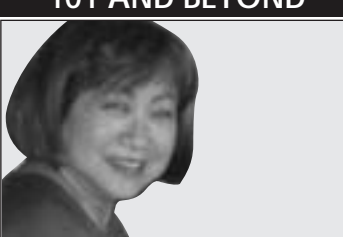


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101 AND BEYOND**



MONETTE ADEVA MAGLAYA

How not to dial M for murder

"Those children who are beaten will in turn give beatings, those who are intimidated will be intimidating, those who are humiliated will impose humiliation, and those whose souls are murdered will murder."
—Alice Miller

public seems to become more injured and desensitized to violence and death, becoming more accepting of all these, as a normal feature of modern life. Ever since the Columbine mass murder perpetrated by 2 young misguided misfits garbed in black trench coats about 10 years ago, things haven't been the same. There

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ese immigrant, Jiverly Wong, aka Vuong, a quiet, social misfit and also a gun enthusiast, driven by severe paranoia and frustrated over his "poor life" and poor English skills, gunned down 12 others in an immigrant center, 10 of whom came from 8 countries and who were students just trying to learn English as a second language. One was a Filipina, Dolores Yigal, a recent immigrant who was studying so she could find a job. One was a long time substitute teacher named Roberta King. One was an Iraqi woman who survived 3 car bombs in her native Iraq and left behind a devastated family, a daughter at the Sorbonne in Paris and another daughter, a Fulbright scholar. All these lives were cut off by one sorry excuse for a human being in one fell swoop.

Among ordinary families from all strata and from nearly every ethnic group, there has also been a rash of killings among fathers who have decided they have failed and will kill themselves and are taking their whole family with them. On rare occasions, it is a mother who does it. Sometimes, the sick and the elderly decide to take matters into their own hands and end it all. The murder suicide rate among families is on the rise, thankfully not in epidemic proportions just

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were copycats exhibiting lemming-like behavior since then. Evil glamorized by repetition and attention-getting drama seems to have morphed into many other incidents in North America and elsewhere, resulting in incalculable, untold pain and suffering among families of the victims. We remember with great pain the Virginia Tech mass murder which snuffed out the lives of

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In the past month alone, a young gun enthusiast from Alabama, depressed over his life and who kept mostly to himself, killed 5 members of his own family and 5 other total strangers at random in a barrage of gunfire before taking his own life. A Vietnam-

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Shaylene Iseri-Carvalho

First Female Hawaii Prosecutor Elected Twice to the Kauai County Council

by CYNTHIA DE CASTRO
AJPress

A FEW months ago, Filipino American Shaylene Iseri-Carvalho was elected as Kauai County Prosecuting Attorney, becoming the first female prosecutor in Hawaii's history. In an interview with KGMB9 News, Iseri-Carvalho was asked to comment on the honor of having the new title. "It's very exciting to learn that I'm the first female Hawaiian prosecutor. I learned about it after I got elected. It wasn't something I knew about prior to getting elected," she said.



experiences, we have developed a concept and vision of what our office of the Prosecuting Attorney should be about. That concept is the guiding principle of Pono Kaulike- Equal Right and Justice for all."

Shaylene Iseri-Carvalho graduated from the University of Colorado and UH William S. Richardson School of Law. She has been practicing law for 20 years, since 1989. In 1999, she was nominated for judgeship. She was the Public Defender for Kauai and Maui, before being elected for the first-time to public office in 2004. Having ousted incumbent Joe Munechika, Shaylene became the only newcomer in the seven-member county council.

After a diverse and valuable experience as a councilmember for almost four years, Iseri-Carvalho chose to leave the County Council and ran unopposed to become the new County Prosecuting Attorney. Explaining her move in an interview, she said, "It had always been my passion to do litigation, to be in the courtroom setting. My experience over at the Kauai County Council has really allowed me to see things at a much broader perspective than just looking at law in and of itself. Based on these

Born and raised on Kauai, Shaylene comes from a family of ten. She is married and the proud mother of two children. For her outstanding work in government, Iseri-Carvalho

was among a selected group of Hawaii's Filipino American elected officials honored by the National Federation of Filipino American Associations (NaFFAA) last Aug 2008. The NaFFAA is a national, non-partisan organization comprised of 12 regional chapters that represent more than 500 Filipino-American organizations across the US and the Pacific Basin.

Kauai's Prosecuting Attorney said her office will have a "grassroots approach to being a problem solver instead of being a case processor, which is what the traditional roots of a Prosecutor had been in the past." ■

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