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Polynesian Cultural Center



At any time or dispensation that man has been on the earth there has always been the need for the teachings of Jesus Christ. Under the direction of our Heavenly Father the Saviour has not only successfully led us through the plan of salvation, but has fine-tuned our daily living to optimize this life's experiences. The Sermon on the Mount is THE Christmas message. In this great sermon Jesus wraps and decorates, carefully, the gift of life we have received because he wants this to be the best Christmas ever. And as we grow in maturity and understanding of His teachings so it should be that each Christmas becomes better and more meaningful.

Here at the Polynesian Cultural Center we represent Jesus Christ in a special way that is unique in the Church and in all the world. We have been exposed to millions of people over the past 19 years and in demonstrating our cultural heritage we have shown what our forefathers knew that is representative of the teachings of the Saviour in making friends and causing people to want to know more of our way of life.

May the Lord's choicest blessings be upon you and yours as we celebrate the birth of Him who has given so much to us all.

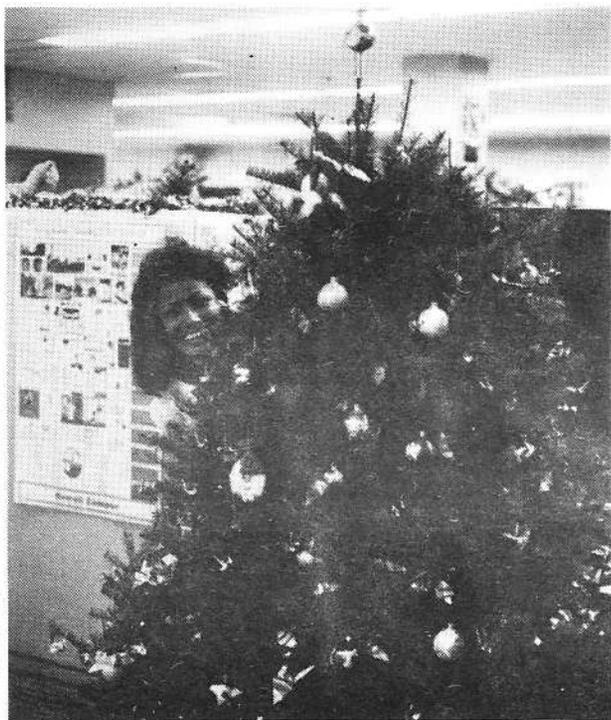
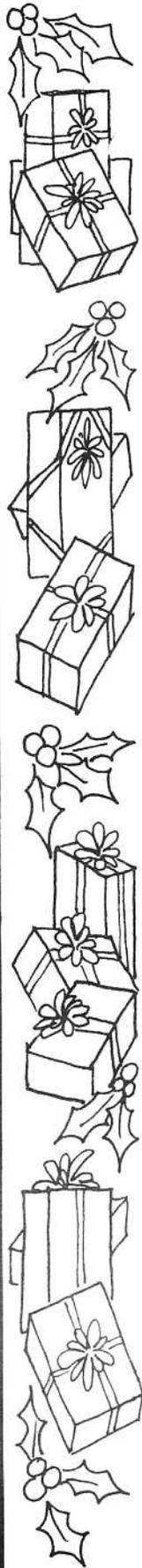
Merry Christmas

William H. Cravens





The Night Before Christmas - At PCC!!!



'Twas the night before Christmas
When all through the fale
Not a creature was stirring
Not even the Lanai cats (?).

The slippers were strewn
'Round the tunoa with care
In hopes that St. Nicholas
Soon would be there.

There was Vaimalu
in the courtyard
And Papali'i too,
While Ivy and Sui
Helped call us for the umu.

We came bearing gifts
And brought with us our friends,
Like Vendy, Haunani and Logo,
And even Uele too!
(although he didn't rhyme)

We all met halfway,
And much to our surprise,
Found the Maoris, Tongans,
And Tahitians,
Coming up along side.



Between the laughter
 And the shouting,
 There were some quiet moments
 too,
 Because Pasi needed time
 To adjust the PA
 And his crew!

Tele brought her stretcher,
 And Newman brought the brooms,
 And we saw Emily in the
 background,
 Bringing chocolate macaroons.

When from the tops
 of the palm trees
 There came such a clatter
 We all ran to Gate 9
 To see what was the matter!

Looking over the shoulder
 Of one of Mack's burly guards,
 We saw Emil in the doorway
 With Les and Elliot beyond!

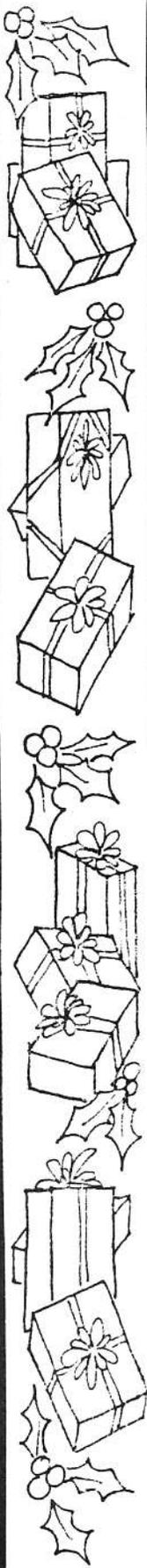
Their faces turned upward
 Showed delight and surprise
 While Darlene, Pam and Oli
 Had stars in their eyes.

At last! He'd arrived!
 That jolly old elf!
 He was laughing,
 And chuckling,
 Really enjoying himself!





Oaoa Ite Mahana Fanauraa



His face was all sunburned,
And his lei was a mess,
He'd passed Iwa on the way in
But he'd done his best!

His reindeer all looked
Like they'd had it too,
And if he didn't move fast
They'd be in Honolulu's zoo!

So calling out quickly
"Hurry, let me in!",
He fumbled in his pockets
For the ID that'd win.

Failing to find it
His poor shoulders slumped,
"Oh no", we thought sadly,
Now Santa's stumped!

But what to our wondering
Ears was expressed!
A voice calling out-
Loud, above all the rest!

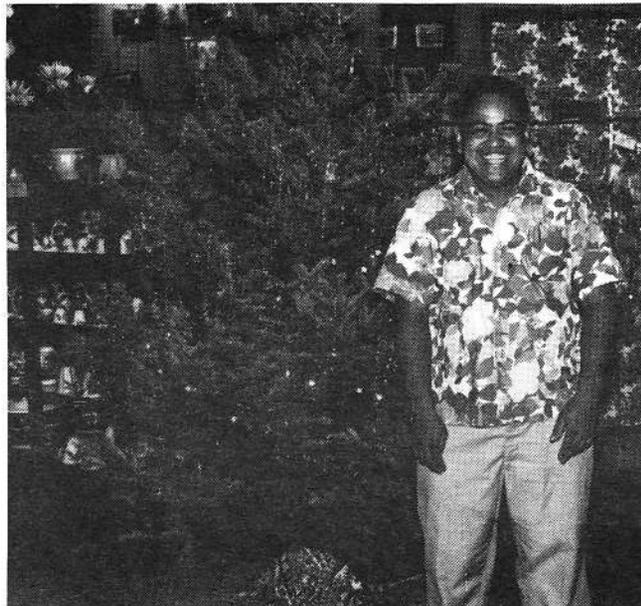




*"Let that man through,
Let him pass NOW I say!
For Christmas is here
And it's one special day.*

*"All the Center employees
Can have this day off!
So let Santa through
Because he's one of us!"*

*A mighty cheer welled up
From the gathering crowd
(which now included Ann(e), Paula and
Albert who'd had much further to travel)
As President Cravens repeated
His message aloud!*



*Then with Santa and his reindeer
Leading the way
They boarded the canoes
And started poling away.*

*Along the lagoon
Santa flung all his gifts
To those people he knew
Had waited all year for this!*

*There was Soli, and Sela and Iava
too, there was Mele and Maile,
Inna, Frank, Bob and Sue. There
was Linda and Kerry, Carl, Pule,
Pua, Afani and Lou, Jim, Imi,
Chris, with Cleo, Marge, Hana and*





Kilisimasi fiefia



Sid there too. Tevita stood waiting,
 with Kalili and Charlene, Lei-
 aloha, Chad and Hiva, and Margo
 and Jolene. Next to them sat
 Cynthia, with Baden, Janelle and
 Fia by her side, Max in the Palm
 tree, with Pavitt, Ulu and Finau.
 The list remains endless,
 So Many names to say,
 So let it suffice--
 They were ALL there that day!

After a whole day
 And a long, long, night of this
 Santa needed Schwenke
 To recondition and refit.
 So as the foreign guides
 Took poor Santa away,
 Those of us who'd lingered
 Heard him try to say--

"Take me away!"
 "I'm leaving now!"

Mele Kalikimaka and a haole Makahiki hou



If you look closely you'll see Santa's hand in the foreground busily taking note of Christmas wishes. What were they? Two round trip tickets, one to the Phillipines, and one to New Zealand. We're glad they're round trip!



Be at war with your vices, at
 peace with your neighbors, and let
 every New Year find you...better.

- Benjamin Franklin



The Samoan Returned Missionary Association

Would Like To Wish Everyone
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Manuia Le Kirisimasi Ma Le Tausaga Fou

President: Solitu Purcell
Advisors: Brother and Sister Pat Peters

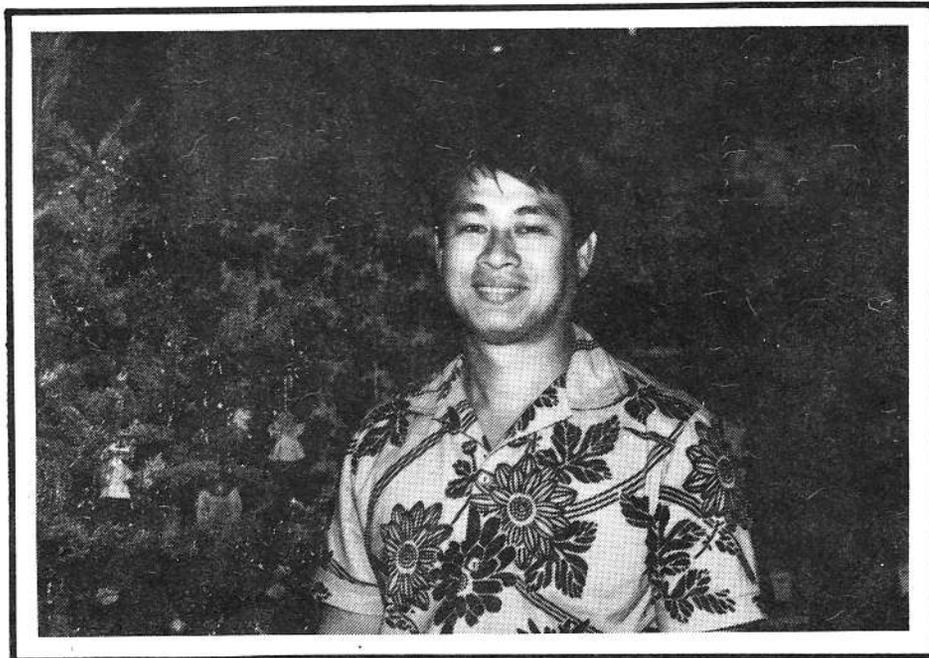


Meetings are held the first Sunday of every month and all are invited. Current projects are preparations for the Samoan Temple Dedication, to include a luau and gift to be taken to the Temple by the new President, and a visit with the Los Angeles branch of the Association. Please contact either Solitu or Brother Peters for further information.

Congratulations Afani Ho Kum

Afani Ho Kum is the Center's newest Division Manager. Afani came to Hawaii from Western Samoa in 1970, as a student at CCH. Majoring in Business Management, he interrupted his education to return to Samoa as a full-time missionary. After his release he married Mary Walker, from American Samoa, and finished his education with a Bachelor's degree.

Afani has been with the Center since coming to Hawaii. He began as a canoe guide, paddler, orientator and tram guide. After serving his mission he worked in the cashroom for a short time and then back to the guides again. From there he progressed to assistant manager, manager, and now, his most recent promotion, Division manager in charge of the Shop Polynesia.



Employment Specialist for the Elder's Quorum for his Laie 2nd Ward, Afani and his wife have three children, Liza 4, Lee 3, and Juliet one year old. Afani finds his new position exciting and challenging, and looks forward to the New Year. When asked about his thoughts on leaving one department and entering

another after so many years, he said "There are a lot of good people there to continue what I was doing--when you have that knowledge you are not sorry to move on, because you know that you can trust them to carry on!"

Afani, the Update sends you and your family the Best of Wishes for the coming year! ■



Oaou Ite Mahana

GOOD BREAKFAST, GOOD FEELING...

Eating a good breakfast is a good start for the day. Studies have shown that those who have eaten a nutritious meal before starting out get more done than those who skip breakfast or eat a poor one.

As the morning goes on, hungry people grow less efficient. After lunch, they do better for a while; then, they slow up again.

There is no hard and fast rule on how big a good breakfast should be. But nutritionists say that for most people it is sound planning to have one-fourth to one-third of the day's food at breakfast and to include a good source of protein, such as eggs, meat or milk.

Breakfast is a good time to include some food rich in vitamin C. An orange, half a grapefruit, or half a cup of orange or grapefruit juice goes far toward meeting vitamin C needs for the day.

Cereals and bread provide protein, iron and other minerals, vitamins and food energy. An active worker or a growing child can have a healthier breakfast by eating both cereal and bread.

Eggs, meat and fish, as well as milk and cheese, provide high quality protein. One or more foods in this group should be included in each meal of the day.

Keep on hand foods that are ready to eat or require little preparation. Many fruits, juices and cereals, for instance, can be served directly from the container in which they came.



Christmas! Traditionally a time for families, when all the world - regardless of differences that may exist at other times - stops for a moment to reflect upon the birth of Him who stood before us all as Teacher, Saviour, King.

Christmas! A time of joy, a time of celebration, a time of birth.

**Merry Christmas to All
The Update**



People judge me by what I have done,
not by what I plan to do.





HAWAII HE'E LUAU

(Margo Sez: "The best recipe for a good Hawaiian luau is 50 people, so the Update gives you this recipe, designed for 50 people!")

- 8 Large Island octopus
- 3-4 lbs. round onions diced
- 2 lbs. butter
- 15 lbs. Taro leaves
- 30 Coconuts- grated and squeezed.

Method:

Fry onions in butter until transparent. Boil taro leaves in huge pot until tender. Sprinkling the leaves with a small amount of baking soda keeps them green. Strain leaves, and add to squid (cut up), butter and onions, and coconut milk. Add music.

FIJI FIJIAN PALUSAMI

- 1 large onions
- 2-4 cans corned beef
- 6 coconuts- grated and squeezed for milk.
- 2 tsps. salt
- Taro leaves
- One large red tomato.

Method:

Take two taro leaves and wash well. Shape them in your hand until they form a cup. Add onions (diced), 1 slice tomato, and lots of corned beef mixed with coconut milk and salt. Place the leaf cups in a deep baking dish and continue until all ingredients are used up, forming layers in the dish. Bake in umu or slow oven (250 - 300 degrees). Do not allow the leaves to dry, Continue cooking for 1-1 1/2 hours.

TONGAN OTAIKA (Raw Fish)

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| Filet of Kanahe, Uhu or anykind of favorite fish | |
| lemon to taste | tomatoes |
| coconut milk | hot pepper |
| lettuce | salt to taste |

Chop up fish, add lemon juice to taste. Put fish in coconut milk and add chopped lettuce, tomatoes hot pepper and salt to taste. Serve.

TONGAN OTAI

After dinner instead of icecream

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| 1 Watermelon | coconut |
| Pinapple | crackers |
| Ripe Mango | Sugar to taste |

Cut watermelon rind to make a container for the fruit.

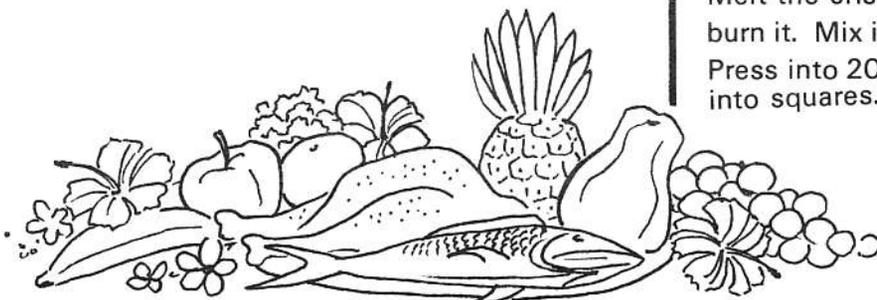
Remove seeds from the watermelon and scrape back into the empty rind along with scraped pinapple and mango. Grate and squeeze coconut milk and put gratings and milk in watermelon rind with fruit. Crumble crackers into mix and add sugar til sweetened. Chill and serve.

New Zealand White Christmas Cookie

- 2Cups Rice Crispies
- 1 1/2 cups shredded coconut
- 3/4 cup candied fruit
- 1/4 tsp vanilla
- 1/4 lb crisco
- 1 cup powdered milk

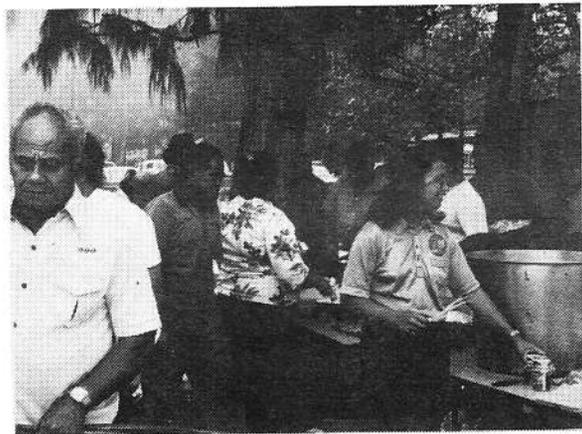
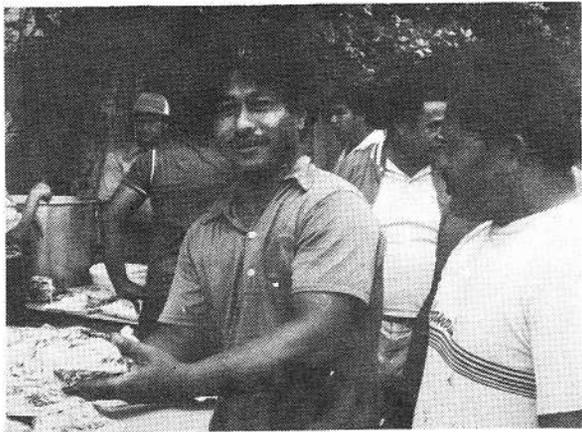
Method:

Combine ingredients in bowl, all except the Crisco. Melt the crisco over low heat, being careful not to burn it. Mix it into the dry ingredients and stir well. Press into 20 x 30 " baking pan. Chill and then cut into squares.





Mere Kirihimete



ALA KAIO: "Great! Lot's of fun!"

JR: "I ate too much!"

TOIVA LAKE: "A lot of work but I really enjoy it!"

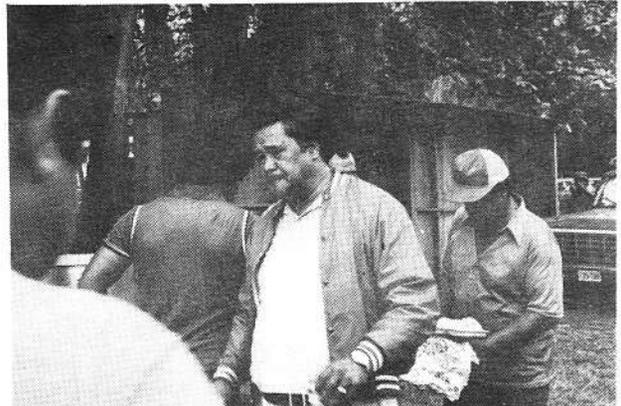
DAVID KUBOTA: "Crazy! A lot of fun!"

ROPIHA CAMPBELL: "Most exciting, improving every year!"



What are all these people talking about? Well....

On December 10th from 12:00 noon 'til pau the Maintenance Christmas Party was lots of food, fun, games and laughter at Kekela Beach this year. Everyone in the 17 different departments did some cooking so there was an incredible amount of delicious food, enough to feed a family on just one tray! It, amazingly, didn't take long to serve everyone either, thanks to Newman and the housekeeping department who did an excellent job of organizing this year.

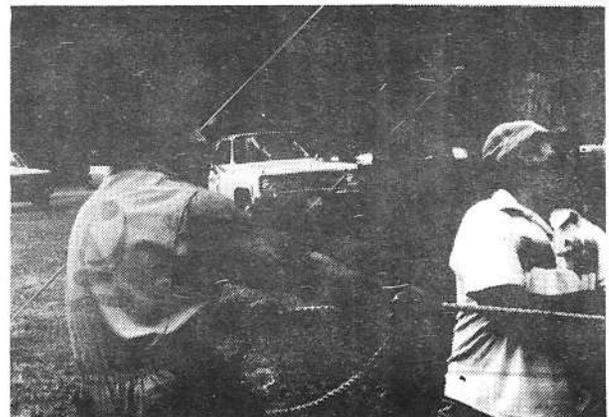




There was both a 350 and a 150 pound pig put in the umu at 10:00 the night before. Newman's philosophy: "it's better to have more than not enough."

Well tighten your belts, Paul Nihipali from the warehouse department was in charge of the games and immediately after lunch struck up intense competition between the married and single men in tug-o-war. The married men won, which only goes to show it takes great strength to be married. The single men won the gunnysack race next and from there the games went on through the afternoon. There were three and four-legged races, volley ball, football and more.

We're sure that Maintenance is looking forward to the new year because it has another Christmas Party scheduled on the calander for 1983.



EDITORIAL

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Causes have a way of bringing human beings together. And they don't have to be great causes at all. People of like minds will always gravitate together in the sharing and support of principles they hold dear. Even the loner will enjoy a sense of inclusion if the situation and the cause is right. It all has to do with sharing basic human values and recognizing the right of individuals to pursue them.

How often we find ourselves in a crowd, small or large, and share a turn of fate because we are in that particular place at that particular time. Anyone who has ever been stuck in an elevator with strangers when the electricity fails and the machinery grinds to a halt will know what it means to be "in the same boat" with a group of fellow humans. Anyone who has ever drawn jury duty and been closeted for hours seeking a decision concerning the fate of another individual knows the experience also.

Mothers who spend a few days hospitalized with brand new babies quickly experience the camaraderie that bonds humans together in common experience, however briefly; and men have always known more of war than killing each other.

Somehow, the sense of belonging is important to us humans. We seek to belong to families, cultural groups, nations, and religions. Today I felt again that sense of inclusion in a small, unique group. There were sixty-five of us. We came from places far removed from Hawaii, and we had one of the greatest causes in the world bringing us together, for we were, every one, shedding the dubious label of "alien" and, surrounded by all the dignity and ceremony of United States law, becoming American.

Scenes from the morning will remain with me always: The Filipino woman who sat beside me and counted every star on the miniature American flag presented her, touching each one with her forefinger; the decidedly "United Nations" look of our group, in which mine was the only pale face; the Immigration Officer's call to the court for "someone who can speak Chinese please!" and a Chinese judge of the Federal Court who wished us all a Merry Christmas.

It was a cause none of us were taking lightly. It had occasioned much decision in our lives. We had probed and finally come to terms with the question of loyalty and the giving up of certain birthrights, and somehow, it seemed fitting to be involved in the question of citizenship at Christmas time.

I was reminded that Christ was born in Bethlehem because of a civil edict of the time requiring every man to return to his place of birth for taxing. If such an edict had not been issued, Mary's child would probably have been born in Nazareth. Whatever the significance of such "ifs" and the "ands" they suggest, I joyfully agreed with the judge today as he closed his remarks to us with the observation that we had received "the best Christmas gift we could have!"

It feels good to belong--to a culture, a church, and a nation, and these things give me cause for gratitude as well as joy at Christmastime, 1982.

Happy Birthday

Fri. 24	Sione Moleni
Sat. 25	Danny Fung
Sun. 26	Talaave Liaga Iafeta Sao
Mon. 27	Gina Apicerno Kerry Pere Palota Purcell
Tues. 28	Sepi Funaki Eldon Karratti Gladys Pualoa
Wed. 29	Nathan James
Thurs. 30	Tae Akau Kawnell Ieremia Maria Monutunu Sandy Sproat Alama Uluave
Fri. 31	Kristina Kapu

