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US Pres. Joe Biden and Philippines Pres. Marcos discuss tensions in South China Sea.

BY RANDY DAVID

When Ferdinand Marcos Sr. placed the country under martial law in September 1972, the United States government said nothing critical of the blatant cancellation of democracy in their former colony. Marcos Sr. continued to be regarded, throughout martial law, as a trusted friend and

ally of the US in this part of the world.

Among other things, the Filipino dictator quickly showed his appreciation for America's tacit approval of his authoritarian move by assuring American businessmen, who owned lands in the Philippines under

the terms of the Laurel-Langley Agreement, that there would be no outright confiscation of their properties after the lapse of the agreement in 1974. (In August 1972, the Supreme Court issued two rulings declaring that American ownership of private ag-

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SCARED NEW WORLD

BY LAURA G. PEREZ

It has been two years and a half since former President Donald Trump's tweet about the "China virus" triggered a rash of violent attacks on people of Asian descent in the United States.

In a speech to the United Nations General Assembly in September 2020,



Donald Trump is a competent "mind controller".

Trump reportedly blamed China for the COVID-19 pandemic and called on Beijing to be punished for its handling of the

disease which had killed 200,000 Americans, the world's highest death toll at that time.

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The Filipino Women's Club of Sacramento International Night



Photo by Dale Esperante

Also known as FWC, The Filipino Women's Club of Sacramento opened their doors to "international" fashionistas on September 17, 2022, at the Rizal Community Center, 7320 Florin Road Mall Drive, Sacramento, CA 95823.

BY DALE ESPERANTE

The official program: started with the invocation by Sr. Josie Tanudtanud, RVM. The FWC

Ladies led by Remy Solomon, FWC 2nd VP, sang the national anthems. FWC President Leila Pereira welcomed

the guests, most of whom dressed in their international best with flair.

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A Brief History of Anti-Asian Hate in the US

BY LORRIE SPURGAT WILLIAMS

On June 19, 1982 Vincent Chin, a Chinese-American automobile draftsman, was killed by two white men in a racially motivated attack. Chin was out with friends celebrating his upcoming wedding at his bachelor party in a Detroit club. Ronald Ebens, an automotive worker, and his step-son Michael Nitz, a laid off automotive worker, became angered at the group of men and started a brawl. The fight was broken up, everyone dispersed, but Ebens and Nitz found Chin at a nearby restaurant where they attacked him with a bat while yelling racial slurs and blaming Chin for the automotive crisis, assuming he was Japanese. Ebens and Nitz received only probation and a \$3000 fine for the murder which enraged the Asian community. This hate crime received national attention and is considered to be a significant turning point for anti-Asian hate awareness. Several years later Chin's murder was referenced with the introduction of the Hate Crimes Prevention Act of 1997.

The history of anti-Asian hate in the US is long, complicated, and systemic. As the United States was newly developing, the first citizenship legislation was passed, The Naturalization Act of 1790. This law established US citizenship by naturalization to "free White person(s) ... of good character", explicitly excluding Native Americans and "aliens".

The first immigration legislation was the Page Act of 1875, or the Asian Exclusion Act, which made entry in to the US by Chinese women and laborers illegal. Years later it was expanded and became one of the most infamous immigration laws, the Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882. The law, which was the first and only immigration law to ban an



40 years after Vincent Chin's murder, the struggle against anti-Asian hate continues.

entire ethnicity, outright banned Chinese immigration for ten years, was later extended another ten years and then made permanent until 1943. Subsequent oppressive policies excluded people from a geographically defined "Asiatic Barred Zone", instituted quotas more restrictive to only Asian countries, and established that immigrants from Asian countries were ineligible for citizenship.

The twentieth century had an even more catastrophic event, Executive Order 9066. In February of 1942, a few months after the attack on Pearl Harbor, President Roosevelt issued Executive Order 9066 to create military zones designed to incarcerate anyone of Japanese ethnicity, out of fear of espionage or sabotage. Over two-thirds of those incarcerated at the internment camps were Japanese American US citizens, born and raised in the United States. Mitsuye Endo, a Sacramento native, and her family were among those who were abruptly taken from their homes and incarcerated. Endo had been working at the California DMV and was terminated along with 314 state workers as directed by the State Personnel Board. The former employees filed a lawsuit against the state which

grew to include suing the US federal government, making its way to the US Supreme Court. On December 18, 1944, the US Supreme Court handed down Ex Parte Mitsuye Endo unanimous decision that the US government could not continue to incarcerate any citizen loyal to the country. Endo had overcome immense pressure to drop the lawsuit and rejected offers to be released if she never returned to the west coast citing, "The fact that I wanted to prove that we of Japanese ancestry were not guilty of any crime that we were loyal American citizens kept me from abandoning the suit." Over forty years after Executive Order 9066, the Civil Liberties Act of 1988 was signed in to law, stating, "these actions were carried out without adequate security reasons and without any acts of espionage or sabotage, and were motivated largely by racial prejudice...". The law resulted in Japanese American survivors and their families receiving restitution of \$20,000 and a presidential apology.

After a civil rights surge in the 1960's, a shift in perception of what civil rights looked like and included began to translate in to more protections against anti-Asian hate.

Title 1 of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 was the first law permitting federal prosecution of any person who injures, interferes with, or "intimidates any person because of race, color, religion or national origin." California's Ralph Civil Rights Act of 1976 not only forbids acts of violence, but also acts of written threats, vandalism,

and property damage based on actual or perceived, "sex/gender, including pregnancy, childbirth, and related medical conditions, gender identity and gender expression, race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, disability,

medical condition, genetic information, marital status, sexual orientation, citizenship, primary language, immigration status, political affiliation, or position in a labor dispute." Additional federal laws aimed at racially motivated crimes have been enacted: The Violent Crime Control Act of 1994 increasing penalties for hate crimes committed; the Matthew Shepard and James Byrd, Jr. Hate Crimes Prevention Act of 2009 which expands federal hate crime laws; and the Emmett Till Antilynching Act which makes lynching a federal hate crime.

Asian Americans have endured decades of racist US laws which have contributed to anti-Asian hate in all forms. In some of the worst circumstances such as the murder of Vincent Chin and the Japanese internment camps, crucial change perse-

vered. State and federal laws that protect everyone and prosecute hate crimes are essential to combat anti-Asian hate. Our past, present, and future shape our world which is why it's important to know our history, we cannot turn away from the offensive realities. "That remains part of the problem, that we don't know the unpleasant aspects of American history...and therefore we don't learn the lesson those chapters teach us. So we repeat them over and over again." – George Takei

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Editor's Note

We are celebrating Filipino American History Month this entire month of October. It is to "commemorate the first recorded arrival of the first Filipino on the land that is now the continental U.S. on October 18, 1587, by way of a Spanish galleon, that docked at what is now Morro Bay, California".

In our Filipino-American community alone in Sacramento, in this issue of Philippine Fiesta News, are several scheduled community events and gatherings to celebrate our humble beginnings in the U.S. Please take note of the "Magkaisa" event to be held on October 7, the FCSV's FAHM celebration on October 8, and the Grand Opening of "California is in the Heart", an exhibit on Filipino Californians at the California Museum. Also please, support Rize All Dance Center, in their Rise and Restore fundraiser Gala Night to be held at the Laguna Town Hall Amphitheater, on October 21.

We proudly take part in celebrating our history and legacies that include 50 years of Filipino American Studies, 40 years of Filipino American National Historical Society, 30 years of Filipino American History month, and to say the least our very own contribution, 20 years of Philippine Fiesta News in our Filipino American community in Sacramento!

Have the Happiest Filipino American History Month celebration! We can only make our existence much more significant in the years ahead!

With love always,
Dinnah San Pedro

The Marcoses and the United States

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gricultural land not only did not extend beyond 1974, but that land acquired between 1946 and 1974 was, in fact, illegal.)

“In this heady atmosphere,” writes the American scholar Stephen Shalom in his meticulously documented book “The United States and the Philippines: A Study of Neocolonialism” (1981), “foreign firms, including American firms, dramatically increased their investments in the Philippines. Foreign banks extended new loans to the Philippine government and helped roll over old debts.”

When Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr., the late dictator’s namesake and now the Philippines’ new president, arrived in New York last week to address the United Nations General Assembly, he made sure that the highlight of his visit would be a meeting with US President Joe Biden. The message he came to deliver was the same one his father had given to America throughout his stay in office — we are your friend.

It has been 36 years since the embattled and ailing autocrat, facing a peaceful civilian-military uprising in the nation’s capital, turned to his old friend, then President Ronald Reagan, for advice on whether something could be worked out with Cory Aquino. For reasons of his own, Reagan chose not to speak to him directly. Instead, he asked his close friend, Nevada Sen. Paul Laxalt, to call Marcos Sr. Here was Laxalt’s account of that call: “Then he (Marcos Sr.) asked me the gut question ‘Senator, what should I do?’ I wasn’t bound by diplomatic niceties. I said, ‘Cut and cut cleanly. The time has come.’”

Things happened very fast after that call. The US offered to fly the president and his family out of the presidential palace to where they could feel safe. They were first ferried by choppers sent by the US Embassy to Clark Air Base in Pampanga, which was then still under American control. Then, from

Clark, a huge US cargo plane flew them out of the country, landing first in Guam, and then in Honolulu, Hawaii, where they lived in exile. Marcos Sr. died there in 1989.

The Marcoses felt that US authorities had treated them shabbily from the moment they set foot in Hawaii. The crates, boxes, suitcases, and assorted bags they brought with them were carefully documented and confiscated by US Customs upon their arrival. Their movements were restricted and monitored — all, it seemed, at the behest of the new government at home.

Their travails did not end with the patriarch’s death. One after the other, cases that had been filed in various US courts against Ferdinand Marcos Sr. required Imelda Marcos to appear before federal jury investigations. Where once she was lionized and feted by American officialdom and celebrities, Imelda found herself caricatured by US media as the living symbol of the profligate half of a brutal and corrupt dictatorship.

Those who expected Marcos Jr. during his six-day visit to the US to express even a small hint of bitterness over those exile years, or to adopt the same anti-US rhetoric that his predecessor routinely spewed, probably misunderstand the whole purpose of the Marcos bid for political redemption. Yes, it is to protect the family’s wealth and privileges. But it is also — and this is perhaps particularly true for the more stoically-inclined Bongbong Marcos — to reclaim for the Marcos name the image of the responsible statesman.

That name has been so overlain by images of unbridled corruption that it has become synonymous everywhere with grand larceny and shameless high-living. That none of the Marcoses ever had to spend even a day in jail has been a blot on our justice system. That our government would allow the former

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dictator to be buried in a cemetery meant for the nation’s heroes has cast a dark shadow on our sensibility as a nation. But when Marcos Jr. was elected president in May this year, the rest of the world thought we Filipinos had completely lost our minds as a people.

Therefore, what better occasion was there to demonstrate that the Marcos name at least

deserved a second look than for the son of the much-maligned dictator to project himself, in the presence of the world’s leaders, as the responsible representative of a worthy nation? Whatever resentment he might have harbored against America when, as exiles, they felt more like prisoners than guests, completely vanished as President Marcos Jr. reiterated the traditional Filipino politician’s

abiding faith in America.

“We are your partners, we are your allies, we are your friends. And in like fashion, we have always considered the United States our partner, our ally, and our friend,” Marcos Jr. effusively told President Joe Biden. Visibly pleased by his Filipino visitor’s earnest manifestation of loyalty, Biden could only say: “That’s beautiful.”

Celebrating Filipinx American and LGBTQIA+ History Month

By Nikki Abeleda, Benedict Joson & Maria Lorena Llagas-Marbella

This October, Sacramento Filipinx Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, and Asexual+ (Sac Fil LGBTQIA+) in collaboration with Kamayan Coalition will be hosting “FIRE: Filipinx LGBTQIA: Inspire, Resist, & Empower,” a one day conference that hopes to help this year’s participants to discover the passions and interests that light their inner fire; to help this year’s participants find the strength to resist the adversity and injustices that members of the Filipinx LGBTQIA+ community face on both daily and systemic levels; and to empower this year’s participants to bring about the positive change they wish to see in the world and in their local communities by building ties with other queer Filipinx people throughout the diaspora.

In 2017, Sac Fil LGBTQIA+ was co-founded by Nikki Abeleda, Daniel Domaguin, and other community members local to the greater Sacramento County area. Their grassroots collective held their first event in February 2017, “Introduction to Filipinx Queer and Trans Identities,” which served as a dialogue to uplift the identities of the Filipinx LGBTQIA+ community locally and nationally. Since then, Sac Fil LGBTQIA+ has continued to maintain their momentum in creating spaces for the Filipinx queer and trans community, while simultaneously focusing

on building relationships and solidarity with other LGBTQIA+ organizations and social justice movements.

“Sac Fil has grown in ways I never could have imagined,” says Abeleda. “And through the work we’ve built together as a collective - I consider them an extended family. Sac Fil exists because of the desire for community space and meeting other LGBTQIA+ Filipinx identified people. It’s a recognition of shared identities, shared intersectional issues, and shared narratives.”

To commemorate both Filipino American and LGBTQIA+ History Month, Sac Fil has partnered with Kamayan Coalition (Kam Co), the very first national Filipinx LGBTQIA+ organizational coalition, in putting together their third annual hybrid conference. Founded in August 2020 during the COVID pandemic, Kam Co aims to build spaces where queer and trans Filipinx people find joy, share community, and thrive. Through conferences, events, community-engagement campaigns, educational programs, and movement-building work, Kam Co hopes to empower LGBTQIA+ Filipinx voices and elevate the state of its LGBTQIA+ Filipinx members.

“Even as a gay Filipino immigrant living in the most diverse place on earth—Queens, New York—I found little to no representation of my identity across university, media, business, and other parts of society,” says Benedict Joson, one of Kam Co’s founding board members. “In October 2019, a friend invited me to an annual coat drive and social held by Barkada NYC, a commu-

nity of like-minded LGBTQ+ Filipinx, friends, and allies celebrating queer and Filipinx culture. Through them, I reconnected with my queer and Filipino roots. In 2020, as the world was in lockdown, my friend John Licas invited me and other members of Barkada NYC to help the first ever LGBTQ Fil Am History Month Celebration and launch Kam Co. It has been such a blessing and a joy to build community with such beautiful souls.”

Kam Co annual conferences have brought together Filipin@/x luminaries, activists, educators, drag artists, musicians, poets and more to discuss pressing issues such as Filipin@/x mental health and wellbeing, anti-Blackness and anti-colonialism within the

diaspora, representation and power in various industries—including fashion, entertainment, and the restaurant industry—and to explore the rich legacy of history, culture, food, and music found both within the American diaspora and beyond.

“It has been an immense privilege and honor to work with our kasamas at Sac Fil LGBTQIA+,” says Maria Lorena Llagas-Marbella, one of Kam Co’s Programming Co-Leads. “The passion they have for this community has shined through in every step of our working relationship, and we want to do whatever we can to support Sac Fil LGBTQIA+ in this year’s conference.”

FIRE will take place at the

Laguna Town Hall Amphitheater in Elk Grove, CA on Saturday, October 8, 2022 from 12 PM to 6 PM in person and virtual. Registration is free for all attendees and there will be art, entertainment, food, panel discussions, workshops, and community resources. The organizers hope that FIRE will be a celebration of Filipinx American and LGBTQIA+ identities to remember.

*Filipinx – the -x replaces the -o or -a to serve as a gender inclusive term for Filipino.

For free registration and more information on FIRE: tinyurl.com/FilipinxLGBTQIA

To sponsor and donate to FIRE: tinyurl.com/FIREFundraiser.

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BY LAURA GATMAITAN PEREZ

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Between March 2020 and March 2022, more than 11,400 hate incidents against Asian Americans - especially those who looked Chinese - were reported across the US, according to Stop AAPI Hate, a non-profit organization that tracks such episodes against Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders.

Think for a minute how the Spanish flu of 1918 started, who spread it to Europe, Asia and eventually the whole world. They called it the Spanish flu, indicating it came from Spain, but researchers believe it most likely originated in the United States, specifically in Kansas. The Spanish flu claimed more than 25 million lives.

So why were Americans not targeted for spreading this plague?

Apparently, people believe what they want to believe. They would rather find a scapegoat to deflect blame and recruit someone who can articulate their self-serving bias.

Weaponizing fear

After their champion spewed such irresponsible vitriol, a virus mutated into different variants of hate rooted in fear.

We are battered by fears from every direction. Fear of a new pandemic. Fear of a recession. Fear of World War III. Fear of a new world order. Fear of the Extreme Left. Fear of the Extreme Right. Fear of the anti-Christ.

Dr Joost A.M. Meerloo - a Dutch-American psychoanalyst who authored "Rape of the Mind" said that fear has been weaponized. He asserted that fear and terror paralyze our ability to think clearly.

Meerloo likewise wrote about the dangers of mass delusion and mental contagion through suppression of information exchange and control of the press. He believed that the key is a free exchange of ideas.

However, there is a pervasive sense that what we hear as a supposedly "free" exchange of ideas is artificial. Only bits and pieces of the truth are made known to the public, and we hardly get the total picture. Different news organizations release statistics that

support their biases and people are confused about who is telling the truth. Free-thinking individuals are aware that certain groups manipulate the angle to suit their purpose but most people are distracted by their smart phones and endless entertainment options. They only get worked up when their rights are threatened - mainly the right to do as they please and to defy authorities if they feel unfairly treated.

Colored perspectives

Some organizations claim there are more attacks on blacks and Latinos than Asian-Americans and that these are carried out by Caucasians. Numerous online videos, however, show mainly blacks assaulting Asian, specifically Filipino women and the elderly.

The more we dig up, the more we uncover related issues. We note that most offenders are homeless drug addicts and mentally ill.

According to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, 15.4% of all adult Americans struggle with a substance use disorder each year. This percentage accounts for nearly 39 million people. Half of all Americans have tried an illicit substance in their lifetime. Around 37.9% of all people with a substance use disorder have a co-occurring mental illness.

Descent into darkness

Whoever is allowing illegal drugs flow freely into our society and ruin the minds of our people knows that it is the easiest way to destroy a country.

Whoever is enabling bums with endless freebies knows exactly how to drain government coffers.

Whoever is letting unstable criminals escape prosecution instead of locking them up is probably just concerned with public relations and getting re-elected.

Parable for our time

A prophetic novel written by Aldous Huxley in 1931 is worth revisiting. In "Brave New World", advances in science and technology have made it possible to unburden people of job-hunting, pregnancy and

childrearing concerns. Women are free to take contraceptives, get abortion or be sterilized. Most babies are born in laboratories and conditioned for specific jobs.

People are spoiled rotten with everything handed on a silver platter. Engrossed in pleasurable diversions, there seems to be no reason to fret, yet everyone takes a drug that creates pleasant hallucinations when he feels out of sorts.

Huxley foresaw a "brave" new world where citizens embrace the easy life without responsibilities and swallow any government propaganda without thinking. A culture of comfort has made them indifferent to what is really going on.

Deifying error

Charles-Marie Gustave Le Bon, a French polymath who was best known for his work "The Crowd: A Study of the Popular Mind," was convinced that "The masses have never thirsted after truth. They turn aside from evidence that is not to their taste, preferring to deify error, if error seduces them. Whoever can supply them with illusions is easily their master; whoever attempts to destroy their illusions is always their victim."

Global reputation

When my family and I first came to the US from Hong Kong in 2001, I did not feel any animosity in the local white community. One neighbor said she was glad that the communists had freed us, which naturally cracked me up. Another said she could not tell if I was Chinese, Korean or Japanese.

After the September 11 attacks, I did not notice any major change of attitude towards Asian minority groups. I suppose it was because the terrorists were later found to have come from Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, Lebanon and Egypt. Thereafter, Muslims and Middle Eastern men faced hostility. It was clearly guilt by association.



Everyone has a compelling story that made him leave home and start a new life in another country. Nobody thinks of the price he may have to pay.

In your own country, people see you not just as an individual. They see your grandparents, parents, siblings and distant relatives in you. And all the love and respect they have for your family is added to their love for you.

In another country, you are just a face, a name, a number. You carry the reputation of your nation and get blamed for whatever it represents.

Can you stop hate?

Anti-Asian sentiment is nothing new but has intensified since the pandemic. Not only Asian immigrants are persecuted but other minority groups all over the world. It is easy to blame foreigners for any crisis especially if they thrive in a new environment while citizens languish despite getting special treatment. A stranger is the perfect whipping boy for the restless mob who may turn against rulers unable to confront perceived threats. Without an outsider turned into a punching bag, the mob will eventually turn against each other and anarchy may ensue.

Can you stop bigotry? That would be like asking: Can you stop deliberate ignorance? More pointedly: Can you stop self-deception?

Rallying cry

The battered Asian community cannot come up with the placard "Fight back!" for fear it may be construed as a warning of retaliation. Advocates believe education is the way to go. Educate who?

The Filipino martial arts coach who recently came to the rescue of six randomly assaulted people in New York was careful not to punch the attacker, deciding only to subdue him. The coach said he jumped on the attacker's back and used the seatbelt position which dragged him to the ground.

An elderly man who saw someone coming after him in the subway thought that dodging the assailant was the only thing he could do. He said that if he could just protect his heart from being

stabbed, then he would have a good chance of surviving.

The idea of fighting back does not seem to cross the victims' minds. CCTVs yield images of old women offering no resistance as they are pushed on the ground, punched and kicked a hundred times. Are they afraid that they could be charged with assault if they hit back?

What advocates should focus on is educating the targets of abuse, not the bigots who will not listen to reason. The able-bodied must be trained on self-defense without worrying that they will get arrested. They may fight back if the following justifications are met:

- 1) The defendant (victim) subjectively believed he was facing an actual unlawful attack.
- 2) The defendant subjectively believed the amount of force used or threatened was "necessary to prevent or terminate the interference".
- 3) The defendant's beliefs in attack and necessity, even if mistaken, were objectively reasonable.
- 4) The attack was occurring or was imminent.

The community must be taught about the Good Samaritan Law which offers legal protection in the form of exemption from lawsuits and liability. It acts as a safeguard to those who help another in a real emergency, life-or-death situation.

Some judges have exercised too much leniency towards offenders who supposedly suffer from addiction and mental disorders. According to reports, many who committed hate crimes managed to post bail and were set free the next day.

The community must be educated on how the judicial system works. We have to follow up individual cases to make sure that the offense will not be repeated. Even if offenders are found to be mentally ill and cannot be held responsible for their action, we have to insist that they be locked up - if not in prison, then in treatment facilities.

"Get these dangerous people off the streets!" That should be our rallying cry.

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SacFilPAC Serves Fil-Am Community Through Leadership, Civic Engagement

BY CHRIS MATEO

There are 20,556 voters in Sacramento County that identify as “Filipino.” This roughly translates to Filipino American voters making up nearly 3% of the entire county’s voter population. What does that mean to the Sacramento Filipino Political Action Committee? For the community it represents, it means a lot.

According to its mission statement, the Sacramento Filipino Political Action Committee, or SacFilPAC, is a “non-partisan organization whose mission is to advocate for the empowerment and betterment of Filipino Americans through effective civic engagement and political leadership.”

To introduce the organization to local political leadership, the political action committee or PAC created an endorsement process to identify which candidates – Filipino American or not – who would work with and for the Filipino community to improve the lives of its families and individuals. This process was developed by several community leaders, including Sacramento Municipal Utilities District (SMUD) Board Director, Dave Tamayo.

As a longtime Filipino American public official, Tamayo, has always been a champion for the community and a supporter of building a pipeline for emerging leaders, so it was fitting that he would support the PAC’s efforts.

“SacFilPAC is critical for strengthening the progressive voice of the Filipino community in political and civic affairs of our region,” said Tamayo. “It will help raise awareness and progress on issues of importance to our community, and will help elect candidates, including Filipino Americans, who support our values.”

After the endorsement process was approved by SacFilPAC’s Board of Directors, an Endorsement Committee was created to implement the process that took approximately one year to create. During this process, every candidate running for office in Sacramento County was reached out to and in-



The Sacramento Filipino Political Action Committee (SacFilPAC) Board of Directors

vited to apply to be considered for endorsement by this new PAC. The candidates that did reply in order to earn SacFilPAC’s endorsement, filled out the PAC’s questionnaire. These candidates that were approved to advance by the Committee were invited to interview. The day-long interview process took place on Monday, September 5, and resulted in a list of candidates that will be recommended to the entire Board of Directors in early October.

One of the Committee’s members, Jocelyn Twilla, shared her thoughts on the importance of the PAC’s role in endorsing candidates, “We should drive to have representation of our communities’ needs by endorsing candidates that are knowledgeable about the rich history of Filipinos in the region and that are in line with the values and goals of SacFilPAC.”

Twilla, who also serves as SacFilPAC’s Treasurer, also shared her thoughts on the necessity of this organization in this region, “With Sacramento being the seat of government for the State of California and home to a sizeable community of Filipinos within the county, it is only fitting for Sacramento to have a Filipino political action committee to cater to the needs of the community.”

She also noted that Filipinos have their own set of needs and issues including, but not limited to, language barriers, documentation status, colorism, employment and labor, health

disparities, and disaggregation of data. And that it is “equally important to inspire and uplift the younger generation of Filipinos to aspire to run for local and higher levels of elected positions in order to serve our community.”

As a leader of this younger generation, Jacob Francisco, was inspired by the PAC’s mission and decided to become a member. “[The PAC] allows for us to gather and organize politically to get people who have shared experiences elected into office. Growing up in California there are very few Filipino and Filipino Americans that are in elected office,” said Francisco.

Francisco, a Political Science major at UC Davis, stated that he is able to connect with other individuals who are supporting Filipino American candidates for office. “This inspires me not only to run for office one day, but also to support those who have my shared experiences as a Filipino American,” said Francisco. “Joining the SacFilPAC brings like-minded individuals together to make sure that our elected officials look like us, talk like us and have the same experiences like us.”

Francisco is also very excited for SacFilPAC’s dedication to civic engagement. In addition to supporting the endorsed candidates, SacFilPAC will be hosting voter registration drives throughout the month of October. Its first attempt at

educating the community will be at Elk Grove’s second annual Filipino American History Month celebration “Magkaisa” on Friday, October 7 at Laguna Town Hall, from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Here, Francisco will staff a vendor booth, complete

with other volunteers registering the event’s guests to vote in the upcoming election (November 8).

And as volunteers register more voters throughout the month leading up to the election (on November 8), SacFilPAC also hopes to encourage these voters to get to the polls (on November 8) and amplify their individual and collective voices.

By doing so, the Sacramento Filipino PAC will share its vision of “a more empowered Filipino community whose well-being is better addressed through more Filipino elected officials and policies that respond to and are shaped by a Filipino agenda.” And to the 20,556 Filipino American voters and their families in Sacramento County, it will make a profound difference. that will mean a lot.

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The Filipino Women's Club of Sacramento International Night

From page 1

BY DALE ESPERANTE

The Scholarship Awards were presented by Scholarship Chair Erlinda Aglubat, assisted by: Josie Patria, Melit Pangilinan, Cleo Sabarre-Ner, Edna delos Reyes, and Leila Pereira.

The 2022 FWC Scholars: Congratulations Kenzo Frazer and Adam Moore Oineza. FWC New Members were introduced and inducted by Zenny Yagen, 1st Vice District Governor and IPP FWC President.

New members: Sorcy Apostol, Crisel Centeno, Emilee Dalmacio, Fridaleen Lou-Dizon, Gina Esperanza, Aurora Jimeno, Marian Kronomeyer, Mildred Mabitad-Go, Leticia Madariaga, Anabelle Pimentel, Laurence Quiaoit, Aurora Ramos, Zenny Ventura, Aida Visaya, and Linda Vergara.



Mrs. FWC 2022, Erlinda Aglubat, with Mrs. FWC 2017, Lourdes Belasco, and their escorts.

The Farewell Walk: Mrs. Lourdes Belasco, the 2017 Mrs. FWC, escorted by her son, Jonathan Belasco. Entrance of 2022 Mrs. FWC: Mrs. Erlinda Aglubat escorted by her son, Benedict Velasquez. 2017 Mrs. FWC Lourdes Belasco assisted by Vince Sales presented and placed the new crown to 2022 Mrs.



Girls just want to have fun.

FWC Erlinda Aglubat. The new Mrs. FWC Erlinda Aglubat delivered an inspirational and empowering message to all her fellow members and friends of FWC.

Remy Solomon, the songbird of the community, delivered a special song before the end of the program.



Fashion and joy

Photos by Dale Esperante

The Traditional FWC Members Parade and Dance that followed showcased global fashion, with friendship and alliances, and pure joy. The great sounds of Stephen Pascual "DJ Stephen" and Ray Valido "Ray Ray" added to the elation felt throughout.

To quote the 2022 Mrs. FWC, Erlinda Aglubat, "Continue to dream big and follow your dreams." The evening seemed like a euphoric dream fulfilled! Congratulations to The Filipino Women's Club of Sacramento for another outstanding community event!

September Birthday Celebration



Dioscoro Valila with wife Linda



Rose Basos

Remembering Michael Salgado

by Fely Salgado

September - beginning of Fall, Autumn leaves are green and gold.

"Since you went away...the days grow long...but I miss you most of all when autumn leaves start to fall."

September is a very significant month to me. Not only because Autumn is my favorite season of the year.

1. Sept. 17 in 1961—Cesar and I got married 61 years ago
2. My mother- the greatest mother of all - was born Sept. 28
3. Archangel St. Michael's Feast day is celebrated Sept. 29 of every year
4. My son Michael was brought to this world Sept. 29, 1973 and it was Sept. 29 2012. Yes, Michael was 39 years old when the Good Lord took Him away from us and claimed him as one of His own, and it was also 10 years ago TODAY. Sept. 29, 2022.



The Salgado family, son JayAr, granddaughter Ayden, and Fely and Cesar

TODAY calls for a celebration. A reason to once again remember, cherish, and enjoy those times and moments when Michael was with us. And who would ever forget Michael?

This event was celebrated at a mass officiated by Father Leon on Sept. 29, 2022, in Elk Grove CA, in remembrance of Michael Salgado and other significant memories celebrating Fely and Cesar Salgado's family.

Good Shepherd and Magellan



The Ikaw Singers of St. Maria Goretti Church at Good Shepherd Parish with His Most Reverend Jaime Soto, Bishop of Sacramento, as part of the audience.

BY DALE ESPERANTE

From a church feast to a veterans' fundraising breakfast, a group from St. Maria Goretti (SMG) parish brought their gift of joy. The Feast of San Lorenzo de Ruiz, the first Filipino Saint, was celebrated by the Most Reverend Jaime Soto, Bishop of Sacramento, on September 23, 2022, at Good Shepherd Catholic Parish.

On September 24, 2022, a fundraising social breakfast was held at The American Legion Magellan Post 604 at 8831 Gerber Road. At both places, different times, the SMG group performed their rendition of the Lettermen's song, Ikaw, bringing smiles and delight to



The surprise move of a husband while singing Ikaw to his wife

the faces of the Filipino American audience. After the song Ikaw, the smiles continued with their performance of Carinosa at Good Shepherd, and a contemporary dance number at Magellan. On

behalf of the community who felt the joy shared by SMG Group, I would like to thank the following: Jude & Tonton Salgado, Joseph & Sherrell Abriam, Maria Marquez, Paula Bonifacio, Presely Sarette, Suzeth Magtoto, Mari-nette Babida, Teresita Clark, Cynthia Elmido, Edith Rundle, Myrna Magbanua, Alice Tay, Velinda Cruz, Rachel Salgado

The SMG Group's involvement in the community exemplifies the spirit of Bayanihan and the joy of a Philippine Fiesta. Mabuhay to the Sacramento Filipino Community!



Magellan Post 604

An Ethnic American Legion Post

BY DALE ESPERANTE

This story of how The American Legion Magellan Post 604 started has been verbally passed down through generations. Generations of Filipino American Veterans of WW II, Korean War, Vietnam, Lebanon/Grenada, Panama, Gulf War, Global War on Terror, and other conflicts have heard a version of this story.

There was a time when people of color, Filipinos included, could only socialize in their own familiar places because of segregation. Early in the 20th century, Filipino laborers who settled in Sacramento decided to put their resources together and eventually acquire a land in South Sacramento, to have their own gathering place. Since they were farmers and laborers, they improved the land and built a structure utilizing their skills and support system. The structure was a farmhouse, but it was good enough for the Filipinos to bring their family and friends to on special occasions, e.g., birthday parties, fiesta celebrations, and fundraising events.

After World War II started, the younger farmers and laborers eligible to join the military helped America fight in the war against its enemies. The enemy countries then were Germany and Japan. As you know, Japan invaded and occupied the Philippine Islands where innumerable American and Filipino soldiers and civilians suffered under the occupying Japanese forces.

When America and its allies won the war, the military men who opted to return home as civilians were awarded their honorable discharge certificates. The aging farmers and the community celebrated the homecoming of the younger men. Realizing their advancing age and health conditions, the landowner farmers made an important decision to deed the farmhouse and land to the young veterans, on condition that the veterans will act as the caretaker owners of the property. The veterans were grateful giving their word of honor to their elders, the Tatangs and Manongs, accepting the responsibilities. With the organizational skills they learned in the military, the new caretakers decided to join the American Legion, an international organization of veterans. The American Legion accepted the membership of the Filipinos; however, because of segregation, the Filipino veterans were not allowed to join other non-Filipino Posts. Thus, The American Legion Ethnic Post, Magellan Post 604, was established. Circa 1950, the membership of Post 604 agreed to build a bigger building for their gatherings, now known



The September 16 Work Crew. The work started on September 15 with more volunteers.



Veterans taking a break at the new picnic area complete with new picnic tables and benches donated by Home Depot.

as Magellan Hall. We could only imagine how happy the Sacramento Filipino veterans were, as well as the whole Filipino community of Sacramento, to finally have a Magellan Hall. Instead of being cramped in the old farmhouse, the Hall could safely accommodate a capacity of approximately 150 people. Magellan Hall is still standing to this day, thanks to the veterans who are still the caretakers of the property.

In the era of our predecessors, discrimination by segregation existed. One definition of Segregation according to Dictionary.Com, “the institutional separation of an ethnic, racial, religious, or other minority group from the dominant majority.”

How would it feel to be unwelcomed and uncomfortable in a society because of your ethnicity, skin color, or religious beliefs? The Laws have changed, we are now free to mix with people of other races. We are now free to venture out, to accept invitations to public and private events. And everyone may now be invited to come join us when we have public events at Magellan Hall.

We must learn from history though that circumstances could change at any time. Recent events and disinformation revealed opportunities for those who support division or segregation. Democracy is practiced but it needs to be protected.

Some of our Asian brothers and sisters suffered recently from being targets of violence because of Asian Hate. Some of these violent acts were shockingly executed by other people of color. This came to be because of lies and disinformation. It is urgent that as a community we support STOP ASIAN HATE or Stop Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI) Hate movements. Let us support a movement of positive progress for all.

The smart phone and public cameras made it easier for bystanders and witnesses to capture newsworthy moments. Sadly, most newsworthy moments have been heartbreaking. May we all find a way to get along by means of understanding and love for our own fellow human beings. Hate is not the answer. Let us stand together as one to respect each other. From a Mosaic law: “Whatever is hurtful to you, do not do to any other person.”

Just a reminder that Magellan Hall is more than 70 years old. Yes, she is standing but just like any 70-year-old, she needs some attention and support. Please help the veterans continue their promise to their predecessors, the farmers, and laborers of the 1940s, to give lasting care to the property of Magellan Hall. Support may be contributed by any or all of the following:

1. GoFundMe – Search the website for “Veterans Magellan Hall,” or “Filipino-American Veterans Memorial Hall.”



The new Magellan Hall sign

Photos by Dale Esperante

2. Rent Magellan Hall – Call the Hall Rental Manager @ 916-230-1332.
3. Become a member – If you are a veteran, please consider joining Magellan Post 604. Email the Adjutant Dale @ esperante1868@frontier.com.
4. Support our announced Fundraising events.
5. Request for a Grant – If you are a grant writer, please offer your expertise to the veterans.
6. Suggestions to support, please email Adjutant Dale @ esperante1868@frontier.com or Commander Al @ ag4423dudley@gmail.com.
7. Facebook – Check out the profile of Magellan Hall, and comment your support.

Note: Magellan Post 604 is no longer just a Filipino only Post because every eligible veteran, regardless of race and ethnicity, may now join Magellan Post 604. Current Post Commander Alberto Garcia, Sr., is of Mexican American descent, serving a Filipino American membership. Commander Garcia respects the history and culture of the Magellan Post, earning him the respect of the Filipino and American membership of Post 604.

Thank you to everyone supporting the veterans, and the Home of the Sacramento Filipino American Veterans, MAGELLAN HALL. For their recent and continued assistance, we would like to express our sincere gratitude to HOME DEPOT for their donated grant and resources, including volunteer workers. We are also grateful to all the veteran and community members who helped with Home Depot on September 15 and 16, including members of U.C. Davis Bayanihan Clinic, Sac State Kappa Psi Epsilon sorority sisters, and Sac State Chi Rho Omicron fraternity brothers.

Remember, we are all brothers and sisters regardless of race, color, religion, or national origin. Having lived as a teenager in the 1960s,

I leave you with PEACE, LOVE, and HAPPINESS!



CALIFORNIA IS IN THE HEART

Oct 29 - Grand Opening: California is in the Heart, an Exhibit on Filipino Californians

In my capacity as the founding faculty director of the Bulosan Center for Filipinx Studies as well as the president of the Filipino American Educators Association of California, I'm very proud to announce the opening of the "California Is in the Heart" exhibit at the California Museum!

Grand Opening festivities include self-guided tours of the new exhibit "California Is in the Heart," as well as, a private exhibition tour with me and a curriculum development workshop with the Filipino American Educators Association of California (FAEAC) from 1:30-3:30pm for K-12 Teachers.

General Admission: Access tickets at tinyurl.com/calheartexhibit

K-12 Teachers: do not purchase tickets through Eventbrite. Instead, please register at tinyurl.com/calexhibitworkshop



6th FILIPINO AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL BOOK FESTIVAL

Oct 15-16 - San Francisco Filipino American International Book Festival

Join me for a celebration of Filipino/a/x Literature! All events in the festival are free! The Festival includes readings, book signings, panels, and workshops with over 40 Filipino/a/x writers.

I will be joining the festival at the following panels:

- Inkstorm 1: Authors Read Freshly Inked Work
- Filipinx and Asian American Studies in 2022: Our Books, Our Stories, Our Histories

For more info, visit: filbookfestival.org

The path to unity for President Marcos



President Bongbong Marcos

BY JoeAM

I think the Marcos campaign call for unity was very effective. Now that he's in office, though, he is more absorbed with practical matters like food, getting in foreign investments, and handling Rodriguez. Also, his definition of unity seems to be a loyalty obligation on citizens rather than an earned joining of interests among all Filipinos.

Demanded loyalty is not democratic, not real bonding, and unsustainable in most cases.

Wars bind but there is no war. The two possible binding crises today are poverty and global warming.

My definition of unity is earned togetherness. It is good works, good communication, respect for all segments of society, an a diligent gathering of citizens toward the same goal, under the Constitution.

Here's what I think President Marcos could do to bring Filipinos together:

Create more jobs and higher salaries as the nation's highest mission. Extend forward from his remarks to US filipinos in New York that seeks to bring the brains home. Heavy tech focus.

Bring justice to the forefront. Free De Lima. Free prisoners

who should not be in jail. Fire corrupt judges. Investigate EJKs. Freeing De Lima would be an easy and profound statement.

Get Sara Duterte out of the picture. Off the front pages. She is divisive.

Settle that tax case. Work out a reduced amount and long term payment plan. It's a burr under the saddle of tax-paying citizens and they are tired of being bucked.

Require agencies to automate and adopt a customer service model. Promote people who are good at this. Pay top people at agencies well to suppress corruption.

Challenge LGU's to modernize and clean up. Reward the mayors who do both with performance awards and bigger budget allotments. Call it the Jesse Robredo plan and watch pinks cheer.

Don't do business with China. China is not interested in Filipino well-being. China divides.

Stop revising history. Set it aside and work.

Make response to global warming the second highest national priority. Food, water, energy. Preparation. Recovery.

Set aside divisive proposals like rewrite of the Constitution, ROTC, death penalty, secret budgets, and any other programs that host corruption. Help people trust and appreciate the Administration.

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BY BENJAMIN ABAYA

Since biblical time, migration of people from one place to another has been taking place and there were only few circumstances that made people to forcibly move. Foremost among such situation was the presence of antisemitism on their religious belief and chronic violence at the place where they were supposed to have found a degree of comfort with other people of different religious beliefs.

The great exodus of the Hebrews started during the time of Moses, the most important Hebrew prophet who led his flock to leave Egypt when the Pharaoh ordered the drowning of all male Hebrews. To escape the wrath of the murderous scheme of the Egyptians, the Hebrews must cross the Red Sea to reach Palestine and Judea for sanctuary and safety.

Miraculously, when the escaping Hebrews were at the bank of the Red Sea, the water receded and rose upward to give a pathway of the escaping people who were being pursued by the Egyptians. When the Hebrews reached the opposite side of the Sea, they were finally safe from the pursuing Egyptians, the sea water went down to its original level, presumably drowning their pursuers. Eventually, after centuries of being persecuted and engaging several wars against their Muslim neighbor countries, the State of Israel was created in 1947 and gradually recognized by all nations including their former enemies.

In the history of mankind, World War II was considered as the bloodiest world conflagration, and it was estimated that there were about 50 million military and civilian casualties from many countries whether they participated in the war directly or not. The Philippines at

that time was a Commonwealth United States territory under President Manuel Quezon who proclaimed an open-door policy for all Jews seeking asylum to escape the murderous extermination against all Jews within Nazi Germany and captured territories. Accordingly, the President himself personally welcomed the arrival of the Jews numbering about 1,300 families to avail such humanitarian policy. Subsequently, Spanish who were misplaced as a result of the raging Civil War in their country were also provided with the necessary assistance to help them in their predicaments.

The fall of Vietnam has resulted into millions of its people to scramble for safety to escape the murderous revenge of the victorious communist Vietcong's who relentlessly looking for collaborators during the War. Millions of these persecuted Vietnamese went to different countries to seek asylum including the Philippines whose people tirelessly welcomed them. The Filipinos showing their traditional benevolence and compassion extended their helping hands, especially those migrants who were persecuted by giving them shelter, food, medical attention and basic education in preparation to another stage of their journey if they so desire.

The Philippine government under the presidency of Ferdinand Marcos Jr. allows migrants from other countries with legitimate basis to seek asylum for being persecuted on their religious belief and political affiliation. However, the current administration is

Migrants Surge from One Country to Another: A Humanitarian Crisis



Separated immigrant families at the border.



Europe's refugee crisis is a crisis of humanity, not migration.

also vigorously running after foreigners who are engaged on illegal drugs, online gambling, smuggling and many other nefarious activities that resulted into violent death for those who are involved or even those victimized. Consequently, foreigners who violated their Visa applications will be deported to their country of origin while those who committed criminal acts with their Filipino cohorts will be tried in the courts of Philippine jurisdiction.

The aftermath of the longest War in Afghanistan participated in by many western countries including the United States abruptly ended that resulted for the Taliban to take over the reign of government has added confusion for the millions of Afghanistan where to go. The ongoing War in Ukraine showed us the brutalities and destructions being committed by the invading Russian army causing untold sufferings of the people but lately this violent intruders suffered setback in the battlefields against the defending Ukrainian army. When Putin called for the mobilization of at least 300K reservists into the military to be sent in

the frontline of the War to regain their losses, young Russian themselves who are against the War are leaving their country to avoid being drafted into the military. Ironically, these peace-loving young Russians are also seeking asylum to another country to escape being forcibly drafted into the military in a War against Ukraine which they cannot understand why their country has invaded.

When my wife Kristina and I were in Europe for a short vacation particularly England and France, we had the chance to meet Filipino nurses and inquired from them their working condition at the medical facilities where they were employed. All of them have practically the same answer on our inquiry, by saying that they are comfortable and happy to have the kind of opportunity to work in a very modern medical facilities with commensurate salaries which they could not possibly have in the Philippines. The Filipino nurses also told us that at least one half of all medical workers were from different countries and they have almost the same reasons for travelling far to seek better life. In addition, almost all of them sent money to their families who were left in their respective countries expecting them to send part of their income to augment for their family's subsistence.

In the United States, migration has become a perennial political issue and there seem to be no acceptable solution laid down by either Democrat or Republican parties. During the presidency of Donald Trump,

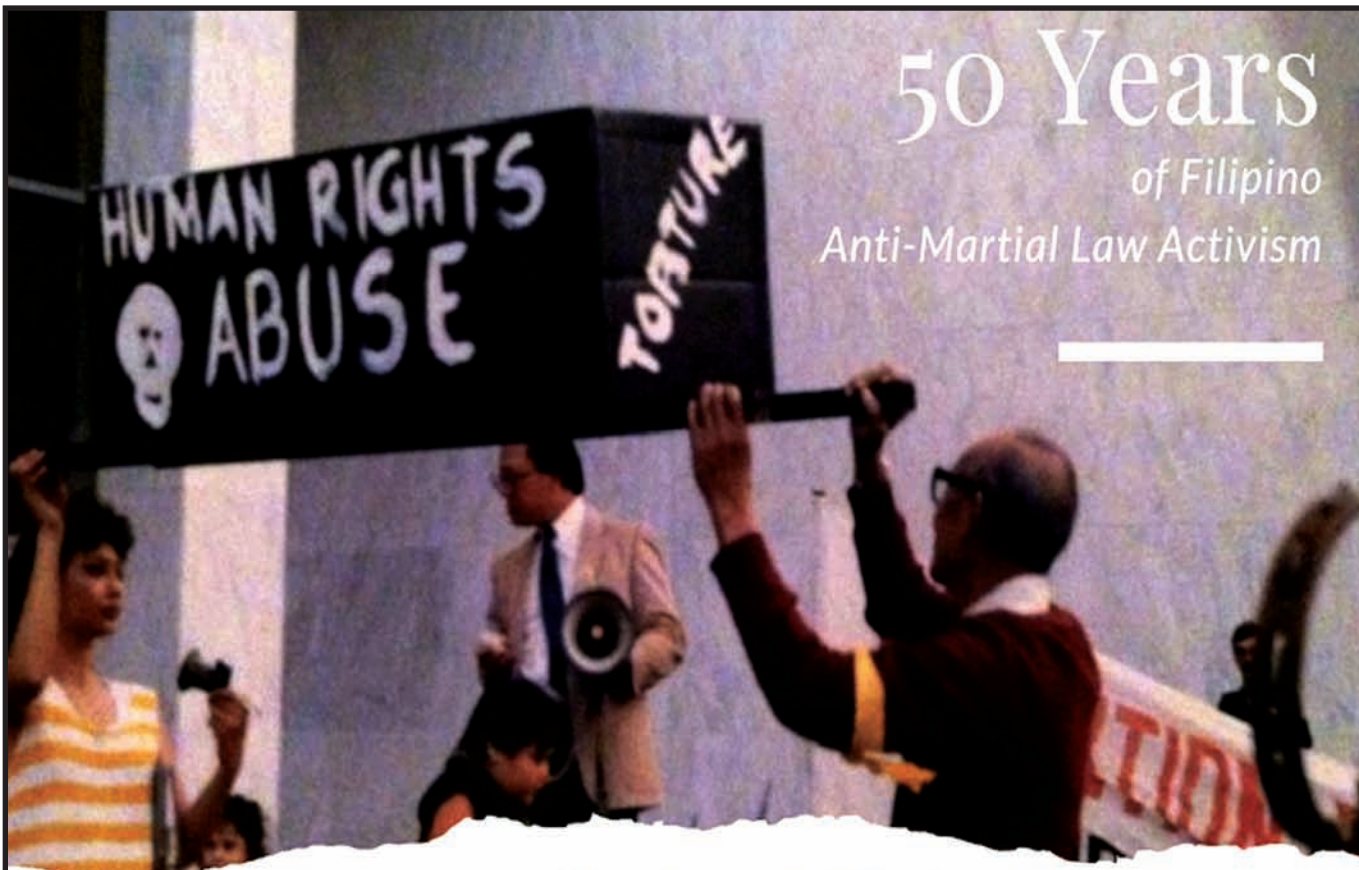
he vigorously advocated the construction of a "beautiful" wall as described by him in the southern border of the country to stop the entry of illegal migrants. Sad to say, the erection of many miles of wall did not stop the influx of migrating people from so many countries in South America and the problem was compounded by the presence of minor children without any documents who were abandoned or separated from their parents.

We have observed in nutshell the movement of people from one place to another because of race discrimination, religious belief, political affiliation, economic disparity, arm conflict and individual freedom. After several millennium since biblical time, migration becomes a political issue like pawns in a Chess game that can be used as a gambit to checkmate the King.

Let us bear in mind that migrants are human beings just like anyone else who seek safety and better life. The world is facing humanitarian crisis which need an international cooperation among nations directly involved to at least minimize its occurrence by allowing migrants to be processed at the place of entry and not somewhere else which add confusion on their status.

Just like millions of us who migrated to the United States of America to live and enjoy the Democratic way of life and equal opportunity in search for better life, we should as well welcome these migrating people of different nationalities to show that, indeed, Americans have high degree of civility, generosity and compassion to other people's aspiration and need.

Looking forward, we would like to see these tired and confused yet determined migrants to be holding and waving the American Flag to show that, finally they are now proud Americans enjoying the life and freedom they hardly aspired after traveling, perhaps, thousands of miles away from their country of origin.



50 Years of Filipino Anti-Martial Law Activism

Do you remember the 21st of September?

September 21, 2022, marks the 50th anniversary of Ferdinand Marcos' declaration of Martial Law in the Philippines. In light of the 2022 Philippines Presidential Election, which resulted in the installation of Ferdinand Marcos Jr. through a long-term campaign of historical "white-washing" and distortion, the Amado Khaya Foundation and the Bulosan Center for Filipinx Studies are launching a campaign to highlight 50 years of anti-martial law activism and its impacts in the United States. The anti-martial law movement led by Filipinos in America played an important role in toppling the Marcos dictatorship while simultaneously establishing key institutions serving the Filipino American community. The anti-martial law generation mentored younger cohorts of community organizers and activists who would go on to lead struggles against injustices in the ancestral homeland while advancing justice for Filipinos in the diaspora. If you have artifacts (political buttons, t-shirts, flyers, meeting notes, etc.) or stories about the impact of the anti-martial law movement, we would like to hear from you! Please fill out our form by scanning the QR code below or visiting tinyurl.com/50martialstories. We will contact you for further information. Thank you!



Tell us your story at tinyurl.com/50martialstories or scan the QR code!



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November 10, 1977

Dear Friends:

We have enclosed the song sheets and a suggested format for the different alliances to use for the Christmas caroling campaign. The song sheets will have to be reproduced by your own area. Add the format in readable enough so you can add or delete things from it.

The songs were divided into two categories:

- 1) Traditional Filipino Christmas Carols - In Northern, Ang Puro Ay Nungit, mungit, Puro Sa Sumay, Puro Sa Bayan, Muro To Mungit and Gubat Meloblink, etc.
- 2) Nationalist Songs - Ang Bayan Ko, Helelola. These songs will help us get into the general purpose of our caroling, which is to raise funds for the political prisoners and to have some discussion with the families we sang about the conditions in the Philippines.

Suggested Format:

In the actual presentation, we suggest the following guidelines: (Filipino audience)

 - 1) Start with a very lively Christmas song like Sa May Inang, Muro Sa Sumay to capture the spirit of Christmas.
 - 2) Then, we will introduce our group, name, year, etc.

Filipino Fiesta of Sacramento

All Souls & All Saints Day Celebration

*"Alaala sa mga minamahal
na pumanaw"*

(Honoring our departed loved ones)

It is the time of the year to remember our departed loved ones. The Filipino Fiesta of Sacramento is getting ready to celebrate this occasion on November 1, 2022.

This yearly event will be at Vista Point Pavilion next to the Filipino Garden, East Lawn Elk Grove Memorial Park, and Mortuary.

To fully implement the said event, we are knocking generous hearts to sponsor for \$50 only. The sponsor's name or club's name will be included in the celebration's program. And also, if you have loved ones who succumbed to eternal peace, contact the organizers (see flyer) for your departed loved ones' names to be included on the memorial page. This is an RSVP event due to the limited space in the pavilion.

Let us continue this tradition to honor our departed loved ones.

For more information call:
Lilia - 916.525.8008
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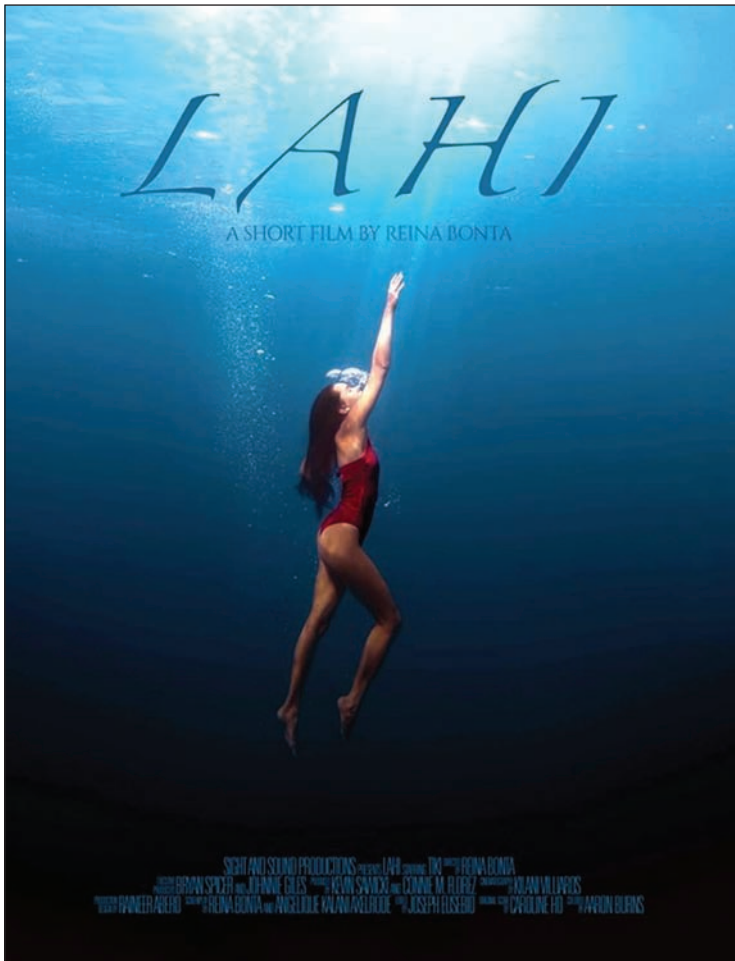
November 1, 2022 (Tuesday)
3:00 - 5:00 PM

Come and celebrate at
Vista Point Pavilion
at Filipino Garden

East Lawn Elk Grove
Memorial Park and Mortuary
9189 E. Stockton Blvd., Elk Grove, CA 95824



“LAHI” Short Film Screening at Portland Film Festival and San Diego Filipino Film Festival in October!



LAHI is hosting its World Premiere as an Official Selection at Portland Film Festival (October 14th and 19th), and will be simultaneously screening its California Premiere at San Diego Filipino Film Festival (October 14th). LAHI, the Tagalog word for race or legacy, is a short film about cultural identity filmed in Hawai'i. It is inspired by writer and director Reina Bonta's own experiences as a third-generation Filipina, as well as the life of her lola, a WWII survivor born and raised in the Philippines. The film secured early streaming distribution with Asian-American owned company Electric Entertainment, and is now beginning its film festival circuit.

Director/Co-Writer Reina Bonta and Co-Writer/Producer Angelique Axelrode will be present at PDXFF and SDDFF. PDXFF has been named by MovieMaker Magazine "one of the coolest film festivals in the world". For more information about Portland Film Festival, visit: <https://portlandfilm.org/>. SDDFF, now in its second annual year, seeks to nurture global Filipino stories. You can find more information about San Diego Filipino Film Festival by visiting <https://sdfff.org/2021/>.

LAHI is a narrative story about a young, culturally-disconnected Filipina girl named Mimi who returns to O'ahu for her grandmother's funeral. On the island, she embarks on a journey to return a family heirloom and is visited by the apparition of her grandmother and elders whose stories about Filipino identity turn her worldview upside down.

LAHI features exceptional performances by Tiki Willis as Mimi (debut lead performance, known for Magnum P.I., upcoming Netflix pilot project), Tessie Magaoay as Andrea, Virginia Almonte-Savella Harper as Gabriela, and Cynthia Bonta (Reina's grandmother, lifelong activist) as Lola's Apparition. DP Kilani Villiaros (NCIS: Hawaii), Producers Connie M. Florez (Waikiki) and Angelique Kalani Axelrode, and Executive Producer Bryan Spicer (24, Bones, The X Files) are crew members of the project.

For more information, visit LAHI's website: <https://www.lahishortfilm.com/>

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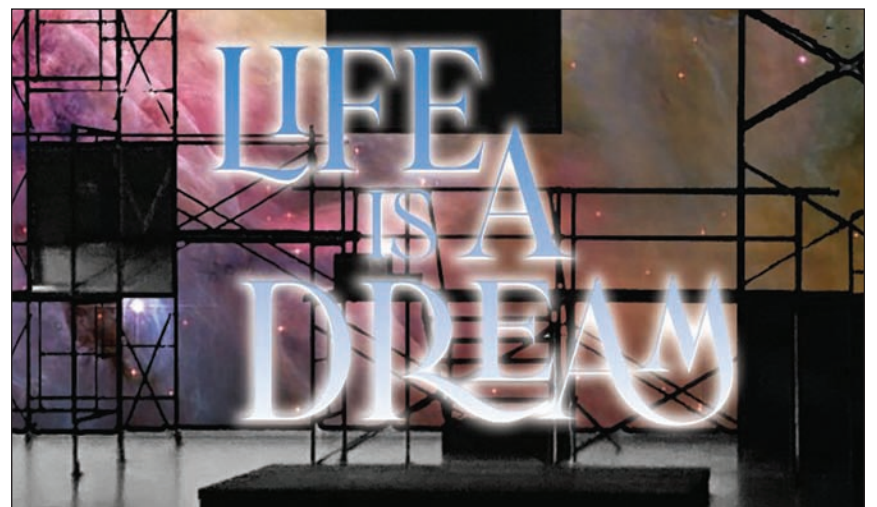
Life is A Dream

By Pedro Calderon

Directed by Dr. Roberto Pomo and Christine Nicholson
Media Director Roberto Chacon-Gutierrez

About the Play

Life Is a Dream (La vida es sueño) is a philosophical allegory regarding the human situation and the mystery of life.[2] The play has been described as "the supreme example of Spanish Golden Age drama." The story focuses on the fictional Segismundo, Prince of Poland, who has been imprisoned in a tower by his father, King Basilio, following a dire prophecy that the prince would bring disaster to the country and death to the King. Basilio briefly frees Segismundo, but when the prince goes on a rampage, the king imprisons him again, persuading him that it was all a dream.



About this event

Performances:
Sept. 30 - Oct. 16, 2022.
Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays at 7:30 pm; Sundays at 2:00 pm

All performances will be in person at the Main Auditorium on the Sacramento City College campus. The performance will run just short of 90 minutes with no intermission.

Tickets

All performances
\$18.00 General Admission
\$15.00 Students, Seniors, Military/Veterans, Persons with Disabilities

Please note the following:

City College currently requires all patrons to show valid ID and proof of vaccination. It is also recommend that guests wear masks while in the building.

The performers will perform without masks. Due to ongoing COVID protocols, there will be no concession sales during intermission.

Please, do not bring food or drink except water into the theatre. All protocols subject to change based on current LRC-CD requirements, mandates and recommendations.

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in memory of Lions Dr. Bing Ventura
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NY Mayor Eric Adams makes historic attendance at TOFA awards

BY RASMIN DIAZ /
CRISTINA DC PASTOR

NEW YORK CITY— There was unmistakable excitement as the honorees shuffled in, the piano played, and Mayor Eric Adams strode to his seat. It was a first in history for any sitting NYC mayor to attend a Filipino event.

On September 16, The Town Hall was luminous with New York City dignitaries and exemplary Filipino Americans celebrating the 12th The Outstanding Filipinos in America awards with their families and friends. It was almost filled to capacity with more than 1,200 guests garbed to the nines, women in carefully pinned hair and men dressed in barong and glitzy suits.

Mayor Eric Adams saluted New York's "vibrant Filipino population." They have always been part and thriving "in our metropolitan melting pot," he states in a certificate presented to TOFA.

Executive Producer Elton Lugal, who founded TOFA in 2011, said the idea then, as it is now, was to "use the event as a platform to celebrate our achievements in America."

On that evening, 28 national honorees, eight Lifetime Achievement Awardees and three Global Awards recipients were met with long, thunderous applause echoing throughout the iconic hall where Billie Holiday, Celine Dion, and previous TOFA recipients Lea Salonga and JoKoy had performed. "They make all of us proud," Lugal said.

TOFA's resident emcee Boy Abunda announced the 28 honorees who happily marched to the stage to share their stories — and claim their trophies: Hate crime survivor Vilma Kari and daughter Elizabeth Kari (both advocates against Asian violence); decorated U.S. Army officer Col. Odelia Tablit; first openly gay FilAm mayor of Boynton Beach, Florida Mayor Ty Penergia; Bergenfield, New Jersey Mayor Arvin Amatorio; Commissioner Anne del Castillo of the NYC Mayor's Office of Media and Entertainment; Jessica Caloza, first Fil-



TOFA Class of 2022. (Troi Santos)



Former TOFA awardee and board member Emo Hormillosa dances with Kinding Sindaw. (Troi Santos); right photo: TOFA inaugural Global Awardees Joseph Francia of GMA Pinoy TV and Michael Cinco (3rd and 4th from left) with the TOFA board. (Yetbo Loverita)



Executive Producer Elton Lugal, who founded TOFA. (Dinnah San Pedro)



Boy Abunda, host of TOFA (Dinnah San Pedro)

ipina commissioner of the L.A. Board of Public Works; Kelly Ilagan Coldiron (former White House Liaison executive director); Eight-time Emmy Award-winning producer Lisa Lew; Hollywood actor Reggie Lee; Live Nation PH Director Rhiza Pascua. Social media sensation



Mrs. Vilma Kari who was a victim of a brutal anti-Asian Hate in Times Square, with daughter Liz as one of the awardees. (Dinnah San Pedro)

Bretman Rock; ultramarathon runner Gerald Tabios; Vallerie Castillo-Archer, first Filipino executive chef at LA's Yamashiro; 'Miss Saigon' veteran actor and musical theater producer Miguel Braganza; R&B artist and entrepreneur Garth Garcia; concert producers Robert and Melissa Mendoza; UERM Medical Foundation founder Dr. Emilio Quines; pediatrician and concert singer Dr. Winston Umali; Family physician Dr. Alicia Almendral; skincare

and wellness doctor Dr. George Homer Mendoza. Philanthropist and founder of 101 Heroes Foundation in L.A. Edwin Santiago; Philippine National Bank General Manager Eric Bustamante; community organizer Eddie Echavez; physical therapist Dr. Maria Clarissa Ramos; nursing director Dr. Maria Ruth Lopez; nurse practitioner Dr. Georgio Dano; Humanitarian and fitness mentor Deekie Gaerlan; and spa and beauty entrepreneurs Richard

and Imee Maghanoy.

The Presidential Lifetime Achievement Awards were presented to individuals whose reach, influence and good name have inspired the community toward certain goals or actions. They are: Ambassador Mario de Leon for government service; Brendan Flores for community service; Steven Raga for politics and advocacy, Ruben and Janet Nepales for journalism; Rod Mercado for business; Alexis Monsanto for fashion; Rely Manacay for arts and culture; and Juliet Payabyab for volunteer service. Their certificates carried the signature of President Joe Biden as pointed out by PIX 11 morning news anchor Hazel Sanchez, herself a TOFA awardee in 2017.

Two newsworthy personalities and a broadcast pioneer are the three Global Awards recipients. Highest-ranked junior tennis player Alex Eala; Philippine network GMA Pinoy TV; and Dubai-based celebrity fashion designer Michael Cinco.

"I share this award with my parents who struggled financially and sacrificed a lot of their life yet still supported me to achieve my dreams," Cinco said in his acceptance speech.

"Filipinos are really world-class," was a reaction that echoed throughout the evening.

"The best and the brightest," remarked Consul General Elmer Cato in a video address from the Philippines. He said Filipinos truly shine in the global arena because of "our excellent work ethics, integrity and ingenuity," qualities that "make us truly exceptional."

Spectacular dance performances rendered by Parangal Dance Company, Tribu Cebu and Kinding Sindaw gave the evening its color and Filipino spirit.

Actress Lydia Gaston of "Easter Sunday" fame, After Three and the TOFA Performing Artists comprising 20 local talents sang to a live band under the musical direction of Maestro Bobby Ramiro with TOFA theme song scoring by Gene Juanich. The 12th TOFA Awards was presented in part by Financial Rescue and the Farah Delance Foundation.

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