."

Agbayani added, "There is power in numbers and each vote or non-vote will impact our daily lives and our shared future."

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LEGAL NOTES



By Atty. Reuben S. Seguritan

A new USCIS policy that was published on July 5, 2018 requires the issuance of a deportation notice or Notice to Appear (NTA) to those who are not lawfully present in the US after their applications or petitions are denied.

Also included in the policy are those who have been convicted of any criminal offense; have been charged with any criminal offense that has not been resolved; have committed acts that constitute a chargeable criminal offense; have engaged in fraud or willful misrepresentation in connection with any official matter or application before a governmental agency; have abused any program related to receipt of public benefits; are

New Policy Increases Risks of Deportation

subject to a final order of removal, but have not departed; or in the judgment of an immigration officer, otherwise pose a risk to public safety or national security.

The policy will have a chilling effect on all nonpermanent residents who are eligible, for immigration benefits because of their fear that if their applications are denied, they will be placed on deportation right away.

Additionally, this memorandum will have the effect of further clogging the immigration courts with cases. As it stands now, the immigration courts have a backlog of more than 700,000 cases as of May 31, 2018.

The USCIS has authority to issue Form I-862 Notice to Appear (NTA) which is thereafter filed with the immigration court to commence removal proceedings. The US Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and US Cus-

toms and Border Protection (CBP) also have the authority to issue NTAs.

In the recent case of Pereira v. Sessions, the US Supreme Court held that the NTA must include the time, place or date of initial removal hearings sent to nonpermanent residents in order to ensure that the alien will attend the scheduled hearing.

NTAs will continue to be issued by the USCIS for the following cases: termination of conditional permanent resident status and denials of Form I-751, Petition to Remove the Conditions of Residence, and termination of refugee status by the District Director.

If the alien applies for Temporary Protected Status (TPS) and the USCIS denies the initial TPS application or re-registration or withdraws the TPS and the alien has no other lawful immigration status or other authorization to

remain in the US, the regulations will first be followed. Thereafter, the officers will issue an NTA to the alien who has no other lawful immigration status or authorization to remain in the US following the final determination to deny or withdraw TPS.

The NTA will also be issued if the removable alien's petition or application is denied for: lack of prosecution or abandonment; the alien withdraws the petition or application and the petition or application is therefore terminated; approval is revoked; and for N-400, Application

for US Citizenship cases, if the N-400 was denied on good moral character grounds based on a criminal offense.

When the USCIS refers a case to ICE for investigation, USCIS will suspend adjudication of the petition or application for 60 days. But the USCIS may resume the process should ICE not respond within the time frame or provide a Case Closure Notice or case status report within 120 days of accepting the referral.

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HAWAII-FILIPINO NEWS

Igorot International Consultation Coming to Hawaii

Preparations are underway for the 12th Biennial Igorot International Consultation (IIC) that will be held at the Hale Koa Hotel on August 2-5, 2018. The Consultation will bring together many who have Igorot heritage or have deep connection with the indigenous people of the Philippine Cordillera region. The Consultation's theme is "Igorot Generations – Advancing and Coming Full Circle." IIC is the signature event of the Igorot Global Organization, a not-for-profit organization that is based in the United States and with membership from around the world.

Young adults who make up the Next Generation Igorot Leadership network advocated for Hawaii as a venue. Many of them started attending these Consultations when they were young children. They have also taken the responsibility to develop the IIC Hawaii program. Hawaii and all that it has to of-



fer will set the stage for addressing the Consultation's thematic questions "How do we continue to uphold our rich culture while keeping up with the modern and mixed world? How do we ensure the foundations of our culture lives on with our youth and their children? Three leaders have been invited to keynote – Vicky Tauli-Corpuz, Patrick McDonough, and Rev. Jay S. Watan. Tauli-Corpuz is the current UN Special Rapporteur on Indigenous People Issues.

McDonough is a former Peace Corp volunteer and co-founder of the Bontoc Museum. Watan is a California-based youth minister.

The Hawaii gathering will be the 12th of these IGO Consultations. IIC is contrasted to an academic conference for it brings together people of all ages and backgrounds from many communities. The first Consultation was held in 1995 in West Covina, California. It has traveled to Baguio (twice), Bontoc, Banaue, Arlington, St. Louis (MO), Vienna, London, Vancouver, and Melbourne. Following the traditions that have been set in these various places, IIC Hawaii will feature workshops and interactive forums, a solidarity gala night, and an IGO Council of Elders business meeting. A pre-event golf tournament will also be held to benefit the IGO Scholarship Program.

Registration for the event is ongoing. More information is available at igorot.com.

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mailagip. Adu dagiti pasken ken ramrambak a pangselebrar iti daytoy nga aldaw.

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MAINLAND NEWS

Senators Urge Oversight on Migrant Family Reunification

WASHINGTON, D.C.-- Senator Mazie K. Hiroko (D-Hawaii) and eight Senate Democrats urged Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa) to convene an oversight hearing on family separation and the Trump administration's haphazard plan to reunite immigrant children with their parents.

The Senators' letter to Chairman Grassley follows a troubling call last week with Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) Alex Azar in which

only three Senators were able to ask questions on HHS' role in family detention and reunification. Yesterday, HHS missed a court-imposed deadline to reunite children under the age of five with their parents.

"We joined a 'Senators Only' call last Friday with Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar, and we are deeply troubled by the Trump Administration's utter lack of preparedness to reunite children that it separated from their parents at the southern U.S. border and the callous manner in which it is treating this issue," the Senators wrote. "The purpose of the call ap-

peared to be for the Secretary to congratulate himself and the Administration for what a good job that the Department of Health and Human Services is doing."

"As some of us wrote you on June 18, 2018, we owe it to the American people to hold a hearing on one of the most pressing and agonizing issues facing our country," the Senators continued. "The Senate Judiciary Committee has a duty to conduct proper oversight of how the Administration is going to fix this crisis that it created and reunify separated children with their parents."

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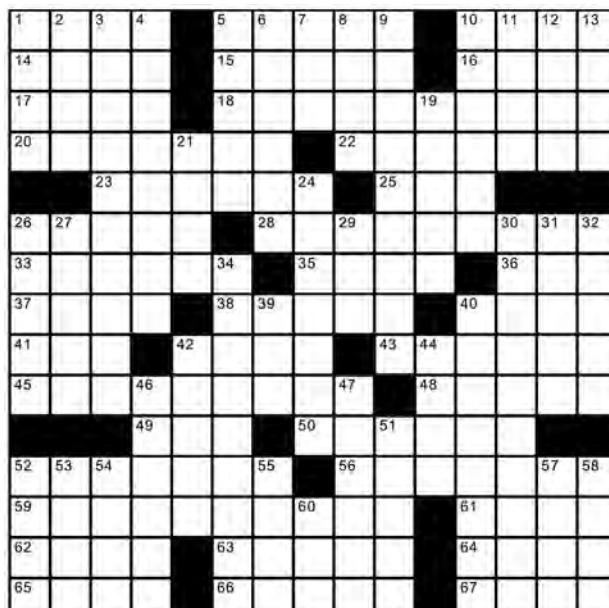
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