FilAms lose Congress bid

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LOS ANGELES – “I am not that crazy in real life. I am pretty quiet,” Rob Williams, told us in our last interview with the comic genius. Last August 11, the brilliant actor hanged himself with his belt in a closet door in his home in Paradise Cay, near Tiburon, California and died of asphyxia due to hanging. He was 63.

“His death left us numb for a while since we loved talking to the man. Our 45-minute to an hour-long conversation was always filled with his rapid fire monologues, his hyperkinetic acts and spontaneous mimicry of people. We could never get enough of him. He always seemed to be doing a one-act show just for us. He was witty, sharp, and the bigger his story, the more he became a masterful storyteller. We were very close to him and we deeply miss him.”

REMEMBERING ROBIN WILLIAMS

By Janet Susan R. Hepales

PHILIPPINE NEWS COLUMNIST

Comic battled serious condition

BY JANET SUSAN R. HEPALES

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SEATTLE - The Filipino American National Historical Society’s (FANHS) board of trustees at its national conference held in San Diego, approved the “50th Anniversary Naturalization Act of 1965” as its official theme for Filipino American National History Month in October, 2015. The historical society is planning a yearlong schedule of activities during 2015.

FANHS and its founding president, Dr. Fred Cordova, have been the Class of 2014 will conclude this week. Dates received after Aug. 31 will be published inside the issue.

Now officially Reserve brash

IN SIDE

Overcoming denial of immigrant visa

PI dancers bag gold at World Hip-Hop tilt

Takashi offers Japanese cuisine in Pasey City

Class of 2014

In Daly City, Calif., following a year of cultural train- ing and several events only City Councilman Mike Gantona was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the California State Military Reserve in a ceremony August 9 at Camp San Luis Obispo.

“I am honored to receive this commission as I am em- bracing new ways of serving my community and state as an officer in the California State Military Reserve,” said Gantona. “My new role will

Daly City Council Member Mike Gantona earns the com- mission as Second Lieutenant in Cal- ifornia State Military Reserve.

From left, front row: Rachel Dela Cruz, Emily Lewis, Veneral Sablan, Don nemtat, Amy Obios, Barbara Gatien, Phyl De Cao, Mel Lagsaci, and Bob Halagao, Kevin Jamero Sr., un known.

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**Family mourns ‘gentlest soul’**

By CORIN MACABER

MANILA — While children of whom the late Philippines’ Fili

pino-American community-service lawyer Rodel Rodis were

widowed by his long-time partner, they are still in shock over

the loss of the father of their daughter, Zelda, who died of a

rare heart ailment last Friday.

Zelda Garces, 25, added: “My family

was touched who are sending kind words,”

her mother Loida M. Nicolas Lewis said.

At an emotional press conference in

Cebu, Loida Nicolas Lewis — who is

also chair of the National Federation of

Filipino Americans (NaFFAA) — said she

wanted to convey that their daughter

was “loved, loved and loved by many,”

including their father, Rodel Rodis.

“Loida, your daughter will always be

loved by many,” NaFFAA Region 7 Co-Chair

Diego Aurora Cudal said.

Lewis said she wants to be the chair. After

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the logistics, outreach and program

planning for this year’s conference, she

said she wants to be the chair. After

“Are things good with my exes? Yes.

I changed it to ‘alimony.’ It’s ripping

off the array of youth speakers. He

urged NaFFAA leaders to collaborate

more on issues affecting the Filipino

American community and to start

working twice as hard to fill it back up

while there are few things I know

laugh too…

While I’ll never, ever understand

them, I will always love you, Dad,”

the motherland, because we are one

Filipino nation wherever we are,”

she said.

**Reps. Tashiro, Cullum praise Garces**

Twenty-six-year-old Japanese-born

Susan Tashiro and 25-year-old Joan

Cullum, both legal assistants from

New York, praised Garces for his

service and his work to help in the

Filipino community.

“Mr. Garces was a leader in the

Filipino American community and

was instrumental in the formation of the

National Federation of Filipino-American

Lawyers (NaFFALP).”

**Old love, new job**

Melchor Ramos graduated from the

University of the Philippines at Los

Buenavista in Cebu City in 1969 and

joined the New People’s Army (NPA) as

a student activist in 1971. He was a top

commander of the NPA in the 1980s

and the 1990s. He was a top NPA

commander in the provinces of

Ilocos Norte and Ilocos Sur. His father

was impressed by Mercado Kim’s

bravery and invited her to be his partner

in business.

They settled in Hawaii and operated

a successful restaurant called "Mama’s

Fish Houses."

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