

hang loose

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On April 5, 1999 we (Grandma Nini, Grandpa Dan, Shannon, Peppy, Brandon, Malia and I) went to Honolulu, Hawaii. We stayed at one of the many outrigger hotels. We saw the Kodak hula show, the International Marketplace, Alamoana Shopping Center, and anything else you could think of on the island of Oahu. Most of the time Brandon and I were boogie-boarding on Waikiki Beach, while every one else went sightseeing.

I had fun. It was an adventure to be remembered, especially since we found out about going almost two weeks before.

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Elizagas in Hawaii. LEFT: Chris on the boogie board; RIGHT: (clockwise from left) Shannon, Brandon, Pepee, Tito Dan, Tita Nini, Christopher, and Malia Elizaga.



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Leticia "de la Cruise"

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An important event this year was my getting my braces off in March. After that, *tuloy ang ligaya*.

Dan and I were on two cruises this year -- one to Scandinavia and one to the Mediterranean, both very

enjoyable and worthwhile, but so different from each other. It probably wouldn't surprise anyone to know that the fondest memories we have of the trips center around food. As if the ship didn't feed us enough good food, every time the ship docked, Dan and I would go ashore, ostensibly for sightseeing, but really to sample the local delicacies. Which turned out to be Indian food in London, and surprise, surprise - Filipino food in Copenhagen at a restaurant right on the dock. In Sweden it was the best pizza at a place called Michelangelo's, and in Istanbul, it was shish kebab and eggplant cooked a hundred different ways at Haji Baba's. Venice had the best calamari dish and lasagna to die for. Dan's pizza in Rome had fried eggs, sunny side up for topping. We didn't get to try borscht and piroshky in Russia, because of Infectious Disease Specialist Marnie's dire warnings, but our eyes feasted on the beauty of the Winter Palace and the Hermitage in St. Petersburg.

However, it is so true -- there's no place like home, where we can enjoy *sinigang*, *lugaw*, *longanisa*, *pancit* - but I have to be the cook. So, here we are waiting for our next assignment. *Bon appetit!*

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