

The Voice of FilAmerica

Political empowerment is still a treasure that eludes us as a community here in America. While we are the second largest Asian American community in the United States, we have yet to harvest the power that comes from our numbers. The Voice of FilAmerica features elected and appointed officials—regardless of political affiliation—in the different US states who are of Filipino ancestry. As your Filipino American community newspaper, the Asian Journal recognizes the fact that we all have a responsibility towards bringing political empowerment to fruition, especially for our future generations. It is our hope to have our voices heard all over America.

HAWAII COUNTY COUNCILMAN

Dominic Yagong

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FIL-AM Dominic Yagong was among the several Filipino American elected officials recognized by the National Federation of Filipino American Associations (NaFFAA) at an appreciation and fundraising dinner last year.

Yagong (D-HI) serves on the big island of Hawaii County Council. He served in that capacity from 1996 to 2002 before vacating the seat to focus more on his career. He is the District Manager for Food Pantry Ltd. He oversees 12 business operations across the Big Island of Hawaii—Oceanview, Pahoa, Waikoloa, South Kohala, and North and South Kona. He is also a high school football broadcaster. He is known as the "Voice of the Honoka'a Dragons."

He returned to the Hawaii County Council in 2006. He defeated incumbent Fred Holschuh by less than 250 votes. He was recently re-elected to serve through the 2010. He serves District 1, Hamakua, North Hilo, and portions of South Hilo - Hakalau, Honomu, Pepe'ekeo, Papa'ikou, and Kaiwika.

Councilmember Yagong currently serves the Hawaii County Council as Chairman of the Public Safety and Parks and Recreation Committee and Vice-Chairman of the Human Services and Economic Development Committee.

Yagong was born and raised in Honoka'a, Hawaii. He currently resides in Honoka'a with his wife Hilda, and children Chelsea, Jeremy, Rylee and Angellee. ■

August 29 | Saturday
The Hitmakers Concert
Happy Chows Entertainment in cooperation with US Asia, ODINA88 proudly presents The Greatest Hitmakers at 7pm at the St. Peter's College Yanitelli Center (2641 John F Kennedy Blvd. Jersey City, NJ) Featuring Marco Sison, Jajji Alejandro, Rico J. Puno, Nonoy Zuniga, and Rey Valera. Special Participation of Jellyn. Musical Director: Gerry Matias. For more info. contact: (201)886-1705;(917)916-6770;(914)498-2510.

August 30 | Sunday
Health Fair
Please come and invite friends and family to attend the Health Fair A Healthy You, Starts Now! There will be FREE screenings and health counseling for Adults and Children: Diabetes, Cholesterol, Blood Pressure, Stress, Dental, and many more. Various Medical Staff will be onsite to answer any health inquiries FREE. This will be from 10am to 3pm at the Philippine Center New York (Lobby).
Hosted by Philippine New York Jaycees with the support of the Philippine Consulate General. For more information please contact: Reggie Rosales at philjaycees.healthfair@gmail.com

September 6 | Sunday
Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
There will be a Pilgrimage with Outdoor Procession at 7am. Departure to Stony Point NY Marian Shrine. Assembly-Alba House (2187 Victory Blvd. Staten Island & Chapel of San Lorenzo Ruiz 378 Broome St. NY). Donation: \$25 per person. Contact: (917)816-0530 or email: alg@bestweb.net

September 11 | Friday
Novena Masses for the Feast of San Lorenzo Ruiz
There will be novena masses for the Feast of San Lorenzo Ruiz from September 11-19 at 6:30pm, Chapel of San Lorenzo Ruiz (378 Broome St., NYC 10013).

The Philippine Consulate General in New York announces a Memorial Mass for Reynaldo "Ronnie" G. Alejandro on Tuesday, September 1 at 6:30pm, Kalayaan Hall, Philippine Center. Officiating priest will be Father Gaby Gonzales. For further information please contact: Marievic Dimaculangan (212)819-9655, Vivian Cruz (212)963-0971, Cora Reyes (212)923-5997.

September 13 | Sunday
Phil. Chamber Rondalla presents 'Kuwerdanza'
The Philippine Chamber Rondalla of New Jersey, Inc. invites the public to *KuwerDanza*, its gala concert to be held at 3pm at the auditorium of St. Andrew Catholic Church in Avenel, NJ. Tickets: \$15 (advance); \$20 (door). For more info. contact: (908)359-3297 or email: PhilChamberRondalla@yahoo.com. Also visit website: http://PhilChamberRondalla.multiply.com

September 19 | Saturday
Testimonial Dinner
Everyone is invited to attend a testimonial dinner, an evening with Most Reverend Oscar A. Solis, Auxiliary Bishop of Los Angeles, California. Main Celebrant and Homilist. Join us at 6-10pm at East Manor (79-19 Albion Ave. Elmhurst, NY 11373). Donation: \$50. Contact (718)803-1111.

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'Ebullience, The Maiden Journey' at the Phil. Center New York

THE Associated Liaison of Fine Artists, Inc. (ALFA), an exclusive group of aesthetically gifted award-winning members, is slated to hold their first-ever group art exhibit aptly titled *Ebullience, the Maiden Journey* from September 1 to September 11, 2009 at the Lobby of the Philippine Center New York. Since every initial take-off is always motivated by an overflowing of enthusiasm and excitement, hence, the "ebullient" title.

ALFA took shape when its founding officers, former educator-turned fashion designer-couturier-turned artist-publicist Bobby T. Yalong and former architect-turned-nurse-turned-artist Luis Amat Caraos, together with co-brushstrokes Jowell Gaela, Ceasar delos Santos III, Dave Temperante and Ronald Cortez, were energetically induced by their common interest with an ultimate goal after a group exhibit two years ago.

Driven by their own peculiar intensity in artistry, ALFA aims high to the perpetuation of the truest essence of the art of



painting in any form possible through a multi-dimensional medium for the benefit of all members, art enthusiasts and the succeeding generation.

Ebullience, the Maiden Journey will formally open with a cocktail reception on Tuesday, September 8, at 7pm.

The Hon. Con. Gen. Cecile B. Rebong, H.E. the Permanent Phil. Representative to the UN Hilario Davide, and Miss Luchie Vivas are slated to grace the ceremonious ribbon-cutting. ■



John Lloyd's Star Shines Bright on this Sunday's 'Citizen Pinoy'

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Lloydie's fans in the US. A big factor behind John Lloyd being able to accept his US commitments is the meticulous and able handling of his documents by the Law Offices of Michael Gurfinkel. John Lloyd's acquisition of an "O" visa—through "attorney-of-the-stars" Michael J. Gurfinkel makes him the headliner of various TFC shows and events this year. Catch him in the big celebration of TFC's 15th Anniversary *One Kapamilya Go* at California's Great America on September 20; and in the coming movie premiere of *In My Life*— which will be announced soon.

This Sunday, John Lloyd Cruz joins leading US immigration attorney Michael J. Gurfinkel on *Citizen Pinoy*. Atty. Gurfinkel will continue to address and provide relevant (immigration) information to viewers' questions. It is an all-new *Citizen Pinoy* this Sunday, at 5:40pm (PST) with a replay on

Wednesday, at 12:15am (PST) on TFC.

Citizen Pinoy is made possible with the support of friends who are committed to giving back to the Filipino community: *Asian Journal*—with circulation in Northern and Southern California, Nevada, and in the East Coast; and Arko Foods. *Citizen Pinoy* is also supported by ABS-CBN Global's key product offerings: Star Kargo, Starry Starry Store, ABS-CBN Telecom and TFCDirect.

Informative. Entertaining. Inspiring. Watch *Citizen Pinoy*—the Filipino American community's immigration program every Sunday at 5:40pm (PST), with replays on Wednesdays at 12:15am (PST) on TFC. *CITIZEN PINOY* also airs on ANC-US every Sunday at 1:00 am with replays on ANC-US every 9am and Thursdays at 8pm, all PST; and on ANC in the Philippines every Sunday at 4pm, with replays at 12 midnight on Mondays. ■

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