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Graduation ceremonies for the 34th Recruit Class.
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"I like helping people ... keeping them safe. It's a good feeling when you help somebody out," said **Willie Barut** who works at the Lahaina Station and is Maui's only Battalion Chief of Filipino ancestry. **Steven Haban** from the Wailea Station sees himself

along with other firefighters as a public servant. He says the "community is the sole support for our careers" and serving as a firefighter is "a way of giving back." **Ian Pascua** of the Kihei station enjoys the firefighters' mission to help the community and is in awe of the feeling that comes when

"you show up to help on peoples' worse day of their lives." For Barut, Haban, Pascua, and the other dozen or so firefighters of Filipino ancestry in Maui County, the action to help without hesitation was ingrained in them by their mentors, family, and friends. The month of October is

celebrated annually as National Fire Prevention Month with firefighters across the nation including those on Maui participating in a variety of public events and activities to provide a greater understanding of the work of firefighting. In 2019, Maui experienced a spike in
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Secrets to a Long Life

Quintin Casio celebrates 105 years.
Vanessa Joy Domingo

Singing his favorite songs, dancing, and travelling are among the things that keep centenarian **Quintin Casio** young at heart. And so far, it's worked! On October 30th at the Maui Beach Hotel Terrace Restaurant, he celebrated his 105th birthday hosted by his six children—from oldest to youngest) Melecia, Liberato, Alejo, Rodrigo, Violy, and Ali-

cia with treasured family and friends. So—what's the secret to living past 100? According to his daughter Violy, she believes it's his young-at-heart spirit that keeps him moving. His daily routine includes walking up and down the stairs of their two-story home, and attending a Seniors' club in Wailuku to socialize, exercise
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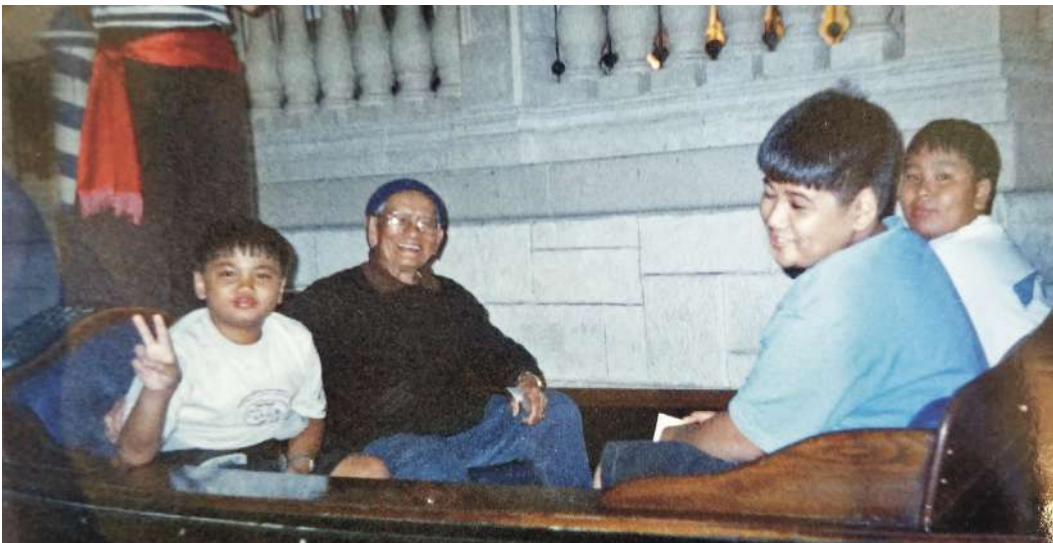
Centenarian **Quintin Casio** is shown here at his 105th birthday celebration. This youngster is still going strong!
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Casio taking bus to Wailuku Seniors club.
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Casio walking on beach with daughter Violy
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Casio shown here spending time with his grandchildren on a gondola ride at the Venetian in Las Vegas.
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cise, and make new friends. He still enjoys rides to Hāna and going on excursions. The photos of his travels and his bright, youthful smile are proof of that. It also doesn't hurt that he eats plenty of vegetables and fruit daily.

Or could the secret be in his genes? Casio is the oldest of six children in his family. And although he is the only living sibling left—a few of his siblings lived to be as old as 87 (brother - Placido), 92 (sister - Pacita), and 99 (sister - Sion) years old. He squints and taps his forehead as he tries to recall the memory of his great-grandfather—who lived to be 120 years old! To note—the oldest person authenticated and recorded in the world—is a record that has been held by Jeanne Louise Calment (France) at 122 years old. According to the Guinness World

Records, the world's oldest person alive is 116-year-old Kane Tanaka from Japan who was officially confirmed this year. At his birthday party, Casio was awarded with a Certificate of Recognition presented by the County of Maui—and Mayor Michael Victorino. According to the Mayor, Casio is currently the oldest man on Maui.

I am in awe as I watch Casio get up from his rocking chair all on his own and saunter over to the dining table, cane in hand with such ease to enjoy his morning snack. I can only hope that my joints will have the same fluidity when I reach his age. Casio was born in 1914 in Pangasinan. He was born during World War I while Woodrow Wilson was in presidency and was also born a month before famous baseball player Joe DiMaggio of the New York Yankees. Casio grew up becoming a farmer and grew the common necessities of the Philippines—

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Casio with his many grandchildren.
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Steven Haban at work in the newest fire station at Wailea.
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Steven Haban serves as a firefighter to give back to the community
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Maui Fire ...

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the number of fires in Central Maui, Kīhei, Mā'alaea, and the westside. Maui residents are forever grateful to Maui's firefighters for battling the fires and placing their own lives in danger. For those of us who have ancestral roots to the Philippines, it is an *utang na loob*—a debt we can never repay.

Historically, Maui's fire department was established on July 1, 1924 when the Wailuku station was first opened with seventeen paid positions. There are now fourteen stations in Maui County which are numbered in the order of their establishment: ten on Maui (#1-Wailuku, #2-Pā'ia, #3-Lahaina, #5-Makawao, #6-Kīhei, #7-Hāna, #10-Kahului, #11-Nāpili, #13-Kula and #14-Wailea), three on Molokai (#4-Kaunakakai, #9-Ho'olehua, and #12-Pūko'o), and one on Lāna'i (#8). The department now called the Depart-

In 2019, Maui experienced a spike in the number of fires in Central Maui, Kīhei, Mā'alaea, and the westside.

ment of Fire and Public Safety has almost 400 employees consisting of uniformed firefighters, support staff and lifeguards, who were transferred to the Fire Department from the Department of Parks and Recreation in 2016.

Current Fire Chief David Thyne was selected in August 2018 by the Maui County Fire and Public Safety Commission. He has served more than thirty years as a firefighter and was part of the Fire Department's first recruit class, joining on September 16, 1987. In materials provided by Thyne, the Fire Department responded to nearly 15,000 emergency situations in 2018 including fires, hazardous materials incidents, motor vehicle accident, medical emergencies, natural disasters, and a variety of rescues.

Thyne is responsible for recruitment, which occurs only when there are enough vacancies to fill a recruit class. He described with concern how of the 300-1000 people who take the written test, about 400 pass, out of which

45-50 pass the physical test, from which 15-25 ultimately join the recruit class.

Pascua observed that "the written test weeds out many... by requiring competencies in math, reading comprehension, mechanical aptitude, and problem solving." Haban recalls how at the age of 21 while he was in college, he failed the swimming class. The test was to swim 100 meters in 2:15 minutes, then dive down to pick up a five-pound object—a rubber brick. Haban was bummed and recalls the advice from his friend Louis Pine Romero, a firefighter, who told him "If opportunity comes up, you gotta be ready for it." So, Haban tried again and eventually passed, with his college

friend Ray Watanabe saying "You're going to be there with me. I'm not doing this alone." Haban, with visibly deep emotions of heartfelt gratitude surfacing, says Watanabe "was there when I brought that brick back."

Thyne explains competitive wages and the opportunity for advancement assist with the recruitment effort while a call to service constantly remains the highest motivator.

"It looked cool when I was a kid," said **Jared Calvin** of the Lahaina station. "But then as an adult, it was important to help the community and be a part of the fire department." Calvin has been a firefighter since April 2018, after being a diver with the U.S.

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Jared Calvin, shown standing here with his wife and daughter says it's important to serve the community.
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We Salute Our Firefighters

Maui has faced an unusually high number of fires this year. And our firefighters have valiantly fought and contained these fires, risking their own lives to protect our homes and land.

One of our firefighters' many responsibilities is training and education. When I was working at one of the hotels on the Big Island of Hawai'i, we received training from the fire department on what to do if we ever had a fire in the kitchen.

Luckily, I was very attentive during that training because sometime after, I was cooking with a wok with a lot of oil. I was multitasking and the oil over heated and started to catch fire. Our pre-

vious training on ways to extinguish different types of fire paid off. I remembered that with an oil fire, one never uses water to try to extinguish the fire so I immediately covered the wok and fire with the wok's metal cover.

Whew! I still remember to this date the anxieties I felt at the time.

I am forever grateful to the training from the firefighters and in turn, my employees have also learned what to do in case of a kitchen fire.

"I am forever grateful to the training from the firefighters and in turn, my employees have also learned what to do in case of a kitchen fire."

I encourage all restaurant and business owners to reach out to the fire department for training on the prevention and extinguishing of different kinds of fires. Believe

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Our staff writer Elizabeth Ayson, the mother of two firefighters, poses while on assignment.

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Casio got "game"! Here, he stands arms wrapped around a Marilyn Munroe lookalike on the strip in Las Vegas.

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Casio with siblings and grandchildren

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corn, rice, and tobacco. In 1950, he married Petra Maines. He arrived on Maui in 1977. Even at 65-years-old, Casio took to employment after his arrival and dedicated seven years to the Maui Pineapple cannery before retiring in 1985. His wife later arrived in Hawai'i in 1985 but moved

back to the Philippines in 1995. She unfortunately passed away in June 1999 while Casio and his family were visiting. She lived to be 79 years old. From then, he spent his years surrounded by his sixteen grandchildren—who have now replaced themselves with fifteen great-grandchildren to keep him busy. It's clear Casio has been anything but idle. As he became older, his daughter Violy re-

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Carmen A. Felipe Stuart



The Stuart Family: L to R: Cai Maver (Shannon's husband), Shannon. In front of them: Finn (3 y.o.) & Ciaran (4 y.o. 11mos). Christopher, John, Michelle, Ezekiel (9 y.o.) in front of Michelle, Carmen



Jorge Felipe

Most if not all of the *Sakadas* who came to Hawai'i to work in the sugar and pineapple plantations had dreams of finding a better life for themselves and their families. Jorge Felipe was one of those *Sakadas*.

Carmen Ann Felipe Stuart is the oldest of seven Felipe children. She was born in Barrio Tuec, Camiling, Tarlac, Philippines. She was only three years old when Jorge Felipe, her father came to Hawai'i in 1946, leaving her, her mom Alejandra, and three other siblings. In 1954, Alejandra, Carmen, Rudy, Janet and Eddie were able to follow their father to Hawai'i on board the *S.S. President Cleveland*. Their Aunt Maxima and their cousin Virginia Felipe helped to process their passports to come to Maui.

Upon arriving on Maui, they settled in Keāhua Camp, a camp that was located just below Pukalani. You still can see a road sign to Keāhua Camp today on the way up country on Haleakalā Highway. There they met a lot of longtime friends. When the camp was closed, the Felipe family moved to Kahului, 6th Increment. The Felipe's were blessed with three other children, Esther, Fely and Judy. All of the Felipe children graduated from St. Anthony High School. According to Carmen, her parents worked very hard and sacrificed a lot to give them good education.

After high school graduation in 1961, Carmen attended St. Francis Hospital School of Nursing in Honolulu where she graduated as a Registered Nurse with honors in 1964. After graduation, she worked at Maui Memorial Hospital for six years. Then in 1970, she moved to California and worked at the Veterans Administration Hospital in the ICU/CCU Department for six years.

After she left the V.A. Hospital, she started working for Kaiser Foundation Hospital in Martinez, California in the ICU Department. When this hospital closed in 1996, she transferred to

Carmen Ann Felipe Stuart

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Kaiser Hospital in Walnut Creek, California. Again, with her expertise, she worked in the ICU Department for several years until she retired in January in 2008.

Carmen met the love of her life John Stuart at her brother Rudy's house when he was invited to Rudy's wife's birthday party. John and Rudy were co-workers at the Naval Weapon's Station in Concord, California. John and Carmen had a Maui wedding at Christ The King Catholic Church on July 4, 1975. As the locals would say, they were *Mauied*.

Carmen met the love of her life, her husband, John Stuart, at her brother Rudy's house when he was invited to Rudy's wife's birthday party. John and Rudy were co-workers at the Naval Weapon's Station in Concord, California.

John and Carmen are blessed with three wonderful children: Shannon, Christopher and Michelle. They are very proud of all of them.

Shannon attended Humboldt State University (HSU) where she received her Bachelor of Art, majoring in Psychology with a minor in writing and also a Masters in Counseling Psychology in 2004. She worked as Psychotherapist and adjunct Professor in Psychology at HSU until 2017, when she returned to School to pursue a Ph.D. in

Counseling at the University of Iowa. Her husband Cairn (Cai) Maver also attended HSU and earned his Bachelor of Art, majoring in Studio Art, and post graduate education in Computer Science. He worked as an Academic Advisor at HSU and web designer. He is currently a Front-End Web designer at Leepfrog Technologies in Iowa. Shannon and Cai have two children, Ciaran, 8, and Finn, 7.

Christopher Stuart graduated from California State University in Hayward, California. He earned his Bachelor of Science majoring in Computer Science and minoring in Math. Chris operates as the system engineer for household computers. He helps his

family a lot in troubleshooting their computer and television devices.

Michelle received her Masters Degree in Music Performance and Education at the University of Oregon in Eugene. She also graduated from the Royal College of Music in London in Performance Science. She now teaches Music in the Dublin Unified School District. She is a Professional Freelance French Horn Player. She also teaches piano to young students.

Michelle has a thirteen-year old son, Ezekiel.

As a retiree, Carmen spends a lot of time working at home helping her family. She enjoys cooking, baking and working outdoors. She loves going to prayer novenas at her friends' house.

All of the Felipe siblings live in California except Janet who lives on O'ahu.

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Carmen Felipe Stuart (middle) with parents Alejandra & Jorge Felipe

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The following are some highlights on Carmen’s siblings:

Rudy Felipe is a retired Electrical Engineer. He and his wife Meda do a lot of traveling. They love to cruise with Crystal Cruise Lines. They also enjoy ballroom dancing. They are members of a dance club in the East Bay of San Francisco, “The Diablo Diggers.” They come to Maui often to spend time in their condominiums in the Wailea area.

Janet Simpliciano is a retired Nurse. She worked at Kapi’olani Children’s Hospital in Honolulu for a few years, then transferred to Kaiser Medical Center on O’ahu, where she worked for eighteen years. She enjoys

babysitting, ballroom dancing, Hot Hula dancing and traveling with husband Joseph Simpliciano, Sr. They have three children: Joey Simpliciano, Nancy Quinn and Jeffrey Simpliciano. Joey and his wife Laurie have three children: Jayden, Jaycie and Jayslin. Nancy has a son, Dylan Quinn. Jeffrey and his wife Traci have a daughter named Kynzie Sachico Simpliciano.

Edward (Eddie) Felipe is a retired Engineer. He says that he enjoys watching his grandkids, playing golf and working out at the gym weekly and travel annually.

Esther is married to Ron Hart and they have two children Shaun and Heidi. She is retired after working thirty-three years in Silicon Valley and currently lives in Northern California. They are enjoying retirement life and spend as much of time traveling all

Alejandra & Jorge Felipe - Received “Filipino Parents of the Year” Award in 1982.



over the world and the continental USA. In addition to traveling, Esther likes to garden and play golf with Ron. She said she is not very good at golf but enjoys the exercise of walking and being outdoors. They are proud of their two kids, Shaun and Heidi, who are working for High Tech companies and doing well. One lives in New York and the other lives in England, so it’s always fun to visit them in NYC and London.

Fely had this to say about herself. “As the second youngest, I still work in high technology as a Sales and Marketing Manager for one of the largest memory supplies based in Taiwan. My job allows me to travel the world doing what I love. My husband Kevin Krewell is a technology analyst and owns his own business. We live in the heart of Silicon Valley, Campbell, California, not too far from Rudy, Carmen and Judy. I have two sons, Brett and Zachary Lieberman and a daughter-in-law, Tiffany, Brett’s wife. We all work for High Tech companies. Kevin and I love taking European vacations because we love history, art, food,

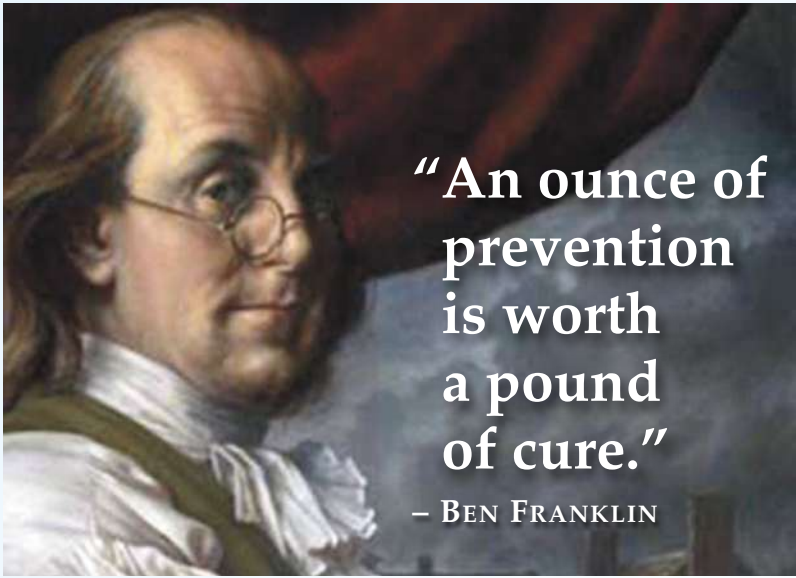
wine and learning different cultures. My passion for wine has led me to achieving a Certified Sommelier level 2. I plan to apply my wine knowledge to my next ‘fun’ part-time career after high tech.”

Judy Felipe, youngest of the girls, works at a Government Research and Development Institution for the past few years. She volunteers and helps at her church and with community events. She enjoys her true passion playing musical instruments, art, and floral design. She was motivated by her Dad being honored as a *Sakada* which inspired her to write a children’s book of her relationship with her father and being a daughter of a plantation worker.

Carmen shared this poignant statement from her Dad: “When we were young and having life difficulties, my father would comfort us by saying, ‘Don’t worry. Just trust God. God always knows our problems, and He will help us.’ This thought inspired me and strengthened my great faith in God. Also, my parents always taught

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Fire ...

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me, it will be a valuable investment and it’s never too early. As Benjamin Franklin said “An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.”

The 2019 Fire Prevention Week was celebrated from October 6 through 12 with the theme “Not

Every Hero Wears a Cape: Plan and Practice Your Escape!”. It is never too late to practice fire prevention ... and it is never too late to recognize our heroes who are firefighters ... who we owe a debt of gratitude that can never be repaid—an *utang na loob*. ✨

Tante Urban
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The Felipe Family: 1st Row Front: Janet, Esther, Judy, & Fely. 2nd Row Back: Edward, Alejandra (Mom), Jorge (Dad), Carmen, Rudy



A smiling photo of the Governor and the First Lady was prominent in almost all campaign materials including this pass out brochure (left).

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A campaign brochure (right) touted the record breaking tax cuts and prominently featured the new First Lady.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: 2019 marks the twenty-fifth anniversary of the election of Benjamin J. Cayetano as the Fifth Governor of the State of Hawai'i and the first Filipino-American elected as the head of an American state. This is the eleventh in a series of articles profiling Cayetano and his historic election and service. Versions of these articles appeared previously in The Filipino Summit.

In the final week of the 1998 General Election, time slots for coveted television ads suddenly opened up. The rumor was that the Cayetano-Hirono team appeared on the way to the first defeat of an incumbent Governor since Bill Quinn lost to Jack Burns. A media poll showing the favorable-unfavorable ratings of Governor Cayetano and his opponents suggested a large lead for Linda Lingle. Lingle's internal poll, from a mainland consultant, indicated she led by 10+%. The Lingle campaign was so confident that some visited the Governor's public reception to see where they would sit when they got their political appointments. Hearing about the visit, Governor Cayetano told the staff that if they returned, they were free to go into his private office to measure the curtains. Whatever the thinking, the Republican campaign apparently had cancelled their reserved ad buys. But the internal polling for the Governor suggested some undecided shifting and a virtual draw. For the campaign strategists, the availability of commercial slots was an opportunity, provided the fundraisers could find the money.

The Primary results in September foreshadowed the tough General election campaign. The GOP candidate, term-limited Maui Mayor Linda Lingle, out-poll Governor Cayetano

statewide 109,399–96,019. In fact, Lingle had more votes on the two most populous islands—O'ahu by 21,286 votes and Hawai'i by 631 votes. GOP Primary Candidate Frank Fasi drew 41,397 votes on O'ahu to Cayetano's 59,608 and Lingle's 80,894. Kaua'i provided the only clear advantage for Cayetano who collected 4,261 votes more than Lingle on the Garden Island.

Surprising the academic and media pundits who assumed Maui County would support their Mayor, Valley Islanders favored Cayetano by 4,445 votes (14,635–10,190 with Fasi drawing 2,390 votes). One Maui wag quipped that's because we know her the best. For Cayetano, that also pointed out that perhaps the rest of the state just didn't know her well enough.

Of course, the campaign ground troops tried to get its message out in traditional ways as well—brochures that touted the accomplishments and what some of the younger campaign veterans referred to as “that vision thing.”



The 1998 campaign logo

And there was a pretty good story to recount.

Also, the Hawai'i Home Lands department built or was building nearly 3,100 residential homestead lots and homes—exceeding the 3,000 built by the department in the 74 years before Governor Cayetano took office. He could rightly say, “in the three-and-a-half years of my administration, we have been able to open up more home-

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Governor Ben Cayetano
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stead lots to Native Hawaiian families than any administration in State history.”

The incumbent also pointed to the new direction for the business climate—where “the State would become a facilitator rather than a regulator of business.” He pointed to the one-stop new business form which replaced two dozen forms that new enterprises had been required to complete. Out of the ERTF process, supporters also pointed to the new mandatory approval law which set deadlines and timeframes for processing licenses, permits and other government approvals. Further, he could note the reduction in workers compensation rates which at 37.5% was the largest in the nation.

The hallmark of his argument was the biggest cut in state income taxes—only ten other states had made larger reductions in the previous five years. The top rate reduced from 10% to

8.75% and over the course of four years would end up at 8.25%. For Hawai'i's middle class, a family of four filing a joint return would see their tax rate fall from 10% to 8.25% in the first year and 7.6% in the fourth year of the new law. The administration projected the tax cuts to save taxpayers \$750 million over four years. As Cayetano said to supporters at a rally on June 23, “That's money back in your pockets, starting the first day of 1999.”

Cayetano also touted the traditional priming of the economy with public works. The construction industry, which had lost nearly 12,000

jobs since 1991, received a boost from Cayetano's \$1 billion capital improvement program. More than half the appropriations went for construction of new schools, classrooms, libraries and other educational facilities. That allowed the administration to be on pace to set a record for a four-year administration in building 11 new schools and 900 new classrooms. As Cayetano boasted at the June 23 event, “We put people back to work and helped education in Hawai'i at the same time.”

In addition, the administration pushed \$1.3 billion more in transportation capital improvement projects.

Cayetano chaffed at the usual GOP talking point about cutting government. Cayetano argued that in his first term, he had worked hard at streamlining state government—reducing growth from 8% to 1.6% and eliminating 3,000 full-time positions. The talking point was that Hawai'i government

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At Whalers Village in Kā'anapali

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"spends less in state expenditures than it did when Governor Cayetano took office in December 1994." He told supporters, "Our opponents talk about cutting government as if it would solve all our problems. These kinds of easy answers are okay for candidates who have never had to take responsibility for their words. But this year the voters will judge by a higher standard. A tougher standard. They'll demand the truth from candidates. That's why I welcome the campaign ahead, because we're not afraid to point to the record."

In his autobiography, Cayetano recalls early polls showed his approval ratings declining while his possible opponents Honolulu Mayor Jeremy Harris and Maui Major Linda Lingle rising. He honestly writes, "[w]hen pressed by the news media for comment I gave the usual responses: 'The only poll that counts is on Election Day,' 'This is not a popularity contest' and so on. Actually, I was very disappointed. Any politician who claims he doesn't care what the public thinks of him is being disingenuous."

The bravado at the June rally did not easily translate to changes to the polling. A few weeks before the June 23 event, an internal memorandum regarding expanding Cayetano's Filipino support observed, "At the moment, BJC trails badly and needs to secure groups with a greater history of loyalty and influence in Democratic Party election successes." An internal poll showed Lingle leading by 22% in June. Although Cayetano led among AJAs and Filipinos, he trailed Lingle narrowly for union members.

For the campaign's analysts, the September Primary results highlighted the shortcomings and suggested even a weakness from another key voting

bloc. The most telling discrepancy in the Primary for the gurus was that Cayetano failed to keep pace with Hawai'i's Senior U.S. Senator Dan Inouye. Statewide, Inouye out-pollled Cayetano by 13,109. On Maui, 2,514 Inouye voters did not cast a ballot for Cayetano. On Kaua'i, another 1,064 DKI voters opted not to cast a Cayetano ballot. Big Islanders cast 2,949 more votes for Dan than Ben. Honolulu included 6,582 Inouye voters more than Cayetano's total.

Inouye's votes provided demographic shorthand for the campaign brain-trust for key voters in the Democratic Party of Hawai'i base—Americans of Japanese Ancestry ("AJAs"). Since the 1954 Democratic Party Revolution, AJAs had been their most reliable voters along with union members. In the years since Statehood as more AJAs were able to access jobs in the State bureaucracy, AJA votes also meant public worker union votes. The numbers were sobering for Cayetano and his campaign advisors given his long elective history representing AJA communities in the State House and State Senate.

Cayetano had also observed as he campaigned that the AJA and union base of the party was graying. He noted, "Democrats were victims of their own success. For many, the struggle for social and political equality had opened the doors to better lives. Democratic parents were able to provide their children with better education, greater economic opportunities and expanded social mobility. But there was a political price to pay." In his autobiography, Cayetano wryly quotes a union leader's lament, "We Democrats have been so successful that we spoil our kids, give them everything we never had; they don't know what it means to sacrifice, and now we've created a bunch of Republicans."

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Governor 98
Ben Cayetano



"I Believe
in
Hawai'i"

As we prepare for the challenges of 1998, I want to extend my deepest gratitude for your loyal support and encouragement. It has been my privilege to serve you as Governor.

The election campaign before us will be an opportunity for all of us who believe in Hawai'i's future to work together toward a common goal. If we believe in one another and in our shared vision, there's nothing we can't accomplish.

My administration has worked hard to

give Hawai'i a State government that lives within its means without dismantling essential services. We have made tough decisions during tough times, because that's the kind of leadership Hawai'i needs. Those tough decisions have been guided by the fundamental principles of the Democratic Party. As Democrats, we believe society has a responsibility toward the elderly and our citizens in need. We believe that a responsible government cares for children and families. And we believe in the power of education.

That is why I have worked with our State lawmakers and with you, the people of Hawai'i, to keep Hawai'i's educational system strong during these tough times. When our economy rebounds—and it will—Hawai'i's young people will need to be ready for the good jobs our revitalized economy will offer.

We're making fundamental changes, building for the long term. We're attracting new industries and creating incentives for investment in Hawai'i's future. We can't just long for a return to the good old days; we have to create a new foundation for our state's economic future.

But in the debate over our economic struggles, we sometimes lose sight of what's right in front of us. As President John F. Kennedy once said, Hawai'i is what the rest of the world is trying to be. Ours is the most successful multicultural society anywhere in the world. Here in Hawai'i, we have proven that ethnic diversity enriches everybody's quality of life. The spirit of aloha guides and inspires us, and keeps our society strong.

We have our share of problems, and we won't solve them overnight. But the people of Hawai'i know how to stick together and work their way through tough times, as our history has shown us again and again.

So I urge all of you to join me in welcoming the challenges in front of us. It is through the electoral process that we define ourselves as a nation, and as a state. The months to come will offer Hawai'i's citizens a clear choice. Together, we can keep Hawai'i the special place it is—and make it even better.

Aloha,

Benjamin J. Cayetano
Governor
State of Hawaii



The campaign newsletter headlined Cayetano's belief in Hawai'i.

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November is here, my birth month, my favorite month. In the Philippines, November 1st is All Saint’s Day and November 2nd is All Soul’s Day. It is the day when we remember our loved ones who have passed away. A few days before the beginning of the month, people go and clean the cemetery where their loved ones were laid to rest. Some hire people to clean and repair the memorials. This year, I wasn’t able to visit my grandparents’ and my dad’s grave, however, I had my cousin light candles and bring flowers to their

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Dulce Karen Butay

graves. In the U.S., November is also when we celebrate Veteran’s Day and Thanksgiving Day. Thank you to our Veterans for their services and sacrifices for our country. These brave men and women put their lives on the line to protect our freedom. Thanksgiving Day is the day to reflect on what we are thankful for. Sometimes we forget to be grateful for the free things in life like the fresh air, the sun, and the rain. When I wake up in the morning, I always say “Thank you for waking me up

today.” This year, I am thankful for all the blessings that He showered on me and also for the challenges that made me a better and stronger person. So, what are you cooking for Thanksgiving? How do you spend your Thanksgiving? Do you fly anywhere or drive to the nearest family member? Are you the host or do you go out to eat? I would love to hear your favorite Thanksgiving dinner story, please share it with us at www.facebook.com/Fil-AmVoiceMaui. Now, back to our story. Where were we? Oh, that’s right. Waikiki Beach.

AS THE NIGHT CREEPS ON, Angel tucks her *braso* (arms) into her shirt and curls up in the corner of the pavilion which is shared by two homeless men and their carts. There is also a lady. She is rocking back and forth talking to herself. Angel sinks her *ulo* (head) into her chest to avoid the urine smells and closes her eyes. “Dear diary, day 1 in Hawai’i, not so epic. Day two, still to be determined. *Dios ti mangtaribay kanyak* (God will protect me from harm),” as she whispers herself to sleep.

“Ate, Ate!” A young girl runs to Angel and tugs on her dress and points in the direction of a building. The young girl takes her hand and pulls her. “Ok, ok where are we going *basang?*” Angel asks. The building is an old gymnasium and as the doors open, people shout. Confetti, balloons, and a giant banner with Thank you Ms. Angel! written on it. A swarm of people crowd her, smiling, clapping. She is kissed by a handsome man. “Babe, to the podium.” A bit startled, Angel tilts her *ulu* (head) in confusion. The crowd claps louder and begins to chant, “Angel! Angel! Angel! Angel!” A woman wearing a headset and holding a clipboard takes her from the young child. “Miss Angel, this way” and helps her up the stairs and onto the stage. She hands her a few index cards and gives her a thumbs up.

With the crowd chanting, Angel shyly waves. She walks to the podium and pre-reads the card. As she settles into position at the stand the crowd quiets. She reads the cards. “*Naimbag nga aldaw ka da kay amin*. (Good morning everyone.) *Agyamanak* (Thank you) for being here *ita nga aldaw* (today). Welcome to the grand opening of our company’s 32nd Help Center of the Angel Foundation.” The crowd erupts and chants again “Angel! Angel! Angel!” It becomes so loud that she can barely hear herself.

Getting comfortable at the podium, she motions for the crowd to settle down. The crowd gets even louder. Confused, Angel doesn’t know what to

English	Pilipino	Ilokano	Cebuano	Ilonggo	Ibanag	Kapampangan
Good morning	Magandang umaga	Naimbag nga aldaw	Maayong buntag	Maayong aga	Mapianga umma nikaw	Mayap a yabak
Thank You	Salamat	Agyamanak	Daghang Salamat	Salamat gid	Mabbalo’	Dacal a salamat
Feet	Paa	Saka	Takki	Bitis	Tiil	Tiil
Arms	Braso	Takyag	Lima	Gamat	Kamot	Braso
Water	Tubig	Danum	Tubig / Pamubo	Tubig	Danum	Danum
I love you.	Mahal kita.	Ay-ayaten ka.	Gihigugma ko ikaw.	Palangga ta ka.	Iddidu kattaka.	Kaluguran daka.
Beautiful	Maganda	Napintas	Gwapa	Maanyag	Makasta	Malagu
Table	La mesa	Lamisaan	Kan’anan	Papag	Kayu	Dulang
Head	Ulo	Ulo	Ulu	Buntut	Ulo	Ulo
Today	Ngayon araw	Ita nga aldaw	Karun	Subong	Aggaw	Ngeni

do. The headset lady approaches the stage and motions for Angel. She kneels down to hear “Miss Angel, thank them and ride out the ovation. We need to get out of here in 15 minutes, we have a meeting at 2:30.” Startled, Angel rises back up and heads to the podium. “*Daghang Salamat*, (Thank you), *salamat gid* (thank you).” The crowd chanting, “*Mabbalo’* (Thank you).” “*Kaluguran daka* (I love you) guys.” Smiling and waving, the crowd eventually quiets down. “Ahem,” Angel clears her throat. Overwhelmed and juggling with her index cards, she begins to read them.

“*Salamat* (Thank you) for being here *ngayon araw* (today). Welcome to the grand opening of our company’s 32nd Help Center of the Angel Foundation. We are honored to be welcomed *karun* (today) by the community’s outreach to ask us to open in the historic *Sakada* gym. The Angel Foundation opened its first doors in Hawai’i 12 years ago. Since then, we have expanded to each island and ventured out to the Mainland USA, with locations in Los Angeles, Las Vegas, Houston, and New York to name a few. But our hearts will always remain grounded in the Philippines. Last year we opened our first center in Manila and our second in Angeles City. We continued to expand and

proudly announce the opening of our 32nd clinic in San Nicolas partnering with Ilocos Norte Provincial Hospital. The Angel Foundation has helped hundreds of thousands of young women, children and families that come from troubled backgrounds, get them into safety, back on their *paa* (feet), trained and employed. We, at Angel Foundation ... ”

Suddenly, Angel is splashed with *tubig* (water) and is now being attacked. Angel opens her eyes; it’s a dog licking her. Angel jumps to her

bitis (feet), sun beaming in her eyes. Where is she? As she rubs her eyes, she notices she is in the pavilion, the one that smells like urine. The one that has three homeless tenants and apparently a dog that is now licking her *tiil* (feet). “So, all that just now was just a dream?” she says to herself. Smiling, “at least it wasn’t a bad dream.”

As she rises to her *saka* (feet) and clinches her elbows, she steps onto the sand. The sound of the ocean breaking in front of her, the crisp nippy air around her, even how bad yesterday turned out to be, the opportunity is here and now. “I will make it here,” she says. Left with literally nothing, her belongings left in the cop car, the hand bag left in the van, all she has right now is the shoes on her *takki* (feet) and the dirty clothes left on her body. She begins to walk. Her homeless roommates are still fast asleep this early morning.

As she walks, she finds a restroom and does her business. As she reaches the sink, she stares at herself in the mirror. “OMG, look at you Angel, you are a mess,” she whispers to herself. She uses the hand soap to wash her hair, and face. She pats dry with the provided paper towels. Just as she is about to leave, she cups her hand over her mouth. “Ewww ... gross!” She runs to the sink and uses the hand soap and her own finger to brush her teeth. After rinsing, she looks back at the mirror. She does her epic pout and smiles. “Not too bad Angel, not bad at all 9 out of 10. Still *napintas* (beautiful),” she says while winking to herself.

As she passes shop after shop, thoughts race through her *buntut* (head). “What now Angel? I need to find shelter, food. Oh my gash. FOOD.” Suddenly, her stomach starts to growl. She hadn’t noticed with all that happened that she really hadn’t eaten anything since yesterday. Suddenly, the smell of breakfast food is nearby. She follows her smell like a rottweiler, lo and behold a Denny’s. As



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On Fire with the Holy Spirit

The Rev. John A.H. Tomosot



In the beginning ... the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

IMAGE COURTESY LAWRENCE PASCUA

I took my New International Version (NIV) Study Bible, and did a scriptural quote survey of what the word of God teaches us about being “on fire in the Holy Spirit.” Right off the bat, in Genesis 1:1-2, I read “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.” The image in my mind, when I read this scripture, is that God’s fire hovers over all, even the waters, and He has always been in control. Thus, in Ezekiel 36:27, it is written that God “will put *His* Spirit in *us* and move *us* to follow His decrees.” Isaiah, the great prophet who foretold the coming of the Messiah, explains that not only is God in control but His Spirit that hovers over everything enfolds us to do great things. “The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners.” (Isaiah 61:1)

I find the Letters to the Corinthians, in which the Apostle Paul instructs the Christian community he founded there, to be very instructive for us who are on fire to do great things. “Don’t you know that you yourselves are God’s temple and that God’s Spirit dwells in your midst?” (1 Corinthians 3:16) We are “temples of the Holy Spirit” and we are so to speak on fire. 2 Corinthians 3:17 reminds us that “the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom, even to be on fire in the Spirit.” I find that knowing and being with the Lord does give one a sense of freedom, to be who you are, as the Lord made you. Likewise, in the Letter to the Romans, in 15:13, one can find such hope when it seems that one’s freedom is being taken away: “May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.” And Paul assures us that “the grace of

the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit *is* with *us* all.” (2 Corinthians 13:14)

Sometimes, the fire within can wane and become lukewarm. The Gospels are full of scriptural quotes that are definitive and consoling. John 14:16 assures us; “I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever.” Further on, in John 14:26, he gives us an understanding that we will become students of the Faith: “But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.” Further on, in John 15:26, there is an assurance that “When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father—the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father—he will testify about me.” The Holy Spirit will always be with us. As the Holy Spirit was manifest, to all the people, at Jesus’ baptism in the Jordan. “When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: ‘You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.’” (Luke 3:21-22)

Finally, in the annals of the early Church, the Acts of the Apostles, we read of the movements of God’s Spirit among the new communities of Christians some of whom who knew, lived and walked with Jesus. The birthday of the Church at Pentecost saw some of them together. And “they saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.” (Acts 2:3-4) I know that this filling of the Holy Spirit is still happening with us, every day, so that, as in Acts, many of us receive “power when the Holy Spirit comes on us; and we will be *His* witnesses in Jerusalem,

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The Felipe Siblings: L to R: Judy, Fely, Esther, Eddie, Janet, Carmen, Rudy

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us to be kind and compassionate to other people. Perhaps, that’s the reason why I became a nurse to help others especially the sick and their families. I am proud of my Nursing Profession. I thank God for all the blessings He has given me and my family throughout the years.”

As mentioned by Carmen, her father Jorge Felipe was one of the 6,000-plus Filipinos recruited by the Hawai’i Sugar Planters Association shortly after World War II to work as *Sakadas* (contract laborers) in the plantations of Hawai’i.

This writer had the privilege to interview Jorge and Alejandra Felipe when they were still living. Therefore, all of the information that is in-

cluded in this portion were shared by them in person.

Jorge Felipe said “The plantation companies recruited us the *Sakadas* because they know that we were hard and capable field workers. Most of us were farmers in the Philippines and most of us received only elementary education. The educated ones were not recruited because they would not be able to endure the back-breaking field work offered in Hawai’i.”

According to Jorge Felipe, the voyage to Hawai’i on the ship *S.S. Maunawili* was a challenging journey. He said the fresh water on board the ship was only for drinking purposes. They used the ocean water to take a bath with. They only ate once a day and that was lunch. They slept in a sleeping quarter, a community cabin

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she stands outside, reality sets in that she has no money. All she can do is watch people go inside, sit down and eat. She walks away back to the beach road and finds a nearby *lamisaan* (table) where she pops her *ulu* (head) down.

Exasperated, she releases all her energy on the *la mesa* (table). Tapping her finger, she turns her *ulu* (head). On the pillar is a sign. Help wanted, earn \$1000/week, call Lisa 808-256-1126. “Perfect! I will do it! But how do I call her?”

Opportunity knocks every so often, so listen closely. What is in store for Angel and how will she get out of this mess? Find out in our next edition of Let’s Talk Pinoy!

Your homework this week is to say Happy Thanksgiving in Ilokano to 10 people. Go ahead, I’ll wait. I know you will do great. Let me know how it went. Anyways, that’s all I have. Keep an eye out for my column every issue. I’m Dulce, helping you to master your Filipino Languages. Like



always, let’s laugh, let’s *makinig* (listen) and Let’s Talk Pinoy! *Hanggang sa muli!* (Until next time!) *Ingat!* (Take care!) ✨

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Caroling and Some of the Popular Filipino Christmas songs

Liza of "A Maui Blog"

With the Christmas season just around the corner, I can't help but think of Christmas, particularly Christmas in the Philippines. What do you miss most about celebrating Christmas in the Philippines? Aside from *Noche Buena* with my family, one thing I miss the most is the caroling.

Oh how I remember the neighborhood kids who come night after night with only a handful of songs they can sing such as *Pako Na Naman*, *Ang Pasko Ay Sumapit* and *We Wish You A Merry Christmas*. Then they expect you to give them money. When you don't give money, they will sing a *We Wish You A Merry Christmas* with an ending *ang babarat ninyo* (you are so stingy) Thank you." Yes, it is funny and it could be annoying sometimes but now that I am here on Maui and I don't get to hear those kids, I kinda miss them.

If you are a Filipino who grew up here in the U.S., maybe you are not familiar with what I was talking about (kids carolers). Nevertheless, you are familiar with the tradition of caroling. Nowadays, Christmas caroling is often used as a fundraising activity for churches and non-profit organization.

My thoughts wandered from missing Christmas Carolers to simply missing hearing some of the favorite Filipino Christmas songs. I am sure that at this time they are being played all over in the Philippines. So, let's talk story about this. What are some of your favorite Filipino Christmas songs? What do you think are some of the most popular?

Here are what I think are popular and favorites (not in any particular order). Did I miss any? (Do let us know.)

♫ *Pasko Na Sintako* - Gary Valenciano

♫ *Sana Ngayong Pasko* - Ariel

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Rivera

♫ *Christmas in Our Hearts* – Jose Marie Chan

♫ *Tuloy na Tuloy Pa Rin Ang Pasko* – Apo Hiking Society

♫ *Himig ng Pasko* – Apo Hiking Society

♫ *Noche Buena* – Marco Sison

♫ *Sa Paskong Darating* – Celeste Legaspi

♫ *Namamasko* (Sa may Bahay Ang Aming Bati)

♫ *Pasko Na Naman* – (usually sung by a choir)

♫ *Ang Pasko Ay Sumapit* – (usually a choir song)

♫ *Simbang Gabi* – (usually sung by a choir)

♫ *Mano Po Ninong, Mano Po Ninang*

♫ *Christmas In Our Hearts* – Jose Marie Chan

♫ *O Magsaya* (Joy to the World) - (usually sung by a choir)

♫ *Ang Pasko Ay Sumapit* - (usually sung by a choir)

Are you feeling nostalgic yet? I am. Thankfully, these songs can easily be found on youtube.com. While I am finishing this column, I have these songs playing in the background via youtube.com.

Are you ready for Christmas? Ready or not, it will come; so why not enjoy the season by listening to these iconic and classic Filipino Christmas songs. Better yet, not just listen but sing along as well!

Maligayang Pasko sa Ating Lahat!

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Christmas Caroling with Good Shepherd Episcopal Church youth.

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ing aloha around the world. She's lived on Maui since 1994 and considers Maui her home. A wife, a mother, a friend and so much more. She loves Jesus; Maui Sunsets Catcher; Crazy About Rainbow; End Alzheimer's Advocate. Her life is full and exciting here on the island of Maui.



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Ghenesis Balaan

When one thinks of grandparents, one may think of the people who step in to care for their grandchildren when parents are occupied. But they are more than that. Grandparents share their life experiences and provide life lessons to their children and grandchildren. They provide insights into how life could be like, pass on family recipes and bond with their grandchildren creating precious memories. In our Filipino culture, grandparents play an important role because they pass on traditions, beliefs and culture. Because of this, elders are treated with much respect. For example, if Filipinos greeted their elderly, they would do the *pagmamano* in which they bow towards the hands of their elders and usually place their forehead on the elder's hand. This shows a huge sign of respect to elders and provides an insight into how important grandparents are in the Filipino culture.

Cheyenne Cadiz describes her grandparents as loving, caring and understanding. Some of their favorite activities that they like to do together are "going to the park and having a picnic after church on Sundays or even singing *karaoke* at home." Cheyenne believes her grandparents have influenced her to become the best version of herself because "My grandparents have reminded me to have a kind heart, even if others don't." She goes on to explain that her grandparents advised her to stay strong because "Even if you're going through something tough, there will always be light at the end of the tunnel." To Cheyenne, she believes growing up with grandparents is essential because "they're good role models to you and your parents. They taught your parents and they also teach you things about life." As a future grandparent, Cheyenne hopes to "teach my grandchildren how to love others because love is a huge thing in life."

Wravyn Jeliah Ulep also believes her grandparents have played a

critical role in growing up. She explains her grandparents have influenced her life to become the best version of herself because "I noticed how every time we would have family gatherings with some friends, I would always see how a lot of people would love and enjoy to be around them due to the fact they have such kind, loving hearts. That was the moment when I

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The Importance of Grandparents

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realized I want to be the type of person who would enjoy my company because of how my heart is just caring towards others." Because of her grandparents' loving nature, her grandparents have also provided her useful life advice. "Whenever I'm stressing about what I want to do with my life after high school, my grandparents would always talk about their life experience and end with a piece of advice. I find it pretty helpful and important." Also, Wravyn says, "they always told me to give other people respect even if they may not give the same back because we all go through things that we hold in and it's just a good feeling to know that there are people out there who's all about respect." All in all, she states that the elderly in the Filipino culture is respected because "the elderly is a huge part of the Filipino culture because the elderly had sacrificed so many opportunities in life to give support for their family. For example, there

are some elderly who are working double jobs to help pay the bills or put food on the table for their children and grandchildren. The elderly are very considerate people who put others first before themselves."

"My grandparents are loving, com-

passionate, and affectionate. They shower me with love from miles away, no matter where we are," says **Malie Kamalo**. Although her grandparents don't live near her, she cherishes some of her fondest memories that they shared. "I remember spending time at their house on the weekends. When I was a kid, my weekly routine consisted of going to school on weekdays and spending the weekends with my grandma. My grandma always fed me with food I wasn't allowed to have and she introduced me to technology at a young age. She used to call me her little *opihi* because I always stuck to her wherever I went." Malie states the best piece of advice that her grandparents have ever given her was "to live life at the moment as

much as I can. My grandma once told me, 'You are at the prime of your youth. Enjoy every moment of it before it gets robbed from you.' I use that quote as a reminder to treasure all the memories I have right now," says Malie. As a future grandparent, Malie hopes to "incorporate lessons by doing the same as my grandparents did, talking story and teaching them with experience. I'd talk and show them where I grew up and how I grew up. I would always show my love and affection when scolding them but teach them the right values and morals they need in life."

Ghenesis Balaan describes his grandparents as hardworking, loving and kind.

He explains "My grandparents immigrated here in Hawai'i in the 1980s because they wanted to give our family a better life. It was hard but they persevered and reached their many goals for us. They taught me never to let life bring you down and that obstacles are created so that you can break through them and learn more about yourself and capabilities." Ghenesis believes that growing up with his grandparents was important because "Grandparents allow us to form an even bigger network of support and unconditional love within our homes and hearts. They are experienced and have lived for most of

their lives. The lessons they learned from their individual experiences is a gift every grandchild in the world should treasure." Like many, he believes showing respect to his elders is crucial to his culture because "it is our way of keeping our culture of respect alive. By doing so, we are an example to be followed by the youth. We carry this tradition in our hearts and pass it along to our children." During his free time, some of his favorite activities that he likes to do with his grandparents are gardening. "It's our weekend activity that usually starts at the crack of dawn. Something about the fresh dirt, stillness and silence of the morning is a great way to unwind from the stressful days at school and the workplace. This would be our one-on-one time together and talk about the things that happened over the week; gossiping might be involved as well."

In the Filipino culture, our grandparents mean a lot to us. Not only do they cook heartwarming meals but they also provide us lessons and advice that we're able to use in our lives forever. Like most cultures, elderly are treated with respect. But in the Filipino culture, it is very prominent as the values, traditions, and lessons are passed onto to their grandchildren. ✨

Google® Is Not Everything ... is a monthly column authored by high school students. The title of the column emphasizes that education is more than just googling a topic. Google® is a registered trademark. This month's guest columnist is **Romelyn Joy Tabangcura**, a senior at Maui High School. She is the current president of Maui High



HOSA-Future Health Professionals and has competed in the Human Growth and Development and placed top 10 at the International Leadership Conference. She is also a member of the National Honor Society, a prestigious organization with students who show scholarship, leadership, service and character. She aspires to be a Nurse Practitioner one day. She is the daughter of Romeo and Roselyn Tabangcura.



Lani Gomes is one of three female firefighters on Maui.
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Dana Anderson says it's hard to balance his work schedule with family time.
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Kona Sarmiento enjoys his chef duties as a firefighter.
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Justin Arruda's father Derrick was the first firefighter on Lānaʻi.
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Maui Fire ...

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Navy for seven years.

Many firefighters have family members who were also firefighters while others have very close friends who were firefighters. For **Justin Arruda** of the Kihei station, his father Derrick Arruda was his role model and inspiration to become a firefighter. Derrick Arruda was the first firefighter on Lānaʻi which opened in 1988 and later he became a Captain, then Battalion Chief in 2008 and Assistant Chief until 2013. Pascua knew as a boy that he would be a firefighter one day, the natural result of spending many hours at the fire station with his father, Alan Pascua, a former Battalion Chief at the Kahului station and five years as Assistant Chief. **Tyler Pascual** of the Pāʻia station says his father Richard Pascual, who retired as a school principal in Fresno, California was a firefighter but it was his neighbor Robert Shimada, a retired Deputy Fire Chief, whom he chatted with on frequent jogs around the neighborhood that advised him to study and work hard to take the firefighting test.

Roger Agdeppa of the Kahului station explained the idea of him becoming a firefighter was the result of being in the company of co-worker firefighters at the Maui Prince where Agdeppa was the bar back for twenty-seven years. **Uilanimanu “Lani” Gomes**, now the Captain of the Hāna station, is one of three women now serving as firefighters. She considers herself lucky to have connected with Al Duarte, a Battalion Chief, who overturned and totally dispelled Gomes’ longtime impression that the fire department did not do much. Through continued conversations with Duarte, Gomes learned about the physical and mental challenges that firefighters face daily in their jobs.

Dana Anderson of the Lahaina station says what he likes about firefighting is that the work is both physically and mentally challenging, somewhat like sports, which requires problem solving under physical stress. Arruda applauds the work of the in-house team of Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) which helps firefighters to restore balance and healing after tragic or gravely sad incidents and the extreme, sometimes even long lasting effects of exhaustion.

For many firefighters, the biggest challenge is to balance home life with work. “I like challenges,” said Calvin.

Ian Pascua and Justin Arruda, (2nd and 3rd from the left) with their fellow firefighters at the Kahului station.

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“But being away from home for twenty-four hours is a challenge. Sometimes the shift goes into overtime.” Calvin, who is married and has two young children, says his three-year-old daughter tells his wife Marcie that Daddy “lives in a fire truck in Lahaina.”

A strong family support system is key for firefighters who are scheduled to spend twenty-four hours at the station, with rotating days. Calvin, for example, currently works every other day, then has a four day break, and then the every other day schedule resumes. Calvin traces his roots to Pagudpud, Ilocos Norte through his dad Willy Calvin and to Sinait, Ilocos Sur; Badoc, Ilocos Norte; and Bacarra, Ilocos Norte through his mom Gemma Idica Calvin.

Anderson agrees that one downer is the work schedule, which makes it sometimes hard to balance with family activities. His maternal grandparents were Zacharias Paet and Cayetano Torricer Paet. Agdeppa says that for him, the biggest challenges involve the balancing of home life with work. He is the father of three sons, including twins, with his wife Tiare. Agdeppa traces his roots to Ilocos Sur; his mom is from Cabugao while his dad is from Sinait. Gomes traces her roots to Ilocos Norte through her paternal grandpa Donato Gomez whose

name was changed by one letter from “z” to “s” with no explanation. Gomes also traces her roots to Bacarra, Ilocos Norte through her maternal grandpa Marcelo Gamorot whose true last name is Arciga. Haban and his wife Stacia have two young children. Haban traces his roots to Santa Lucia, Ilocos Sur through his Dad Alejandro Haban, a 1946 *Sakada* who returned to the Philippines in 1967 to marry Maria Acorda from Bacarra, Ilocos Norte. Arruda has a five-year-old son with his wife Laura. He traces his roots to the Visayas through Grandmother Arao. (Other firefighters who have identified as having Filipino roots but who were unavailable include **Modesto Jacinto**, **Cory Palmiera**, and **Simon Quirk** of the Kahului Station; **Brent Barbero** and **Nelson Saribay** of the Makawao Station; **Henry Patao** of the Nāpili Station; and recently promoted Captain **Vernon Patao** who was

transferred from the Kahului Station to Molokai in September.)

With firefighters living at the station for twenty-four hours at a time, they all pitch in. A typical day begins at 7:30 a.m. with the shift change. Checking the trucks and equipment takes about two hours, followed by house chores such as keeping the house tidy, cleaning the bathrooms, and cleaning the kitchen.

One person cooks for everybody on the shift, which usually means chef duty is about once a month. **Kona Sarmiento** of the Nāpili station loves to cook, specifically pork tofu, zucchini stir fry and steak and onions. Calvin, who was studying culinary at UH Maui College when he learned he was accepted as a recruit says “I cook a lot of braised chicken. I try to cook sinigang using my grandma Jacinta’s recipe because I’m the only Filipino on the watch. They say it’s good.”

Aside from their chef duties, the firefighters have other responsibilities at the station. Agdeppa is responsible for training recruits and incumbents, is the program director of courses such as Firefighter Survival and is a member of the Rapid Intervention Crew. Barut is the safety unit representative for OSHA briefings, doing investigations and reports for mishaps. Gomes utilizes her accounting degree to assist the department with budgeting. Haban is a trainer in special disciplines, for crew members progressing from captain and upward on the promotion ladder. Pascua is a teacher for recruit classes, training them for CPR, fire ground operations (search, ladders), and learning to maneuver while carrying 50 to 80 pounds of gear.

Despite their busy family and work life, many of the firefighters are also involved in a variety of community activities. Agdeppa has chaired the Out of Darkness Suicide Walk that raised \$20,000 and volunteers for the Firefighter Surf Club while Barut is a reservist with the National Guard. Anderson is a coach for basketball and volleyball at his alma mater, Maui

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Jesus' mother along with the apostles are shown in this icon, depicting them as filled with the Holy Spirit.
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The Holy Spirit ...

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and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” (Acts 1:8)
Acts 4:31 says that “After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.” So, may you be filled and on fire with the Holy Spirit. “Surely no one can stand in the way of your being baptized with water. You will have received the Holy Spirit just as we have.” (Acts 10:47) As all of us are filled and on fire, may we go boldly, letting nothing stand in our way. For, God is with and for us, and nothing can be against us, who are on fire. ✨

Rev. John A. Hau'oli Tomosot is a Social Worker and Episcopal Priest. He is a Priest Associate at Good Shepherd Episcopal Church in Wailuku and an on-call

Chaplain at Maui Memorial Medical Center. Tomoso was graduated from St. Anthony Jr./Sr. High School, the College of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minnesota (Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Sociology) and Myron B. Thompson School of Social Work at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa (Masters of Social Work). In 2008, he retired from the civil service as the Maui County Executive on Aging. In March 2019, Tomoso retired as the Executive Director of the non-profit Tri-Isle Resource Conservation and Development Council, Inc., after a social work career that spanned 43 years of practice. His wife Susan recently retired as a 7th grade Language Arts Teacher at Maui Waena Intermediate School.



Jorge & Alejandra Felipe singing at their 50th Wedding Anniversary on Maui

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where five bunk beds were stacked on top of each other to accommodate all of them. If the person on the top got seasick, all of the men below him would get affected.
When Jorge arrived on Maui, he worked for Hawaiian Commercial and Sugar Company until his retirement on July 1, 1982 while Alejandra worked at the Maui Land and Pineapple Company and at the Reynolds Food Company until she retired in February 1982.
In June 25, 1982, Mr. and Mrs. Jorge Felipe were chosen by the Philippine Cultural Foundations of Hawai'i together with the Philippine Consulate in Honolulu as Filipino Parents of the Year. They were very active members of the Kahului Filipino Community Association and the Saranay Maui.
When Mr. Felipe was younger, he enjoyed fishing. He also enjoyed playing the violin, guitar, bass, accordion, and the kutibeng (a five-string

instrument larger than an ukulele). In fact, he and four other Sakadas formed a band. He played the violin. They became so popular that they were asked to play music at Filipino parties and other functions.
A memorable advice that Jorge Felipe shared with this writer about raising children was “Love your children a lot and let them know that you love them all the time. You have to encourage them in whatever they decide to do. Listen to them and try to understand them. Lastly, you have to make them feel good about themselves. Too much talk talk, grumbling and yelling at them are no good.”
Jorge and Alejandra Felipe emphasized that God's blessings really helped them a lot especially in raising so many children.
As a 1946 Sakada, Jorge and Alejandra Felipe desired and dreamed for a better life for them and their children. That dream turned into vision and that vision turned into a reality. Today, their children and their children's children are now successful in their chosen paths. Such model
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Jorge Felipe is shown here on bass guitar at one of the many gigs he's played at here on Maui.

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Casio is shown here with Mayor and Mrs. Michael Victorino at his 105th birthday celebration. Inset is the Certificate of Recognition from Mayor he received that night.
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Casio attended the 2018 Philippine Flag Raising Ceremony
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This basket was woven by Casio. It's one of his current pastimes.
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Casio with his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren at his 105th birthday party
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Long Life ...

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tired in 2013 to keep him company. The timing could not have been better. It was time for her to retire after working for the Westin in Kā'anapali for twenty-six years. Occasionally, the siblings each take their turn in taking care of Casio.

Aside from attending senior citizen outings in Wailuku, Casio enjoys having a leisurely day at home. Each day, he awakes to drink his Ensure with his daily vitamins—a mixture of a multi-vitamin, vitamin B12, fish oil, calcium, and turmeric. What you'll also be surprised to learn is Casio is still every bit of a gentleman as he was in his younger years. After his shower in the morning, he will pick out his clothing ensemble for the day. Today he dons a pair of neatly pressed gray slacks, with a matching gray collared shirt, that is neatly tucked in with a Coach belt. He smiles at me and gives me a thumbs up and finishes his Ensure. A black basket is hung outside on their lanai. It is one of the many that he has made to pass the time along. Made from plastic tubing, Casio weaves these baskets in different sizes to give

away to family members and to sell. The pleats are neat and tightly woven. It is evident that his daily crossword puzzles and time writing song lyrics have kept his mind agile. But for now—instead of exercising his mind and body—he is resting for the trip ahead. Casio's last long trip was last year, where he flew to Arizona for a grandchild's graduation. During the excursion, he endured a five to six-hour road trip to Vegas. After successfully withstanding the trip, he and his family have decided to travel to the Philippines. They left for their trip on November 7th, bringing the festivities of his longevity to his homeland.

I am positive that his relatives and family have missed his warmth. His love for life—for dancing, singing, and spending time with friends and family have definitely kept him youthful. His bright, smiling personality inspires all that even at 105 years old, there is still much to enjoy in the world. ✨

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practice aerial silks. She volunteers her time throughout the community with the Maui Filipino Community Council, Binhi at Ani, Read Aloud America and Maui High School Foundation. She recently married Mark Domingo



and enjoyed their honeymoon aboard a cruise ship to Mexico. She has decided that cruise ships are probably one of the best ways to travel since food is accessible 24/7.

Sakada Offspring

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parents! ✨


Lucy Peros is a retired school teacher, having taught at St. Anthony Grade School and Waihe'e Elementary School. Both of her parents, Elpidio Cachero Cabalo (a 1946 Sakada) and Alejandra Cabudoy Cabalo of Hāli'imaile worked for Maui Land and Pine Company. Lucy now enjoys retirement and has time to join other seniors in the Enhance Fitness Program under the Department of



Aging three times a week. She also attends the line dancing class and other activities at Kaunoa and joins other Waihe'e School retirees

when help is needed at the school. Lucy also devotes some of her time to activities at Christ The King Catholic Church. She enjoys writing and reading in her spare time.





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Maui Fire ...

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High School. Maui is blessed to have our firefighters working “to protect and preserve life, environment and property” and for them to also be involved in our community. The challenges are many and require the ultimate dedication to the community. “Firefighting as a career is as rewarding and challenging as any ca-

reer,” said Pascual. “Every emergency situation is unique and the problematic scenarios we have to solve are never exactly the same. It’s the constant balance of education, experience and resourcefulness that make it an excellent career to pursue. It truly is the best job in the world. It is an honor to put on the uniform. You’re never really off duty and are always there to help no matter what.” For that 24/7 status, Maui owes a debt of gratitude to its firefighters; a debt that can never be repaid—an

utang na loob. * Elizabeth Ayson, Ph.D. has two firefighter sons—one on O’ahu and one on Maui. She is a retired educator, having served in the State Department of Education for more than forty years. She previously served as the Principal at Īao Intermediate School, the Vice Principal at Lihikai Elementary School and Maui High School. Ayson taught at Lihikai Elementary School, Blanche Pope School in Waimānalo, O’ahu, Frank V.



Thompson Middle School and Stuart Elementary School in Boston, Massachusetts. She was graduated from Baldwin High School, Knox College in Galesburg, Illinois (majoring in Music Education and Elementary Education) and the University of Hawai’i at Mānoa (M.Ed.). She received her doctorate from Union Institute & University in Cincinnati, Ohio. Assistant Editor **Alfredo G. Evangelista** contributed to this story.

Cayetano ...

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Twelve years earlier in the hard-fought first campaign for Lt. Governor, Cayetano had displayed his political instincts when he jumped to support the AJA community against what some perceived as a veiled slur by a fellow Filipino politician against Hawai’i’s important Japanese voting bloc. In a tough race as an underdog to the former Honolulu Mayor, Cayetano emerged as the Democratic nominee. That victory paired with Cayetano with John Waihe’e who upset the favored U.S. Congressman Cec Heftel. Ironically, the pundits thought the more balanced tickets would have been Heftel-Cayetano or Waihe’e-Anderson but the voters thought otherwise. In *Catch a Wave*, Tom Coffman chronicled one of the first modern campaigns—a Governor’s campaign in Hawai’i built as much on polling and media as on the traditional bread and

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Although traditional grassroots campaign materials such as Friend to Friend cards were still used, in the last weeks of the campaign, media buys was most important. IMAGE COURTESY ALFREDO EVANGELISTA

butter of boots on the ground knocking on doors and passing out flyers and holding grassroots speeches and rallies. While union endorsements and the volunteers and money that came with them still played a role in showing support, mass media had become accepted as the most efficient and effective way to reach the largest number of voters. Candidates themselves could still

make a difference, of course, but mainly in their mistakes. In one of the last televised debates between the two gubernatorial candidates, the incumbent impatiently waited for the right moment. In debate prep, they had practiced some barbs but insisted he should use them sparingly. But they also knew Cayetano wouldn’t wait very long because the Maui Mayor brought a well-earned reputation for articulate, poll-vetted responses and wouldn’t be caught off-guard. At some point, he pounced, describing one of her responses as resembling a Texas longhorn—a point here, a point there, a whole of lot of bull in the middle. Somehow the fundraisers were able to convince enough donors to contribute and the campaign bought much of the freed time. As the internal polls tightened up, the GOP found television time was now severely limited as

Cayetano-Hirono ads that pointed out the accomplishments of the first term filled the airwaves. With the message questioning what Lingle had actually accomplished and reminding voters she was still a Republican in the mold of Newt Gingrich, Cayetano won a close victory. In 1994, the Maui campaign started celebrating after the first print out which showed Cayetano ahead on O’ahu—in their calculation, his strength was in the neighbor islands and he would likely win. In 1998, Cayetano led after each print out but had to survive the late reporting of the heavily Republican Kona precincts that cut his 12,000-vote lead to the final margin of 5,253. Cayetano avoided being the first incumbent Democratic Governor to not win a second term. * Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran served in the Cayetano Administration. He presently is the State Senator from Central Maui.



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