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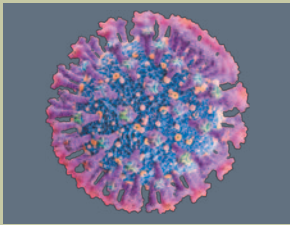
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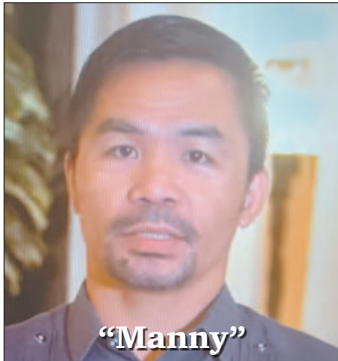
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Josh Green

The Third in a Series.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: In 2022, Leadership for the State and Maui County will be at the forefront with elections for Governor, Maui Mayor, Council, and due to reapportionment, all State Senators and State Representatives will be decided. The primary election will be held on August 13, 2022 with the General Election on November 8, 2022, and it's not too early to start thinking about the type of State and County leaders needed. While no one officially declared their respective candidacies when this series started (Cayetano recently made an official announcement), several have expressed interest in the gubernatorial race: former Honolulu

Mayor Kirk Caldwell, Business Executive/former First Lady Vicky Cayetano, and current Lt. Governor Josh Green. They were simultaneously sent identical questions with the same response date.

This month's Focus is on Lt. Governor Josh Green. (August's focus was on former Honolulu Mayor Kirk Caldwell while September's focus was on Business Executive/former First Lady Vicky Cayetano.)

1. IN 100 WORDS OR LESS, PLEASE TELL US YOUR BACKGROUND, INCLUDING DETAILS ABOUT YOUR FAMILY, EDUCATION, AND EXPERIENCE IN THE PUBLIC, PRIVATE, AND NON-PROFIT SECTORS.



Lieutenant Governor Josh Green

I am a local physician who has spent my entire adult life caring for Hawai'i families, working as a family physician and ER doctor in rural hospitals and clinics on the Big Island and later as public servant. I was elected to the

Hawai'i State Legislature in 2004 where I served for 14 years in the House and Senate, and currently serve as Lieutenant Governor of Hawai'i. In 2006, I married my wife, Jaime Ushiroda, Esq. and together we are the proud parents of Maia and Sam.

2. IN 200 WORDS OR LESS, PLEASE TELL US: A) WHAT IS YOUR VISION FOR HAWAII/MAUI? B) WHAT IS RIGHT WITH HAWAII/MAUI? C) WHAT IS WRONG WITH HAWAII/MAUI?

As a father of two school-aged children, I am deeply aware of the responsibility I carry to build a better fu-

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Sen. Gilbert "Gil" S.C. Keith-Agaran



Gov. Benjamin "Ben" Cayetano



Mayor Michael "Mike" Victorino



Mayor James "Kimo" Apana

Politika ...

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They say politics in the Philippines is a blood sport ... just like cockfighting ... and yes, boxing. When Manny "Pacman" Pacquiao announced his retirement from boxing on September 28, many suspected Philippine Senator Emmanuel "Manny" Pacquiao would soon announce his candidacy for the Philippine presidency, which will be held on May 9, 2022.

But first, a homage to Pacman—one of the greatest boxers of all time. (I believe Muhammad Ali who defeated Uruguayan/Spanish boxer Alfredo Evangelista in May 1977 is the greatest boxer of all time.)

Pacman, 42 years old, is the only

eight-division boxing champion. He first won a title at 108 pounds and even won a title at 154 pounds. His record was 62–8–2, with 39 knockouts. His greatest victory was over Oscar De La Hoya in 2008, with victories over Marco Antonio Barrera, Timothy Bradley, Miguel Cotto, Ricky Hatton, Antonio Margarito, Manuel Marquez, Erik Morales and Keith Thurman. He was also a huge pay-per-view draw; his 2015 fight against Floyd Mayweather had approximately 4.6 million buys (the previous record of 2.4 million buys was Mayweather's fight against De La Hoya).

In his retirement announcement released via social media, Pacman thanked those who helped him along the way, noting even though he was not selected for the Philippines Olympic team, he did not let that

oversight discourage him. "Goodbye, boxing. Thank you for changing my life. You gave me the chance to find a way out of poverty," he said. "Because of you, I was able to inspire people all over the world. Because of you, I have been given the courage to change more life."

With that out of the way, let's talk politics—Philippine politics that is. I've learned many immigrant Filipinos still follow politics "back home" especially in their "hometown" where many Filipinos still have family ruling their own little fiefdom. For my family, the Evangelistas used to rule my Dad's hometown of Paoay in Ilocos Norte until (gasp) a distant cousin—the Clementes—ousted the Evangelistas. The same Evangelista clan whose patriarch, Jose Evangelista, was the governor of Ilocos Norte (B.M.L. or Before Martial Law). I don't even know who the current Paoay mayor is; it's kind of weird because a lot of the COVID-19 proclamations are signed by an "Acting May-

or." I'm not sure but I think it has something to do with his Certificate of Candidacy he filed when he ran for office.

"I've learned many immigrant Filipinos still follow politics "back home" especially in their "hometown" where many Filipinos still have family ruling their own little fiefdom."

The filing of a Certificate of Candidacy with the Commission on Elections (COMELEC) is the first step in running for office in the Philippines. For the office of Philippine president (one term for six years), the deadline was October 8, Philippine Standard Time, which was October 7, Hawai'i Standard Time. The list will be final in November when COMELEC officially releases it. But various Philippine news agencies have reported almost a hundred candidates. (See page 6 for an unofficial list.)

For me, who's more interested in Hawai'i

and U.S. politics than Philippine politics (except for maybe a hope the Evangelista's will someday rule again in Paoay), I did recognize some familiar names: Ronald "Bato" dela Rosa, Francisco "Isko Moreno" Domagos,

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"I think there will be a Bongbong Marcos and Sarah Duterte tandem. The solid north and the solid south! Good luck! It's a sure winner," says Angelina Abapo from Tagum, Davao del Norte.

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Lieutenant Governor Josh Green and his family (left to right) Jaime Kanani Ushiroda, Sam, 10, and Maia, 14.

Green ...

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ture—not just for them, but for all of Hawai‘i. Too many families struggle today to make ends meet and far too many local people leave our state because they can no longer afford to live here. The promise of Hawai‘i—and my vision for our state—is a future where

people here can thrive. We must ensure a future where our residents have access to good paying jobs and housing that’s truly affordable. We need a healthy and balanced future that preserves the best of Hawai‘i today—its culture and pristine environment—and a future that harnesses the innovations to come, so that all who call Hawai‘i home can have a top quality of life.

3. IN 125 WORDS OR LESS, PLEASE



Lieutenant Governor Josh Green and his family (left to right), Maia, Jaime Kanani Ushiroda and Sam.

DESCRIBE YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH HAWAI‘I’S/MAUI’S FILIPINO COMMUNITY.

My relationship with the Filipino community runs deep—and started at the age of 18, when my father moved to the Philippines to work on infrastructure projects. I spent time living in Manila with my dad, and I have many fond memories of my time there—although I must admit I never did learn to eat *Balut*! My wife Jaime was raised by her Filipina aunts after her mom passed away at a young age and grew up with many of the traditions and experiences common to our Filipino families. Although Jaime and I are not ethnically Filipino, we are often considered Filipino at heart.

4. IN 500 WORDS OR LESS, PLEASE IDENTIFY AND EXPLAIN THE THREE GREATEST NEEDS OF HAWAI‘I’S/MAUI’S FILIPINO COMMUNITY.


As a public servant and medical doctor, I have the good fortune of spending time with Filipinos across our state. A common thread in the many stories I have heard throughout the Filipino community begins with an immense pride for a common culture and heritage that remains stronger than ever here in Hawai‘i and a deeply felt hope that tomorrow will be better than today.

If I am fortunate to serve as the next Governor of Hawai‘i, the first area I would focus attention toward is en-

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From the Editor's Desk

Vince Bagoyo, Jr.
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This photo of Pope Francis shows the Canonization (2014) of Saint John XXIII and Saint John Paul II. In his recent message to the world—the Pope praised the work of researchers and scientists in producing safe and effective COVID-19 vaccines.

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The Life You Save May Be Your Own

Get the vaccine.

Never before has the world faced a health crisis like this life and death pandemic. COVID-19 does not discriminate. It does not know or care who you are, how many children you have, who you love or where you live. To date, 99 percent of deaths from this virus are the unvaccinated. This is a fact documented throughout the planet, so far causing 700,000 deaths in America alone. Yes, our United States of

America. Most of these deaths were preventable. Even children are dying and medical scientists everywhere are working night and day to create a vaccine for youngsters. Get the vaccine.

There are some faith believers who believe our faith in God will supernaturally shield us from COVID-19 illness. No one is immune from this deadly disease. We know full well—even with our faith, this disease is killing and de-

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Dr. Josh Green serves as an emergency room physician on Hawai'i Island, in addition to his lieutenant governor duties.

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During my leadership team of advisors and state department directors includes people of Filipino ancestry. The Filipino community collectively carries a profound influence on the course of our state—and the voices of Filipinos must continue to be heard and acted upon. The second area I would focus on is providing enough

housing that residents can afford and ensuring we create more good paying jobs so that the next generation of Filipinos can continue to call Hawai'i home. Finally, as a public servant with medical background, I view the challenges we face through the lens of a doctor. As your Governor, that means I'll continue focusing on health-related issues, particularly for our kūpuna, to ensure they have access to quality medical care and a comfortable lifestyle they deserve. ✨



Dr. Josh Green providing medical care and outreach in Chinatown.

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Panfilo “Ping” Lacson, Ferdinand “Bongbong” Marcos, Jr., Emmanuel “Manny” Pacquiao and Maria Leonor “Leni” Robredo. Notice how these candidates all have nicknames; like former Hawai'i Governor Benjamin “Ben” Cayetano, current State Senator Gilbert “Gil” Keith-Agaran, current Mayor Michael “Mike” Victorino and former Mayor James “Kimo” Apana. I guess if you have a nickname, it humanizes you and makes you one of the common folk.

For locals who are still reading, there are no primaries in the Philippines—it's a winner take all (does that partially explain the low turnout of Filipinos during the Hawai'i primary elections?). And there's multiple parties and alliances. Bato is running under the PDP-Laban banner. Bongbong is running under the Partido Federal ng Pilipinas. Isko Moreno is running under Aksyon Demokratiko. Leni is running as an Independent. Manny is running under Probinsya Muna Development

Initiative. Ping is running under the Partido para sa Demokratikong Reporma.

There's also a twist that although the Certificate of Candidacy was due on October 7, political parties have until November 15 to change their candidates.

Hmmmm ... even though current Philippine president Rodrigo Duterte's daughter Sara Duterte-Carpio (side note, the Carpio's are also from Paoay and me thinks they're distantly related to the Evangelista's; I would ask my 97-year old Mom but sometimes she can't remember what she ate for breakfast) filed to run for her third and final term as Mayor of Davao City, does that still raise a possibility of a Duterte candidacy? President Duterte in the last few days said she would run, then backtracked. Sara has maintained she would not run, especially if her Dad would run for Vice President. President Duterte eventually decided not to run for Vice President.

Vice Presidents also run independently from the President but some candidates have created a President-Vice President ticket.



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Emmanuel Dapidran Pacquiao Sr. recently confirmed he is running for President of the Philippines. He currently is a Philippine Senator (Senators are elected nationally) after several terms as a Representative. He is known for his song *Para Sayo Ang Laban Na 'To* and previously was a professional boxer, fighting under the name “Manny Pacquiao.”

All joking aside, certainly Manny’s boxing career boosted all his other interests (although his pro basketball cameo might be better forgotten). Undoubtedly he threw his hat in the political arena with strong name recognition. Even while limited in his attendance at legislative sessions—some would say rare is the better description—Manny’s popularity has remained strong.

While we often celebrate Hawai’i kids doing well in sports—appearances at the Little League World Series, Shane Victorino winning Major League Baseball titles with the Phillies and Red Sox, and Kurt Suzuki for the Nationals—with some notable exceptions it’s been rare for anyone to parlay athletic celebrity alone into elected office.

Barack Obama played prep basketball at Punahou School but his political career was buoyed more by his speech making eloquence than his sweet jump shot. Current U.S. Congressman Kaiuli’i Kahele was a backup on UH Mānoa’s NCAA volleyball champions but followed his father Gil’s example in entering public service.

The only competitive collegiate athlete elected to the State’s top office was Linda Lingle who swam for Cal. State-Northridge. But her athletic career did not come up often in her elections. David Ige led his Pearl City High School tennis team to a title but that has not played a role in his successful elections.

DINENGDENG & PINAKBET Sports and Public Service

Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran

Muluifi Francis Hannemann made his mark at ‘Iolani School in basketball and football and went on to play varsity basketball at Harvard. But Mufi’s entry into politics was fostered as much through contacts with local elected officials (appointed to the Governor’s Cabinet) and working with prominent businesses (C. Brewer). And remember he lost his initial campaigns for Congress before winning a seat on the Honolulu City Council and then serving as Mayor.

Rick Blangiardi, the current Mayor of Honolulu, played football at UH Mānoa. But think about it, he likely built name recognition from his long career managing local television stations with strong ties to the local sports mafia. He beat Keith Amemiya who successfully recreated local high school championship tournaments.

Then there was Fred Hemmings. A Punahou football player on its 1964 title team, he made his mark as a champion surfer. Credited with helping found the pro surfing circuit, he was elected as Republican member of the legislature. He would later be the losing GOP nominee for Governor in 1990.

Arnold Morgado, another Punahou football player, traded good looks and his NFL career with the Kansas City Chiefs into the Legislature and then the City Council. He would later lose the Democratic nomination for Mayor but would run a memorable longform television ad highlighting his martial



Gil S.C. Keith-Agaran poses with “life-size” Manny Pacquiao—senator, retired boxer and now, a presidential nominee of the Philippine’s upcoming election.

PHOTO: GILBERT S.C. KEITH AGARAN

arts skills.

Perhaps the best local NFL player Russ Francis, a standout tight end with the Patriots and 49ers, also tried his hand at politics, losing to U.S. Rep. Patsy Mink in 2000.

In the current Legislature you wouldn’t know the athletes from the lawyers, accountants, small business owners or former legislative staffers unless they tell you. Big Island Senator Dru Kanuha played collegiate tennis while Kāne’ohe Senator Jarrett Keohokalole played football for St. Louis Crusaders, and Moili’ili Representative Scott Nishimoto played for Pac-5. Rep. John Mizuno played running back for UH and Senator Karl Rhoads was on the basketball team while getting a Masters from the University of London. Senate President Ron Kouchi lettered at Waimea High in several sports.

When the Hawai’i House and Senate still held annual athletic competitions between the chambers, the Senate basketball team included Matt Matsunaga, Bob Hogue and Avery Chumbley, while Eric Hamakawa and Brian Schatz anchored the House. And in the favored sport of elected officials and the business community, Donna Mercado Kim and Romy Cachola have reputations as ace golfers (don’t bet with them). ✨

Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran has

represented Central Maui in the Hawai’i State Legislature since 2009. He had an undistinguished career as a member of Club Bengoshi in the Lawyers Softball League for Carlsmith Ball LLP but has increasingly fond (re-worked) memories of glory years with the Dead Freddies intramural football team at UC Berkeley Law School.



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- Lacson—Vicente “Tito” Sotto III
- Moreno—“Doc” Willie Tan Ong
- Pacquiao—Jose “Lito” Atienza, Jr.
- Robredo—Francis “Kiko” Pangilinan

So far, I haven’t seen who Bongbong will team up with. (Bongbong hinted earlier President Duterte would be his running mate but those plans were upended when Duterte decided not to run for Vice President. Bongbong also said he would accept Bong but Bong is supposedly tied to Bato.) I’m sure after we go to press, Bongbong will have a Vice Presidential candidate. (Note in the Philippines, Senators are elected nationally versus by provinces or other areas/regions so a Senator has a good gauge of where his/her votes are.)

There’s a Hawai’i connection to one of the Vice Presidential aspirants. Lito, who was elected in 1998 as Mayor of Manila, lived in Honolulu for a year in the 1960s and was a member of the famous Pearl of the Orient Dance Company. When Lito became Mayor of Manila, he tapped Hawai’i resident Gemiano “Toy” Arre, the first Filipino to serve in Honolulu Mayor Frank Fasi’s cabinet, as his financial consult-

ant. Who are these major wannabe’s and who do the folks on Maui support?

Ronald “Bato” Marapon dela Rosa, 59 years old, hails from Barangay Bato, Santa Cruz, Davao. From July 2016 to April 2018, he served as the Chief of the Philippine National Police. Bato became a Senator in 2019, winning 19 million votes and placing fifth overall.

Francisco “Isko Moreno” Domagoso, 46 years old, was raised in the slums of Tondo, Manila. He is the current Mayor of Manila, having won in 2019 by beating the incumbent, former Philippine president Joseph “Er-ap” Estrada. Isko Moreno was a host of a popular TV show before entering politics; he served as Vice Mayor from 2007 through 2016.

Panfilo “Ping” Lacson, 73 years old, was born in Imus, Cavite. He was elected to the Senate in 2016, after serving from 2001 through 2013. Ping was Director General of the Philippine National Police from 1999 to 2001. From 2013 through 2015, he was a Presidential Assistant for President Benigno “Nonoy” Aquino III.

Ferdinand “Bongbong” Marcos, Jr., 64 years old, was born in Manila and is the son of former President Ferdinand Marcos. He served as Senator from 2010 to 2016 and lost his bid for Vice President against Robredo. His election challenge was dismissed in 2021. Bongbong was also Governor of the Province of Ilocos Norte and a Representative from that province.

Emmanuel “Manny” Pacquiao, 42 years old, was born in Kibawe, Bukidnon and raised in General Santos City. The boxer was elected to the Senate in 2016, after having been elected to

the House of Representatives in 2010 and 2013. In the 2016 elections, Manny received over 16 million votes, ranking 7th.

Maria Leonor “Leni” Gerona Robredo, 56 years old, was born in Naga, Camarines Sur. Her husband Jesse served in the Benigno Aquino III administration until his death in 2012. She was elected as a Representative in 2013 and was elected Vice President in 2016, defeating Bongbong by 263,473 votes or 0.64 percent. Leni

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stroying the lives of many of our neighbors. Being a believer comes with great responsibility, as mentioned in two Bible passages: John 13:35, *Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples* and John 15:13, *There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends*. The question for us as believers—How can the body of Christ be indifferent to the suffering of the vulnerable? May our worship services to our Almighty be a source of salvation—not a source of sickness and death.

Pope Francis launched a powerful appeal for people to get vaccinated with the approved COVID-19 vaccines, calling it an “act of love.” In this recent message to the world—the Pope praised the work of researchers and scientists in producing safe and effective COVID-19 vaccines. The Pope added the vaccine “brings hope to end the pandemic.” The Pope said further, “getting vaccinated is a simple yet profound way to care for one another, especially the most vulnerable.” What a deeply caring message from the Pope when he reminded us that “no matter how small, love is always grand—small gestures for a better future.”

We all know from our medical hospital frontliners most COVID-19 positive patients in the hospitals everywhere are those who are unvaccinated. Our healthcare

workers are overworked and tired from taking care of COVID patients. Many hospitals are overwhelmed and operating over their bed capacity and some have built makeshift shelters for those who await their turn to get urgently needed care. Military medics and doctors have been summoned to assist because many nurses, orderlies and even doctors have given up in sheer exhaustion—and the numbers defecting are growing.

Our hospital healthcare workers need our support. They are pleading for help. The best way to help them, to help ourselves, to help each other—is to get vaccinated. In every community, in most neighborhoods, no matter where you are, the vaccine is available for you and your loved ones. Do it today. It is a matter of life and death. Be part of the solution. We must all do this together to save lives—your own and all who matter most to you.

Be a part of the solution. Do not become one of the statistics of those who did not get vaccinated and died. What a glorious day it will be when we finally beat this pandemic... *Let us do our part to stop and end COVID-19. Get the vaccine today!* ✨

Vince Bagoyo

VINCE BAGOYO, JR. | EDITOR



"Little Joe also came along with me to have his booster shot administered to him."

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VINCE G. BAGOYO

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ran under the Liberal Party whose presidential bet was Mar Roxas, who lost to Rodrigo Duterte.

Maui's Filipino community is diverse in their thoughts about who may and should become Philippine president.

Angelina Abapo, from Tagum, Davao del Norte, made this observation: “Based on the numbers and historically on the way candidates behave, I think there will be a Bongbong Marcos and Sarah Duterte tandem.



Arnel Alvarez

The solid north and the solid south! Good luck! It's a sure winner!”

Arnel Alvarez, born in Balles-teros, Cagayan, believes “The



Virgilio “Leo” Agcolicol

long. I believe popularity for some of the candidates like Manny Pacquiao may play a big role. Leading a country requires someone that has a heart for people, has knowledge how the law system works and knows how to create good friendships with other countries for our country.”

Virgilio “Leo” Agcolicol, who hails from my Dad's hometown of Paoay, Ilocos Norte, says “As a political observer, I believe Ferdinand ‘Bongbong’ should be given a chance to be the next president of the Philippines. I know many Filipinos still remember Martial Law but he did not do it by

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Poo! And just like that, September is gone. Where did it go? These next few months will pass by so fast the next thing you know it’s the new year. October is supposed to be the month for the Maui Fair but due to the global pandemic, it’s been canceled two years in a row. When are we going back to normal? What else is stored for the month of October? Halloween! My favorite part about Halloween is dressing up and seeing what others—

Let’s Talk Pinoy!

Dulce Karen Butay

friends, family and co-workers—come up with unique costumes themselves. Buying a costume is great but making it from your own creativity is double great. Have you ever made your own costume? The Halloween event in La-

haina might not happen this year but we can still dress up and have fun. Don’t forget to take a picture of it and share it on your social media so others can see. Let’s spend time with the kids while we can. They grow up

so fast and time flies by; next thing you know, they are off to college.

Shout out to our October babies: Daphne Butay and Melissa Domingo who both celebrated their birthdays on October 7. Zion Jesse Butay and Michelle Pajinag who will be celebrating their birthdays on October 30th.

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

AS HE PASSES KATHERINE, she gives him the *matamis* (sweetest) *ngisi* (smile). “*Naimbag nga aldaw mo!* (Good morning!) “Go get ’um boss,” she says. He *yuhom* (smiles) back and enters the conference room for the briefing.

As he closes the *ganhaan* (door), his Chief says “*Maayong buntag*, (Good morning) Ray, here is the new file.” On the table is a picture of Angel and the deceased cop with a manila folder tabbed WANTED.

He freezes. He doesn’t know *ano* (what) to do.

“Ray, here’s the folder,” the Chief repeats.

“Ray...” the chief says as he stands there speechless.

“Ray, did you hear me?” the chief says as he waves his hand past his *na-wong* (face).

“Hello?”

Ray slowly comes to. Startled as the chief touches his shoulder. No response. The chief shakes his shoulder.

“Uh, uh, *wen* (yes) sir. Sorry, I just realized I might have forgotten to lock the house *puwerta* (door). I need to go check on it.” Ray picks up the folder and hurriedly scoots out of the room.

He walks pass Katherine and she looks at him for a split second and stands up immediately to follow him.

“Ray,” she says.

He does not slow down.

“Ray...” she says as she raises her voice and begins to walk faster.

He makes a turn towards the hallway that leads to his office at the end.

“Ray!” she shouts.

She jogs to him and clasps his arm. He stops while breathing heavily.

“*Hani* (What’s) wrong Ray?” she demands.

“*Wala* (Nothing),” he answers.

“Ray, I know when something is wrong with you. I have been with you too long to know that silly *mukat* (face) you make. The way your eye twitches when something is wrong. Now spill it,” she demands as she clasps harder onto his arm.

He looks at her and nods towards his office.

They enter and lock the *pintuan* (door) behind them.

Meanwhile, rolling on the ground,

English	Pilipino	Ilokano	Cebuano	Ilonggo	Ibanag	Kapampangan
What?	Ano?	Ana?	Hani?	Ano?	Anni’?	Nanoyin?
House	Bahay	Balay	Balay	Balay	Balay	Bale
Kiss	Halik	Anggo	Paghalok	Haluk	Ummo	Muma
Nothing	Wala	Awan	Awan	Ala	Yamo	Wala
Yes	Oo	Wen	Kurug	Wa	Oo	Oo
Hurry	Dali	Alistuam	Pagmata	Dali a	Alistuam mu	Bilisan
Smile	Ngiti	Isem	Pahiyum	Yuhom	Galo	Timan
Go away!	Umalis ka!	Pumanaw ka!	Lakaw!	Halin ’to!	Manaw!	Mako!
Door	Pintuan	Ridaw	Lukub	Ganhaan	Puwerta	Pasbul
Face	Mukha	Rupa	Mukat	Lupa / Arap	Dagway	Goya / Nawong

the struggle quickly changes as Angel turns around. Michael lays on top of her with their *mukha* (faces) fronting each other.

Michael looks her in the eyes and then to her *labi* (lips). “Oh, she’s so *malagu* (beautiful),” he says to himself.

Moving his gaze down to her *labi* (lips), he gives her a *halik* (kiss).

They *haluk* (kiss) and the magazine drops to the carpet.

Michael passionately kisses Angel and she kisses him back.

Buzz ... Buzz ... Bzzzz ...

Michael ignores the phone buzzing in his pocket and continues kissing Angel.

Angel pulls her head back and says, “Someone’s calling Michael.”

He just ignores *hani* (what) she says and continues kissing. The phone continues to buzz.

“Michael, the phone is ringing,” Angel says again.

Michael with a big annoyed sigh, pushes up from the floor and rolls over. He tries to reach for his phone in his pocket and struggles to eject the phone from his left side pant sleeve. “Grrr,” he grunts. “Why did I have to buy such a big phone,” sarcastically murmuring.

Buzz ... Buzz ... Bzzzz ...

The phone continues to buzz.

“*Halin ’to!* (Go away!)” Michael murmurs.

He can’t take out the phone so he slowly sits up and then stands up.

“Hello?” he answers.

Angel sits up and goes to the restroom while Michael paces back and forth.

“*Wa* (Yes) that’s fine,” Angel hears Michael say from a distance while she washes her *dagway* (face).

“How long?” Michael murmurs while Angel gathers the rest of Michael’s things from the restroom into a bag.

“How much is that?” Michael continues and glances over to Angel and then exits the room.

“Why does this man have so many facial products?” Angel giggles as she loads the last of the items into the bag.

Finally sitting down on the bed, she sees herself in the mirror.

“*Anni* (What) happened to you Angel? *Nanoyin* (What) happened to the life you were expecting when you got here?” quietly thinking to herself.

“When do I see my parents again? Oh, how I would love to just tell them everything and go home,” as she begins to tear up.

“But if I can make it here, I can help my family so many times over. *Kurug* (Yes). I need to make it here.” Angel looks at herself with more conviction. “Oo, (Yes), no matter *ana* (what).”

Michael walks into the room and

says “Ok, let’s *bilisan* (hurry) and get out of here.”

“Where are we going?” Angel asks.

I set up a *balay* (house) in the countryside that a friend owns. We should be safe there until we can figure out *anni* (what) to do. The *bahay* (house) is the only one in that area. The neighbor is far away.

Angel looks at him with an innocence that turns into compliance.

“I will follow you until I cannot follow you anymore. Please God let my heart be right this time,” Angel whispers.

“*Ano* (What)?” Michael irritatedly questions. “*Hani* (What) did you say?”

Angel smiles. “*Awan* (Nothing), dear. Let’s *alistuam mu* (hurry).”

They load the last bag in the car and dash off to Kahakuloa. A man sits in a car snapping a few photos and steadily proceeds to follow them.

Keep an eye for the next issue. Please visit us on our Facebook page and leave us a comment or ideas at Facebook.com/FilAmVoiceMaui.

I’m Dulce, helping you to master your Filipino Languages. Like always, let’s laugh, let’s *making* (listen) and Let’s Talk Pinoy! *Hanggang sa muli!* (Until next time!) *Ingat!* (Take care!)



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The rate of delta surge infections started to plateau at the end of September and COVID infection rates are continuing to go down on Maui. This last surge did cause a wave of suffering, illness and death from COVID illness in our community. The good news is we did see some important changes in our community helping to flatten this surge.

Our completed vaccination rates on Maui increased to 60 percent. Though we still have many Mauians who need to complete their vaccinations, this rising rate of vaccination is great news. Our people are getting protected by vaccine immunity, preventing infection and further spread. The vaccination requirements for restaurants and workplaces will also continue to provide this level of protection. Third shot vaccinations started early in September for the immunocompromised and Pfizer boosters also began in the last week of September for people over 65 years old and those with at risk health conditions.

Monoclonal antibody treatment (REGN-COV2) given early in COVID infection have also made an impact

Surviving the Delta Surge on Maui

Errol Buntuyan, M.D.

by preventing the developments of worsening symptoms, hospitalizations and deaths. We have FEMA teams on Maui giving these antibody injections in September and October.

“... waning immunity from the two shot vaccination series has spurred the recent approval of COVID booster shots”

— DR. ERROL BUNTUYAN

People have also started to be more mindful of limiting their gatherings and opting for safer outdoor activities. Of course, the continued Hawai'i state protocols for travel requirements, indoor masking and social distancing reminders have been the mainstays of COVID prevention from the very start.

We have seen an increased amount of COVID infections of people who have been vaccinated with this delta surge. This waning immunity from the two shot vaccination series has spurred the recent approval of COVID booster shots. These boosters will help in increasing the immune response to provide protection. We have seen that those who have had the COVID vaccine have had much

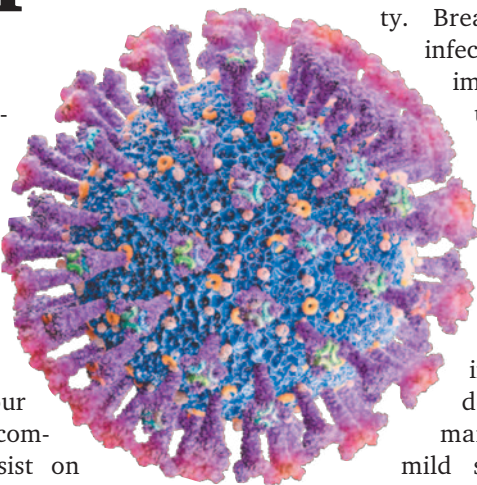
milder symptoms and recover much quicker from illness than those who have not been vaccinated.

There are still people in our Maui Filipino community that insist on listening to radio personalities spreading false information about the vaccine. They still choose to not get vaccinated while seeing loved ones around them suffer and die from COVID. This is an unfortunate and sad situation, as these lives could have been saved if they had received the COVID vaccine. The COVID virus will continue to spread amongst the unvaccinated because they have no immune defense to stop it from infecting their bodies.

As we move along in the coming weeks and months out of this surge, we expect to see continued COVID infections. It will be, however, at a much lower rate. Because this latest delta variant is so prevalent and contagious, we will all eventually be ex-

posed. Those who have been vaccinated are protected with antibodies. Those who are unvaccinated and have contracted then survived COVID infection have natural immunity. Breakthrough COVID infections amongst the immune will continue because this virus at this point is everywhere and easy to catch. Because of natural and vaccine immunity, breakthrough infections will render less suffering, manifest with only mild symptoms of this disease and have less chance of spread.

For now, we continue to watch for other COVID variants of concern. Thus far, the *lambda* and *mu* variants have not been as infectious as the delta variant. We do not know if this status will change in the future. Continued encouragement of COVID vaccination is still the best protective way to avoid suffering and death from severe symptoms of COVID. For those unvaccinated that have survived a COVID infection with natural immunity, vaccination is still recommended to further enhance the immune response and give protection. For those who choose to remain unvaccinated, the risk of severe illness, see ITI SALUN-AT YO p.12



As we approach the Holiday Season, plan your estate!

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- Wear a mask.
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- Watch your distance.
- Stay home if you are sick.
- Get vaccinated today.

For more information on how to get the COVID-19 vaccine, visit mauihealth.org/covidvaccine.





Dillon Gunderson



Samantha Joyce Della



Altene Jacob Tumacder



Katelen Gicale-Emden

Picture the Halloween of years past: kids running up and down the street, on the hunt for candy, parties with peoples’ cars spilling out of the driveway. Public malls keeping their stores open a little later, offering Halloween-themed activities to shoppers. It’s the time to enjoy a weird holiday with family and friends—unless you are the “celebrate in solitude” type. With the COVID-19 pandemic, regulations have changed, affecting the practicality of gatherings. Distanced education, sports practices and church services were some outside-the-box solutions to limited group numbers. But how will Halloween, a holiday centered around interaction, play out? The current pandemic situation is much less dire than last year; people appear to be more willing to meet now more information on the virus is readily

available and distributed vaccines. While most agree precautions need to continue to be taken, changing Halloween plans does not mean less fun! If anything, choosing a smaller “circle” to spend your holiday with can ensure quality time with your closest friends and family members. Compared to years before, **Dillon Gunderson’s** Halloween plans have definitely changed for the upcoming holiday. He and his family would throw a costume party with family and friends each year, something many looked forward to before the pandemic. “With COVID going around, I am very sure we’re not going to be having a party or going trick or treating,” he admits. This reality has dis-

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heartened many but the Maui High Junior keeps a positive outlook on this unique situation. COVID has presented a set of problems but with it, a chance to reinvent parts of our lives. “This can give us a chance to find new traditions for Halloween and a chance to create new memories.” Themed games and activities can come and go but one critical custom for Halloween is dressing up. I believe everyone can go all out in costumes on Halloween, regardless of age. **Samantha Joyce Della**, a senior at Maui High School, agrees. “I dress up every year. People may think that ‘you’re too old to be doing this’ but I just brush it aside because I enjoy celebrating holidays,” Samantha explains. Halloween is a great holiday because it gives people a break from being serious; mundane things like wearing costumes and eating candy shouldn’t be restricted if it offers joy to people of all ages. Some aspects of Halloween, however, needed to be placed on hold, at least for now. Samantha mentions, like many others, her family would go trick-or-treating together but got a shock last Halloween: “Last year, almost every house had lights out!” She described it as both “surpris[ing], but at the same time, expected.” **Altene Jacob Tumacder** doesn’t consider Halloween a hugely important holiday in his household but enjoys it all the same. While not having any traditions for October 31st, he still loves being “surrounded by family and friends, constantly being entertained by the immense variety of costumes each year!” For his costume, Altene says he’ll do what he does best: procrastinate. He is interested in dressing up as a Netflix


character and usually puts on unique and entertaining costumes for his family during their parties. His plans will include a safe family gathering this year too but without any trick or treating. “It is a sad reality and I wish we could celebrate otherwise but I have kept the mindset that we must move forward,” Altene remarks. “We must adapt and cooperate in order to return to the normal that we know!”

For those who are quarantining or want to remain extra cautious this year, **Katelen Gicale-Emden** has a few suggestions: “have a Halloween movie marathon, carve pumpkins, bake Halloween treats or have a photoshoot in your costume.” She specifically recommends the Halloween sugar cookies (Pillsbury brand) for the baking project. Although Kate enjoys inside Halloween activities, she plans to spend the special night on Front Street with her friends and boyfriend. Front Street is a beautiful place to go on a special night; the view of the ocean and slightly cool fall breeze will be a great setting to make new memories.


Whether expecting to stay in or go out, it is sure to be a good time if you are with your favorite people. Everyone has had a bit of a rough go of it this year, so use Halloween as a day to de-stress and have a good time. Remember to stay safe out there and have a happy Halloween! ✨

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Sister Miriam Dionise Cabacungan, Sister of St. Francis.



Sister at Our Queen of Angels Church in Kula with the Relic of St. Marianne Cope, visiting all the churches on Maui.



Sister with Sister Cabrini at their 25th Jubilee celebration.

Sister Miriam Dionise Cabacungan was born in Happy Valley in Wailuku, Maui—the daughter of Ruperto and Dionicia Cabacungan from the town of Bacarra, Ilocos Norte, Philippines. She has been a Sister of St. Francis for sixty-seven years. I am proud to say she is my Auntie, sister of my mother Felisa Constantino. If it wasn't for her encouraging my wife and me to attend a Marriage Encounter Weekend, I would not have been involved in the Church as I am today! When Mom and Dad went to work, she would babysit us until they came

many different communities working in God's vineyard. As many of us are reaching the Golden Years and reaching the Autumn and Winter of our lives, we would like to encourage teachers, parents, grandparents, uncles, aunties, and friends to talk to our children and young adults to explore the vocations of becoming priests, deacons, and religious to continue and carry on God's work. How did the Franciscans come to Hawai'i? It started in Germany. Mother Marianne Cope was born in Germany on January 23, 1838. Her family came to the United States in 1839

Anthony School on Maui. In 1885, she established Kapi'olani Home on O'ahu for the children whose parents had leprosy. In 1900, she established St. Joseph School and Hilo Hospital on the Big Island. In November 1888 at the age of fifty, she moved to Kalaupapa, Molokai to assist Fr. Damien with his patients. Fr. Damien died six months after he got there. She lived there for thirty years rendering kindness and compassion to those under her care. She died on August 6, 1918 at the age of 80. She was buried in the grounds of Bishop Home. Her remains were transferred

Elizabeth Hospital, Utica. I was privileged to have walked in the footsteps of 'St. Marianne Cope' caring for the sick at St. Elizabeth Hospital and St. Joseph Hospital in Syracuse, New York where she was an Administrator of both Hospitals. But one of my memorable missions was working on Kalaupapa, Molokai. We were a closed-knit community family. We, Catholics, Protestants and Mormons, celebrated all the holidays and festivities together and praying and supporting each other when one of the residents went home to the Lord. 'We were many parts but one body.'

A Lady Who Greatly Influenced My Becoming a Deacon in the Church

Deacon Patrick Constantino | PHOTOS COURTESY CABACUNGAN 'OHANA

home from work. One day I asked her, "How did you decide to become a Sister?" She replied "A Sister came to St. Anthony Girl School and gave a talk to their class about vocation to the Sisterhood. I felt sorry for her because no one signed up." So she signed up, graduated from St. Anthony Girls School and attended St. Francis School of Nursing in Honolulu and graduated as a Registered Nurse. She has been a Registered Nurse for sixty-seven years. After graduation she felt a calling from our Lord to enter the novitiate of Sisters of St. Francis in Syracuse, New York in 1958. I'm proud to present her story "Year of Consecrated Life."

Our Holy Father Francis, has declared this year (2015) as the year of Consecrated Life. In the past, there were many, priests and religious of

and settled in Utica, N.Y. She was educated in Utica and Syracuse, N.Y. After helping her family members, she entered the convent of St. Anthony on Nov. 19, 1862 at the age of twenty-four. In 1877, she became the second mother provincial of the Syracuse Community. She was Superior at St. Elizabeth Hospital, Utica, N.Y. in 1866 and St. Joseph Hospital in 1869. At the urging of King Kalākaua and Queen Kapi'olani to care for 'my sick children,' she, at the age of forty-five, and six other Sisters arrived on O'ahu on Nov. 8, 1883. They were greeted by the Bishop at Our Lady of Peace Cathedral. She and the Sisters worked patiently and lovingly to improve the surroundings at the Leprosy Branch at Kaka'ako. In 1884, she established Maunalani Hospital and St.

Basilica/Cathedral of Our Lady of Peace. There were seventy-six Sisters from Hawai'i who entered the community of St. Francis. Many worked in Education, Medical and Social occupations. I would like to share my beginnings with you, if I may. I was born in Wailuku, Maui. My parents Ruperto and Dionicia Cabacungan came from Bacarra, Ilocos Norte, Philippines. I am a sibling of ten children. I grew up in a loving and devout Catholic household. After graduating from St. Anthony Girls' School on Maui in 1953, I enrolled as a student nurse at St. Francis School of Nursing in Honolulu for fifteen years. Answering the call of our Lord, I left to enter the novitiate of Sisters of St. Francis in Syracuse, New York and later I completed my nursing degree at St.

Another memorable mission was my assignment at St. Francis Hospice at Nu'uano on O'ahu from 1988 to 2008. Caring for patients who were terminally ill, praying and supporting family and friends as they go through the process of grieving, separation and dying have been rewarding and heart-warming. Ever since I began working with Hospice Care, I have come to understand what death is all about. When a priest who was dying of cancer came to Hospice, I prayed with him through his fears as he gasped through his last breaths. All of a sudden, he just relaxed and then passed away. (Franciscan) Sister Francine Gries, my mentor brought the concept of Hospice to the islands. When Sister Francine Gries was dying, I gathered the staff around her to sing with me 'Be not afraid.' But the song couldn't find its voice. So, I bent low to her ear and whispered the lyrics 'Be not afraid. I go before you always. Come, follow Me, and I will give you rest.' As she loved flowers, we spread some beautiful flowers around her bed putting some fragrant ones in her hair. Finally, she just closed her eyes and went home to the Lord.

When my brother was in Hospice care, we did everything that he wanted. Through an arrangement with

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Sister with siblings and father.



Sister receiving Employee Award.



Sister doing a workshop at a conference.



Sister with the Cabacungan family.

Ti Biag ken Pammati | Cont'd from p.11

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Hospice on Maui, we were able to take him there to say goodbye to family and dear friends. Back on O'ahu, our large family of different religious denominations all stood by his side, and even their churches like the Jehovah's Witnesses offered to make the food for his service at the Catholic church. Death is a beautiful thing. It is very rewarding to be able to help people transition from one life to the next.

Through it all, I often recite Psalm 139. It is my favorite Psalm and speaks of God's omnipotence. "The Lord He knows me, when I sit and when I stand. The Lord is before me and behind me; He knows my thoughts from afar. I know He is there; his providence will provide."

Sister Miriam Dionise Cabacungan (Auntie) currently continues to minister in our St. Francis Healthcare System Spiritual Service Department. The majority of her nursing days were at St. Francis Medical Center. With the grace and love of our Lord, she was able to serve Him for sixty-seven years, as a Sister of St. Francis of the Neumann Communities and she hopes to continue for many more years, God willing. Thank you and may God be with you.



Thank you Sister Miriam for been gifted to give sharing your life and faith story. You are a good example of being 'ohana in Christ and witness to Jesus. 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 Administrator 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 ancestry and the first County Grants Administrator and Risk Manager of Filipino ancestry.

Constantino has served as a Deacon for thirty-four years and married to his lovely wife Corazon for sixty years.

Iti Salun-At Yo | Cont'd from p.9

suffering, and death are very high. Please get vaccinated.

This transition phase of this pandemic will certainly be a challenge. There will be much more information and more recommendations from the F D A , CDC and the State of Hawai'i Department of Health to come. Boosters for Moderna and J&J are likely to be approved soon. Pfizer will hopefully expand to be able to vaccinate children 5-years-old and up. Monoclonal antibody will expand eligibility criteria to help protect more people from going to the hospital when they are infected with COVID.

We will eventually move to an endemic status of COVID, where it is regularly found among particular people or in a certain area. Infections will be happening but the illness will be mild. When this happens, we hope some semblance of normalcy will return because the risks of hospitalizations and death will be low.

In the meantime, we still must continue to be mindful of the risks of exposure when we choose our activ-

ities, we need to get our immunization shots and boosters when approved and always follow the safety practices (masking, distancing, hand washing) that have been imprinted in our daily lives. ✨

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The renovated Bahay Kubo at Kepaniwai Heritage Park.
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COMMUNITY... IN ACTION

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BAHAY KUBO HERITAGE FOUNDATION

"We are excited to announce we are 99 percent completed with the renovations to the Bahay Kubo structure (the flooring needs to be restored)," said Cherry Respicio Urias, the secretary of the Bahay Kubo Heritage Foundation. "Unfortunately, due to fire regulations we were unable to restore the roof with nipa. The new roof will provide added protection to the structure and enjoyment of the Bahay Kubo. The next phase will be repairs to the bridge and landscaping."

If anyone wants to volunteer to help maintain the Bahay Kubo, please email bahaykubomaui@gmail.com. Monetary donations are still needed and can be mailed to Bahay Kubo Heritage Foundation, 32 Hapua Place, Wailuku, HI 96793. T-shirt sales are still available through flipsideurbanapparel.com.



BINHI AT ANI

Binhi at Ani Filipino Community Center continues to be open for outside gatherings (with specific limits as to the number of guests) and "drive-by" parties. There are specific COVID-19 rules which keep changing such as outdoor gatherings of 50 or less do not need the Mayor's approval. Please contact the office at (808) 877-7880 for more information. The office is open on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. and on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Bakuna at Binhi at Ani

FREE vaccinations and COVID testing will be offered on Tuesday, Oct. 26 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. (see page 3) and on Saturday, Oct. 30 from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. (see page 12). No appointment necessary but



Binhi At Ani Filipino Community Center.

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Mario Arruiza gets vaccinated.

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Barrio Fiesta

The 52nd Annual Barrio Fiesta was held virtually on Saturday, October 2, 2021 and was hosted by Chelsea Guzman. In case you missed it, you can see it in its entirety or in segments on the Binhi at Ani Filipino Community Center Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/Binhiat>

AniFilipinoCommunityCenter.

Congratulations to *Rico San Agustine* for winning the *Any Kine Sisig Challenge* sponsored by *Tante's Island Cuisine*.

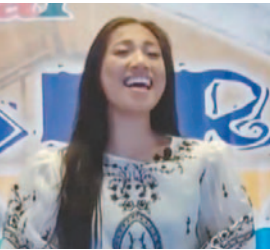
Congratulations to *Felino Garcia* for winning the *Do The Sungka!* sponsored by *Johnstone Supply of Maui*.

Congratulations to *Jenna Arcangel Miller* for winning *The Barrio Fiesta Voice* sponsored by *Law Offices of Alfredo Evangelista, A Limited Liability Law Company*.

A Bayanihan Christmas

...will be broadcast on Sunday, Dec. 19, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The virtual broadcast will celebrate *Sakada Day* (Dec. 15), Christmas (Dec. 25) and Rizal Day (Dec. 30) and will be co-hosted by Chelsea Guzman and Kawena Kanhai. A drive by food pick up will also be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. A plate of rice, *longanisa* and fried *bangus* will sell for \$15. A plate of rice, *pansit*, pork and peas and chicken *adobo* will sell for \$15. Filipino desserts

see COMMUNITY IN ACTION next page



Chelsea Guzman hosted and performed during the virtual broadcast of the 52nd Annual Barrio Fiesta.



Rico San Agustine with sponsor Tante Urban of Tante's Island Cuisine receives prize for the Any Kine Sisig Challenge.



Felino Garcia with sponsor Joselito Yuzon of Johnstone Supply of Maui receives prize for the Do the Sungka! contest.



Jenna Arcangel Miller performed to win The Barrio Fiesta Voice contest sponsored by Law Offices of Alfredo Evangelista, A Limited Liability Law Company.



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The Binhi at Ani Board of Directors prep food for Hale Mahaolu residents.
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Mayor Michael Victorino and Joycelyn Victorino volunteer at one of the Bayanihan Food Distributions.
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The First Place Team for the 2021 Scholarship Tournament.
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The 2021 Scholarship Recipients.
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Marilyn Oura in front of Uncle Louie's Sausage.
PHOTO: ALFREDO ROMERO

such as *cascaron* (12 for \$10) and banana *lumpia* (8 for \$10) will also be available. For more information about the drive by food pick up, contact Melen Agcolicol at (808) 205-7981 or Marilyn Oura at (808) 280-2057. For more information about sponsorships and advertising during the virtual broadcast, contact Alfredo Evangelista at (808) 242-8100.

#BayanihanFeedingProgram

The program provides a Sunday lunch to Hale Mahaolu Residents in Central Maui. As of Sept. 30, a total of 4,162 meals were served. There is a need for additional teams of volunteers to prepare the free lunches. The teams serving during the month of October are Binhi at Ani, Friends of Michael Victorino and Philippine Nurses Association Maui Hawai'i (PNAMHI). Create a Team by signing up: <https://forms.gle/cVUGB6XLmtJi7MVH8> or by contacting Chelsea Guzman, chairperson of Binhi at Ani's Health and Wellness committee at guzman.chelsea.i@gmail.com.

Tax-deductible donations are accepted via Paypal or a Credit/Debit card <https://binhiatani.org/donate/> or by mailing a check payable to Binhi at Ani, 780 Onehe'e Avenue, Kahului, HI 96732 [Memo: Feeding Program].

Bayanihan Food Distribution

Thanks to the financial support of Bayer Crop Science and Maui Food Bank, a Bayanihan Food Distribution will be held on Saturday, Nov. 13 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Stay tuned to Binhi at Ani's Facebook page for more details or you may call Melen Agcolicol at (808) 205-7981. Volunteers are needed on Friday, Nov. 12 from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 13 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. To volunteer, please contact Jeanice Paa at (808) 357-2303.

Scholarship Golf Tournament

The Scholarship Golf Tournament will be held on Sunday, March 6, 2022 at The Dunes of Maui Lani. The application

will soon be finalized. If you would like to be listed as an Early Sponsor, please contact Arnel Alvarez, Chairperson of the Golf Committee, at (808) 357-0748.

Scholarship Awards

The Application for the 2022 Scholarship will soon be available on-line and through the guidance counselor of each high school. For more information, contact Michelle Balala, Chairperson of the Scholarship Committee, at (808) 268-8915.

MAUI FILIPINO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOUNDATION

On Oct. 5, the County of Maui in cooperation with the Maui Filipino Chamber of Commerce Foundation held a Philippine Flag Raising Ceremony to commemorate the month of October as Filipino-American History Month. The Philippine flag will be flown at the

County of Maui for the entire month of October.

MAUI FILIPINO COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The Council is holding an **Uncle Louie's Portuguese Sausage fundraiser**. Two rings of sausage are available for \$10. Flavors include Regular (hot or mild), Pineapple, Italian, Maui onion and Okinawan. Pick up will be from Dec. 6 through 10. Please contact Marilyn Oura at (808) 280-2057.

The Council will have its annual **election for its officers and directors** on Nov. 20. The time and place will be announced later. To be a candidate, your \$5 dues must have been paid by Oct. 15. For more information, please contact Emi Cortez at (808) 373-6371 or Marilyn Oura at (808) 280-2057.



Mayor Michael Victorino presents a Proclamation to Chris Rabang, president of the Maui Filipino Chamber of Commerce Foundation.
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The current Board of Directors of Maui Filipino Community Council.
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Mayor Michael Victorino poses with the Board of Directors of the Maui Filipino Chamber of Commerce Foundation.
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Mayor Michael Victorino raises the Philippine Flag during the Philippine Flag Raising Ceremony.
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Kwento Kwentuhan

Maui Sweets & Treats

What are you craving for?

Liza A Pierce of “A Maui Blog”

Craving for some sweets and treats on Maui? This article is for you! After indulging ourselves with the delicious Filipino snacks and desserts during Barrio Fiesta last weekend, it got me thinking of the various sweets and treats we have available on here on Maui, represented by other cultures. Let us take a look at some of these Maui local treats:

Shave Ice is not the same thing as a snow cone, as locals will be quick to tell you. Many shave ice companies serve ice cream at the bottom of their shave ice but traditional shave ice is finely shaved and covered in one to three flavors of syrup; this might be topped with *li hing mui* powder or condensed milk. *Ululani's Shave Ice* is the most popular shave ice on Maui. I think Ululani Shave Ice is the best. They don't use just sugar water syrup for flavor—their flavors are actually real fruit made into syrup.

Guri-guri is a cross between ice cream and sherbet and is only served at *Tasaka Guri-Guri* in Kahului. No trip to Maui is complete without stopping by. This treat is truly loved by Maui locals because many have wonderful childhood memories associated with it. What is *guri-guri*? Well, it is not exactly ice cream nor sherbet nor frozen yogurt but it's like those three combined. And it is indeed a refreshing treat! They are located at Maui Mall in Kahului.

Mochi is a Japanese rice flour dessert. Traditional mochi is not very sweet. You can, however, find specialty flavors such as chocolate or butter mochi, all over Maui. Ice Cream Mochi is a variation of this and it is what it sounds like—mochi wrapped around a small ball of ice cream. It is available in supermarkets as well as on several sushi restaurant menus.

Donut on a Stick and **Cream Puffs** are super yummy but there's more! Go to *Komoda Store and Bakery* and find out. Komoda Store and Bakery is a family-owned business in Makawao which has been around for a very long time (105 years as of this writing). When you're going Upcountry, be sure you stop by this place. It's not a fancy bakery but the treats are delicious! Make sure to go early because they always sell out quickly.

Malasadas are round Portuguese donuts covered in sugar. There's nothing quite like hot malasadas. It's a doughnut without a hole; a ball of yeast dough fried into perfection—golden brown on the outside and light and fluffy on the inside. Malasadas are best when you eat them “hot” (as in just fried and immediately served). It is usually rolled in sugar but now you can also get them stuffed with cream of vari-

ous flavors inside. There are many places you can get malasadas. I recommend *Sugar Beach Bakery* and *Home Maid Bakery* in South Maui, *Komoda Store and Bakery* in upcountry and you can also find them at *Zippy's* in Kahului.

Hula Pie is the most loved dessert at *Kimo's* and is also available in other T S Restaurants such as *Leilani's*, *Hula Grill* and *Dukes*. It is a pie made of macadamia ice cream stacked high on scrumptious chocolate cookie crust. A layer of cool chocolate fudge sits atop of the ice cream, along with whipped cream and toasted macadamia nuts. It is my husband's favorite dessert. We live in Kihei and on special occasions we drive to the west side to get this treat.

Polynesian Black Pearl Dessert – One of the most photographed desserts on Maui and certainly most beloved too. This lilikoi mousse in a pastry sea shell is a culinary work of art. It is insanely delicious. Available only at *Mama's Fish House*.

Handcrafted Artisanal Donuts by *Donut Dynamite* made from scratch featuring local ingredients such as *poi*, *liliko'i*, *calamansi* and more. Deliciousness at its best. Each donut is made with love and is a work of art by Madame Donut. Located in Wailuku. Place order online at donutdynamite.com then pick up at the shop.

Banana Bread - Originally, this delicious banana bread made at *Auntie Sandy's Banana Bread* was only available at her kiosk on the Keanae Peninsula. It's one of the popular stops on the Road to Hāna. When the pandemic happened and the road to Hāna was closed to visitors, Auntie Sandy and her team pivoted and created a “bake at home mix” of their original famous banana bread. You can now buy them at their Food truck in that Food truck place across the road from Costco Gas station.

Artisan Cookies - *The Maui Cookie Lady* deliciously yummy artisan cookies, hand rolled in small batches using locally sourced ingredients when available. The owner Mitzi is one of the sweetest persons you'll meet. This cookie business was started out of love and gratitude (read the story on her website). It is not like a regular cookie, it is huge with decadent flavors such as Kona Coffee Espresso, Pineapple Lychee Passion with Hibiscus Flowers, White Chocolate Macadamia Nut and more!

Do you have a favorite Maui local sweet treat? Let us know! Post a photo of it on social media and tag us by using the hashtag #FilAmVoicesSweets ✨

Liza Pierce of A Maui Blog is an



Shave Ice from Ululani's Shave Ice uses real fresh fruit to develop their wonderful syrup flavors.

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Hula Pie is a unique and decadent dessert served at all T S Restaurants on Maui—these include Kimo's, Leilani's on the Beach, Hula Grill and Duke's.



Cookies from The Maui Cookie Lady are artisan cookies, hand rolled in small batches using locally sourced ingredients.

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Maraming Salamat Po!

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You can still watch it in its entirety or in segments on [Facebook.com/BinhiatAniFilipinoCommunityCenter](https://www.facebook.com/BinhiatAniFilipinoCommunityCenter)

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