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The Greenskeepers



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Over the last couple of years, the Four Seasons Resort Lāna'i's Manele Golf Course has amassed a tidy heap of awards and top rankings, including 2022 *Golf Digest* Editor's Choice Award for Best Golf Resorts in Hawai'i; number 13 in *Golfweek's* 2022 Top 200 Resort Golf Courses in the United States, (and the number one golf course in Hawai'i), as well as the number one spot in Hawai'i in *Golf Digest's* Top 100 Public Golf Courses you can play. Meet the golf course maintenance team responsible for these laurels.

Front row, left to right: Brian Kaneko; Jacob George; Joan Armas; Jane Fauatea; Melanie Molina; Rogie Maltezo; Bong Lastimosa. **Back row:** Ben Avena; Angel Calso; Isaiah Riddell; Kenny Vierling; JP Price; Kane Tubera; Bryan Matthews; Randal Costales; Lucio Racadio; Seril Shimizu, superintendent; Quinton Hinds. **Not pictured:** Celestino Urbien; Frankie Alcantara Jr.; Gimo Ancheta; Jeff Agcaoili; Joseph Castardo; Roger Membrado; Thomas Willett *Photography by Ron Gingerich*

What small towns can teach us

The ritual of running up from Keōmoku, starting at Federation Camp, back to town, began in the summer when I was fourteen. I was always trying to find ways to express my independence and autonomy back then.

The run was a cap on a camping weekend with my large, extended family, with some of the kids a little sunburned from having played outdoors all weekend long, dirt creasing our necks, our hair stiff with salt from the ocean, the adults harried and preoccupied with thoughts of unpacking and washing away the sand and dust of Keōmoku. My cousins and aunts and uncles would pile into their station wagons, their hulking sedans, my own family into our Willys Jeep, and they would pull out of their parking spots under tropical almond trees and onto the soft sand road, leaving, as they waved goodbye to me, light curtains of dust in their wake.

“Be safe. Don’t be careless,” my mother would say, as she slid into the passenger seat, her mouth stern, but her eyes soft as they met mine, the way they would get whenever she was saying goodbye without actually saying goodbye. These parting words were meant to rivet my attention to the journey before me and from whatever possible catastrophe lurked between Federation Camp and home, and though I was old enough to run alone and this was Lāna‘i, after all, she knew anything still could happen, and I should know it, too, and I was not to take anything for granted. It was also her way of telling me to be mindful and present, and not where I usually was, which was lost in my daydreams, away at a university far from home, where no one knew me and I would finally, at long last, be on my own, independent and free and anonymous.

It took about an hour and a half to run those nine miles or so back to town, an hour and a half of complete freedom and happiness. I was no one’s sister, daughter, granddaughter, cousin, niece. I was myself, a brown Filipino girl who loved to run.

There were no mile markers back then, but my legs knew how many miles I’d covered. At around five miles, slightly before the towering outcropping that the wind had eroded over eons to leave a shelf at the top where someone had wedged an old Singer sewing machine, I would spot a plastic jug that my dad had left for me on the side of the road. The jug had been an Aloha Shoyu bottle, but was now washed

clean of soy sauce, and filled with water. Even though I knew he would always leave water for me on these runs, I would always be so grateful and happy to find the jug, especially when the day was sunny and hot, and especially if I had gone out too fast and hard up the climb out of Keōmoku, and was now parched. I felt watched over, cared for. I did not, of course, understand love in those terms, was too young to locate love in the gesture. Leaving a jug of water for me so was just what my dad did. I did not see that this was his way of making room for my joy. There were so many things I did not get back then, so many things about which I was misguided.

Growing up on Lāna‘i, I chafed at its small-town size, felt fenced in by miles and miles of pineapple fields, by the bonds and connections I had to family. Everyone seemed to know me; if not me, they knew my family. How I longed to be unknown. Though I loved the entire sweep of my family tree, adored my brothers and sisters and parents, delighted in my cousins, I wanted more than anything in the world to leave this island, to go off to school and make my own way, alone, powered by my own determination. I equated freedom with anonymity, mistook solitude for strength.

It would take me a half a lifetime to understand and appreciate that feeling connected to a place and having these connections to family and friends, help make each of us accountable to and responsible for each other. And that builds trust. It is why I felt safe to run from Keōmoku when I was fourteen. I trusted that the jug of water would be there, that if someone had been unkind to me during my run, I would likely know his or her name. They would not be strangers. In a small community such as ours, one learns quickly that actions have consequences. This lesson of accountability is one that anonymity cannot teach. It was important that I did leave the island, if only to help me see that these connections, against which I’d chafed when I was young, are the best part of living on Lāna‘i.



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Cut to the chase

Business

- **Four Seasons Resort Lāna‘i** launches Love Lāna‘i Cultural Exchange program, a partnership with scientists, practitioners, and academics to share their knowledge of Hawaiian language and culture with guests in a new speaker series. Featuring Larry Kimura, associate professor, Hawaiian Language and Hawaiian Studies, University of Hawai‘i-Hilo, and Doug Simons, executive director, Canadian-France-Hawai‘i Telescope, the speaker series makes its debut 7:30 p.m., August 26 and 27, in the Hulopo‘e Ballroom. Open to Resort guests, Island Club and Lāna‘i residents with reservations. To reserve a seat, call (808) 565-2822, or visit <https://m.fourseasons.com/lanai/landing-pages/property/love-lanai-cultural-exchange-program/> The event will also be livestreamed and recorded. Check the Four Seasons Resort Lāna‘i Facebook page for details.

Community

- **Election Calendar 2022** – July 26, mail ballot arrives in the mail for the Primary Election. **August 13: PRIMARY ELECTION.** October 21: mail ballot arrives in the mail for General Election. **November 8: GENERAL ELECTION.** Voter service center and ballot drop box: Lāna‘i County Council District Office, conference room, 814 Fraser Avenue, Lāna‘i. For hours of operation for the Primary and General Elections, or to preview what will be on your ballot, or to confirm your voter registration and other voter information, visit elections.hawaii.gov
- Hawai‘i will adopt the national **988 dialing code** for direct access to mental health and substance use crisis services. The new three-digit number is expected to increase access to the **Hawai‘i Department of Health’s** Hawai‘i CARES crisis helpline for crisis services, mental and emotional health support, and substance abuse recovery. Individuals with an 808 area code phone number can call 988 to connect with the Hawai‘i CARES crisis line. Anyone can continue to reach Hawai‘i CARES by calling (808) 832-3100 or 1 (808) 753-6879, or by using the chat function at suicidepreventionlifeline.org/chat/
- **Hawai‘i Children’s Action Network** offers a free 20-week training program to help Maui County residents develop leadership, advocacy and civic engagement skills, identifying issues that impact children. Statewide virtual program begins September 2022. Online applications available at hawaii-can.org/plti
- **Hawaiian Electric** has donated a total of \$75,500 to seven Hawai‘i-based nonprofit organizations that provide social services to help improve the quality of life for vulnerable community members on the five islands it serves, including **Imua Family Services**, which has directed the donation to its *Camp Imua Program*, a summer camp that creates safe recreational experiences for children with cognitive and/or physical challenges who live on Maui, Lāna‘i, and Moloka‘i.
- Applications open for the 2022-2023 **Karla Bartholomy Memorial Scholarship** for students, age 18 years or younger, interested in the study of stringed instruments (violin, viola, cello, or double bass). Application deadline: July 29. To download application, visit www.themusicman.com/lessons, or call Roy Binder, (808) 419-6447.
- **Mana‘olana Pink Paddlers’ Waves of Hope** program offers financial assistance to Maui County cancer patients, funding treatment and complementary care not typically covered by health insurance, such as naturopathic medicine, herbal remedies, massage, and acupuncture. Scholarship maximum is \$500. For more information on eligibility, visit <https://mauipinks.org>, below the link *Cancer Resources*.
- **Maui Police Department-Lāna‘i district’s** “Let’s Talk” is hitting the road in August. If your company or organization would like to schedule an informal talk-story with police personnel, please contact the Lāna‘i Police Station: (808) 565-8388.
- **MPD-Lāna‘i** will host the second annual *Back to School Resource Fair*, 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m., July 30, 2022, ILWU Hall, 840 ‘Ilima Avenue, Lāna‘i. For families and students of all ages.

Corrections

From the editor of Lāna‘i Today: I aim to write stories that are accurate, objective and truthful. I acknowledge that unintended errors might occasionally slip past me. When I discover an error has been published, I will correct it as quickly as possible. Please note the following errors:

- The name of the University of Hawai‘i-Mānoa organization that partnered with Lāna‘i Changes was incorrectly identified as **Social Services Research Institute** (June 2022). The correct name is **Social Science Research Institute**.
- August Pavsek’s win in the 2022 T-Mobile’s 2022 Little League Homerun Derby on Lāna‘i is not an automatic entry into the Region 9 finals (June 2022), as was mistakenly reported. There are district-level events to compete in and clinch to qualify for the regional finals.

‘Ōlelo No‘eau - Mālama i ke kala ka i‘a hi‘u ‘oi. *Watch out for the kala, the fish with a sharp tail.* A warning to beware of a person who is well equipped to defend himself. The *kala*, a surgeonfish, has a spike near the caudal fin, which it uses in defense (Pukui 230).

Sight is Beautiful Poster Contest

Contributed by Deborah dela Cruz

Lions Club International has been advocating for the blind and visually impaired ever since Helen Keller asked their Convention in 1925, “Will you not constitute yourselves Knights of the Blind in this crusade against darkness?”

To encourage children to place a great value on their ability to see the world around them, District 50 Lions of Hawai'i sponsored a Sight is Beautiful Poster Contest. Lāna'i High and Elementary School students in Susan Chew's kindergarten class, Sandy Patterson's fourth grade class, and Monique Bolo's and Jennifer Montgomery's fifth grade classes participated. Winners were:

Kindergarten:

First place: Ava Riel

Second place: Loren Mae Icalla

Third place: Nainoa Ozoa

Honorable Mention: Aldwyn James Bringas; Serenity Etrata

Fourth Grade:

First place: Kyla Jane Reentegrado Raqueno

Second place: Saroni Seiuli

Third place: Kaua Quitevis

Honorable Mention: August Pavsek; Ryan Tolenoa

Fifth Grade:

First place: Alia Agmata

Second place: Avaleigh Mirafuentes-Fernandez

Third place: Kimie Sanches

Honorable Mention: Aubrey Alconcel; Kayleah Tolentino

The Lāna'i City Lions Club extends thanks to teachers and staff for their assistance, and students for participating.



Left to right: Ava Riel, Loren Mae Icalla, Nainoa Ozoa, Susan Chew, Serenity Etrata, Aldwyn James Bringas. Photography by Debora de la Cruz

Baha'i Community of Lāna'i Global Conference

Contributed by Linda Kavelin-Popov

Members of the Baha'i Community of Lāna'i attended one of a series of global conferences – this one on Maui, May 14-15. Entitled Ke Ala O Ka Po'e Aloha Ou (The Pathway of Thy Loved ones), the conference focused on the oneness of humanity, a vision for the betterment of the world, and included devotions, children's classes, and youth and adult consultation circles. There was a celebration of the arts throughout, with painting, music, dance and a rousing haka performed by youth.

The consultation circles centered on such themes as Prophet-Founder Baha'u'llah's vision for humanity, the connection between personal growth and social transformation, and building vibrant and service-oriented communities, in which there is unity in diversity, where people of all backgrounds form relationships grounded in justice, freedom from prejudice, and the oneness of mankind.

“It was amazing to see how in a matter of an hour or so children who were timid and unsure of the new space they were in – some for the first time away from parents – blossomed and opened up,” says Chelsea Trevino, national children's class coordinator. “What I found most meaningful was the way children created bonds of trust and affection with me and other teachers of children's classes. This shows the sincere love they felt in those spaces.”

Lorry Cornish, Linda Kavelin-Popov and Vala Pereira also attended. For more information on the Baha'i Faith, contact lanaibahai@gmail.com

Message from Councilman Gabe Johnson

As your councilmember and the chair of the Affordable Housing Committee, I would like to share my priority items that were included in the FY2023 budget. All six of my priority items and two of my alternate priorities (adopted by my fellow councilmembers in their top priority lists), were included. My focus this year was affordable housing, increasing minimum wage and economic diversity, elderly care, and addressing our community's concerns and needs:

FY2023 BUDGET PRIORITIES

Created a new division within the Department of Housing and Human Concerns to expedite the creation of affordable housing on County land.

- Earmarked funding for a master plan/feasibility study for the County Affordable Housing Project on Lāna'i.
- Increased the Affordable Housing Fund to \$58 million to help subsidize development of affordable housing projects.
- Funded Phase I of the Lāna'i Kīnā'ole expansion project (includes design, permitting and planning for an adult day care).
- Raised the minimum wage of PALS workers from \$10.75/hour to \$15/hour.
- Provided funding for a \$2.5 million grant to Hawai'i Community Foundation to help support renters in need and provide grants for new homebuyers.
- Doubled the funding for the Agriculture Microgrants Program from \$1.5 million to \$3 million.
- Provided funding for a comprehensive plan to end houselessness in Maui County.

Funding specific to Lāna'i in the FY2023 budget; APPROVED

• Lāna'i Youth Center	\$ 269,259
• Lāna'i Kīnā'ole	\$ 175,000
• E Mālama I Na Keiki O Lāna'i Preschool	\$ 86,335
• Lāna'i Community Health Center	\$ 82,160
• Lāna'i Wastewater Treatment Pond Renovation	\$ 2,000,000
• Lāna'i Youth Center and Skate Park	\$ 1,500,000
• Fifth Street Courts Resurfacing & Improvements	\$ 350,000
• Lāna'i Landfill Groundwater Monitoring Exemption	\$ 250,000

I am the chair of the Affordable Housing (AH) Committee and vice-chair of the Agriculture and Public Trust (APT) Committee. This is the work I have accomplished in my first legislative term:

Bill 111: Prioritizes long term-residents for affordable housing lottery; supports locals to become buyer ready while waiting for affordable housing projects to become available.

Bill 117: Decriminalizes houseless by reducing minimum fine for sleeping in parks to less than \$150, helping stop the cycle of poverty and incarceration.

Bill 61: Expands the uses of the Affordable Housing Fund to include infrastructure assessments, long-term planning for affordable housing and houseless solutions, and funds for payment of bonds. This will help incentivize and subsidize developers to create affordable housing; and will help clear obstacles to the Lāna'i Affordable housing project.

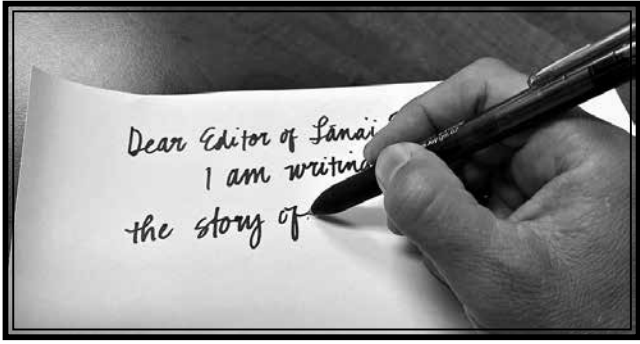
Housing is a Human Right Resolution: Declares the County prioritize access to housing, and urges the administration to recognize, respect, and protect the right of all residents to live in security, peace, and dignity.

Bill 105: Describes the new Department of Agriculture Powers, Duties and Functions, and Reporting Requirements. (APT Committee- Pending)

Bill 107: Makes truly affordable housing for our people by changing the county's price guidelines for affordable workforce housing. The new equation reduces the price of an affordable housing unit by 22 percent, enabling more residents to qualify and afford home ownership. (First reading at Council was on July 15.)

If you have questions on budget items or general inquiries, please contact me at (808) 565-7094 or (808) 565-8394, or at gabe.johnson@mauicounty.us

Ka manu ka'upu hālō 'ale o ka moana. *The ka'upu, the bird that observes the ocean.* Said of a careful observer (Pukui 160).



My dad and crew crash-landed a B-17 in a pineapple field wheels up on June 5, 1942, after bombing missions on the Japanese fleet from Midway Island. Does anyone recall? Any details would be appreciated.

It was a wheels up night landing ([they] took off from Midway with one flat tire and could not re-land) and apparently landed short of a drop off in a pineapple field [on Lānaʻi], a hundred feet short of a cliff. The plane was named the “Snafu” #41-2661. All crew survived with minor injuries.

Thank you very much for your interest and help, **Don Kundinger**

On June 13, Pūlama Lānaʻi (PL) held one of its “community meetings,” at which we were told what they were going to do: rebuild the bowling alley in Dole Park.



Cissy Kaʻaikala, Bowling Alley Concession Stand, 1974
Photography by Robin Kaye

I am neither a strong supporter nor opponent of the bowling alley being restored in what we have known for many recent years as “The Community Center.” I am, however, a strong supporter of having broad community input into this project — or any project that is in the center of town and that impacts the daily lives of the entire Lānaʻi community.

We were told that this project reflected the preferences of many Lānaʻi residents, and when pressed, PL revealed they had asked some of their employees (many of whom are of course also residents) and a redesigned bowling alley surfaced as their priority.

There are at least two problems with this: first, we don’t know how many (nor how broad an outreach of) employees this includes, and second, experience teaches us that employees of the land-owner’s company, be it Castle & Cooke or Pūlama Lānaʻi, are very hesitant to vocally oppose a company plan — especially when asked in a work-context.

That conversation brought me back to the Big Wind conversations. At one of the large community meetings, someone in the audience told the State officials that they weren’t necessarily hearing what folks wanted to say because they were — as renters of company housing or employees of the company — “intimidated.” The State official responded with this wisdom: “Well, no one’s told me they’re intimidated.”

I am currently a participant in Hawaiian Electric’s Stakeholders Council. As part of that process, it’s been incredibly interesting to see how HECO has changed its perception and process around “community input.” Their leadership would now say, regarding community input, that the earlier in the process that input is sought, the better the results. That presenting an impacted community with a fait accompli — or even a “one-choice-plan” just doesn’t work anymore.

It’s even possible to see some of that new thinking in Pūlama’s recent (and recently sidelined) RFP for Lānaʻi’s new solar and Community Based Renewable Energy project. The work required of the selected contractor will involve significant community input — much of it at the early stages of the project.

So on June 13th, I asked if Pūlama had even considered any other use for that building other than a bowling alley? Were there any other options on the table when the company asked employees for their thoughts on a bowling alley? The answer was no.

I understand that currently, *after* the decision was presented to those in the virtual meeting, non-employees are being asked their opinions, and that some being asked have great memories of their youthful days and evenings at the bowling alley (but who probably may not be physically able to use this revised version of a new bowling alley).

But what would have happened, what would have been the result, had Pūlama undertaken this project in a different manner? For example, if it did a community survey (maybe in *Lānaʻi Today*?) Or perhaps even better, Pūlama gathered a group of Lānaʻi residents — employees and non-employees — and came up with 3-4 possible uses, *then* asked the community for its input?

While there is no way nor reason to deny the many great additions Pūlama Lānaʻi has made to this island — repairing many of the run-down plantation homes; providing continued employment for months of the pandemic’s lockdown; building new affordable housing units; helping stop Big Wind; responding quickly to quiet noisy contractor neighbors; and providing almost full employment, just to name a few — soliciting community input in their early stages of development is clearly not their strong suit. Why not start the next community project with employees and non-employees in a visioning exercise and then, working together, find that sweet spot that makes the project a real “community effort?” Old fashioned? Yes. Inclusive? Yes. Transparent? You bet. PL’s current operating style? Nope. **Robin Kaye**

WE ARE LĀNAʻI

Rabbit sightings in town

By Nelinia Cabiles

When Kathleen Brindo wrote to *Lānaʻi Today* March 28, 2022, she was worried. Brindo goes on a daily walk before sunrise, which, as any early riser knows, is an ideal time to write or walk or run – or, in the case of rabbits, to eat. Daybreak and dawn are apparently the natural grazing times for rabbits, and that’s what Brindo saw on her morning walks that troubled her: a fluffie of loose rabbits in the grass, munching away.

Weeks before Brindo sent her March email, she saw rabbits on Jacaranda, between Third and Fourth Streets. She says she usually sees between one to six loose rabbits at a time. Her friends have seen them on Houston Avenue. She said someone found a rabbit at Kōʻele. Brindo has kept a record of her sightings. Since May 11, she has seen loose rabbits sixteen times.

Rabbits are Lagomorphs, considered to be more closely related to ungulates (Lānaʻi’s axis deer, for example) than to rodents. Residents of Lānaʻi have witnessed first-hand during this ongoing drought, the ecological devastation to which ungulates lay claim. But equal to, or more than an ungulate’s talent in devouring vegetation, is a rabbit’s legendary ability to reproduce. Rabbits can have litters of as many as eight kittens (baby bunnies) six times a year – that’s a fifty-bunny colony in no time.

“This is a potential big problem, if not addressed,” says Brindo.

According to Hawaiʻi State Law (HRS 142-95), failure to keep rabbits in a secure hutch off the ground can lead to a fine of up to \$100; it is also a violation to release a rabbit into the wild. When asked what one can do as a recourse, a Maui Police Department-Lānaʻi officer says to call the Maui Invasive Species Committee, (808) 573-6742, to report sightings of loose rabbits.



Loose rabbit found on Jacaranda, between Third and Fourth Streets, May 11, 2022 Photograph courtesy of Kathleen Brindo

Ka pohaku kahi paʻa. *The solid cornerstone.* A reliable, dependable person (Pukui 166)

The way it was

Contributed by Bob Hirayama

Editor's note: As a way to honor Lāna'i's past, and those who shaped and helped make this place what it is, I asked Lāna'i Today readers in the September 2021 edition to submit stories of the pineapple plantation era. It is the hope that these stories might provide context for a way of life that is gone, and illuminate the values and traditions that helped form our island's culture. A reader (and former Lāna'i resident) responded to the call for submissions with his written recollections of that time. Part four of a five-part series



Unmanned irrigation rig in a pineapple field, Lāna'i Photograph courtesy of Lāna'i Culture & Heritage Center

At the bottom of Ninth and Lāna'i Avenue was the fire station and the type of fire engine we had was the WWII fire truck you would see in movies about fighting fires in England. Mr. Hirohaga kept the fire truck nice and clean.

Across the fire station was the Lāna'i power plant, which supplied electricity to all of Lāna'i. Every night, exactly at eight o'clock, a long siren would sound and everyone under fifteen years of age better be home or the police would pick you up and take you home for punishment. At four o'clock in the morning, a whistle would sound, telling the people to wake up and start preparing their kaukau tin for the day. Again, at six o'clock in the morning, another whistle would sound telling you to get to the truck station and board your truck. On our first day, the late Jackie B. and I were assigned to another gang to fill up the empty spaces.

We were on a picking gang of old-timers and you learn plenty from them.

At nine o'clock in the morning, someone yelled, "kaukau!", and we stopped working and got our kaukau bag and sat in a circle on the road. Our okazu tins were put in front for anyone to help themselves.



The kaukau tin, a mainstay of the pineapple plantation era, had two compartments. The bottom compartment held lunch; the upper compartment typically held a scoop of rice. Photography by Nelinia Cabiles

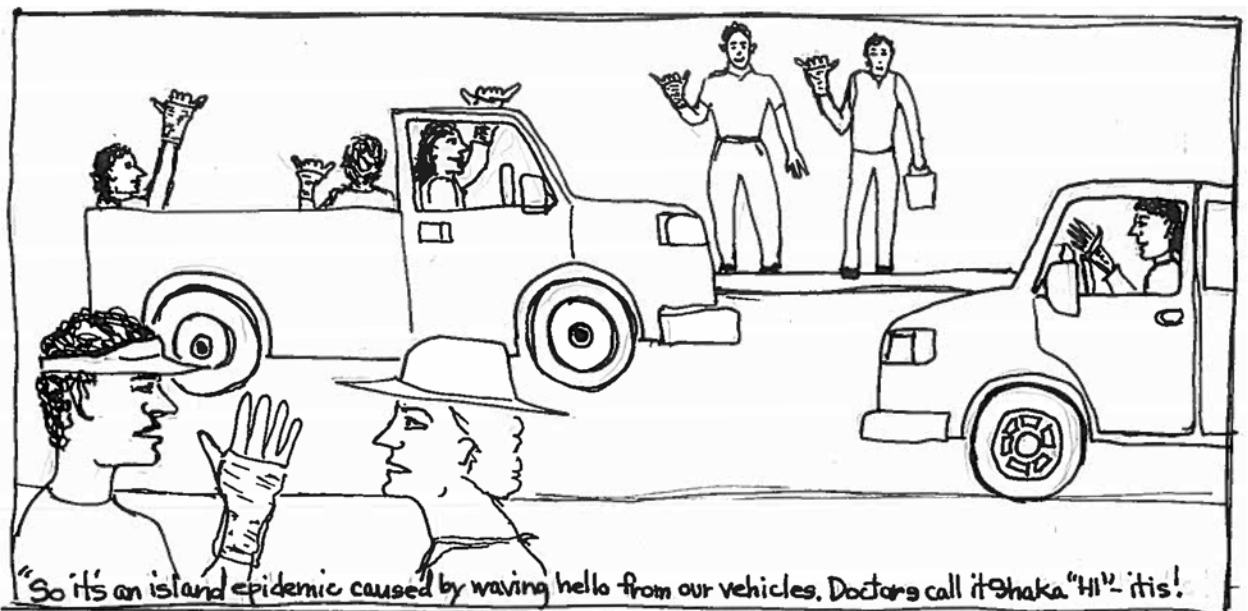
We ate half of our kaukau, saving the other half for the next lunch break. The first break was breakfast and second was lunch. After eating, we went back to work. After a couple of hours of work, again someone would yell, "kaukau time", and we all stopped working. Jack and I got our kaukau bag and sat on the road to eat, but no one sat with us. After eating and taking a break, we hit the line for work. I asked one of the old-timers why the workers didn't eat their lunch and he told me that they ate all of their kaukau on the first break, and second break is siesta and RnR [sic] time. We followed them the next day and we ate everything during our morning break and took our siesta on the pineapple plants on the second break.

I didn't know pineapple plants could be so comfortable when you're tired.

Next break was pauhana (end of work day).

We're back on Tenth Street. At the bottom of block 17 was the public wash house, public bath and public outhouse. Living on the top of Tenth Street, my mom had to carry her laundry down to the public wash house to do her laundry. Sometimes, the ladies boiled the laundry in water. They had to make their own fire to boil their laundry. You took everything you needed to do the job, [such as] soap, brush, and buckets. When you were done, you had to carry everything home and dry it on your clothesline. The bath house was for males and females. There was a huge wooden bathtub, which was full with hot water, if you were the first one. Again, you brought everything with you: soap, brush, washcloths, towel, and a small bucket to scoop the hot water to wash yourself. Only once do I remember someone yelled, "fire!", and we all ran out without any clothes on. After [our] bath, we wore geta, high, wooden slippers, to walk home. The outhouse was for everyone to use. There was usually newspaper that did the job. But never take Sears catalog, since it's glossy and slippery.

We were glad when the company added a lean-to attached to the house with flushing toilet, cement bathtub, wash basin, laundry tray and a place for your kerosene heater. Had to remember not to burn out the wick.



Kaula'i na iwi i ka lā. To bleach the bones in the sun. To talk too freely and unkindly of one's family to outsiders (Pukui 174).

Linda helped to secure this past session:

✓ \$500,000 for gym improvements at Lanai High and Elementary School



Supported the **Kupuna Caregivers Program** to provide financial assistance to working individuals taking care of a loved one.



Recruit and retain high-quality teachers by fixing inequities in salary schedules and providing incentives in hard-to-fill positions.



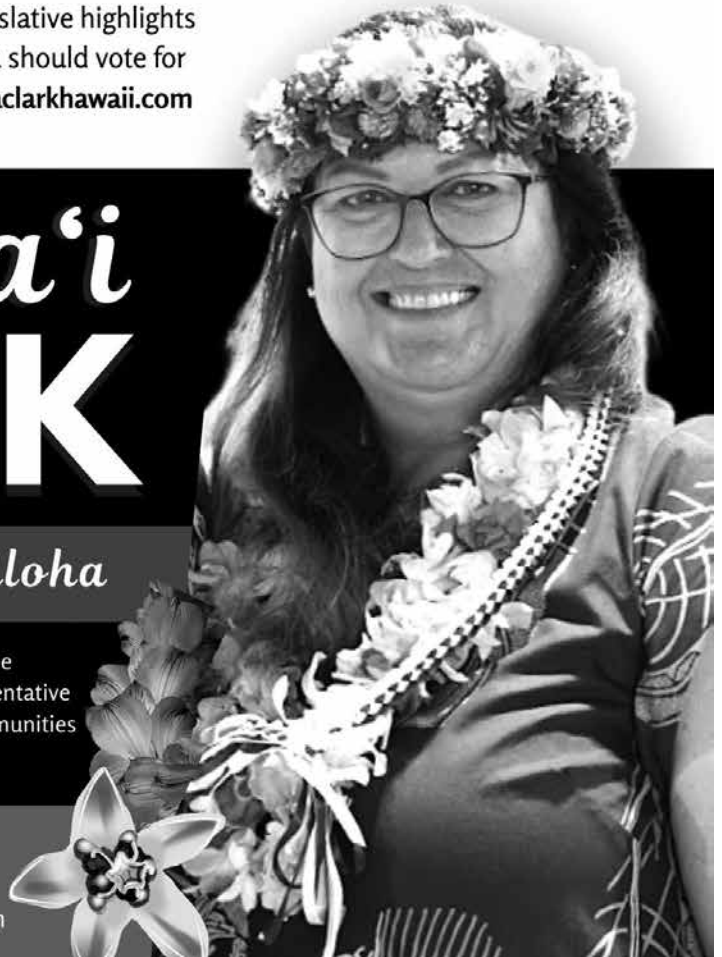
Supported the extension of the driver's license renewal period from two years to four years for licensees who are 72 years of age or older but younger than 80 of age.

More of legislative highlights on why you should vote for Linda: lindaclarkhawaii.com



With Linda, the community always wins.

#LetLindaLead



Rep. Linda Ha'i
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Listening and Leading with Aloha

Linda Clark is a mom, a grandma, a small business owner and long-time community leader from Kaupo. She is the current State House Representative for District 13, and humbly asks for your vote as the voice of rural communities for Maui County. Let's keep the momentum for program continuity!



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2022 CIP & GIA Lana'i Funding

PROJECT TITLE	AMOUNT
LANA'I KINA'OLE, INC. *GIA - Operating	\$ 300,000
LANAI ACADEMY OF PERFORMING ARTS, INC. GIA - Operating	\$ 20,000
LANAI AIRPORT	\$ 1,500,000
LANAI COMMUNITY HOSPITAL	\$ 500,000
LANAI HIGH AND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	\$ 500,000
Total	\$ 2,820,000

"I am always committed to serving my entire district, mauka to makai, on each island and ensuring that all of my constituents have access to services and resources no matter where they live.

I am willing to work with EVERYONE at the State Capitol and in our Communities to ensure a better future for all of Hawaii Nei.

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~ Senator Lynn DeCoite

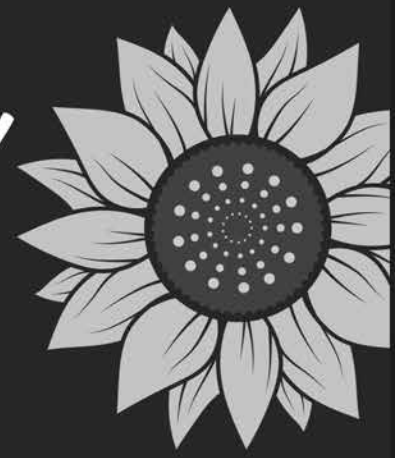


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Jamahl Adams, Army. Rank: soon to be 2LT. Specialized field and duty station: pending. West Point Academy: 2020-present. Parents Lashawn and Flo Adams. LHS Class of 2020. *"There are a lot of opportunities and pathways to the military. You just have to seek it out. For West Point, just know that it is possible to get into USMA coming from a small island."*



Lei Bacalso, Army; joined in 2020. Rank: E-3. MOS: 13J (Artillery Fire Control Specialist). Duty station: HI. Parents Mariano and Letecia Bacalso. LHS Class of 2015. *"Keep one foot in front of the other, and you'll eventually get to your destination"*



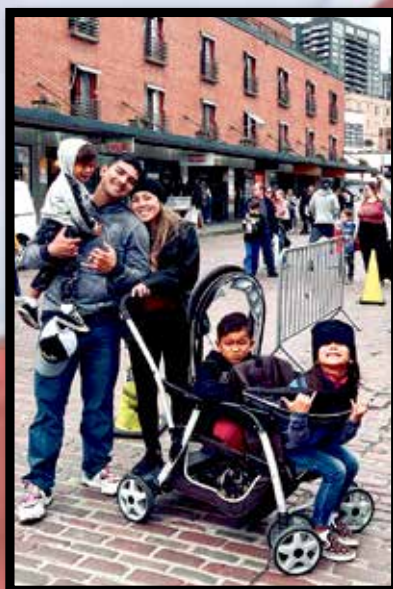
Kainoa Hanog, Army; joined in 2020. Rank: SP-C/E-4. MOS: 68W (Combat Medic). Duty station: Fort Sill, Lawton, OK. Parents Josh and La'i Hanog; wife Krystaleia. LHS Class of 2020 (Youth Challenge). *"Life is like Disney land, and the military is a fast pass....also free dental."*



Jasmine Conroy-Humphrey, Army. Rank: 2LT. Specialized field: Ordnance. West Point Academy: 2018-2022. Commissioned: 2022. Duty station: Fort Hood, TX. Parents Kevin and Beth Humphrey. LHS Class of 2018. *"If you are thinking of joining the military, specifically going to an academy, put in the work on the front end to get to where you want to be. It takes a lot of hard work and dedication, but it will pay off in the end. No one can get you there but yourself. Good luck!"*



Blaise Dimaya, Navy; joined in 2017. Rank: E-5. NEC: Aviation Support Equipment Technician. Duty station: NAS Whidbey Island, WA. Parents Samuel and Rohana Dimaya. LHS Class of 2017. *"Home will always be home. Get out there and see the rest of the world!"*



Taz Del Rosario, Army; joined in 2021. Rank: E-2. MOS: 11B (Infantrymen). Duty station: Joint Base Lewis-McChord, WA. Parents Jesse and Pumpkin Del Rosario; wife Chanda, and children, Tahli, Pū'ali, and Tazzy. LHS Class of 2012. *"It'll be hard, but you won't grow unless your [sic] out of your comfort zone."*



Kanish Leire Tubera. Army; joined in 2017. Rank: CPL/E-4. MOS: 92A (Automated Logistical Specialist). Duty station: Fort Bragg, NC; Korea in August. Parents Alan Agpaoa and Reggie Tubera; child Eyana Lavae M. Tubera-Reaves. LHS Class of 2017. *"Don't be afraid to challenge yourself by stepping out of the box. You'll be surprised by your abilities and where it [sic] can take you."*



Darryllee Divina, Marine Corps, 2003-2012; Washington Army National Guard, 2016-present. Rank: Sergeant First Class. Duty station: Camp Murray, WA. Parents Charlie Divina and Loretta Webby; wife Sheryl Raqueno Divina (LHS alumna), and children, Sheylee Rain and Darryllee Miles. LHS class of 2003. *"You are only as strong as you allow yourself to be, never get discouraged, never give up because consistency and dedication is the key to success."*

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Kenneth Manuel, Army; joined in 2019. Rank: CPL/E-4. MOS: 25U (Signal Support Systems Specialist). Duty station: Fort Drum, NY. Parents Debbie V. Manuel and Celso Vila. LHS Class of 2019. *"If you've been thinking of joining, you can do about 2-3 years and experience something new along with meeting a diversity of new people around the world."*



Jared Sugiyama-Segault, Army; joined in 2021. Rank: E-3. MOS: 11B (Infantrymen). Duty station: Fort Irwin, CA. Parents Matthew Segault and Jolene Sugiyama-Segault. LHS Class of 2020. *"Don't think. Just do it!"*



Jasen Sugiyama-Segault, Air Force; joined in 2021. Rank: E-3. AFSC: 2T2X1 (Air Transportation). Duty station: Osan, Korea. Parents Matthew Segault and Jolene Sugiyama-Segault. LHS Class of 2021. *"The military grants you many benefits and a set future, all you have to do is be responsible."*



Kevin Tan, Navy; joined in 2013. Rank: E-5. NEC: YNS2 (Yeoman/Stenographer) Duty station: USS Louisiana (SSBN 743). Homeported in Bangor, WA. Parents Dean and Janette Tan. LHS Class of 2013. *"The sacrifice you make WILL be the growth you'll see. Joining the military will be challenging but rewards will be worth the struggle."*



George Ornellas IV, Air Force; joined in 2022. Rank: E-1. AFSC: 2A6X2 (Aerospace Ground Equipment). Started basic training June 26. Parents Charity Figuerres and George Ornellas III. Kamehameha Schools Class of 2021. *"For those who may be considering joining the service, not only are the opportunities endless, but you are given one of the best chances to make a difference while serving the country, and it will never be too late to start."*



Trevin Sarme, Air Force; joined in 2020. Rank: A1C/E-3. AFSC: 2A7X3 (Aircraft Structural Maintenance). Duty station: Okinawa, Japan. Parents Reginald and Aileen Sarme. LHS Class of 2020. *"If you are thinking about joining, there's a lot of opportunities and a lot to experience."*



Adrian Paul Sedano, Army; joined in 2013. Rank: SSG/E-6. MOS: 11B (Infantrymen). Duty station: WA. Parent Conchita Sedano; wife Feliciano, and child, Marisol. LHS Class of 2013. *"I am grateful to have joined the military as it has offered many life changing opportunities."*



Nik Suaglar Jr., Air Force; joined in 2022. Rank: E-1. AFSC: 3D0X1 (Knowledge Operations Management); Duty station: JB Charleston, SC; Parents Nik Suaglar; Corey and Tasha Jenkins. LHS Class of 2020. *"Have pride in everything you do. Stay optimistic, and make the most of what you have."*

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Hawaii State Council on Developmental Disabilities Needs Assessment Survey

Participants who complete the survey will be chosen at random to win a pair of roundtrip tickets with Mokulele Airlines.

Daintry Bartoldus, the Executive Director of the Hawaii State Council on Developmental Disabilities (DD Council) announced today that the DD Council is launching a needs assessment survey to determine the health, educational, and employment related needs of Individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities statewide.

This survey is designed to gather important information from you, your family and caregivers, and the community on whether/how well we are responding to the needs of persons with Intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) in Hawaii. Since the COVID epidemic began in 2020, much has changed for all of us, and we want to hear from you about how you are doing at this time, in 2022.

The needs assessment survey is located online at www.surveymonkey.com/r/HSCDDsurvey and it will take approximately 20 minutes to complete, per Bartoldus. It is confidential and requests no identifying information to complete it. The survey will be available online for completion from May 18th to August 3rd, 2022, and once completed, a report with recommendations for DD Council and its community partners will be developed. The survey should only be filled out once for each Individual with an intellectual and/or developmental disability. Please share the survey link with everyone you know who is eligible to take it. If you are a family member, support worker, educator, or a caregiver, please assist the individual with intellectual and developmental disabilities in filling the survey out.

For more information on the DD Council's needs assessment survey, please call (808) 586-8100, or via email at HSCDDsurvey@gmail.com.

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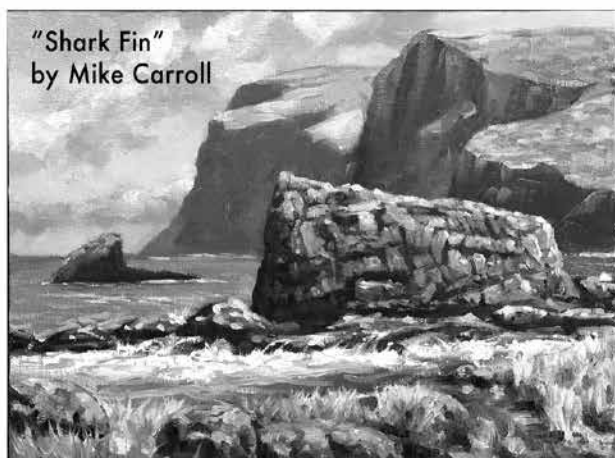
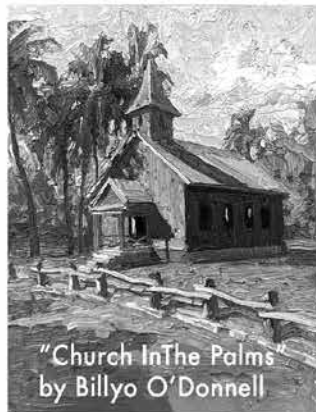
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We are our island's memory keepers.

Pineapple used to grow here. Our parents and grandparents worked in the fields, bending and stooping in search of fruit, and in the summer, we learned to do the same. Day after day, in sun and rain, we came to the fields, to back-breaking work from which our plantation community was built. It was our way of life. Until it wasn't. Except for the scraps of black mulch paper that litter the roads, there is little evidence that pineapple used to grow here.

To honor our island's past and those who shaped this island and made it what it is, Lānaʻi Today is looking for stories of the pineapple era for its series, Plantation Life. The stories can be brief reminiscences, a moment in a life, a glimpse back into a certain way of doing things. I want to shore up these stories before the memory keepers are gone.

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To all of our performers and volunteers, you make this Festival a success. There simply are too many to name, but we appreciate all.

Mahalo!

BEST OF LĀNAʻI

What do you love best about living on Lānaʻi? Is it the community pool? The Lānaʻi Cat Sanctuary? Mrs. Eharis's potato chip cookies?

You're invited to submit your entries in the first-ever Best of Lānaʻi awards. You choose the category. No category is too obscure.

Best place to watch a sunset. Best place to forest bathe. Best tree for climbing. Best place to buy gifts for your friends on the mainland. You get the drift. It's an exercise in finding what is most delightful, remarkable, incomparable, about Lānaʻi, and this community.

The categories that get the most nods will be published in a new feature called the 2022 Best of Lānaʻi Awards. Exciting, right? We hope you get fired up about it. We hope this becomes an annual thing.

If you have questions, please email ncabiles@lanaitoday.com Please submit entries by September 16, 2022. Mahalo!

THE LAST WORD

Text and Photography by Nelinia Cabiles

With the Pacific Ocean as a gorgeous backdrop (and as a water hazard for one of the holes), and narrow greens flanked by bunkers, and imposing natural ravines, it's easy to see how the Four Seasons Resort Lāna'i's Mānele Golf Course, designed by Jack Nicklaus, beguiles most golfers, ranging from novice to seasoned, from budding to phenomenal.

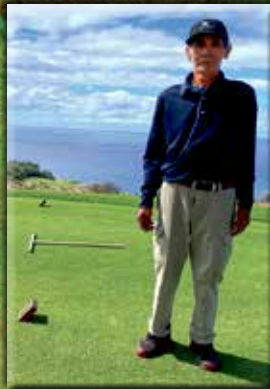
Over the last few years, editors of golf magazines also have come under its spell, bestowing upon Mānele Golf Course a smattering of accolades, including number 21 in *Golf Digest's* Top 100 Public Golf Courses you can play, and the number one golf course in Hawai'i, surpassing Kapalua Plantation Course, on Maui. It won *Golf Digest* Editor's Choice Award for Best Golf Resorts in Hawai'i. This year, *Golfweek* ranked Mānele Golf Course number thirteen (up from nineteen in 2021) in its Top 200 Resort Golf Courses, and ranked it the number one golf course in Hawai'i.

Success has not happened overnight. Success rarely does. Instead, these laurels have taken years to attain and come, not surprisingly, by way of the Mānele Golf Course maintenance team, who are out on the course every day, in sunshine or rain or wind, mowing and verticutting and watering greens, raking sand, blowing debris, trimming the turf around bunkers and trees. Whatever needs doing, this crew does to a fare-thee-well. There are equipment to repair, and tee markers to move, and grass clippings to blow, the day's work starting at five o'clock in the morning, well before the first golfers arrive at the first tee.

"We start early, so mowing in the dark can be difficult," says Celestino Urbien, an equipment operator for ten years, and whose favorite part of the job is operating all mowers. Seril Shimizu, Golf Course superintendent, shied away from the spotlight, deferring to his team and letting their good work speak for itself. "It's all about the team, and the work they do," he says.

One doubts that anyone on the maintenance team set out to win awards. Having seen some of them in action one day in July, it is clear that the ethos that runs through the members of this team is to give to the day one's best work, whatever the task. There is honesty in such a work ethic, and with it, pride. Doing one's best becomes, then, a personal matter. Joseph Castardo, an equipment operator for six years, may have put it best: It's like taking care of your own yard, but more detailed and we use bigger machines."

The Greenskeepers



Lucio Racadio



Joan Armas



Quinton Hinds



Ben Avena



JP Price



Kenny Vierling



Bong Lastimosa



Angel Calso, a lead mechanic for fifteen years, pinch hits as grillmaster for the celebration lunch.



Members of the golf course maintenance team enjoy lunch July 13, 2022, to celebrate Mānele Golf Course's ranking as number one golf course in Hawai'i, in *Golf Digest's* Top 100 Public Golf Courses you can play.



Melanie Molina



Rogie Maltezo



Brian Kaneko