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# Mancao's family reunites in RP

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double murder case of publicist Salvador Dacer and his driver Emmanuel Corbito in 2000. Cezar is currently locked up at the National Bureau of Investigation (NBI). There have been worries that the double murder case might not go through especially after former DoJ Secretary Raul Gonzalez stepped down from his post recently. Mrs. Mancao said she hopes the case will still be prosecuted. "Well, I'm worried but at the same time I'm excited I still have trust in justice there in the Philippines. I hope," she said. "What is important is not the person holding the office but the office (DOJ) itself," added Mrs. Mancao's attorney Arnedo Valera, who is accompanying the family.

Valera said this is the first step for the family to regain a sense of normalcy. "I think what is important is for normalcy to return to the life of Maricar, Cesar and the family," said Valera. "Hopefully, when his job of telling the truth and serving justice is done and there will be no complications, I think Cesar would be a happy man since he fulfilled his mission." Upon arriving to Manila, Valera, Mrs. Mancao and her family met with NBI officers at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport. Mrs. Mancao and their sons went directly to the NBI office to meet with Mancao. Mrs. Mancao said that the family plans to stay in the Philippines for a month before heading back to the US. *(Joseph Pimentel)*

# LV mayor to meet Filipinos...

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is expected to unite Filipinos to make them "more visible" in the community, it added. NaFFAA is a non-partisan national affiliation of more than five hundred Filipino-American institutions and umbrella organizations. Its core mission is to empower Filipinos in the United States. It has been one of its aims to unite the various Filipino groups in each city in the United States and help integrate it with American society. In an earlier NaFFAA forum, Espiritu had noted the need to "coalesce Fil-Am groups with Asians and with other mainstream groups in the community where they live." Last month, the biggest delegation of Filipinos had joined the Hellodoro parade in Las Vegas. This is a mark that Filipino residents of Las Vegas have started integrating in the city's local scene, the delegation's spokesperson Emma Williams noted. Williams added that efforts of NaFFAA made Filipino participation in the Hellodoro Days parade extensive for the first time. For the June 20th gala night, the attendance of Las Vegas Mayor Goodman is an indication that Las Vegas is also recognizing Filipino presence in the community. It was Mayor Goodman and several councilmen who recognized Filipinos last May during the celebration of Asian American Heritage month. In that celebration, NaFFAA NV was recognized by the Office of the Mayor for empowering the Filipino-American community in Las Vegas. NaFFAA's national vice chair Rozita Lee, who is also a Las Vegas resident, was honored for her involvement in the organization and in the city. ■

# NV Sen Ensign quits GOP post...

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constituents, the report also said. The senator recently caught the ire of Filipino American groups in Las Vegas after saying refusing to support a move to increase the federal benefits of Filipino World War II veterans. He said he does not want to raise the standard of living of war veterans living in the Philippines. Ensign's paternal grandfather was born in the Philippines and is half-Filipino, making the Republican Senator one-eighth Filipino. ■

# Philippines drops in US trafficking ranking

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After three years in Tier 2 of the United States' trafficking ranking, the Philippines dropped a notch lower to Tier 2 Watch List, indicating that the number of victims of severe forms of trafficking in the country has either increased significantly or is significantly increasing. The report, made by the US Department of State to the US Senate Tuesday (US time), classified

those on this level to have also failed to fight the transnational crime through the country's justice system—from investigation, prosecution, and conviction, as well as through increased assistance to victims and decreasing evidence of complicity by government officials. Thirty-nine other countries are on this list, which is a notch higher than the lowest ranking of

Tier 3. Countries in this category could face sanctions such as the withholding of non-humanitarian, non-trade related US aid. State Secretary Hillary Clinton said the report "sheds light on the faces of modern-day slavery" and called on all governments to "build consensus and leverage resources to eliminate all forms of human trafficking." According to the report, the Philippines is a source, transit, and destination for people traf-

ficked for commercial sex exploitation and forced labor. "A significant number of Filipino men and women who migrate abroad for work are subjected to conditions of involuntary servitude in Bahrain, Brunei, Canada, Cote d'Ivoire, Cyprus, Hong Kong, Japan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Malaysia, Palau, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, South Africa, Taiwan, Turkey, and the United Arab Emirates," the report said. ■

# Filipinos not among top US...

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attributed to the financial crisis in the US and enhanced border enforcement efforts, according to the report. There are close to three million Filipinos in the US, including 156,000 who are undocumented,

according to 2007 figures. Mexicans topped the nationalities arrested in 2008 with 661,773 persons (91 percent), followed by Honduras (19,351), Guatemala (16,395), El Salvador (12,684), Cuba (3,351), Ecuador (1,579), Nicaragua (1,467), Brazil (977), China (836), Dominican Republic

(819), Canada (610), and other nationalities (3,998). Persons apprehended are subject to deportation from the US for violating the Immigration and Nationality Act. Most apprehensions, occurring near US borders shortly after an illegal entry, are made by the Border Patrol of US Customs and Border Protection.

Apprehensions beyond US borders, involving foreign nationals illegally present in the United States who may have entered without inspection or entered legally but lost their legal status, are handled primarily by Immigration and Customs Enforcement of the Department of Homeland Security. *(Lira Dalangin-Fernandez)*

# 82% of market reached by Ethnic Media

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"The poll results demonstrate significant penetration for the ethnic media," said Sandy Close, NAM's executive director, noting they regularly reach 82 percent of African-American, Hispanic and Asian-American adults. "The thirst for relevant news and information has made many residents of ethnic communities turn to media outlets that do substantial reporting on their culture, issues and neighborhoods. The increase in ethnic media audiences is incredible, considering the declines that many mainstream media outlets are confronting." At the opening plenary, pollster Sergio Bendixen announced these findings on outreach and impact of ethnic media and their relevance for communication with new America. The survey, conducted by Bendixen & Associates in eight languages including Tagalog, contacted 1,329 African-American (400), Hispanic (400) and Asian-American (529) adults. It has a 2.7 percent margin of error. "The ethnic media is growing, and it is growing at a very impressive rate," Bendixen noted. "A lot of outlets in the ethnic media have posted substantial growth despite great competition and despite the fact that mainstream media have been losing their readers during the past couple of years."

NAM, an organization that collaborates with more than 2,500 ethnic media outlets, across the US, wanted to find out where the 69 million Hispanics and African and Asian Americans in the United States get their information. The poll found that Asian Americans reported that they turn to ethnic media for news coverage of their home countries. For instance, new ethnic television stations, such as KCNS-TV (Chinese) in San Francisco and VATV (Vietnamese) in the Washington DC metro area, are popular because of their home country coverage. Newspapers like *Sing Tao*, the *World Journal*, *Korea Daily* and *Korea Times* have substantially increased their circulation during the last four years. The reach of weekly and monthly publications that cater to the interests of the Filipino and Asian Indian populations has also expanded. The poll also found that the penetration of Spanish-language television—led by network giants Univision and Telemundo—increased during the last four years and is now almost universal, covering 86 percent of the country's Hispanics. New Spanish language television stations are broadcasting in Raleigh, NC and Seattle. The availability of African American-oriented channels is

still limited, but a majority of black adults report watching Black Entertainment Television (BET) and similar channels on a regular basis. Meanwhile, the penetration of African American-oriented radio stations has increased. They now reach two-thirds of black adults. Many new Spanish-language newspapers have begun publishing in the last four years and now reach more than one-third of Hispanic adults. New publications include *Padres & Hijos* in Atlanta and *La Voz de San Diego*. Bendixen, president of Bendixen & Associates, said the polling also showed that a substantial percentage of African American, Hispanic and Asian American households have cable or satellite service. "What's clear is that even as the country suffers through a recession, ethnic communities are staying tuned into ethnic media," Bendixen said, noting that an increase in penetration for African-American publications was sparked, in part, by interest in Barack Obama's candidacy and presidency. Ms. Close said the increases in penetration come as the ethnic media are transforming themselves and preparing to play broader roles in their communities. **Emergency**

On Thursday, June 4, Ms. Close unveiled an emergency network system that will send urgent health and disaster alerts to 3,000 ethnic media outlets, which will then transmit those messages to ethnic communities. "This state-of-the-art system will open the doors to ethnic communities that are not reached by mainstream media," she said. "The poll results reinforce the importance of using the ethnic media to communicate with populations—many don't speak English—which have often been ignored." It's clear, Ms. Close said, that "ethnic media can be counted as an important segment of the New Media, and will continue growing in audience and influence in the future." NAM is negotiating with government agencies, as well as non-profits, such as the American Red Cross to utilize the network. While emergency messaging is the immediate priority, the system may in the future be activated for public policy or private sector marketing that would create new revenue sources for ethnic media outlets. "The system will leverage the ethnic media to open new doors to communities that the mainstream media often fails to reach, better connecting them to critical health and emergency information that can improve their quality of life," the NAM statement said. ■



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