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EXTRADITION OF SUSPECT IN DACER MURDER CASE

Dumlao ready to go home, says attorney

by JOSEPH PIMENTEL
AJPress

LOS ANGELES – The attorney representing ex-Philippine police officer Glenn Dumlao said that the accused double murder suspect is ready to go back to the Philippines to face criminal charges.

Los Angeles-based Attorney Morel Calueng said Dumlao will give a deposition on Monday, July 20 and should be extradited to the Philippines sometime within this month.

“Dumlao is doing fine,” said Calueng about his client to the Asian Journal. “He’s been in jail the past eight months.

He just wants closure to this case. He will cooperate fully in this deposition and once this deposition is taken we believe there will be no more obstacles to his extradition to the Philippines.”

“We want to make it very clear that he does not oppose his extradition,” added

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HEALTH CARE LEGISLATION. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., from left, is joined by other House Democratic leaders, House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer of Maryland, Pete Stark of California, Henry Waxman of California, Charles Rangel of New York, and John Dingell of Michigan, in a news conference, announcing the introduction of health care legislation on Capitol Hill, Tuesday, July 14 in Washington.
AP Photo by Manuel Balce Ceneta

Pinoys in US, Canada remit \$9.6B in 2008

NEARLY 10 percent of the country’s 90 million people work all over the world, and the money they send to their families and loved ones is a key contributor in making the local economy resilient. In 2008, Filipinos working overseas sent a total of \$16.4B in 2008, or 13.7 percent more than in 2007, amid the global economic downturn. And \$7.8B came from Filipino workers and immigrants from the United States, while \$1.8 came from Canada.

Department of Foreign Affairs’ (DFA) Undersecretary Franklin Ebdalin confirmed the record growth of remittances during the 5th Annual Ambassadors, Consuls Gen-

eral and Tourism Directors Tour (ACGTDT) in the Philippines, where he was the keynote speaker. The ACGTDT is an event that gathers Philippine envoys assigned in the US, Canada, Northern and Latin America to help promote investments and tourism in the Philippines.

“The Philippines remains one of the most resilient countries in Asia with its high gross domestic product (GDP) growth and forward-looking economy. The economic resilience is due to the significant number of Filipino workers abroad with their remittances directly benefiting our people,”

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Fil-Vets continue to wait

by JOSEPH PIMENTEL
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LOS ANGELES – A large number of Filipino World War II veterans in Los Angeles are still awaiting their claims checks from the US government, according to the Justice for Filipino American Veterans (JFAV) organization.

JFAV officials said they have received numerous complaints from Filipino WWII veterans on the slow process of their claims.

“More than five months after the stimulus bill was passed, only 773 Filipino veterans in the United States have received their checks. We want to know what’s keeping the claims [from coming],” said

Nick Gadia, Commander Society of Guerrillas and Scouts (SGS).

Last month, Philippine Ambassador to the United States William Gaa assured that they are working closely with the US Department of Veterans’ Affairs. According to Gaa, more than 31,000 claims have already been received and 1,600 checks have been sent to veterans both in the US and in the Philippines.

Gaa also mentioned that about 2,800 claims are still pending and at least 1,000 have been denied.

However, many veterans and

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26 Pinoy nurses lose racial bias case in NY

GARDEN CITY, NY — The discrimination claims filed by 26 Filipino nurses and physical therapists in New York have been rejected by a US federal judge.

In their suit, the health workers said they were forced to quit their jobs at nursing homes in New York City and suburban Long Island, and that agreements made about working conditions before they left the Philippines were not honored by their US employers.

On June 30, an administrative law judge ruled that the resignations were not protected by federal immigration employment law.

The immigration lawyer of the health workers said he was disappointed that the ruling was made without a hear-

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Home health care agencies affected by indictment

PASADENA – Home health agencies and Filipino nurses are feeling the effects from last week’s indictment of 42 impostor nurses, of which 80 percent are Filipino.

Since last week’s indictment by the Department of Justice, Pasadena-based health agency Medicare Plus Home Health Care have been telling their patients that they are not the same agency that defrauded the state’s Medi Cal \$4.6 million.

“We’ve have sent out about 500 letters to our providers, doctors, hospitals and patients, stating that we are not Medicare Plus Home Health Providers but rather Medicare Plus Home Health and that we are in no way affiliated in any way to that company,”

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Fil-Ams, Asians join protest against governor’s proposed cuts

by CYNTHIA DE CASTRO
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THE sweltering mid-day heat last July 15 matched the heated mood of the protesters who rallied in front of the office of Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger in downtown Los Angeles. Many Asian Pacific Islanders, including Filipino-Americans, joined hundreds of outraged Californians who stand to be affected by the Governor’s proposed budget cuts.

The Governor continues to press for massive cuts that would kick Asian and Pacific Islander seniors out of the safety of their homes and leave struggling families homeless. During the conference, community members delivered to the Governor personal stories of children and seniors deeply affected by his budget proposals.

“Every time they prepare the budget and need to cut in some areas, they always target the weak, the disabled, the vulnerable, the elderly and the

children,” remarked Lilibeth Navarro, Fil-Am Founder and Executive Director of CALIF(Communities Actively Living Independent & Free). Speaking passionately from her motorized wheelchair, Navarro admitted that she has been joining rallies to speak in behalf of the weak and the vulnerable, especially the physically handicapped. A hardworking community activist, she became disabled after surviving polio as a child.

Among the other speakers in the

press conference are recipients of Medi-Cal and CalWorks, Paul Lee and Yolanda James; IHFI Consumer Sandy Varga; Rabbi Jonathan Klein; and Lee Anne Holmes, a mother with a disabled son.

The governor’s proposed solution to the budget deficit is to drastically cut the homecare assistance being provided the elderly and the disabled, to reduce the help extended to children and low income families. “To refuse

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COVENANT. Six presidential aspirants raise their hands after a public forum organized by the Parish Pastoral Council for Responsible Voting and the National Movement for Free Elections at the Plaza Miranda, in Quiapo, Manila on July 16. (See story on P. A9)
Philstar.com photo by Joven Cagande

Reeves and Associates appointed Class Counsel

For nationwide Class Action Lawsuit to reunite families

LOS ANGELES – Getting a green card should be a happy time. For thousands of people, however, the joy of coming to America is diluted by the nightmare of separation from their children who have turned twenty-one and are no longer eligible to accompany their parents. The children are referred to as having “aged-out.” In 2002, Congress passed the Child Status Protection Act (CSPA) to call a halt to this ongoing tragedy.

Reeves & Associates, a leading national immigration law firm,

filed a class action lawsuit, Costello v. Chertoff, because of the government’s refusal to follow the plain language of this law.

On July 16, 2009, US District Court Judge James V. Selna issued a 21 page decision granting Reeves & Associates’ motion to certify the lawsuit as a class-action and appointing Reeves & Associates as class counsel. “This case affects tens of thousands of families who have been waiting decades to lawfully immi-

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