



Governor's E-Newsletter

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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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Governor Lingle and Lt. Governor Aiona were among those who voted early at Honolulu Hale this week.



Governor Lingle and members of her cabinet cast their ballots during walk-in absentee voting for the upcoming general election.

Governor, Lt. Governor Urge Residents to Exercise Their Voting Rights

With less than a week remaining before the General Election, Governor Lingle and Lt. Governor Aiona are urging Hawai`i residents to exercise their right to vote. The Governor and Lt. Governor cast their absentee ballots this week at Honolulu Hale. Walk-in absentee voting will continue through Saturday, October 30, and polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Election Day, Tuesday, November 2. Additional information is available by calling the City and County of Honolulu, 523-4293; the County of Hawai`i, 961-8277; the County of Maui, 270-7749; or the County of Kaua`i, 241-6350.



Governor Lingle addressed thousands of runners and walkers during the opening ceremony of the 10th annual Komen Hawai`i Race for the Cure. Hundreds of breast cancer survivors wearing pink T-shirts and caps took part in the run and walk.



At the Komen Hawai`i Race for the Cure start line, Governor Lingle congratulated a survivor of breast cancer.

Race for the Cure Supports Fight Against Breast Cancer

To support the fight against breast cancer, Governor Lingle joined more than 7,000 runners and walkers at the 10th annual Komen Hawai`i Race for the Cure, a fundraiser for the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. Before heading to the 5-K start line, the Governor addressed the large crowd of cancer survivors and supporters, praising Komen Hawai`i's efforts to eradicate breast cancer as a life-threatening disease. To date, the nonprofit organization has provided more than \$750,000 in grants for breast cancer treatment and education awareness programs in Hawai`i.



During an energy expo, Governor Lingle discussed her Administration's initiatives to reduce Hawai`i's dependence on fossil fuels by developing renewable energy resources and promoting energy efficiency.

Energy Efficiency, Renewable Resources Encouraged by Governor

Speaking at the 6th Biennial Efficient Electro-Technology Exposition and Conference, Governor Lingle called for reducing Hawai`i's dependence on fossil fuels by promoting energy efficiency and greater use of renewable resources, including ethanol. In keeping with her Administration's commitment to protect the environment, Governor Lingle in June signed the "20/20" bill requiring 20 percent of the state's electricity to come from renewable energy sources by the year 2020.



Governor Lingle welcomed Chuck Boller, executive director of the Louis Vuitton Hawai'i International Film Festival, to Washington Place during a reception for festival supporters and participants.



Jeff Portnoy, chairman of the Louis Vuitton Hawai'i International Film Festival (second from right), and Chuck Boller, executive director, look on as Governor Lingle greeted members of the local, national and international film communities.

International Film Festival Hosted at Washington Place

Actors, directors, producers and other movie aficionados were welcomed to Washington Place by Governor Lingle during a reception for the Louis Vuitton Hawai`i International Film Festival. Among those in attendance were award-winning Chinese actress Maggie Cheung from "Hero," Australian actor David Wenham from "Lord of the Rings" and a delegation from the Shanghai International Film Festival. The Governor praised the Hawai`i festival for promoting cultural understanding between East and West and for highlighting the talents of local filmmakers. The festival continues through October 31. Additional information is available at www.hiff.org.



Governor Lingle joined The 200 Club of Honolulu in honoring local firefighters for their commitment and courage in protecting Hawai`i's residents and visitors.

Firefighters Honored by Governor Lingle

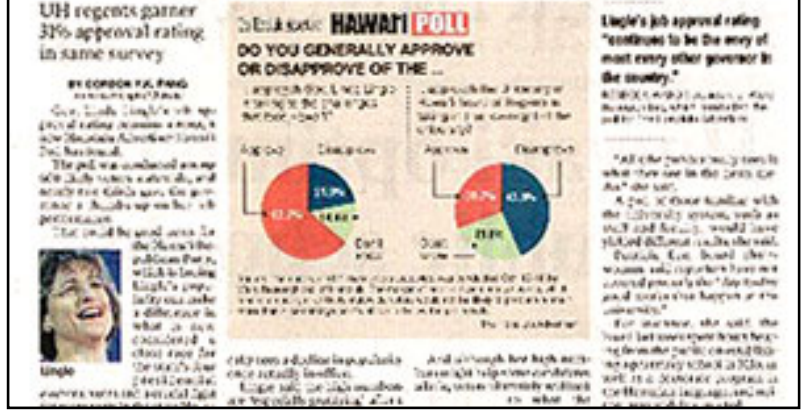
During an annual luncheon hosted by The 200 Club of Honolulu, Governor Lingle honored local firefighters for their courage and dedication to protecting the community. The Governor also thanked The 200 Club, a local businessmen's group, for supporting Hawai`i's firefighters and their families.

Governor's Approval Rating Remain High

A new statewide poll shows Governor Linda Lingle's job approval rating remains strong.



The Governor received a 64 percent approval rating, which was statistically even to the 65 percent rating she received in a similar poll conducted in April. She attributed this popularity to her Administration's focus on reforming the public education system, building safe communities, achieving a healthier Hawai`i, preserving the state's fragile environment and sustaining a vibrant economy. "I think the public, obviously, is able to see that we are trying to strike a balance between meeting these needs and yet recognizing that we have to budget for the long term," Governor Lingle said. Read more in the [Honolulu Advertiser](#).



Department of the Week - Defense

Head of Hawai`i National Guard Plans Second Visit to Afghanistan

State Adjutant General Robert Lee, who recently met with Hawai`i National Guard troops training in Texas, has announced that he will also visit our troops in Afghanistan later this year. More than 60 soldiers with B Company, 193rd Aviation, of the Hawai'i Army National Guard have been in Kandahar since May performing helicopter maintenance for the 25th Infantry Division (Light). Read more in the [Honolulu Advertiser](#).



State Adjutant General Robert Lee (center) is pictured with CSM Bert Hamakado (left) and MSG Rudolfo Gabrillo during his visit to Fort Bliss, Texas, to meet with the 29th Brigade Combat Team from Hawai`i. Following advanced training on the mainland, these troops will deploy to Iraq. Photo courtesy of Hawai`i National Guard.

Photos of Troops Sought for Governor's Web Site

Hawai`i is forever grateful for the dedication and sacrifice of 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.



Sgt. Ralph Aguon holds his son Jonah. Aguon and other members of the 29th Brigade Combat Team left Hawai`i for additional training at Fort Bliss, Texas, before being deployed to Iraq. Photo courtesy of Laura Aguon.

In the News

Honolulu ranks No. 1 as a livable community

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

Isle survey reveals economic optimism

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

Hawai`i visitor arrivals for the year top 5 million

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

Cruising along: Work to replace a Kaua`i bridge offers residents a holiday and a bit of nostalgia

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

Quote of the Week

"You embolden us all as you carry out your critical mission with a great sense of camaraderie, purpose and bravery."

-Governor Lingle praising firefighters during a luncheon held in their honor by The 200 Club.

Thought of the Week

"Governor Lingle's job approval rating continues to be the envy of most every other Governor in the country."

-Rebecca Ward, president of Ward Research Inc., which recently conducted a poll showing nearly two-thirds of respondents approved of Governor Lingle's job performance.

Key Upcoming Events

October 30 Governor Lingle will join Anna Eleanor Roosevelt in presenting the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Award for Distinguished Community Service to the Hawai`i Medical Service Association, Hilton Hawaiian Village, Coral Ballroom, 6:50-9:00 p.m.

November 2 General Election Day.

November 3 Governor Lingle will deliver remarks during a reception honoring Dr. Susan Sclafani, U.S. Assistant Secretary of Education. The event is part of the 2004 Career and Technical Education "Pathways in Motion" conference, Sheraton Waikiki Hotel, Diamond Head Lawn, 5:00-5:30 p.m.

November 3 Governor Lingle and Lt. Governor Aiona will join the Chamber of Commerce of Hawai`i at the "An Evening of Aloha with Admiral Tom and Sarah Fargo" dinner, Hilton Hawaiian Village, Coral Ballroom, 5:45-9:30 p.m.

November 4 Governor Lingle will deliver congratulatory remarks to winners of the

Business Leadership Hawai`i awards, Hilton Hawaiian Village, Coral Ballroom, 8:45-9:00 p.m.

November 14-17 Second annual Asia-Pacific Homeland Security Summit & Exposition. Join security experts from the Asia-Pacific region, including U.S. Secretary of Homeland Security Tom Ridge and Philippine National Security Advisor Hermogenes Ebdane, Jr., to discuss how the world is responding to the threat of terrorism. Share ideas on practical solutions for making the region more secure. **For more information or to register, please visit the Web site at www.hlssummit.hawaii.gov.**

November 17-19 International Women's Leadership Conference. Speakers for the women's leadership conference will include Michelle Peluso, president and CEO of Travelocity; Melinda Bush, president and CEO of Hospitality Resources Worldwide; Ella Gera, executive director of the Israel Women's Network; and Merle Okawara, chairman and CEO of JC COMSA Corp. in Japan. These and other women, including Oprah Winfrey and Diane Sawyer via videotape, will share their experiences as leaders in areas such as government, business, travel, communications, health and humanitarian services. **To register, please visit the Web site at www.iwlchi.org.**



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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 (KHVH AM 830)

Maui (KAOI 1110 AM)

Hilo (KPUA 670 AM)

Kaua`i (KONG 570 AM)

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