



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.



Wishing you and your family...



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A New Year Message from Governor Lingle

Hau`oli Makahiki Hou! As 2004 draws to a close, I would like to wish our residents and visitors a happy and safe New Year. The past 12 months have been an exciting time as Hawai`i's people benefited from a revitalized and robust economy and an unemployment rate that was the lowest in the nation for much of the year. We also made progress on important initiatives such as reforming public education, promoting economic growth, protecting the environment, improving access to healthcare, increasing affordable housing, battling crime and substance abuse and fulfilling obligations to native Hawaiians. While celebrating the holidays, please remember Hawai`i's active-duty and citizen soldiers as they fight for freedom and democracy in Iraq and Afghanistan. I ask you to keep our troops and their families in your thoughts and prayers and thank them for their many sacrifices. Our hearts and prayers are also with the people of Southeast Asia and Africa as they recover from the devastation of the earthquake and tsunamis in the Indian Ocean.



In a announcement at Honolulu Police Department headquarters, Governor Lingle outlined five measures to improve traffic safety. Joining her in support of these initiatives were HPD Chief Boise Correa (from left), Governor James R. "Duke" Aiona, Jr., and City Prosecutor Peter Carlisle. Governor Lingle said the proposed bills are common sense measures that will ultimately help save lives.



Lt. Governor Aiona discussed a proposal to suspend drivers licenses of underage drinkers as part of the Administration's initiatives for traffic safety. A proposal for graduated drivers licenses for minors was introduced by (from left) State Representatives Kirk Caldwell and Joe Souki in the 2004 legislative session.

Traffic Safety Proposals Announced by Governor

As part of her Administration's initiative to improve public safety, Governor Lingle unveiled five traffic-related bills she plans to submit to the Hawai`i State Legislature during its 2005 session. The proposed laws would: create a three-stage graduated drivers license for persons under age 18; increase fines for speeding, especially in school or construction areas; suspend drivers licenses of underage drinkers; enhance pedestrian safety in crosswalks; and ban unauthorized persons from using remote traffic signal control devices. In addition, a pilot project to provide free towing and other services to motorists whose cars break down on the freeways will begin at the end of next summer. Read more in the [Honolulu Star-Bulletin](#) and [Honolulu Advertiser](#). To read a fact sheet about the five traffic safety initiatives, [please click here](#).



Governor Lingle congratulated winners of the "Nene Goose That Laid the Golden Egg" contest. They are (second from left) Kelli Jim from Kapa`a Elementary, kindergarten-first grade coloring category; Mary Klein from Makawao Elementary, elementary grades 2-5 category; and Bailey Onaga from Kamehameha School-Maui campus, middle school nene logo category. The contest was created by the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) and the Nene Preservation and Awareness Society of Hawai`i to generate awareness among children regarding the endangered state bird. Jolie Wanger (far left) of the DLNR Division of Forestry & Wildlife and Gresford Lewishall (far right), executive director of the society, helped select the winning entries.

Awards Presented in Nene Awareness Contest

Governor Lingle presented awards to youth winners in the inaugural "Nene Goose That Laid the Golden Egg" contest. Created by the Nene Preservation and Awareness Society of Hawai`i and the state Department of Land and Natural Resources, the contest generated awareness among children and the community about the endangered state bird, the nene. The winners, Kelli Jim (kindergarten), Mary Klein (elementary school) and Bailey Onaga (middle school), were enrolled in the Adopt-a-Nene program. They also received a \$200 savings bond and a limited-edition nene collector's stamp. Their original artwork will be displayed in the Haleakala visitor center on Maui. [Read more in the Maui News.](#)



While in Iraq recently to visit Hawai`i troops, State Adjutant General Robert Lee (second from left) came across an old Soviet fighter aircraft. Joining him were (from left) Capt. Jared Sproat, Lt. Col. Ben Fuata and Lt. Col. Kurt Jackson.



Soldiers from the 1st Battalion, 487th Field Artillery sent this photo from Fort Bliss, Texas.



Brenda Kamakaiwi sent in this photo of Specialist Kevin Kamakaiwi, a member of the 29th Brigade Combat Team training at Fort Bliss.

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.

Department of the Week - Transportation



State Transportation Director Rod Haraga (right) discussed details of the Freeway Service Patrol program at Honolulu Police Department headquarters with HPD Chief Boise Correa and other officers nearby.

State DOT Proposes Measures to Make Hawai`i's Streets Safer

During the height of the holiday season, Governor Lingle and State Transportation Director Rod Haraga joined with the Lt. Governor, Honolulu Police Department, state legislators, Department of Health, Mothers Against Drunk Driving and the City Prosecutor's Office, in announcing five traffic safety initiatives the Administration will propose to the Hawai`i State Legislature during the 2005 session. The initiatives are logical, common-sense measures to save lives by making Hawai`i streets safer for motorists and pedestrians. To read a fact sheet about the traffic safety initiatives and the DOT's Freeway Service Patrol Pilot program, [please click here](#).

In the News



Gov. Linda Lingle - Back Home on Moloka`i

The Molokai Dispatch,
December 23, 2004.

[Click here to read more.](#)

Governor proposes stricter road rules

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

Traffic safety measures deserve bipartisan support

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

Lingle's traffic plan includes Dem ideas

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

Lingle proposes tougher traffic laws

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

Freeway aid patrol to roll by summer

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

Visitor arrivals spike for the holidays

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

Governor Releases Nominations for Maui, Big Island Circuit Court Judges

Read more in [Hawai`i Reporter](#).

Iraq-bound troops entertained at Shell

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

Quote of the Week

"Excessive speeding, drunk driving, disregard for pedestrians and inexperienced driving continue to take a devastating toll on residents and visitors who use our

streets. The initiatives we propose are common sense measures that will help make our roads safer and save lives."

-Governor Lingle in announcing her Administration's traffic safety initiatives.

Thought of the Week

"Hawai`i has itself experienced the devastation of tsunamis and we feel deeply for the people of India, Africa and Southeast Asia."

-Governor Lingle in expressing her condolences on behalf of the people of Hawai`i in a letter to the countries affected by the earthquake and tsunamis in the Indian Ocean.

Key Upcoming Events

January 5 Governor Lingle will deliver New Year's greetings to the Japanese Chamber of Commerce during its 60th annual Shinnen Enkai banquet, Japanese Cultural Center of Hawai`i, Manoa Grand Ballroom, 6:25-8:30 p.m.

January 10 Governor Lingle will attend and deliver remarks during a mobilization ceremony for the 298th Engineer Detachment and the 117th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment, Waiawa Armory, 96-1220 Waihona St., 11:00-11:30 a.m.

January 12 Governor Lingle will deliver keynote remarks during the 29th annual Small Business Hawai`i business conference, Ala Moana Hotel, Hibiscus I and II, Noon-1:30 p.m.

January 15 Governor Lingle will attend and deliver remarks during the Korean Festival at Kapi`olani Park, 12:15-1:00 p.m.

Listen to the Governor's Weekly Radio Show Live on www.hawaii.gov/gov at 7:05 a.m. (HST) each Wednesday and call in at (808) 521-8383 from O`ahu or (888) 565-8383 from the Neighbor Islands with questions and comments. Note: Lt. Governor Aiona will be the guest on the January 5th show.

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)

To hear the archived radio shows click [here](#).
