



# Governor's E-Newsletter

## November 20-26, 2004



Aloha and Welcome from the Governor's Office in Hawai`i!

It is with pleasure that we send you this e-newsletter.

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Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center charter member Yuriko Kagiya greeted Governor Lingle during the center's 35th anniversary and annual Thanksgiving celebration. Ms. Kagiya has been active with the center since it opened in 1969.



Governor Lingle was presented with an honorary membership card to the Lanakila senior center by co-chairs David Young (third from left) and Carol Tom (fourth from left).



During the celebration of its 35th anniversary, Governor Lingle and charter member Yuriko Kagiya joined staff and members of the Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center and Catholic Charities of Hawai'i in singing "Happy Anniversary." The Governor and Ms. Kagiya were invited by Drusilla Tanaka, executive director (second from right) to cut the anniversary cake.

## **Lanakila Senior Center Anniversary and Thanksgiving Ceremony**

Governor Lingle joined the Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center in celebrating its 35th anniversary and annual Thanksgiving program. As the state's largest senior center, Lanakila provides members with craft classes, hot meals, advice on taxes, Social Security

and health, and an opportunity to interact with others. Governor Lingle was presented with an honorary membership card in appreciation of her support. When the center was in danger of closing due to a lack of state funds, Governor Lingle worked with the state Department of Health to provide a grant. The Governor praised the center for helping seniors maintain active lives.

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Governor Lingle presided over the installation of the 2005 officers and directors for the Maui Contractor's Association. Photo courtesy of Angel Comstock, TMC General Contracting.

### **Maui Contractors Association Installs Officers**

At the annual installation banquet for the Maui Contractors Association Board of Directors, Governor Lingle praised its members for their role in the state's booming economy. The state is working with Maui County on numerous construction projects, such as the Lahaina Bypass. Governor Lingle also assisted with the installation of new officers and directors.

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Governor Lingle addressed basketball fans in the Lahaina Civic Center prior to the presentation of the EA Sports Maui Invitational Championship trophy. Photo courtesy of Joel Navarro and Kemper Lesnik Communications Sports Marketing.



Governor Lingle and Chaminade University President Sue Wesselkamper congratulated Steve Alford, head coach of the Iowa Hawkeyes, and the team on second place in the EA Sports Maui Invitational preseason tournament. Photo courtesy of Joel Navarro and Kemper Lesnik Communications Sports Marketing.



Roy Williams, head coach of the University of North Carolina Tar Heels received the EA Sports Maui Invitational championship koa bowl from Governor Lingle and Chaminade University President Sue Wesselkamper. Photo from InsideCarolina.com Web site.

### **Governor Presents Championship Trophy at Maui Invitational**

Governor Lingle joined Chaminade University president Sue Wesselkamper in presenting the EA Sports Maui Invitational Championship trophy to the University of North Carolina's Tar Heels. Teams participating in the preseason tournament were: BYU, Chaminade University, Iowa, Louisville, North Carolina, Stanford, Tennessee and Texas. Each year, more than 3,500 visitors attend the prestigious basketball tournament and help boost the local economy by \$9 million. Read more in the [Honolulu Advertiser](#). Click [here](#) to see more photos.

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Governor Lingle joined members and North Shore community leaders in celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Kahuku Hongwanji Buddhist mission.

### **Kahuku Hongwanji Celebrates 100th Anniversary**

Governor Lingle congratulated members of the Kahuku Hongwanji mission during a ceremony marking the temple's 100th anniversary. The Buddhist temple, one of the first on O`ahu, was founded in 1904 by Japanese contract plantation workers. Three classes of Kahuku High school alumni ('56, '57 and '58) adopted the Hongwanji centennial as a class community service project and helped refurbish the old wooden temple.

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Danielle Alsadon sent this photo of her husband, SPC Shaun Alsadon of the 29th Brigade Combat Team, and their 2-year-old daughter, Siane. The photo was taken on October 3, 2004, shortly before SPC Alsadon left for additional training at Fort Bliss, Texas.



SSG Douglas Patterson (left), SPC Shimamoto (center) and SFC McDonald of the 29th Brigade Combat Team are shown at Fort Bliss, Texas. Photo courtesy of Myrna Patterson.

**Photos of Troops Sought for Governor's Web Site**

Hawai`i is forever grateful for the dedication and sacrifice of its men and women serving in the U.S. Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines and Coast Guard, as well as our citizen soldiers in the Reserve and National Guard. Please visit the photo album, "Dedicated to Our Hawai`i Troops." To submit digital photos of your loved ones who are serving our country overseas, please e-mail [governor.lingle@hawaii.gov](mailto:governor.lingle@hawaii.gov).

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## Department of the Week - Business, Economic Development and Tourism



Ted Liu, director of the state  
Department of Business, Economic  
Development and Tourism.

### **Hawai`i's Economic Growth Projections Positive for 2005**

The state Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT) is projecting economic growth to be even greater next year according to its latest quarterly forecast report released this month. Encouraged by strong visitor numbers and continued job growth, DBEDT expects the gross state product, the total output of goods and services in Hawai`i, to grow 2.7 percent next year, one tenth more than is expected for 2004, and four tenths more than its last forecast in August. The department also recently co-sponsored the 2nd annual Asia-Pacific Homeland Security Summit and Exposition with the Governor's office and the state Department of Defense. DBEDT is also leading a trade mission to Taiwan at the Taipei World Trade Center in December to expand investment opportunities for Hawai`i businesses. To read DBEDT's Outlook for the Economy report, [click here](#).

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## In the News

**It's money in the basket for Maui**

Read more in the [Honolulu Advertiser](#).

### **UH predicts "rosy" economy**

Read more in the [Honolulu Star-Bulletin](#).

### **UHERO bullish on Hawai`i economy**

Read more in [Pacific Business News](#).

### **DBEDT revises economic forecast up**

Read more in [Pacific Business News](#).

### **Hale'iwa pier to ease pinch**

Read more in the [Honolulu Advertiser](#).

### **Kalalau Trail improvements completed**

Read more in [The Garden Island News](#).

### **State receives more doses of flu vaccine**

Read more in the [Honolulu Advertiser](#).

### **Hawai`i may get 7M visitors**

Read more in [Pacific Business News](#)

## **Quote of the Week**

**"To have those hours and those images of Maui is really important. You can't pay for this kind of exposure."**

-Governor Lingle speaking about the broadcast of the 21st annual EA Sports Maui Invitational to a primetime national television audience. The games were carried on ESPN and ESPN2.

## **Thought of the Week**

**"This year we're going to appreciate Thanksgiving much more. And we're all very happy."**

-Laurie Naumu, whose husband Michael, an Army reservist with the 411th Engineering Battalion, spent Thanksgiving at home in Hawaii Kai while on leave from Iraq. ["Troops on R&R give deep thanks," Honolulu Advertiser, November 25, 2004.](#)

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## Key Upcoming Events

**November 27** Governor Lingle will deliver welcome remarks during the 25th Annual Pearl City Invitational Swim Meet, Pearl City District Park Swimming Pool, 8:30-9:15 a.m.

**November 28** Governor Lingle will sign Christmas ornaments to benefit the Washington Place Foundation, C.S. Wo Gallery, 702 South Beretania St., 2:00-4:00 p.m.

**December 1** Governor Lingle will deliver welcome remarks during the 2004 Hawai`i State Secondary Student Conference, State Capitol, Senate Chambers, 4:30-4:45 p.m.

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**December 2** Governor Lingle will deliver remarks at a luncheon of the Hawai`i Government Employees Association retirees unit, O`ahu Chapter, Ala Moana Hotel, Hibiscus Ballroom, 11:45 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

**December 3-4** Governor Lingle will attend the Western Governor's Association Endangered Species Act Executive Summit in San Diego, California. The Governor will present an issue paper on the endangered Red Ilima. She will also moderate a panel "The Endangered Species Act: It's About Recovery, Not Listing." Hyatt Regency La Jolla, San Diego.

**December 3-4** Washington Place Christmas Open House - The public is invited to a free holiday open house. This is the first opportunity for the public to view rooms on the second floor of this historic home of Hawai`i's past governors and last reigning monarch Queen Lili`uokalani, 5:00-9:00 p.m., also December 12 from 1:00-5:00 p.m.

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**The weekly radio show can be heard live from 7:05-8:00 a.m. Wednesdays on the following radio stations:**

**O`ahu (KHHV AM 830)**

**Maui (KAOI 1110 AM)**

**Hilo (KPUA 670 AM)**

**Kaua`i (KONG 570 AM)**

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