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Polynesian Cultural Center




Center Breaks New Ground



Board of Directors, gave a brief talk reminding those present of the Center's early days when critics said it would never succeed because of Laie's distance from Waikiki.

But it has, he pointed out, and there is much good to show for all the hard work of those who have given of their time and talents throughout the years. The next speaker was Bob Guest, who pointed out that "these new buildings are not for the guests", and that they are a reflection of the management's concern for cleanliness, training, and Center employees. Carl's words focused on the relationship that the Center has with BYU students, and mentioned that the Employee Facility had for a time been considering a location on the BYU campus because so many Center employees are students. President Cameron continued these thoughts by pointing out that although the BYU-HC and the PCC are two separate organizations they both have one common function; they operate "under the umbrella of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints". He said also that "Education is an ongoing process, every hour of

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History will note that Wednesday December 15 marked the official ground breaking for the New Maintenance and Purchasing Complex at the rear of the Center, and for the new Employee Facility located near the present Cultural Orientation building. Both buildings are due for completion within 6 to 8 months, and both are representative of the growth and development of the Polynesian Cultural Center.

At 9am Wednesday morning a group of Division Managers, Architects, Executives and others met together in front of the Cultural Orientation area and boarded a tram which took them to the outskirts of the Center where the new Maintenance complex will be located. Carl Fonoimoana led the ceremony, asking Pat Peters to give the dedicatory prayer. Brother Peters prayed for many things, and especially for the health and safety of all those who will work on these projects. After him George Cannon, representing the

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every day", and that the Center work experiences teach the student employees more than someone who sees them for only a few hours each week can. He said that of the 575 student employees at the Center 267 of these are sponsored students. 308 of them are non-sponsored and either permanent residents or U.S. citizens.

Plans for the Employee Facility call for a three-level, 18,000-square foot building that will house the wardrobe and laundry departments which serve the Center's more than 1,000 employees. The building will also have dressing rooms and a lounge, a training center and security offices.

The new structure, which will be

done in a Polynesian motif with thatched roof, will be located near the Cultural Orientation building. There will be an automated payroll system which computes wages as employees check in and out. A 350-stall paved parking lot will be added on the mauka side of the building for the employees.

Plans also call for a new terminal for the Cultural Center's tour of the Laie community on replicas of old Honolulu trolleys. The access road from Naniloa Loop to the Center's administration building will be extended completely around the back of the grounds, and the tour trolleys will no longer pass through the Center. The new road will also give the maintenance department of BYU

direct access to Kam Highway.

The two-level, 31,000-square foot Maintenance and Purchasing Complex will include facilities for carpentry, fiberglass work, metal fabrication, painting, plumbing, electrical work, air conditioning and refrigeration, and an auto-body shop.

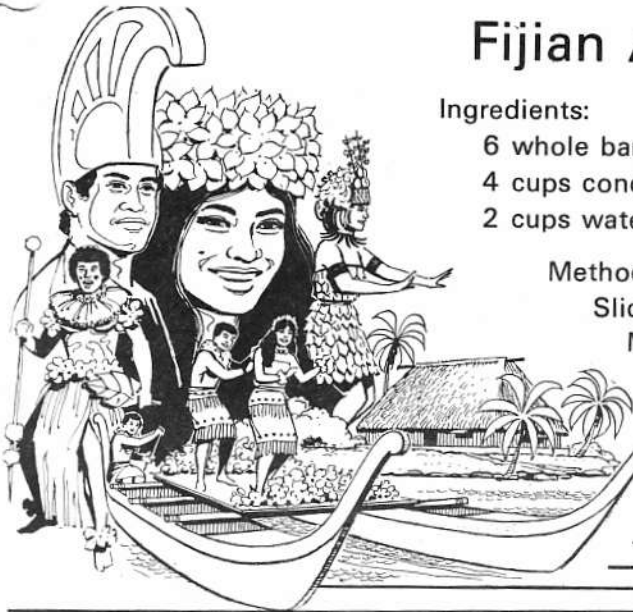
The purchasing department will have a new receiving bay and warehouse with cold storage featuring both walk-in freezer and chill sections. The purchasing and maintenance department administrative offices will be on the second level of the building.

The new buildings are both expected to be completed in July or August of 1983.

Beautiful Tonga Dances for Cultural Day Celebration



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Fijian Appetizer

Ingredients:

6 whole bananas (vudi), very ripe
4 cups concentrated coconut milk
2 cups water

Method:

Slice peeled bananas into 2.
Mix milk and water in pot.
Bring to boil. Add sliced
bananas and cook for 10
minutes. Place bananas
on a dish and chill. —

Serves 4.

SPORTS CORNER

All PCC employees are invited to attend this program for their own physical benefit. We are desperately trying to help people lose inches in weight and help everyone become physically conditioned.

The PCC Recreation Department will be starting their jogging and conditioning program on Monday, December 20, following the finals.

We will all meet in front of the BYU-HC foyer (where the little circle is situated). Please be informed that this is strictly a "Fun Run" sponsored by the Polynesian Cultural Center -- Absolutely No Commitments!

So -- slip on your sneakers and "Come on Along with PCC Recreation!" For further information, please contact McKay Schwenke at ext. 3186 or ext. 3185. See you there! Our first jogging session will begin promptly at 6:00 am on Monday, December 20. We advise all employees and those interested to come dressed and ready to "GO".

Village Operations presents a Christmas Dance. All departments are welcome to come on December 24th at 8:00pm. So put on your dancing shoes and lets dance the world away. It will be held at the Maori Village and there will be a Talent Show as well. Please come, make friends, dance, sing along, play games and have lots of fun. It's a Christmas Potpourri, be there.



General Manager, Bill Cravens, last week announced the promotion of Afani Ho Kum to Division Manager standing with new responsibilities as manager of Shop Polynesia.

Art Hanneman, formerly a Personnel Trainer, is also promoted to Manager of the Cultural Orientation Department.

Alice Logan is a member of a new management board with the function of reviewing Shop Polynesia marketing practices and working in an advisory capacity to the present management. Other members of the board include the Administrative Group Director, Elliot Ozu, as well as Afani Ho Kum.

*We send the new team
Congratulations!*



Congratulations are in order to Emil Wolfram of the Research Division, Lucky Fonoimoana of Cooperative Education and Rubina Forester of Corporate Relations, newly elected to the Laie Community Association Board of Directors. All three work on the second floor of the Administration Building in adjoining offices. Rubina will serve a second year as vice-president and Emil his first year as treasurer.



This week Fasi Tovo and his wife flew down to the Islands of Tonga to attend the royal wedding between Princess Lavaka Ala and Prince Navasai Pau'u. Having been formally invited by the royal family, Fasi and his wife will be honored guests at the wedding. The Toves will be taking with them a traditional monetary gift to the couple on behalf of the center. Also attending the wedding will be Momie Wolfram.

Watch for further photographs and stories of the wedding in future issues!



Sorry we were "OUTofDATE" last week - we were moving to the old Ad.Bldg.

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Old Administration Building

What has happened to the Old Administration Building on PCC grounds, the one beside the theater next to the lagoon? Well, the Update recently moved in there and made it a point to visit their new neighbors. As you can see from the diagram there are many, in fact it seems that almost every nook and cranny has been put to good use by a myriad of different departments who all work toward one end...the efficient running of the PCC!

As the diagram shows there are offices for Graphics, the Update, Safety, the Night Manager, Security, First Aid, Cashroom and Technical Services. Not to mention various storage rooms and a pleasant lounge for the Lady Tour Bus Drivers. As part of our "getting to know" our new neighbors, we have decided to share with you, our readers, some of the facts we've learned about these departments.

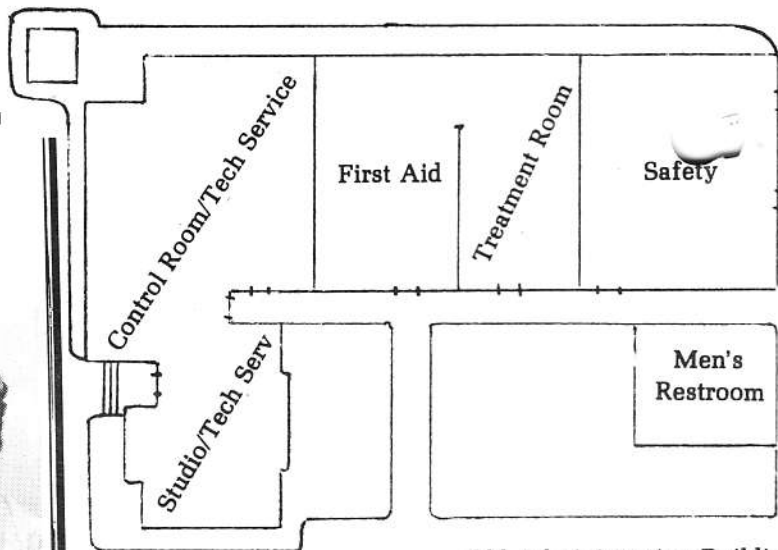
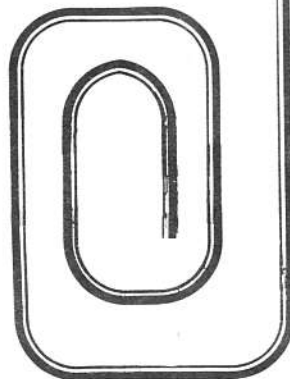
SECURITY: Under the direction of president Mack, who came to the Center from his calling as Mission President in Tahiti, the division consists of 39 employees including four women. That pleasant voice we sometimes overhear as we pass a guard holding a walkie-talkie is probably Jan Wong, and if you pass by the window/door be sure to wave.

SAFETY: This is an interesting place to learn about. It is here that Mani Tuia and Pane Meatoga Sr. work hard under the supervision of Bishop Kosena Fonoimoana to see to it that our jobs are safe and that our guests are protected.

FIRST AID: One hot sunny afternoon a senior citizen from Minnesota suffers from heat exhaustion and faints....what happens? The gears turn quickly, Security radios their dispatcher who informs First Aid, and Tele Hill sets her staff into action and the little blue first aid wagon speeds off to the patient. Bringing him back he is led to a soft



First Aid:Tele



Old Administration Building



Security: Jan

brightly colored bed in a cheery room that is cool from the air conditioning, and within minutes - he's fine! Of course there are sometimes more serious examples, but these too are handled quickly and efficiently by Epenesa Purcell, Mary Ruth Richmond, and Benjamin Orrego.

CASH ROOM: This place reminds one of the outer reaches of Fort Knox! There's a buzzer that needs to blast before the door will open, and another sliding door once you've made it through the first. Once inside you'll find the most pleasant people behind the counter who do their work



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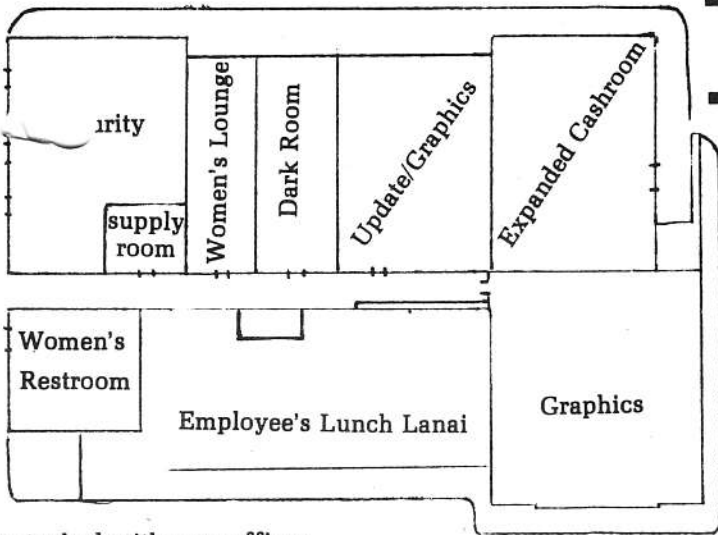
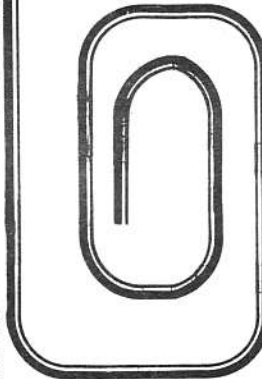


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New Neighbors!!!

TECHNICAL SERVICES: This was a big surprise for us here at the Update. Did you know that we now have a television studio on the premises? It is an impressive experience to walk through this area that is being organized under the direction of Joe and Tyna Chang. There are sound meters and lighting equipment, control boards and all kinds of other electronic gadgets and doodads that boggle the mind with their complexities. There are several TV's (I recognized them!) where video tape from programs like the Governor's inauguration and the welcome on the Maori Marae last week are edited for final printing. It's a fascinating place and Tyna gave us a wonderful explanation of the work being done there. She and Joe are from LA and have moved to Laie to help establish a professional operation here at the Center. Working closely with the Theater and Technical Services they are busy planning a 1983 calendar of events that will be recorded by the Center. Four areas they are most interested in are: Educational Programming, Historical Preservation, Entertainment, and Marketing. They are looking forward to the challenge of establishing the Center in the Video field. They both have a great deal of previous experience in this area. Tyna worked with KCET a PBS station in LA in production and financial control. Joe worked for many years with the Metro-Media Corporation, an independent broadcasting company, as production manager for five studios. They are excited about being with the Center and asked specifically that the Update encourage all our readers who may know of upcoming cultural events to contact them so that they can schedule calendar space. They have two phones, the studio phone 3037, and the Control Booth at 3015. Call them soon or drop by!



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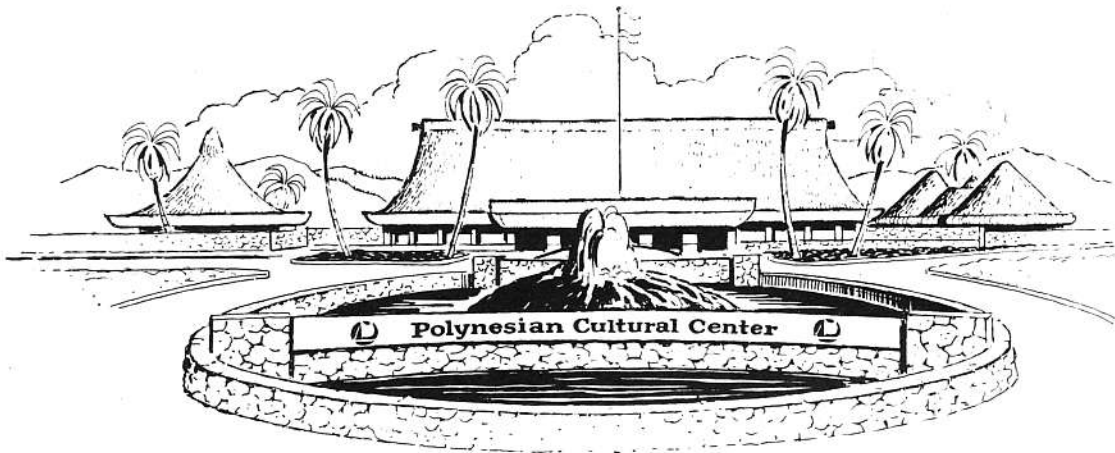
Tyna Chang



Update: Briana

while sharing a nice conversation and some smiles.

LUNCH LANAI: Have you heard the saws, smelled the paint, and noticed the new redwood fence around the lanai area at the front of the building? This is the new employees Lunch Lanai and the luncheon that is currently served at the Lanai restaurant will be moved over to this area. There are plans for plenty of tables and chairs for everyone and it will be pleasant to share lunch with friends and co-workers.



A'oga Fa'a Samoa

Registration is now open for the A'oga Fa'a Samoa, or School of Samoan Culture, sponsored by the PCC. The school was created for several reasons; one is to teach the Hawaii-born Samoan people their Fa'a Samoan Culture. A second, to introduce those who are not yet familiar with the culture to a variety of Samoan experiences, and third, to polish and expand the knowledge of those who have already gained a high level of understanding of the culture so that they can add to the skills they now have.

To accomplish this much thought has been given to the preparation of the curriculum of the new school. The lessons will be taught on several levels to insure a quality learning experience for all students.

Beginner Class

The Beginner Class is geared specifically toward those who have little or no understanding of the Samoan language and culture, and will include a General Introduction, study of geographical position, climate, and history of the

country. Also included will be lessons on Religion, Social Services, language and music.

Teacher: High Chief
Siilata

Intermediate Class

The Intermediate Class is designed to increase the knowledge of those students with a minimal background in the culture by teaching more about the language, village responsibilities, the family system, and lessons on music and dance.

Teacher: Pulefanolefolasa
F. Galeai

Junior Class

The Junior class is for those who can speak the language and untitled men and women. The subjects taught include Poetry, letter writing, greeting of Houses, village responsibilities, and speech. All of these courses will be taught at a level that the individual student can understand.

Teacher: Talking Chief
Paepae P. Letoa

Senior Class

Finally, the Senior Class will be a special class created for the matais (those of chiefly rank) and the old people. Their lessons will include ceremonial aspects of the Culture, Inauguration of Title, and other classes much more advanced than the first three.

Teacher: Talking Chief
Fauono Vaifale

January 15 is the final day for registration and classes will begin on January 22nd in the Samoan Village at 7 am. Only the first 100 applicants will be accepted into the school, and the cost of the 13 week session is just \$15.00. This will be a unique learning experience for all those who wish to learn to read, speak, and understand the Samoan culture. The school is open to all students, employees, members of the community and Oahu residents. To register fill out the enclosed form and take it to the PCC business office, or phone:

293-3170

293-3044

293-3140

**Polynesian Cultural Center
Laie, Hawaii
Research Division / Cultural Presentations**

**A'oga Fa'a Samoa
(Samoan School)**

REGISTRATION FORM

Semester/term _____ year _____

Student No. _____

Phone No. _____

Name _____
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Mailing Address _____
street/box # city state zip code

Social Security Number _____ Sex _____ Marital Status _____

Major/profession _____ Full-time _____ part-time _____

Employer _____ Position _____ Length of employment _____

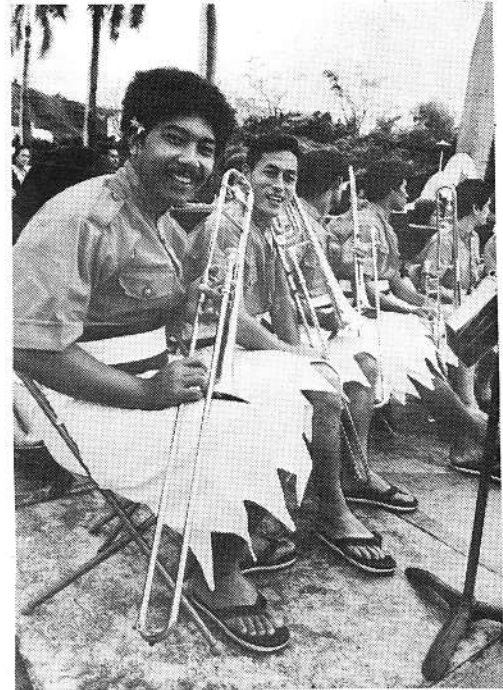
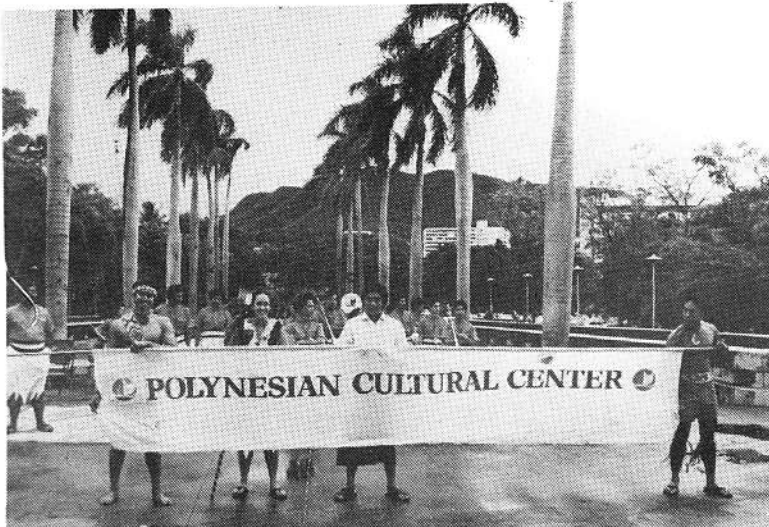
Tuition for 13 weeks is \$15.00 (equivalent to a term).

Received by: _____ Date _____

School Coordinator: Pulefano Galeai
Assistant: Chief Paepae Letoa
Special Advisor: High Chief
V. Toilolo

*Cultural Specialists will be present to
coordinate specific lessons.

INAUGURATION STARS!!!



Village Operations is certainly getting into the spirit of things as they plan their department decorating contest to be held on December 20th. With lots of fun prizes and rewards. Vendi also tells me of the great

Christmas party they're planning at a 'secret' venue. Rumor has it that the whole department will be flying off to "Fantasy Island", but I tend to think it will be more of a swim to "Goat Island". Will keep you posted.



EDITORIAL

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What did the prophet Moses, Naaman the Syrian, Uzziah, King of Judah, and Miriam the prophetess have in common? And what would they have in common today with individuals who go by the names of Rachel and Lucy, Kuulei, Mary, and a man called Jack Sing Kong?

The answer to these questions can be told in a single word, *leprosy*, and yes, Moses too, was stricken with the disease, if briefly, when God called him to be prophet at the occasion of the burning bush.

In Old Testament times, a leper was obliged to cry "unclean" as he approached others, and he was treated as untouchable. In our time the stigma of the disease still lingers in people's minds and attitudes, in spite of the fact that modern sulfone drugs have long controlled its contagion.

The reason for this is probably because the ravages of the disease produce some of the most disfiguring symptoms visible to us. In Biblical times it was regarded as a living death, and even today, many sufferers lose fingers, toes, noses, ears, and lips, as the extremities literally "die". The body is mutilated and prone to paralysis, ulceration, and gangrene, and the worst patients must learn to live with life-long disfigurement of their faces.

Why are my thoughts this December so occupied with the subject of one of the oldest diseases known to mankind? The answer is simply that it has been my very real privilege to meet and find friendship with Rachel, Lucy, Kuulei, Mary, and "Uncle Jack" Sing. They are all members of a world of grace and dignity few ever find in mortality, and somehow, the fact that their physical bodies are mutilated makes for a wholeness of spirit that is readily apparent in their lives.

This small group of people comprises possibly the most unique branch of the Church in the world and partaking of the ordinance of the sacrament in their presence is a soul-searching experience. As I sat with these members, my own brother and sisters in the gospel, I knew that the Lord is honored by their enormous faith and dedication.

These are people of courtesy and graciousness, and of a humility that shames the pride to which all humans seem prone. Moreover, in the face of enormous odds, these are individuals of optimism, of acceptance, and of positive outlooks on a future that may contain accelerated deterioration of already burdened bodies.

I had one thought as we shared in the sacrament. It lingers in my memory of scarlet poinsettias around aging houses, rugged coastline and empty, broken roads, the incredible beauty of Kalaupapa, but most of all, the courage of the human spirit as exemplified by the Saints of this tiny branch. The thought came like a personal command, it was two words, but I knew I would carry them with me the rest of my life.

Whenever I am prone to smugness, whenever I am dissatisfied, or complaining of the challenges of my particular lot in life, I hope the Lord prods me often with the advice I found this December: "Remember Kalaupapa!"

Happy Birthday

Fri. 17	Ken Coffey Faatuiese Faatuiese Manitepi Fakava Sun Kashiwabara Isaac Rivers Suliasi Takafua
Sat. 18	Robert Penman
Sun. 19	Banielle Boon Hazel Hernando Gary Kamauoha
Mon. 20	Shirley Malu Stormy Fonoimoana Alani Vaoleti
Tues. 21	Brenda Aplaca Fuatino Hunt Brian Ludlow Loreen Wong
Wed. 22	Ken Butterfield Matilda Finiasi Hannah Sundell Troy Ulii
Thurs. 23	Grace Edmonds

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Happy Birthday  
Vernice!