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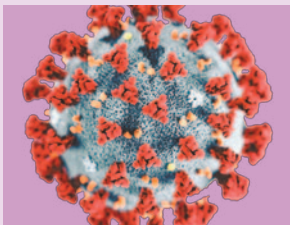
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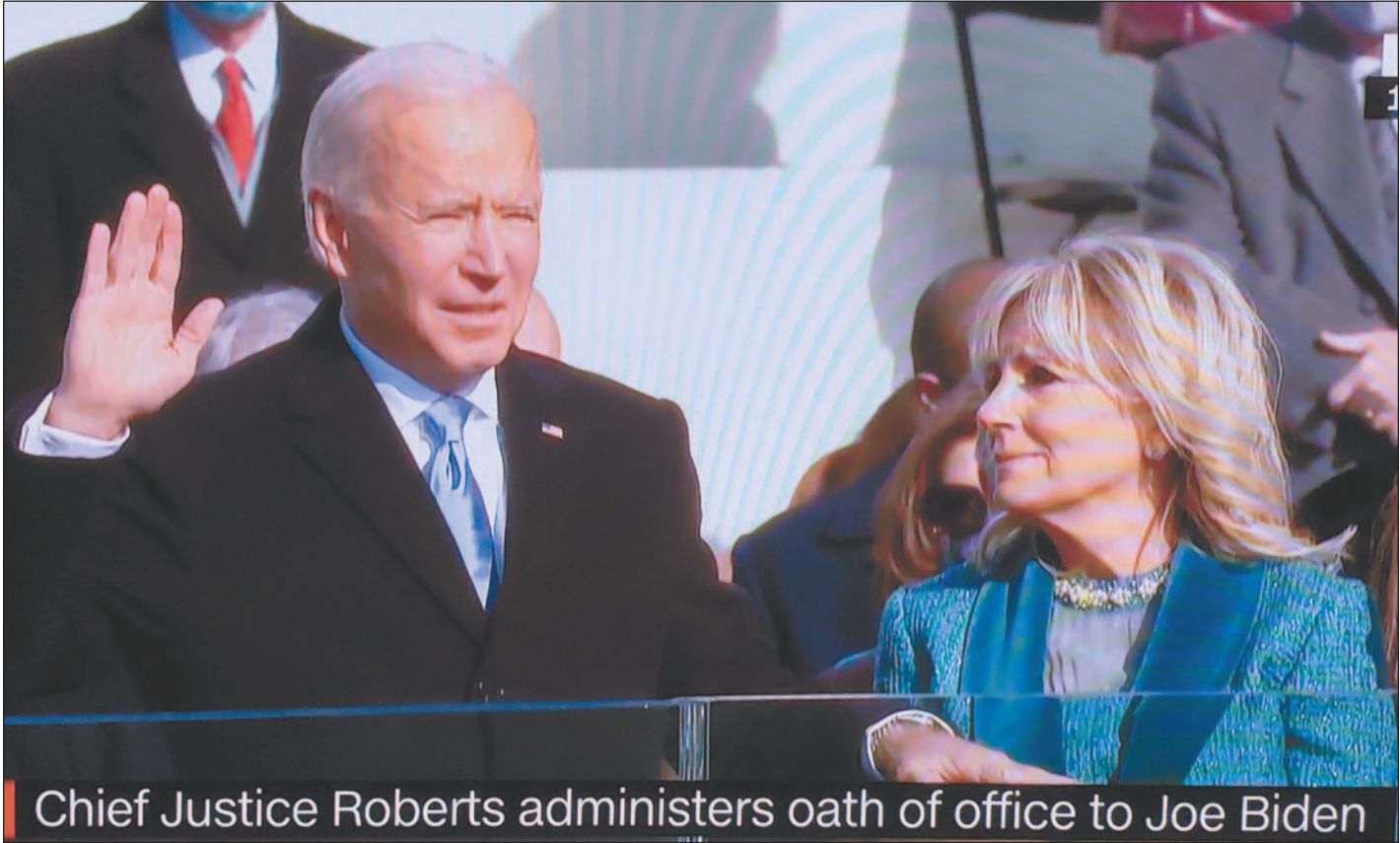
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Chief Justice John G. Roberts, Jr. administers the oath of office of the President of the United States to Joseph Robinette Biden. Biden chose his 127-year-old, 5-inch-thick family Bible upon which he would be sworn-in.
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Biden Inaugurated as the 46th President; Harris Becomes the First Female—and the First Black and Asian American—Vice President

EDITOR’S NOTE: On Wednesday, January 20, 2021, Joseph Robinette Biden, Jr. and Kamala Devi Harris took their oaths of office to serve as President and Vice President, respectively, of the United States of America. It was an historic day for many reasons. President Biden’s Inauguration Speech spoke of his commitment to face our divided country’s problems and emphasized Unity among all Americans.

“Chief Justice Roberts, Vice President Harris, Speaker Pelosi, Leader Schumer, Leader McConnell, Vice President Pence, distinguished guests, and my fellow Americans.

This is America’s day. This is democracy’s day. A day of history and hope. Of renewal and resolve. Through a crucible for the ages America has

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Supreme Court Justice Sonia Maria Sotomayor administers the oath of office of the Vice President of the United States to Kamala Harris. Harris is using two Bibles for the swearing-in, one of which belonged to Thurgood Marshall, the first Black United States Supreme Court Justice.
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Vice President Mike Pence attends the inauguration following the traditional duties expected of his office despite the noticeably-absent President Donald J. Trump.
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been tested anew and America has risen to the challenge. Today, we celebrate the triumph not of a candidate, but of a cause, the cause of democracy. The will of the people has been heard and the will of the people has been heeded.

We have learned again that democracy is precious. Democracy is fragile. And at this hour, my friends, democracy has prevailed. So now, on this hallowed ground where just days ago violence sought to shake this Capitol's very foundation, we come together as one nation, under God, indivisible, to carry out the peaceful transfer of power as we have for more than two centuries. We look ahead in our uniquely

American way—restless, bold, optimistic—and set our sights on the nation we know we can be and we must be.

I thank my predecessors of both parties for their presence here. I thank them from the bottom of my heart. You know the resilience of our Constitution and the strength of our nation. As does President Carter, who I spoke to last night but who cannot be with us today, but whom we salute for his lifetime of service.

I have just taken the sacred oath each of these patriots took—an oath first sworn by George Washington. But the American story depends not on any one of us, not on some of us, but on all of us. On “We the People” who seek a more perfect Union. This is a great nation and we are a good people—

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EDITOR'S NOTE: One of the highlights of the Inauguration ceremonies was **Amanda Gorman**, the first Youth Poet Laureate of the United States, reciting her original poem, **“The Hill We Climb.”**

When day comes, we ask ourselves, where can we find light in this never-ending shade?

The loss we carry. A sea we must wade.

We braved the belly of the beast.

We've learned that quiet isn't always peace, and the norms and notions of what "just" is isn't always justice.

And yet the dawn is ours before we knew it.

Somehow we do it.

Somehow we weathered and witnessed a nation that isn't broken, but simply unfinished.

We, the successors of a country and a time where a skinny Black girl descended from slaves and raised by a single mother can dream of becoming president, only to find herself reciting for one.

And, yes, we are far from polished, far from pristine, but that doesn't mean we are striving to form a union that is perfect.

We are striving to forge our union with purpose.

To compose a country committed to all cultures, colors, characters and conditions of man.

And so we lift our gaze, not to what stands between us, but what stands before us.

We close the divide because we know to put our future first, we must first put our differences aside.

We lay down our arms so we can reach out our arms to one another.

We seek harm to none and harmony for all.

Let the globe, if nothing else, say this is true.

That even as we grieved, we grew.

That even as we hurt, we hoped.

That even as we tired, we tried.

That we'll forever be tied together, victorious.

Not because we will never again know defeat, but because we will never again sow division.

Scripture tells us to envision that everyone shall sit under their own vine and fig tree, and no one shall make them afraid.

If we're to live up to our own time, then victory won't lie in the blade, but in all the bridges we've made.

That is the promise to glade, the hill we climb, if only we dare.

It's because being American is more than a pride we inherit.

It's the past we step into and how we repair it.

We've seen a force that would shatter our nation, rather than share it.

Would destroy our country if it meant delaying democracy.

And this effort very nearly succeeded.

But while democracy can be periodically delayed, it can never be permanently defeated.

In this truth, in this faith we trust, for while we have our eyes on the future, history has its eyes on us.

This is the era of just redemption.

We feared at its inception.

We did not feel prepared to be the heirs of such a terrifying hour.

But within it we found the power to author a new chapter, to offer hope and laughter to ourselves.

So, while once we asked, how could we possibly prevail over catastrophe, now we assert, how could catastrophe possibly prevail over us?

We will not march back to what was, but move to what shall be: a country that is bruised but whole, benevolent but bold, fierce and free.

We will not be turned around or interrupted by intimidation because we know our inaction and inertia will be the inheritance of the next generation, become the future.

Our blunders become their burdens.

But one thing is certain.

If we merge mercy with might, and might with right, then love becomes our legacy and change our children's birthright.

So let us leave behind a country better than the one we were left.

Every breath from my bronze-pounded chest, we will raise this wounded world into a wondrous one.

We will rise from the golden hills of the West.

We will rise from the windswept Northeast where our forefathers first realized revolution.

We will rise from the lake-rimmed cities of the Midwestern states.

We will rise from the sun-baked South.

We will rebuild, reconcile, and recover.

And every known nook of our nation and every corner called our country, our people diverse and beautiful, will emerge battered and beautiful.

When day comes, we step out of the shade of flame and unafraid.

The new dawn balloons as we free it.

For there is always light, if only we're brave enough to see it.

If only we're brave enough to be it.



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President-Elect Joe Biden and other dignitaries (above) assemble on the inaugural platform as the formal ceremony nears its opening.
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Lady Gaga (left) sings the National Anthem at the inauguration.
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Sen. Amy Klobuchar who was on the Inaugural committee speaks on the platform as a precursor to the ceremony.
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- **Wipe** down surfaces.
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From the Editor's Desk

Vince Bagoyo, Jr.
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When Electing Our National Leader... CHARACTER MATTERS



Washington Monument view from the National Mall.
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What a refreshing experience to have watched the inauguration of our new President Joe Biden and Vice-President Kamala Harris on January 20, 2021 at the U.S. Capitol, the center of our democracy! The difference presented a stark contrast to what we have been through the last four years—chaos created by the former administration. Now we look forward to a time full of hope, a sense of normalcy and stability, and the blessings of decency and compassion.

The last administration reminded us that with tribalism we fall into a state of mind which is destructive to our democracy, ultimately leading to the attack of our Capitol in Washington D.C. carried out by extremist and racist elements in our country. The inauguration of President Biden and Vice-President Harris marks a new chapter in our American democracy where once again, decency and respect for the law will guide our

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Amanda Gorman, the first National Youth Poet Laureate delivers a homerun poem to fit the time and occasion of the Biden-Harris Inaugural Ceremony.
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IMAGE ART: LAWRENCE PASCUA

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ple. Over the centuries through storm and strife, in peace and in war, we have come so far. But we still have far to go. We will press forward with speed and urgency, for we have much to do in this winter of peril and possibility. Much to repair. Much to restore. Much to heal. Much to build. And much to gain.

Few periods in our nation's history have been more challenging or difficult than the one we're in now. A once-in-a-century virus silently stalks the country. It's taken as many lives in one year as America lost in all of World War II. Millions of jobs have been lost. Hundreds of thousands of businesses closed. A cry for racial justice some 400 years in the making moves us. The dream of justice for all will be deferred no longer. A cry for survival comes from the planet itself.

A cry that can't be any more desperate or any more clear. And now, a rise in political extremism, white supremacy, domestic terrorism that we must confront and we will defeat.

To overcome these challenges—to restore the soul and to secure the future of America—requires more than words. It requires that most elusive of things in a democracy: Unity. Unity. In another January in Washington, on New Year's Day 1863, Abraham Lincoln signed the *Emancipation Proclamation*. When he put pen to paper, the President said, "If my name ever goes down into history it will be for this act and my whole soul is in it." My whole soul is in it. Today, on this January day, my whole soul is in this: Bringing America together. Uniting our people. And uniting our nation. I ask every American to join me in this cause. Uniting to fight the common foes we face: Anger, resentment, hatred. Extrem-

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Rev. Silvester Beaman delivers the Inaugural Benediction at the ceremony.

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A Wrinkle In Time
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“It was a dark and stormy night.” A Facebook friend posted that opening line is a familiar punchline for Snoopy’s novelist persona in Charles Schulz’ Peanuts comic strip. But it’s also the first sentence in one of my favorite childhood books, *A Wrinkle In Time* by Madeleine L’Engle. That book, small kid time, helped open my mind to all sorts of possibilities. It was one of the first “novels” I

Meg Murry, her quiet little brother Charles Wallace and Meg’s friend Calvin—captured the truth of my own experience. I probably saw a little of myself in each of those three—unsure, immature, alienated, stubborn and perhaps taking action with the wrong motivations.

on many levels about friendship, love, loyalty, faith, truth, good and evil.

I know the book won the 1963 Newberry Medal and other awards. I only learned later that it also became one of most banned books in our country. Among objections was *A Wrinkle in Time* raised questions about orthodox religion and some say because the main character was a girl.

A Wrinkle In Time has been adapted into films twice—a television movie and a big screen version. Trust me. The book is better.

When you read a novel, you create images of the people and picture the

action vividly in your mind. For a book like *A Wrinkle In Time*, with characters that might be the seraphim and cherubim described in the Old Testament, and travel through out worldly settings, your imagination is

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Reading Books: Key to Opening Your Mind to Any and All Sorts of Imaginable Possibilities

Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran

read, graduating from the short chapter books we got in the early grades of elementary school. The melding of fantasy and religion and science surprised me. The interaction of the adolescent characters—mousy 13 year old

scientist father. On one level, it’s a straightforward quest across strange fantastic landscapes. But like some of the best young adult literature, the story raises serious questions and provides lessons



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U.S. Capitol
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decision-making, first and especially among our leaders.

Our new administration now faces many crises and challenges. More than ever before, I am confident President Biden's message of unity will resonate and be implanted in the hearts of Americans, so that once again, we and the world will call our country the "beacon of freedom" for democracy to remain strong, steady and welcoming to all who wish to live their lives with freedom of choice. President Biden said at his inauguration, "Politics doesn't have to be a raging fire that destroys everything in its path." This statement from the President reminds us that "united we stand, divided we fall." We are all Americans who love this country.

At this moment, President Biden and Vice-President Harris have assembled a team of competent administrators to address the priorities needed by the American people. These newly-appointed administrators represent the best talent to be found in the diversity that is the foundation of strength, creativity and hope that continues

to be the inspiration that drives us into the future. At the top of the list are:

- Getting the pandemic under control;
- Putting people back to work;
- Giving attention to climate change;
- Mitigating systemic racial inequities;
- Immigration reform;
- Getting our children back to school;
- Acceleration of DACA processes;
- Transparency and accountability;
- Renovation, renewal and innovation; and
- Respect for the law.

All of us are invited, encouraged and urged to join the march going forward. Make your decision today to be counted once more. America needs us NOW! ✨



VINCE BAGOYO, JR. | EDITOR

Community... In Action



January 2021 Bayanihan Food Distribution Volunteers.
PHOTO: ALFREDO G. EVANGELISTA



Joycelyn Victorino and Takeo help with the prepped hot lunches distribution.
PHOTO: BASILIA EVANGELISTA



These Bayanihan volunteers sort the chicken raw chicken for distribution.
PHOTO: NORA CABANILLA-TAKUSHI

COMMUNITY... IN ACTION

Editor's note: Send your community briefs to info@filamvoice.com. This month's column was compiled by Assistant Editor Alfredo G. Evangelista.

BINHI AT ANI

Although Binhi at Ani Filipino Community Center is closed for events, it has continued with several programs and projects.

#BayanihanFeedingProgram

On February 14, Binhi at Ani embarked on its newest program of community service. In partnership with Maui Food Bank, Binhi at Ani is coordinating A Sunday Feeding Program for Hale Mahaolu Residents in Central Maui.

Each Sunday, a cooking Team will prepare and deliver 400 hot plate lunches for distribution to residents (on an alternative basis) at Akahi (Wākea Avenue), Elua (Hina Avenue), Eklolu (Maka'ala Drive) and Lokenani Hale (Loke Street).

Assistance is needed in three areas: 1) Create a Team; 2) Volunteer as part of a Team; and 3) Make a tax-deductible donation to Binhi at Ani via Paypal or a Credit/Debit card or mail a check payable to Binhi at Ani, 780 Onehe'e Avenue, Kahului, HI 96732 [Memo: Feeding Program]. Contact Marilyn Oura at 280-2057 for more information.

#BayanihanFoodDistribution

Thanks to Maui Food Bank and additional donations from Elizabeth Ayson, Fine Island Properties, Four Sisters

Catering, Pyramid Insurance Centre Agent-GP Insurance Services, Smiles Auto Shop, and Yuki Lei Sugimura) and the hundreds of volunteers, the January (9th) #BayanihanFoodDistribution held on January 25, 2021 distributed 742 food boxes which included 9,408 canned goods, 812 bags of rice, 4,340 packages of saimin and pasta, 750 Maui Gold pineapples, 1,584 snacks, 720 gallons of milk, 4,000 beverages, 730 whole chickens, 720 dozens of eggs, and 1,420 plate lunches.

The next Food Distribution will be held at Binhi at Ani Filipino Community Center (780 Onehe'e Avenue—across from Maui Waena Intermediate School) on Saturday, March 13 from 9 a.m. until supplies last.

To volunteer on Thursday, March 11, Friday, March 12 or Saturday, March 13, please complete the volunteer form at <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfFF3buNYPiGZOcYDMybPsUXql-nbzV50TBNcnOwrISL5JANA/view-form?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0> and contact Volunteer Coordinator Nora Cabanilla-Takushi at (808) 276-8861 or ntakushi01@yahoo.com.

To date, the #BayanihanFoodDistribution has raised over \$43,000 and distributed 6,755 food boxes including 6,824 plate lunches, 1,000 turkeys, 64,830 canned goods, 62,694 pounds of produce, 3,841 bags of rice, 14,917 packages of noodles, 2,941 dozens of eggs, 1,868



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Bernie Sanders with Girl Scout Troop 717.
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Bayanihan distribution volunteers at station #6
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Yuki Lei Sugimura and Lee Imada working hard
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Maui Food Bank Executives pose with Binhi at Ani in the newly renovated kitchen.
PHOTO: ALFREDO G. EVANGELISTA

loaves of bread/pan de sal, 5,600 McDonalds certificates, 19,769 beverages, 23,286 snacks, 2,106 containers of spaghetti sauce, 4,350 Maui Gold pineapples, 1,440 gallons of milk, 730 whole chickens, over 2,500 dragon fruit, and other miscellaneous items such as toilet paper, coffee, goat cheese, and masks.

Kitchen Renovations

Thanks to two grants from the County of Maui (\$25,000 through the office of Mayor Michael Victorino and \$25,000 through the office of Councilmember Tasha Kama), the kitchen renovations to Binhi at Ani are complete with a new gas stove, a new refrigerator, a new freezer, a new 3-compartment sink, a new air conditioner, a new water heater, new doors, a counter roll-up door and minor repairs to the stage area, windows, and the bathroom. Mahalo to the contractors and vendors for their fine work: Advanced Fire Protection, Applied Engineering, LLC, Bar-Green/Ellingson, Costa Sales & Service, Johnstone Supply, Ramelb Construction, and Sotto's Plumbing.

Mālama Nā Iwi Kūpuna

Binhi at Ani has established a new committee whose responsibility will be to manage the area behind the Center where iwi are buried and to hold an annual cultural event focusing on our host culture. The committee is chaired by Nora Cabanilla-Takushi and currently includes Fely Dumayas, Alfredo Evangelista, Wilmont Kahaiali'i, and Madelyne Pascua. Please contact Cabanilla-Takushi at (808) 276-8861 or ntakushi01@yahoo.com if you are interested in becoming a committee member.

Takeout Tuesdays

Due to the closure of the Center forced by the COVID-19 pandemic, Binhi at Ani Filipino Community Center created a new fundraising effort titled Takeout Tuesdays. Five Takeout Tuesdays have raised over \$13,000 to pay for Binhi at Ani's continuing overhead expenses. The next Takeout Tuesday will be held on February 23 and will feature a choice of Four Sisters Catering Roast Pork (\$12) or Kal Bi Plate (\$15). Contact Melen Agcolicol at 205-7981 for more information.



Kahu Wilmont Kahaiali'i blesses iwi behind the Binhi at Ani Filipino Community Center.
PHOTO: BASILIA EVANGELISTA

MAUI FILIPINO COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The Council recently announced the cancellation of the 2021 Miss Maui Filipina Scholarship Pageant due to the COVID-19



Mary Grace Basig, 2019 Miss Maui Filipina will will continue in her reign through 2021.
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pandemic. Mary Basig, the 2019 Miss Maui Filipina will continue in her reign. In a Facebook post, she commented "As always, I will continue to do my best and serve the community as I am able to."

STO. NIÑO CLUB OF MAUI

Although the COVID-19 pandemic dampened the usual festive celebration of the 59th Annual Sto. Niño Fiesta, Christ the King Catholic Church continued to host the services for the Fiesta. An edited version of the service can be viewed at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_3cEueCFkwQ&feature=share&fbclid=IwAR193AVZ_T49WFMImRsZzduuB-D9AlvynfN-sHRxpOtvYys761yaR0mxlfg. The complete service can be viewed at Christ the King's Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/ctkchurchmaui/videos/2936330489928346>.



Christ the King Catholic Church hosted services for the 59th Annual Sto. Niño Fiesta.
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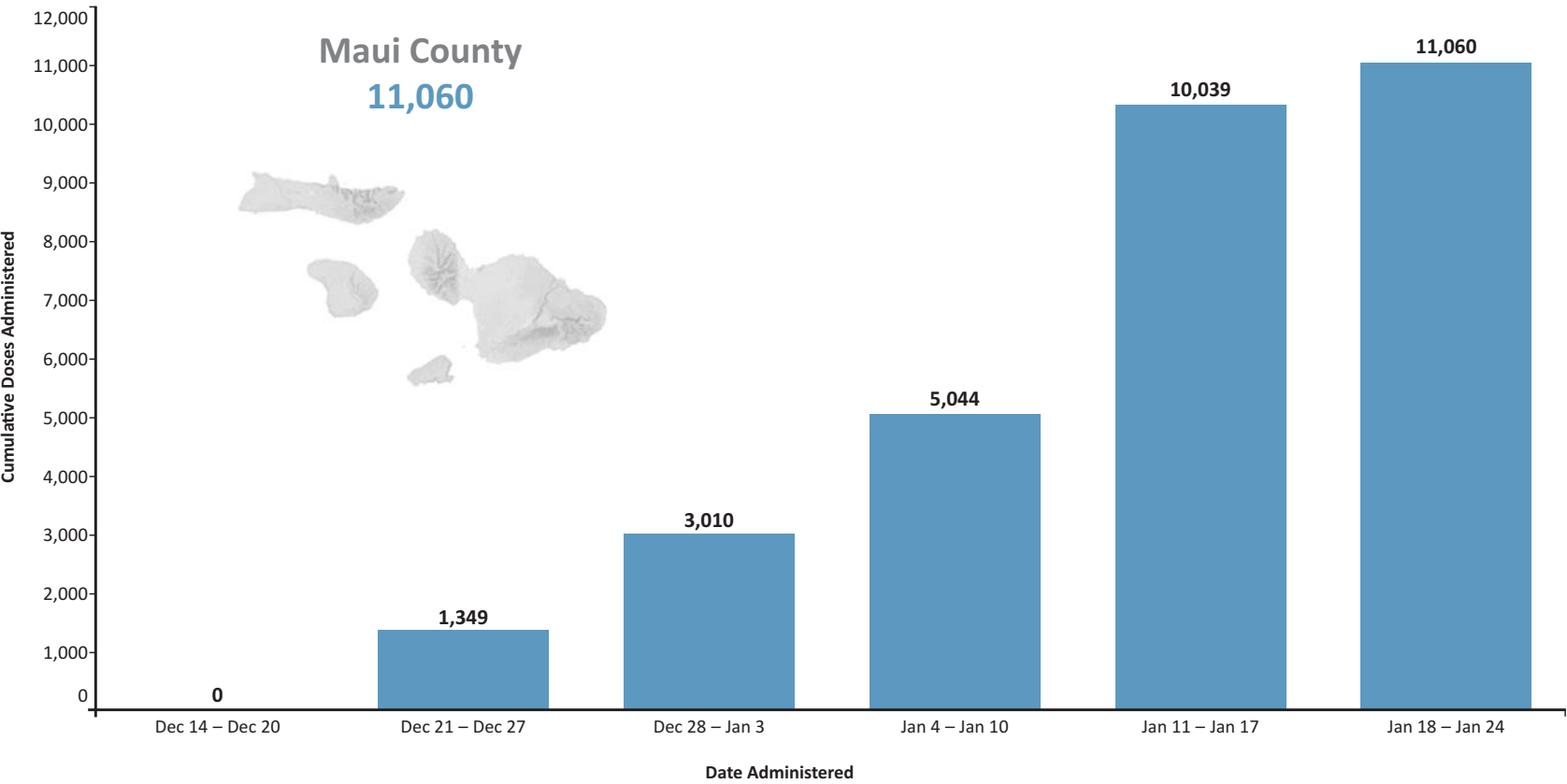
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Takeout Tuesday helps much-needed funding of the Binhi at Ani Filipino Community Center.

COVID-19 Vaccine Data, Hawai'i 2021

Updated Monday, January 25, 2021 (updated weekly)
Reflects all reported doses administered as of Sunday, January 24, 2021



GRAPHIC: HAWAII DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (JANUARY 26, 2021 PRESENTATION TO THE STATE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH)

COVID-19 Vaccine Update for Maui

Errol Buntuyan | M.D., F.A.A.P.

The COVID-19 vaccines have been on Maui for over a month now and there are folks in the 1A group (medical providers, nursing home residents) immunized with both doses of the vaccine. Earlier in the month, there were advertisements the 1B group (75 years old and above, front line essential workers) were to start with the vaccinations at Maui Health System but due to the current shortage of supplies, this campaign has been put on hold.

There were about 4,000 1st round Moderna vaccinations given by the Department of Health to mostly people in the 1A group. The plan is to have these folks receive their second round completed before starting on the next group. The Department of Health has not yet reopened the distribution of first round vaccinations at University of Hawai'i Maui College and will do so once more vaccines are available.

Maui Health has given about 5,000 Pfizer shots thus far and has been vaccinating 1A and 1B groups prior to last week's unexpected decrease in supply. Maui Health is also focusing on completing their second dose vaccinations at this time. Vaccine scheduling for first dose appointments was postponed with about 15,000 people



The Whitehouse COVID-19 Response Team held a briefing with Dr. Anthony Fauci, Director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infections Diseases and Dr. Rochelle P. Walensky, Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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already on the waiting list. It will be announced on the Maui Health website, local media outlets and radio advertisements when the first dose appointment requests will resume.

For the most up to date vaccine information, please visit the following websites and contact info:

- Maui Health COVID-19 Vaccine Information (www.mauihealth.org/covidvaccine)
- Hawai'i Department of Health (hawaiiicovid19.com/vaccine/)
- Hawai'i Department of Health Immunization Branch, (808) 586-8332, or toll free (800) 933-4832
- Centers for Disease Control (CDC) (www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/index.html)

With the new administration under President Biden, the efforts to increase the vaccine supply are underway. We hope Maui will be getting our supply in the next few weeks. The Department of Health is working with local organizations to get the Moderna vaccine out to clinics throughout the island and planning efforts are underway. Maui Health is also planning to get the vaccine out to distribution centers in the south side and the west side.

Until we get the vaccine distributed to the majority of our Maui communi-

ty, we still need to keep safe and practice social distancing, mask wearing, hand hygiene and wiping down surfaces. Maui Memorial Medical Center is currently over maximum capacity. At the time of writing this update, many patients are waiting for bed placements and there are two wards full of COVID positive patients.

Our daily lives seem to have resumed since the tourism industry returned. Some of us have gone back to our normal routines of work, grocery shopping, gyms, social activities, see ITI SALUN AT YO p.12

“Until we get the vaccine distributed to the majority of our Maui community, we still need to keep safe ...”

– ERROL BUNTUYAN, M.D., F.A.A.P.



Whoa! Second month of the year already? That was quick. Ah, February, the love month! What are you doing differently this Valentine’s Day? There’s a limited number of restaurants offering dine in during this pandemic so what will be the new normal? Virtual date? I heard someone has plans

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Dulce Karen Butay

to order two dinners through Door-dash or Bite Squad—one dinner will be delivered to him and the other one will be delivered to his date. And

they will meet and have dinner virtually through Facetime. Wow! What a change in our lifestyle. Whatever works, right? Just be healthy and safe during this pandemic.

Let’s see what’s going on with Michael this month and where they will be going next, shall we?

AS FIRE COMES FROM HIS MOUTH, Michael flings his phone into the bushes and it crashes into the cane grass. He stares into the field. In shock, he instantly regrets throwing his phone.

This time, wishful and playful words come marching out of his mouth. He begins walking towards the cane grass and gracefully makes his way into the Pā’ia forest. As the course sharp grass blades dig into the soft skin on his body, he winces in pain—gingerly pushing aside lump after lump. He can’t see his phone anywhere.

Grimacing with every step, Michael feels the tiny micro sharp hairs on each blade of grass grab hold of him as he passes. His pants snags on every turn. Michael has never done any landscaping work so this is all new to him. Digging around feeling the ground, he feels something crawl up his arm. He screams and shakes his *kamay* (hand).

“Aww ... man, what have you done now Mikey? Geez, couldn’t I have just thrown it away in the *sasakyan* (car)? Why did I have to chuck it into the grass?” he whiffs under his nose.

Suddenly, a sound catches his ear. Michael stops moving, puts his *duhol* (hand) on his ears and holds his breath.

The sound again. He can hear it. He can hear his cell phone ringing! “Riiinnngggggggg ... Riiinnngggggggg ...

He makes his way to it. As the blades continue to slice through his virgin like skin, he gets closer and yes it is his phone ringing. He moves twice as fast and the blades don’t hurt anymore. The tears have turned into focus and he spots his phone flashing an arms length away. As he reaches for the phone, he picks it up through a spider web. He turns the phone around. “What? Two minutes left?” he gasps to catch his breath. “Noooooo!” he shouts as he throws his *ima* (hand) to the skies. Two minutes pass and his notification on his locked phone reads: one missed call and four messages. Tsk. Who could it be?

Quickly he punches in his passcode. Invalid password.

“Come on Michael! Geez, what is the password?”

English	Pilipino	Ilokano	Cebuano	Ilonggo	Ibanag	Kapampangan
Girlfriend	Kasintahan	Nobia	Amiga	Noby	Noby	Noby
Car	Sasakyan	Lugan	Sakyanan	Auto	Kotse	Saken
Run	Takbo	Taray	Dagan	Dagalan	Karela	Pulayi
House	Bahay	Balay	Balay	Balay	Balay	Bale
Door	Pintuan	Ridaw	Lukub	Ganhaan	Puwerda	Pasbul
Today	Ngayon	Ita nga aldaw	Karun	Subong	Sangaw	Ngeni
Street	Kalye	Dalan	Dalan	Dalan	Dalang	Kalye
Hand	Kamay	Ima	Lima	Gamat	Duhol	Kamut
Stairs	Hagdanan	Agdan	Hagdan	Hagdanan	Ad dan	Eran
Work	Trabaho	Ubra	Trabahu	Obro	Trabaho	Trabaho
Small	Maliit	Bassit	Gamay	Diotay	Batti	Malati

Suddenly, he remembers he changed his password yesterday. MichaelAngelO(143)

Embarrassingly smiling, he inputs this password into the device. It is accepted and unlocked. He immediately turns off the password requirement in the Settings.

First, the missed call. He opens the phone app. Missed call from unknown caller.

“Ah, never mind,” Michael whispers.

He goes to his messaging app.

One message from his Dad. Next.

One message from Susan.

Two messages from a mainland number.

He opens the mainland number.

Ah, just spam.

He opens the text from Susan.

It’s a screenshot of a text message from the Police Department. It is a list of wanted people. And on this list is Angel Ramos Corpuz and it has an address on it: 59 Poni Place, Pā’ia, HI 96779.

This means the police will go to visit this address later *ngayon araw* (today) and ask some questions.

He needs to get to her before they do.

With a lot of nut grass hanging from his shirt and his shoes covered in mud, he slips his way back to the *kotse* (car).

He puts in the address into his phone and hurriedly drives.

He nearly drives into the *bassit* (small) *dalan* (street) when a lightning bolt clicks in his head.

“Wait,” he says and glances over at a *lugan* (car) parked down the *malati* (small) *kalye* (street). It is a black *sakyanan* (car) that seems a bit out of place.

Most of the cars in this area are beater cars and a few Toyotas. This *saken* (car) has a clean and dark tint. It just doesn’t look right.

He slowly turns away from the *gamay* (small) *dalang* (street), glances over and jots down the license plate.

He parks nearby on the other side of Baldwin Avenue.

He has Susan on speed dial and calls.

SUSAN: Michael!?

MICHAEL: Susie, can you run this license plate. LMD-126.

SUSAN: Why what’s going on?

MICHAEL: Well, I sped over to the ad-

dress on file for Angel as soon as I got it and before I got there, I noticed a *sasakyan* (car) that was kinda suspect.

You can hear typing in the background and a few whispers.

MICHAEL: Who is with you?

SUSAN: Nobody. I’m here at *trabaho* (work). Everyone is always passing my desk because SOMEBODY didn’t move me to the second floor like he told me he was going to do this week. Ahem!

MICHAEL: Yeah, sorry about that. I know I’ve been so busy.

SUSAN: Busy? Busy chasing after a girl who is wanted.

Michael pauses for a moment or two.

SUSAN: That *auto* (car) is from the police department. Surveillancing the *balay* (house) next to your *kasintahan* (girlfriend). It has been reported that there is drug activity at the third *bahay* (house) over from your *noby* (girlfriend).

MICHAEL: Ahhh, can we get them to leave or something? I need to get to Angel *karun* (today) ... now.

SUSAN: Sir, did you forget? I’m just an intern. I have no idea how to do that.

MICHAEL: Oh yeah, that’s right. Grr. Okay.

Michael hangs up and calls his uncle.

UNCLE: Michael, what’s up?

MICHAEL: Uncle, do you have surveillance going on in Pā’ia *aggaw* (today)?

UNCLE: Yes, I do. Why?

MICHAEL: Um, I have an informant that says your guy has been spotted. You might want to pull them out.

UNCLE: What do you mean? Who is your informant?

MICHAEL: Uh ... Uh ... Uh. I can’t say or he might get arrested for doing this for me.

UNCLE: Huh? Okay whatever. You know, you’ve been acting really weird lately. How’s your *nobia* (girlfriend)?

MICHAEL: Oh, I don’t know. I haven’t talked to her since I dropped her off. I have to go.

Michael hangs up and slowly creeps his way towards Poni Place. As soon as he sees the surveillance car see LET’S TALK PINOY p.11



Is Not Everything...

The Future of the Biden Administration

Alexis Joy Vilorio | MAUI HIGH SCHOOL

From Trump’s “Stop the Steal” first day in office. Taking measures to campaign to the insurrection at the U.S. Capitol and worries about President Biden’s safety leading up to his inauguration, much of America was holding her breath. Thankfully, with an inhale of clear air, President Joe Biden was finally inducted as the 46th President of the United States, with the country’s first Asian-American, black, and female Vice-President Kamala Harris by his side. With less concern regarding his safety amid such times of bipartisanship, what does the Biden-Harris administration have in store?

Promising to make it up to America after the previous administration, the Biden-Harris administration jumped into action on their

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meaningfully address the pandemic, solve economic issues for the common people, and restore rights to people of all races and sexualities, the Biden-Harris administration did not run away from its campaign promises. Though it’s clear to see upfront what the new administration has done, what do our youth think about their impact in the long run? Three students explore their expectations and opinions of new leadership in the White House.

Kalem Ringlen, a Junior at Maui High School shares his remarks on what he thinks of the new figures in D.C. A close witness of the electoral race as votes were counted, Kalem revisits his moments of anticipation and



Kalem Ringlen
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excitement. “As I recall, this election was special since voters were allowed to mail in the ballots, causing the counting of ballots, resulting in a delay of who won the 2020 elections. With that being said, I remember checking the electoral map every hour of the day for the whole week, seeing who will take the remaining states. I also remember updating my friends on the current status of the election, and I can say they were excited just as much as I was for this election!” says Kalem.

When the results were announced, Kalem was full of joy, thankful for the redemption of 2020 and a chance to start again. “When they called the election race, it’s like the sun was shining brighter and that everything seemed clear. Finding out that Joe Biden won the presidential race was probably the best thing to come out of 2020, considering all the bad things we’ve experienced that year. It felt like I was free again, to live my life the way I wanted. Thanks to COVID-19, 2020 was a year to remember. The good news is that the new administration is taking new actions to effectively address the pandemic.”

Kalem is confident in the new approach to the current pandemic wreaking havoc on the country. “Under this administration, I can already tell that the COVID-19 response from the government will be much more efficient and effective, considering the last administration was too narcissistic to even pay attention to the people. President Biden has shown on his first day that he’s willing to work for the American people from beginning to the end. This administration has something that the last government didn’t have and that’s compassion. With that being said, this administration will try everything in its power to stop this virus and get everyone vaccinated,” Ringlen states. Though he has high hopes in the response, Kalem remains realistic in America’s healing from the pandemic and the role of the citizens in this matter. “But we can’t expect all this to happen overnight, this administration



Faith Soliven
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was left with a big mess which they’re hopefully trying to fix. So what they can do for now is to reduce the transmission by enforcing laws that are helpful but also easy such as mandating face masks.”

Now a Junior preparing for college, Kalem hopes the new executives of the country will help him to get higher education on his side. Ringlen says, “One issue I hope this administration will address is the expensive cost of college. There’s no point in pursuing higher education when you’re in debt and seeing yourself falling into a deeper financial crisis. I’m just hoping this administration will see it through and make college affordable.”

With his last remarks, Kalem leaves a little message stemming from inaugural poet Amanda Gorman: “Somehow we’ve weathered and witnessed a nation that it isn’t broken, but simply unfinished.’ There’s hope that everything will get better, but only if we learn to get along with each other, whether it be Democrats or Republicans. There’s so much we can accomplish if we worked together!”

Faith Soliven, also a Junior at Maui High School, shares what she thinks of the Biden-Harris administration. A fellow Asian-American, Faith has a positive outlook on Vice-President Kamala Harris. “Being a Filipina, it’s inspiring to see an Asian woman

take on such a high leadership position in our country.” Looking at the success of other female-led countries, Faith is ecstatic about the country’s move towards gender inclusion and thinks this is as an excellent opportunity to empower female youth. “Compared to many places in the world like Denmark, Thailand, Australia and more, it’s about time we had a woman in prominent leadership. I think it inspires and gives hope to many young girls and women that they are worthy of breaking stereotypical barriers and making a change in the world,” says Faith.

When it comes to the administration’s approach towards education, Faith commends First-Lady Dr. Jill Biden for her commitment to a better

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Jadyne Zane
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system of schooling. “This is what I love so much about Jill Biden; her commitment and love for education give me hope that she can mirror it for the rest of our country.” With a professional educator in such a position of power, Faith hopes Dr. Biden will use her passion for teaching for good. “I hope for her to be active in educational reforms in both the classroom to support students and the livelihood of teachers through their pay. She understands first-hand the challenges in physical, virtual and blended learning in her role at Northern Virginia Community College.”

Like Kalem, Faith is taking steps to make her journey into higher education. She advocates for better accessibility and support for students like her. “I further hope she helps make college more affordable for many underprivileged students and develops programs that aid all kinds of students in college-career readiness.”

Senior **Jadyne Zane** of Maui High School shares her thoughts on the administration. A medical field hopeful, COVID-19 is a focus point for Jadyne. With this new administration, Jadyne forecasts the new administration’s approach to the pandemic will be a huge step up from the previous administration. “With the new administration, I now believe there will be an end to COVID-19, seeing how irresponsible the previous administration was, denying the word of many health professionals.”

This, of course, comes with Jadyne’s rationalism regarding the country’s response to new measures. “Although some people of our nation may dislike the precautions that the administration will take in the future, I believe it is necessary to overcome the pandemic and eliminate COVID-19.”

The founder of Girls in STEM, an

organization at Maui High School dedicated to empowering women heading into the STEM field, Jadyne sees Vice-President Kamala Harris as a great role model. “Young female and colored students will look up to Kamala Harris, as she serves as an example and evidence that these students can achieve their dreams.” Witnessing the representation of figures much like herself in such a male-dominated sphere, Jadyne sees Kamala’s reign as a definite positive. “Seeing people that look like you tackling these hefty roles that were predominantly only achieved by a certain race and gender opens up the realm of hope.”

Moving forward, Jadyne has priorities she thinks should be addressed by the new White House, the first one being her focus on racial equity by addressing the justice system. “I hope the administration reforms the police system, considering the number of police brutality cases and unjust treatment documented on colored individuals. It is absurd how our system previously overlooked these issues.” With her future background

in medicine, Jadyne hopes the administration will move towards bodily autonomy. “I hope the administration makes adjustments regarding abortion. A woman should have control over her body and be able to make responsible choices for herself.”

The youth featured have high expectations of the Biden-Harris administration. After nearly a month in office, it’s clear the administration is not one to disappoint and run away from its promises, especially considering the outpouring of support shown in both the election and today’s youth. With such a positive outlook on the administration, we hope the administration continues to fulfill the duties they promised on behalf of not just their voters, but for all of America. ✨

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pull out, he pulls in.

As he jumps out of the *sasakyan* (car), he runs up the *hagdanan* (stairs) and knocks on the *pintuan* (door).

He knocks again. And again.

No answer.

He pounds the door with all his might.

And finally, Angel opens the door, in shock to see Michael.


Michael and Angel see each other again. What do you think is going to happen? Is Michael going to call the police and turn in Angel? Is Angel going to run and hide? Visit us on our Facebook page and leave us a comment or ideas at www.facebook.com/filamvoicemaui.

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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Jennifer Lopez a.k.a. “JLo” sings *This Land Is Your Land* and *America the Beautiful* at the Inaugural ceremony.
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Inaugural ...

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ism, lawlessness, violence. Disease, joblessness, hopelessness. With unity we can do great things. Important things. We can right wrongs. We can put people to work in good jobs. We can teach our children in safe schools. We can overcome this deadly virus. We can reward work, rebuild the middle class, and make health care secure for all. We can deliver racial justice. We can make America, once again, the leading force for good in the world.

I know speaking of unity can sound to some like a foolish fantasy. I know the forces that divide us are deep and they are real. But I also know they are not new. Our history has been a constant struggle between the American

ideal that we are all created equal and the harsh, ugly reality that racism, nativism, fear, and demonization have long torn us apart. The battle is perennial. Victory is never assured. Through the Civil War, the Great Depression, World War, 9/11, through struggle, sacrifice, and setbacks, our “better angels” have always prevailed. In each of these moments, enough of us came together to carry all of us forward. And, we can do so now.

History, faith, and reason show the way, the way of unity. We can see each other not as adversaries but as neighbors. We can treat each other with dignity and respect. We can join forces, stop the shouting, and lower the temperature. For without unity, there is no peace, only bitterness and fury. No progress, only exhausting outrage. No nation, only a state of chaos.



In the stands and below the Capitol dome where most of the Inaugural attendees were seated, one could enjoy even just the view of a clear day on January 20, 2021.
SCREEN SHOT: ALFREDO G. EVANGELISTA

This is our historic moment of crisis and challenge, and unity is the path forward. And, we must meet this moment as the United States of America. If we do that, I guarantee you, we will not fail. We have never, ever, ever failed in America when we have acted together.

And so today, at this time and in this place, let us start afresh. All of us. Let us listen to one another. Hear one another. See one another. Show respect to one another. Politics need not be a raging fire destroying everything in its path. Every disagreement doesn’t have to be a cause for total war. And, we must reject a culture in which facts themselves are manipulated and even manufactured.

My fellow Americans, we have to be different than this. America has to be better than this. And, I believe America is better than this. Just look

around. Here we stand, in the shadow of a Capitol dome that was completed amid the Civil War, when the Union itself hung in the balance. Yet we endured and we prevailed. Here we stand looking out to the great Mall where Dr. King spoke of his dream. Here we stand, where 108 years ago at another inaugural, thousands of protestors tried to block brave women from marching for the right to vote.

Today, we mark the swearing-in of the first woman in American history elected to national office—Vice President Kamala Harris. Don’t tell me things can’t change. Here we stand across the Potomac from Arlington National Cemetery, where heroes who gave the last full measure of devotion rest in eternal peace. And here we stand, just days after a riotous mob thought they could use violence to si-

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I later also took in L’Engle’s sequels and related books, *A Wind in the Door*, *A Swiftly Tilting Planet*, and the two published while I was in college and graduate school, *Many Waters* and *An Acceptable Time*.

I still enjoy them all, and I still give them to children as gifts, knowing they will open up their imaginations as much as

Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran represents Central Maui in the Hawai’i State Legislature. When he was presented a Mahalo Award by the Hawai’i Friends of the Library, he picked *A Wrinkle in Time* for donation to the Kahu-lui Public Library and the Hawai’i State Library in downtown Honolulu.



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and recreational sports. Current outbreaks are noted to have originated in work place lunch rooms and small social gatherings. It is not surprising our infectivity rates have gone up because of this.

With this sense of normalcy, it is easy to forget there are many local community members with COVID-19 suffering with severe symptoms quarantined at home, seeking care in medical clinics, or fighting for survival in the hospital.

Now more than ever is the time to be aware of your exposure risks. Stay home as much as you can, limit your social gatherings and be extra cautious when you are interacting in

our community. Always be mindful of your surroundings and strive to protect yourself and those you love. ✨

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Ti Biag ken Pammati

“Life and Death”



Wesley Wayne Keola Kaiali'iili'i
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Keep the Faith

Happy New Year everyone! We pray 2021 will be a better year!

Deacon Patrick Constantino

2020 was a challenging year for us. COVID-19 hit us and everything changed. Our life style, habits good or bad, jobs—you name it—it happened. For us it was a challenging year with the death of our grandson Wesley Wayne Keola Kaiali'iili'i also known as Keola.

Keola died at a young age of 31 on January 20, 2020, Martin Luther King Jr. Day. He had complications with his heart at birth and required three heart surgeries at UCLA Medical Center. It was hard for the family but he was a fighter during his illness. He graduated from King Kekaulike High School and attended Maui Community College, majoring in Computer Science. He worked part-time at the College and did light work where he could but he was always tired. He was handicapped and disabled.

We took him on vacations to Disneyland, San Diego Zoo, Sea World, Disney World, Lego Land and Las Vegas. He always traveled with his oxygen tank and he enjoyed himself going on rides, shows, scenic places etc. It was good for us when he came because he had the handicap card and he was always allowed to go first in spite of all the long lines. The whole family was included with him.

I remember one night in San Diego at the Wyndham Time Share. His uncle Jerry thought something happened to him because he didn't hear Keola's oxygen tank. Jerry woke up and said, "What happened to Keola?" and Keola said "Uncle, I'm in the bathroom and I turned the oxygen off." We were all worried.

Another time at the Fremont Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas, the security guard came to check on Keola and asked for his ID because Keola looked so young. They asked him for his ID every time he came to play on the machines. So finally they gave him a wrist band so they didn't have to ask for his ID again but they continued, every time he was playing.



At the Constantino wedding anniversary.
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My grandson Keola was a smart man. He knew all about computers, cell phones, programming, etc. He liked sports; his favorite football team was the Carolina Panthers with Cam Newton at the time. He also liked the Phoenix Suns and the Boston Red Sox. We went with him to watch the Los Angeles Dodgers play at Dodgers Stadium. Keola's wish was to see a professional football game. We had plans to attend the Los Angeles Rams vs. Dallas Cowboys in August 2019; we had our tickets and air fare ready.

But on July 28, 2019, Keola took ill and had an infection. Our granddaughter Ashley called an ambulance to pick him up at our home and brought him to the ICU at Maui Memorial Medical Center. Keola was critically ill; they could not treat him further so they flew him by Medivac to Queen's Medical Center in Honolulu. Fr. Jaime Jose anointed him before Keola left.

While at Queen's Medical Center, we met with the doctors who said Keola was very ill and they would try their best to make him well. They also cautioned to be prepared because he could go anytime. Keola's first two weeks were very critical and we asked everyone to pray for him. Fr. Jaime and Fr. Michael led prayers and masses at St. Joseph Church, Maui Council of Filipino Catholic Clubs, United Congress of Filipino Catholic Clubs, Divine Mercy Family and friends and relatives.

It was a miracle Keola got better and stronger.

But one of the things we struggled with during Keola's critical time with his illness was to tell him about going home! We asked him if he was ready to go home to God. He got angry at us! He said "NO! I want to go home to Maui!" After our constant talking and praying and advising, Keola said "Okay, let's go home."

He got stronger and he was discharged from Queen's Medical Center on October 8, 2019 to come home to Maui. He had a great homecoming with family and friends. We celebrated his 31st birthday on November 16, 2019.

Keola was doing well—until January 2020. Fr. Michael came to anoint Keola but Keola got ill again and was going in and out of the hospital. Keola was moved to Hospice Maui where he passed away on January 20, 2020. Family and friends prayed and gathered to say our last farewell—until we meet again.

On the night of Keola's death, something happened in a dream of my seven year old great grandson Iziah who was preparing to attend Religious Education classes at St. Joseph Church. Iziah was excited to tell us—before our first Rosary prayer for Keola—"I saw Keola! In my dreams last night, Grandpa. And he was with that man!" Iziah pointed at the statue of Jesus! saying "That's the man! And Keola said 'I'm okay. Look no oxygen.'" Iziah described how Keola was walking well with Jesus standing by him. We all cried and hugged one another in tears, praising God!

Keola visited Iziah again on the night of his funeral and said to him "I'm okay, smiling and walking with Jesus!"

I also saw Keola in a dream and he was smiling and having fun with the Matsui family. I went up to Keola and hugged him, touched his face

and said "Are you real?" Keola smiled and went away!

For all of us, our lives now will not be the same. We need to make changes in our life! Let us remember the life we had as an experience, to help us change in this lifetime now!

Please be open to these changes as we pray the Serenity Prayer:

God, grant me the Serenity to accept the things I cannot change, Courage to change the things I can, and Wisdom to know the difference. Help me to accept hardships as the pathway



Keola and his mom Jamie Kaiali'iili'i.
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to peace, taking as Your Son did this world as it is, not as I would have it. Let me trust that You will make all things right if I surrender to Your Will. May I be reasonably happy in this life and supremely happy with You forever in the next. Jesus, I Trust In You. Amen! ✨

On June 18, 1987, **Patrick Constantino** was ordained as the first Deacon of Filipino ancestry for the Roman Catholic Church in Hawai'i. For twenty-two years, he served as Admin-

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lence the will of the people, to stop the work of our democracy, and to drive us from this sacred ground. That did not happen. It will never happen. Not today. Not tomorrow. Not ever.

To all those who supported our campaign I am humbled by the faith you have placed in us. To all those who did not support us, let me say this: Hear me out as we move forward. Take a measure of me and my heart. And if you still disagree, so be it. That's democracy. That's America. The right to dissent peaceably, within the guardrails of our Republic, is perhaps our nation's greatest strength. Yet hear me clearly: Disagreement must not lead to disunion.

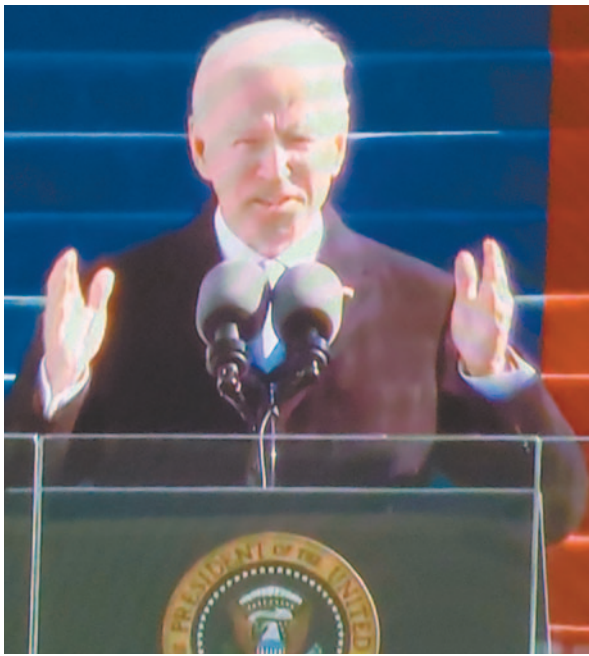
And I pledge this to you: I will be a President for all Americans. I will fight as hard for those who did not support me as for those who did.

Many centuries ago, Saint Augustine, a saint of my church, wrote that a people was a multitude defined by the common objects of their love. What are the common objects we love that define us as Americans? I think I know. Opportunity. Security. Liberty. Dignity. Respect. Honor. And, yes, the truth.

Recent weeks and months have

President Joe Biden speaks to the crowd and directly to the American People as he delivers his Presidential Inaugural speech.

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taught us a painful lesson. There is truth and there are lies. Lies told for power and for profit. And each of us has a duty and responsibility, as citizens, as Americans, and especially as leaders—leaders who have pledged to honor our Constitution and protect our nation—to defend the truth and to defeat the lies. I understand that many Americans view the future with some fear and trepidation. I understand they worry about their jobs, about taking care of their families, about what comes next. I get it. But the answer is not to turn inward, to retreat into

competing factions, distrusting those who don't look like you do, or worship the way you do, or don't get their news from the same sources you do.

We must end this uncivil war that pits red against blue, rural versus urban, conservative versus liberal. We can do this if we open our souls instead of hardening our hearts. If we show a little tolerance and humility. If we're willing to stand in the other person's shoes just for a moment. Because here is the thing about life: There is no accounting for what fate will deal you. There are some days when we need a hand. There are other days when we're called on to lend one. That is how we must be with one another. And, if we are this way, our country will be stronger, more prosperous, more ready for the future.

My fellow Americans, in the work ahead of us, we will need each other. We will need all our strength to persevere through this dark winter. We are entering what may well be the toughest and deadliest period of the virus. We must set aside the politics and finally face this pandemic as one nation. I promise you this: as the Bible says weeping may endure for a night but joy cometh in the morning. We will get through this, together.

The world is watching today. So here is my message to those beyond our borders: America has been tested and we have come out stronger for it. We will repair our alliances and engage with the world once again. Not to meet yesterday's challenges, but today's and tomorrow's. We will lead not merely by the example of our power but by the power of our example. We will be a strong and trusted partner for peace, progress, and security. We have been through so much in this nation. And, in my first act as President, I would like to ask you to join me in a moment of silent prayer to remember all those we lost this past year to the pandemic. To those 400,000 fellow Americans—mothers and fathers, husbands and wives, sons and daughters, friends, neighbors, and co-workers. We will honor them by becoming the people and nation we know we can and should be. Let us say a silent prayer for those who lost their lives, for those they left behind, and for our country. Amen.

This is a time of testing. We face an attack on democracy and on truth. A raging virus. Growing inequity. The sting of systemic racism. A climate in crisis. America's role in the world. Any one of these would be enough to challenge us in profound ways. But the

fact is we face them all at once, presenting this nation with the gravest of responsibilities. Now we must step up. All of us. It is a time for boldness, for there is so much to do. And, this is certain. We will be judged, you and I, for how we resolve the cascading crises of our era. Will we rise to the occasion? Will we master this rare and difficult hour? Will we meet our obligations and pass along a new and better world for our children? I believe we must and I believe we will. And when we do, we will write the next chapter in the American story. It's a story that might sound something like a song that means a lot to me. It's called *American Anthem* and there is one verse stands out for me: "The work and prayers of centuries have brought us to this day. What shall be our legacy? What will our children say? Let me know in my heart. When my days are through. America. America. I gave my best to you."

Let us add our own work and prayers to the unfolding story of our nation. If we do this then when our days are through our children and our children's children will say of us they gave their best. They did their duty. They healed a broken land.

My fellow Americans, I close today where I began, with a sacred oath. Before God and all of you I give you my word. I will always level with you. I will defend the Constitution. I will defend our democracy. I will defend America. I will give my all in your service thinking not of power, but of possibilities. Not of personal interest, but of the public good. And together, we shall write an American story of hope, not fear. Of unity, not division. Of light, not darkness. An American story of decency and dignity. Of love and of healing. Of greatness and of goodness.

May this be the story that guides us. The story that inspires us. The story that tells ages yet to come that we answered the call of history. We met the moment. That democracy and hope, truth and justice, did not die on our watch but thrived. That our America secured liberty at home and stood once again as a beacon to the world. That is what we owe our forebearers, one another, and generations to follow. So, with purpose and resolve we turn to the tasks of our time. Sustained by faith. Driven by conviction. And, devoted to one another and to this country we love with all our hearts. May God bless America and may God protect our troops. **Thank you, America.** ✳

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Keola with grandparents Patrick and Cora Constantino.

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istrator at Holy Rosary Church in Pā'ia, St. Rita Church in Ha'ikū and St. Gabriel Church in Ke'anae. Constantino is presently assigned to St. Joseph Church in Makawao.

Prior to his ordination, Constantino was in government—first appointed in 1966 as Assistant Sergeant of Arms by the Speaker of the House Elmer F. Cravalho. When Cravalho became Maui's first Mayor, Constantino became his Executive



Assistant—the first of Filipino ancestry. Later, Constantino became the first County Treasurer of Filipino an-

cestry and the first County Grants Administrator and Risk Manager of Filipino ancestry.

Constantino has served as a Deacon for thirty-three years and married to his lovely wife Corazon for fifty-nine years.

Family Fun Outdoors

Despite the COVID-19 pandemic, there are still fun activities locally you can do with the family!

Liza A Pierce of “A Maui Blog” | ALL PHOTOS COURTESY LIZA PIERCE

What’s a good fun family activity to do during the pandemic? In addition to going to the beach and hiking, I think visiting farms is a wonderful option. Do you agree? For this month’s *Kwento-Kwentuhan*, let’s talk story about some of the farms you can visit on Maui. Here are some of the farms I love and I hope you can visit some or all of them.

Ali’i Kula Lavender Farm is a great place to visit upcountry. They grow expansive lavender fields alongside many other rare and beautiful tropical plants. In addition to the scenery, make sure to try some of their lavender products, including scones, coffee, tea, and macarons. Ali’i Kula Lavender Farm was closed due to COVID-19 restrictions but re-opened recently with limited days and hours, Friday to Sunday.

Surfing Goat Dairy Farm is a certified humane goat farm located in Kula. The farm offers visitors a behind-the-scenes look at goat herding and dairy farming. At Surfing Goat, visitors can experience a variety of tours. The Casual Tour is perfect for visitors on a time crunch and allows access to the farm and a brief tour, during which attendees can meet some goats. Another option is the Evening Chores Tour, a fun and hands-on experience that allows

guests to assist in milking goats and putting them to bed in the evening. For those looking for an even more in-depth tour, there is the Grand Dairy Tour. This interactive option lets visitors learn how to care for goats, how to craft delicious goat cheeses, and even get some hands-on experience with milking goats. Reservations are required for tours and Surfing Goat Dairy is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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Ocean Vodka is a locally distilled vodka company which offers an in-depth tasting and farm tour. Ocean Vodka is created using sugarcane and the tour takes visitors through sugar cane fields and then into the distillery in order to understand the full process from start to finish.

‘Ulupalakua Tour. Maui Wine is located upcountry in ‘Ulupalakua. While this can be a long drive, it is certainly worth it. Visitors can walk through the vineyards on a very informative farm tour, and then enjoy a glass of locally sourced and produced wine in the Tasting Room. The grounds are large and beautifully maintained, so a visit to Maui Wine can be a wonderfully relaxing afternoon while on Maui.

Kula Country Farms grows and sells a wide variety of produce but they are best known for their you-pick strawberries and pumpkin patch



Stopping to smell the lavender flowers at Ali’i Kula Lavender Farm.

in the fall. The farm is a great spot to stop for a snack while enjoying a day in Upcountry Maui and the pumpkin patch is a can’t-miss event every year. Kula Country Farms is open seven days a week, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

O’o Farm offers two unique tours. One is a farm-to-table lunch tour where guests experience a meal sourced entirely with locally grown food. The other option is a “seed-to-cup” coffee tour, in which participants can learn the history and agriculture around coffee while enjoying some freshly harvested and brewed coffee. Both tours are by reservation.

Maui Alpaca Farm offers a variety of personalized, private tours and activities at their farm in Makawao. Visitors can get up close and personal with the beautiful alpacas during picnics, yoga classes, healing sessions

and more. **Maui Butterfly Farm** is located in Olowalu and offers a unique experience to visitors who may want to see beautiful butterflies up close while learning more about these gentle insects. The farm offers tours by appointment and is open every day from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Leilani Farm Sanctuary is a large animal sanctuary located in Ha’ikū. The Sanctuary is home to all types of rescued animals, including goats, cats, geese, donkeys, sheep, rabbits, tortoises, pigs, ducks, deer and even a cow. While visiting, guests can meet the animals or simply enjoy the beautiful and peaceful setting. The farm is a lush, tropical oasis and offers tours by appointment on Saturdays at 10 a.m.

Maui Chocolate offers an in-depth tour of their cacao farm, as well as a chocolate tasting in their facility. Maui Chocolate is the only locally grown and produced chocolate on island, and their facility is a great stop for the whole family. Tours are by appointment. ✨

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Upcountry view from Ali’i Kula Lavender Farm

What Do You Think?

Each year, the NFL showcases the largest sports event in the world. This year's 55th Super Bowl featured a battle between the Tampa Bay Buccaneers led by quarterback Tom Brady (formerly of the New England Patriots) and the Kansas City Chiefs led by upcoming quarterback Patrick Mahomes. In the end, 43 year old Brady won his seventh Super Bowl—more than any NFL team—by a whopping score of 31–9. The vaunted Chiefs offense managed to score only three field goals. *Fil-Am Voice* Assistant Editor Alfredo Evangelista asked members of Maui's Filipino community "What Do You Think of Super Bowl LV?"

Angelina Abapo: With Tom Brady's 10th Championship game, it was too obvious. He led the Buccaneers team to the NFL title. Too bad Patrick Mahomes got a shock of his life—way to go chief!

Renato Acob: I was rooting for Tom Brady the GOAT who ever played the game. No one will ever be like Tom Brady. Mahomes will be back in the Super Bowl next year.

Melen Agcolicol: The Super Bowl is about gathering of families, friends and neighbors with the stake of \$5 per block of 100 blocks. Scores at the end of each quarter determine the winners or share of the \$500. After sharing the \$500 pot with the other winners, the final score winner will probably just end up with \$120. But that's not a big deal. The big deal is the bragging rights of the Super Bowl winner. Just like this past Sunday, Super Bowl LV, I didn't like any of the teams because I am a COWBOYS fan ever since I was 16, but I can't forget TOM BRADY who is a SUPER BOWL or FOOTBALL legend who already had won six SUPER BOWL rings. Mike and I gathered in front of our television in our living room, betting each other who will win the Super Bowl and screamed when Brady passed a touchdown. Because of the gathering rule, we spent our SUPER BOWL SUNDAY at home for the first time in a long time; of course without the \$5 per block bet. Perhaps, my house was happy to hear us scream and I think, to me, it was the best SUPER BOWL SUNDAY ever!

Rod Antone: I refused to watch it. I am not a fan of either the Chiefs or the Buccaneers but Tom Brady is a hell of a competitor; you can't argue with seven Super Bowl wins. Hopefully, the Raiders will have a better season next year.

Elizabeth Ayson: Enjoyed time with friends, good food, great company... happy that Brady prepared his team with specific texts... to deliver as a team. Expected more from Mahomes and look forward to a bright future for him. Hoping Brady will go for at least one more!

Chris Barut: I think the Super Bowl this year was just a little strange to see more cardboard cutouts than fans that were socially distanced. I noticed it was much quieter. I also noticed a lot of powerful messages about unity and equality through the performances in the beginning from Amanda Gorman to seeing both Eric Church and Jazmine Sullivan performing the National Anthem—both with different genres and difference races. I



What Do You Think of Super Bowl LV?

noticed the first female official in a Super Bowl and just found out the bomber flyovers was led by a female Air Force Captain (Sarah Kociuba) in a stealth bomber. The commercials weren't the usual without a lot of the big names producing a lot. The half-time show was somewhat great, however, I didn't notice the usual surprise performances by other artists. The use of the whole field to do the performance was something different though. The performance of the teams weren't what I expected as I saw a lot of penalties being called but I enjoyed it overall.

Nora Cabanilla-Takushi: I didn't even watch the game. When the 49ers lost, I stopped watching.

Gemma Calvan: The game was ok not as exciting as expected. One particular story that stood out is Buccaneers head coach Bruce Arians and his 95 year-old mom watching in the stands to help celebrate Buccaneers as Super Bowl Champs 2021.

Alfred Cantorna: It was an incredible game if you were a Tampa Bay/Tom Brady fan. The Buccaneers offense was clicking and their defense pressured Patrick Mahomes all night that netted no touchdowns and only three field goals. Multiple penalties hurt the Kansas City Chiefs. Looking forward to seeing more of Tom Brady next year.

Conrado Cortez: I didn't watch but I heard it was one-sided.

Edward Evangelista: I fell asleep during the second quarter.

Rhonda Faleafine: We enjoyed all the pre and half time entertainment. The game was pretty one sided. I felt sorry for KC with so many obstacles against them—no D-line, the D-line coach (head coach's son) was in the hospital due to a car accident the previous day. Poor Mahomes had to run for his life. I really thought the game would be a nail bitter. Oh well, let's hope for our Raiders next year! The game will be in Los Angeles.

Sheena Garo: Congratulations Tampa Bay Buccaneers and Tom Brady with his seventh Super Bowl title! Despite not being able to gather with friends to watch the game, I still had fun cooking food, munching on some flaming hot Doritos and some ono Foodland poke! I was really just paying attention to the commercials and the halftime show. My favorite commercial was the GM ad with Will Ferrell, Awkwafina and Kenan Thompson.

Candelario Garcia: It should not have happened with that much of a crowd—a super spreader. But the results were great; the well-experienced

quarterback reigns supreme.

Romeo Guzman: Because I'm a Tom Brady die-hard fan, I'll always believe that they have a chance to win it all against the super magic of Mahomes. Technically, I feel that the whole Tampa Bay Buccaneers team was better prepared than their opponent. They stuck to their game plan, double teaming Tyreek Hill was a genius move, their defense was unbelievable that made Patrick Mahomes scrambling all over the field. On the other hand, Tom Brady was just doing his basic and calm moves—not doing anything extraordinary. I didn't expect the outcome would be lopsided considering the magic of Mahomes all year but I guess at the end you have to separate the men from the boys. Congratulations to the Tampa Bay Buccaneers for their second Super Bowl title with the Seven-time Champion Brady.

Gilbert Keith-Agaran: I don't follow professional football. I'm a Cincinnati Bengals fan. I hear the Patriots won again.

Mike Laciste: I enjoyed the game because I put money on the Buccaneers. I didn't enjoy the half time show. It wasn't for me. I think I expected more from the Chiefs—I didn't expect them to put up only field goals. I don't know if the officiating had anything to do with that, I'm not sure. I expected a more exciting game.

Arnold Magbual: With Kansas City short-handed on the O-line, Mahomes did not have time to throw the ball downfield. The defense double-teamed Tyreek Hill all day; that was the defense's goal throughout the game. They did not let him beat them just like the first game. And Tom Brady is not the reason why they won the game. Defense wins championships.

Paul Manzano: Tom Brady's Super Bowl LV (55) performance showed his greatness by taking all the retirement whispers, joining a brand new team, in a brand new system, at age 43 against all odds and once again, he climbed the mountain to grab his 7th Super Bowl championship against the team that defeated him last year.

Neil Menor: Tom Brady and the Buccaneers were IMPRESSIVE!

Rick Nava: Not a fan of Bucs or Chiefs... but I was cheering for Brady to win. Enjoyed the game. They should just have the commentators for half time.

Marilyn Oura: Well what can I say? Neither was my team but I cheered for Tampa because of Tom Brady. As far as the game, it was okay. Too bad my team did not play (Raiders or Cowboys). If the Raiders go to the

Super Bowl in Vegas, I will be there. The halftime entertainment was ok but nothing can beat BRUNO MARS. The Super Bowl has been a family gathering for decades, lots of food—everyone brings their favorite to share; we gather at my brother and sister in law's hale at Na Hoku (Richard and Tammy Manuel) and after the game, everyone hangs around to sing karaoke and I can sing when I drink wine my favorite song "Paper Roses." But due to the pandemic, family and friends could not get together; it's not the same because everyone stayed home. Better be safe than sorry. Everyone wear masks (I sell face masks, come see me at the Sunday Market at the 3 Angels Farm tent) and practice social distancing. Stay safe!

Kai Pelayo: Maturity over youth; never underestimate experience and teamwork. Respect your elders!

Rose Anne Rafael: I think it turned out great. It was nice to know the audience were health care workers from all over the nation. I think they deserve to watch Super Bowl for free for all their sacrifices on helping people from COVID and other illnesses out there. With the game, I think it was played fair even though there were some people bashing on the referees because of their calls on the other team. Although I might not be as familiar with football games, I believe the game was played fair.

Michelle Santos: Besides not being able to party, the overall game including the half time show lacked its usual quality from years past.

Eugenia Idica Sitts: What the hell happened to the Chiefs' offensive line?! Thank goodness for the wanna be streaker; at least it brought some excitement!

Jingo Tamayo: Stats says 2021 Super Bowl had the lowest TV rating since 2007. Viewers were possibly discouraged from watching due to the fact that the game lost its competitive edge by halftime. Tampa Bay with Tom Brady's presence won 31–9. Plus the COVID-19 pandemic meant no parties so everyone got discouraged from watching the event altogether.

Stacy Woodson: The game did not meet my expectations but I'm grateful we even had a Super Bowl, I guess. We were rooting for the Chiefs. I guess that's obvious based on my disappointment. Can't believe they could not get in the end zone once in the entire sixty minutes. Too many flags thrown and too many on-target passes dropped. The halftime show was disappointing as well. Only one commercial made me laugh—Rocket Mortgage's "Pretty Sure" spot. I'd say the highlight of the four hours was seeing the trailer for *Coming to America 2*! None of the actors aged! How is that? It premieres in March, Wooo hooo! Can't wait!

Joselito Yuzon: Super Bowl LV is a classic at its best. The Tampa Bay Buccaneers' defense played a vital role in keeping Mahomes at bay and preventing him from the completions he is used to do. Of course, we cannot discount the greatness of vintage Tom Brady in his accuracy in throwing the football and finding the intended receivers for much needed touchdowns. Congratulations to the old man and better luck next time for the young man! 🌟