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EDITORIALS

Promoting A Positive School Culture Leads to Success

Researchers from the University of Minnesota and the University of Toronto studied 180 schools across nine states and concluded, “We have not found a single case of a school improving its student achievement record in the absence of talented leadership.”

In other words, school principals have a direct impact on student achievement and teaching success. Principals are the leaders that drive performance much like a well-run company.

Since the implementation of No Child Left Behind, performance on national standardized tests have placed additional pressure on principals beyond traditional expectations of maintaining higher graduation rates, running daily operations; and at some schools (mostly private) hiring of teachers and making budgetary decisions.

All these responsibilities fall under the tent of a principal's job description, as well as many other areas such as boosting teachers' morale and staff harmony. It's a heavy workload; and it's no wonder that statistics show principals have a high burn out rate and quit their positions in four years or less, despite the fact that principals are well paid in most school systems.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics Occupational Outlook Handbook, the average salary of principals in Elementary, Middle and High School is \$94,390 per year (based on 2017).

Building school culture

Perhaps the most effective blueprint for principals achieving their goals is to build a school culture of positivity. Students and teachers' attitude and mind-set are crucial to success. How students feel about going to school and about their classroom setting (air condition or not, classmates' behavior, etc.) are very much a part of building a positive school culture.

In dealing with staff, a nurturing culture means giving teachers freedom to teach their courses the way they want to, but at the same time, ensuring that they meet student performance standards. Collaborative power-sharing between principals and staff go a long way.

Interaction is essential. Studies have found that successful principals make frequent visits to classrooms. They are highly energetic, optimistic, and project an attitude that they sincerely care for students and teachers.

Successful principals are determined professionals. And high among their goals should be: first to change students' lives through inspiration, then second, to enhance and maintain a school's standards. The former, when done effectively, leads to the latter.

Superintendents (who oversee public school principals) and CEO's/board of directors (who oversee private school principals) ought to extend to their principals patience and liberal autonomy should they believe in their employee's vision. The high turn over rate among principals disrupts stability.

About 20 percent of principals nationwide leave their jobs each year which cannot be effective in building a positive school culture. Another study by New Leaders found that 20 percent of first-year principals leave their positions within two years.

Research suggests that it takes at least five to seven years for a principal to effectively have his or her vision and policies implemented, and to see success. Continuity in leadership matters, along with all the effort that go into recruitment, training and support of principals.

Emphasis on data and curriculum that drive students' perfor-

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FROM THE PUBLISHER

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lready this year we've presented cover stories on top government leaders and two legal professionals (a Kauai judge and civic-minded attorney) of Filipino ancestry.

For our cover story this time, associate editor Edwin Quinabo writes about a leader and role model in the field of education. He interviewed Dr. Kyle Atabay, principal of Damien Memorial School. Formerly vice principal at Kamehameha Schools' Kapalama Middle School, he recently was hired to lead his alma mater Damien and joins a select list of principals of Filipino ancestry. A native of Waipahu and the first to graduate from college in his family, Atabay's climb up the educational ladder wasn't a “straight line,” as he says. But through hard work, he has persevered and his story is an inspiration to youths. Even better, he is in the perfect position to make a profound impact on students as principal. Thank you, Kyle, for sharing your story with our readers. We wish you much success at Damien.

Also in this issue, HFC columnist Emil Guillermo writes about another educator: San Francisco State professor Dr. Dawn Bohulano Mabalon who recently passed away while on vacation in Kauai. In addition to her work at the university, she was an author and activist. Emil described her “as a bright energetic ball of fire who took American Filipinos and U.S. history and fused them with an activist's passion that empowered the ignored and enlightened the ignorant.” She went from C student at Stockton's Edison High, to Delta Junior College, then UCLA, and ultimately got her Ph.D. at Stanford. She wrote “Little Manila is in the Heart: The Making of the Filipina/o American Community in Stockton, California” as well as brought attention to other issues such as the lynching of Filipinos and Filipino civil rights on the U.S. mainland.

In Atty. Reuben Seguritan's Legal Notes column, he discusses the important topic of the administrative process after a visa interview. “After a person is interviewed at a U.S. Consular office, he will be informed if his application is approved, denied, or under administrative processing. Learn about what this process means and the options available to applicants who are placed under this category.

Be sure to read HFC columnist Pacita Saludes' Dayasadas article “Pasken Ti Philippine Cultural Foundation of Hawaii.”

Lastly, in our news section, get the details on the Hibla ng Lahing Filipino Traveling Art Exhibition at the University of Hawaii at Manoa. The exhibition will also be supplemented with a lecture and workshop series open to the public after registering. The events are presented by the Philippine Consulate General Honolulu and co-sponsored by the National Museum of the Philippines, Office of Senator Loren Legarda and UH-Manoa.

Thank you for supporting your community newspaper. Just a reminder: if you are not able to get a hard copy of our paper, the Hawaii Filipino Chronicle can be viewed online for free. Until next issue, warmest *Aloha* and *Mabuhay!*

Chona A. Montesines-Sonido

LETTERS

The Uncertainties of Retirement...

My brother who works for a government office in Hawaii brought me a copy of the Hawaii Filipino Chronicle in which Belinda Aquino wrote about retirement in the August 4, 2018 issue. At 73, some of what she wrote is a daily experience of my reality.

I was a cleric for the United Methodist Church and my retirement savings was minimal. Retirement is the subject Belinda dealt with. She advised us to plan and save in her article. What the government does with Medicaid and Medicare is hardly reassuring. And Donald Trump's history of policies so far makes the future of Medicaid and Medicare even less assuring. Credit to Belinda on her informative article.

--JAIME VERGARA

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EDITORIALS

The Press is Not the Enemy of the People

Benjamin Franklin in 1722 wrote, “Whoever would overthrow the Liberty of a Nation, must begin by subduing the Freedom of Speech.”

James Madison in 1789 introduced the freedom of the press in the Bill of Rights to the Constitution of the United States. He said, “The freedom of the Press is one of the greatest bulwarks of liberty, and can never be restrained but by despotic Governments.”

Journalism historically has been integral to the checks and balances of power in a healthy functioning democracy that it has widely been looked upon as the fourth power, or commonly known as the “Fourth Estate,” overseeing the Presidency, Congress, and Judiciary.

Defending the Free Press

In wake of the antagonism and vitriol directed at the media largely led by President Donald Trump, the U.S. Senate and hundreds of newspapers recently took a courageous stand to defend freedom of the press.

Senate Resolution: First, Hawaii’s own U.S. Senator Brian Schatz and two of his colleagues Senator Minority Leader Chuck Schumer and Senator Richard Blumenthal introduced a resolution af-

firming Congress’ support for the First Amendment and free press. The resolution rightly passed.

“We swore an oath to support and defend the Constitution, including the First Amendment,” said Senator Schatz. “Every senator upheld that oath by sending a message that we support the First Amendment, and we support the freedom of the press in the face of these attacks. As Thomas Jefferson put it, ‘our liberty depends on the freedom of the press, and that cannot be limited without being lost.’”

Newspapers stand in Solidarity: Responding to the false label of being the enemy of the American people and false accusations of spreading fake news, more than 300 newspapers across the nation published editorials on August 16 to address Trump’s undermining of the free press.

Hawaii’s Honolulu Star-Advertiser was among the newspapers along with the New York Times participating in the day of protest.

The campaign was organized by the Boston Globe which wrote on that day: “We have a president who has created a mantra that members of the media who do not blatantly support the policies of the current US administration are the ‘enemy of the people.’”

“This is one of the many

lies that have been thrown out by this president, much like an old-time charlatan threw out ‘magic’ dust or water on a hopeful crowd.”

A few of the largest newspapers – the Washington Post, the Los Angeles Times and San Francisco Chronicle – decided not to participate in the day of protest expressing their independence. But they have been critical writing editorials on their own time of Trump’s attempts to diminish the free press.

Trump tweeted in defiance on the same morning the editorials ran: “The Globe is in collusion with other papers on free press” and that many of the media are “pushing a political agenda.”

We are in extraordinary times

Extraordinary times require extraordinary measures and the free press is fighting for much more than their individual reputations, but fighting for all Americans, whether they are from the left or right, politically. The disturbing hands-off role the Republican-led Congress has taken in dealing with Trump’s autocratic tendencies makes it even more imperative that the free press challenge the President when needed. Historically, the press has always kept politicians in line, holding them accountable.

The most insidious danger of constantly discrediting the free press as the President has been doing is that his false criticisms weaken the credibility of the press and their role of guardians of democracy.

In fairness to Trump, he isn’t the first president to criticize the media. Nor should the media be immune from criticism. But his incessant undermining and crude attacks is unlike any president before him. When he first labeled the media as “the enemy of the American people” just one month after taking office, it signaled troubled times ahead. His excessive use of “fake” (a CNN analysis said Trump has used it more than 400 times) is dangerously irresponsible.

Just to protect his own interests and his own presidency, Trump is willing to tear down institutions like the nation’s intelligence arm and the media. The “fake” label thrown at the free press will probably stick long after Trump leaves office and likely be used by others politically.

A danger ahead, a point to where we must not reach, is systematic widespread violence against members of the free press much like foreign journalists encounter. Murder and intimidation are systematically used against professional journalists in many undemocratic parts of the world. In other countries, the press is muzzled and staff often killed.

In 2018, there has been 31 cases of journalists attacked in the U.S. In June this year, five employees were killed in a Capital Gazette newsroom in Maryland. U.S. journalists report of being threatened. MSNBC’s Katy Tur said she and her female colleagues have received threatening letters. One of them, said “I hope you get raped and killed, signed with MAGA, short for Trump’s “Make America Great Again” slogan.

We all have a stake in this fight to protect the free press. Remember: the free press is working for you, the people, the governed -- not those who govern or Trump.

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mance on national tests – the new standard by which principals are judged – is a hard bottom line to meet at times. Still, it is perhaps the right direction to continue to move towards given the practical nature of performance tests in higher education.

It’s a tricky situation in that performance tests do not necessarily determine future success and perhaps is given overweighed emphasis. But until reform is made in the overall educational system from universities down to K-grade that readjusts this emphasis on standardized tests, principals have little choice in the matter but to support curriculum that focuses on data-type performance.

Dr. Kyle Atabay

Damien Memorial School has made an excellent choice in the hiring of Dr. Kyle Atabay as its principal. An alumnus of Damien, a former vice principal at Kamehameha Schools’ Kapalama Middle School, he knows the school culture at Damien and the private school educational system. We wish him tremendous success on his new journey.

He joins a short list of other retired and current principals of Filipino ancestry. Most notable among them is Darrel Galera, a former MetLife National Association of Secondary School Principals Hawaii High School Principal of the Year.

The diversity aspect of hiring more Filipino principals must also be addressed. While there are no statistics that track the number of principals by ethnicity, the underrepresented number of teachers of Filipino ancestry suggests the same is true for principals.

Diversity is important for obvious reasons; and Hawaii’s Department of Education ought to tap the expertise and talents of qualified Filipino professionals in the educational system; and encourage more of them to consider becoming principals.

More Filipino students in higher education should also be encouraged to pursue a profession in education.

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COVER STORY

Dr. Kyle Atabay Inspiring Youths as Principal at Damien

By Edwin Quinabo

Sometimes life brings you back to exactly where you started. But you return to the same point wiser, more mature, and eager to share what life has taught you. This holds true for Dr. Kyle Atabay on his educational journey; he returns to his alma mater to become principal at Damien Memorial School.

Landing the top administrator position at Damien came about as both a mix of fate and coincidence. He tells the Chronicle, “at the end of last school year, while at my previous school (Kamehameha Schools’ Kapalama Middle School where he served as vice principal), I would have never imagined that I would be at another school in the fall, let alone as the principal.

“I have been lightly calling it divine intervention as it seems the opportunity fell onto my lap. I applied, interviewed, and the following week was offered the position. I was always involved in school leadership at every school that I previously worked. As a vice principal for the past six years, taking on the role of principal is a natural step and I am extremely honored that it is at my alma mater.”

Now he sits at the helm of Damien ready to inspire students at a place where dreams begin.

Atabay believes he could not have readily taken on the role of principal at another school.

“This will be the moment of truth (at his new position), so to speak, for me to utilize everything that I have come to believe in both my professional experience as well as my formal education.”

Damien Memorial School is a co-educational institution

that serves about 650 students from around the island in grades 6 – 12. With a Catholic tradition, the school honors its namesake, St. Damien of Molokai, as well as Brother Edmund Rice, the founder of the association of brothers who started the school.

Damien used to be an all-boy’s school for nearly 50 years, but became co-educational beginning from the 2012-13 school year.

“We provide a college-preparatory academic program and provide a focus on leadership, service and advocacy,” he says.

Atabay says his responsibilities as principal include personnel and academic program management and spiritual leadership for the school community.

He is also tasked with implementing Damien’s strategic plans that include the promotion of social emotional learning and the employment of 21st century educational best practices so that students

can be ready for the challenges in their future.

Damien President and CEO Wes Reber Porter said in a statement, “Dr. Kyle Atabay adds a wealth of knowledge and experience to our leadership team. He is a career educator with a counseling and social emotional learning background. And as a proud Damien alumnus from the Class of ’84, Kyle appreciates our mission, community and traditions as a Catholic school.”

Atabay said seeing kids grow, learn, and succeed serve as great inspiration for him and something that he thinks about every day.

“My choice to work in education began with my desire to help kids. First as a counselor, then as an administrator, I’ve always believed that education can be a valuable pathway to future success. The completion of my doctoral program in education for me was a commitment to improve education in our state,



regardless of my title and what school I work in,” said Atabay.

He hopes what students get from Damien Memorial is the ability to go out into their community and utilize all the tools that they’ve learned to make them successful in the real world.

Also, “I want them to grow in their faith in God and to be able to rely on that relationship that they’ve created with Him. And finally, I want them to always remember that everyone can use a helping hand and to always be prepared to serve their community and others.”

He says, there are many paths to success in life, however, education is available and accessible to everyone. He chose education to help others navigate their educational journey to success.

In addition to 17 years at Kamehameha Schools, Atabay also was a case manager at the Institute of Human Services where he helped the homeless. He worked as a counselor at Kapolei Middle School and admissions counselor at Chaminade University of Honolulu.

Nothing is really a perfect circle

As a child Atabay never had thoughts of becoming a principal. “Never in a million years!” he says. He remembers being extremely shy as

a youth and had difficulty making friends. He was able to eventually shed that shyness in part because of his career choices in education and from his many years as an entertainer-hula dancer which forced him to step out of his shell.

“For me, education was made a value from a young age and I was able to find success in my journey which wasn’t exactly a straight line. There were ups and downs as well as setbacks, but I always knew that education would get me to where I wanted to go,” said Atabay.

Some of the ups and downs he described included a hiatus from school to discover what he wanted to do with his life. In his young adulthood, he weaved in and out of colleges and in between full- and part-time employment. He went from the University of Hawaii at Manoa, to local community colleges, and briefly left school entirely.

“I took a three-and-a-half-year break from college and worked in the tourist industry. Eventually, I found myself working a full-time day job and a part-time night job for which I made just about the same amount of money as my full-time job. Therefore, I dropped the full-time job and went back to college on a full-time basis,” said Atabay.

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He resumed his education starting at Kapiolani Community College where he also worked at the counseling office. It was there that he figured out what he wanted to do – to have a career in counseling at schools.

He eventually anchored all uncertainties at Chaminade University of Honolulu where he received his bachelor (behavioral science) and master’s degrees (counseling psychology).

“I also completed a number of certificate programs that focused on organizational change and management at Hawaii Pacific University,” he said.

Later, he earned his doctoral degree from the University of Hawaii at Manoa’s College of Education in Professional Educational Practice.

It’s likely that his circuitous educational route makes him even more of an inspiration to youths as someone who has had a greater depth of experience in life. Great leaders, great men and women, have life stories of peaks and valleys that have not deterred them from achieving their goals.

Fast forward, Atabay’s goal of working in an educational setting as a school counselor became reality; then doors opened for him to become vice principal and now principal.

“After many years in ed-

ucation, as with many school administrators, you one day want to have more of an individual influence on a school and that usually comes in the form of an administrative position. In my experience and formal training, a school leader is a school leader – regardless of the title,” he said.

On growing up

Kyle grew up in Waipahu and started his Catholic education at St. Joseph’s School before going onto Damien. He remembers as one of his most memorable experiences was making the daily trek from Waipahu to Kalihi for four years.

This might sound ordinary, but when you’re a kid and your neighborhood friends and family are just going down the street for school and you’re taking the H-1 to go to school miles away, it can feel that you’re going somewhere, somewhere special – and could be a metaphor of his life, perhaps.

He says going to school away from his neighborhood expanded his world as a youth by providing him an opportunity to make connections with other students from around the island.

Kyle is the youngest in his family. He has one sister and two brothers, and is the only one to have attended private school and the first to graduate from college. His parents Henry and Aurora divorced when he was in the second

grade and he ended up living with his dad. His father is a stevedore. His mother worked in retail.

His father, Ilocano, was born in the Philippines and came to the U.S. via the military. Kyle says his father is his role model.

“My father taught me the importance of working hard. I believe that because he wanted a better life for me than the one he lived, he pushed me to always do well in school to better achieve success in my future.”

His mother traces her ancestry to the Visayas and was born in Hawaii.

He says on growing up Filipino: “assimilation into American culture was important then, especially for recent immigrant Filipinos who arrived in Hawaii in the sixties. Because Filipino is my only ethnicity, I’ve always identified myself as Filipino even though I don’t speak the language and have never visited the Philippines.

“The few traditions that I relate to probably have more of a local influence on them, yet I am proud of my Filipino heritage.”

One of the local traditions he is passionate about is hula, something he was involved in even when he was a student at Damien. As a senior in high school, he competed in the annual secondary school competition.

“With our success at the competition came an oppor-

“There are already many Filipino school leaders in general, there is a shortage of minority school leaders across the country and if I have helped to increase that percentage, then I feel proud for having done so. It is important for minority kids to see minority leaders in every aspect of the work world so that we can inspire them to aspire to such roles.”

— **KYLE ATABAY, ED.D.,**
PRINCIPAL, DAMIEN MEMORIAL SCHOOL

tunity and offer to study hula under Kumu Hula Robert Uluwehi Cazimero and I have remained a student of his since then, 35 years next year.

“Although I have earned the right to now teach hula, with my teacher still around, I remain a student. Our belief is that hula is life and in every aspect of my life, the teachings of my hula experience can be applied.”

When asked about being one of a few principals of Filipino ancestry, he said: “there are already many Filipino school leaders in general, there is a shortage of minority school leaders across the country and if I have helped to increase that percentage, then I feel proud for having done so. It is important for minority kids to see minority leaders in every aspect of the work world so that we can

inspire them to aspire to such roles.”

In a field like education where minorities are underrepresented, Atabay is an inspirational force. Principals are the leaders in schools; they are team builders of faculty and students.

There are many notable principals of Filipino ancestry retired and current. Kyle Atabay joins this select list.

It’s not just about making an impact on students’ lives. He believes everything that he’s done in life counts – the relationships he’s made, how he has treated people and make them feel, even the things he has chosen not to do have consequences.

This awareness of accountability and interconnectedness is already a positive going into his new life challenge.

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Hibla ng Lahing Filipino Traveling Art Exhibition at UHM

Art and culture lovers can attend the “Hibla ng Lahing Filipino Travelling Exhibition, Lecture Series, Weaving and Embroidery Demonstrations and Workshops” in Honolulu from September 17 to November 17, 2018 at the University of Hawaii at Manoa.

The Exhibition schedule are weekdays: 8:00 am – 10:00 pm, Saturdays: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm, and Sundays: 12:00pm – 10:00 pm.

Dates and times for the

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2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m., Room 301

The exhibition, lecture and workshop series is presented by the Philippine Consulate General in Honolulu and co-sponsored by the National Museum of the Philippines, the Office of Senator Loren Legarda, and the University of Hawaii at Manoa.

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PHILIPPINE NEWS

Another Martial Law Extension Eyed After Kudarat Bombing Leaves 2 Dead, 36 Wounded

By Jess Diaz
Thursday, August 30, 2018

MANILA, Philippines — Martial law in Mindanao, already extended for one year, may again be extended after Tuesday night's bombing in Sultan Kudarat that left two people dead and several others wounded, Executive Secretary Salvador Medialdea said yesterday.

"It is an option. We are trying to make it as easy as possible, but with what is happening, what are we going to do? We will assess the situation. We will look at it. Anyway, we are still under a state of lawless violence and martial law," Medialdea told reporters at the House of Representatives.

That the Sultan Kudarat explosion happened even with martial law still in effect in Mindanao indicated that there might be a need to extend it, Medialdea said.

"These signs are not good. Lives are in danger. The terrorists may still be there," he said.

Malacañang condemned the bombing and vowed to ap-

ply the "full force of the law" against the perpetrators.

Presidential spokesman Harry Roque said the government is determined to identify those who are behind the bombing attack.

Roque agreed with Medialdea that extending martial law in Mindanao is an option because of last Tuesday's bombing attack.

In May last year, President Duterte declared martial law in Mindanao and suspended the writ of habeas corpus to allow government forces to wipe out the Maute group of terrorists who had seized Marawi City.

The declaration was supposed to be good for 60 days under the Constitution. Before it expired, the President asked Congress to extend it up to the end of December 2017.

Before the December extension ended, Duterte again requested his congressional allies to lengthen it up to the end of this year.

Officials said the bomb was concealed in a bag and exploded, leaving at least two people dead and 34 others wounded during the Isulan



"It is an option. We are trying to make it as easy as possible, but with what is happening, what are we going to do? We will assess the situation. We will look at it. Anyway, we are still under a state of lawless violence and martial law," Medialdea told reporters at the House of Representatives. Photo by Phil. Red Cross Twitter account

town celebration.

Regional police spokesman Supt. Aldrin Gonzalez said the fatalities included a seven-year-old girl identified as Devy Shane Alayon, and Leny Dohina Ombrog, 51, who were among the crowd celebrating the Hamungaya Festival.

A civilian told authorities about a suspicious bag left by a man near the gathering, regional military commander Brig. Gen. Cirilito Sobejana said.

The bomb exploded while troops were running after the

suspect, who escaped in the confusion, he said.

Gonzales, however, gave a different account and said the homemade bomb was placed on a motorcycle parked in front of a store near a popular night market in Isulan, which was celebrating its founding anniversary.

"The area has been put under control, it's been cordoned and the injured have been taken to the hospital," Sobejana told reporters.

Initial reports said the improvised explosive device (IED) was placed in a tricycle parked along the busy street in Barangay Kalawag, where a crowd was watching the celebration.

The IED was triggered by a mobile phone, officials said.

No group immediately claimed responsibility for the attack but local officials and the military tagged the Bangsamoro Islamic Freedom Fighters behind the bombing. The BIFF issued a statement denying the attack.

Government forces have been on alert in restive regions in Mindanao in recent weeks due to intelligence reports that Muslim militants, who have sustained battle setbacks in government offensives, planned to carry out bombings in public areas, military officials said.

Last month, a bomb-laden van exploded in a powerful blast in Lamitan, Basilan that killed 11 people, including the suspected foreign militant who drove the vehicle.

'No extension'

Vice President Leni Robredo led several officials in opposing the possible extension of martial law in Mindanao.

"There is martial law there, but we have seen in the past months that it didn't prevent violence. There was bombing in Lamitan, and (Tuesday) night in Sultan Kudarat. Terrorist activities continue to happen. So what is the assurance that another extension of martial law could prevent these from happening?" she said.

Robredo urged the administration to carefully study the situation and explore other options that could be more effective in stopping violence.

National Security Adviser Hermogenes Esperon Jr. said in a text message that he was "not even thinking about martial law."

Defense Secretary Delfin Lorenzana said it would be "too early" to recommend the extension of martial law following last Tuesday's bombing.

"Of course, it is an option, but too early in the day to make a recommendation. We'll see what happens in the next several months," Lorenzana said.

Senate President Vicente Sotto III said it was premature to be talking about a possible extension of martial law in Mindanao beyond the end of this year.

Sotto said he does not see the need to extend martial law at this time in spite of the bombing incident in Sultan Kudarat.

"Maybe within a month or two the issue there would be resolved. It is not the time to think and talk about this. There is no necessity," he said.

Bayan Muna Rep. Carlos Zarate said it was too early for Medialdea to float the possible extension of martial law.

"This (Sultan Kudarat bombing) incident even showed martial law's failure in solving the island's security problems. Instead of extending, it should be immediately lifted," he said. (www.philstar.com)

HAWAII-FILIPINO NEWS

FilCom Center to Hold Annual Bayanihan Gala Dinner

To commemorate Filipino American History Month in October, the FilCom Center will hold its 16th Annual Bayanihan Gala Dinner on Saturday, October 13, 2018 at the FilCom Center, starting at 5:30 p.m.

(cocktails) and program to begin at 6:30 p.m.

This year's Gala theme is "Celebrating the Joy of Service" and four individuals will be honored for their contributions to the Filipino community: Himig at Indak,

Don Anderson, Cecilia Villafuerte, and Nic Musico.

Sponsorships for the event are available. For more information, contact the FilCom Center at 808-680-0451. Event chairs are Roland Casamina and Eddie Flores, Jr.



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MAINLAND NEWS

Hirono-Moran-Tester Bill Passes To Provide Disabled Veteran Employees at VA Additional Paid Leave

WASHINGTON, D.C.--Veterans with a disability rating of 30% or higher who are hired by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) in critical medical positions can now access additional paid sick leave during their first year on the job for the purposes of receiving medical care related to their service-connected condition.



This is made possible with the passage of a bipartisan bill “the Veterans Providing Healthcare Transition Improvement Act (S. 899),” which was unanimously passed. The bill is authored by Senators Mazie Hirono (D-Hawaii), Jerry Moran (R-Kan.), and Jon Tester (D-Mont.).

“This common-sense legislation will ensure the VA’s disabled veteran employees receive the same additional paid sick leave that is available to other federal agency employees,” Senator Hirono said. “In passing this bill, Congress reaffirmed the importance of eliminat-

ing barriers for our disabled veterans so they may continue to serve our country. The VA is a critical agency and we need to continue to find ways to fill tens of thousands of vacancies at its medical facilities in Hawaii and across the country. I urge the President to swiftly sign this legislation into law.”

“The VFW Department of Hawaii thanks Senator Hirono for her leadership in passing legislation to ensure veterans working at the VA have access to the paid leave they have earned to get the care they need and deserve.”

Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Department of Hawaii Commander Maria B. Va’a-Igafo said.

“SEIU NAGE strives to support legislation that benefits veterans and VA federal workers alike,” said Shari Cuaresma, Hawaii Region National Representative for the Service Employees International Union National Association of Government Employees (SEIU NAGE) which represents over 900 employees at the VA Pacific Islands Health Care System in Hawaii.

“SEIU NAGE has repre-

sented several veterans who are now federal employees, and have faced attendance issues as a result of service-connected disabilities. We fight for their continued employment while they obtain the medical services they need. SEIU NAGE is pleased to see Congress pass Senator Hirono’s Veterans Providing Healthcare Transition Improvement Act and appreciates her leadership in working to extend paid medical leave for our VA Title 38 Employees who are disabled veterans.”

The Hirono-Moran-Tester legislation will ensure that moving forward, all newly hired VA physicians, physician assistants, registered nurses, chiropractors, podiatrists, optometrists, dentists and expanded-function dental auxiliaries who are disabled veterans will have parity with their federal counterparts and will not have to face the financial hardship of taking unpaid leave to receive necessary medical treatment. Hawaii is home to approximately 15,000 veterans with a disability rating of 30% or higher according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

New Study: Taking Aspirin Daily Does Not Reduce Chance for Heart Problems

A LONG-standing theory that taking a low-dose aspirin every day will cut the chances of a heart attack, stroke or other heart problems has been debunked by a new major research study.



Over the weekend, the European Society of Cardiology 2018 presented two studies that challenged the century-long, widely-accepted doctor recommendation for aspirin use in adults.

The studies included adult participants who took aspirin to prevent heart attack or stroke and who had no history of these medical emergencies.

One found that aspirin did not help prevent a first stroke or heart attack in folks with a moderate risk for one due to health and lifestyle variables

like smoking, high blood pressure or high cholesterol.

Another study explored the use of aspirin on diabetics, who are statistically more likely to die from heart problems.

Researchers randomly assigned 15,480 adults with Type 1 or Type 2 diabetes — who don’t have any other outstanding health issues and no history of heart issues — either one aspirin pill, 1 gram of fish oil, both these pills, or a placebo pill every day for the next few years.

After just under eight

years, researchers found that while there were fewer heart problems among the aspirin users, there were more cases of serious bleeding.

“There’s been a lot of uncertainty among doctors around the world about prescribing aspirin” for a vast majority of patients who haven’t had serious heart problems in the past, said Dr. Jane Armitage of the

University of Oxford in England, one of the study’s lead researchers.

“If you’re healthy, it’s probably not worth taking it.”

The research study tested 100 milligram aspirin tablets, which is more than the commonly-sold 81-milligram tablets in the U.S., but is still considered a low dosage.

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FEATURE

Bohe-Mora Wedding Has Hawaii-Hollywood Love Connection

By Edna Bautista, Ed.D., C.W.S.

They have worked on Hollywood hits, such as “The Amazing Race”, “America’s Top Model” and “The Biggest Loser”. But on July 29, 2018, Maria Carlota Bohe and Robert (Bob) Mora were co-stars at their own wedding in Hawaii.

LEADING LADY AND MAN

The Filipina-American bride is a 2000 honor graduate of Moanalua High School where she was the student body president. She went on to study Television Production and English Literature at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles, California, and then found work as a researcher, travel coordinator and production manager for various reality TV series and documentaries.

Bohe met her leading man when they were both working

on the game show “The Amazing Race” for which Mora has won two primetime Emmy awards as producer. Like the name of another game show, he said they had a ‘love connection’.

He recalled, “I saw Maria walking across the parking lot. I was just leaving the office. I thought, ‘Wow! Who is that cutie?’ So I turned around and walked back in to introduce myself. She played hard to get for months, turning me down several times before finally saying ‘yes’ to a date. I must have been a good date ‘cause we have been together ever since!”

However, unlike an amazing race, the couple took their time to nurture this relationship. Thirteen lucky years later, Bohe finally said “yes” to Mora’s proposal on Nov. 11, 2017, at the Griffith Observatory, which has spectacular views of the “City of Angels”, including



Maria Bohe and Bob Mora got ready for a “boodle fight” with their guests at Keawaula (Yokohama) Beach during their wedding weekend. [Photo by E. R. Bautista]

the iconic Hollywood sign.

WEDDING WEEKEND: ON LOCATION

Scene 1: Duke’s Waikiki Friday, July 27, 2018

Bohe and Mora’s wedding weekend began at Duke’s Waikiki where they gathered with some out-of-town guests for pau hana (happy hour).

Duke Kahanamoku, after whom the restaurant is named, not only was a famous surfer, Olympic medalist, Honolulu sheriff and all-around “Ambassador of Aloha”. But he also played parts in nearly 30 Hollywood films. This movie star link made Duke’s an appropriate location for the Bohe-Mora welcome gathering.

Scene 2: Keawaula (Yokohama) Beach Saturday, July 28, 2018

On the west side of Oahu, where the bride’s parents live (Waianae), some guests hiked Kaena Point and enjoyed swimming and hanging loose at the beach. But it was the lively lunch, a “boodle fight”, which gave everyone a fun and festive Filipino experience.

Boodle fights originated from the Philippine military at which hungry soldiers would gather to eat combat-style. Food is laid out on long tables covered in banana leaves. Diners stand side by side and practice kamayan (eat with hands) without utensils and dishes. Boodle fights can get competitive and chaotic but is full of camaraderie.

Now considered an exotic foodie trend, especially in the Philippines, Middle East, New York City, Las Vegas, Los Angeles and major cities around the world with a sizeable Fili-

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HEALTH & FAMILY

WHY THIS IS THE GOLDEN AGE OF ANTI-AGING

UNDER YOUR SKIN By Grace Carole Beltran MD

Time in our lives when most of us decide to make changes that feel right and good, and mostly that is the desire to restore what we've lost in years. Our appreciation of life is overshadowed by a poignant apprehension of mortality.

Luckily this is the golden age of anti-aging, which is why we are getting a barrage of aesthetic devices and procedures that can be confusing at times. The good news, though, is you have more options to choose from. After years of experience, I've selected procedures that are appropriate to the patient's requirements. The following are important in dealing with the choices we make:

1. The age of the patient. The needs of a 30-year-old

definitely differ from a 60- or 70-year-old. Volume loss is the primary facial aging issue in the latter age group. A 30-year-old patient might just need an anti-aging cream and peels to improve on texture, tone and skin color, together with Botulinum toxin to address fine lines, versus someone at around 60, who will definitely need some lifting procedures using laser devices that might require more than one session depending on the severity of the sagging. Some 60- to 70-year-old patients would require more than one procedure or even surgery.

Take, for example, 64-year-old EJ. With EJ I had to do some jaw-defining procedures, together with aug-



mentation of the angle of the jaw, because there was already some bone resorption. (As people age, the rate of resorption tends to exceed the rate of replacement, leading to conditions like osteopenia, or bone thinning.) There is also the need to do forehead, mid-face and temple rejuvenation using fillers.

HG, on the other hand, a 70-year-old lady who did not want surgery, went for Botox injections first, then laser tightening and filler injections. Fillers are structure-volumizing substances used to re-inflate lost volume, which is common in this age group.

2. Reason for consultation. Most of the time the patient's perceived problem and the solution they are considering are not compatible and realistic, so there is a need to explain and reorient them to the actual problem, solution, and changes to expect afterward. A more detailed outcome needs to be emphasized as well. The problem with some patients is that they cannot tell exactly what they want because they feel embarrassed to say it. Patient needs to verbalize what they expect after the treatment as sometimes their expectations are way too high or priorities are different from what the aesthetic dermatologist thinks.
3. Tolerance to pain plus advantages or disadvantages of each treatment method. The patient has the right to know how painful a procedure is because what is

worse is withdrawing a procedure even before it's completed. We also need to determine if sedation is necessary before a procedure because clearance from an internist is required. For example, for non-surgical facelift procedures, Ultherapy is more painful compared to Profractional laser compared to HIFU and definitely Titan, in that order. Profractional laser procedures have the added effect of improving facial scars like severe acne scarring; plus, it does wonders for thin, wrinkled, crepey skin. But Ultherapy and Titan have an instant effect, just like HIFU. In heavy faces like those with thicker skin and round faces, Ultherapy is excellent but for not so rounded faces or thinner skin, Titan would be best, although some of these devices have different settings that can be adjusted according to the needs of that particular patient.

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and theft.

For more information and to register, visit mvfcu.coop/learning or the credit union’s Facebook page at [facebook.com/mvfcu.hawaii](https://www.facebook.com/mvfcu.hawaii). All who register will receive a link to the webinar to watch at their convenience.

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HIFU is similar to Ultherapy but personally speaking, Ultherapy can reach the deeper layers for more tightening so fewer sessions are needed.

The latest among these devices, which is not painful, is the Ultraformer 3, according to my friend. All these thermal energy devices emit a certain critical temperature for treating the skin, which is specifically intended for skin soft tissue remodeling. As a conclusion, however, these devices cannot replicate the result of an accurate surgical facelift and neck lift (surgery is not

just the lifting of skin; it repositions soft tissue and muscle related tissue, too).

4. What is the budget of the patient? This is very important because you cannot expect perfect results with a piecemeal or half-finished procedure due to lack of money. Patients should be given an estimated cost prior to every procedure.
5. Does the patient prefer non-surgical or surgical procedures? Does the patient want a more permanent effect that lasts longer and requires fewer follow-ups, or is the patient

so afraid of surgery that they would rather go for injectables or laser devices, even though a number of sessions may be necessary for a more accurate result?

6. Is the family supportive of the intended procedure the patient wants? Conflict with the husband sometimes creates trouble, not only with the patient but also with the surgeon. The husband, children or any other close relative consists of the support system of the patient and if any of them gives a negative comment after surgery be-

cause they were opposed to it in the first place, then you are in trouble.

7. Is the transformation the patient wants subtle or major? Is that change necessary, applicable or suitable for that particular patient? How much change is needed? For example, in rhinoplasty, the patient should express how elevated the nose he or she desires, or in the case of breast augmentation, what size of breasts the patient wants.

Once these questions are adequately answered, then and

only then can the surgeon decide what treatment modalities are best for that patient. It’s always best for the patient to put some questions together so that both patient and doctor can work on an effective course of treatment.

Age management is a booming industry, which is why more and more treatment options for anti-aging are coming out. To begin your journey, consult a board-certified aesthetic and pathological dermatologist who has had many years of experience and is willing to sit down to answer questions that are relevant to your problem. (www.philstar.com)

FEATURE: BOHE-MORA...*from page 8*

pino community, boodle fights make for a memorable and unique Pinoy party.

After the bride’s uncle, Fermin Guinto Jr., blessed the food, which featured an abundance of tropical dishes and traditional lechon, Bohe exclaimed: “Ready on the left? Ready on the right? Commence boodle fight!”

Scene 3: Paliku Gardens at Kualoa Ranch Sunday, July 29, 2018

Bohe and Mora picked a picture-perfect location to celebrate their marriage. Kualoa Ranch was the site for their wedding ceremony and reception as well as the set for “Jurassic Park/World”, “Hawaii Five-0”, “Lost”, “Pearl Har-

bor”, “Godzilla”, “Jumanji”, “50 First Dates” and numerous other movies and TV shows.

The bride and her parents arrived at the venue in a rare “Roaring 20’s” Packard classic car, which was featured in The Learning Channel’s top-rated wedding show, “For Better or For Worse”, lending an old Hollywood glamour to the nuptials. It was also a meaningful drive for them from Turtle Bay Resort to Kualoa Ranch.

“Driving around the island was a favorite pastime of our family growing up, and making that 40-minute drive with just the two of them on this occasion was especially heartwarming,” Bohe said.

Processional song selections were from the Beach Boys. The bridesmaids and groomsmen walked in with “Wouldn’t It Be Nice” from the “50 First Dates” soundtrack, and the bride was escorted by her father with “God Only Knows” from the “Love Actually” soundtrack.

Kahu Jonanthan Kuahiwi Moniz of ‘Ae ‘Ike Hawaiian Wedding Officiant Services performed the intimate cere-



Maria Bohe married Bob Mora in a Hawaii-Hollywood inspired wedding on July 29, 2018. [Photo by E. R. Bautista]

mony in Hawaiian and English. With a breathtaking backdrop of the windward coastline, Bohe and Mora exchanged their personalized vows in front of nearly 90 people. The groom got very emotional while stating his promises, which moved their guests and especially the bride.

“Bob is a very tough man and seeing his emotion was touching to all of us who know him,” she said.

After their first kiss as husband and wife, they walked the red carpet back to the vintage vehicle. Then they made their

grand entrance later at a reception that followed with dinner and dancing at the base of the Kanehoalani mountain peak. A large aloha marquee sign displayed on the lawn symbolized the newlyweds’ love for each other and for their ohana (family) and friends.

“My favorite memory of the wedding day was the moment after the pictures with our wedding party and family, while we were waiting for the official announcement of husband and wife,” Bohe said. “We were standing on a hill

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CANDID PERSPECTIVES



By Emil Guillermo

Dr. Dawn Mabalon was “The Most De-colonized” Filipina/o

WHY DAWN IS IMPORTANT

I’ve described Mabalon as a bright energetic ball of fire who took American Filipinos and U.S. history and fused them with an activist’s passion that empowered the ignored and enlightened the ignorant.

If you didn’t know the story, you finally got it.

If you were heretofore invisible, you were finally seen.

She didn’t bother with the veritable first draft of history, a/k/a “the news.” Mabalon, who originally set out to be a journalist at the Record, looked to make a lasting impact. She went from C student at Stockton’s Edison High, to Delta Junior College, then UCLA, and ultimately got her Ph.D in at Stanford.

Her thesis that put the forgotten Filipinos of America into the academy, became the 2013 book, “Little Manila is in the Heart: The Making of the Filipina/o American Community in Stockton, California.”

“Filipina/o”? A bold declaration of inclusion. Mabalon was her own rebellious style-book.

I first met her in 2003 when I worked the diversity beat for the Record. Along with Dillon Delvo, her Little Manila Foundation co-founder, Dawn was a key source as I wrote stories about their effort to preserve the blighted blocks of Stockton’s “Little Manila.”

“It was her idea to create and preserve Little Manila in Stockton as a historical district,” Delvo told me when we first heard the news of Maba-



lon’s death. “In my heart, I said there’s no way we could beat the developers. But I was wrong.”

During the mourning period, someone dug up a Facebook post from Mabalon’s book launch.

“If it weren’t for the journalistic skills of this man, Emil Guillermo,” she wrote, “Little Manila would be a parking lot.”

Overstated, for sure. But reading it now five years later just made me cry.

Since then, I’ve used her book like a bible to compare my own father’s “manong” story of coming to the U.S. as a colonized American Filipino with the facts from Mabalon’s scholarly work.

In one of my last emails to Mabalon, I asked about the lynchings east of San Francisco in San Joaquin County. Mabalon’s painstaking research was in “Little Manila.” “A contractor driving near Lodi, just north of Stockton, saw two Filipinos hanging from a tree, and one burned body propped up against the tree trunk,” she wrote, citing an August 1930 story in The Three Stars, a Stockton Filipino labor newspaper.

Filipinos lynched in Jim Crowpino California? It happened.

Mabalon’s book made Stockton the historical example

The bride’s niece and nephew, Chloe Hanzawa and Jason Carter Hanzawa, were the “little stars of the show” as the flower girl and ring bearer. Their mother, Cristina Cruz Hanzawa, who is the bride’s cousin, designed the graphic elements for—and directed—the wedding day festivities.

The setting of Paliku Gardens was naturally enhanced with additional tropical flowers and foliage arranged by Victor Semion.

“She saw her community not just for what it was, but what it could be... Dawn was the most decolonized of all of us.”

When I last saw Mabalon in July, we communicated like two people on a mission, linked by the past, and driven by the common goals of advancing our sense of “Filipinoness” in America.

She gave me the respect of an elder. I respected her youthful energy, smarts, and the legacy she was still creating: A definitive biography of labor leader Larry Itliong, as well as a children’s book on Itliong. She was scheduled to speak in Washington, DC in August on Filipino Americans and civil rights.

She apologized for not yet seeing my “Amok Monologues” and would see it in California, she said. And then we both gave each other a big hug, for what we didn’t realize would be the last time, live and in the flesh.

Dawn Mabalon was a ball of fire.

And now as we fight through the sad darkness, we realize just how much we’ve lost.

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The hurricane has been downgraded and Hawaii seems safe for now. And from California, I’m thinking about all my dear readers.

But there’s a spirit in the wind and rain in Kauai that I’m thinking specifically, Dr. Dawn Bohulano Mabalon, a young professor and scholar who made many visits to the islands over the years for personal and professional reasons.

Mabalon returned to her native Stockton for good last Friday as her family and friends buried her, but not her memory, nor the history she helped uncover and preserve.

A week from her 46th birthday, the San Francisco State professor’s tragic death Aug. 10 while vacationing in Kauai has been difficult to process.

She was snorkeling, then came up for air. That’s when she experienced an asthma attack, according to family members. She had her inhaler, but it wasn’t enough. Her sister and a good Samaritan put her on her back and pulled her to shore. But they couldn’t stabilize her. When the ambulance came to take her to the ER, last ditch efforts couldn’t revive her.

The body has returned, but I know Dawn’s spirit still stays somewhere over there, in Hawaii, island hopping from her first stop in eternity, Kauai.

(FEATURE: BOHE-MORA...from page 10)

overlooking the reception site and watching all of our friends laughing and talking to each other. We can feel the love and support from everyone below.”

CAST AND CREW CREDITS

Every great (love) story needs a best supporting cast of characters and capable crew. For Bohe and Mora’s wedding entourage, these included family and friends, some of whom also work in the television and

entertainment industry.

The maid of honor was the bride’s younger sister, Cassandra Bohe, a producer. Bridesmaids included Grace Cruz (cousin), Valerie Arias Szopa, Claudia Franck and Rebekah Walter.

The best man and groom’s best friend, Darren Bunkley, is also an Emmy award-winning producer. Groomsmen included Steve Bae, Bob Ardent, John Rowe and Bechara Gholam.

of Asian American assimilation, and how despite the racism, Filipino genes could not be denied. Interesting, how in March 6, 1930, the very paper she and I once worked for, the Stockton Record, had once declared in an editorial that Filipinos were “unassimilable.”

But Mabalon knew there was a “Filipino there” there—thriving in Stockton. And that it was worth noting, no less than a Jamestown.

That’s how important Dawn Mabalon is to Filipinos in America and to whomever is interested in the historical truth. She did the legwork, wrote the book. This is how it went down. It can’t be ignored. It’s our story.

At his eulogy for Mabalon, her Little Manila co-founder Delvo took note of Mabalon’s vision. One of the biggest hurdles for the community, he said, has been overcoming a colonial mentality, the hangover from centuries of colonial rule. Delvo defined it as the “internalized attitudes of ethnic inferiority from the effects of colonization and a corresponding belief that the cultural values of the colonizer are inherently superior to one’s own.”

“Dawn was the most decolonized of all of us,” Delvo said repeatedly as if a mantra.



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PHILIPPINE NEWS

EJK Victims' Kin Sue Duterte Before ICC

By Rhodina Villanueva
Wednesday, August 29, 2018

MANILA, Philippines — For the first time, relatives of victims of extrajudicial killings yesterday filed a complaint for crimes against humanity against President Duterte before the International Criminal Court (ICC).

The complainants called Duterte the mastermind of the “state-sponsored killings” of drug suspects, mostly from poor families, and described those killed as victims of his “murderous rage.”

Presidential spokesman Harry Roque Jr. downplayed the 50-page complaint, saying, “That’s not a complaint, that’s a communication because it’s still to be acted upon by the ICC. Procedure is different. Anyone can file a communication.”

Roque said that even Pope Francis has a communication filed against him, so the case brought against Duterte “doesn’t mean anything.”

This is the third complaint for crimes against humanity filed against Duterte, the first two having been filed by Sen. Antonio Trillanes IV, Magdalo Rep. Gary Alejano and lawyer Jude Sabio.

The case brought before ICC prosecutor Fatou Bensouda had as complainants Irma Locasia, Dennise David, Maria Lozano, Mariel Sabangan, Normita Lopez and Purisima

Dacumos, whose relatives were killed in police operations in 2016 and 2017.

The families, aided by the National Union of Peoples’ Lawyers (NUPL) and Rise Up for Life and for Rights, accused Duterte of being “criminally responsible and liable” for murder “for the extrajudicial killings of thousands of Filipinos” and other inhumane acts “for causing great suffering to the victims and their families,” all punishable under the Rome Statute of the ICC.

They said the President is responsible for the “systematic” and “widespread” killings of drug suspects by his police officers in the administration’s brutal campaign against illegal drugs.

Duterte, according to the complaint, is responsible being the “commander and superior authority” of the police.

“The extrajudicial killings, mass arrests and other inhumane acts committed by and under President Duterte, whether 4,410 killed as claimed by the Philippine government or 23,000 as claimed by human rights and media groups, the mass murder and rights violations are so grievous and so heinous that is of sufficient gravity to justify further action of the Court,” the complaint read.

If the 4,410 slain drug personalities were to be considered, this means that an average

of six persons were killed daily as of July 31, 2018, according to the complaint, citing official figures from the police.

“Majority, if not all, of these killings were orchestrated, premeditated and treacherously committed by the police and state forces in their official capacities – in essence, murder, either ordered, incited, goaded, encouraged, tolerated or sanctioned by President Duterte,” the complaint read.

While the police alleged they only killed the drug suspects out of self defense, their experience tell a different story, the families told the ICC prosecutor.

The complaint cited the cases of Djustin Lopez, an epileptic who his family said was

just hanging out by the railroad tracks when he was chased and shot at by police in a dark alley in Tondo in May 2017; Bernabe Sabangan and Arnold Vitales, killed by police while they were watching television at Sabangan’s house in Barangay Bagong Silangan, Quezon city on May 15, 2017, but police said it was a shootout following a drug sting operation; Salvador Locasia Jr., who had been included in the drug watchlist and was killed during a wake in Bagong Silangan, Quezon city on Aug. 31, 2016, just a month into the Duterte administration. His family said he was taken by police and then killed nearby but police said he fought back.

Other cases include those of

Crisanto and Juan Carlos Lozano, brothers who were included the watchlist and were also killed in what police said was a followup operation to a robbery incident on May 12, 2017; Danilo Dacumos, also in the drug watchlist, who was killed in his own residence in Caloocan on Aug. 3, 2017 also allegedly by police; and John Jezreel David, a hotel attendant who was last seen alive on Jan. 19, 2017 and was found days later at a morgue.

NUPL chairman Neri Colmenares said the sheer number of 4,000 deaths is enough to constitute a crime against humanity.

“It doesn’t matter whether it’s tens of thousands or 4,410; there are several dead already. This is up to the standard of crimes against humanity,” he said.

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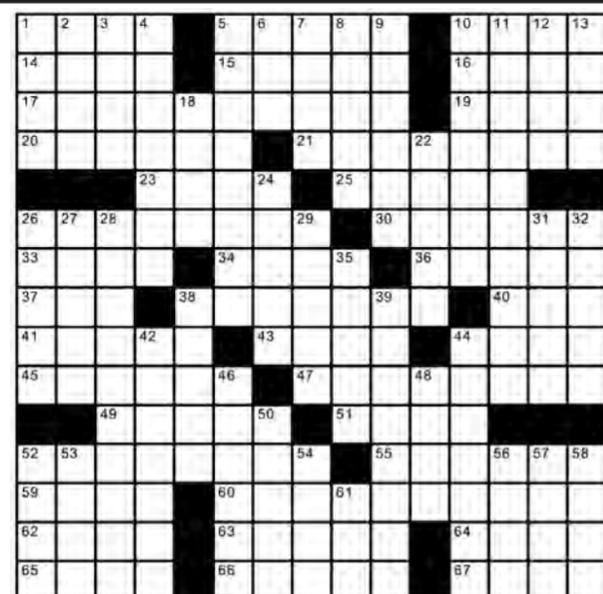
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17. Tea cart
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13. Band of nerve fibers
18. Deteriorate
22. Archetype
24. Science
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LEGAL NOTES



By Atty. Reuben S. Seguritan

Administrative Processing After Visa Interview

after they are submitted for administrative processing is very small.

Administrative processing means that the visa application is submitted for clearance procedures or further administrative procedures. Any applicant can be the subject of administrative processing for any or all visa applications submitted to the US Consular office.

The reasons for the application being under administrative processing vary. It could be because further procedure is required due to circumstances that arose during the interview. Another reason is because of other information on record that would warrant a closer look before a decision on the application is made. In this latter case, an advisory opinion from the Office of Legal Affairs in the Bureau of Consular Affairs Visa Office is normally required.

It could also be possi-

ble that the applicant's name matched or was a "hit" on the watchlist and therefore he may not be granted the visa. If the name is a match on the watchlist, then a security advisory opinion is required. This is also known as a "visa Donkey". If the name is a hit as a national of state sponsors of terrorism, then it is known as a "visa Condor". However, if after a further look or confirmation, it is determined that the visa applicant is not the same person who is on the watchlist, then the visa will be approved and the applicant will be informed of the decision.

If the intended commercial or academic activity of the visa applicant triggers concerns about the possible illegal transfer of technology as defined in the Technology Alert List (TAL), then the application will be submitted for administrative processing. If the applicant intends to pursue activities in one of the areas included in the TAL, then the consul must

submit an inquiry on the matter to the Department of State for a determination of whether the risk is significant enough to require visa denial. This is known as the "visa Mantis" and a security advisory opinion is required.

When the application is under administrative processing, the visa applicant must wait at least 60 days or two months from the date of the interview in order for the case to be resolved. However, delays are common during administrative processing.

If the 60 day period has elapsed without any resolution, then a person may call the US consular office where he was interviewed to ask what the status of his visa application is. If after 30 days from making an inquiry there is still no response, the applicant should send a letter to the US Consular office to ask for an update. If there is still no word from the US Consular office, the applicant is advised to follow-up with the US Con-

sular office once a month thereafter. But if it has been a very long time since the case was submitted for administrative processing, and there is still no decision sent to the applicant, then the applicant should ask for congressional assistance.

The applicant does have the option of filing a second visa application. However, there is likely no benefit in filing a new application other than to update the information or include new information that may not have been included in the initial application. It would be a good idea to file a Form DS-5535, Supplemental Questions for Visa Applicants, in order to provide information that may be helpful for any background or security checks that may be stalling the processing of the application.

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After a person is interviewed at a US Consular office, he will be informed if his application is approved, denied or under administrative processing. The administrative processing of applications is a necessary procedure that helps the US government determine who may or may not be issued a visa. It is also an opportunity for the applicant to make sure that he will have no other problems once the administrative procedure is done and his visa application is approved and the visa is subsequently issued.

According to former members of the Senior Foreign Service, Mr. Stephen R. Pattison and Mr. Andrew T. Simkin, the number of cases that are denied

ILOKO NEWS

Loida Alimboyoguen Yamamoto Ti Baro a Presidente Ti Ilocos Surian Association of Hawaii (ISAH)

Ni Loida Alimboyoguen Yamamoto ti nagkaykaysaan Ilocos Surian Association of Hawaii (ISAH) a baro a presidente para iti 2018-2020 babaen iti napalabas nga eleksion idi Hunio 5, 2018 iti Susannah Wesley Community Center.

Ni Yamamoto ti umuna a babai a mangidaulo ti ISAH kalpasan dagiti immuna a nagpresidente sipud pay nabangon idi Pebrero 27, 1977, kas kada: Atty Peter Aduja [Vigan]; John Quiocho [Caoayan-Narvacan]; Mario Albalos [Vigan]; Dr. Sid Villafuerte [Sto Domingo]; Peeping Billena [Caoayan-Santa]; Rey Custodio [Candon]; Ben Cabreros [Narvacan]; Julio Quiocho, Jr. [Caoayan]; Danny Villaruz [Santa] kapautan a president 2001-2018.

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nag-OFCC ken secretary; nag-runner-up iti Mrs. ISAH 2008, ken aktibo iti komunidad. Tubo iti Vigan City, maikatlo a tubo ti Vigan a mangidaulo iti ISAH.

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By Pacita Saludes

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MAINLAND NEWS

Rep. Tulsi Gabbard on Vulnerability of US Elections Systems

WASHINGTON, D.C.— U.S. Rep. Tulsi Gabbard commented on disturbing reports of the widespread vulnerability of U.S. election systems exposed at DefCon 26 Voting Village, an annual hacking conference that was held in Las Vegas from August 9-12th.

“Kids being able to hack into our election infrastructure in mere minutes highlights the severe vulnerabilities in our election infrastructure that threaten our American democracy. These vulnerabilities erode voter confidence and expose our election outcomes to manipulation.

At the conference, approximately thirty children ages 8-16 were able to hack into imitation election websites mirroring U.S. election infrastructure across the country, some in under ten minutes.

“With the 2018 general election quickly approaching, Congress must act now to pass my Securing America’s Elections Act, and work with the states to safeguard our electoral infrastructure, ensuring that each and every American vote is counted faithfully and accurately.”

Gabbard introduced the Securing America’s Elections Act in March 2018 to protect the country’s elections infrastructure from cyber-hackers by requiring the use of paper ballots or voter-verified paper ballot backups in federal elections, and authorize emergency funding to empower every state to implement this policy that produces an auditable paper trail, beginning with the 2018 elections. The legislation would also address ongoing concerns with vulnerabilities in the software that is currently used in voting machines across the country.

Filipinos Part of Asian Box Office Hit, “Crazy Rich Asians”

For a second consecutive week, the Hollywood film “Crazy Rich Asians” topped the boxed office in the U.S. with \$25 million in ticket sales (\$6 million internationally). Last week’s opening garnered \$35 million. It is projected to be the highest grossing Asian Hollywood film.

It is the first Hollywood studio movie in 25 years with an all Asian

cast. The total gross in just two weeks reached \$76.8 million and could change the perception in Hollywood that Asian movies can do well in the U.S.

Philippine actress Kris Aquino plays Princess Intan in the film. Filipino-American actor Nico Santos plays Oliver T’sien.

The success of the film could open the door for more Asian ac-

tors and Asian writers to have their books turned into movies. The romantic comedy is based on a novel of the same name by Kevin Kwan.

The film is being praised by critics for its depiction of Asians in a refreshing, non-stereotypical light. Movie analysts say opening week of the film was mostly an Asian American audience. By the second week, movie crowds for the film has expanded to include a diversity of ethnicities.

(PHILIPPINE NEWS: EJK VICTIMS’ KIN...from page 12)

Lawyer Krissy Conti of the same group added that the directive of the President to “neutralize” drug suspects is a clear order for police to kill alleged pushers and users.

“We think the term ‘neutralize’ in the tokhang memorandum is a directive to kill not only in the language of police themselves, but also in practice,” Conti said.

“These killings must be stopped and justice must be served, not only for the individual families of the victims, but for all of us as a people. The poor have been striving hard to get out of poverty but the President’s answer buried them instead, literally and figu-

ratively, to greater woes. And now, this prevailing atmosphere of death and impunity forces us to live in fear of the state forces and masked men roaming around our humble communities, carrying a license to kill assured by no less than the President himself,” Rise Up coordinator Deaconess Rubylin Litao said.

In ending the complaint, the families called for an “end to the madness,” quoting the President’s words when he compared himself to Hitler, “one of the most evil men in history,” in ordering the deaths of drug suspects.

Dennise David, the father of John Jezreel David, said he took the courage to file a case against the Chief Executive so he could seek justice for his son.

“Pinatay ang aming mga mahal sa buhay. Ayaw naming maramdaman ng ibang pamilya ang nararamdaman namin. Dapat mahinto na ang pamamaslang at mapanagot ang dahilan ng patayan (Our loved ones were killed. We don’t want other families to feel what we feel. The killings should be stopped and the perpetrators should be brought to justice),” he said. (www.philstar.com)

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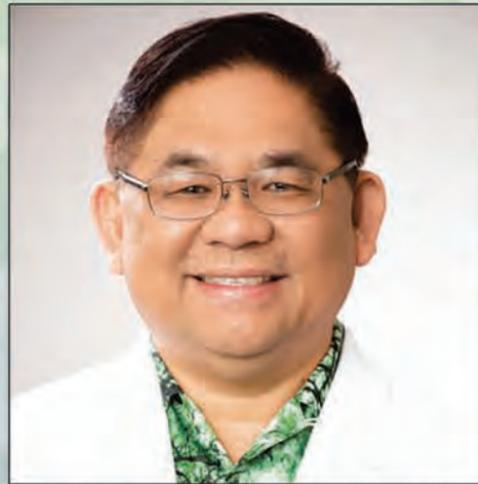
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