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Victorino and Cochran to Face Off for Mayor's Race in November

THE HIGHLY TOUTED RACE FOR MAUI MAYOR in the November 6 general election will feature former Wailuku Councilman Michael Victorino and current West Maui Councilwoman Elle Cochran. Current

Kahului Councilman Don S. Guzman, who was hoping to be the first elected Maui Mayor of Filipino ancestry, came in third in the seven person primary contest.

Victorino led from the first report with an early lead of 3,262 votes over Cochran but with Guzman trailing Cochran
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The two top vote-getters in the primary election for Maui county mayor, **Michael Victorino** and **Elle Cochran**, will be moving on to the November general elections on November 6.



Changing of the Guard

Bobby Andrion moves up to head ILWU Local 142 Maui Division.

Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran

When I asked if I could email Bobby Andrion some topics I wanted to cover in a profile, the newly elevated head of ILWU Local 142's Maui Division sheepishly admitted he wasn't particularly tech savvy and his email wasn't working right. A grinning Steve Castro, Andrion's immediate predecessor, standing nearby, offered use of his email.

When I arrived at the Union's Hall on Lower Main Street, Andrion is just completing a meeting. He comes towards me and is promptly presented with a stack of material that require his review and approval. He starts to look through the papers—invoices and purchase orders and letters—then decides he'll handle the task later. He scoops up the stack and leads



In a flurry of leadership roles busying his normal workday, **Roberto "Bobby" Andrion** makes time to expound upon the responsibilities of his newly acquired role at ILWU Local 142's union hall.

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me back to the first-floor conference room.

Roberto "Bobby" Andrion, Jr. is running around from meeting to meeting at ILWU Local 142's spacious union hall on Lower Main Street. With Castro still finishing up

work in the Second Floor office of the Division Director, Andrion is working off a desk in the reception domain where longtime ILWU division secretaries Joycelyn Victorino and Joyce Naruse hold sway. He looks at me warily. The

sixty-one old year maintains a toned figure that you imagine still fits a tailored formal uniform of an army officer, which he was. Andrion honed his military bearing while serving six years of active duty
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Mayoral hopeful, Councilman **Don S. Guzman** looked on with **Tracie Takatani** and **Neldon Mamuad** on Mamuad's smart phone after the first reading of the poll results shortly after 6:30 p.m., Sat. August, 11.
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by only 574 votes. The final Maui printout came in at 12:40 a.m., with Victorino garnering 13,541 votes (39.8%), Cochran receiving 10,428 votes (30.6%) and Guzman tallying 8,184 votes (24.0%). Victorino bested Cochran by 3,113 votes while the gap between Cochran and Guzman expanded to 2,244.

“First of all, I want to thank all the people of Maui County who went out and voted. For those who didn’t, please vote in the General Election. It’s your future.” said Victorino. “I’m thankful that Don ran a great campaign sticking with the issues and I hope that Elle will do the same during the General Election. I would like to ask all of the Guzman supporters to please consider me for Mayor. Finally, I want to thank my lovely wife Joyce-

lyn and the rest of my family as well as my awesome campaign committee and volunteers. Without their support and hard work, we would not be in a position to be the next Mayor.”

Cochran was also thankful: “I am so grateful to advance to the general election, and really encouraged by the fact that turnout was over 7,000 voters higher than the 2016 primary election. Maui is really at a crossroads, and we have to make some big decisions about how to manage our housing, economy and natural resources. Those decisions will affect our current residents, as well as our future generations, and I think more people want to be a part of that decision making process. We will spend the next few months educating people about what I stand for, and about what is possible when we operate with the well being of our residents and natural resources in mind. I truly believe that the people of Maui want their voices better rep-



Mike Victorino was among many of his faithful constituency with copious food and entertainment by the second primary election poll reading. The atmosphere was that of relaxed excitement and positivity as the reading was announced on the big-screen TV monitor that was positioned next to the staging area.
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resented in government, and I will work hard to win the election and bring their voice to the Mayor’s office.”

A quick review of the precinct reports showed Victorino winning every precinct in Wailuku (District 8), his home area. Victorino also won every precinct in Kahului (District 9) represented by Guzman in the County Council.

Cochran showed her strength among voters on Election Day, prevailing in almost all precincts in her home area of Lahaina (District 10), with Victorino only winning the absentee walk-in vote for precincts 10-02 [King Kamehameha III Elementary] and 10-03 [Lahaina Intermediate School] while Guzman won the absentee mail vote for precinct 10-03.

Cochran also was favored by Primary Day voters over Victorino in almost all precincts in South Maui (District 11) with Victorino only winning the absentee mail vote for precinct 11-01 [Trinity Episcopal Church by the Sea] and the absentee walk-in for precinct 11-04 [Kihei Elementary School].

Victorino won almost all precincts Upcountry (District 12 which includes Spreckelsville, Hāli’imaile, Makawao, Pukalani and Kula) with Cochran winning the walk-in for precinct 12-05 [Kula Community Center], the absentee walk-in for precinct 12-05, and the walk-in for precinct 12-06 [Kaunoa Senior Citizen Center].

In East Maui, Molokai and Lāna‘i (District 13), Cochran won the majority of the precincts: walk-in for 13-01 [Pā‘ia Community Center]; absentee walk-in for precinct 13-01; absentee mail for precinct 13-01; walk-in for precinct 13-02 [Ha‘ikū Community Center]; absentee walk-in for precinct 13-02; absentee mail for precinct 13-02; walk-in for precinct 13-03 [Hāna High/Elementary School]; absentee walk-in for precinct 13-03; absentee mail for precinct 13-03; absentee walk-in for precinct 13-04 [Lāna‘i High/Elementary School]; walk-in for precinct 13-05 [Kilohana Community Center]; absentee mail for precinct 13-05; absentee walk-in for precinct 13-07 [Maunaloa Community Center]; and absentee mail for precinct 13-07. Victorino beat Cochran in only a handful of precincts: walk-in for precinct 13-04; absentee mail for 13-04; absentee walk-in for precinct 13-05; walk-in for precinct 13-06 [Kau-nakakai School]; absentee walk-in for precinct 13-06; absentee mail for precinct 13-06; walk-in for precinct



Elle Cochran dressed in royal purple and was donned with an elegant maile lei during the August 11 election evening readings. She is shown here smiling for a photo op at her base camp located in Wailuku.

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13-07; walk-in for precinct 13-08 [Kualapu‘u Community Center]; absentee walk-in for precinct 13-08; and absentee mail for precinct 13-08.

Of the 94,194 registered voters in the County of Maui, only 34,073 voted—36.2%. Almost half—21,123—voted via absentee (including walk-in absentees). Only 12,950 showed up on Primary Election Saturday at the polls. The County of Maui continues to be heavily Democratic, with 29,687 (87%) selecting a Democratic Party ballot while only 3,338 (9.7%) selected a Republican Party ballot. Three hundred forty six voters (1%) selected a Nonpartisan ballot while only 135 (less than 1%) selected a Green Party ballot.

Incumbent Governor Ige prevails against Hanabusa

Meanwhile, in the State races, the incumbents generally survived. Governor David Ige bested a strong challenge from Congresswoman Colleen Hanabusa. The first printout reported Ige with a small 6,671 vote lead over Hanabusa (55,155 to 48,484) but by the final printout Ige completed his successful rally from a 20-point deficit in the first polls to soundly beat Hanabusa, 124,528 (50.2%) to 107,583 (43.4%)—a difference of 16,945.

In the 2014 Primary Election, Ige (with the endorsements of former Governors George Ariyoshi and Benjamin Cayetano) beat incumbent Governor Neil Abercrombie 157,050 (66%) to 73,507 (30.9%). This year, Ariyoshi’s and Cayetano’s endorsement of Hanabusa did not make a differ-

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Framed photos of members and retirees grace the Union Hall's wall—among them are former Maui Division Director **Roger Tacdol** (left), and former Business Agent **Claro Romero, Jr.**
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Army at the tail-end of the Vietnam War (1974-80). He then spent about a decade in the Hawai'i National Guard, attending OCS at Benning (he uses shorthand jargon at times like other Veterans—you assume he means Fort Benning) to get his officer bars. He retired as a Captain sometime in the early 1990s—Andrion doesn't appear to be a person who dwells too much on past details. Probably when the first and second battalion merged, he offers, which is when a lot of Guard Member positions were shifted to O'ahu. I'd known some Guard members who commuted to complete their State service from Maui but he said he wasn't interested in living anywhere else.

Andrion officially took over on July 1st as Maui Division Director of the ILWU Local 142, Hawai'i's largest private sector union with approximately 18,000 members statewide. Six Thousand of those members work in Maui County. While perceived as a largely Filipino union, the membership of the ILWU is quite ethnically diverse given the various businesses that have been organized in the years since Statehood.

He thinks that part of the perception persists because many members choose not to attend meetings. Despite growing up in Hawai'i, he considers himself still fluent—very fluent—in Ilokano. It's a skill that he thinks the Filipino members appreciate—they like to hear the language spoken he says matter of factly. He also picked up some Tagalog while in the military so he has that in his arsenal as well.

His grandfather was an early *Sakada* who came to work on the Hawai'i plantations. He was also one of those who eventually returned to the Philippines in the 1930s. Andrion's namesake and father was a 1946 *Sakada*.

Emme Tomimbang featured Andrion, his father Roberto Sr. and his son Christopher in her 2006 documentary "Mabuhay with Aloha" as three generations who worked in the sugar industry. She used them to illustrate the

changes in job opportunities in Hawai'i's sugar industry. Roberto Sr. was a field worker. Bobby was an HC&S Machinist. And Christopher worked as an electrician on the HC&S bagasse power generator with a specialty in fiber optic systems. Including his grandfather, four generations of Andrion's family labored in the sugar industry and at least the latter three were all ILWU members. Andrion's three sons from his first marriage (Christopher, Rudolfo and Charles) all worked at some point for HC&S—the youngest, Charles, was among the last employees laid off when A&B's corporate overlords closed the Maui farm in 2016. Chris now works as an Adult Corrections Officer at Maui Community Correctional Center, Rudolfo is a Spectrum Cable Installer while Charles has moved on to the Grand Wailea.

Andrion is not a Maui native but he might as well have been. Born in Bantay, Ilocos Sur, a six-year old Bobby arrived on Maui in 1962 with his mother Estefania and his two siblings Elisea and Rodolfo. His sister now lives in Las Vegas while his parents and brother have passed away. Except for six years on active duty, Andrion has lived over forty-five years on Maui.

There are photos on the wall in the Union Hall where most large gatherings of members and retirees take place—framed 8" by 12" photos of former Maui Division Directors: Tom Yagi. John Arisumi. Roger Tacdol. William Kennison. Steve Castro. Smaller pictures of current Business Agents hang below the Directors. We had strolled in there to check whether the dates that prior Division Directors served are posted with the photos. I had asked about Roger Tacdol, the only other Filipino who has served as Maui Division Director.

Andrion's present photo is still in the Business Agent section. One of the secretaries notes they should get his photo enlarged and displayed in the place of honor. A bemused Andrion pauses stiffly and it's obvious in his body language that he hasn't thought of that and likely doesn't consider it a priority. There's a lot of work to do and he's already devoted nearly an

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Bobby Andrion signs documents while on the job as head of ILWU Local 142's Maui Division.
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From the Editor's Desk

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Did You Vote?

As an immigrant and business owner, I know how important it is for government to be responsive to the people's needs. That's why I voted in this month's election. Did you vote?

As an immigrant, I continue to believe that America gives us a chance to succeed, regardless of where we were born. In America, education has always been called the great equalizer, allowing those in the lower classes to climb the ladder of success. I've always been a supporter of our public school systems and I always vote for those who believe in it as well. Did you vote?

As a business owner, I have faced many obstacles in my quest to be successful. At times, there's so much red tape that doesn't make sense... or it takes so long to complete the process. Sometimes, to me, it seems that government hinders more often than helps. In Hawai'i, small business is the backbone of our economy and many in our Filipino community are dreaming of starting their own enterprise—whether in the provision of goods, services, etcetera; I've always been a supporter of those who believe that government should assist—not impede—businesses and I always vote for those who believe in it as well. Did you vote?

The primary elections are now done but the election season is not yet over as the general elections



are less than three months away. The number of candidates are lessened (and yes, for some races, the candidates have already been elected outright) and we need to focus and continue to impress upon the remaining candidates what we believe our government should emphasize.

“Even though your candidate did not make it past the primary, that does not mean you should give up.”

– TANTE URBAN

Even though your candidate did not make it past the primary, that does not mean you should give up. In business and in life in general, we never give up even after we face obstacles. Likewise we should never give up when our preferred candidate does not win.

Instead, we should keep coming together as a community. We should keep growing as a community. We should continue to be proud of our accomplishments and strive to do even more in government and in business. *Magkaisa Tayong Lahat!* ✨

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hour to this interview.

The ILWU has contract negotiations ongoing. A new contract for the Andaz' 350+ member unit has just concluded and talks for the Hyatt Maui's 600 or so members are about to start. It's also an election year and the ILWU endorsement and help remains a highly coveted prize. But in Andrion's view, that's all part of what happens in the union.

Unlike some other unions, all ILWU officers are elected by the membership and come from the rank and file of the union. Andrion is filling in the final months of Castro's term and will need to stand for election this Fall for a three-year term that begins in January 2019.

He was hired, he says, as the last full-time Machinist at the Pā'ia Factory (old HC&S hands refer to the Mills as "Factories"). After him, the plantation hired only millwrights and other positions instead. He eventually moved to the Pu'unēnē Factory and in 2004 decided to stand for election as a Business Agent. Before then he'd been a union organizer off and on for 4–5 years. His change to union organizing was methodical. He said he did it a year at a time.

Roger Tacdol, former Division Director and the first Filipino to hold the Maui Division Director post, recalls Andrion coming to him and asking for his blessing when Bobby finally decided to run for Business Agent.

Andrion won that first election and has been re-elected to additional terms, most recently in 2015 where he garnered the most votes: 1432. Claro Romero (1316), Stephen West (1262), Joseph "Joe" Aquino (1197) and Jerry Beth DeMello (1101) were the other elected Business Agents.

His military experience, he grants, helped him maneuver through the operations and administrative structure of the union. He enjoyed addressing problems for the members but he still remembers the ones he couldn't help despite his best efforts. Those are the hardest to accept and the memories stay with him.

I ask him why he wanted the current job.

Andrion muses with almost an imperceptible shrug that he didn't seek the Division Director's job. With the retirements in the Maui Division, he observes he simply ended up the most senior Business Agent. The job, he notes, "fell in his lap."

Only a few weeks into the job, he says, "I knew it would be challenging." He admits that he thought the job would be easier than dealing with the different units. A key difference he observes is the need to be a better communicator with the rank and file generally.

His time with the union has reflected the changes in membership as the plantation era wound down. As a new Business Agent in 2004, Bobby began by handling the HC&S unit, including clericals. Over the course of

his terms with the union, membership has continued expansion beyond the agricultural workers that built the ILWU as one of the most influential labor organizations in Hawai'i. Today, the ILWU has units working at golf courses (grounds and guest services), Foodland and Star Market, as well as visitor industry employees at the Royal Lahaina, Andaz and Kā'anapali Ali'i, and medical technicians at Kaiser Permanente and Liberty Dialysis.

Andrion says that the union needs to constantly evolve because the community and the State is always going through changes. As industries and businesses change, whether through competition locally or glob-

“Andrion says that the union needs to constantly evolve because the community and the State is always going through changes.”

Corrections to July 2018 Issue

We hate to make mistakes but it happens and we do appreciate your calling it to our attention.

In "No Vote... No Complain," Democrat Van Tanabe was omitted as a candidate for Governor and Republican Marissa Kerns was omitted as a candidate for Lt. Governor while Democrat David Bourgoin, Republican Michael Powers, and nonpartisans Luna Haunanio and Robert Oakley are not candidates for Governor; Democrat Miles Shiratori, Constitution

Party Joy Allison, and nonpartisan Crystal Carpenter are not candidates for U.S. Senate; and nonpartisan Aaron Martinson is not a candidate for Congressional District 2. Nonpartisan candidate for Governor Link El's name was misspelled.

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The Garden Island, Kauai’s newspaper, headlined the dreaded event on September 9, 1924.

The 1924 Hanapēpē Massacre Continues To Draw Interest

Auditions set for local play.

Almost one hundred years after the infamous 1924 Hanapēpē Massacre—the bloodiest labor confrontation in Hawai‘i’s history—people continue to ask questions about what happened.

During the 100th anniversary of Filipino migration to Hawai‘i in 2006, the Filipino Centennial Commission visited Hanapēpē and unveiled a marker in Hanapēpē town.

Here on Maui, local playwright Wayne Moniz, holder of the Cades Award, Hawai‘i’s most prestigious writing prize, has adapted a short story “Cane Fire: The Hanapēpē Massacre” into a play for the Maui Fringe Festival. Three showings are scheduled at the Īao Theatre in Wailuku on January 18, 19, and 20.

“As I was researching Filipinos in Hawai‘i, I came across the Hanapēpē Massacre. I was ignorant of the incident but stunned by the islands’ worst mass shooting in modern Hawaiian history,” said Moniz. It was 1924 and the first wave of Filipino immigrants had recently arrived to work on the sugar plantations. They worked for \$1 an hour with ten-hour workdays. Educated well in the Phillipines, Pablo Manlapit immigrated to Hawai‘i, worked briefly like others at a sugar plantation, then in a Honolulu law office as a paralegal. “Manlapit had observed the successful strike of the Japanese laborers in 1920 and with a thirst for justice wanted to duplicate it for less fortunate Filipinos.”

History shows the ruthless sugar barons had had their fill of the Japanese strikers and were determined not to allow the Filipinos to cause a labor stoppage. The scheming John Butler, the secretary of the Hawai‘i Sugar Planters Association (a conglomerate of all the territory’s sugar mills), rubbed

elbows with the local police and their personal goons to bring an end to the workers’ dreams of better pay and a shorter eight-hour day. The 1924 strike seemed to be going well on the Big Island, Maui, and O‘ahu until they moved to Kaua‘i. There, Butler had influenced the local sheriff to respond to the strike. The scheme resulted in twenty deaths: four deputy sheriffs and sixteen Filipino sugar cane workers. The murdered workers were buried in a mass grave. The exact site has never been exactly determined.

“For the past forty years I have written plays, poetry, short stories, a novel, and a memoir retelling the great stories of Hawai‘i including the many races that make up the ethnic rainbow of the Sandwich Isles,” explained Moniz. “I’ve included many Filipino characters in those projects but I recently set out on a journey to focus on the Filipinos: the Visayans, Ilocanos, and the Tagalogs, the first regional groups that came to work on the sugar plantations. I set out looking for a good local Filipino story to bring to the stage.”

Auditions for the play have been announced for are now set Tuesday, September 25 and Thursday, September 27 at 6:30 p.m. at Sandell Artworks at 34 North Market Street in Wailuku. Rehearsals will be held in the evenings between 6:30 and 9 p.m. from October to January. Virginia Sandell will direct the production.

“We are looking for 16 men (mostly) and 3 women to play the roles, most of them Filipino. It’s a chance for our local Filipino talent to shine,” said Moniz. “We will also be shooting a video sequence of the actual murders and need 16 Filipino males to play the victims (no acting ability needed for the actors in the video).” ✨

ally, or as technology shifts American businesses from muscle jobs to brain jobs, Andrion sees the need for the union to be adaptable. He points to the downturn of large-scale monocrop plantations—“Agriculture is no longer King”—in the islands and the dominance of the tourist industry at present. The union membership had to diversify to remain relevant for workers.

As Hawai‘i’s economy shifted from its agrarian roots to more service-oriented industries, the union has had its critics who believe the ILWU has also shifted away from its radical past. After all, it was ILWU leaders who were tried in the infamous Communist trials of the post-World War II era. And it was the ILWU that held the first successful strike against the plantations and after the war brought Hawai‘i’s docks to a standstill with a long 79-day strike that shut down 33 of the 34 plantations. The single ethnic strikes such as those led by Pablo Manlapit of the Filipino Federation of Labor, that resulted in the 1924 Hanapēpē Massacre, had been unsuccessful. [The historical 1924 Hanapēpē Massacre continues to draw interest on Maui, including in the performing arts. See sidebar, left.] Then, of course, the ILWU forged an alliance with Honolulu policeman Jack Burns and returning Americans of Japanese Ancestry (AJA) veterans to form the foundation for the Democratic Party that not only overturned the Territorial GOP oligarchy controlled by *haole* business in-

terests but has now become the modern status quo. Now, critics complain, the union leadership is apt to side with developers and corporate interests that have co-opted not just the Democratic Party but also its union allies.

The criticism doesn’t surprise him. He acknowledges the militant heritage of the union. He talks about it matter of factly. He doesn’t foreclose banging heads with management when necessary. But he notes that building some rapport with the people he’s negotiating with—the human beings sitting on the other side of the table—can be just as productive a strategy as being adversarial. He doesn’t say there will never be strikes. But he says they will look at strikes with an understanding of the impact on the members.

He notes that when Maui Land & Pineapple (MLP) closed its farm, former executives and supervisors formed Maui Gold Pineapple (more formally known as Hāli‘imaile Pineapple Company - HPC) to continue growing fruit as a business. Now that group has shifted as well, selling HPC to the distillers of Ocean Vodka who use the juice by-product of the pineapple operations. And the ILWU successfully negotiated a contract for the workers who moved from MLP to HPC.


As a former organizer, he also points to the need for more organizing although the units will be in smaller and more discreet segments of the

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Hanabusa did beat Ige on Maui, receiving 14,175 votes (47.5%) to Ige's 13,214 (44.5%). Despite Mayor Harry Kim's endorsement of Ige, Hanabusa narrowly beat Ige on Hawai'i Island: 17,861 (46.6%) to 17,709 (46.2%). And despite the endorsement of State Senate President Ron Kouichi who hails from Kaua'i, Ige narrowly beat Hanabusa on Kaua'i 7,537 (46.1%) to 7,231 (44.2%). Ironically, Hanabusa, a former Urban Honolulu Congresswoman would receive only 68,313 (41.8%) votes on O'ahu compared to Ige's 86,068 (52.7%).

Like the Mayor's race where Filipinos were split between Victorino and Guzman (just drive down Papa, Lono, and Kamehameha Avenues in Kahului and count the number of homes who had both Victorino and



Incumbent Gov. **David Ige** and **Josh Green** for Lt. Governor comprise the Democratic ticket for our State's leaders.

In the general, Ige will be paired with State Senator Josh Green, who received 74,819 votes—30.2% while beating State Senator Jill Tokuda (68,107 votes—27.5%), Kaua'i Mayor Bernard Carvalho, Jr. (45,802 votes—18.5%), former Board of Education member Kim Iwamoto (34,218 votes—13.8%), and former State Senator Will Espero (15,459—6.2%). Tokuda beat Green 52,049 to 42,803 on O'ahu but lost by 3,175 votes on Maui, 12,807 votes on Hawai'i Island, and slightly out polled Green (2,851 to 2,827) on Kaua'i, where Carvalho prevailed on his home island with 7,694 votes.

The Ige/Green ticket will face off against State House Minority Leader Andrea Tupola (17,282 votes) who



House Minority Leader **Andrea Tupola** for Governor and **Marissa Kerns** for Lt. Governor comprise the Republican ticket for our State's leaders.

Tupola will be paired with businesswoman Marissa Kerns. In the first printout, Kerns was losing by 338 votes to Steven Lipscomb while beating Jeremy Low. By the final printout, Kerns received 9,749 votes (29.9%) to Lipscomb's 9,538 votes (29.3%) and Low's 8,224 votes (25.2%). The Tupola-Kerns pairing might be interesting as Tupola was granted a three-year Temporary Restraining Order against one of Kern's ardent supporters, who is the head of the Hawai'i Republican Action (HIRA). Kerns has called on Tupola to apologize for frequently voting with the Democrats.

As expected, Incumbent State Senator Kalani English (Senate District 7-East Maui, Upcountry, Molokai and Lānaʻi) easily beat his two opponents: Michael Tengan and Gayla Haliniak. English received 61.3% of the vote (7,320) while Tengan received 21.3% (2,544) and Haliniak received 7.3% (871). There were no Republicans, Greens or Nonpartisans in the race so English is elected.

In their primary election rematch from 2014 for Senate District 6 (South and West Maui) State Senator Roz Baker pushed back a spirited challenge from Terez Amato. From the first ballot, Baker held a slight lead of 1576 to 1292 over Amato that diminished to a 106-vote victory in the final printout (3,394 to 3,288; 48.6% to 47.1%). There were 290 blank votes this year. Four years ago, Baker's margin of victory was 416. In the general, Baker will face Green Party candidate Melissa Shishido who garnered only 29 votes (with 27 blank votes in the Green Party primary).



J. Kalani English will be returning to his duties as district 7 State Senator.

"I'm humbled by the support in this election and I look forward to continue working for the residents of District 8," said Hashimoto who was appointed to the seat by Ige after Speaker Emeritus Joseph Souki resigned near the end of the 2018 Legislative Session. "We have a lot of work ahead of us but I am confident that together, we can shape our community into a place we can proudly call our home." The former chairperson of the Maui Democratic party also thanked his fellow candidates: "Each of the candidates ran



Troy Hashimoto is in for
State House Dist. 8

great campaigns and worked very hard. It is important to give voters a choice and it is never easy to run for office. I appreciate the dialogue and ideas they offered and hope to work with them to better our community.”

Incumbent State Representative Justin Woodson (State House 9 - Kahului), easily lead of 629 votes over Kauanoe Batangan. By the count, Woodson had almost that lead and won 59.9% (629 votes) to 34.6% (1,549 votes), a 2-1 margin.

"I'm forever grateful for the opportunity to serve the community another two years," said Woodson. "A special Mahalo for all those who supported our re-election. I also want to thank Mr. Batangan and his supporters as well. I hope to earn your support in the future by working hard to show meaningful positive change in our communi-







Rosalyn Baker will be squaring off with Melissah Shishido for Senate Dist. 6



Justin Woodson is in for
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Donna Domingo
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Labor Day is just weeks away and in Hawai'i, Filipinos have always been at the forefront of the organized labor movement, beginning with Pablo Manlapit, who organized the first Filipino labor union in 1911. The ethnic labor unions proved to be largely ineffective, however, and in 1946, the International Longshore and Warehouse Union (ILWU) brought all ethnic groups together, including the last batch of *Sakadas*, in what has been called The Great Hawai'i Sugar Strike, which ended the Big Five's domination over Hawai'i's social life.

Later, Filipinos played a role in leading the ILWU Local 142, beginning with Antonio Rania, Calixto "Carl" Damaso, Erinio "Eddie" Lapa,

Donna Domingo

Lucy Peros

Eusebio "Bo" Lapenia, Jr., Fred Gal-dones, and Isaac Fiesta.

But in 2012, Donna Domingo became the first Filipina to win election as the president of ILWU Local 142—not to mention the first ILWU president from Maui.

Donna was born on October 29, 1957 in Honolulu, Hawai'i to Lolita Ventura and Benjamin Escalito Castillon. Donna, a third generation Filipina-American, says her parents were born in Hawai'i and trace their roots to Ilocos Norte. Donna's husband Sylvester also traces his roots to Ilocos Norte—Justo Domingo came to Hawai'i in 1918 and lived in Waimea Camp on Kaua'i. Justo worked at the Waimea Mill and had ten children, with Sylvester's dad as the oldest. Donna described Justo as "a strong and loving family man."

During high school, Donna moved to Maui and graduated from Baldwin High School in 1975. (She previously attended Castle High School and at-



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tended He'eia Elementary School in Kāne'ohe.). In 1977, Donna earned her degree in Hotel Management from Maui Community College now known as University of Hawai'i Maui College. Donna's first job was at Shirley's Drive In on Lono Avenue in Kahului.

Donna's skills and trust from her fellow workers led her to her first being elected in 1990 as the Unit's Vice Chairperson and Tresurer...

– LUCY PEROS

In 1981, she became a member of ILWU when she started working at the Maui Lu Resort. Donna was employed at The Maui Lu Resort—the first hotel in Kihei—for twenty-eight years. At Maui Lu, Donna received the Employee of the Year award. She was seen as a leader by her fellow workers, who often shared their problems with her or asked her for help with job-related issues.

Donna's skills and trust from her fellow workers led to her first being elected in 1990 as the Unit's Vice Chairperson and Treasurer and seven years later as the Unit's Chairperson. In 1997, Donna was also elected to the ILWU's Executive Board as a Trustee for the Maui division.

1997 became a critical moment in Donna's career. She joined the first group of ILWU leaders who attended the Western Regional Summer Institute for Union Women. Donna learned that women could also be strong leaders and gained the confidence to aim

for a full-time leadership position in the union.

Six years later, Donna became the first Filipina Vice President of ILWU and became responsible for major collective bargaining assignments, including negotiating the contract for ILWU's largest general trades unit—Foodland Super Market which employs about 1,000 ILWU members throughout Hawai'i.

Now, as president, Donna serves as the union's chief executive officer, running the day to day operations. Donna continues to negotiate contracts for the 18,000 member union, whose motto "An injury to one is an injury to all" is still relevant.

Despite her busy schedule, Donna sat on the Maui Liquor Control Commission, the Maui Planning Commission, the Aloha United Way Board of Directors, the Industrial Relations Research Association Board, and the Hawai'i Tourism Authority, to name a few.

Donna continues to live in Kihei with her husband Sylvester but commutes to Honolulu every week for her job. Donna also enjoys reading and spending quality time with her family and is a member of St. Theresa Catholic Church.

The labor movement has played an important role in the success of Hawai'i's Filipino community. Many of the freedoms and rights we enjoy today are due to the labor movement.

We thank Donna Domingo—a goal oriented, persevering, steadfast, fair, and humble Filipina—for representing all of us. ✨

Lucy Peros

is a retired school teacher, having taught for 32 years, 11 years at St. Anthony Grade School and 21 years at Waihe'e Elementary School.



Both of her parents, 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.

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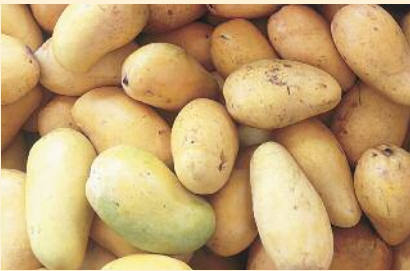
Pinoys At Maui Swap Meet

Liza of “A Maui Blog”
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Where on Maui can you find great bargains, clothing and accessories, fruits and vegetables, tropical blooms, jewelries, beauty and bath products, decor, arts and crafts, local food, ‘ukulele, massage services, all in one place? If your answer is Maui Swap Meet—you are correct!

The Maui Swap Meet has been an institution loved by both local residents and tourists since 1981. It is held every Saturday morning from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the parking lot of University of Hawai‘i Maui College, just off Kahului Beach Road, across Wahinepio Road from the Maui Arts and Cultural Center.

The entrance fee is also 50¢ and there is ample parking. There are about 200 vendors and thousands of visitors (locals and tourists) come every week. I was one of those thousand visitors last week. Upon deciding to talk story about the Maui Swap Meet here on Kwento-Kuwentuhan, I went to the Swap Meet not only to shop but also to “talk story”



Manila mangoes



Malunggay and bitter melon leaves

with some of the Filipino vendors there.

So where do we find the Filipino vendors at the Swap Meet? They mostly are the vendors of fresh fruit and vegetables. For example, at stall 617 I met Fredelita Corpuz and at stall 615 I met Evangeline Traje. Both of these stalls are filled with fresh produce. I got excited when I saw that they have Manila mangoes and guyabano (soursop). Those fruits were among my favorites as I was growing up in the Philippines.



The entrance of the Maui Swap Meet greets you with three vertical banners, the same general colors as the Philippine National Flag.



‘Ukulele and jewelry creations



Hawaiian dresses and shirts



Torch ginger and other florals



Apple bananas and other local produce

And of course there were green leafy vegetables such as malunggay and bitter melon leaves. We didn’t get a chance to talk story because they were very busy but the next time you go to Maui Swap Meet, make sure to stop by their stalls. You won’t be disappointed with the variety of choices.

Aside from fruit vendors, I saw my friend Mike Dougherty at the swap meet. Mike is *hapa*. His mom is from the Philippines. Mike is an artist. He is a talented musician and he also makes beautiful jewelry. At the Maui Swap Meet he sells ‘ukulele as well as his jewelry creations. And if you stop by at the right time, you might even get free entertainment as Mike plays his ‘ukulele and sings there too. You can also find Mike in his Lahaina store named Kula Gold.

I continued my journey and visited some of the clothing and accessory stalls. I met Christina Corpus at stall 169 and she sells Hawaiian dresses and shirts. Variety of styles, mostly with plumeria and tropical prints which are very popular among tourists. The t-shirts she has for little kids are so adorable you’d sure want to buy one for your *anak*, *apo* or *pa-mangkin*.

The weather is usually humid, sunny and hot so make sure to put sun screen on and bring drinking water. Or you can buy *buko* (fresh coconut) being sold there at the swap meet.

Speaking of sun screen, check out the Nalu Koa stall by Charles and Stephanie Gray. They sell organic Reef Safe Sunscreens and After Sun Kool Ocean Gel. These gels are very soothing and help heal sunburns.

Charles is what we fondly call “Chop Suey” here in Hawai‘i. That means he is of mixed ethnicity—Hawaiian and Filipino are part of the mix.

Last but not the least, I’d like to thank the brothers and sisters at Maui Evangelical Church. They have a stall at the Maui Swap Meet where they share about the love of God. They not only feed you spiritually but physically as well. They fed me Filipino food—*kanin* and *menudo*—and oh, I was in “heaven.” ☺

Do you like shopping at the Maui Swap Meet too? Who are your favorite vendors and what do you usually buy from there? Until next time, and maybe I’ll see you at the Maui Swap Meet one of these days. That would be fun! ✨



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Love, Scandal etc. by Ate Nora

Fifth in a series

“I’ve been praying for your Dad’s soul,” said Ofelia to Francisco and his siblings Samson, Elena, Sara and Jose. “As you know, your Dad was not a saint and he was unfaithful many times over. I’m hoping that whatever good deeds he did for the people of Diliman City will overshadow his weaknesses of the flesh.”

Ofelia suddenly realized there was someone else with her children. “Who are you?” was Ofelia’s question to Maria. “What are you doing here with my family in our moment of grief? How dare you intrude?”

“I’m sorry ma’am... I was just.... ” Maria’s voice tapered off as she tried to hold back her emotions but the tears came streaming down her face and Maria started sobbing.

“Mom, this is Maria, my fiancée,” said Francisco. “I wanted to introduce you earlier but you’ve been traveling back and forth to Singapore and Taiwan. I’m so sorry that you’re meeting her for the first time under these circumstances.”

Maria was shocked at Francisco’s words but she knew she should not say a word... and she was too afraid to even look at any of the Mendoza family.

“I’m not happy to hear of this during this time,” said Ofelia. “But now is not the time to discuss this as we need to tend to your father’s remains and to make sure the people of Diliman City honor his memory with the grandest funeral services ever—fit for a would-be president.”

And with that, Ofelia quickly walked past Maria and exited the chapel with her children following her, leaving Maria all alone in the chapel, not knowing what to do. Francisco quickly glanced at her and mouthed “I’ll call you” before he too joined the family.

Maria, still in shock, sat down, sobbing and at times, gasping for air. The devout Catholic she was, she knelt and began praying. “Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus. Holy



Of all places—in the chapel—Maria inadvertently meets Ofelia, Francisco’s mother and Junior’s wife; and not in the nicest of ways.

Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen. Jesus, forgive me for my sins. Please lead me to the path of righteousness. I don’t know what is happening to my life. I know I am being punished for my sins but I know you are loving and merciful and I need your forgiveness.”

“Maria, are you okay? I just blessed Junior’s body and I was looking for you. I thought you would be here.” Monsignor Jose Cadabana wrapped his arms around a sobbing Maria. “My dear Maria, you are a beautiful soul and God loves you and will always protect you. We are all sinners and all of us will someday need to atone for our sins. But until our judgment day, we must continue to be faithful to His word and believe in him. For our sins will be forgiven... but only if we believe.”

“I know Father. It’s just so hard to believe that Junior is gone. He was so

good to me... in so many ways that you can’t imagine. Without him, I would not be studying at the De La Salle Health Sciences Institute. Now, I’m not sure what’s going to happen to my scholarship. I can’t afford to pay for the tuition and my family is depending on me. And there’s so many other things that I can’t talk about right now. I don’t know what to do, Father.”

“As long as you believe in His love and mercy, my child,” Monsignor Cadabana said. “Take it one day at a time. God is merciful and understands our frail humanity.”

At that moment, the door to the chapel burst wide open and a furious Ofelia stormed in and began screaming at the top of her voice.

“Just who do you think you are? You think you can trap my son by sleeping with him and claim you are with child? You’re such a disgraceful girl from the barrios... you’re lucky my husband took pity on you and helped you get in to this school... but to sleep with my son Francisco and become pregnant?”

Moments earlier, Francisco had told Ofelia that his fiancée Maria was pregnant. The normally reserved Ofelia could not believe what was happening and decided to give Maria a piece of her mind.

“Is that true, Maria?” asked Monsi-

gnor Cadabana. “Are you with child from Francisco?”

Before Maria could say a word, an exasperated Francisco burst through the door. “Maria, I know you wanted both of us to tell them together but I thought the good news would help ease the pain of my Dad’s death. I’m sorry, I don’t know what I was thinking. Mom, forgive us for our carelessness and for adding to your problems on this day. I know we should be concerned with preparing for Dad’s funeral but I just could

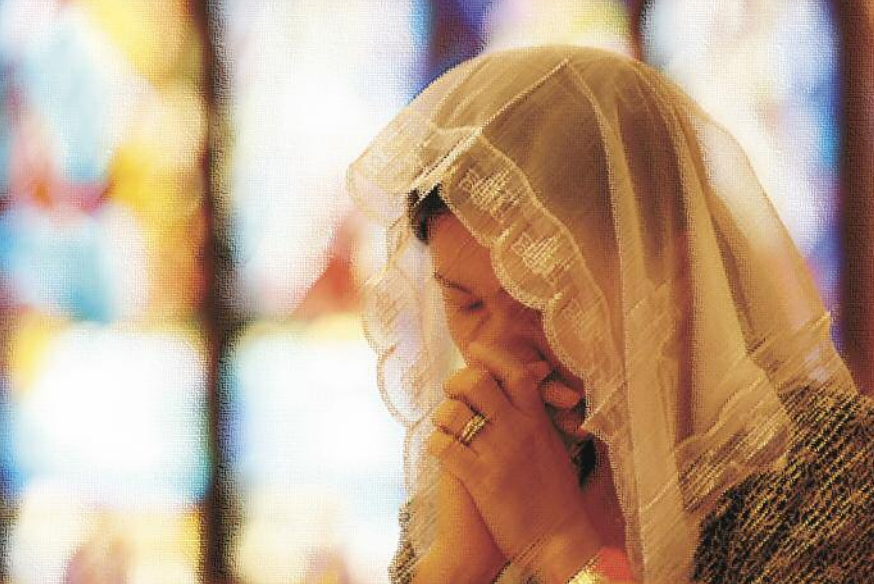
not keep it a secret any longer. Maria and I want to get married soon—not because of the baby—but because we really are in love. I know that if you get to know her more, you will be able to give us your blessing. That’s all I want. That’s all we want.”

“Francisco, anak,” a much calmer Ofelia began. “You know we have always trusted you and hoped that someday you would take over for your Father. Despite our failing marriage, your late Father and I had plans for you and each of your siblings. Our plans for you were to someday become president of our country. Now that she’s pregnant... all those plans are for naught. And I’m really missing your Dad right now. That bastard had to die today of all days.”

“But Ma’am,” Maria softly said. “I’m not pregnant.” ✱

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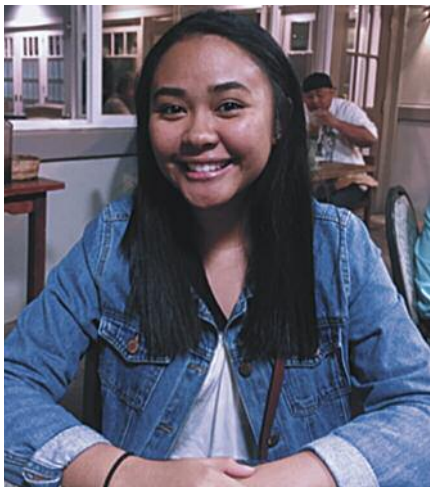
– OFELIA MENDOZA



Ofelia fervently prays before meeting with her family over the matters of laying Junior to his final resting place.



Blessie Mae Paguirigan



Gabrielle Pastor



Sabrina Pargad

Among high school students, obtaining their driver's license provides them a feel of independence as young adults. Now that these teens can get to places by themselves, parents are given the satisfaction of not needing to drive their teens to places. With their driver's license, the road is now open for their journey to adulthood. However, not all parents feel too comfortable about their children taking to the road. According to the National Center for Health Statistics, Motor Vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death among 15 to 20-year olds. These young adults are not free from the dangers the road still poses and for these reasons some parents will display concern and fear for their child's safety on the road. With their driver's license, teens are now responsible to navigate through their journey to adulthood.

Teens under the age of 18 who wish to get their license will need to overcome a couple of challenges before they achieve their card/ticket to independence. Teens at the age of 15 ½ may start to take their first step to acquire their driver's license which is to pass the Hawai'i State Driver's Permit Test. The Hawai'i State Driver's Permit Test consists of 30 questions revolving around Motor and Vehicle Safety as well as Road regulations and laws. The tester must prove their knowledge of the road and their vehicle by passing the test with a score of no less than 26 out of 30. After passing the Hawai'i Driver's Permit Test, teens will now have to enroll to a driver's education school. Private driver's education school have an admission fee of approximately \$400, while some public high schools have a driver's education program with an admission fee of under \$10. The student's selection however may vary at different schools. Drivers Ed will help you become a smart, safe, and responsible driver. You'll be exposed to lessons about safe and defensive driving techniques that you'll be able to put to

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practice when you get behind the wheel with a licensed supervisor and by yourself. After completing the classes at your Driver's Ed, you'll receive a certificate and also another from your Behind-The-Wheel (BTW) sessions with your instructor. You'll need these two certificates as proof that you've completed all of the steps necessary to take your Road Test. The Road Test is the final challenge teens must conquer and perfect to be given their Provisional License.

Maui High School senior Blessie Mae Paguirigan is filled with excitement from earning her driver's license. She attended Safety First Driver's Education at Queen Ka'ahumanu Mall for her BTW classes which cost her \$400. Her instructor was a very kind and informative person. The classes that Blessie attended were very beneficial to her. Not only did her instructor provide her with an array of new knowledge about driving but also helped boost Blessie's confidence in her driving.

"I think that having a license does give me a sense of independence and freedom because you are driving alone in the world without your parents," said Blessie. Now that she'll be driving alone without her parents, Blessie has to be aware, alert, and be focused on

the road. Throughout her driving journey, Blessie learned that people complain about gas because it's very expensive. As a young adult with a driver's license, she is now responsible for her car's necessities such as gas which is vital to the car if she wants to travel to places. With her license, Blessie has the ability to help out her

parents in ways like running their errands or doing their grocery shopping. She also now has the ability to get a job and drive to her workplace which gives her even more freedom with the money she'll be earning. Blessie won't have to worry about asking her parents for gas money.

Maui High School senior and MHS 2018-2019 HOSA (Health Occupations Students of America) president Gabrielle Pastor has accomplished the first step in order to gain her license. "As someone at a young age, it is somewhat frightening to start driving because of the inexperience on the road but it definitely puts you in a new mindset of individualism," said Gabrielle. She finally got her driver's permit and is now

working towards the goal of being able to travel freely without relying on others. Now that she's been practicing driving, the biggest thing she's learned about herself is that she tends to be negative towards herself when it comes to driving because she is afraid of not being able to execute driving well on her own. Because of this she is currently looking for Driver's Ed schools to attend in order to slowly build up her confidence in driving. Having a driver's permit does gives Gabrielle a sense of independence and freedom based on knowing that the only person who is able to improve her skills is herself and she is able to see how her judgments affect the outcome of what happens on the road. "Driving allows me to realize that I am in charge of what happens in the car that I drive and gives me a responsibility that needs to be taken seriously at all times," Gabrielle added.

Sabrina Pargad, a senior at Maui

High School, said "I would encourage my peers to get their permit as soon as they can because it allows you to practice your driving skills even more, which will help you later down the road in life. Even though it might be something you are scared of, there is always a first for everything and driving will give you your own sense of freedom." From her driving experience, Sabrina has learned that it's not just about driving and having a car and being where you want to be. It's about having to know how to drive safely because there are a lot of bad drivers that don't care about other drivers. From her classes at Safety First Driver's Education she was able to learn a lot about road safety through her one on one BTW lessons with her instructor and to be responsible for all the action behind the wheel. Earning her driver's license has been really helpful to not only Sabrina but also her mom who doesn't have a license. Getting her license was her way of helping out her mom. Having a license gives Sabrina an insight of adult life because her mom relies on her to drive to a grocery store to go shopping. She can now drive her cousins, family, and friends to different places on Maui instead of the other way around.

It's normal for teenagers to begin wanting to spread their wings and to venture farther away from the nest. This is a bittersweet time for both parents and children. As teenagers make their way into adulthood, they begin to crave independence. Driving allows teenagers to transition from childhood to adulthood independently. Not all parents will be too fond of their teens driving on their own but this will serve as a learning experience to teens. Being an adult is all about becoming responsible and that's what driving teaches teens, the upcoming adults of society. With their driver's license, teens are now able to navigate through life by driving to adulthood.

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This month's guest columnist is **Ghenesis Jhay Balaan**, a Junior at Maui High School attending its Culinary and Health CTE Pathway. He is a two year member of Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) and has served as its Council Treasurer in 2017-2018. Ghenesis hopes to become a respiratory therapist in the future. He is the eldest son of Benjamin V. Ballesteros Jr. and Jerameelyn B. Ballesteros.

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Four Filipino legislative caucus members on the final day of the legislative session.

I'm the only Filipino legislator in the Maui delegation.

In the just completed 29th Legislature, there weren't that many of us statewide. Of the twenty-five Senators, Donovan Delacruz (Wahiawā), Brickwood Galuteria (Waikiki-Kaka'ako), Donna Mercado Kim (Kalihi Valley, Moanalua), Will Espero (Ewa Beach), Lorraine Inouye (Kona-Kohala) and I make up a caucus of six. Not many but we out-number the Filipinos in the fifty-one member House of Representatives where there are five: Ty Cullen (Kunia), Henry Aquino (Waipahū), Della Au Belatti (Makiki), Joy San Buenaventura (Puna) and Romy Cachola (Kalihi).

There are some with Filipino spouses or significant others: Justin Woodson (Kahului), John Mizuno (Kalihi) and Kaniela Ing (South Maui).

Some of us represent areas where you expect to find sizable Filipinos—our homelands of Kalihi, Waipahū, Ewa Beach and Kahului. Other Filipino holdings are sending non-Filipinos to represent them.

Contrary to what some critics of Hawai'i politics would argue, Valley Isle voters have been fairly selective in returning legislators to office. For Maui, with only nine Senators and Representatives in the seventy-six member legislature, stability has been a sporadic occurrence. For every Joe Souki who spends decades in the House, there are the single terms of Kam Tanaka, George Fontaine and Ki-ka Butkowski.

In 2006, Maui County's legislative delegation included Joe Souki (House Dist. 8), Bob Nakasone (House Dist. 9), Tanaka (House Dist. 10), Chris Halford (House Dist. 11), Kyle Ya-

mashita (House Dist. 12), D. Mele Carroll (House Dist. 13), Shan Tsutsui (Sen. Dist. 4), J. Kalani English (Sen. Dist. 6) and Roz Baker (Sen. Dist. 5).

After the General Election, Tsutsui

DINENGDENG & PINAKBET

Is winning the Filipino vote important in putting Filipinos into government—musings from the experienced legislator.

Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran

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won a rematch with former Sen. Jan Yagi Buen while Tanaka lost to Angus McKelvey. Tanaka himself in 2004 ousted incumbent Brian Blundell while Yamashita won a rematch for the Upcountry seat with incumbent Ki-ka Butkowski (in doing so, Yamashita patented a Haleakalā Highway sign waving technique that has been imitated but never successfully copied). Carroll was appointed to the East Maui-Molokai-Lāna'i seat to replace Sol Kaho'ohalahala who resigned to work for the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission in 2005.

The delegation remained intact in the 2008 election. However, Nakasone sadly passed away after winning re-election and Gov. Linda Lingle appointed me to his Kahului House seat.

In 2010, Bertram lost a rematch to George Fontaine for the South Maui seat.

The 2012 election saw another change in Kihei when Kaniela Ing ousted George Fontaine.

Later that year, U.S. Senator Daniel



Sen. Gilbert Keith-Agaran with spouse Kallie Keith-Agaran, mother Lydia Coloma, sister Velma Coloma and other family and guests on the Senate Floor for Opening Day of the 29th legislature (2017 regular session).

K. Inouye passed. Shan Tsutsui moved to the Lt. Governor's office and Gov. Abercrombie appointed me to the State Senate in his place. The Governor also picked Justin Woodson to take my seat in the House.

Another change happened when Carroll succumbed to cancer in 2015. Gov. David Ige appointed Lynn DeCoite to the canoe district.

During the ten years I've been in the legislature, one thing has not changed. I've been the only Filipino member of the delegation. Based on our population, people would expect more. But unlike an election for County Council or for Mayor where all voters can cast a vote for any of the offices on the ballot, legislative seats are decided by the registered voters who live in a particular district. Kahului people vote for District 9, Wailuku people for District 8, and so on.

But even when voting County wide, Filipinos have not filled many Council seats either.

As long as I remember, there have been just a handful of Filipinos who've served on the Maui County Council. Pablo Caldito. At one time, Vince Bagoyo and Rick Medina served at the same time, and in more recent times, Danny Mateo and Joe Pontanilla. With Don Guzman deciding to run for Mayor, Alike Atay may be the only Filipino on the Council, provided he wins re-election. Unless Kanamu Balinbin or Rick Nava pulls off an upset in West Maui, Atay may be the only one on the Eighth Floor saying Mabuhay.

There have been Filipino candidates throughout the last twelve years. Some have appealed more directly to their fellow Filipinos. Others have campaigned more broadly. The latter



Sen. Gil Keith-Agaran and candidate Kauanoe Batangan at Ka'ahumanu Shopping Center candidates event earlier this summer.



Rep. Justin Woodson (Kahului), former Rep. Joseph Souki (Wailuku) and Sen. Gil Keith-Agaran (Central Maui) at the opening of the new Kahului Airport entry road.

have generally been more successful and that makes sense. Filipinos may make up a considerable proportion of various neighborhoods but not everyone is registered to vote or does vote. Why else would some candidates dismiss the Filipino population as expendable since they can always move back to the Philippines.

Since Republicans and other smaller political parties have a challenge to even field candidates, legislative seats are usually settled in the Democratic Primary Election. Even when there is a General Election, the Democratic Nominee is usually favored.

Anecdotaly, for whatever reason, Filipinos have not shown up to vote in proportion to their share of the regis-

tered voters in the Primaries. People suggest that Filipinos work on weekends and the Primary is always held on a Saturday. However, the observation has persisted even as the legislature made absentee voting easier over the years. Hawai'i is among the states that allows "no ex-

cuse" absentee voting (vote by mail used to be reserved for people who would be out-of-state on Election Day). The State also began to allow early Walk In voting in addition to Absentee Mail and showing up at the polls. In 2016, people could show up at an Absentee Walk site and take advantage of same day registration and voting.

By all accounts, Absentee Mail has gained in popularity but it's believed that Filipino turnout continues to lag.

This year, the following Filipinos put their hats in the ring: Don Guzman for Maui Mayor, Kauanoe Batan-

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Our Spirituality

Listening, responding, caring—the embodiment of our spirituality.

The Rev. John A.H. Tomoso †

Spirituality is part of the make-up of every person. Our spiritual being as individuals is why we not only have respect for life but also why we respect the dignity of every human being. I believe that the spirituality of each person is a sign of God living not only around us but within us.

Recently as part of my continuing education as a Priest, I took a class on Pastoral Care. The class, which lasted from March through the end of June of this year, took me and my cohort through a curriculum whose theme was about “listening, responding and caring,” with the idea that the dignity of the person never goes away; is never lost. It is said that the “caring of souls” is a priest’s most sacred duty. Thus, the class imparted on me the idea that as a

priest, I care “for all sorts and conditions” of persons with spiritual care and sustenance. Of course, “spirituality” soon became the lens through which all in the class came to understand about how individuals come to know about their relationship to God and God’s relationship to them.

In my short life as a priest (I celebrated the second anniversary of my Ordination to the Priesthood on July 30th), it has been my joy, privilege and delight to comfort, assure and nurture individuals who want to know that God, in their lives, is real. As the class reiterated often enough, God is sustained and made real through the “spiritual being” of the individual. Those in the class, recounted and reacted to the stories shared about how listening was the best way to engage the spirituality of the person. We were reminded that this type of listening is attuned to the present and strives to be objective. You know, I believe God is always this way. He knows our present (and our past and our future) and is always objective.

Responding to the individual, when engaging in spiritual and pastoral counseling, I know it is important to always let the individual take the lead, so as to facilitate his or her “inner being” being allowed to “show the way to God and the divine presence” that is the essence of one’s spirituality. I think about how I’ve responded to others as a Social Worker of forty-two years of practice and I find it similar to how I am responding to others as a Priest for two years. The class instructor kept reminding us that one should never “get ahead” of the person being

listened or responded to but to “hover” and “go along side with” the person.

I do find that when I am in pastoral situations in which the spirituality of the individual is being engaged, there is a somewhat natural tendency for me to be caring to that individual because I know that God cares. This may sound trite but I believe that in most of my pastoral counseling opportunities, individuals want to know that others care. As a priest, I want to let individuals know that caring brings out the best of one’s spirituality because God cares. The Pastoral Counselor—the Priest—is an instrument of the care of God.

In listening and responding to the spirituality of every person who comes to me for counsel, I try to help each

one to bring meaning and significance to their “inner being,” their spirituality, and their connection with and to God. It is through caring to discuss, to respond, to listen to be with the other person, that “wellbeing,” i.e. the wholeness of both the physical and spiritual self, that God is made real. So, kababayan, let us listen, respond and care in our

daily lives. In all we do, think, and say, God is made real. I believe that it is our dignity, our spirituality that makes it so! In listening, responding and caring for each other, our respect for each other, God is made real and is manifest in, around and through each of us.

Have an idea or a comment or even a question, contact me at this email address: atingkabuhayan@gmail.com Until my next column, please take care! ✨



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—REV. JOHN TOMOSO



The border detention facility at Otay Mesa, south of San Diego was fronted with protesters who zealously protested against separating children from their parents in a way that lacked regard for normal human decency.

Let Our Children Go:

A first person account. Two months later, this is

Vince Bagoyo, Jr. | ALL PHOTOS COURTESY VINCE BAGOYO, JR.

On Saturday, June 23, 2018, I went to a border detention facility located at Otay Mesa, south of San Diego to protest the current treatment of those seeking asylum from hardship and persecution in their home countries. With me were my wife and family, including our 2-year old granddaughter. The focus of the march and prayer was on the policies resulting in the separation of children from their parents and families. Over a thousand people from all walks of life marched peacefully to the detention center.

The purpose of the march was to pray and demand the following from leaders of Congress:

- 1. Immediately end the inhumane and immoral practice of separating children from their parents;
- 2. Immediately reunite the over 2,000 children who have been torn apart from their mothers and fathers;
- 3. End the inhumane practice of incarcerating children in our country; and
- 4. Replace the current system of childhood incarceration rooted in punishment and profit with a new system rooted in restorative justice and healing.

Let me explain why we felt compelled to participate. Over the past month, as details of government policies and the implementation of those policies by the leadership of our country became apparent, we began soul-searching about our response as Christians, as Americans, and as a family with our own personal immigration stories. It had been reported recently that over 2,000 children were taken from their families at the U.S. border without knowing if or when they will see them again. How can we allow our own government to treat these children and families inhumanely? Are we complicit with these policies by our silence?

The weather was hot and dry. As our family began praying and marching towards the detention center we felt: Heartbroken. Frustrated. Sad. Angry. Helpless. But we were deeply moved by the faith leaders and freedom fighters who saw the face of God in the suffering of children and parents being forcefully torn apart. The detention center was fenced with razor barbed wire and steel cyclone fencing. There were no windows. We saw none of the detainees. But we heard them. As we shouted: “Estamos contigo,” (We are with you), “No estan solos” (You are not alone), and “The people united will never be divided,” the mothers behind the walls began to shout back. We could only sob at the thought of what they left behind, what they hoped for, and how they were then met with the unthinkable—their children being taken away. No mercy, no kindness and understanding, no standing in our common humanity. And we wondered where the America we thought we knew had gone. The cries we heard from the detention center will stay with my family for a long, long time.

Our two daughters who participated in the march at the detention center shared their insights and the impact the experience had on them.

“In light of the recent events regarding immigration and the separation of children and families, I could not pass up the chance to participate in the Let Our Children Go march. For weeks my heart had been heavy, as I listened to audio and watched on the news families being torn apart; parents weeping; children weeping and in distress. I am horrified and deeply saddened that our government would direct this to happen. Being part of that march was extremely powerful and moving. As a mother of two young children, I cannot help but to put myself in the shoes of the parents. I also cannot help but imagine the trauma these precious children feel. As we



Slogans like "Let Our Children Go," and "Keep Families Together" were painted on signs, and were posted on trees, and carried as signs in protest to the policy.



My family and I joined the march protesting the inhumane treatment of families.



Other signs read "Stop Caging Families," and "#SchoolsNotPrisons" suggesting the U.S. government's money would be better re-appropriated in education.

Families Belong Together

still a hot issue...

marched and chanted, I thanked God that I get to hug my babies and tuck them into bed at night. I weep and pray for the families and children on the other side of the wall. I weep for the parents who are missing their children. I weep for the children who are alone and afraid, missing and longing

for the comfort and security of being with their mamas and daddies. And then I weep because the leaders of our country directed this to happen. Something must change.” – MEREDITH BAGOYO BURNS
“Politics and protest were never my thing. I had the mentality of ‘It could

never be that bad, and, they don’t need me there at the march.’ I was so wrong! The moment I turned the corner and heard the screams of desperation coming from inside barb wire cages, it hit me like a ton of bricks. They could hear me and it gave them hope. These people, daughters, sons,

sisters, mothers were being locked up for having hope. Hope of a better life, fleeing from gangs and cartels and violence.” – MALLORY BAGOYO
We are so glad that our family took the opportunity to participate in prayer and protest at the detention center and to support the families who are seeking asylum. This was a blip in time in our lives, but a lifetime in the lives of these families. And so no more silence. We will share our faith—God is good and He is sovereign and we will pray for our country and its lead-
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Maui Pinoy

PLEASURE PLATES

Adobo & More: Adobo Nation

Sharon Zalsos

Can you relate? If you are a Filipino meeting a non-Filipino person for the first time and the subject of your ethnicity comes up, isn't it almost always followed by "So you know how to cook *adobo*?" or "I just love *adobo*." Most Filipinos are familiar with *adobo*. When someone describes their *adobo* experience to us, it's almost always pork. Can you name another *adobo* dish? Again, there's pork *adobo*, chicken, squid, fish can be *adobo*'d (now the word just became a verb), goat, I'm sure frog legs in some places, I've seen boiled eggs *adobo*, etc. *Adobo* recipes vary from province to province. The basic ingredients have to be present though: soy sauce, vinegar, garlic, peppercorns. Others will add bay leaves, ginger and other secret ingredients to spice up their *adobo*. Speaking of spices, you can also add a little kick to your dish with just a dash of chili sauce. But don't overdo it, it's not meant to be hot. But as good as these dishes sound and as much *recado* or ingredients there are to be *adobo*'d, the Philippines has more to offer in the culinary world besides *adobo*.

Filipino cooking is beyond *adobo*.

Have you ever heard of the pork *lechon*? This is the slowly rotisserie-cooked whole pig over a very open hot fire. Not to be mixed up with *kalua* pork or *imu* pig which is buried under a pile of banana leaves and covered with dirt for a smoky, steamy cook. *Lechon* is a perfectly medium to dark brown shine in color and if you have a chance to try this dish, a bite of the skin is a must! Many will rave that so and so sells the best *lechon* over the others. But from my past experience, the best *lechon* is when you bite into the skin and it gives you the beautiful, soft crunch that is like eating a juicy *chicharon*! Not the kind of crunch that's hard to bite into or chewy. It has to be light with each bite you take and flavor drips from your lips. Personally, my mom's hometown houses the best kept secret when it comes to *lechon*. A long stretch of *lechon* dealers can be found close to Timoga which is just past



Pork Adobo

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Linamon, about 20 minutes out of Iligan City. Yes, all the way south to Mindanao.

Another dish that Filipinos are known for is Crispy *Pata*. This is the hind legs of the pork. This meaty and fattier part of the pork is deep fried and served whole. The pork itself is cooked or boiled with seasoning prior to deep frying. But similar to the *lechon*, the outside of this dish should also be crunchy. The meat inside on the other hands needs to be soft and juicy. If the inside is dry, it's a no go for me. On Maui, I finally found an eatery who serves this! Joey's Kitchen in Nāpili. If you have never tried this dish and you like pork, this is a must. The drive will be worth it. I personally like it with a side of the traditional dipping sauce which is composed of white vinegar, crushed garlic, one *sili* and a little bit of salt and pepper. If you know of another place that serves crispy *pata* share on *Fil-Am Voice*'s Facebook page. For a non-pork eater, I sure know my pork dishes!

Now, experiencing culinary experience in the Philippines is venturing out beyond the pork dishes. Let's talk about the *sopas* or soups. One of my favorite Pinoy soups is *sinigang*, which has a tangy, green tamarind base, clear soup. Others substitute *kamias* or *iba* to get the sour taste but the true authentic *sinigang* taste for me has to be tamarind or *sampaloc* in Tagalog. Growing up, my mom used to cook *sinigang na baboy* for us, translated to pork *sinigang*. My version of this is beef *sinigang*. I'm happy to see a few restaurants serve this beef dish. If you are not a fan of the sour in your soup, simply take the tamarind away and replace with ginger. Now you have beef *sabao* or beef soup. *Sabao* is soup in Tagalog. For non-red meat eaters, you can replace the beef with chicken, add papaya to this soup base and "voila!" you have chicken papaya also known as chick-

en *tinola*.

Now, since the Philippines is made up of over 7,100-plus islands—give or take depending on the tide—seafood is bountiful in the Philippines. Fish dishes are mouthwatering everywhere. Whether you walk around the open market or the food court of any shopping malls in Manila, you will find a plethora of seafood displays. Perfectly broiled, whole squid a little larger in size than your Samsung S9+. Also available are *sugpo* or prawns the size of a 5-oz. bottle of Tabasco sauce. Clams, oysters, mussels are plentiful and prepared in soups, fried, grilled, or steamed. My favorite will always be *piniritong isda* or fried fish. Descale the fish, wash, season with sea salt and pepper and deep fry for me please. Add a scoop

**"Bangus... is
good for frying
or soup! Can't
go wrong with
this fish."**

of newly cooked white rice and a dipping sauce of *toyo* (soy sauce) with a squeeze of *calamansi* and I'm a happy camper for sure. Depending on the weather, mood or occasion of course dictates how your fish is prepared. Soup base I mentioned earlier with *sinigang* or *tinola* can be incorporated with fish as the main ingredient. Of course, the best way to cook fish depends on the variety of fish. The famous *bangus* (bang-ooos) or milk fish is good for frying or soup! Can't go wrong with this fish. Although I highly recommend the already deboned version. I love the frozen version in the local grocers but I also look forward to a fresh dish on my next trip to the Philippines. Another favorite of mine is pink snapper or the snapper family. Locally known as *Opakapaka*. White, delicate, perfect for steaming. Add chopped ginger, garlic, red onion salt, pepper and lemon grass in the belly of the fish and steam away. Be sure to keep a close eye, you don't want to overcook. When you're ready to serve, place the whole fish in a big plate and pour hot peanut oil with already lightly toasted chopped garlic over the

fish.

Now, after being presented with these different cuisine varieties and you are still fixed on *adobo* you are a true fan. Have you made a comparison to every *adobo* that you have tasted over the years? I was born and raised in the city of Makati in Metro Manila. The taste I've acquired for *adobo* is different when I visit relatives in Mindanao. When our family moved to Hawai'i in the early '90s, I was introduced to several other versions of *adobo* recipes mostly from the Ilocos regions. On Maui alone, you will find unique flavors of *adobo* from each individual restaurant or caterer. Have you tasted Tante's award-winning *adobo*? It's not made from pork. And he incorporated an ingredient that is quite unusual for an *adobo* dish. The ingredient he features with his *adobo* certainly brings out the richness and bold taste of the soy sauce and vinegar reduced. I won't spoil it for those of you who have yet to experience the flavors of Tante's award winning *adobo*. It's off menu of course, served only on special occasions. Of course, everyone's mom or dad makes the best *adobo*, right? If you are truly confident in your *adobo*, enter your cooking in this year's "Any Kine Adobo" contest at the annual celebration of the Maui Fil-Am Heritage Festival. This year, the event will be on Saturday, October 20, 2018 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The winner of the contest will take home a cash prize and your name will be etched on the plaque to join past champions of the *Any Kine Adobo Contest*. Whether it be pork, chicken or squid *adobo*, enjoy your dish and keep discovering new things to *adobo*! ✨

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Pork Lechon

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Crispy Pata

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Kumusta po? (How are you?). Do you remember what the word *Nanang* means? *Nanang* is the word for mother in Ilokano. In fact, you can use it for more variations, like a hānai mother; even my grand-

mother prefers to be called *Nanang* or *Nana* rather than *Lola* since calling her *Nanang* makes her feel younger. Do you remember how the story of Michael and Angel left off? Let’s take a look.

Let’s Talk Pinoy!

Dulce Karen Butay

MICHAEL IS BARELY RELIGIOUS. It has been maybe 10 years since he last went to church, and he was even sleeping during mass too. He has never even heard of a *lualo* (prayer) before but is quickly pushed to the front by Rosie.

Soaked, with grass in his silky *buhok* (hair), and *beinte* (20) or more *Lolas* staring at him, Michael looks down at his rosary.

Rosie mutters “*Palito, umpisahan mo na.*” (Palito, start it now.)

MICHAEL: (Stuttering) “Th Th Thank you Lord for gathering us together to celebrate, I mean mourn the death of... of... “

At this moment Angel steps next to Michael, and takes over the prayer. “The third Joyful Mystery...”

A few minutes later, Michael steps into the kitchen breathing heavily.

ANGEL: Michael, are you okay?

MICHAEL: “Yeah, I just get really nervous when I’m speaking in front of people.”

Angel gave a sweet *isem* (smile) and says, “*Salamat*. At least you tried. Actually I was going to do the *Lualo* (prayer) anyways but you volunteered. That’s what I was writing at the bar. I was looking for a place to sit down while waiting for Rosie to come get me.”

MICHAEL: “Well, I was probably horrible.”

Rosie walks in. “No, it was horrible. Do you not pray the Rosary?” Rosie turns to Michael, smiles and says, “If you don’t pray, you must be *mayaman* and have everything yeah?” She bats her eyelids.

The three poke their heads out the kitchen door into the chanting prayers.

ANGEL: “Let’s go sit, there is space next to Lola.”

Thirty-Two minutes pass and Michael looks at his phone. With a surprised look on his face, he turns to Angel.

“I am so sorry but I have to go. *Gabi na*. (It’s night time).” Michael

English	Pilipino	Ilokano	Cebuano	Ilonggo	Ibanag	Kapampangan
Grandma	Lola	Apo baket	Lola	Lola	Lola	Apu
6	Anim	Innem	Unom	Anum	Annam	Anam
10	Sampu	Sangapulo	Napulu	Pulo	Mafulu	Apulu
20	Dalawampu	Dua pulo	Kawhaan	Baynte	Duwa mafulu	Aduang Pulu
32	Tatlumpu’t dalawa	Trienta y dos	Katluhan duha	Trantay dos	Tallu mafulu duwa	Atlung pulu dos
Hair	Buhok	Buok	Buhok	Buhok	Vu	Bwak
Thank You	Salamat	Agyamanak	Daghang Salamat	Salamat Gid	Mabalo	Dacal a salamat
Start	Umpisa	Rugi	Sinugdanan	Umpisa	Manegafu	Magumpisa
Smile	Ngiti	Isem	Pahiyum	Yuhom	Galo	Timan
Rich	Mayaman	Baknang	Adunahan	Manggaranon	Mamamga	Makualta
Night time	Gabi	Rabiin	Gabi	Gab-i	Gabi	Bengi

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searches for his phone and his keys and rushes out the door.

Angel watches him leave and on the ground where he was sitting lies a business card and it reads; “Michael Dimatibag Walker, Walker Immigration Law Office - Maui, 707 Mauka Road, Waihe’e, HI 96793.”

Angel looks up and she sees Michael greet one of the *Apo Baket* (Grandma) who just came in then he jogs to his *kotse* (car) and drives off.

Michael dials the phone.

MICHAEL: “Pick up, pick up, pick up the phone *Inay.*” His mom answers.

MOM: Michael, what’s wrong?

MICHAEL: “It’s *Gramma Ina*, she called me three times and now she won’t answer.”

MOM: “Go check on her and we will see you there.”

Michael slams the brakes at his

grandma’s house, and enters using the key he kept under a rock since he was *anim* (6) years old.

He opens the door, and *Gramma Ina* is there sitting on the recliner in her usual place.

MICHAEL: “Grams! Are you okay? You called me and I was so worried!”

GRANDMA: “I can’t find the remote. Can you help me find it?”

What a night Michael is having! There are so many ways to call your grandmother. Grandmother, Granny, Grandma, Mama, *Lola*, *Nanang*, *Nanay*, *Apo Baket*, *Lola Baket*, *Lola Ina*, *Gramma Ina* are all ways I can think of calling a grandma. What do you call your grandmother? Post it on our facebook page at www.facebook.com/FilAmVoiceMaui/. Your homework this month is to call your grandma using one of the examples I gave you. I used to call my maternal grandma *Lola* while I called my paternal grandma *Nana*. I miss them both and I wish I spent more time with them. If your grandparents are still around, lucky you! Spend time with them and listen to their stories. You will learn a lot especially about our culture and their interesting life. You might also hear some of the familiar words that I am teaching you

and that might help you to master your Filipino languages. Like always, let’s laugh, let’s listen, and Let’s Talk Pinoy! *Hanggang sa muli!* (Until next time!) *Ingat!* (Take care!) 🌟

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These protesters marched arm-in-arm for justice for the detained families and children separated forcibly from their parents.

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ers. We will share our Thanksgiving in the privilege we have as Americans and our belief in democracy and the greater good. We will pray that we as Americans will extend a helping hand to those who are marginalized and families who are seeking a better and safer life for their young children. We will seek to understand those who think differently than we do and look for opportunities to dialogue in love. And we will vote and hold accountable those elected to office. After all: “*Si se puede!*” (Yes, we can!) ✨
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ment Group. He was graduated from Chaminade University (Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Business Administration) and California State University, Long Beach (Masters of Public Administration, Government Finance). His various government positions include Councilman (1991 to 1992), Director, Department of Housing and Human Concerns, and Director, Department of Water Supply. Bagoyo was previously President of Lānaʻi Holdings and Water Company and Vice President of Lānaʻi Company. He is currently Vice President of the Maui Memorial Medical Center Foundation and was Chairperson of the Maui Filipino Centennial Celebration Coordinating Council. His wife Jennifer is an RN at Maui Memorial Medical Center.



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Angus McKelvey, Chayne Marten and Jen Mather will be running off in the November general election for the State House District 10 position.



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ty.” Nonpartisan candidate Andrew Kayes garnered only 28 votes—not enough to qualify for the General Election so Woodson is elected outright.

Incumbent State Representative McKelvey to face two opponents

For State House 10 (West Maui), incumbent Angus McKelvey had no opposition in the Democratic primary and received 2,341 votes—78.5% with 642 blank votes (21.5%). McKelvey will face Republican Chayne Marten, who garnered 373 votes (144 votes were blank) and Green party Jen Mather, who received only 32 votes (with 5 blank votes). This will be Marten’s third try at beating McKelvey. On Sept. 17, 2018 Marten will be tried on sexual assault charges.

Businesswoman Wildberger beats Couch and Myrick

For State House 11 (South Maui) previously held by Mark Kaniela Saito Ing who badly lost (6.1% of the vote) a bid for the Honolulu Congressional seat after committing state and federal campaign violations, Kihei Ice, Inc. owner Tina Wildberger led from start to finish, increasing her lead over former South Maui Councilman Don Couch from 331 in the first printout to 686 votes in the final printout. In the end, Wildberger received 54.6% of the votes (2,191) to Couch’s 37.7% (1,505 votes) and former UH football scout team member and Army veteran Ollie “Lee” Myrick’s 4.0% (161 votes).

Because nonpartisan Daniel Kanahale received only 62 votes, Wildberger is elected outright.

Incumbent Yamashita wins in rematch

In the much anticipated rematch from 2016 where incumbent State Representative Kyle Yamashita (State House 12—Spreckelsville, Pukalani, Makawao, Kula, Kēōkea, ‘Ulupalakua, and Parts of Kahului), survived a challenge from community activist Tiare Lawrence, Yamashita held a small lead (455 votes at the first printout) that decreased to 239 by the final printout, which was delayed because one precinct had not reported. Yamashita prevailed with 3,412 votes (50.5%) to Lawrence’s 3,173 (47.0%). There were 164 blank votes and four over votes. In 2016, Yamashita received 2,763 while Lawrence received 2,411 votes.

Incumbent DeCoite will face Green Party Challenger

For State House 13 (Haʻikū, Hāna, Kaupō, Kīpahulu, Nāhiku, Pāʻia, Kahoʻolawe, Lānaʻi, Molokai, Molokini) incumbent Lynn DeCoite beat back her Democratic challenger John-Bull English: 2,864 (55.3%) to 1,924 (37.1%). DeCoite will face Green Party candidate Nick Nikhilananda who received only 25 votes.

County Council Races

During the primary election, Maui’s voters had only four County Council races to vote for: West Maui, Kahului, Makawao-Haʻikū-Pāʻia, and Molokai. But the races featured many familiar names—including prior office holders and prior candidates.

The other five races had only two candidates in each race and will appear on the General Election ballot along with the four other races: Wailuku (incumbent Alike Atay versus former Councilwoman Alice Lee), Lānaʻi (incumbent G. Riki Hokama versus Gabe Johnson), East Maui (Claire Carroll versus Shane Sinenci), Upcountry (incumbent Yuki Lei Sugimura versus Hannibal Starbuck) and South Maui (incumbent Kelly King versus Zandra Crouse).

Kahului Seat

For some political observers, Mayor Alan Arakawa’s second place finish to Tasha Kama, who previously ran and lost twice against Speaker Emeritus Joseph Souki for the Wailuku State House seat, may be surprising but others have commented that it was not. Kama who garnered 12,703 votes (37.3%) to Arakawa’s 11,775 votes (34.6%) will need to sustain her low-budget campaign against the current Mayor. Deb Kaiwi placed



Kihei Ice Inc. owner **Tina Wildberger** was elected outright for State House District 11

third with 4,515 votes (13.3%) while there were 5,056 blank votes and 5 over votes.

Kama beat Arakawa in South Maui, Upcountry, and East Maui-Molokai-Lānaʻi while Arakawa beat Kama in Wailuku, Kahului, and Lahaina.

West Maui Seat

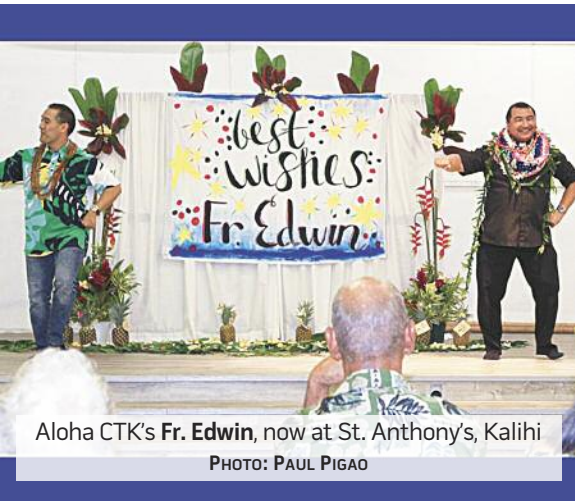
It was no surprise that Tamara Paltin received the most votes for this seat 15,227 (44.7%). Four years ago, Paltin received 18,162 votes in her unsuccessful attempt to unseat Mayor Alan Arakawa.

Perhaps the surprise was that ILWU-backed candidate Kanamu Balinbin (whose felony convictions were reported in *The Maui News*) led Rick Nava by 105 votes at the first printout for second place, only to lose by 175 votes.

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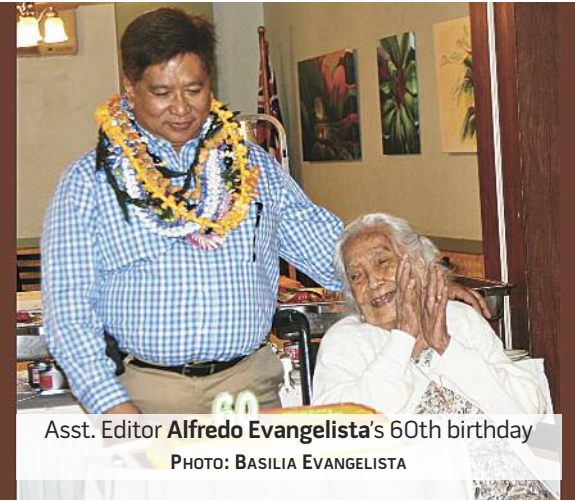
Aloha CTK's Fr. Edwin, now at St. Anthony's, Kalihi
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Agrifina Cabebe celebrates her 90th birthday
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Asst. Editor Alfredo Evangelista's 60th birthday
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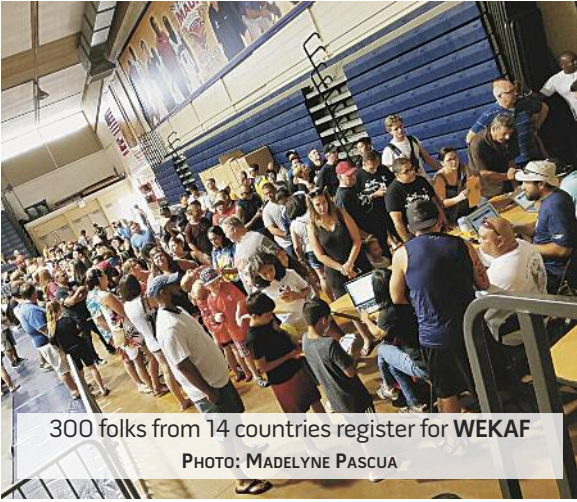
Nestor & Celia Soliven's 45th Anniversary
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Joylene Nina Tabon wins Miss Hawai'i Filipina pageant
PHOTO: LAWRENCE PASCUA



Ilocos Surians after successful Barrio Fiesta
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300 folks from 14 countries register for WEKAF
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Yzabelle Menor won gold and silver at WEKAF
PHOTO: RENIE MENOR



Maximus Juan won gold and two silvers at WEKAF
PHOTO: MARIBEL JUAN



Queens Kim Yap & Joy Tabon with MFCC Delegates
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Joylene Nina Tabon crowned Miss Hawai'i Filipina
PHOTO: DEREK KANO



Joy with her court & Jimmy Iloreto, UFCH Past Pres.
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CTK Parishioners at Aloha Party for Fr. Edwin
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Tante Urban joins Nestor & Celia Soliven for a photo
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Nava finished with 5,793 votes (17.0%) to squeak by Balinbin's 5,618 votes (16.5%) for a chance to defeat Paltin in the General Election. Nava, who was out of town for almost a month during the beginning of the campaign season, has raised little money and has done little campaigning.

Makawao-Ha'ikū-Pā'ia Seat

Former Councilman Mike Molina started with an early lead of 3,560 votes over Trinette Furtado and by the end of the night increased that lead to 4,736 votes. In the end, Molina received 16,368 votes (48.1%) to Furtado's 11,632 votes (34.2%). Third place finisher Adam Borowiec received 1,011 votes (3.0%).

Molokai Seat

Incumbent Stacy Crivello led by 2,781 votes from the first printout and by the final printout, her lead had increased to 3,541 over her 2016 opponent Keani Rawlins-Fernandez. Crivello ended with 42.9% of the vote (14,599) while Rawlins-Fernandez had 32.5% of the vote (11,058) with Cora Caparida-Schnackenberg coming in third with 3.8% of the vote (1,307). In the 2016 elections, Crivello received 22,763 votes (43.0%) to Rawlins-Fernandez' 18,496 votes (34.9%).

Other Races

U.S. Senator Mazie Hirono received 201,604 votes and will face Republican Ron Curtis (12,331 votes) in the General Election.

Congresswoman Tulsi Gabbard (94,629 votes) crushed her Democratic challengers Sherry Alu Campagna (13,936 votes) and Anthony Austin (4,688 votes). Gabbard will face Republican Brian Evans (12,331 votes) in the General Election. Gabbard won Maui 23,644 (79.6%) to Alu Campagna's 2,717 (9.2%).

Former Congressman Ed Case (47,482 votes) emerged victorious in a field of seven, with current Lt. Governor/Former Attorney General Doug Chin coming in second with 30,283 votes and State Senator Donna Mercado Kim receiving only 21,554 votes. Combined, the other four candidates (Ing, Beth Fukumoto, Ernest Martin, and Sam Puleasi) did not match Kim's vote total. Case will face off against former state legislator Cam Cavasso (who received 10,552 votes to beat Raymond Vinole's 2,340 votes) and Libertarian Michelle Tippens who received 150 votes. The nonpartisan candidates Calvin Griffin and John Cipolla did not qualify for the general.

Who's Counting?

The Honolulu City Council will not feature a Filipino majority as former State Senate President Robert Bunda lost to Helen Tsuneyoshi and Hawai'i Construction Alliance Executive Director Tyler Dos-Santos Tam came in third to incumbent Carol Fukunaga. Both Tsuneyoshi and Fukunaga won outright by capturing more than half of the Primary Election votes cast in their respective races. [Note: Maui does not have the 50%+1 "mercy rule."] Brandon Elefante, one of the four Honolulu City Council members of Filipino an-

cestry, faces Kelly Kitashima in the General.

In the State Senate, the Filipino caucus will be reduced from six to four with Senator Brickwood Galuteria losing his seat and Will Espero resigning for an unsuccessful run for Lt. Governor. (Donna Mercado Kim was midterm and she did not need to resign her Senate seat to run for Congress.) Republican Tony Solis of "Eh! U Da Kine, Ah?" fame will try to unseat incumbent Michelle Kidani (District 18-Mililani).

In the State House, the five member caucus almost lost Representative Romy Cachola (the fourth printout had him losing by ten votes but by the final printout he had eked out a 51-vote victory). Cachola faces Republican Mar Velasco in the General. Former State Representative Rida Cabanilla Arakawa (District 41-Ewa Beach, Ewa Gentry, Ewa Villages, Ocean Pointe) is trying to make a comeback while Rose Martinez (District 40-Ewa Beach, Ewa Gentry, Iroquois Point, West Loch Estate) will try again against Republican incumbent Bob McDermott. Newcomer Hilo Republican Grace Manipol-Larson will try to unseat Democratic incumbent Christopher Todd. Elaine Daligdig lost in her attempt to unseat incumbent James Tokioka (District 15-Kapa'a) while newcomer Trish La Chica placed third in the Democrat primary for District 36 (Mililani, Mililani Mauka, Waipi'o Acres).

Questions for Maui's General Election

The Mayor's race will continue to be the hottest race. "Winning" the primary, however, does not guarantee a General Election victory in November. In the 2010 Mayoral race, incumbent Charmaine Tavares placed first in the primary with 7,313 votes to Alan Arakawa's 7,041

votes among 11 candidates. But in November, Arakawa won with 24,195 votes to Tavares' 16,944. Similarly, in the 2002 Mayoral race, incumbent Kimmo Apana received 12,388 votes in the Primary Election with Arakawa placing second with 10,142 votes. But in the General Election, Arakawa beat Apana, 20,887 to 19,784.

Voter turnout will be a big question mark. As noted earlier, only 36% of the 94,194 registered voters in the County of Maui voted in the Primary--34,073--with hotly contested Democratic Primaries for Governor, Lt. Governor, State Senate seats for South Maui-West Maui and Molokai-Lāna'i-East Maui, and House seats for South Maui, Up-country Maui, Kahului and Wailuku.

In 2016, the Primary Election turnout was 29.6% of the 91,138 registered voters or 26,993. In the General Election, turnout was 56.4% of the 93,912 registered voters (52,972), an increase of 25,979 from the Primary Election--over 96%.

In 2014, the Primary Election turnout was 33.1% of the 85,581 registered voters or 28,337. In the General Election, turnout was 52.7% of the 87,327 registered voters (46,005), an increase of 17,668 from the Primary Election--over 62%.

With the book value of registered voters increasing from 87,327 to 94,194 in four years, the number of primary election voters has also increased from 28,337 in 2014 to 34,073 this year. Will the number of general election voters also increase from 46,005 in 2014 and 52,972 in 2016?

The 2016 general election had a presidential race featuring Hillary Clinton vs. Donald Trump.


The 2014 general election had many contested races: U.S. Senate (Schatz vs. Cavasso); U.S. Congress (Gabbard vs. Crowley); Governor (Ige/Tsutsui vs. Aiona/Ahu vs. Hanne-

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workforce. But he doesn't foreclose pursuing organizing agricultural operations if the opportunity presents itself. It's not an immediate part of the plan but he's aware that the corporation, after all, still owns 36,000 acres of agricultural land in Maui's Central Valley with a 24,000 acre chunk designated as difficult-to-urbanize Important Agricultural Lands. The ILWU, he says, is not actively trying to organize the only other large operation on the island, Monsanto.

As Division Director, Andrión spends more time in the office. Daily he finds himself wondering how time goes by so much faster than his day as a Business Agent visiting and tending to his units in the field. Each day he's surprised to look up and realize it's time to go home. His wife Emerina, I think to myself, must be very understanding.

While it's an election year, he doesn't think all the campaigning hinders the regular work at the union. "It's not a focal point," he insists, "It's just part of the job."

Then with a slight grin, he admits,

"The only difference in election year is being out there [in the public] more." But he reminds me that even in off-years, union leadership and the rank and file do a lot of groundwork visiting and talking story with elected officials, industry chiefs and community leaders.

While the ILWU has had a large Filipino membership and while there have been Filipino leaders on all the islands, Maui has had only a few. Until Andrión, Tacdol had been the only other Maui Filipino Division Director while men like Pepito Ragasa and Claro Romero have been elected as Business Agents. Valley Islanders Teddy Espeleta has been a Statewide Vice-President and Donna Domingo is the current Statewide President. The former Director Tacdol observes that he didn't think there would be another Pinoy Division Director for a long time. He notes he's glad to be wrong.

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Maui Councilmembers Yuki Lei Sugimura (Upcountry) and Alika Atay (Wailuku) with Sen. Gil Keith-Agaran and his mother Lydia Coloma at the Opening of the 2017 Legislative Regular Session.



The members of the State Senate at the end of the 2018 Legislative Session include six Filipinos: Will Espero, Donna Mercado Kim, Brickwood Galuteria, Donovan Dela Cruz, Gil S.C. Keith-Agaran and Lorraine Inouye.



Sen. Keith-Agaran and family on Opening Day of the 2017 Legislative Regular Session.

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gan against Woodson in Kahului, and Rick Nava and Kanamu Balinbin for the West Maui Council seat.

With the Primary completed, some losing candidates who were relying on their Filipino heritage or surname will wonder whether additional effort to get out the Filipino vote would have made a difference. But that assumes that Filipinos will always vote the Filipino. Given the Civil War in the Mayor's Race, I would think that has been laid to rest. ✨

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mann/Chang); State Senate 5 (Keith-Agaran vs. Kamaka); State Senate 6 (Baker vs. Dubois vs. Ka'ahui); State House 8 (Souki vs. Kapo'i); State House 10 (McKelvey vs. Marten); State House 11 (Ing vs. Brock); State House 12 (Yamashita vs. Pohle) as well as the Mayor's race and the nine Council races.

This year, aside from the Senate and House races, the Governor's race is not expected to be as interesting as four years ago although the GOP hash tag of #wecomin' shows some bravado. More important, compared to six State Legislature races in 2014, only three less competitive races remain to be decided in November—State Senate 6 (Baker vs. Green candidate Shishido), State House 10 (McKelvey vs. Marten vs. Mather); and State House 13 (DeCoite vs. Green candidate Nikhilananda). There are no State Legislature races to bring out the Central Maui voters.

But the General Election will decide who leads Maui County's local government.

Along with the Mayor's race, the County Council races will feature clear choices for every race and will be a check on the strength of the 'Ohana coalition backed by the Sustainable Action Fund for the Environment (SAFE) and their affiliated SuperPacs. 'Ohana candidates Paltin and Kama led West Maui and Kahului respectively while 'Ohana candidates Furtado and Rawlins-Fernandez came in second for Makawao-Ha'ikū-Pā'ia and Molokai.

They will be joined in the general by incumbent Atay (Wailuku), Johnson (Lāna'i), Sinenci (East Maui), Starbuck (Upcountry), and incumbent King (South Maui).

Will non-'Ohana coalition incumbents Sugimura, Crivello and Hokama hang on? Will Robert Carroll's popularity transfer to his daughter Claire? Will former councilman Molina who garnered 16,368 votes in the primary—the most of any of the Council candidates—be able to hold off Furtado? Will Arakawa be able to humble himself and change folks' minds to defeat Kama?

Stay tuned... November is just a short ten weeks away. And you thought the sign waving, the mailers, the radio ads, the rallies, the house visits, the phone calls, the newspaper ads, and the Facebook ads were over? It's just beginning.

Oh yeah, after all of that, who will be the new Chair of the County Council? ✨

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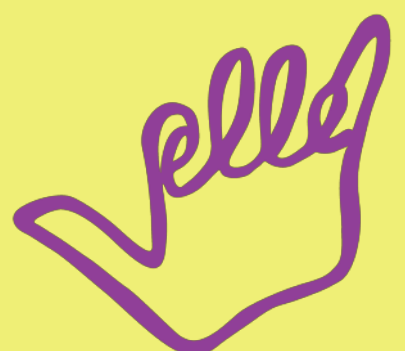
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