



Mabuhay!!

God Bless America!!

Hafa Adai!!

GOVERNOR UNDER FIRE

In an emotional and impassioned testimony, Senator Nerissa B. Underwood on Thursday's legislative session, begged the Governor to walk his talk.

This developed as Underwood's Bills (182-33 and 183-33) for University of Guam and Department of Education had to be set back because of lack of funds.

"Based on the information that was provided by Chris Duenas, the Special Assistant to the Governor, and also Mr.

Underwood to Governor: Please walk your talk!

Blas the Director of Department of Administration, he said well, you know what? Sorry, there's no funding.

"But let me tell you why I'm so disturbed about that.

"When we held the public hearing on this Bill, the only correspondence I received from the Department of Administration was that

they could not support the Bill because the public law regarding the refinancing of the bond had said that it can only go to the Guam Memorial Hospital capital improvement projects and related health projects."

Underwood said she read the law and it did not say anything about FY 2015 so

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"Tens of millions of (tax) dollars go uncollected every year" – San Nicolas

Amidst Guam's fiscal problems, Senator Mike San Nicolas disclosed that there actually is money if only taxes are paid and collected right.

In Nicolas's letter to Governor Eddie B. Calvo,

October 20, he urged him to authorize the Attorney General to act as a special investigator and prosecutor to investigate collections and enforcement at the Department of Revenue and Taxation.

After two Rev & Tax officials plead guilty to corruption charges after a four year federal undercover investigation, Rev & Tax Director John Camacho last week asked the Guam Police Department to conduct an

investigation into the possibility of corruption in the department. San Nicolas said that he is concerned

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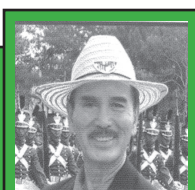
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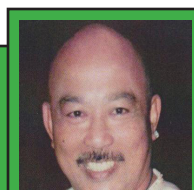


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Guam Installs First Female Postmaster

Guam's first woman postmaster is now in the reign.

Tammy Flores Garman Schoenen has been installed as the Guam postmaster at a special invitation-only program at the John Pangelinan Gerber Barrigada Post Office, October 21.

The brief installation program featured remarks by Honolulu-based USPS District Manager Greg Wolny and Manager, Post Office Operations Felix Bagoyo. It culminated in the administration of the Postmaster's Oath of Office to Schoenen by Bagoyo.

Schoenen is the 15th official Guam postmaster in the 113-year history of the office, and the very first female to serve in the position. She has lived in Guam since the age of 2, and has deep roots in the community and a family history of federal service. Schoenen is a graduate of the Academy of Our Lady of Guam and attended the University of Guam.

"I'm proud and honored to be the first female Guam postmaster," said Schoenen. "My goal is to provide the best possible service to this community. As a local myself, I'm very much aware of the importance of the Postal Service to Guam's residents and business community."

"I also hope to serve as an example and to pave the way for more local people to reach for and achieve positions of leadership in the Postal Service and other federal agencies," Schoenen added.

As Guam postmaster, Schoenen supervises 106

postal employees at the Barrigada Main Postal Facility and the Hagatna, Andersen AFB, Naval Station and Tamuning postal facilities and oversees the operations of the Agat, Dededo, Inajaran, Merizo, University of Guam and Yigo Contract Postal Units. She is responsible for the daily distribution of an average of 125,000 pieces of mail to more than 19,000 addresses on 21 delivery routes and to more than 26,000 PO Boxes island wide. She also collaborates with Honolulu-based USPS officials in the management of the Postal Service's complex and challenging Pacific Islands transportation network.

Schoenen replaced former Guam Postmaster Emmanuel Thomas, who transferred to a postal management position in Illinois.

Schoenen began her postal career 20 years ago as a clerk at the Barrigada Main Postal Facility. Prior to her appointment as Guam postmaster, she had served for more than a decade as Customer Services Supervisor at that same office.

"I want to thank District Manager Wolny and Manager of Post Office Operations Bagoyo for their confidence in me and for their ongoing support and guidance. I also want to thank my postal mentors: my former Supervisor Teddy Taijeron, and former Postmasters Tony



San Nicolas, Frank Eclavea, Hector Medina, George Diaz, Frederick Workman and Emmanuel Thomas. Last, but not least, I want to express my gratitude to my fellow postal employees, my friends and family, and the people of Guam," Schoenen said in a release.

20 First-Time Homeowners Get Their Dream House

It is going to be "A Dream Come True" for 20 qualified small-earner families as the USDA Rural Development and The Micronesia Community Development Corporation or USDA-MCDC joint project extends its Self-Help Housing Technical Assistance Grant program to the island community of Guam.

What the Self-Help Housing Technical Assistance Grant program does is supervise the group of individuals or the grant recipient's family in carrying-out

For an agreed amount of \$25,000 a 30-year-old male married a Chinese national to circumvent US immigration laws.

Bruce Lee Cruz Aguon on October 15, was named as defendant in the Information for conspiracy to commit marriage fraud in violation of Title 8, USC, Section 1325(c), and did commit an overt act in furtherance of said conspiracy to achieve its objective by receiving money to enter into a civil marriage with a certain Lian Liu, a Chinese national for the purpose of evading the provision of the immigration laws, in violation of Title 18, USC, Section 371.

On that same day he was charged, Aguon filed his plea agreement, admitting to the crime. Aguon married Liu at a civil ceremony on August 26, 2014 at the

Mangilao Mayor's Office. On September 30, 2014, Aguon filed a Petition for Alien Relative with the CIS. On September 10, however, a source reported to law enforcement that Aguon and Liu's marriage was fraudulent.

During the investigation, Aguon admitted to the Special Agents that he married Liu in order for her to receive a green card with an agreed amount of \$25,000. Aguon received \$10,000 shortly after the marriage.

The crime carries with it a maximum penalty of 5 years imprisonment, \$250,000 fine, 3-year supervised release, a \$100 special assessment.

Aguon was conditionally released on October 20. One of the conditions of his release is for him to avoid contact with Lian Liu, unless under the direction of the HSI agent or his attorney. He is set to appear in court on January 19, 2016 at 2:30 P.M./The Junction News Team

Chamorro Land Trust Commission in Hot Water After Oversight Hearing

Chamorro Land Trust Commission or CLTC is now in hot water and being questioned following the oversight hearing that was held last October 16, 2015 by Senator Thomas Ada. The Senator's agenda is to ask the CLTC about public property leases that they have recently accommodated. It has raised more queries that led to further investigation putting pressure on CLTC about the huge land property near Lajuna and the Guam International Country Club golf course.

The first issue that was pointed out in the hearing was the proposed lease of 400 acres of CLTC property close to Lajuna point in Yigo that was leased to an international privately owned construction company named The Smithbridge Group Inc. The construction company has been reportedly quarrying the publicly owned land for years under the name of the Chamorro State Director for Hawaii and the Western Pacific Mr. Chris Kanazawa, this grant is yes the first-time to the Guam community and that it can be permanent for the coming years from this day on, as long as MCDC meets the USDA's standard or guidelines. Having said, more low-incomed families can also have the chance of having their own homes through continuous partnership of USDA and MCDC, working together with the island's community as reported by local news earlier.

"This is a special project because it's the first time

Land Trust Commission. Senator Ada said in a new report that he wants to know how the lease was announced since the CLTC is not authorized to issue any leases until such that the rules and regulations have been adopted by the legislature since the commercial terms of CLTC was voted out by legislature before.

Another subject matter discussed by Senator Ada is the lease of Guam International Country Club golf course that was recently renewed for another 25 years despite of major known issues regarding the contract of lease between the lessor (CLTC) and the lessee.

The lease of the land was first granted during the 1980's with the same lease rate and was renewed recently with the same rent amount and not the current land value.

Ada is questions why despite of unpaid leases and late payment which is prohibited and included in the terms of lease, the contract was renewed by the commission.

"At one point the arrears went up as high as \$800,000 as of the end of the lease term the information that we have is there was still about \$74,000 in arrears in rental payment and about \$52,000 in arrears and tax payments that are due," said Senator Ada during in an interview by local media before the oversight hearing.

It was also later that they found out that the problem is that it's not even clear exactly who the lease holder is and who the lease holder should be, which raised the question



Unregistered Taxi? This taxi is said to be among the many unregistered taxis in the island. It does not bear a taxi plate and it has tinted windows. /Photo by D.M. Romulo

a \$512,417 grant from USDA Rural Development to lay the foundation of the housing project. The grant is entirely for mobilization and for other related activities pertaining to Self-Help Housing Technical Assistance Grant program that will help the MCDC in screening the applicants, recruiting qualified future home owners, and with the processing of loan inclusions.

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Lawmaker Revisits Guam Only Visa Waiver for Philippines and Vietnam

Following the announcement (Oct 2) of the US Department of Homeland and Security's creation of a program allowing family members of Filipino and Fil-Am WWII Veterans to receive parole to enter the US, Senator Dennis Rodriguez, Jr. thought it is timely to once again revisit the idea of Guam only visa waiver for Philippines and Vietnam.

"Both these countries are geographically located in close proximity to Guam and have emerged as a powerful economic powerhouse that could provide positive economic and business growth to our island," Rodriguez said in a release.

To support his proposition, Rodriguez, a Filipino decent, wrote Congresswoman Madeleine Bordallo seeking her insights whether "this could finally become a program that would be entertained that would be entertained by the Federal Government at this time."

In her response, Bordallo said "Public Law 110-229, the Consolidated Natural Resources Act of 2008 expanded the Guam visa waiver program and provided the Governor with the authority to petition DHS to include additional countries under our visa waiver program."

Thus, on October 19, Rodriguez Governor Eddie Baza Calvo seeking his support and action. Rodriguez said, "There were various factors that the US Department of Homeland

Security considered in order to determine which countries would be included into the visa waiver program. Among the factors considered in the CNRA is the significant economic benefit a country provides to Guam or the CNMI.

At the time of DHS's rulemaking process, Philippines and Vietnam "exhibited high rates of refusal for non-immigrant visitor's visas as well as an unfavorable potential economic impact to either Guam or CNMI," Rodriguez's letter reads.

But things have changed, claims Rodriguez, stating the Philippines and Vietnam "are now regarded as fast rising economies in the global GDP rankings. In addition, the refusal rates for nonimmigrant visitors from Vietnam have seen a drastic decrease over the years." As for the Philippines, refusal rate remains high, but Rodriguez said "there are positive factors Guam could raise with DHS in an effort to seek inclusion into the visa waiver program. Some of these factors include the potential for future economic and business growth for Guam, the strengthened bilateral relationship, and the Enhanced Defense Cooper-



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ation Agreement President Obama signed with the Philippines last year."

As of press time the office of Senator Rodriguez and this paper is yet to receive a comment or response from Adelup as the matter.

Currently, 12 countries are under the Guam-CNMI visa waiver program as follows: Australia, Brunei, Hong Kong, Japan, Malaysia, Nauru, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, South Korea, Singapore, Taiwan, and United Kingdom. China's VWP is only applicable with CNMI.

It is to be noted that thousands of Filipinos are applying for a non-immigrant visa on a daily basis at the US Embassy in Manila but only a fraction gets approved. This is despite the hefty application fee of a minimum of \$160.00.

Meanwhile, Rodriguez is concerned that the DHS's Oct 2 announcement of the parole program "clearly warns the public that application process to this program

Senators Surprised at Governor's Spending of Initial 2015 Savings

The excitement of the availability of funds for some the Senators' proposed projects was dampened when they learned that Governor Eddie Baza Calvo had already spent the supposed fund.

This developed as former senator Chris Duenas wrote the Rules Committee that the \$1.57 M savings realized from fiscal year 2015 was used to pay the tax refunds.

Seven bills, five authored by Senator Frank Aguon, Jr. and two by Senator Nerissa Underwood, earlier identified the initial 2015 fiscal year savings of \$1.57 million as their source of funds. These bills are:

Bill No. 153-33 (LS) Introduced by Frank Aguon, Jr. with A. Anthony Ada, R.J. Respicio, and Frank Blas, Jr (Appropriation of \$25,000 to the Department of Administration to fund the Fallen Heroes Monument to be erected by the Fallen Heroes of the Pacific Foundation [Guam]).

Bill No. 154-33 (LS) Introduced by Frank Aguon, Jr. with D.G. Rodriguez, Jr. and T.R. Muna Barnes (Appropriation of \$100,000 to the Yona Mayor's Office for the repair of Yona Gym facilities).

has not yet commenced, and cautions that any applications received before the programs implementation may be denied." Bordallo replied that she is already in contact with the DHS "to learn more about the program and how the Department will implement and carry it out." /The Junction News Team

Bill No. 155-33 (LS) Introduced by Frank Aguon, Jr. with D.G. Rodriguez, Jr. and T.R. Muna Barnes (Appropriation of \$39,000 to the Talafofo Mayor's Office for the repair and upgrades of the Talafofo baseball field.)

Bill No. 156-33 (LS) Introduced by Frank Aguon, Jr. with D.G. Rodriguez, Jr., T.R. Muna Barnes, and T. Morrison (Appropriation of \$273,000 to the DPW for the repair of the Umatac Bridge.)

Bill No. 157-33 (LS) Introduced by Frank Aguon, Jr. with V. Anthony Ada, D.G. Rodriguez, Jr. and T.R. Muna Barnes (Appropriation of \$150,000 to the Sinajana Mayor's Office for the completion of the open air gymnasium, renovations and reconfiguration of the parking lot, and building of playground.)

Bill No. 182-33 (COR) Introduced by Nerissa B. Underwood (Appropriation of \$250,000 to University of Guam to address the capital outlay needs in anticipation of the WASC visit.)

Bill No. 183-33 (COR) Introduced by Nerissa B. Underwood (Appropriation of \$500,000 to DOE to pay outstanding vendor payments.)

All seven bills are now left hanging as they have no source of funds. The representatives of Adelup, former senator Chris Duenas and DOA Director Anthony Blaz were present during the Legislature's deliberation on Oct. 21 to shed light on the issue. The legislators ended the session day at a stalemate as they have yet to decide on the proper verbiage relative to authorization and appropriation of funds, as Aguon tries to amend his bills.

One thing is clear though, the projects need a while to be implemented. Adelup, in a press release said that PL 33-60 which paved the way for the subject savings called for the money to be spent on health-related issues. Since there were no bills appropriating the money, "the governor went to the next priority - tax refunds. The savings helped pay for tax refunds; error-free returns with refunds are paid up to April 28, 2015." /The Junction News Team

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Cabras 3 and 4 Fire Damage estimated at around \$100 M

Guam Power Authority suffered a massive loss of \$100 million and counting, in total damages caused by the fire and explosion last August 31. This was according to the early reports by GPA General Manager John Benavente, as the power company is about to start its investigation, but this time to assess whether the power transformers can still be salvaged or repaired.

In a press conference the day after the explosion, Benavente said that the GPA is fully.

GPA spokesperson Art Perez already clarified to the local news that the fire is not generation related but is related to the distribution of power and its transmission. He confirmed that no outages are expected as a result of the defective breaker because it was already isolated and put out of service.

According to earlier press release of GPA which was later on supported by the Guam Fire Department, the fire and explosion in Cabras 3 & 4 is purely accidental in

nature. In addition, assistant Fire Chief Joey Manibusan said that they were able to pinpoint that the overheated transformer motor and the oil of the transformer ignited the whole fire which turned into a huge explosion. This was the result of the investigation by the Fire Department led by GFD Chief Joey San Nicolas, though he was not really certain which generator the motor was in since they had limited access inside the power plant in the early stage of the investigation.

GPA General Manager John Benavente said in the initial reports made by the local press, that the power plant where the explosion happened remains to be inaccessible and should be off limits for about 4 months. This is to make way for the structural engineer's assessment on the stability of the whole building structure especially the walls.

The fire that broke out on August 31 affected and somehow weakened the structural components of the power plant building such as

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Who among us wants evil to triumph?

Among the famous quotes of the playwright, author, philosopher Edmund Burke is "The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing."

Assuming that most of us believe that evil does exist and that it can come in different forms, we now ask you, would graft and corruption be considered as evil acts per se?

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But before we attempt to correlate the meaning of those two words, let us first look at the meaning of graft and corruption.

"Graft and corruption" refer to unethical practices that lead to the advancement of those who are willing to cheat to get by. These two ideas have been a part of government almost as long as power structures have existed, as those who are in power use that power to get additional financial and other advantages. Graft, a form of political corruption, is the unscrupulous use of a politician's authority for personal gain.

We happen to believe that no amount of lip service nor sanctimonious behavior will reduce graft and corruption. Graft practices can never be totally eliminated. It has been around as far back as the time of Christ; but surely, it can certainly be reduced.

We also happen to believe that the operative words are graft (less) and not graft (free). There is no such thing as graft (free). It would be the height of naiveté to entertain such a lofty idea as a graft-free governance.

Fortunately, for us taxpayers, the greatest role we can play is to be vigilant and intolerant on perceived to be graft and corrupt practices. We should be willing to denounce and leave our comfort zones for the benefit of the greater good. A vigilant, outspoken, well informed, and active citizenry is the best deterrence to graft and corrupt practices. The media alone given its inadequacies cannot be left and/or entrusted on such a vital issue nor can the media be expected to act as a watchdog. The taxpaying citizenry is the key to successful prevention on graft and corrupt practices.

We need not expound on the dire ill effects of graft and corrupt practices. Often, the grafters end up with the lion share of what would have been for the economic benefit of the majority, and while we may frown on common crimes as theft and thievery, as though we entertain a double standard on thieving vis-à-vis graft practices. The latter being personal compared to graft

practices in government which actually affects every Tom, Dick, Harry, and Jane.

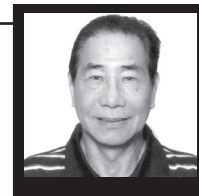
Promoters, instigators and participants on graft and corrupt practices are among the greatest thieves as they rob as blind, and right under our noses at that. We should of course not lose sight of the fundamental principle that what is right is right, and what is wrong is wrong and should be made right.

Ask yourself then, beloved Guamanians, who among us wants evil to triumph?



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- By: Rolando Zabala



In a recent discussion on one of my visits to call on potential advertisers for this paper, I was reminded and encouraged (I often hear kind and encouraging words for us to pursue the paper, not to stop, etc.)

This Chamorro lady who was educated in the mainland whose name I shall not mention, reminded me that Chamorro culture is not confrontational and that according to her, they know how bad (that bad) certain things are (in terms of shady corrupt deals, etc) although they are not expressing it in public the way some western societies do. However, they as a family or a clan talk about it among themselves and will certainly show their indignation on the coming elections.

A Senator I spoke to also lamented that the current administration has reduced things to near levels of mendicancy for a lot of the have nots.

Another mayor pointed out the very bad road conditions in the villages, in the interiors. If you don't enter into the interiors you may not exactly know the actual road conditions.

Many, many more comments I have heard which I would rather not print for being too brutally frank. Having heard this, my comment is as always, what is happening to the Guam I have spent most of my life in?

At any rate, this columnist within the next couple of months will come to a conclusion on whether or not my fellow Guamanians are ready for a free and vocal press. My basis will be the support this paper gets, and I don't just mean moral support and words of encouragement. So far, we have had plenty of that. What we need at this point is advertising revenue, so those who pledged and are taking a wait and see attitude, do consider the saying that goes "put your money where your mouth is." We have to remember that nothing is free in this world, even the air we breathe is not free. If we pollute the environment, then we breathe bad air and the costs are greater.

The question now is, what is the cost for a Free Press? Is it worth it to have a Free and Vibrant Press? Do we not want an independent press that will keep us informed accurately and truthfully as possible, or are we willing to take a chance and wake up one morning not knowing what hit us?

Just look at the extreme endemic corruption in the Philippines. Are we not headed in that direction with the style of this current administration? Certainly those few privileged contractors, their paid lackeys and businesses that are getting some benefit from the current administration are content with the status quo. Some have already duplicated the Pinoy style of doing business with government and these types couldn't care less if the whole of Guam freezes ten times over for as long as they get their mucho dinero. Those types will not, for one second, hesitate to prostitute even their own mother.

This week alone, I came into contact with several of these types, those who are simply ruled by mammon, yun sinasabang ang diyos nila ay pera. Marami sa atin mga dating kababayan ang ganun. I say dating kababayan because a lot of them are of Filipino heritage (and use and claim it when convenient) but in essence they represent simply the lowest form of the western species.

I consider myself lucky to have the opportunity to voice and express myself in a candid manner and a paper that aims to do so as candidly and forthright as possible; however, I do sympathize with a lot of members of media (employees of media companies) whose hands are tied and cannot just simply say (on radio/TV) or write what they feel should be told to the public, unless they risk getting fired. I do believe a good number of them are earnest in their profession and would want to live up to the lofty ideals of the fourth estate. That unfortunately is also the reality in media (as well as in politics). The nuances are what dictates how one has to carry himself. The press may be touted to be free, but in reality the owners of media outfits and their government alliances are the ones calling the shots. How free can you get?

I do recall the face to face debate between the current governor and the former governor

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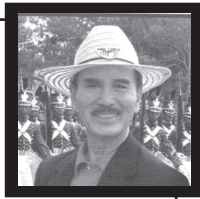
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Fighting for a Cause & More**Dealing with Uncle Sam Leaves Few Options**By: *Pat Duque*

More than two decades ago, the US signed the Compact Impact agreement with other islands in the Pacific like Saipan, Chuck, Yap, Marshalls, etc. It stipulates that the inhabitants of these islands could migrate and live in more developed islands like Guam and US mainland in return for the US' use of their islands primarily for military purposes. Whatever Guam spends for accommodating these islanders, US will pay Guam.

Since then, Guam had already spent more than \$150M and still increasing. But the US paid only a fraction of the amount so far.

Here's an animated dialogue between Uncle Sam and his Chamorro nephew, Juan.

In our community, my Uncle Sam is known as the richest and most influential. One day he approached me saying, "Juan, since you have a bigger house and live close to my Pacific friends, I've offered your services for their boarding and lodging as part of my contract with them. Whatever you spend, just bill me."

Juan: "Uncle, why are they coming to live here? What happened to their homes?"

Sam: "I'm using some of their homes as target practice to test my high-tech weaponry. You know, I can't do this at my homeland because it's too dangerous for the statesiders."

"If you say so Uncle, I'm always your obedient nephew."

After almost two decades, Uncle has not given me enough for his guests. Each year, he only gives me a few thousand dollars but it has cost me about \$25,000 yearly for his friends. He now owes me \$150,000. I've been generous and patient long enough; it's time to ask Uncle to pay up.

"Juan, I'm really broke nowadays. I'm spending too much giving my Arab clients and Israeli friends financial support. Also, I play as a year-long philanthropic Santa Claus to the rest of the world. I am spending by the billions of dollars. You know that."

"Uncle, since we owe each other almost the same amount, why don't we declare it a quitclaim?"

"My dear nephew, no one could demand me to pay, but I can obligate you to pay me back!"

"Well then, we'll just bill your friends or their well-off relatives, who are my boarders."

"You can't do that because it was not what my friends and I agreed on."

"Can we now change the agreement to include it?"

"Why do you keep saying 'we' when you're not even a signatory to that contract?"

"Hafa nai? Why was I excluded when you offered my services and you signed the contract?"

"Nephew, I don't need your permission for anything!"

"Don't I allow you, too, to come and enjoy comforts in my big house? (referring to the mainland). Your brothers and sisters enjoy staying there! It's a symbiotic relationship, isn't it?"

Laña Uncle, my siblings work hard and pay for their stay there in your big house. And please, don't force me to sue you!"

"You can't sue me, because you don't have legal status to do so. And what court would hear your case? Who got the nerve and stupid enough to challenge me!"

With a wide grin, Uncle left.

Devastated, I cried before my children: "I'm sorry. I can't provide a better home for you because we have to fulfil Uncle's commitment to his friends."

The children rose: "Tata, we could do these:

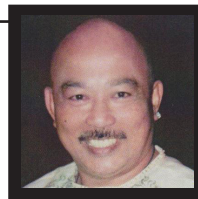
"Boarders will work and pay for their boarding and lodging just like the others. Period.

"We'll strongly protest at Uncle's house and before the world.

"If Uncle pays the \$150,000 we'll purchase his friends one-way airline tickets to stay at his house instead. Oh, they'll be a lot happier there than here. And if our house continues

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By: *Dan "The Man" Romulo*

Abusadong Miki Taxi, sino protektor? - Lintik itong mga taxi na Miki na ito ha, akala mo kung sino sila. Parang sila lang ang anak ng Diyos. Bakit ka ninyo? Imbisna maging ligal sila at mag-comply sa mga patakaran ng pag-operate ng isang lehitimong taxi aba eh, wala na ngang metro, ang lalakas pa ng kanilang loob mag pick-up ng pasahero sa kung saan-saan. Alam naman natin na ang mga kolurom ay hindi nagbabayad ng tamang buwis (tax) at kung halimbawa ay may mangyaring hindi ka nais-nais katulad halimbawa ng aksidente at masaktan ang kainilang pasahero na kadalasan ay turista, sino ang hahabulin ng kanilang pasahero, si Governor Calvo ba o si Lt. Governor Tenorio? Siyempre hindi pu-puwedeng habulin ang dalawang pinakamataas na opisyaes na ito, sapagkat mayroon namang mga opisyaes na dapat ay nag ma-manman sa mga ito. Ang diretsahang tanong ngayon ay sino ba ang mga opisyaes na ito?

Una sa lahat ang nakikita ko ay ang mga kapulisan, na alam naman natin na aminado ang gobyerno ng Guam na may kakulangan sa ating mga kapulisan.

Pangalawa ay anjan ang mga taga Guam Visitors Bureau (GVB).Bakit, bulag ba ang mga ito at hindi nila namo-monitor ang mga kolum na taxi?

Pangatlo ay ang revtax sapagkat walang metro ang mga taxi na ito kaya tax free sila.

Anak ng balbakwa naman oo. Hanggang dito pa ba naman sa Guam ay palalampasin natin ang mga lintik na kolum na ito? Alam naman natin katulad halimbawa sa Pinas ang mga kolum na taxi ay hindi mag-lalakas loob ang mga yan kung walang patong (lagay-suhol) sa kung sino man ang kanilang protektor.

Ang dirtetsahan na tanong ko ngayon mga kabayan ko and fellow Guamanians, sino ang matinding protektor ng mga taxi (WHO IS THE PROTECTOR?).

Sa mga darating kong kolum ay aking ibubunyag kung sino ba talaga ang nasa likod at nagsisilbing protektor ng mga abusadong taksi na ito na kumakain sa kaunting kinikita ng mga lehitimong mga taxi. Tingnan ninyo ang mga larawan na ating inilabas (headline photo) nung nakaraang isyu ng pahayagang ito at saka mga larawan na aking inilabas sa isyu ng pahayagan ngayon.

Sino ba talaga may-ari ng Hafa Adai Bingo? - Sino ba talaga ang may-ari ng Hafa Adai Bingo sa may Greyhound Race Track? Sa aking pagkaka-alam ay naka-lease ang property na ito kay Baldwin, yung kano na sumubok magkaroon ng casino sa Guam, ngunit hindi siya nag-tagumpay sapagkat niyari siya ng mga pinagkatiwalaan niyang mga locals.

Ayon sa isa kong impormante, ang nasa likod daw ng Hafa Adai Bingo ay walang iba kung hindi si Gob daw. Patay na kayong mga ibang Bingo kayo, kokornerin na ng Hafa Adai ang karamihan ng negosyo ninyo. Kung sabagay, karapat-dapat lang naman sa inyo 'yan sapagkat ang mga iba sa inyo ay naging ubod ang gahaman at parang wala ng hangganan ang inyong opersayon, hi, hi, hi! Panahon naman

to deteriorate because Uncle doesn't pay, we'll also follow suit and stay too at his big house, his compliments. Many of our tribes are already there and more are leaving. It's cool and modern over there!"

"What will finally happen to our house, our ancestral home?" I asked in a worried tone.

"Well, Uncle will ultimately have it anyway and use it for his military," and my kids added: "Subsequently, the Chinese, Russians, and perhaps the North Koreans shall be happy using it."

Since tourism business is my sideline, I became alive, wide-eyed, and then optimistically interrupted: "As a tourist vacation spot?"

"No, Tata, for their target practice!"

First published in 2002 (Pat on the Back) - Ed

na ng iba ngayon.

Ang diretsahang tanong ngayon, ano-ano pa ba ang mga negosyo na sumasailalim sa control ni Gob?

Huwag po ninyong kalimutan bisitahin ang blog na ito:

guamblog life in the 671

<http://guamblog.tumblr.com/post/60246792751/troy-torres-load-of-crazy>

Sa mga hindi nakaka-kilala sa akin, huwag niyo na akong tanunigin kung kaano-ano ko ang tanyag na pamilya ni CPR o Carlos P. Romulo. Huwag niyo na akong tanungin at hindi ko rin naman kayo sasagutin, malalaman niyo na lang.

Huwag po kayong mag-atubili na kontakin ako. Tumawag o mag-text sa mga numero sa staff box ng pahayagang ito hinggil sa inyong mga hinaing o mga obserbasyon ninyo patungkol sa korapsyon, pang-aapi at iba pa.

Pakatatandaan, "Dan The Man" handang-handang tumulong sa aking kabayan and fellow Guamanians.

Adios!

The Truth Matters**...from page 4**

Gutierrez and running mate Garry Gumataotao when the former Governor asked the Calvo tandem, "can you tell us how much tax credits your family-owned businesses have availed of and/or have been benefitted from?" As I recall, the current governor was dumfounded and could not answer the question. Nagkamot ng ulo!

Tax credits per se are not wrong. Tax credits actually hasten the return of funds and/or earned benefits to the taxpayer, the problem is how are these tax credits dispensed with? The how and the who are being blessed with these tax credits should be everyone's concern. Can the dispensation of these tax credits be manipulated to favor certain highly blessed individuals or companies? I am admittedly still in the raw on the subject of tax credits. Perhaps I will drop by the office of one of my favorite senators, the Hon. Mike San Nicolas and request for a quick lecture on this tax credits business. Likewise, I will have this paper's researchers look into it. Once I am fully informed, I will let you know as we all need to be educated on the matter, and most of all, we don't want to be taken for a ride.

I have long ago given up on Philippine politics. I would often say, Philippine politics has gone to the dogs, but that would be an insult to man's best friend.

You tell me, will we just sit back, watch the show and let some of these thick faced officials steer Guam politics into Philippine politics style?

As I understand it, Senator Dennis Rodriguez Jr. just very recently had sent a letter to the Governor asking him to file a petition to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to allow the Philippines to be granted visa waiver for Guam. Let's see what the stand and action (if any) the Governor will take on this. The way I see it, should the visa waiver be granted, we stand to lose nothing but all to gain, more so the tourism sector. I will be watching keenly on what action the governor will take! As for the young and bright Senator Rodriguez, Kudos and Mabuhay!

My fellow kababayans join me in the group - FRIENDS OF BONBONG FOR VICE PRESIDENT-GUAM, USA. For details go to my Facebook

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we've had a mutual self-help housing program for Guam," said Kanazawa in local news interview. "Families will help build their own homes, reducing mortgage costs by up to 30 percent of the market price through sweat equity. This program will provide new opportunities for those wishing to purchase homes," he added.

News release by the USDA said that 20 middle-class families and below can now finally avail of their own homes through the mutual self-help program of USDA and the MCDC as this is especially made for all of them who qualify under the program. These families are also those that are not able to get a mortgage approval from financial institutions and other conventional financing firms.

It will also open the doors of better opportunities to the island community people, by creating six (6) direct and ten (10) indirect jobs during the project through construction

Tens of Millions of ... from page 1

because there are divisions within the department that are shielded from scrutiny because the Organic Act provides that certain documents may be inspected only by the Governor or their designee.

"I commend Governor Calvo for recognizing the importance of fighting corruption and the need to ensure the integrity of the Department of Revenue and Taxation," said San Nicolas. "The fair and just enforcement of our laws is vital to the public trust and we need to verify the incorruptibility of our tax collection and enforcement processes, it must not be shielded from scrutiny when other divisions in the department are being investigated," San Nicolas added.

"Tens of millions of dollars go uncollected every year, with some taxpayers receiving multiple abatements, erasing their total tax due by millions of dollars. These abatements are secret and are cannot be audited for integrity except by the Governor or his designee. As part of his comprehensive investigation into the possibility of corruption in Rev & Tax, I am asking the Governor to authorize the Attorney General to act as an independent investigator and prosecutor to audit collections and enforcement at Rev & Tax or to seek an audit from a federal authority like the Internal Revenue Service," writes San Nicolas.

It is to be noted that the Governor is the Tax Commissioner, and as such, he is the only one who has the authority to examine and investigate corruption within Rev & Tax.

It has also been one year since \$167,000 in taxpayer payments, \$18,000 of it in cash, was stolen from a safe within

Underwood to Governor... from page 1

she went ahead with it, adding she is not violating the law.

"And none of them said 'We need that, we need that for the tax refund.' Nobody until the morning that we were deciding as to what bills will go forward did we get a letter from Mr. Duenas who is a Special Assistant to the Governor and say, sorry, we've already used that money. Not even a phone call, not even to say Ma'am, we're going to try to find money for the University of Guam, the \$250,000. We'll work with you, we have an MOU, we'll make it happen." Underwood said she is sorry for the students and professors who have been working so hard to improve UOG.

Underwood will send Bill 182-33 to the committee as there is no money for it. "We were told here by the Administration that they don't have the fund to fix the air conditioning so that our students will be of comfort."

As to 183-33 which is supposed to appropriate \$500,000 for the DOE, this was also sent back to the Committee.

Underwood related that it was not too long ago that Simon Sanchez was almost shut down. She said "they can only clean if they have the supplies; they can only have the supplies if they have the funding."

She said DOE is short of \$5.9 M and additional \$1.2 M of reimbursement. "That is not just payroll, that's about them not being able to save for the contractors for the air conditioning service contract. That's about them not being able to pay the vendors who provide the supplies and materials so that our kids have their crayons to color with, so that kids the books to read with, so that our students have the pencil

of the houses.-USDA added.

President Obama's plans for America's rural development has brought about positive reactions from the members of the local and federal communities that resulted in to building of additional industrial infrastructures, housings, businesses, and community facilities fueling not only the rural community of America and its territory including Guam, but also the entire U.S. government economy. This is according to the Executive order letter of the president himself. The letter came from the office of the secretary of the White House dated June 9, 2011.

According to the letter, the President together with the USDA and its current secretary Tom Vilsack, are committed to the better use of the federal reserves to invite economic growth in to the rural communities and the entire country. This is also to ensure that the government and the local community are working together as partners to look for greater possibilities./The Junction News Team

the collections branch of the Department of Revenue and Taxation. After questioning several employees about the theft, there has still been no arrest made in the case.

Just last week, Francisco R. Santos was sentenced to a year of imprisonment and was made to pay restitution in the amount of \$343,950 plus a fine of \$22,500. It was said that Santos has not been paying his taxes for 19 years, but he only pled guilty for the 3-year (2010, 2011, and 2012) tax offense even if he was indicted for a 5-year offense. It was said that Santos can no longer be prosecuted for years 2008 and 2009 even if there are evidences of tax offense against him for those years because the prescription period has already lapsed.

And while Prosecutor Joseph McDonald pushed for 3-year imprisonment, the court decided to be lenient and gave him a 1 year jail sentence instead.

Santos was able to get people to rally behind him (including public officials) and give letters of support to the court, stating among others that he is good man and that he is remorseful of his crimes.

The people of Guam, however, are not happy with the court decision. They say that while Santos may be a good man, he violated the tax law which every Guamanian is trying to comply with. Some cited that their meager tax refunds are even being garnished as payment for their financial obligations with the government. A lot is questioning the equal applicability of the law.

Santos is a high-paid consultant of the Guam International Airport. Despite his indictment, his contract with the airport was not cancelled./The Junction News Team

to write with. We are now talking about a Department that is building up our generation. But once again, half a million dollars, sorry. Without even giving us a solution how this is going to be met."

She appealed to her colleagues and the Governor of Guam to "please, for goodness' sake, let's walk our talk about putting education first!"

With a cracking voice, Underwood relates the situation to a family in a kitchen table, "when there is only so much to eat, don't we want our children to eat first? Basically what happened here is we were on a kitchen table, and there was extra food that came in, and a member of our family just decided and say, 'I'm sorry we got to send that somewhere else where it's needed,' and our kids are short of food."

In ending, Underwood almost practically begged for her colleagues to "Please make sure that our children eat first, that we protect our children first."

Underwood noted that UOG is short of \$4.5 M, DOE is short of \$6M, and GCC is yet to receive \$6.6M for 2015 fiscal year. Senator Mike San Nicolas confirmed this figure, saying \$19M in total for education for fiscal year 2015 is yet to be delivered. He said it was also uncovered that GMHA was also short of \$24M of Medicaid reimbursement, an additional of \$15.8 M of tax refunds that still have not been paid out, for a total of about \$58 M of promises that were made on 2015 that have yet to be fulfilled.

San Nicolas questioned the priorities of the administration saying that, "Almost a year ago, the administration came down here and said, 'We have more than enough money to pay for raises for elective and appointive officials,'" only to find out a year later that even the \$1.5 M 2015 initial savings was already drained./The Junction News Team

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Cabras 3 & 4 Fire..

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the beam and columns. GPA's plan is to temporarily put new roofing to the building but they first have to make sure that the walls of the whole structure will be able to hold it securely, earlier reports added.

Another problem that GPA is facing is that the beams and columns are not available in the Island. Benavente said that it has to be ordered and fabricated in other countries and shipped in Guam, and that may take 2-3 months with uncertainty.

"New structural beams are needed to secure the building and for the new temporary roof," says Benavente in an interview with a local daily.

GPA also mentioned that the explosion of Cabras 3 & 4 might have totally destroyed one of the plants beyond repair and the cost of building (the power plant) from its foundation and up is somewhere around \$300 million 20 years ago.

"We are bringing back everything we can; trying to get as much as we can from every machine," Benavente said in a local news.

It was also said that the demand of power consumption in the entire island should be at least around 252-255 megawatts on peak hours. The explosion in Cabras 3 & 4 cut the power supply to about 79 megawatts and combined together, the two plants had a maximum capacity of power generated of 74 megawatts according to GPA. This is aside from the possibility of losing one plant that would be really a huge cost for the GPA to shoulder.

A quick glance or preliminary assessment of the damaged Cabras 3, GPA said earlier that it is still repairable and that it could take at least six months to fix it. Cabras 4 on the other hand, have sustained the more extensive damage and the GPA could be looking of at least one year for it to be rehabilitated or worse the repair could not be possible anymore./The Junction News Team

Chamorro Land Trust...

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if there is money involved with the anomaly.

"We had to ask the question who is the tenant now because the signatures on the documents are very different so if in fact there was a sale or a change or an assignment of the lease, the lease is very clear that would require the approval of the governor and the legislature and I'm certainly not aware and so we requested the documentation to find out if in fact there's been a change of hands," reports another daily.

It was also said during the hearing, that the golf course was supposed to be monitoring wells use to test the water safety and ensure that their fertilizers are not contaminating the northern aquifer of which they haven't provided any water reports yet.

Ada assured that he will dig deep into the matter./The Junction News Team

10th Annual International Conference on Business, Economics and Information Technology Invitation and Call for Papers

The 10th Annual International Conference on Business, Economics and Information Technology (ICBEIT) will be held at the Nagoya University campus in Chikusa, Nagoya on March 14th and 15th 2016 and at the Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University campus in Beppu, Oita on March 17th and 18th 2016. The annual conference theme is "Doing Business in the Global Economy: Economic, Political, Social, Cultural and Technological Environments", which does not limit the conference topics to business topics only but welcomes interdisciplinary topics.

This conference is the tenth organized on behalf of the University of

Guam's School of Business and Public Administration, and in cooperation with other universities in the U.S. and Asia-Pacific.

This conference is co-organized and co-sponsored with Penn State Altoona's Division of Business and Engineering (Pennsylvania, U.S.A.), Nagoya University's Graduate School of Economics-Economic Research Center (Nagoya, Japan) and Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University's Graduate School of Management (Beppu, Japan). Past conference partners include Alfred University's College of Business (New York, U.S.A.), Seoul Women's University (Korea), Vietnam National University's Hanoi School of Business and University of Eco-

nomics-Ho Chi Minh City (Vietnam).

After the conference, all paper presenters will have the opportunity to submit their conference papers for peer review and possible publication in one of the journals published by the Allied Academies in North Carolina.

If interested, please note that proposals for presentations are due on October 31st 2015. UOG faculty and students will receive a discount on the conference registration fee and pay only the cost, with no mark-up.

For questions, please contact Claret Ruane at SBPA 735-2501 or 2520 or at ruanem@triton.uog.edu.

Husband and Wife Tandem Bribed Dishonest and Corrupt Public Officials

A Dededo husband and wife tandem who are business owners had involved themselves in illegal activities such as smuggling and bribery together with corrupt public officials of Guam Customs and Quarantine Agency or GCQA and Department of Revenue and Taxation Alcohol and Beverage Control for many years.

The couple, identified as Ruel Valencia and Lydia Valencia, were mentioned in the sworn statements of defendants and the indictment filed before the District Court of Guam.

The Indictment names 7 public government officials who pled guilty of their respective federal charges.

According to the documents from the court, the couple admittedly said that they had given cash, airline tickets, and other material goods as bribes or cash rewards to the disposed public officials for favorable illegal deals. The public officials and officers involved in the crime are:

Henry Alvendia and Frank Cruz, both

Lieutenant of GCQA; Jesus Paulino, Tommie Pablo, Glen Crisostomo all three are Customs officer with GCQA; John Garrido and Gerald Salas Compliance Officer Alcohol and Beverage Control of Department of Rev and Tax.

The other three civilians associated in the bribery and smuggling charges are Al Kenneth Constantino, Becky Cruz, and Ruel Valencia.

The ten are scheduled for their hearing in January and February of next year.

The tandem couple are both from the Philippines and owners of JUNVI Corporation that operates three local businesses in Dededo - the Valencia Wholesale and Retail, Valencia Check Cashing Services, and Cabalen Fastfood Corporation.

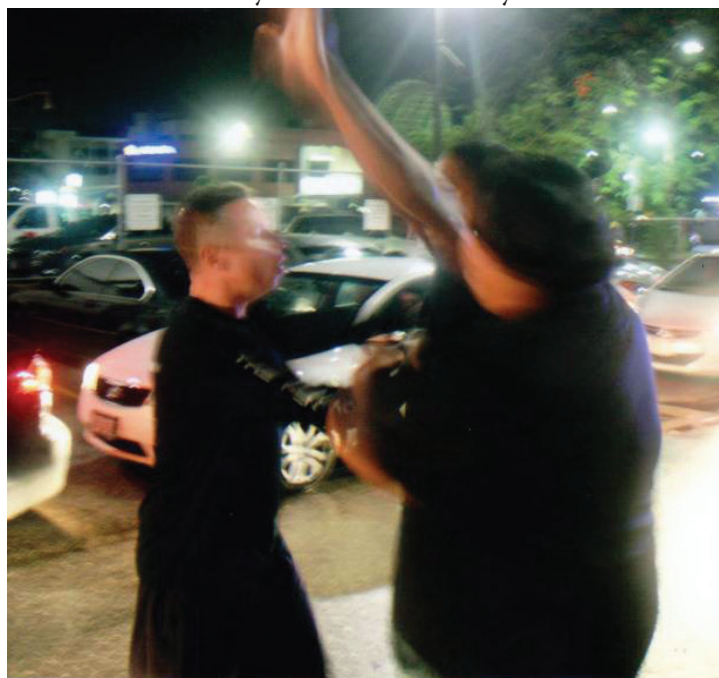
Court documents show that Ruel Valencia gave a total amount of \$37,000 of cash and other things of value such as food and goods to the agents involved, intending to influence and reward them for a transaction or series of transaction

of the GCQA.

The alleged bribe given by the Valencia couple was for the federal agent's "Hard-days-work" in allowing containers to be unloaded in Guam illegally and free of taxes. The containers were documented to have come from the Philippines, (where the Valencia couple came from) that mostly contains booze or liquor, cigarettes, lighters, bags and other merchandise knock-offs. These merchandise will be later available in Valencia Wholesale and Retail store, a business owned by the couple in Dededo.

The 10 defendants signed a plea-guilty agreement under the federal law of Guam.

Valencia who were indicted separately also pled guilty also of "bribing an agent concerning a program receiving federal funds," according to court documents. All other offenders involved have also admitted conspiracy to defraud and to deprive honest services, according to their signed plea-guilty agreements./The Junction News Team



Thanks to the quick response of the GPD, the street brawl on Oct 17 at 2:00 in the morning along Pale San Vitores was immediately resolved, saving the other bystanders and passersby of possible danger, with the cops handcuffing the most unruly one./Photo by D.A. Romulo (The Junction)

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PHL Department of Health Delegation joins 66th session of WHO Regional Committee for the Western Pacific

Philippine Health Secretary Janette L. Garin headed the Philippine delegation to the 66th session of the World Health Organization (WHO) Regional Committee for the Western Pacific that was held at the Hyatt Regency Guam

from October 12 to 16. Philippine Consul General Marciano R. de Borja and Madame Esperanza de Borja welcomed Secretary Garin and her delegation at the airport upon their arrival.

Also in her delegation were Undersecretary Lilibeth

David, senior policy adviser Dr. Linda Milan, Director Myrna Cabotaje, Director Annabelle Yumang, Dr. Mar Wynn Bello, Dr. Donn Mc Angelo Valdez, Ms. Marie Emile Avanzado Paras, and Ms. Maika Ros Bagunu./DFA



(Seated from left) Department of Health (DOH) senior policy adviser Dr. Linda Milan, Health Secretary Janette L. Garin, Philippine Consul General Marciano R. de Borja, and DOH Undersecretary Lilibeth David with the officers and staff of the Consulate General.



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Miss World Guam charity check presentations October 16, 2015 Guam Reef and Olive Spa Resort

The 2015 Miss World Guam candidates raised funds as part of the pageant to donate to the charity of their choice. Miss World Guam is the only beauty pageant to focus on giving back to charities. This year's contestants raised over \$18,000.



American Cancer Society - L-R: Loisa Cabuhat, Jason Zheng, Athena McNinch (2015 Miss World Guam 1st Runner Up), Tessie Marcos, Tina Noket, and Jon Junior Calvo.



Guam Cancer Society - L-R: Loisa Cabuhat, Jason Zheng, Kealexy Pereda (2015 Miss World Guam 3rd Runner Up), Congresswoman Madeleine Z. Bordallo, Jon Junior Calvo, Karina Quito, and Nona Perez.



Guam Memorial Hospital Volunteers Assoc. - L-R: June Perez, Dorothy Borlas, Loisa Cabuhat, Jason Zheng, Aria Perez-Theisen (2015 Miss World Guam and Beauty with a Purpose Winner), Congresswoman Madeleine Z. Bordallo, Jon Junior Calvo, Jenny Cruz, Evelyn Akimoto, Beverly Lotz, Lina McDonald, Guam Pam Castro, Lou Lujan, and Judy Salas.



Sanctuary Inc., Guam - L-R: Loisa Cabuhat, Jason Zheng, Ealani Lobatan (2015 Miss World Guam 2nd Runner Up), Congresswoman Madeleine Z. Bordallo, Therese Arriola, and Jon Junior Calvo.

The Doctor is In - Dr. Dante Garcia

For someone to inspire other people, he or she does not have to be an achiever with numerous plaques or recognition, nor a recipient of countless awards. Someone doesn't have to be excellent when it comes to education and professional work. Wealth in life should also not be of measure, as it can only get someone as far as the eye can see.

We've featured our "Pinoy kababayans" here in our Galing Pinoy section in the past of who had really made it to the top that made an impact to everyone's lives. Great people working in the private and public sector that became an inspiration to many Pinoy on Guam.

But what are the criteria for someone to be a real inspiration to others? If you have a list of these criteria, perhaps, you are missing the point, because actually there is none.

Today I'll be the instrument to inspire somebody by writing a story of inspiration to few, and the "Noypi" attitude at its simplest form.

Meet Dr. Garcia

Dr. Dante Garcia is your neighbor optometrist who has been living on Guam for many years now. In fact, he and his family have been living on Guam since 1985 when they migrated to find new hope of seeing greener pastures like everybody else. It has been 30 years back, and how he remembers starting small when he and his family arrived on Guam.

Living in a foreign country for the first time with unfamiliar territories, he began to work his way up to the level of his dreams, as in just after 5 years he opened his own optical clinic, not just one but two of them, the **Garcia Optical**. One in Tamuning and the other in Dededo which he had acquired through hard-work and dedication through his own steam.

His Pinoy Heritage

Dr. Dante Garcia came from a very simple, quiet middle-class family in the Philippines. An "Uragon" from the Bicol Province of the Philippines and like any ordinary "Pinoy" the Doctor loves Adobong Baboy, Squid, Shrimp, and Chicken dishes spicy! Just like any other typical Pinoy.

His Education and His Family Values

To become a God-fearing person, one must have to practice his faith and it begins inside our own homes with our family. Dr. Garcia made it a point to serve his obligation on his faith.

His obedience led to his becoming who he is today and said during my written interview with him that "I was just an obedient child, followed my Mom's decision to take up Optometry, since she was a very lucrative profession."

In college, he had done nothing extra ordinary, just finishing his school with high grades and on time at the Centro Escolar University in Manila, making it to the list of Batch 1976 graduates.

Starting With Small Capital

"I started very small, very little capital afforded by my parents, it was just a small Optical Clinic at the corner of our house in Quezon City. I thought it was better than being employed and could earn more by being self employed. I also did Optometry Field Work and servicing different companies during that time. I serviced about 60 companies which proved to be a money maker. I was able to build up capital and savings. I bought a new taxi, hired two drivers and it produced good income. I sold everything when my wife

and I immigrated to Guam." This is the good doctor's reply when asked about how he started his business after college. As his family is very supportive of him and his other siblings which is the traditional Filipino-true-value.

Life on Guam

His life on Guam is the continuation of his very low-profile life that just got better by having his own family to take care of. His upbringing, simplified-quality way of life, values, faith and positive vibes that invites goodness in everything he does in life.

In fact, when asked about his disappointments in life, he said "Nothing of great disappointment, maybe I could have wished for 2 more children." Notice how he transformed the statement

of disappointment in to being thankful for what he already has.

It is positivity all the way as I tried to squeeze out "the badness" in him; it's just too much of his positive vibe that comes out of him. Leaving me to ask myself "Did I just get schooled?"

Life Begins at 60

At the age of 60, for Dr. Garcia, it is all about enjoying the fruits of his labor as he just loves traveling, touring many places in the world, scuba diving in Guam, Philippines, Palau and many other countries.

"I may not physically look like it, but I'm 60 yrs. old now so.....just relax and coast along in a snowballing success.

To liquidate properties and simplify life and to be as stress free as possible, just stick and

maintain what I am good at, to enjoy and make use of the fruits of my labor, to be concerned about healthful living."-Dr. Dante Garcia's reply when asked about his future plans.

More Inspiring Words

"Wisdom is greater than intelligence. You reap what you

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Dapat magka-isa ang mga Pinoy sa darating na halalan!- Sa darating na halalan para senador ng lehislatura sa 2016, dapat sana ay magka-isa ang mga Pinoy at maging mapanuri at magpakita ng sinasabing intelligent and discerning vote. Hindi porke't, sinabi ng isang kandidato na sila ay may mga ninunong Pinoy, o matulungin sa mga Pinoy, o ma PR sa mga Pinoy ay inyo silang paniniwalaan. Lahat naman ng mga 'yan ay parating magaganda ang sinasabi kapag kumakampanya na. Kaya sa aking nakikita ay marami sa ating mga kabayan ay umaasa sa indurso ng kanilang kapwa kabayan, indurso mula sa ganito o ganoon opisyal ng asosasyon.

Base sa aking na-obsorbahan, marami sa ating mga kabayan sa Guam ay well informed hinggil sa mga nangyayari sa Pinas, dala marahil ng mga cable channels sa lahat ng Pinoy networks na inyong mapapanood at sa chismis na rin mula sa ating mga kabayan na labas-pasok ng Guam. Ngunit, kapag tinanong mo sila hinggil sa mga batas at lehislatura o panukala ng mga Senador ay hindi nila masyadong alam o kulang-kulang ang kanilang kaalaman. Samantalang tayong mga residente ng Guam ang dapat na sanay maging mataas ang level o antas ng kaalaman sapagkat may malaking impact ito sa ating pang araw-araw na pamumuhay sa Guam. Ang punto ko lang naman ay ganito, sana ay maging mapag-matyag at mapag-siyasat tayo sa klase-klase ng mga kandidato na muling tatakbo para senador.

Huwag tayo basta-basta magtitiwala porke't ikinampanya ni Mr. Pinoy o Ms. Pinoy official ng ganito o ganoon na opisyal ng asosasyon ay atin nang papaniwalaan at tatanggapin at saka natin iboboto. Aba eh baka masayang lang ang inyong boto. Kaalam-alam ninyo, kaya lang naman ikinampanya yung kandidatong yun ay sapagkat umaasa ng personal na pabor o pakinabang ang nangampanyang Pinoy, eh di nagamit lang kayo.

Ang isang layunin ng pahayagang ito ay mailagda ang mga detalye at mabigyan ng kinaukulang paliwanag ang mga nagawa o substantial accomplishments ng mga kandidato para sa kabutihan ng Guam at sa komunidad ng mga Pinoy, nang sa ganoon ay maging well informed tayong lahat, so that we can likewise make well informed decisions sa pag-pili ng mga karapat dapat na kandidato.

Wala naman sa pa-pogian at pagandahan ng suot yan o pagarbohan ng pakain o okasyon kung saan makikita ang galing at sinseridad ng isang tunay na matulungin na kandidato na karapat-dapat ng inyong mahalagang boto. Yaan ay makikita sa track record ng senador. Kung ano ang kanyang track record sa lehislatura o maging sa kanyang pribado o pampublikong mga gawain.

Mga asosasyon at samahan ng mga Pinoy, ano ba talaga ang silbe? - Sabi nila ang populasyon ng mga Pinoy sa Guam

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sow, your decisions and systems in life, makes what you are and I am what I am because of it."- Dr. Dante Garcia's motto in life.

During the course of writing this article I noticed two things. One is the lightness of my hands to just type the whole article of words without noticing that I am about to start another page and on the way to a thousand words. And two, my thoughts just became so relaxed and free flowing that I suddenly realized that it is already past my deadline.

Yes! That is the answer to my question earlier when I ask myself "Did I just get schooled?" There's more than Dr. Garcia himself and his story that he inspires people.

Maybe not so many but I am one of them. Now I begin to understand that life can be inspiring in many ways. It is how people would really appreciate life's beauty and God's greatness in complex or simplest of ways. Continue to inspire many people through your wisdom and simple views of life.

Leaving you with much of a prayer than a quote to me but this is actually inspiring. We thank you.

"Lord grant me the SERENITY to accept the things I cannot change ... COURAGE to change the things I can ... and WISDOM to know the difference." - Dr. Garcia's Favorite Quote.

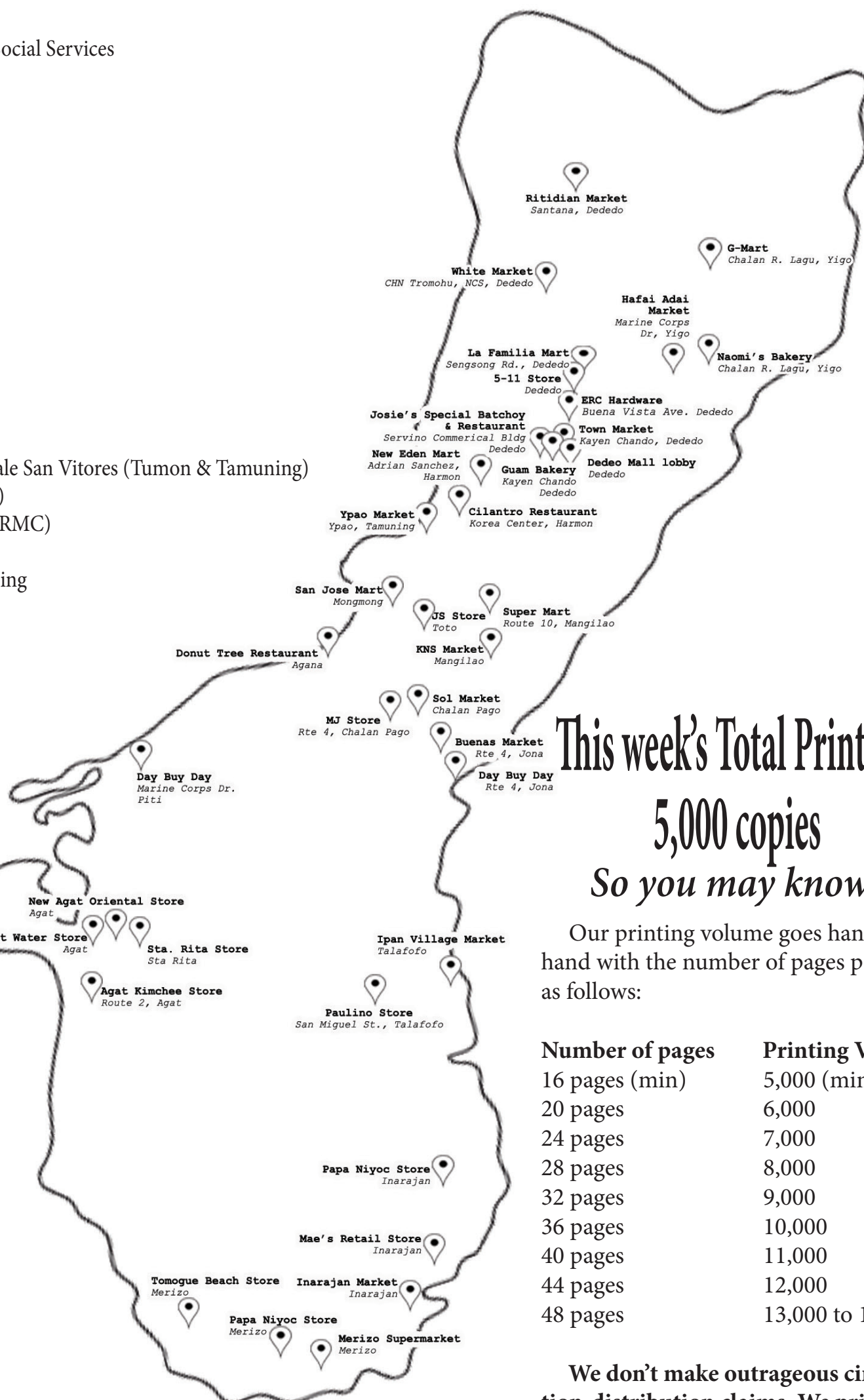
To you Dr. Dante Garcia, we salute!
Cheers! Galing Pinoy!



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Baguio, Benguet, Ifugao, Bontoc, Apayao, and Kalinga (BBIBAK)

The Baguio, Benguet, Ifugao, Bontoc, Apayao, and Kalinga (BBIBAK) of Guam is in the process of organizing. Those from the Cordillera Region (CAR) including Baguio City who wish to help out or join the group are encouraged to please send an email to bbibak_guam@yahoo.com with your contact details

Kabayan Pinoy

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ay nasa mahigit singkwenta mil pataas o 50,000 plus. Kung ito ay totoo, sa kasalukuyan ay mayroon mga 20 plus associations sa listahan ng office of the Congen (DFA). Ipagpal-agay na natin na ang mga miyembro ng bawat asosasyon ay nasa range ng 100 to 300 members or average of 150 members (baka mataas na itong estimate na ito) sa bawat asosasyon, lalabas na 150 katao x 25 associations ay nasa 3,750 members lamang ang mga Pinoy na kasapi sa mga asosasyon o wala pang 10% of all Pinoys in the island. Kung tama ang aking estimasyon, bakit kaya ang kaunti ng ating mga kabayan na gustong sumapi sa mga asosasyong Pinoy? Base sa aking pag-iinterview at pagsisiyasat sa aking mga nakakapanayam sa aking pang araw-araw na pakikipag-halubilo sa ating mga kabayan, nais kong i-share sa inyo ang ilan sa kanilang mga komento:

Sabi ni Thelma, sales girl- Kuya ayokong sumali sa mga asosasyon dito, ala namang silbi sumali sa mga yan!

Sabi ni Celine, small business owner- It's a waste of my time. I'd rather sleep than join those fancy social groups!

Sabi ni Rey, engineer- Pabonggahan lang naman ang mga yan, wala kaming mag-asawa na magagara at mamahaling barong at filipiniana na isusuot sa kanilang mga okasyon na kadalasan ay sa mamahaling hotel pa isinasagawa. Kelangan designer clothes ang suot mo diyan, or else@#%*&^%\$*.

Sabi ni Paul, empleyado ng telco- Kuya wala ako hilig sa mga chismis chismis, and besides the dues I need to pay are not worth it. In fact my mom used to be a member but all

she got was useless gossip.

Sabi ni Thelma, empleyado sa Gov Guam- Money making lang naman at mga fund raising lang mga iyan, pagkatapos kung saan-saan lang gagastusin.

Sabi ni Jun, ahente ng used car- Nakakatawa ang, mga ibang miyembro sa ibang asosasyon, Pilipino daw sila eh ni magsalita ng Tagalog hindi kaya, ano ba yan!

Hanggang sa susunod kong kolum. Pinoy magka-isa tayo. Mabuhay!

US Government

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cussions about measures to develop and implement water demand management strategies and policies. Key topics include labeling water fixtures, reusing treated water for agriculture, building reservoirs, and education and behavior change related to water efficiency and conservation. USAID is holding similar events in Iloilo and Zamboanga to share with local decision makers options that reduce water demand, improve management, and increase water security. Iloilo and Zamboanga are key cities under USAID's Cities Development Initiative, a partnership within the bilateral Partnership for Growth, which spurs secondary cities to become regional growth hubs.

As part of the water demand management forum on October 23, USAID will also launch the Water Alliance. The Water Alliance is a partnership between USAID, the Philippine Business for Social Progress, and businesses that are committed to creating solutions to water security challenges in the Philippines./US Embassy, Manila

US Government Brings Water Demand Management Expertise to the Philippines

Manila - The U.S. Embassy Manila's United States Agency for International Development (USAID) is launching a series of fora on "Coping with El Niño and Climate Change" to present water demand management as a viable option for addressing water security concerns.

Three national fora will be held in Manila with key decision makers from across the Philippines:

October 20: Water Demand Management Forum for Government Policy Makers

October 21: Water Demand Management Forum for the Social Sector

October 23: Water Demand Management Forum for the Business Sector and Launch of the Water Alliance

The country is already experiencing water shortages, which are expected to continue into 2016. Furthermore, according to the Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical

and Astronomical Services Administration, the Philippines is bracing for possibly the strongest El Niño event in history. Climate change is also projected to affect the water supply throughout the country.

"Given the increasing demand for water and its declining availability, water demand management is the vital next step, so vital, that it is now a target of the newly approved United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals," said USAID Mission Director Dr. Susan Brems. "We look forward to working with the government of the Philippines to achieve these new goals and ensure that the Philippines is better prepared to face water shortages from this El Niño event and future impacts of climate change."

The U.S. government, through USAID's Water Security for Resilient Economic Growth Project, is bringing international water demand management experts to the Philip-

pinos to share their expertise with government officials and members of civil society and the private sector. These experts include: Ms. Maysoon Zoubi, former Secretary General of the Ministry of Water and Irrigation for Jordan; Dr. Stuart White, Director of the Institute for Sustainable Futures, University of Technology, Sydney, Australia; and Ms. Mary Ann Dickinson, President and CEO, Alliance for Water Efficiency, California, USA. With Australia and California currently experiencing their sixth year of drought, and with Jordan being a water-stressed country, these experts' experiences and knowledge are very relevant for the Philippines.

All fora will include dis-

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VP BINAY VOWS AID TO TYPHOON-AFFECTED FAMILIES

Vice President Jejomar C. Binay Wednesday visited flooded towns in Pampanga, Nueva Ecija, and Bulacan as his office continued to provide relief and other assistance to families displaced by typhoon Lando.

Binay visited San Simon, Candaba, and Arayat in Pampanga; Cabiao, San Isidro, and Gapan in Nueva Ecija; San Miguel, and San Ildefonso in Bulacan.

He talked with local leaders to know the needs of the affected residents and what assistance his office could give them. Aside from relief goods, local officials requested hybrid rice seedlings from the Vice President to replace damaged crops.

The Vice President said his office will provide relief goods and seedlings.

So far, the Office of the Vice President (OVP) has delivered 9,500 packs of relief goods in Nueva Ecija, 5,000 in Isabela, 4,600 in Bulacan, 2,400 in Pampanga, 4,500 in Pangasinan, 3,200 in Tarlac, 3,000 in Quirino, 3,000 in Nueva Vizcaya, and 5,000 in Aurora.

According to the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council, Typhoon Lando has claimed 26 lives and inflicted around P6 million-worth of damage to the agriculture sector.

On Tuesday, Binay visited the towns of Gerona and Pura in Tarlac; and Guimba, Cabanatuan City, Bongabon, and Licab in Nueva Ecija. He is scheduled to go to Isabela, his mother's home province, October 22.



Flooding in San Simon

THIS WEEK IN PHILIPPINE HISTORY

The Leyte Landing

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On October 20, we celebrate the return of the United States Forces, led by Philippine Field Marshal Douglas MacArthur, to the Philippines. The Leyte Landing was a pivotal moment in Philippine history that led to the liberation of the country from Japanese forces, ending three years of Japanese occupation.

The landing also marked the re-establishment of the Commonwealth Government on Philippine soil after years of government-in-exile in Washington, D.C.

Respect Miriam's right to privacy—Sen. Bongbong Marcos'

Miriam Santiago's right to privacy should be respected.

Earlier, Santiago invoked her right to privacy in rejecting a doctor's request to release her medical records. Dr. Sylvia Estrada Claudio said the lady senator should bare such records to prove she is fit for the presidency.

"Ako, pagka sinabi niya na kaya niya ang mangampanya, na magaling na siya,

edi sino pa ba paniniwalaan ko kung hindi si Senator Miriam," said Marcos in an interview at GMA-7's morning show "Unang Hirit".

Before filing her certificate of candidacy to run as President in the 2016 elections Santiago declared that she had won her bout with cancer.

Santiago later named Sen. Marcos as her choice for vice

presidential running mate.

According to Marcos talks are still on-going between his camp and Santiago to discuss the details of their alliance.

"Mabuti naman ang takbo ng usapan namin dahil ang ginagawa namin ay we are forming a loose coalition sa aming mga kampo," said Marcos.

Cayetano: let's push for real change, bring down tax rates for working Filipinos now

Senate Majority Leader Alan Peter Cayetano expressed full support for calls to reform the country's decades-old income tax brackets.

Speaking in front of reporters in a media forum in Kamuning, Quezon City on Wednesday, Cayetano said present government officials do not have to wait for the next administration to push for measures that will create real change in people's lives.

"Don't wait for the next seven to eight months bago mag-eleksyon. Pwede namang ngayon pa lang,

hamunin na ang mga kandidato, because almost all candidates [in the 2016 elections] are in government now. On calls to lower tax rates for Filipinos, we can do it now," the senator stressed.

Cayetano had been urging the Aquino administration to work on the immediate passage of tax reform bills pending in Congress that seek to lower the country's income and corporate tax rates.

He cited an earlier statement by Steve Forbes, chairman and editor-in-chief of Forbes Media. In an

interview at the sidelines of the 15th Forbes Global CEO Conference held here last October 12, Forbes indicated that the Philippine government may consider slashing corporate and income tax rates without the risk of losing revenues.

"I'm hoping that the current administration will study and reconsider this proposal for the benefit of the middle class and of the poor. If we want real change and inclusive growth to happen, we need to pass measures that will directly benefit the people," he concluded.

Sen. Marcos says he'd like to help create more jobs

Given the opportunity in 2016 to serve the country as Vice President, Sen. Bongbong Marcos, Jr. said he'd like to focus his efforts on job creation.

In an interview in the morning TV show "Unang Hirit" on Wednesday Marcos said that if the next President would ask his choice Cabinet portfolio, he would choose DOLE.

"Siguro kung mayroon akong hihingin na portfolio, palagay ko gusto kong makatulong sa DOLE," Marcos said.

He noted that one of the

biggest problems facing the country today is lack of jobs.

Citing statistics saying that 90 % of jobs come from the private sector, Marcos said the government's job should be to lay down the enabling environment to encourage growth of the private sector.

In particular, Marcos said the government should focus on SME's which is the biggest contributor to the country's economy.

Among others, Marcos said the government should embark on business-driven infrastructures, lead in the research and development,

provide appropriate training, as well as access to credit facilities.

"Maraming maaaring gawin para tulungan ang sitwasyon sa kakulangan ng trabaho dito sa atin ngayon kaya't kung itatanong sa akin, DOLE siguro, iyon ang unahin ko," sabi ng senador.

If not DOLE, Marcos said he could opt for DOTC instead. The senator is confident he could contribute towards solving the pressing problems facing the department, including the traffic jams in Metro Manila and lack of public transport.

Philippines set to unlock full economic potential with U.S.

With continued economic growth and unprecedented levels of international business confidence, the Philippines is ready to tap into the full potential of its economic relationship with the United States.

This was the message of the private sector delegation from Manila as it kicked off the 4th Philippine Private Sector-led Investment Roadshow in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania on October 19.

The topnotch business delegation led by Dr. Bernardo Villegas, Visiting Professor at IESE Business School in Barcelona, and Professor at the University of Asia and the Pacific, includes Mr. Engelbert Camasura, Partner at Ward Howell International Consulting Firm; Mr. Ronaldo Elepaño, 1st Vice President for Business Development International at DM Consunji, Inc.; Mr. Jose Mari Mercado, President and CEO of the Information Technology & Business Process Association of the Philippines; and Mr. Juan Olondriz Peña, President of RAJI INC. The delegation was accompanied by Ambassador Jose L. Cuisia, Jr.; Atty. Jose Victor Chan-Gonzaga, the Embassy's Economic Minister; Philippine Consul General Mario L. De Leon, Jr.; and Mr. JP Iñigo, representative of the Philippine Trade and Investment

Center in New York.

According to Philippine Ambassador to the United States Jose L. Cuisia, Jr., the Philippines and the U.S. have economic ties based on shared values, which can be further strengthened by more American investments in the Philippines.

"The Philippines and the US are natural business partners because of our shared values. We are host to some 600 American companies and their affiliates and I continue to invite more US businesses to set up operations in the Philippines in the priority sectors of Information Technology and Business Process Management, Infrastructure, Tourism, and Manufacturing," said Ambassador Cuisia.

Record level macroeconomic and stock market performances, credit ratings upgrades, improvements in competitiveness rankings, record-high levels of foreign direct investment, a growing demand of world class Filipino talent, and an unprecedented level of international business confidence stemming from good governance are more reasons for the US to do business in the Philippines.

In his presentation, Dr. Villegas, one of the Philippines' most prominent economists, identified "a stable democracy, improved

governance, strong macroeconomic fundamentals, an educated, young and English-speaking labor force, and OFW remittances as positive trends contributing to the Philippines becoming one of the emerging markets." He also added that "the Philippines is in a demographic sweet spot with the young and growing population being the main source of our competitive advantage."

The international community is paying attention to these improvements, as shown by various global reports and indexes.

"The World Economic Forum Global Competitiveness Index for 2015-2016 just ranked the Philippines 47 out of 140 economies. Up five notches from the previous year's ranking, this assessment highlights the Philippines' favorable macroeconomic environment, capacity for innovation, and business sophistication," said Ambassador Cuisia.

He added, "The American Chamber of Commerce also released its 2016 ASEAN Business Outlook Survey, which indicated 81 percent [of businesses surveyed] believed that their profit outlook in the Philippines is going to increase, while 14 percent said that it would stay the same and five percent said that it would decrease. Moreover, 71

U.S. Embassy in Manila Celebrates Press Freedom in Honor of the Late Journalist Daniel Pearl.

More than 500 students attended U.S. Embassy Manila's "Broadcast Journalism Discussions with Jiggy Manicad," a lecture and film screening promoting press freedom in honor of slain American journalist Daniel Pearl. The lecture was held at the University of the Philippines Los Baños New

College of Arts and Sciences.

Daniel Pearl was a reporter for the Wall Street Journal who was abducted and killed by terrorists in Pakistan in 2002. Since then, Daniel Pearl has become a symbol of the journalist at risk, and is commemorated annually through events that encourage tolerance and

press freedom.

The lecturer, Filipino broadcast reporter Jiggy Manicad, imparted his hands-on experiences from the field. He provided tips on how to write live news stories and talked about journalism ethics.

U.S. Embassy Manila's press attaché, Kurt Hoyer, stressed the importance of credibility by checking one's source and verifying statements and data before reporting the news. Citing a Reporters without Borders survey, he said that the Philippines is a press freedom hotspot and is one of the most dangerous environments for media practitioners.

The day closed with a free showing of "A Mighty Heart", a film depicting the abduction and death of Daniel Pearl.

U.S. Embassy Manila partnered with award-winning Jiggy Manicad, who conducts free journalism lectures in high schools, colleges, and universities. His lectures seek to empower future journalists with the early knowledge of responsible reporting and free speech.



Broadcast journalist Jiggy Manicad shares time-tested tips in news reporting with University of the Philippines Los Baños students.

percent of respondents plan to expand in the Philippines and 67 percent indicated that they expect their workforce to increase in 2015."

The Manila delegation was resolute in their presentations that the Philippines is prepared to unlock its full economic potential. They were unanimous in saying that the Philippine economy not only has a lot to offer today but also has a lot to look forward to in the near future and in the coming decades.

The ASEAN Economic Community, with the Economic Integration meeting happening this year, presents many opportunities for business and investment in the near future.

"ASEAN has a combined nominal GDP of US\$2.4 trillion, and would collectively rank as the world's seventh largest economy. GDP growth for 2015 is forecast by the Asian Development Bank at 5.1 percent. U.S. investment alone in ASEAN was almost \$190 billion in 2012, and growing at an average annual rate

of 9 percent. And with a combined population of some 625 million people, its transformation into a single market will unlock a massive amount of economic opportunities," said Ambassador Cuisia.

According to estimates of Dr. Villegas, the Philippines will experience growth rates of 7 to 10 percent in the next decade, which the professor says is a positive result of over 25 years of slow and painful reforms. Citing an HSBC Global Research Report predicting that the country will be the 16th largest economy in the world by 2050, Dr. Villegas also stated that "it is even possible for the Philippines to become a developed country in 20 to 30 years."

"Since our geographic location also puts us at the center of the most dynamic region for the next 50 to 100 years, we can be the gateway of the Pacific to South East Asia, and to greater Asia," said Ambassador Cuisia.

The conference in Pittsburgh is the first leg in a three-city Private Sector-led

Investment Roadshow and was made possible with the cooperation of the Philippine Consulate General in New York, Philippine Trade and Investment Center in New York, the Allegheny Conference on Community Development led by Executive Vice President Mr. Bill Flanagan, and the Filipino American Association of Pittsburgh.

Ambassador Cuisia likewise had a meeting with Pittsburgh City Mayor William Peduto and attended a dinner hosted by the Filipino American Association of Pittsburgh.

The delegation will visit Dallas/Fort Worth on October 21 before they head to Seattle for the final leg of the roadshow on October 23. Ambassador Cuisia will also address the Greater Dallas American Chamber of Commerce and the Dallas/Fort Worth World Affairs Council on October 20 and 21, respectively./DFA



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6am-9am Radio Breakfast Extreme with Doods
9am-12nn Midday Request Xpress with Tass
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3pm-6pm Flipside Happy Hapon Show with Migz
6pm-9pm Radio On Demand with DJ Cure
9pm-12mn (M-Th) The Late Night Show with Raffy
9pm-12mn (F) im radio with Johnny Z

Saturday:

8am-10am Damdaming Pinoy with Ate Sam, Ate Beth and Kuya Roy
10am-2pm Saturdays with Rolly M.
2pm-6pm Showtime Saturdays with Initial V

Sunday:

8am-10am Sunday Inspirations
10am-2pm Dear Heart with Gloria Diaz
5:30pm-7pm Kumusta, Kabayan with Mr. Z
7pm-12mn Retro OPM

Filipino boxers debut U.Sh. at world-class boxing event "Philippines vs the world"



(Top photos, from left) WBO No. 2 Lightweight contender Jason "El Nino" Pagara won TKO victory after referee waived the contest after the 3rd knockdown; Mark "Magnifico" Magsayo triumphant over a fastest win in the first round knocking him out in exactly two minutes to the delight of the crowd; Prince Albert Pagara victorious over his win, retaining his WBO International Jr. Featherweight Championship with 25 Wins and 18 knockouts to his credit. (Bottom photos, from left) Donnie Nietes retains his title for the eight time with the judges awarding him a unanimous victory; Philippine Consul General Herrera-Lim congratulates Mark Magsayo who retained his IBF Featherweight title and improved his undefeated record to 12 wins with 10 knockouts; (from left) Consul General Leo Herrera-Lim, ABS-CBN North America Head of Sales and Distribution Ray Olano, ALA Sports Promotion International President & CEO Michael P. Aldeguer, ABS-CBN Global Head of Carriage and North America Regional Marketing Head Jun Del Rosario, ABS-CBN Trade & Marketing Head Ricky Resurreccion and Carson Mayor Pro Tem Elito Santarina.

Sen. Marcos to critics: Let's talk about issues first, not my Marcos name

Vice presidential candidate Senator Ferdinand "Bongbong" R. Marcos Jr. has challenged to a discussion those who have an issue with his being a Marcos, which was suddenly floated by his critics as an election issue.

While Marcos is not inclined to back out from any discussions regarding the non-issue topic, he said the more pressing agenda that should first be talked about in any forum concerning national and social issues are the present problems of

the people.

"Dapat unahin natin ang mga isyu na talagang iniisip at kailangan ng ating mga mamayan araw-araw," he said this morning when interviewed live in "Umagang Kay Ganda" television program.

He said the Filipinos' primary concerns are illegal drugs, high prices, graft and corruption, and joblessness while his family background is an issue only to politicians and groups

"Ang gusto nilang marinig ay ang mga solusyon sa

problema sa droga, mataas ng presyo ng bilihin, korapsyon, ang kawalan ng trabaho, iyun ang mga pinag-aalala ng tao," Marcos said.

He added: "Dito sa Maynila, 'yung trapik, MRT (Metro Rail Transit), pati na 'yung telepono, pati na 'yung mabagal na internet, unahin na muna natin ito dahil nag-aantay ang mga tao na umaasa sa gobyernong magbigay ng aksyong sa kanilang araw-araw na hinaharap na problema."

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LGUs. Likewise, 12,207 families or 59,159 persons are outside evacuation centers.

As of presstime, the DSWD has provided a total of P1,323,704.40 worth of relief assistance and continues to ensure

steady supply of food packs to the said regions.

Meanwhile, the LGUs of Regions I, II, III and V have been provided P829,649 worth of assistance.

Some 187, 525 family food packs are available

in 96 municipalities of 17 provinces in Regions CAR, I, II, III, and IV-A.

DSWD disaster teams continue to coordinate with the LGUs to determine other services that can be provided to the affected families./ DSWD

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NAIA no longer one of the world's worst airports

Manila - The Department of Transportation and Communications' (DOTC) and the Manila International Airport Authority's (MIAA) efforts to erase the infrastructure backlog at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport (NAIA) have started to pay off, as the country's premiere gateway is no longer listed among the world's worst airports, according to online travel site Guide to Sleeping in Airports.

"While we are pleased to hear that international travelers no longer rate NAIA among the world's worst, there is obviously still a lot for us to do. Having fully opened Terminal 3, and substantially refurbishing Terminal 1 after decades of neglect, our next focus is decongesting the runway," said DOTC Secretary Jun Abaya.

Erasing NAIA's infrastructure backlog

It took around 2 years (from 2011 to 2013) to

unravel the legal complications which prevented Terminal 3 from fully

passengers yearly (as initially designed), major rehabilitation was undertaken in 2014,

mented, giving the airport a sleeker look that facilitates better services. The improve-

furnishings

- Better layout for passenger flow
- Reconfigured waiting areas and duty-free sections
- New and additional retail concessionaires to serve passengers
- Less queuing time with the

integration of terminal fees into ticket costs

- Installation of new chillers to ensure consistent cooling systems
- Refurbished comfort rooms
- Faster processing time at immigration counters/ DOTC



operating, but its resolution paved the way for the transfer of 3.5 million annual passengers, from the run-down Terminal 1, to the more modern Terminal 3, in 2014.

With Terminal 1 now restored to accept 4.5 million

most notably the structural retrofitting, which ensured the continued safety and integrity of the facility, and the improvement of the mechanical, electrical, and fire protection systems.

Architectural improvements were also imple-

ments include:

- More spacious and better-lit check-in and arrival lobbies
- New check-in counters, flight schedule display, and furniture
- Modern interior design for ceilings, floors, and other

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Hours before the incident, Baasen had just turned over his duties as the department head of emergency medicine. Though he was off duty at the time, he made a call to the emergency room when he was informed of the mass casualty. Without hesitation, he headed back to the hospital to assist.

"I remember the day very well like it was yesterday and all the chaos that was going on in the trauma bay and within the emergency department," he said. "It's truly remarkable to see how well he's recovered from this significant degree of injury he suffered."

Though it has been nearly nine years since he last saw Lammey, Bassen said he was glad to know a former patient received the best care.

"It's great to see these stories from a personal standpoint when you see a lot of patients every day," Baasen said. "A lot of times you don't see the end results, especially someone who's seriously injured as he is. To be able to have him come back and thank us personally and for us to see how well he's doing, it makes you understand why you do the job."

Andersen Technicians...

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of the stress on the grid. Although the housing circuits were affected by the automatic load shedding, they have not been affected during the manual load shedding. Officials with the Consolidated Commission on Utilities, which is the publically elected body in charge of GPA, have said that when manual load shedding is required, the whole island is susceptible to being asked to go without power for an hour or more each time. Fortunately, since the base is already reducing demand on the system with facility generators, Andersen AFB has not been affected.

Meanwhile, crews from the 36th CES have been working around the clock to fix any problems and ensure power is kept running on base. In addition to activating facility generators, the 36th CES has also shut down air conditioning to large industrial facilities or in facilities that are unoccupied when not in use at night.

"We are doing everything we can possibly do to keep the mission going, and have also done our part to free up extra power that can be used on the island," said Master Sgt. Matt Castillo, 36th CES Operations Flight superintendent. "GPA now has more capacity to be used off base."

To alleviate the ongoing power issue, everyone on base can do their part to conserve as much energy as possible, Castillo said.

Coincidentally, October marks Energy Action Month, reminding everyone that individual efforts can make a positive impact, especially during the recent power incident that affected Guam's power grid.

"The highest energy demand times are between 6-10 p.m.," Castillo said. "During this time, island residents can really help out and do their part by avoiding or minimizing the use of any electrical component that produces heat, such as electric stoves, clothes dryers, coffee pots, toasters and water heaters. These small adjustments can benefit the island."

Another easy fix is to turn the thermostat up a few degrees. If you set the temperature in the mid-70s, customers will save energy, money, plus remain comfortable. Base officials have seen power use reduction in base housing; however, more help is needed to alleviate the ongoing shortfall.

"Everyone can do their part," Gingras said. "The entire island needs to be aware of every watt they are consuming. There are things that people can do to adjust their routine that has zero impact on them, but have a huge impact on the island overall." /Airman 1st Class Arielle Vasquez, 36th Wing Public Affairs, AAFB

Gov't prioritizes speedy delivery of relief supplies to Lando-affected areas

The Department of Social Welfare and Development continues to work with the Armed Forces of the Philippines, the Philippine National Police, and local government units to ensure that those living in areas affected by Typhoon Lando receive food supplies immediately.

According to Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) Secretary Corazon Juliano-Soliman, all DSWD-Field Offices in areas affected by Typhoon Lando continue to repack relief supplies that can be immediately distributed to local government units (LGUs).

Aside from keeping the safety of affected families through continuous evacuation from hazardous areas, the goal of the department is to also ensure that there are enough relief supplies and that these reach the beneficiaries immediately.

The Secretary added that the department has an existing agreement with the Armed Forces of the Philippines, the Philippine National Police,

and the Department of Public Works and Highways to ensure the availability of vehicles for transporting goods to the affected areas.

She also mentioned the new mechanized repacking system that the Department has recently acquired enhances the capacity of the Department to repack 50,000 family food packs per day.



As of 6 a.m. October 19, 42,097 families or 203,267 persons from Regions I, II, III, and CAR have been displaced and assisted of

whom 13,910 families or 62,990 persons are inside 336 evacuation centers managed by

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Staff Sgt. Kimberly Chroniak, 36th Maintenance Squadron, assists a Special Olympics Guam athlete Oct. 3, 2015, at a bowling center in Tamuning, Guam. Service members dedicated eight weeks to coach participants for the event which included 125 athletes with intellectual disabilities. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Joshua Smoot)

Andersen technicians combat power shortage, conserve energy

In order to beat the island's heat, Guam residents rely on electric fans, refrigerators and air conditioners on a daily basis. All of these appliances require energy to ensure everyone's well-being.

Members of Team Andersen were recently reminded how crucial electricity is on the island when Guam Power Authority lost two of its four base load production units due to an explosion toward the end of August. The damaged units were responsible for producing power for the island at all times.

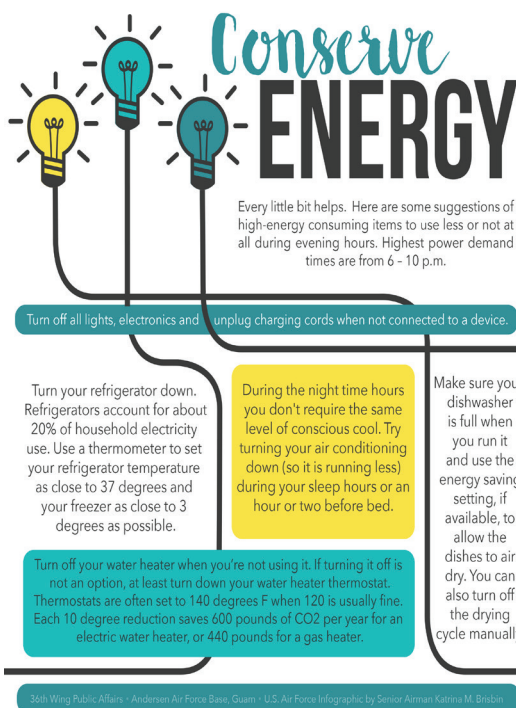
Currently, GPA is using generators built to handle times when energy consumption is at its peak to cover the island's needs;

however, these generators have been running nearly fulltime since the explosion, said Maj. James

caused several of the generators to trip off line, causing automatic load shedding. That meant certain circuits were turned off in order to preserve the entire electric grid. Plus, in order to perform normal and emergency repairs to those systems, GPA technicians had to perform manual load shedding, which meant GPA manually switched off electric circuits to avoid overloading the remaining generators on the grid.

Following the automatic load shedding, the 36th CES has been using its own stand-by generators to reduce power consumption on base. Normally, all of the facilities on Andersen AFB are connected to the commercial power grid, but some were disconnected when the issues arose to relieve some

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Wounded Warrior Visits Guam, Recalls Excellent USNH Guam Care

Memories of corpsmen administering care to his injured body filled Michael Lammey's mind as he toured U.S. Naval Hospital (USNH) Guam in Agana Heights Oct. 21.

"I was nervous when I first got here because I didn't know how I was going to react emotionally," he said. "But now actually being here I feel proud that I was in the Navy and I'm able to come back here and meet some of the people that were here when I was going through

what I went through"

On Dec. 1, 2006, Lammey and five other Sailors serving aboard the submarine tender USS Frank Cable (AS 40) suffered life-threatening burns when a section of the boiler system split open, emptying steam inside the ship.

The Sailors were transported to USNH Guam where they received primary treatment before being sent to Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio.

"The medical team here

probably saved my life," Lammey said. "For them to do what they did at the old hospital (building) with that type of casualty was amazing. With the limited resources they had there, they had to depend heavily on the staff, and the staff exceeded expectations."

Cmdr. Chad Baasen, USNH Guam director of medical services, was at the hospital the day the accident occurred.

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Former Sailor Michael Lammey speaks with U.S. Naval Hospital Guam senior leadership before a tour of the facility in Agana Heights Oct. 21. Lammey visited the hospital and met with personnel who were present when he received medical care following a mass casualty event aboard USS Frank Cable (AS 40) in 2006. (U.S. Navy photo by JoAnna Delfin)



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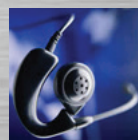
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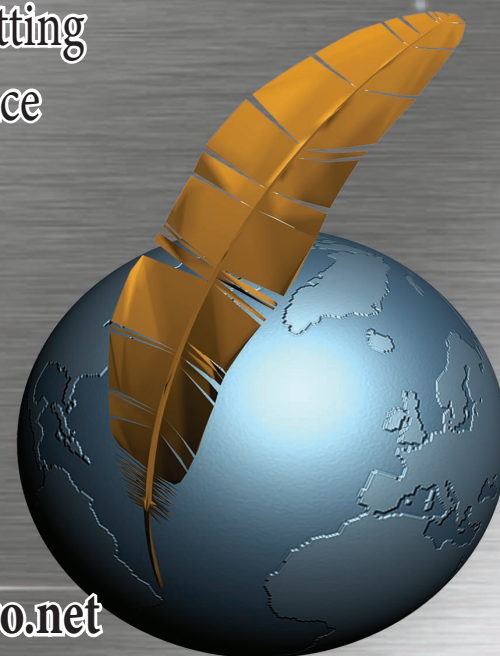
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