

This little guy, born and raised locally certainly has his catch of bunny eggs, candies and treats.

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This young man moved our Nation with the notion that

enough-is-enough. Page 1



Our editor takes traditional tact toward the meaning of Easter celebration.



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This young lady believes in God and says, so do many other young people.



This fictive harlequin-style story will slather the pages of the Fil-Am Voice.

# Easter Nostalgia: **Southeast Meets West**

Fond memories of Easter celebrations in the Philippines.

**Sharon Zalsos** 



Fish is a modest alternative to eating meat among Roman Catholics during the Lenten Season.

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ing Easter automatically in- mass celebrations, fasting and volves church and other reli- abstinence were also part of gious activities weeks before the rituals. Easter Sunday itself.

born and raised in Amlan, ly would bring us individual Negros Oriental, recalls how pleasures? Abstaining from she was focused mainly with eating meat for me would be church activities and spiritual-

ou know you grew up ity during this season. For her, in the Philippines if it was the climax of the entire your idea of celebrat- Lenten celebration. Prayers,

Abstinence, abstinence? Is this mentality exclusive Does this mean no sex? Or to Catholic raised Filipinos? does it simply refer to abstain-Almie of Pā'ia, who was ing from anything that typical-

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# Firearms In Hawaiʻi

Killings come to a head—gun laws re-examined.

Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran

on passersby from the obser- cur more often. vation deck of the University of Texas at Austin clocktower. grim list took place in the were dead or dying and thir- 1999, service technician Bryan ty-one others were wounded. Uyesugi brought a semi-auto-The Texas Tower shooting in matic pistol to the Xerox Corsome assessments marks the poration building in Honolulu first of modern American and shot and killed his supermass shootings.

Gun-related killings in schools (University of Texas, Columbine High, Sandy Hook sugi was convicted of first de-Elementary, Virginia Tech, Stoneman Douglas) and churches (Sutherland Springs) tend to stick in the public's imagination but killings in those locations make up a relatively small portion of mass Legislature passed Act 252, reshootings. Shootings at offices (Edmond Post Office), restau-

n August 1, 1966, rants (San Ysidro McDonald's) former Marine and and other commercial spaces university student, (Las Vegas concert, Orlando Charles Whitman fired down nightclub, Aurora theater) oc-

> Hawai'i's own entry in the visor and six co-workers, while wounding an eighth person. In August 2000, Uyegree murder and sentenced to life without possibility of parole. The Uyesugi shooting remains the most infamous mass murder in modern State history. In 2001, the Hawai'i quiring health care providers

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By the time police reached shooter's workplace. On the Looking down the barrel of an AR-15 Pistol, the only difference from and killed him, seventeen morning of November 2, the rifle is the absence of a stock. The issue of U.S. gun laws once again becomes a hot topic with the recent shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida. PHOTO COURTESY CHEAPERTHANDIRT.COM



On the morning of November 2, 1999, service technician Bryan Uyesugi brought a semi-automatic pistol to the Xerox Corporation building in Honolulu and shot and killed his supervisor and six co-workers, while wounding an eighth person.

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The men at Christ the King Catholic Church carry the statue of the Risen Christ. PHOTO: PAUL PIGAO



The women at Christ the King Catholic Church carry the statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

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# Easter...

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next to impossible. For some it may be chocolate, or abstaining from shopping for the entire Lenten season. My mom, Lilia of Pā'ia, chooses to abstain from meat and red wine for the entire season. No matter what you choose to abstain from during this Lent, remember that both Wednesday and Friday are still no-meat days.

Born and raised in Metro Manila, I am very familiar with the annual traditions that come along with the season of Lent. I knew Lent was starting again as soon as I get a black cross placed on my forehead on Ash Wednesday. The ashes used on Ash Wednesday are from the palms used from the previous year's Palm Sunday. Palm Sunday is celebrated when

Christians carry palms or palaspas in church, to recognize the Gospels' reference to Jesus' entrance to Jerusalem. He was greeted with a sea of palms over two thousand years ago. I knew this season was supposed to be something special and sacred. But as a child, I couldn't help but dread this season knowing that I will be told once more "no meat," no to so many things I like and I will have to spend a lot of time praying. Not to mention I was always told to behave nicely. Come to think of it, I was told to do that last part year-round. Hmmm!

"Growing up in a Catholic family, we attend church every Sunday. This was not an option, more so, observing the Holy Week which is sacred," said Marjorie from Paoay, Ilocos Norte. For Catholics, Holy Week is celebrated the week prior to Easter Sunday starting on Palm Sunday. Joan from Kīhei re-

members witnessing a procession of this practice. According to Father Jojo, men carrying the cross. She can still see the seriousness in their facial expressions while they expressed their devotion by whipping their backs until it bled. Others even got nailed on the cross. As a kid, that scared Joan as she did not like the sight of blood at all.

Joan's recollection also stirred my own memories about the darkness of Lent. I too witnessed the practice of self flagellation in the streets of Makati. As a child seeing this rather barbaric act, it always left a feeling of darkness and dismay with me. I knew this was something that happened to our Christ Lord, however, I couldn't understand why others had to go through the same thing after Jesus Christ already paid the price. No one could give me an answer at that time.

cently from Father Jojo of Pā'ia about

this practice was done before Holy Week and ends on Black Friday. There is a designated starting point and it will end in the place the participant will get crucified just as the Christ did.

"What is the purpose of all this?" I asked Father Jojo. A select group of men who makes a panata or covenant, can participate. Those who made a panata will do this practice year after year for the rest of their lives as an exchange for a divine favor: health of a family member, saving someone's life or other miraculous things that they asked for and received.

I also just learned that not everyone can participate. Only men can do this practice. Then again ladies, why would we even consider this?

What exactly takes place during I received some clarification just re-self-flagellation? The participants' bare see EASTER p.5







Alfonso Calderon, a survivor of the recent shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida, spoke out on Feb. 21 and expressed that he and fellow students weren't being taken seriously enough in their calls for gun reform. **PHOTO COURTESY CNN.COM** 

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# Firearms...

to disclose health information to police for the purpose of evaluating a person's fitness to acquire firearms.

In the wake of mass shootings in recent months-at a Country Music festival in Las Vegas and at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida-measures to address mass gun violence are again under discussion in the U.S. Congress and in various State legislatures, including Hawai'i. Since the 10-year federal ban on assault rifles expired in 2004, the AR-15, a lightweight, customizable version of the military's M16 has become a popular purchase. Some of the Las Vegas shooter's guns many federal and state lawmakers

were fitted with legal devices called "bumpfire stocks," which allow semiautomatic rifles like an AR-15 to fire as quickly as automatic ones. The Parkland, San Bernardino and Newtown shooters also used AR-15s during their rampages.

Since the expiration of the federal Assault Weapons Ban in 2004, America's attention to gun control in recent proposals focus on a few specific measures: universal background checks, restrictions on people with mental illnesses buying firearms, and renewal of the assault weapons ban. American elected officials, even those who consider themselves liberals or progressives, rarely venture further. Australia, for example, in the wake of a 1996

mass shooting, adopted a law which AR-15 and stricter background Australian lawmakers banned autoshotguns. The Australian government confiscated 650,000 of those type of tralia's gun homicide rate dropped by

about forty-two percent in the seven years after the law passed, and the country's firearm suicide rate fell by 57 percent.

According to many tallies, Americans have the highest number of privately owned guns in the world. The Washington Post noted that 47% of Americans reported having a gun in their home in 2011. The United States has a somewhat unique gun culture that in some estimations is enshrined in the country's constitution through the Second Amendment. After Sandy Hook, the Manchin-Toomey bill, the only proposal that came closest to being enacted, did not even require universal background checks.

The U.S. Supreme Court and

acknowledge the Second Amendment does place limits on how far gun restrictions can go. As a result, anything like the Australian policy response is unlikely short of a court reinterpretation of the Second Amendment's protection of individual gun rights, or a repeal of the Second Amend-

While the Parkland

amounted to a confiscation program. checks were recently rejected by the Florida legislature despite the lobbymatic and semiautomatic rifles and ing of survivors of the Parkland killings.

In Hawai'i, a proposal to specifiguns through a gun buyback pro- cally ban bump stocks is moving gram. Australia also established a through the Legislature. Hawai'i registry of all guns owned in the presently has some of the strictest country and required a permit for all firearms laws in the country. Unlike new firearm purchases. Harvard- the lower-forty-eight states where based researchers note that Aus- firearms law vary widely by jurisdicsee FIREARMS next page

widely that has resulted businesses distancing ment. themselves legislation has passed

school shooting has resulted in some businesses distancing themselves from the NRA, little legislation has passed in State legislatures and Congressional leadership has not scheduled any votes on proposed gun bills, including an assault weapons ban stricter background checks. In fact, a moratorium on the sale of

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# From the Editor's Desk

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# **Lent in the Philippines**

For me; a sacrificial journey leading to the Cross of Christ.

ent (kwaresma) festivities in vived the test of time ever since these were introduced by Spain, showcasing the Philippines as a predominantly Catholic country.

unique aspects of Spanish influ- candies are sold everywhere.

ence in the celebration of Lenten season by Filipinos. In Paete, Laguna, you can witness the procession of statues and "moving saints," mesmerizing any visitor who happens to witness these at the right time and place.

Colorful garments also light up every parade, espe-

cially the Lenten procession in Baliuag, Bulacan. This is not to ignore the flagellation and nailing of penitents in Pampanga, simulating the sacrificial death of Jesus on the

In the southern Tagalog area, mountain climbing on Mt. Banahaw has become a yearly practice for natural healers on the belief that certain plants picked on Good Friday have healing power; others believe that Semana Santa is the best time for amulet (anting-anting) hunting.

Lent is incomplete without the traditional pabasa in every parochial church. In my home province, one can hear over the airwaves the story of the Passion of Christ in non-stop dramatizations, also known as pasion. But radios and televisions go silent past 3 p.m on Good Friday.

Like in any other activity, food the Philippines have sur- is an important concern; some may have chosen fasting; others may refrain from eating meat products. Popular food is mostly fruits and vegetables, and since Lent falls in springtime, the fa-The festivities remind us of the mous shave ice (halo-halo) and ice

Transformation of these traditions has shifted to focus on people's activities like going to the beach and having a picnic or get-Philiptogether. pines has declared Maundy Thursday and Good Friday as holidays. Only Good Friday is a holiday here in the United States. No

wonder the beaches in Hawai'i are fully packed on this day.

Lent is also the time when superstitions of Filipinos are reinforced, such as:

- · Avoid getting injured during Holy Week.
- Don't take a bath after 3 p.m. on Good Friday.
- Don't eat meat on Good Friday.
- Don't make noise during Maundy Thursday and Good Friday.

To me, Lent should lead us to self-reflection because this is the best time to ask for forgiveness, a moment to culminate the sacrificial journey of Christ on the Cross. To cap it all, let us not forget to celebrate Christ's resurrection on Easter, when we can finally eat anything in our favorite restaurants, or when we can prepare any food to end the Lenten season. \*\*



Self flagellation is enacted in San Pedro Cutud town, Pampanga province. PHOTO: ROMEO RANOCO, REUTERS

# Firearms...

tions and where gun owners can move freely across state and county lines, movement to the islands from another State generally requires an airline flight where firearm transportation is regulated.

In recent years, the Hawai'i Legislature has expanded categories that disqualify a person from owning and possessing firearms, including adding domestic violence-related misdemeanor offenses, stalking, and temporary restraining orders. The Legislature, at the urging of the Honolulu Police Department, also became the first in the country to authorize county police departments

to enroll firearms permit applicants and individuals who are registering their firearms into the federal Rap Back service. Under the federal Rap Back service, the reporting county police department will be alerted whenever a new record is entered for that applicant (i.e. conviction of felony). In 2017, Hawai'i began requiring the County Police Chiefs to report the names of individuals to certain law enforcement agencies whose permit applications are denied because the applicants are prohibited from purchasing or possessing a firearm under state or federal law (i.e. to the County Prosecutor for domestic abuse ofHawai'i law ... makes it a crime to "install[], remove[], or alter[] a firearm part with the intent to convert the firearm to an automatic

firearm."

usually results in denial of a permit but a physician's letter can establish that a person is "no longer adversely affected."

The county policy must provide written notice of a disqualifying condition when a permit is denied. The applicant then has thirty days to transfer all firearms and ammunition to a dealer or other authorized person or turn them in to the police.

A successful applicant must wait fourteen days for an initial permit, and the police chief has the discretion to require that an applicant wait fourteen days for each subsequent permit. Each transaction requires a separate permit to acquire handguns and each permit must be used within ten days of issue. Permits to acquire

> shotguns and rifles are good for one year from the date of issue for any number of transactions. While there is no fee for permits, the Counties can charge a one time onfee (currently \$16.50) for an FBI fingerprint check.

> An applicant is also required to show evidence of safety training to get a permit which can be met through military pistol courses, law enforcement courses, Hawai'i Hunter Education Course, or a 6hour course including 2 hours range time, instruction in Hawai'i gun laws, and safe handling and storage, taught by an NRA certified instructor.

> Hawai'i's firearms statute bans "assault pistols; automatic firearms; rifles with

barrel lengths less than sixteen inch-

es; shotguns with barrel lengths less than eighteen inches; cannons; mufflers, silencers, or devices for deadening or muffling the sound of discharged firearms; hand grenades, dynamite, blasting caps, bombs, or bombshells, or other explosives; or any type of ammunition or any projectile component thereof coated with teflon or any other similar coating designed primarily to enhance its capability to penetrate metal or pierce protective armor; and any type of ammunition or any projectile component thereof designed or intended to explode or segment upon impact with its target." Further, Hawai'i law also makes it a crime to "install[], remove[], or alter[] a firearm part with the intent to convert the firearm to an automatic firearm." The Legislature is currently debating whether to clarify the law to specify that bump stocks and altering trigger mechanisms are covered by the ban. The Hawai'i statute also prohibits "detachable ammunition magazines with a capacity in excess of ten rounds which are designed for or capable of use with a pistol." The Hawai'i law further regulates transportation and storage of firearms and ammunition.

# Hawai'i Firearms Law

fense convictions).

Hawai'i requires that a person acquire a permit from the county chief of police. An applicant must be 21 years old and a U.S. citizen. An applicant is fingerprinted and photographed and a criminal background check is conducted. Hawai'i's law disqualifies persons convicted of a federal crime, and any felony, or crime of violence, or an illegal sale of any drug, or acquitted or a crime because of mental disease, disorder or defect. The law also disqualifies people who are in or have been in treatment or counseling for addiction to, abuse of, or dependence of alcohol or

An applicant also needs to sign an affidavit regarding mental health and lack of drug or alcohol addiction or criminal background.

Under the Uyesugi law, the applicant also needs to authorize release of medical history and provide the name and address of a primary care physician, if the person has one. The applicant's doctor is required to release any mental health information pertinent to acquiring firearms. A drunk driving record, history of serious psychiatric diagnosis, or any treatment for alcohol or drug abuse

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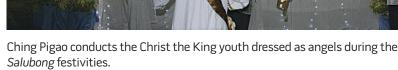
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Each year, Christ the King celebrates Salubong, the Easter Sunday pre-dawn ritual or ceremony that reenacts the Risen Christ's meeting with His mother. PHOTO: PAUL PIGAO



# Easter...

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backs are red from giving themselves whippings; left and right. They continue this until they reach the cross. Many years back, these whips also had small hooks attached on the tips, ripping the bare skin as it hits it over and over again. These days, some no longer use the hooks. There are different ways to cause excruciating pain on one's self. This is one that I witnessed year after year.

Now why do this in public? We were always told to do acts of kindness in secret as only the Almighty should know. Those who participated say that they want the public to bear witness to their everlasting devotion. And just for clarification, this act is in Catholic Church.

Lucy Peros recalls her 2007 pilgrimage to the Holy Land. "When I was growing up, I've heard of so many Bible stories from my grandparents, my mothers, my teachers at catechism classes, and of course today from the readings at church. The names of people, places, and events that were mentioned in those Bible stories were just pictures in the depth of my imagination until our pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Everything became alive!" Lucy's trip took her to Israel and large regions of Jordan and Egypt. One of the highlights was climbing up to 7,000 feet of the 7,498-foot peak of Mount Sinai, where Moses received the Ten Commandments tablet from God. Lucy also traveled to the Jordan River, where she renewed her baptism vows, no way sanctioned or approved by the Lucy's pilgrimage brought her to al- a black veil over her face. The two

Beatitudes, Mt. Tabor, Cana, Nazareth, Galilee, Mount of Olives, Garden of Gethsemane, Basilica Church of the Nativity, Bethlehem, Mt. Zion, Via Dolorosa, Mount Calvary, Golgotha, Bethany, and the Dead Sea-including the chapel of the Flagellation, where Jesus was scourged.

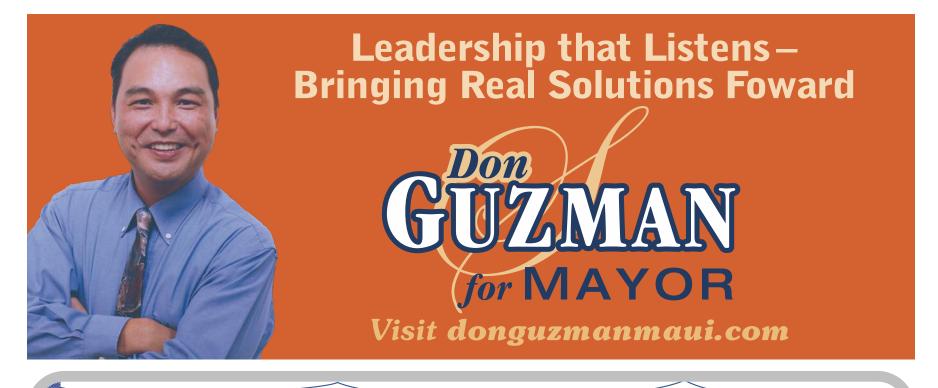
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Marjorie reminisces her Easter celebrations in Paoay, Ilocos Norte when she could join the procession of saints on floats around her hometown. She recalls holding a lighted candle and walking around. Joan of Kīhei similarly recalls memories of the adorned floats carrying the holy statues. This procession takes place at early dawn of Easter when a float carrying the statue of the risen Jesus is covered with a white garment while a separate and rode a boat in the Sea of Galilee. float is carrying the mother Mary with

most all the religious sites-Mount of statues take separate routes and each follows a route that would eventually lead them back to the church grounds and then the two statues meet face to face. Slowly a little girl dressed in an angel outfit is carefully lowered close to the statue of mother Mary. The little angel will then lift the black veil to reveal the joyful face of the blessed mother. This officially starts Easter and the crowd of thousands who flocked from 2-3 a.m. in the morning applaud.

When it's finally Easter Sunday, the celebration begins! This is after all the day that officially puts an end to the long fasting-not to mention abstinence-season of Lent! John Patrick of Kīhei recalls, Linggong Pagkabuhay, which translates to Resurrection Sunday. John Patrick remembers the preparation of various special dishes,

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came an attraction, the sunflowers planted and bloomed in 2017 were oils harvested from the sunflowers not really intended for tourism.

When the Hawaiian Commercial and Sugar Co. announced the end of sugar production on Maui after 145 years, the main question asked was what's going to happen to the sugar product Kuleana? In Hawaiian, cane field? Some were worried it kuleana means a personal sense of remight be replaced by more boxed stores. But the Pacific Biodiesel Com-

# **Sunflowers Mauistyle!**

Liza of "A Maui Blog" | PHOTOS COURTESY LIZA PIERCE

and experimenting with sunflowers for years, especially for sunflower oils, and when the opportunity came, they cultivated a sunflower farm on Maui.

On Saturday, March 3, 2018, I was invited to join the private media tour at the Maui Sunflower Field currently

One of the reasons for this invitation is to introduce and share with us Although sunflowers quickly be- the new line of beauty products called "Kuleana" which is a product of the last year. Around 1,330 gallons of sunflower oil were generated from the first 14-acre field farmed by Pacific Biodiesel in 2017.

Why did they name the oil beauty sponsibility. This value inspires Pacific Biodiesel to practice sustainability, pany has a plan, at least for a portion support local farming and help create

a cleaner, kinder, healthier world for us all. And now it defines our new line of beauty oils and other skin care products that they make here in Hawai'i. Kuleana is part of Maiden Hawai'i Naturals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Hawai'i's pioneering renewable energy company, Pacific Biodiesel.

Speaking of Kuleana, I would like to remind the public that these sunflower fields are private property and it is our responsibility to respect that. Yes, a new crop of sunflowers are blooming in Central Maui but if you're looking for photo ops, Pacific Biodiesel requests that you visit the sunflower field at the Maui Tropical Plantation.

The sunflower field at the Maui Tropical Plantation was grown to provide a safer alternative for photo-ops and selfies (so people won't have to park along the road).

If and when you go to the Maui

Tropical Plantation and the Sunflowers are already harvested, don't fret. They have planted some more and will be blooming again soon. \*\*



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# **Sakada Offspring**



Monica Elaydo Natividad

**Family Picture** (left to right) Ryan Jeremy, Monica, Jorge, and Ria Lei Marie



Friends in the OR (left to right) Lanie Macalma (RNFA), JoAnn Viloria (Scrub Tech), Dinnah Andres (OR Assistant), Monica Natividad (RNFA), Maridel Baldonado (Scrub Tech), Jenna Magarin

his month's featured Sakada Offspring is a very ambitious and compassionate young woman, dedicated to her family, her church and her job as a nurse: Monica Elaydo Natividad. From barangay Ansad, San Esteban, Ilocos Sur, Monica was born on August 27, 1969 to Mr. Monico Elaydo Elaydo and Mrs. Gracia Pader Elaydo. She is the youngest child: Leonardo Pader Elaydo, 53 years old, married with three children; and Garizaldy Pader Elaydo, 50 years old, married and no children. Both her brothers are living in the Philippines. Her father is now deceased while her 72-year old mother Gracia is a retired pantry worker at Burger King, Kahului. Although she is retired, Gracia likes to keep herself busy so she decided to go back to work at Carl's Jr. in Mā'alaea.

Monica's Sakada connection is through her paternal grandfather,

parents had the same last names. Crisanto was a very hardworking man who wanted to provide the best for his family according to Monica's grandmother, Magdalena Elaydo. That's why Crisanto left his family in the Philippines and decided to live most of his life Kualapu'u, Molokai. He worked at the pineapple plantation all his life while living on Molokai. He kept his promise to his wife Magdalena that he would help raise their grandchildren

since his son, Moni-

co, Monica's Dad, passed away at an early age and when Gracia was seven months pregnant with Monica. Being a compassionate grandfather, Grandpa Crisanto adopted Monica as his own child when Monica was in the 6th grade. He attended Monica's 6th grade graduation in the Philippines, which was his first visit since he left. He was a proud grandpa for he witnessed Monica's receiving her diploma

Ansad Elementary School.

a brain aneurysm on Molokai. "I will always remember my grandpa as my hero, a representation of my dad's love to us," said Monica.

as the class valedictorian in 1982 at diac Life Support), PALS (Pediatric be in my nativeland, Philippines." Advanced Life Support), BLS (Basic In 1990, Grandpa Crisanto died of Life Support) certified. Monica worked very hard to gain these impressive titles. "I am very fortunate to have been given the chance to be the first Filipino RN at Maui Memorial

As caring and loving parents, Monica's and Jorge's utmost goals, hopes, and dreams are centered toward their children, Ryan and Ria. They want to see their children have stable jobs after obtaining the degrees of their cho-

# Monica Elaydo Natividad

Lucy Peros | ALL PHOTOS COURTESY MONICA NATIVIDAD

In 1986, Monica graduated with honors from Valenzuela Community School. In 1990, Monica obtained a Certificate in Pulmonary Therapy from Emilio Aguinaldo College.

Monica's life took another turn on October 19, 1990, when, with a student's visa in hand, she left the Philippines, bound to Los Angeles, California hoping to become a USA immi-Crisanto Elaydo Elaydo—Crisanto's grant to help her mother and two

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brothers to have a better life. Two months later, Monihad saved enough money for a plane fare to come to Maui. She arrived on Maui on December 19 and met the love of her life, Jorge Natividad and they got married on February 19, 1991.

On Maui, Monica continued her studies at UHMC (Maui Community College at that time) and received her Associate Degree in Nursing in 1994. She continued on to the University of New Mexico in 2004 and received her certificate as a

Registered Nurse First Assistant.

Such an ambitious young woman, Monica is currently working full-time at Maui Memorial Medical Center now known as Maui Health System as RN First Assist (RNFA) in the Operating Room (OR). She's been employed at the hospital for twenty years. She carries her titles with pride: RN, CNOR (Certified Nurse in the Operating Room), RNFA, ACLS (Advanced CarMedical Center to become RNFA. I am hoping to retire from here in 10 years, God willing," said Monica.

For twenty-seven years, Monica has been married to Jorge Pascua Natividad. He is from Bacarra, Ilocos Norte. Jorge is the son of the late Mr. Perfecto Lacar Natividad and Mrs. Dominga Pascua Natividad. Jorge has worked at the Four Seasons Resort Maui, valet services, since 2001.

Monica and Jorge are blessed with two children Ryan Jeremy Elaydo (24) and Ria Lei Marie (21). Ryan graduated cum laude from Maui High School in 2012. He received his Associate Degree in Applied Science Engineering Technology in 2015 at UHMC and is presently taking his Bachelor of Applied Science Engineering Technology at UHMC, hoping to graduate in 2019. Ria graduated as a valedictorian from Maui High School in 2014. She received her Associate of Science degree from the College of Southern Nevada in 2016 and is presently pursuing a degree of Doctor of Pharmacy at Roseman University of Health Sciences, Nevada, hoping to graduate in 2021.

Since 1991, Monica and her family Grade are very active parishioners of Christ the King Church in Kahului. She was a chairperson of the Christ The King Church Lector Ministry. Her children also serve as Lectors and Altar Servers. From 2012 through 2016, Monica was a member of the Board of Directors of Binhi At Ani Filipino Community Cen-

Monica is a very compassionate and very giving individual. "I strongly believe that giving back to the community is very rewarding," she said. "I look forward to be involved in Aloha Medical Mission and Operation Smile as a volunteer anywhere in the world as needed but my first assignment will

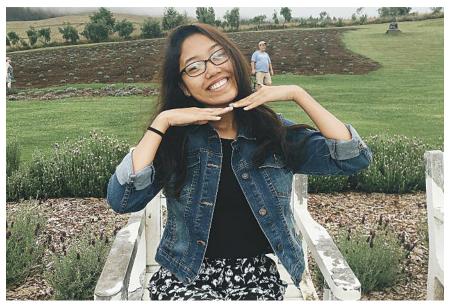
sen careers. They also want to instill in them the Christian values they themselves learned from their own parents, to enable them to have peace of mind knowing they will become great parents to their children in the future.

Lenten season, especially Easter, has a great impact on Monica's family. Her family participates in most, if not all, church activities. "Easter is the time to reflect on the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead," said Monica. "It is time to ask for forgiveness and repent for our sins. It reminds me of the moments when I need to focus on giving up something as a penitential sacrifice to become closer to God. Keeping my Catholic faith with all my heart and soul allows me to praise God and give Him thanksgiving for all the blessings I have received." \*\*

**Lucy Peros** is a retired school teacher, having taught for 32 years, 11 years at St. Anthony School and 21 years at Waihe'e Elementary School. Both of her par-



ents, Elpidio and Alejandra Cabalo of Hāli'imaile, worked for Maui Land and Pine Company. Her dad was a 1946 Sakada. Lucy is currently a Realtor Associate at Peros Realty, the business her late husband Sylvester Peros, Jr. started 30 years ago, where her daughter Lianne Peros-Busch is now the Broker. Lucy devotes a significant amount of time to activities at Christ The King Catholic Church as well as babysitting her grandchildren.



Justine Yagin Central Maui of Central Maui Church of Christ PHOTO COURTESY JUSTIN YAGIN

iving in Hawai'i, where diversity ther describes their Youth Ministry: is shared by the hand of tradi-"We also participate in fund-raisers to tions and experiences from myrearn money for retreats and religious iads of characters, results in the life of educational trips off island." CTKFCC a blissful community. Have you ever is very important to Dayoan because wondered what the youth of the isshe has been involved with this minland of Maui are involved with other istry since her earliest memories. "We than school activities? Religion is a are part of a diocese that focuses on form of shaping individuals which the Filipino Catholic Community in helps create an understanding of what Hawai'i," she explains "and we are or-

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the future. Justine Yagin, from Central Maui Church of Christ (CMCC), located at 159 S. Lehua Street in Kahului, is part of a seven-mem-

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ber leadership group called CORE. each individual. CMCC currently has approximately forty to fifty youth members. This Spring Break, Yagin will be attending the Hawaiian Island Ministries (HIM) Conference-a three day gathering at the Hawai'i Convention Center—to worship, pray, and learn about the Christian faith, along with her youth leader and young adults. Yagin helps out her church by leading and planning youth nights held every Friday, raisers, like bake sales at Safeway and called IGNITE. "We hold faith meet- car washes at the Ceramic Tile Place."

ings every first and third Sunday of the month," Yagin explains, "and discuss the Bible books we were assigned to read." Aside from organizing and arranging IGNITE, Yagin also attends leadership meetings with the Sunday School teachers We Believe in God. of her church where Sunday

Darlyn Dayoan, from Christ the King Catholic Church, located at 20 W. Wākea Avenue in Kahului, spoke about the Youth Ministry and the Christ the King Filipino Catholic Club (CTKFCC) which she is profoundly immersed in. The Youth Ministry consists of confirmation students who meet every Thursday. "I am, in fact, a peer leader for the confirmation classes that our church offers," explained Dayoan. Like Yagin, Dayoan also helps in organizing the youth nights but at Christ the King, the youth night only happens once a month. Dayoan fur-

Sofia Cantos, from Sanctuary Maui Church, located at 50 S. Papa Avenue in Kahului, describes the youth ministry at her church. "The youth group of Sanctuary Maui is called 'Ignyte' which has midweek services on Wednesdays," she says. This year, an annual youth camp in Waianae is organized to happen in June, Cantos explains "so, we are doing a lot of fund-

Is Not Everything...

School activities are dis- Angela Cainguitan | Maui High School

Worship Team as one of the worship leaders and is also the Vice President for the Singles and Young Adult Ministry. At Maui High School's Christian Club, Cantos also serves as the President of Project 7. "Being part of these ministries at church has taught me to be more bold and confident as a Christian teenager in today's society," explains Cantos. "I've learned how to not be ashamed with whom I am and what I believe in." Cantos believes she is considered as a "Jesus Freak" by



Darlyn Dayoan of Christ the King Church PHOTO COURTESY DARLYN DAYOAN



Sofia Cantos of Sanctuary Maui Church PHOTO COURTESY SOFIA CANTOS



Angela Caingitan (right) of Good Shepherd Episcopal Church PHOTO: ALFREDO EVANGELISTA

ferent, and that's what called us to, separate from the world." Cantos' involvement with the youth ministry gave her confidence to share the word of God with anyone and everyone, whether it is at school or elsewhere.

The Episcopal community is dominion to a diverse population of culture, race, and ethnicity. In 2008, I was introduced to Good Shepherd Episcopal Church, located at 2140 Main Street in Wailuku, where I gained the knowledge of love through God in Christ Jesus. I have always wanted to be part of Good Shepherd's youth group because it contributes to the opportunity to grow personally and to develop a relationship with Jesus. At Good Shep-

> herd, I am heavily involved in the youth activities where I currently serve as the Youth Council President and previously served as the Vice President. Being part of the Youth Council serves as my tool to lead with plan-Filipino Folk Dance Troupe, a registered trademark. which performs at church This month's guest columnist is An-

volved include A Cup of Cold Water ment via Indi-Volunteer, Adopt a Highway Clean Up, Barrio Fiesta fund-raiser, First Friday fund-raiser, Maui Food Bank Food Drive, and Ka'Ohana Kitchen which provides a weekly meal to those in need. Within the church, I assist with Christmas caroling and the Christmas gical technolopageant, Easter preparations, Sunday gist. She is the School, Vacation Bible School, Lock- President of the Good Shepherd Episco-In, and Worship.

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ticipate in God Camp, 30 Hour Famine, and Hawaiian Island Ministries to learn about the Word of God. Last summer, I was also able to take part at the triennial Episcopal Youth Event and be one of the youth representatives for the Diocese of Hawai'i in Oklahoma.

I am one of the sixteen selected youth among more than one hundred applicants throughout the nationwide Episcopal community who will be traveling to Austin, Texas this July 2018 to participate at the Episcopal Church's General Convention, which is also a triennial event that focuses on the legislative business of the national church. I am filled with emotion and thrilled to meet more of the Episcopal youth but also to learn more about the Episcopal Church. I am looking forward to how the General Convention will strengthen my faith with Him. 🌞 Google® Is Not Everything is a monthly column authored by high school students. The title of the column ning and designation of emphasizes that education is more events. I am also part of the than just googling a topic. Google® is

Cantos is intimately involved in the and community events, and private gela Cainguitan, a senior at Maui parties. Many of the activities I am in- High School. Angela is an Advance-

vidual Determination (AVID) student at Maui High School and is interested in becoming a sur-



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# Pssst....Can You Keep a Secret?

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# Love, Scandal etc. by Ate Mora

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day night and it was their regular 28, was a member of the Provincial

date night, making passionate love through well past midnight. Maria was twenty years old, single, and a nursing student at the De La Salle Health Sciences Institute. Junior was fifty years old, married, and the Mayor of Diliman City.

Maria met Junior four years ago at a party hosted by De La Salle, where Junior was the Chairman of the Board of Maria, Trustees. who was fair and stood at 5' 8", immediately caught the eye of Junior. She came from a poor

family in Davao and was working as a deep inside, she always wanted to be hostess for the San Miguel Company. a nurse. She knew Monsignor Cada-San Miguel's Chairperson, Monsignor bana could help open doors for her. Jose Cadabana, a retired priest from a That night at the Grand Manila Hotel, wealthy family, was also a member of De La Salle's Board of Trustees, and he brought San Miguel's hostess crew to all the major events that he attend-

Editor's Note: This is a work of fic- Manila's Arnold Schwarzenneger, havtion. Names, characters, businesses, ing won a few weight lifting championships himself. But the similarity would not end there. Junior was known to be a ladies' man and his wife of thirty years, Ofelia, begrudgpersons, living or dead, or actual ingly tolerated it. Ofelia and Junior had five children, all in government t was 2 a.m. and Maria was wide and in the family businesses of real esawake, lying next to Junior. Fri- tate and trade. Samson, the eldest at

> Board; Francisco, the second eldest at 26, was his Dad's Chief Aide; Elena, the middle child at 24, was the chairperson of the quasilegislative body called Fairness in Politics (established after the long-drawn out battle between Ferdinand Marcos, Jr. and Leni Robredo for the presidency); Sarah, at 22, was her Dad's Chief Spokesperson; while the youngest child, Jose, 21 years old, was already a City Councilmember.

> Although Maria enjoyed her job as a San Miguel hostess,

Monsignor Cadabana introduced Maria to Junior. Junior was playing solo that night and slowly began his

Over the next few months, Junior Junior loved to boast that he was would innocently make contact with



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Maria, on the premise of helping her moment's notice. to develop her resume to get into De La Salle. Junior hired her on a short- her Mom who recently passed away in term contract to be his Special Assistant for Special Activities. Together, they would travel throughout the sisted she accompany him to Laoag country to attend conventions, business meetings, government meetings. On one occasion, Junior brought her to an investment meeting in Hong

It was there that Maria finally succumbed to Junior's sexual advances. Maria, raised as a Catholic, had resisted so long but dreamed she could be Junior's companion and accompany him worldwide on all his trips, where Junior would buy real estate in Cana-

da, Australia, London, and the United States. That first night of lovemaking was not really what Maria had fantasized about; Junior had immediately fallen asleep after a brief session; and Junior's snoring kept Maria awake. Maria cried herself to sleep, wondering what she had done.

But the next day, Junior surprised her with a diamond bracelet and matching necklace, and Maria's fears were immediately erased. Their meetings were more frequent, in Junior's business office, his condo in Mandaluyong, his private government office, and once at

his home while Ofelia was visiting relatives in Los Angeles.

And Maria got her wish. She was accepted at De La Salle's nursing program, with a tuition waiver, provided she volunteered ten hours a week at Maria knew Junior would soon awak-De La Salle's spiffy new training hospital in Mandaluyong. The work but Maria knew she wouldn't be in the schedule allowed Maria to meet with mood and she was afraid of what the Junior regularly and sometimes at a consequences would be. \*\*

But tonight, Maria was thinking of Davao. Maria could not go to her Mom's funeral because Junior had infor a conference. Maria had begged and begged Junior and promised to take even more breaks from school and work so she could be with him more often but Junior reminded Maria that she wouldn't be where she was, if it was not for him. Maria missed her Mom's funeral and had to make up an excuse of working so her father and three brothers would somehow under-

The sadness Maria felt was tearing

"Maria kept sobbing and sobbing while Junior kept snoring and snoring. Maria knew Junior would soon awaken at 5 a.m. and want to make love..."

her apart. She appreciated everything Junior was doing for her and understood her obligations to him. But she missed her Mom, who died of breast cancer at only 42. Maria last saw her Mom six months ago when Junior and she traveled to Davao to attend the opening of the Rod Duterte Foundation Museum. Maria was able to sneak away for a couple of hours and learned her Mom was dying. Maria told her Mom she was in school and working as a Special Assistant to the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of De La Salle. Maria gave her Mom some

money that Maria had saved from her monthly allowance that Junior gave

Maria kept sobbing and sobbing while Junior kept snoring and snoring. en at 5 a.m. and want to make love



"Okay, I'll tell you, but you must promise never to tell anyone—not a soul!" Who doesn't love a good scandal? Enjoy this new ongoing work of fiction in the harlequin style by Ate Nora.

# **Ating Kabuhayan**

# **Easter: Journeying** from End to Beginning

The Rev. John A.H. Tomoso †



n the Church, we are commemorating the season of Lent, officially a time devoted to fasting, abstinence and penitence. Usually one is greeted, probably by a fellow believer, with "What are you giving up for Lent?" This comes from the traditional thinking and practice of denying the pleasures of life for the more austere and somber side of life, to prepare for the great

and solemn feast of Easter, when we celebrate our Lord's resurrection from death into life.

Lent, I believe, is a journey from "our end" to "our beginning." I like to think of "our end" as the reality of our mortality; of our imperfection, of our sins and the fact that we will all die. So, without the lens of faith, death is "the end." The journey of Lent is to be undertaken with faith, so that our life here on earth is not "the end."

People of faith see this life as temporary, as a transiting from one life to the next. Lent is a time when we think of the next life, "the life everlasting." We do this while immersing ourselves into all that life offers and affords us. Lent can be a daunting experience, especially if we immerse ourselves in its true spirit of fasting, abstinence and penitence. I think this is where the journey, through Lent, begins; at "our end." We know we're all going to die and leave life, and all that we know and have come to grow fond of and love, is going to end. During Lent, we can be bombarded with how temporary is life and that, if we don't "make up" for the things that we haven't done—usually the good things we haven't done—then we will just end up, no pun intended, "at the dead-end;" like at the end of a road that just stops with nothing to look forward to, to experience or to relate and live for.

So, this is where "our beginning" comes. Lent is about "our end" because at its end, we begin to see, to know, to experience the beginning of new life, of unending life, of no "dead ends." In the Gospel according to Mark 8:35 (NRSV) we read "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me." Ah, denial and denying oneself is classic Lenten reality. It is a classic part of the Lenten journey that I submit begins with "the end." I also submit to you that such denial and denying is a true antidote to the dead-end road, to life as "the end."

In the Gospel, Jesus says "follow me." This certainly points to a journey, a life-long journey. And it is a journey of paradoxes, of contrary realities. Mark 8:36 (NRSV) comes into view here: "For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it." The Lenten journey can be paradoxical, as its beginning is "the end" and its ending is "the beginning."

I can only understand a journey that begins with an end and ends with a beginning, by seeing it through my lens of faith, that God, through His Son, promises us eternal life. This promise is fulfilled as "our beginning." But it must be made real in "our end," which is this life that you and I experience and share. It is a life not to be seen as an end in itself but as a means to an end, which is the beginning of life everlasting.

And that is what Easter is, the promise of everlasting life fulfilled, which is the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Journeying through Lent is about "our end," our death. But at the end of Lent, comes Easter, which is about "our beginning." But, not to worry. "Life is good!" This is a greeting that you've heard others exclaim. At Easter, I would change this greeting to "Life is good and is beginning!" As you journey through Lent, know that its end is really the beginning of many things to come. And then comes Easter, "our beginning." Alleluia!

Have an idea or a comment or even a question, contact me at this email address: atingkabuhayan@gmail.com. Until next time,

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# **Ka-Ching!**

# Food for Thought This March

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Elsa Agdinaoay-Segal

he average American family spends over \$7000 per year on food. Over 40 percent of that amount is for food eaten away from home. That's about \$135 per week, \$54 of which is eaten in restaurants. But are we getting good value for our money? The quality of the food we eat directly affects our health and well-being. Why not take the month of Marchwhich is National Nutrition Month®—to examine your family's spending patterns for food? To get the maximum amount of cooperation from your children, involve them directly in the process. They may end up teaching you a thing or two!

In the early days of our country, most people grew their own food. In the 1700s, farmers represented the overwhelming majority of the labor force and today farmers seem to be few and far between. Today, most people are cut off from the sources of their food supply. When children helped

their parents to hoe, plant, weed, prune and harvest, as well as peel, chop, pickle, boil and bake, it's a safe bet they didn't waste their meals. They knew firsthand exactly how much effort went into every bite! On the other hand, if they grow up thinking milk comes from the grocery store, and lettuce is the green stuff sticking out from under the hamburger, they're less likely to appreciate what's put in front of

To help your child learn about the real cost of food and how to get good value for dollars spent, try one or more of these activities:

- For one week, keep track of all your food expenditures. Include grocery shopping, convenience store purchases, school lunches and snacks, and restaurant meals. Add them all up to see what your family spends per week on food. Multiply that weekly total by 52 to get an estimate of what your yearly food budget might be. Then divide the weekly total by 21 to see what the cost of each meal was for that week.
- Do a blind taste test. Compare a store brand product, such as peanut butter, with a higher-priced name brand. Or compare a homemade product with an already-prepared version. With eyes closed, can you tell the difference? Which is better?
- Point out the ways in which advertisers try to get people, especially children, to buy their products. Bright colors, fun shapes, cartoon characters, and small toys are some of the gimmicks used. Explain that these foods may be overpriced or unhealthful despite their appeal. Make a game of trying to be the first to spot such gimmicks on television, in ads, on menus, and on product packaging.
- Read labels. Grab a bag or box from your refrigerator, your cabinets, or the grocery store shelf and read the ingredients. By law, ingredients must be listed in order of predominance, with the ingredients used in the greatest amount

first. Some ingredients will be easy to identify, like flour or sugar. But do you know what casein is? Lactic acid? Polysorbate 80? Point out to kids that ingredient names can be confusing or even misleading. Fructose, glucose, corn syrup, evaporated cane juice, malt syrup, and agave nectar are all different kinds of sugar, for example.

• Try a new food. Take kids to a farmer's market, the produce aisle of a grocery store, or wherever plenty of fresh fruits and vegetables are available. Choose one unfamiliar item to prepare at home. Use recipes found in cookbooks or online. Salespeople at farmer's markets are usually a great source of information about the foods they sell. You could also research a new item first, one that sounds delicious or intriguing. Have you ever tried star fruit? Ugli

> fruit? Blood oranges? Fresh artichokes? Find a simple recipe for preparing your new food. Then go to the store and look for the item, as well as any other ingredients you need for your recipe. Take it home, prepare it, and then discuss what you've made. Is this a food you'd like to try again?

> The real cost of food is more than its price tag in the store or restaurant. Mass-produced, overlyprocessed food, as well as too-large portions, can lead to obesity and other diseases, which in turn can lead to doctor bills and higher insurance rates. Children can learn a lot

about finances and other topics by spending a little more family time in the kitchen and in the market and your whole family may feel more rewarded! Today is a great day to start to gain control and begin preparing for the future. \*\*

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# PLEASURE PLATES

Live Healthy, Eat Healthy

**Sharon Zalsos** 

ealthy eating is not about dietary limitations, staying unrealistically thin, or depriving yourself of the food you love. Rather, it's about feeling great, having energy, and improving your health. If you feel overwhelmed by all the conflicting nutrition and diet advice out there, you're not alone. It is not a secret and we all know that eating right can help you maintain a healthy weight and avoid certain health problems but your diet which PHOTO SHARON ZALSOS I will substitute with the term "eating habits," also has a profound effect on lunch and dinner-but not if you folyour well-being.

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stone of a healthy habit eating should be to replace processed food with real food whenever possible. Eating

food that is as close as possible to the make fruit and vegetables a tasty way nature made it can make a huge part of your diet: difference to the way you think, look, and feel. Eating more fresh fruits and vegetables, cooking meals at home, and reducing your intake of sugar and refined carbohydrates may help to improve your overall health.

Switching to healthy eating doesn't have to be an all-or-nothing proposition. You don't have to be perfect, you don't have to completely eliminate foods you enjoy, and you don't have to change everything all at once-that usually only leads to cheating or giving up on your new eating plan. Like my parents used to say—"it's all about moderation." What is moderation you ask—it means eating only as much food as your body needs. You should feel satisfied at the end of a meal but not stuffed. For many of us, moderation means eating less than we do now. But it doesn't mean eliminating that foods you love. Eating bacon or longanisa for breakfast once a week, for example, could be considered moderation if you follow it with a healthy of the United States Air Force.



Eating more fresh fruits and vegetables, cooking meals at home, and reducing your intake of sugar and refined carbohydrates may help to improve your overall health. PHOTO SHARON ZALSOS

You can find good values on fruits and veggies on Saturdays at the Swap Meet next to U.H. Maui college or any day at other Filipino specialty stores around town. PHOTO COURTESY SHARON ZALSOS

Citrus (below): an excellent source of immuneboosting vitamin C and fiber gives the body what it needs to avert sickness. PHOTO SHARON ZALSOS

Chicken papaya is a great medley of whole foods that allows one to eat "healthy." In this case, the dish is enhanced with moringa leaves, called kalamungay or marunggay.

low it with bibingka or malassadas. Eating healthy doesn't have to be To set yourself up for success, think about planning a healthy eating habit cific foods or nutrients have been as a number of small, manageable shown to have a beneficial health ef- steps-like adding a salad to your fect, it's your overall eating habits meal once a day-rather than one

> changes become habit, you can continue to add more healthy choices.

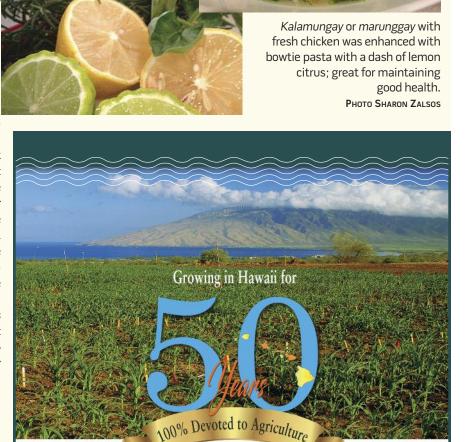
> Here are few tips on starting to eat healthy foods-

• Eat a medley of sweet fruit-oranges, mangos, pineapple, grapes

-for dessert

- Swap your usual rice or pasta side dish for a colorful salad
- Instead of eating processed snack foods, snack on vegetables such as carrots, snow peas, or cherry tomatoes along with a spicy humus dip or peanut butter which you may also partner with ba-
- Add antioxidant—rich berries to your favorite breakfast cereal. \*\*

Sharon Zalsos is a past president of the Maui Filipino Chamber of Commerce (three terms) and has her own marketing business: Kalona International LLC. She's also an ACN Independent Business Owner. A former Miss Maui Filipina, Sharon played the lead in MAPA's presentation of Miss Saigon. A graduate of Maui High School, Sharon is employed with the County of Maui and a proud Veteran



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# Disaster Preparedness Talk will be Highlighted on Wed. March 21

THE MAUI FILIPINO CHAMBER OF erations to mitigate disaster situations of Housing and Human Concerns. **COMMERCE** announced that its upcoming Business Mixer on Maui's Civil Defense Readiness will be held on Wednesday, March 21, 2018 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Tante's Island Cuisine. The guest speaker will be the new Administrator for the Maui Emergency Management Agency, Herman Andaya, Jr.

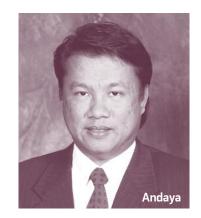
As Administrator for the Maui Emergency Management Agency, Andaya is responsible for planning, preparing, and coordinating Maui

and coordinating post-disaster recovery operations. At the Chamber's Business Mixer, Andaya will discuss Maui County's emergency preparedness operations and speak about ways that citizens can better prepare for various disaster situations.

Prior to working with the Maui Emergency Management Agency, Andaya served as Chief of Staff for Mayor Alan Arakawa, Special Assistant to the Chancellor at the University of Hawai'i Maui College, and as Deputy County's emergency management op- Director of Maui County's Department general public at \$25 per person. 359-1616.

Andaya was born and raised on the island of Maui. He is a graduate of H.P. Baldwin High School and the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, Master of Arts in Political Science, and Juris Doctorate.

Maui Federal Credit Union, All Access Entertainment, and Tante's Island Cuisine are sponsoring this event. The ipino Chamber of Commerce members at a cost of \$20 per person and to the



business mixer is open to Maui Fil- Light refreshments will be served. For more information about the business mixer, call Sharon Zalsos at (808)

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Maui Adult Day Care

Center

Maui Beach Hotel

Maui Coffee Roasters

Maui Federal

Credit Union

Maui Green Market

Maui Style Market

Max's Restaurant

North Shore Pizza

Pacific Fish Market

Paradise Supermart

Paradise Video

Plantation Grindz

RM Mini Mart

Rowena's Produce

Safeway - Kahului

Starbucks - Ka'ahumanu

Sunrise Food Mart

Tamura's

Tante's Island Cuisine

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# **Kīhei**

Elly's Formal

Foodland - Kīhei

Minit Stop

- Pi'ilani Village

**Monsanto** 

Phil-Mart Oriental

Safeway - Kīhei

Starbuck's

Pi'ilani Village

Tamura's

Times Supermarket

Tropical Marketplace

# Upcountry

Farmacy Health Bar

Kamoda's Bakery

Majestic Laundry

Makawao Fire Station

Makawao Public Library

Mixed Plate

Pukalani Superette

Starbucks - Pukalani

# Wailuku

**Blazing Steaks** 

**CAA Market Place** 

CAA Mini Mart

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County of Maui

Discount Mini Mart

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Golden Coin

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Noble Travel

Playmakers Sports Bar

Promenade

Rosie's Lunch to You

Sabado Art Studio

Sack and Save

Safeway - Maui Lani

Starbuck's Kehalani

Tamura's

Tasty Crust

Tiffany's Bar & Grill

Valley Isle Memorial Park & Cemetary / Ballard's

# Westside

Foodland - Lahaina

Ilocandia Filipino Store

Java Jazz - Honokōwai

Joey's Kitchen -

Kā'anapali

Joey's Kitchen - Nāpili

Nagasako Variety Store

Nāpili Market

**RVN** Deli Kitchen

Safeway - Lahaina

Cannery Mall

Starbuck's - Lahaina

SW General

Merchandise

Times Supermarket

- Kā'anapali

# **Let's Talk Pinoy!**

o you're about to visit the Philippines with your friends and family members for the very first time. Don't worry, English is widely spoken. But if you don't want to be "sold down the river," it's time for you to learn some basic Pinoy. But wait, the Philippines, with over 7,000 islands, has over 70 languages! Yes, languages--not dialects. So wherever you go, you may need to master not only Pilipino but a few other languages. For example, if you are heading north to the Ilocos regions, you're going to need to learn some Ilokano. Or maybe you're heading to Cebu, you need to learn Cebuano.

# Let's Talk Pinay!

**Dulce Karen Butay** 

Not to worry.

Let's Talk Pinoy will teach you some basic phrases that will impress your friends and family and even maybe a love interest! This month, we'll start with some basic greetings and yes, because Filipinos are very romantic, even some words of love!

When you wake up in the morning and headed to the kitchen and you see

your grandma making breakfast, you may want to greet her. Instead of saying "Good morning, gramma" say it in Ilokano version, "Naimbag a bigatmo" (nah-eem-bug-ah-bee-gut-mo). Watch her reaction, it will be priceless. Does your family speak Ibanag? We got you covered. "Mapia nga umma" (mah pya nga oom mah). Wanna say it in Kapangpangan? It's "Mayap a abak"

(Mah yap ah ah bak). How about in Cebuano? It's "Maayong buntag" (Mah ah yung boon taag). You want to say it in Ilonggo? "Maayong aga" (Mah ah yung ah ga). If none of these apply to you, try Pilipino and say "magandang umaga" (Mah gun daang oo mah gah). Congratulations, you are on your way to speaking a new language. Twenty-five percent of Hawai'i residents are Filipino, and so whether you are Filipino or not, look for my section every issue and "Let's talk Pinoy!"

Hangtud sunod na bulan (which is in Cebuano) or until next month (which is in English!) \*\*

English	Pilipino	llokano	Ibanag	Kapampangan	Cebuano	llonggo
Good Morning.	Magandang umaga.	Naimbag a bigat.	Mapia nga umma nikaw.	Mayap a abak.	Maayong buntag.	Maayong aga.
Good Afternoon.	Magandang hapon.	Naimbag a malem.	Mapia nga fugak nikaw.	Mayap a gapnapun.	Maayong hapon.	Maayong hapon.
Good Evening.	Magandang gabi.	Naimbag a rabii.	Mapia nga gabi nikaw.	Mayap a bengi.	Maayong gabii.	Maayong gab-i.
How are you?	Kumusta?	Kumusta?	Kumasi ka nanga?	Kumusta?	Naunsa na ka?	Kamusta ka na?
I love you.	Iniibig kita.	Ay-ayaten ka.	lddu taka.	Kaluguran daka.	Nahigugma ko nimo.	Palangga ta gid ka.
Thank you.	Salamat.	Agyamanak.	Mab-balo.	Dacal a salamat.	Daghang salamat. / Salamat kaayo.	Salamat gid.

Science in Business Administra- nance. Butay is a licensed Resi- master and won an all-expenses admaster here in Maui.

Dulce Karen Butay was gradu- tion, specializing in Accounting, dent Producer of Life Insurance paid trip to Cancun, Mexico with ty College and her Bachelors of County of Maui, Department of Fi- part of the Travel Club of Salad- Healthy Solutions, a dealer of Sal-

ated from Maui High School and from the University of Hawaii - with World Financial Group and the love of her life. Butay recently earned her Associate in Arts in West Oahu. She is currently the an Independent Consultant of Sal- returned from a trip to Texas as Liberal Arts from Maui Communi- Administrative Officer at the admaster. She recently became one of the delegates from Island



# **Scholarships Available from the Maui Filipino Chamber of Commerce**

SEVERAL SCHOLARSHIPS are available Foundation announced.

five \$1,000 scholarships to high school seniors who will be graduating in 2018; and one \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded to a current student at the Maui Culinary Academy at University of Hawai'i Maui College.

"A mission of the Foundation is to promote the pursuit of higher education," said Jeana Gamboa, president of the Maui Filipino Chamber Foundation. "We believe these scholarships will help today's students to become skillful, well-informed, and active citizens of tomorrow."

Applications for the various scholfor Maui residents who will be pursu- arships are available online at mauifiling higher education next year, the ipinochamber.com/scholarship/ and Maui Filipino Chamber of Commerce must be postmarked by March 31, 2018. High school candidates will be The foundation will present at least selected based on their grade point average (30 percent); standardized test scores (20 percent); activities, awards, honors and employment (15 percent), a brief essay (20 percent), financial need (10 percent) and letters of recommendation (5 percent). The selection criteria for Maui Culinary Academy students will be the applicant's grade point average (25 percent), the applicant's activities, awards, honors and employment (25 percent), a brief essay (25 percent) and a letter of recommendation (25 percent).



(\$100).The scholarships will be presented during the Maui Filipino Chamber of

Gold (\$650 for three golfers), Team

(\$450 for three golfers) and Tee

The Foundation raises funds for the Commerce's Gintong Pamana Leadership and Scholarship Awards banquet on June 13, 2018 at the Maui Beach Hotel. The recipient or a representative from his/her family must be present to accept the award. Sponsorship packages are now available. Contact Jeana Gamboa at (808) 419-4090 on how you can be a sponsor for or participant at this event. \*\*



# Easter...

sometimes with the most important king of the table as he refers to it, the letchon! No one would argue with John Patrick for sure, including me. Letchon is truly synonymous to the Filipino culture. Even though I no longer include pork in the daily dietary meats, I can vouch for the amazingly dreamy taste of fresh letchon. When prepared correctly and traditionally, there is no taste quite like it. John Patrick added that the special dishes typically prepared on Easter Sunday is brought to the nearest beach or water park in the Philippines. Joan from Cebu recalls Easter in Cebu as "hands down spending a long fun weekend with family and enjoying delicious food!"

Easter Sunday celebrations consisting of family gatherings and feasts are almost the equivalent of Christmas day festivities but held in the springtime. The Christmas season has barely concluded in December when you can already spot Valentine's Day items on display along with Easter goodies.

Philippines compared to America? The difference is the commercialization of Easter in the United States.

American way of living, you know Easter to you somehow relates to bunnies, colorful eggs, and pastel coltraditions also include hiding eggs and winning the prized Easter bas-



DJ, son of Fil-Am Voice writer and Ad Executive Sharon Zalsos is shown here celebrating American style Easter with his take of two Easter baskets full of eggs and other toys and goodies.

PHOTO COURTESY OF SHARON ZALSOS

Melanie from Makawao, whose family immigrated from the Philip-How different is Easter in the pines in the early 1990s, shared her favorite memory of their first Easter Season in Hawai'i. Having just moved to the United States, her par-If you are one of the many who ents tried their best to assimilate have already assimilated to the their two elementary age girls to the local traditions. Their mom surprised them with an egg hunting game inside their house. It's an activity her ored chocolate goodies. American mom had learned from a Martha Stewart show on television. A month see EASTER p.18 Firearms...

# Selected Hawai'i Gun Legislation

# 2001

Act 252

Requires health care provider or public health authority to disclose health information to police for the purpose of evaluating fitness to acquire firearms.

# 2006

Background checks required.

## 2010

Act 96

Prohibits person or government entity from seizing any firearm or ammunition under civil defense, emergency, or disaster relief powers, or during any civil defense emergency period or any time of national emergency or crisis, from any individual who is lawfully permitted to carry or possess the firearm or ammunition under part I of chapter 134, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), and who carries, possesses, or uses the firearm or ammunition in a lawful manner. Prohibits suspension or revocation, under emergency powers, of permits or licenses lawfully acquired and maintained under part I of chapter 134,

# 2012

Act 205

Requires a police officer to order a person to have no contact with a family or household member for a twenty-four hour period, or longer if the incident occurs on the weekend, when a police officer has reasonable grounds to believe that there is probable danger of further physical abuse or harm to the family or household member. Requires a police officer to seize firearms and ammunition in such cases. (SB223 HD1)

# Act 301

Exempts National Rifle Association certified firearms instructors from absolute liability for injury or damage caused by discharge of their firearms during the course of providing firearms training at a firing range to persons seeking to acquire a firearms

# 2013

Act 254

Requires county police departments under certain conditions to fingerprint, photograph, and perform background checks on individuals who wish to register a firearm that was procured out-of-state. Authorizes the police departments to assess a fee for conducting a fingerprint check and specifies the amount of the fee. Extends the time period for registering a ing and sexual assault are among the firearm procured out-of-state for consistency with the time period for reg-

istering firearms obtained in or imported into the State.

#### Act 255

Amends the offenses of terroristic threatening in the first degree and robbery in the first degree to include the use of simulated firearms.

# 2014

**Act 18** 

Allows the State and counties to perform criminal history record checks on employees, prospective employees, volunteers, and contractors whose positions allow them access to sensitive information, firearms for other than law enforcement purposes, and secured areas related to a traffic management center. Allows the counties to perform criminal history record checks prior to making an employment offer, and be exempt from the ten year lookback period, for prospective employees whose positions involve the handling or use of firearms for other than law enforcement purposes.

#### **Act 87**

Provides for a court-based relief program for persons federally prohibited from owning a firearm based on a finding of mental illness or civil commitment. Requires the courts to provide information relating to involuntary civil commitments to the Hawaii Criminal Justice Data Center to disclose to the Federal Bureau of Investigation National Instant Criminal Background Check System database for gun control purposes.

# 2016

**Act 19** 

Requires the courts to provide information relating to adult guardianships to the Hawaii criminal justice data center to disclose to the Federal Bureau of Investigation National Instant Criminal Background Check System database for gun control purposes. Requires the Hawaii criminal justice data center to maintain orders of appointment or information from orders of appointment for use in firearms permitting and registration. Takes effect January 1, 2017.

## Act 34

Includes misdemeanor offenses under chapter 134, Hawaii Revised Statutes, relating to firearms, ammunition, and dangerous weapons, to the offenses that disqualify retaken and reimprisoned parolees from provisions regarding reincarceration and credit for time served.

## **Act 108**

Authorizes county police departments to enroll firearms applicants and individuals who are registering their firearms into a criminal record monitoring service used to alert police when an owner of a firearm is arrested for a criminal offense anywhere in the country. Authorizes the Hawaii Criminal Justice Data Center to access firearm registration data.

## **Act 109**

Specifies that harassment by stalkoffenses that disqualify a person from see FIREARMS p.16

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2018 Regular Session of the State Legislature

Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran

e've reached the midway point of the 2018 Regular Session of the State Legislature. The House and Senate have exchanged bills that have been approved by the chamber that introduced them.

The Senate is sending a number of Maui bills for the House to work on, including a package in response to the strange interpretation of the State Liquor Laws by the Maui Liquor Commission, especially regarding non-profits applying for one-day fund-raising licenses.

SB2612 SD1 will waive fees and other requirements for class 10 special liquor license required for fund-raising events. It also enables a social club granted tax exempt status to sell wine from the social club's inventory to the club's members for off-premises consumption. The amendment also specifies that the class 10 special liquor li-

cense includes the ability to auction off, at a live or silent auction, liquor in sealed or covered containers or services that provide liquor.

**SB2613** authorizes the liquor commission to issue a new restaurant liquor license prior to the restaurant commencing operation. It clarifies that a class 2 restaurant liquor license is transferrable, provided that the transferee certifies that the transferee intends and shall derive no less than 30 percent of the establishment's gross revenue from the sale of foods.

SB2711 SD1 allows craft breweries the same authority as wineries to sell and ship directly to customers, and clarifies the requirements for operating retail outlets in more than one county.

**SB2945** eliminates the requirement that the applicant for a liquor license or a renewal of a license, or in the case of a transfer of a license, both the transferor and the transferee produce either a tax clearance certificate from the Internal Revenue Service or proof of entering into an installment plan agreement with the Internal Revenue Service.

Finally, SB2549 SD1 requires the liquor commission to reduce submission requirements for the issuance of temporary licenses for the sale of liquor for a period not to exceed one day for fund-raising events by nonprofit organizations. It also permits nonprofit organizations that have been issued a temporary liquor license for a fund-raising event the ability to auction off, at a live or silent auction, liquor in sealed or covered containers or services that provide liquor.

A major proposal, SB 2996 SD3, will shift management of Hawai'i's airports from the State Department of Transportation to a quasi-private organization-an Airport Corporationsimilar to how major airports and ports are operated on the mainland.

SB2619 SD2, Relating to Aeronautics, replaces criminal penalties for certain airport offenses with a civil penalty.

> At the request of the Maui County Council, SB2256 **SD1**, Relating to High-Beautification, way makes the motor vehicle registration fee for U-drive motor vehicles consistent with the fee for all other motor vehicles.

> In addition, SB2614 SD2, Relating to Taxation, extends the period by one year that a County may adopt a surcharge on state tax, under certain conditions, from 3/31/2018 to 3/31/2019 to fund County transportation programs. With fuel taxes not expected to

generate as much revenue as in the past, some other source is needed to repair and maintain County roadways and perhaps match available federal

After several years of debate, a paid Family Leave bill, SB2990 SD2, is moving. Currently, 42 percent of private sector employees in Hawai'i do not have access to a single day of paid leave to take care of a loved one or bond with a newborn child. While 247,000 Hawai'i residents already serve as family caregivers, by 2020 about 40 percent of the workforce will be caring for aging parents.

From keiki to kūpuna, paid family leave provides for better health outcomes for newborns through well-baby visits and vaccinations, and in-



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creased at-home care opportunities allowing elderly parents to age in place. Family leave generally resulted in a net benefit to employers by increasing employee retention and recruitment, and improving employee engagement, morale, and productivity.

Hawai'i residents discovered in the past year that State requirements limited the ability to invest in bit coin and other crypto currencies. SB3082 SD1, Relating to Virtual Currency, proposes a framework for the Division of Financial Institutions (DFI) to regulate the still-emerging virtual currency industry (i.e., bit coin). DFI will be able to accept like-kind virtual currency as permissible investments which addresses concerns from bit coin and other crypto currency transmitters that they are unable to hold cash and cashlike permissible investments to cover their virtual currency transactions.

In order to help the community colleges expand international study opportunities, SB3037 SD2, appropriates funds to grant one or more programs sponsored or organized by a University of Hawai'i campus to implement international college experiences for University of Hawai'i students.

Finally, a number of tax-related measures are aimed at promoting tax compliance.

SB508 SD1, Relating to Taxation, promotes tax compliance by increasing the taxes withheld on the amount realized by nonresidents from the disposition of Hawai'i real property from 5 percent to 9 percent.

SB2415 SD1, Relating to the Conveyance Tax, Raises the conveyance tax rates for residential investment properties with a value of at least \$2,000,000.

SB2968 SD1, Relating to Taxation, ensures that the State is able to collect the appropriate amount of general excise taxes on rents owed by all property owners, whether or not the owners are residents of Hawai'i or not.

SB2699 SD2, Relating to the Tran-

sient Accommodations Tax, imposes the transient accommodations tax on hotel resort fees that are calculated separately from the advertised transient accommodation's rate. The bill also clarifies that the transient accommodations tax shall be calculated based on the gross rental. Further, it specifies that the transient accommodations tax is to be collected from transient accommodations intermediaries who arrange transient accommodations at noncommissioned negotiated contract rates in the same manner as transient accommodations opera-

SB2693 SD1 establishes a one-time amnesty program for certain illegal short-term vacation rental operations and allows transient accommodations brokers to register as a tax collection agent for its operators and plan managers. It also requires registered tax collection agents to inquire with their operators and plan managers whether the transient accommodation is in compliance with all state and county land use and tax laws. The bill requires the operator or plan manager to provide verification of compliance with state and county land use laws. The bill allocates up to \$1,000,000 of TAT tax revenues to each county, contingent upon the county establishing a process to provide verification of compliance by an operator or plan manager with county land use laws. The bill makes it unlawful for a hosting platform to collect a fee for booking services regarding transient vacation rentals that are not lawfully certified, registered, or permitted under applicable county ordinances.

SB2489 SD2, Relating to Taxation, amends the formula for the amount of transient accommodations tax to be collected from time shares by increasing the base on which time share occupancy is taxed from one-half of the gross daily maintenance fees paid by the owner and are attributable to the time share unit to an unspecified per

see SESSION p.18







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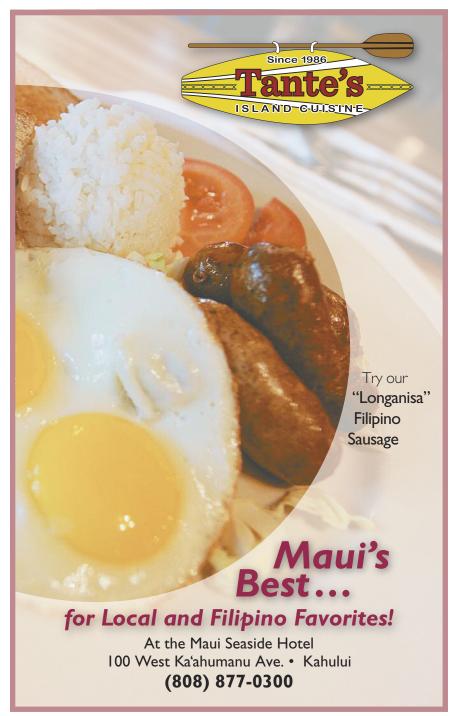


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# Firearms...

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owning, possessing, or controlling any firearm or ammunition.

#### **Act 110**

Requires firearms owners who have been disqualified from owning a firearm and ammunition due to a diagnosis of significant behavioral, emotional, or mental disorder, or due to emergency or involuntary hospitalization to a psychiatric facility, to immediately surrender their firearms and ammunition to the Chief of Police. Allows the Chief of Police to seize firearms and ammunition if a disqualified individual fails to surrender the firearms and ammunition after receiving written notice of the disqualification.

# 2017

Act 63

Requires written notice to certain

law enforcement agencies, the court that issued a protective or restraining order on an applicant, and the applicant's probation or parole officer, as applicable, upon the denial of a permit because of federal or state law.

Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran is a graduate of Maui High School, Yale College, and Boalt Hall School of Law, the University of California at Berkeley. He practices commercial, civil and administrative law with Takitani Agaran & Jorgensen, LLLP. He is currently a State Senator for Central Maui, serving as Vice Chair of the Senate Ways and Means Committee in 2018. He previously served as chair of the House Judiciary Committee and chair of the Senate Judiciary and Labor Committee. Keith-Agaran served in Governor Benjamin Cayetano's administration (where he was the first Filipino appointed as Chairperson of the State Land Board) and Mayor Alan Arakawa's administration (as Director of Public Works and Environmental Management).

# 9th Annual Water Conservation Poster **Contest and 2nd Annual Source Water Protection Video Contest**



Contest Theme:

# USE WATER WISELY

The theme for for the Water Conservation Poster Contest is "Use Water Wisely" as shown in the above graphic, whereas the theme for the Source Water Protection Video Contest is "Clean Water, Everyone's Business."

THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY ter Supply's Water Conservation Calis currently holding its 9th Annual Water Conservation Poster Contest open to Maui County students from

for high school students in public, private and home-schools.

Water The Conservation Poster Contest is designed to encourage our young artists to express their own ideas in relation the chosen theme. We invite students to use their artistic talents to celebrate drinking water and

"Use Water Wisely" is this year's theme. Roughly the same amount of water exists on earth today as when

to promote water conservation

it first formed on the planet. Our community's increased demand for water and periods of drought make it critical that we all do our part to guidelines are available be featured in the Department of Wa-please call 463-3110.

endar for 2019. Entry must be received by March 16, 2018.

The Source Water Protection grades K through 8 and 2nd Annual Video Contest is open to Maui Coun-Source Water Protection Video Contest ty high school students (Grades 9-

12). The purpose of this contest is to provide our youth (in a group of 3

or 4 or individual) with an opportunity to learn about source water protection and to utilize their to produce a 1.5 to 3 minute long video showcasing the importance of protecting our ground and

surface water sources, which our residents and visitors depend on for drinking water and other important uses. The theme for this year is "Clean Water, Everyone's Business." Entry must be received by Fri., April 13, 2018.

Entry forms, contest rules and conserve water. Winning entries will www.mauiwater.org. For inquiries,

# **Around Our Community**

If you have a photograph of a community event, please email to info@filamvoicemaui.com. Please include a short description, your name and contact information.



**The Marion Choir** at Christ the King Church engage in fellowship after Sunday Mass. PHOTO COURTESY PAUL PIGAO



The Kabatak Club at UHMC after the Ilokano lessons. PHOTO COURTESY JR REGALADO



Congratulations to Kit Zulueta and fiancee **Deron Furukawa** on the opening of their new business, Mystery Maui, located at 81 N. Market St. Ste. 200 in downtown Wailuku. **P**HOTO COURTESY KIT ZULUETA



Congratulations to **Erlinda Rosario** on receiving a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Mayor's Office of Economic Development and Maui Chamber of Commerce. PHOTO LYNN ARAKI-REGAN



UH Kabatak members learn how to speak Ilokano **P**HOTO COURTESY JR REGALADO



Leah Belmonte (left), Governor David Ige's representative, and Maui County Board of Education member Kili Namau'u visit Kīhei Charter School. Applications are due by March 30. PHOTO COURTESY TOM BLACKBURN-RODRIGUEZ



Salvacion Agdinaoay is up early to pack her famous lady fingers for a customer to bring to Honolulu Рното:  $\mathbf{A}$ LFREDO EVANGELISTA



Tante Urban, Maui's Chief of Police Tivoli Faaumu, and Ret. Lt. Greg T. Peros pose for a photo opp. at Tante's Island Cuisine. Рното: ALFREDO EVANGELISTA



**Sharon Zalsos** stands next to a green dragon dancer during the year of the earth dog Chinese New Year celebration at in Lahaina. PHOTO: ARIS BANAAG

# What's Happening On Maui

# Calendar Fil-Am Voice 2018

Please submit your community event by the seventh day of each month via email to info@filamvoicemaui.com

# March

#### 17 BEACH CLEANSE HOSTED BY MISS MAUI FILIPINA GABRIELLE

GUTIERREZ 7:30 a.m.-8:15 a.m. Beach Bootcamp led by The Block lululemon ambassador Anthony Bianucci, 8:30 a.m.-9:15 a.m. Beach Clean Up in front of Whaler's Village and resorts; 9:30 a.m. Complimentary Açaí bowls from Brekkie Bowls will be served. Come with a towel and water to stay hydrated!

#### 21 EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

presented by Maui Filipino Chamber Foundation featuring Herman T. Andaya, Jr. 6 p.m. at Tante's Island Cuisine. Contact Sharon Zalsos at 359-1616 for more information.

#### 31 DEADLINE FOR MAUI FILIPINO **CHAMBER FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP**

Download scholarship application at www.mauifilipinochamber.com. For more information, contact Richard Minatoya at 385-0088.

# April

**1** EASTER SUNDAY

#### 21 Annual Scholarship Golf TOURNAMENT sponsored by Maui Filipino Chamber of Commerce Founda-

tion. The Dunes at Maui Lani. Contact

Tournament Chairperson Bill Ruidas at 344-5251 or Tournament Co-Chairperson Alfredo Evangelista at 294-5510.

#### 21 MISS MAUI FILIPINA SCHOLAR-SHIP PAGEANT sponsored by the Maui Filipino Community Council. Binhi at Ani Filipino Community Center in Kahului. Contact Maui Filipino Community Council President Marilyn Oura at 280-2057.

#### **28-29 PHILIPPINE CONSULATE** MOBILE OUTREACH ON MAUI

Contact the Maui County Immigrant Services Division at 270-7791 for more information. The newly issued passports will be good for ten (10) years.

# May

- 1 DEADLINE FOR BINHI AT ANI **SCHOLARSHIP** Download scholarship application at www.binhiatani.org. For more information, contact Nora Takushi at 276-8861.
- 6 Mrs. Ambassador of Culture SPONSORED BY DANCE INTERNATION-AL FOUNDATION Binhi at Ani. 5:30 p.m. dinner; 6:30 p.m. pageant. \$35. Contact Madelyne Pascua at 268-0686.
- 19 Maui High School **GRADUATION CEREMONIES**

#### 22 BALDWIN HIGH SCHOOL **GRADUATION CEREMONIES**

#### 24 King Kekaulike High School GRADUATION CEREMONIES

#### 25-26 49TH ANNUAL BARRIO

FIESTA sponsored by Binhi at Ani. Fri. 5-10 p.m. Sat. 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Binhi At Ani Filipino Community Center in Kahului. Contact Nora Takushi at 276-8861.

- **26** KAMEHAMEHA SCHOOLS MAUI **GRADUATION CEREMONIES**
- **26 SEABURY HALL GRADUATION CEREMONIES**
- 27 LAHAINALUNA HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION CEREMONIES

#### June

- 2 St. Anthony High School **GRADUATION CEREMONIES**
- 5 DEADLINE TO FILE AS A CANDI-DATE FOR ELECTIVE OFFICE
- 13 GINTONG PAMANA LEADERSHIP AND SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS sponsored by the Maui Filipino Chamber of Commerce. For more information or sponsorship opportunities call Jeana Gamboa at 419-4090.

#### July

7-15 2018 Ambassador's Tour: MANILA-CEBU-BOHOL For more information contact Teresita Noble at 244-4609.

- 12 VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE
- 19-23 WORLD ESCRIMA KALI ARNIS FEDERATION (WEKAF) **CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT** at Lahaina Civic Center. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sponsorships available. Contact Madelyne Pascua at 268-0686.
- **30** Early walk-in voting LOCATIONS OPEN

## August

- 9 EARLY WALK-IN VOTING ENDS
- 11 PRIMARY ELECTION DAY

#### October

- 9 VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE
- 23 EARLY WALK-IN VOTING LOCATIONS OPEN

# Movember

- 3 EARLY WALK-IN VOTING ENDS
- **6** GENERAL ELECTION DAY

# Easter...

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later, a foul stench lingered in their house. The smell was not familiar and their mom cleaned their house up and down but the smell lingered for another three weeks. Their mom concentrated her cleaning efforts in the kitchen and even moved their stove and refrigerator to see if a dead mouse was somehow stuck there. It wasn't until much later that their dad found the last remaining two eggs from Easter. The eggs had rolled behind the stereo cabinet and rolled down in between the wall and the cabinet nook. Safe to say that was the first and last time their mom used all activities moved outside the house. No more stinky after Easter!

For Marjorie, after she moved to Maui, Easter is celebrated with brunch and Easter egg hunting with her family. "But these days with everyone's hectic schedule and being a business owner, we no longer have time to celebrate with the entire family," she said. Almie's activities with the Holy Rosary Church in Pā'ia allow her and her family the convenience of not only being able to attend regular service but also to be involved with the church activities and other spiritual preparations leading up to Easter Sunday. "We have egg hunting in the church grounds and beach parties to follow," she added. She feels very

boiled eggs for the egg hunting. And blessed to have other families with the same spirituality to celebrate with.

> John Patrick is very thankful to have learned and practiced Easter in the Philippines. Now that he is here in the United States, he is even more thankful that he is able to follow the same practices with his own family members even though he is in a different place, the practice and tradition are still very much in his heart.

> There are many traditional ways to celebrate Easter. Whether you choose to center this day around religious rituals and practices or to look for the colorful eggs left by the Easter bunny, remember to celebrate the Easter sea-

**Sharon Zalsos** is a past president of the Maui Filipino Chamber of Com- ed States Air Force.



merce (three terms) and has her own marketing business: Kalona International LLC. She's also an ACN Independent Business Owner. A former Miss Maui Filipina, Sharon played the lead in MAPA's presentation of Miss Saigon. A graduate of Maui High School, Sharon is employed with the County of Maui and a proud Veteran of the Unit-

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cent of the gross daily maintenance fees paid by the owner of the time share and are attributable to the time share unit. The formula has not been updated since it was established in 1998.

SB2868 SD3, Relating to Taxation, imposes registration requirements and the transient accommodations tax on

travel agencies, and tour packagers that enter into arrangements to furnish transient accommodations at noncommissioned negotiated contract rates on their share of the proceeds.

A measure to have Real Estate Investment Trusts pay income taxes

Finally, a number of bills remain alive that would invest more of the Transient Accommodations Tax, or hotel room tax, in natural resources.

SB2224 SD2 redistributes trantransient accommodations brokers, sient accommodations tax revenue by

allocating more State Parks, Forestry, Small Boat Harbors and DOCARE, County lifeguard contracts, the University of Hawai'i and schools, and less funds to Hawai'i Tourism Authority for visitor marketing. Similarly, SB **3038 SD1** proposes similar changes for natural resources.

The House will now have an opportunity to review these bills and almost four hundred other measures in the next phase of the legislative session.

Gilbert Agaran serves vice-chair of the Senate Ways Means Committee, where



oversees the Capital Improvements Projects budget. He has represented Central Maui in the Hawai'i State Senate since 2013.

# What Do You Think?



Survivor of the recent shooting, David Hogg, (right) of Marjory Stoneman Douglas High in Parkland, Florida, called for visitors to boycott Florida during spring break to raise awareness about gun control.

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# What Do You Think

... of the renewed efforts to pass gun control legislation, at the national and state levels?

Fil-Am Voice Staff

he recent massacre at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida, using an AR-15 rifle which claimed seventeen lives, has renewed efforts to pass gun control legislation, at the national and state levels. What Do You Think?

Alex of Kahului with roots in Asingan, Pangasinan: "18 year olds should not be able to buy a gun because at a young age they are more aggressive."

Allan of Kahului with roots in Calveria, Cagayan: "Anyone under the age of 21 should not be able to buy a gun. Sale of automatic/semi automatic assault guns should be banned."

Alona Jhane of Kahului with roots in Dingras, Ilocos Norte: "I don't think it's a good idea due to the many school shootings recently."

Aris of Ha'ikū with roots in Camiguin, Bukidnon and Palawan: "High powered weapons, like assault weapons, should be banned for the masses, and only allowed for military and police use. Weapons such as this is not even ideal for hunting purposes anyway, so I can't see the need for the general public to have access to such a powerful ammunition. We need to have better background checks and include mental health as part of the determination. But then again, this has been said time and time again, and it still has not happened."

Aurelio of Kahului with roots in Roxas, Isabella: "Need stricter gun laws. 18 year olds should not be able to buy guns."

Gayle of Kahului with roots in **Tarlac, Philippines**: "I think that there should be more restrictions on purchasing or owning any type of weapon at every state, such as conducting background checks, higher age restrictions, limit the number of owned weapons to one or two, li-

cense and registration of the firearm should be renewed every year, if the use of the weapon is by wrongdoing then they should be punished at the right level, etc. As a service member, I am very concerned about every issue our nation has, and gun control in every state is one of them. Seeing that the use of a gun has already claimed many lives, it is sad that our people are killed by our own peo-

#### Jane of Kīhei with roots in Makati, Metro Mani-

la: "I think it's about time to implement gun control but I need to read and educate myself first on what's involved on this."

Jeny of Kīhei with roots in Banna, Ilocos Norte: "Hawai'i has some of the toughest gun control laws (registration, licensing, and regulation) in the nation. However, our Hawai'i laws can be improved in the registration and licensing enforcement of the law. Such as in the area of eligibility to purchase and carry a gun. Should

a person first be evaluated for their risk of being homicidal and suicidal? Should a person be allowed to carry a gun if one is found to have moderate to high risk factors (i.e. alcohol and drug use, bullied, bully, suicide, attempted murder, domestic/intimate partner violence, perpetrator of all forms of family violence, mental illness, etc)?"

Kauanoe of Kahului with roots in Ilocos Norte: "On Valentines Day, a mass shooting at Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida, claimed 17 lives. On a day that is supposed to celebrate love, in-

nocent lives were violently taken in another mass shooting. Armed with a legally purchased AR-15, the perpetrator exemplified how easy it is obtain an assault rifle to harm others. Although grief-stricken, the students banded together to turn their grief, anger, and trauma into civic action. Though young, these teenagers are inspiring waves of change across our nation-from Florida to our islands. They've led the #NeverAgain movement by organizing meetings, schoolwide walkouts, and a March to Save Our Lives that Hawai'i students are rallying behind. I am inspired by the Parkland survivors and hopeful that the conversations they're spurring help to end the frequent mass shootings unique to our country. We need to find a justified balance between our Second Amendment rights and our inalienable right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness."

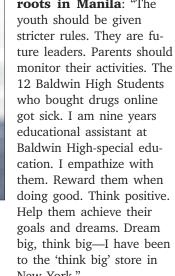
Kit of Wailuku with roots in **Quezon City**: "There are three things that come to my mind-1. We should all be advocates for mental health and make sure local services are well-funded to provide support for new and unique challenges we face today, 2. Neither side of U.S. politics wants to BAN guns. But there's a movement to support gun reform, considering requirements and background checks for those wanting to own a gun. If it's easier to get a gun than a driver's license, our legislators should really consider changes for our welfare, and not the interests of strong lobbyists. Most important and lastly, 3. Say whatever you want about millenials and generations after, our youth today have immense power, more knowledge, drive and determination than any of us. They are no longer restricted to the back

tal illness, it simply has to do with learning to value yourself and learning to value others. When we put that into practice in our broken communities we will begin to see health again. Someone who cannot value themselves or others will hurt people and unfortunately kill others, and then turn and point the gun to themselves. Teaching people about their created identity as being someone who is loved, valued and cared for is very important. When we don't take time to befriend someone because we are busy, or think we are better than them, it causes people in communities and families to feel abandoned, left out and unimportant. If we learn to do life with each other in healthily-intentional ways we will not only eliminate school shootings but also domestic violence, sexual assault, and other hurtful things people do to each other.

I actually spoke with a teen who goes to Parkland High school who was in a classroom that got shot at. He witnessed death in his classroom and one of his teachers died. I reached out to him and asked what he needed prayer for. He said for his friends because a lot of people were sad and got hurt. He also asked for a prayer for his teacher who got shot. My heart broke as I talked to him and he communicated his hurt.

I prayed and haven't stopped praying. We need to learn to value ourselves and others and be intentional about how we live life with others. Love will cover multitudes. We live in a broken world with broken communities with broken people. Befriend someone, ask someone how they are doing, show interest in someone no one shows interest for, and simply love up on them because their worth is of great value!"

> Luz of Kīhei, with roots in Manila: "The who bought drugs online educational assistant at cation. I empathize with big, think big—I have been to the 'think big' store in New York."



Michelle of Kahului seat or kiddie table. They are leading with roots in Pangasinan and **Bohol**: "I believe that the passing of new laws to ban assault weapons is a good beginning, but it is not enough. We need better laws for background checks and limits on the amount of bullets you can buy. And most importantly, we need to be taught how to look for specific signs of people who could be a danger to our community and not be afraid to report it to the police. This most recent incident is

> a wake up call and as much as I believe in our 2nd amendment, saving lives is more important than my rights." \*\*



US Marine Corps Gunnery Sgt. Rome Lazarus with the Force Reconnaissance Detachment, 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit, executes close quarters combat drills as part of low-light, live-fire sustainment training. The image shows the AR-15 Assault Rifle. PHOTO COURTESY BUSINESS INSIDER

national campaigns and standing on

the front lines. They deserve our sup-

Lori of Kahului with roots in

Bacarra, Ilocos Norte: "This issue does hit home for me because I've worked at an elementary school and coach high school girls basketball for over a decade as well. So youth hit near my heart and their safety is my number one priority! My thoughts on gun control is that it needs to be

ble hands. When it comes down to it whether it be gun control or addressing men-

controlled and be placed in responsi-



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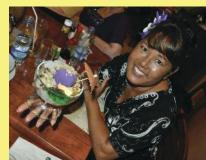


Local city officials welcomed the Maui County delegation while visiting Baguio City, the summer capital of the Philippines; a highly urbanized town located 5,000 feet in the mountains of the Cordillera region in the Philippines.



Receiving a coffee table book about Quezon City presented by its Mayor, Herbert Bautista. Quezon City is also a sister city of Maui County for more than 40 years now.





Fun trike rides and halo-halo! Noong pagbisita ko sa Pilipinas, nagustohan ko talaga ang lasa ng mangga na may ginisang bagoong alamang. Sobrang sarap na ngayon, palagi akong may bote ng bagoong sa bahay! While visiting the Philippines I developed an addiction for green mango with sautéed bagoong. I always have a jar at home now!

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