



# Governor's E-Newsletter



November 10-17, 2006

**Aloha and Welcome from the Governor's Office in Hawai`i**  
It is with pleasure we send you this e-newsletter.

## Quote of the Week

*"I know there are many people in the community who would be interested in making a difference in improving the quality of life for all the people of Hawai`i. Lt. Governor Aiona and I invite people across our state, regardless of party affiliation, to apply for a position within our administration."*

- Governor Lingle, encouraging interested residents apply for full-time and volunteer openings are available at all levels of state government. Read more [here](#).

## Thought of the Week

*"Our new law is among the strictest in the country. This speaks well of the state's commitment to residents' health."*

- Honolulu Advertiser editorial, ["Isles will reap benefits of ultimate Smokeout."](#)



*"There are unlimited opportunities for U.S. companies to participate in*

## *TOP STORIES THIS WEEK*

- **Hawai`i Smoke-Free Law takes effect.** Read more [here](#).
- **Assisting Hawai`i's homeless population.** Read [more](#).
- **Secretary of the Interior hosts Conference on Island Business Opportunities.** Read more [here](#).
- **"Governor Lingle won over Isles in big way."** Read [more](#).

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## **Hawai`i Smoke-Free Law Takes Effect**



Governor Lingle met with American Cancer Society members Kehau Matsumoto, Tina Clothier and Ann Jones.

*these projects, and in doing so you can gain a business foothold in the islands to expand into other enterprises."*

- Department of the Interior Secretary Dick Kempthorne, commenting on the partnerships available to build "hospitals, schools, roads, airports, sea ports, and power plants" in the U.S. territories and freely associated nations in the Pacific.

### Upcoming Events

**November 18**, Governor Lingle will observe the concrete pour for the foundation of a temporary emergency transitional shelter being built in Wai`anae by the State. The shelter is part of the Administration's efforts to address the homeless problem on O`ahu's Leeward Coast.

**November 20**, To kick off the holiday season, Governor Lingle will participate in the launch of this year's Red Kettle Bell Ringing by the Salvation Army.

**November 23**, HOLIDAY - HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

**November 23**, Governor Lingle will deliver a Thanksgiving message at the Thanksgiving Day worship service at Central Union Church.

**November 24**, Governor Lingle will attend the 27th Annual Pearl City Invitational Swim Meet.

This week, Hawai`i's became the 14th state in the nation to implement a Smoke-Free Law. The law prohibits smoking in all bars and restaurants, including outdoor areas; throughout airports; in other areas open to the public such as stores, shopping malls and sports arenas; and within 20 feet of entrances, windows and ventilation intakes. Governor Lingle, a former smoker, congratulated and thanked the Department of Health (DOH), the Coalition for a Tobacco Free Hawai`i and others who worked over the past 17 years to get the law passed. "You're going to save lives and protect the health of our citizens," the Governor said. DOH Director, Dr. Chiyome Fukino added: "The law acknowledges that secondhand smoke is even more harmful than smoke inhaled through a cigarette. It says, we value our children, we value our citizens and we value our visitors."

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Watch this news conference [here](#).

### Assisting Hawai`i's Homeless Population

#### Governor Attends Hawai`i Homeless Forum



Governor Lingle presented proclamations declaring November 12-18 as "Hunger and Homeless Awareness Week" to homeless partners from across the State.

"Our goal is not to house homeless people. Our goal is to end homelessness," Governor Lingle said at the Hawai`i Homeless Forum, held during "

#### Hunger and Homeless Awareness Week" in

Hawai`i. The Governor

updated delegates on the progress her Administration has made toward ending homelessness, including the [Next Step](#) shelter in Kaka`ako, which houses 300 residents; [Onelau`ena](#) at Kalaeloa, which houses 200 residents; and Lighthouse Outreach Center in Waipahu, which houses 85 residents. On Saturday, the Governor will attend a concrete

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pour for the foundation of a temporary emergency transitional shelter being built in Wai`anae, which will house 300 residents when completed.

## Governor Addresses Waikiki Improvement Association Annual Meeting



Governor Lingle delivered remarks at the Waikiki Improvement Association's annual luncheon.

The Governor attended the Waikiki Improvement Association's annual meeting, during which she shared efforts the State has made to invest in Waikiki's future - including sand replenishment at Kuhio Beach, long-term

maintenance and enhancement of Waikiki Beach, upgrades to harbors and highways statewide and her Administration's \$2.3 billion airports modernization plan. The Governor also called on members to join her initiative to end homelessness. In spite of Hawai`i's continued growth in the tourism industry, "not all Waikiki residents are sharing in our successes," Governor Lingle cautioned. "Our passion is to make an impact on the lives of others and to make sure our society is not one of those who 'have' and 'have not.'"

## Michelle Wie Donates Computers to Assist Wai`anae Homeless Children



Governor Lingle thanked Michelle Wie for her support of Hawai`i's homeless students. From left: Don Kim, president, Sony Hawai`i Company and Michelle Wie.

Governor Lingle welcomed teenage golf sensation Michelle Wie to the State Capitol, where Wie announced she will work with Sony to build a multimedia room at Kamaile Elementary School in

Wai`anae to serve homeless and underprivileged children. Wie will

donate computers and televisions that will provide students with an outlet to enhance their computer skills, while providing exciting educational opportunities. Wie read of the plight of Hawai`i's homeless youth, and was moved to action. "It's a big thing to be moved by the challenges that other people face, just as Michelle was moved as an individual to step forward," Governor Lingle said. "I appreciate it very much. She sets a great example." During the conference, Sony Hawai`i Company representatives also announced that Wie has received a sponsor's exemption to participate in the 2007 Sony Open in Hawai`i, played January 11-14 at Waialae Country Club in Honolulu.

### Secretary of the Interior Hosts Conference on Island Business Opportunities



Governor Lingle visited with Secretary Kempthorne during a luncheon at the Island Business Opportunities conference. Photo courtesy of Barry Markowitz.

The Governor joined U. S. Secretary of the Interior Dirk Kempthorne at the Secretary of the Interior's 2006 Conference on Island Business Opportunities, where she discussed Hawai`i's role as a gateway to America for Pacific Island nations,

the need to diversify Pacific Island economies and protect ocean resources, and the importance of energy self-sufficiency. "The issue of diminishing our over reliance on fossil fuels has put us in a position to help throughout the region," Governor Lingle said. "The issue is critically important for us, and it is critically important for your areas of the world." The conference brought together business leaders from Hawai`i and across the nation to share business opportunities in the U.S. territories of American Samoa, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the U.S. Virgin Islands and the nations of the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Republic of Palau.

## Business Leaders Honored by Governor Lingle



Attendees at Pacific Business News' 2006 Business Leadership Hawai'i awards listened as Governor Lingle thanked the business community for contributing to the state's success.

At the fifth annual Pacific Business News Business Leadership Hawai'i Awards, Governor Lingle congratulated honorees for their business excellence, as well as contributions to Hawai'i's vibrant

economy and service to the community. "Hawai'i's business community is the backbone of our state," said Governor Lingle. "I'd like to thank you for staying the course through Hawai'i's changing economy." The Governor addressed ways her Administration has changed Hawai'i's business climate, including improvements to the state's business reputation through increased transparency, cooperation between state agencies and labor unions and expanded online services. Governor Lingle also shared that her Administration will move forward on three initiatives addressing workers compensation reform, medical malpractice reform and reducing unemployment taxes in the next legislative session.

## Governor Celebrates Opening of University of Hawai'i's Culinary Institute of the Pacific at Diamond Head



Governor Lingle and Kapi'olani Community College culinary students.

Governor Lingle participated in the blessing ceremony for the University of Hawai'i's Culinary Institute of the Pacific at Diamond Head. The Governor thanked the culinary arts students for their involvement within the community

and encouraged supporters to donate to the school. The institute will help strengthen Hawai'i's visitor industry by marketing Hawai'i's regional cuisine and will create additional

employment opportunities for young men and women in Hawai`i. In May, the Governor approved the release of \$3,000,000 for planning, land settlement and design of the institute.

### **Governor Supports Fight Against AIDS**



Paul Grosbeck, director, Life Foundation (left) introduced Governor Lingle to guests as she toured the facility.

Governor Lingle attended an open house for the newly renovated offices of the Life Foundation, a non-profit organization dedicated to stopping the spread of HIV and AIDS and assisting those who are living with the disease.

Governor Lingle emphasized that her Administration is moving forward to adopt new administrative rules to allow rapid-results testing for HIV, which will provide results within 20 minutes, as compared to current testing which can take up to two weeks. Draft rules that address laboratory procedures for the test are expected to go to public hearing in December and could be implemented as early as January. The Governor said that while advances have been made in the fight against HIV/AIDS, people should not be complacent. "People living with HIV and AIDS are living with more than a disease; they are often living with discrimination, stigma and shame." An estimated 2,600 to 2,900 Hawai`i residents are living with HIV and AIDS.

### **Governor Attends Inaugural Nakem Conference**



The Governor visited with delegates committed to advancing the culture of the Ilokanos at the first NAKEM Centennial Conference. The Governor said, "Hawai`i



Dr. Aurelio Agcaoili, professor, UH Manoa; Governor Lingle; Dr. Raymund Liongson, professor, Leeward Community College; Precy Espiritu, professor, UH Manoa; and Armi Oliver Farinas, 2006 Mrs. Hawai'i Filipina following the opening session.

is a state where immigrants can find acceptance and where the community can celebrate diversity."

The conference was coordinated by the University of Hawai'i's Ilokano and Philippine Drama and Film Program, Department of Hawaiian and Indo-Pacific Languages and Literatures, and College of Linguistics, Languages and Literature.

### Veterans, Troops Honored for Service to Nation, State of Hawai'i



Governor Lingle honored veterans from Hawai'i and the nation during the annual Governor's Veterans Day Ceremony. "No one wants democracy and peace more than our soldiers and veterans who fought for it," the Governor emphasized in

honoring the troops and veterans. "Our freedom shines bright because they put their lives on the line to protect democracy, which is a heavy cost of freedom." The ceremony was presided over by Admiral (Ret.) Ronald Hays, former commander of U.S. Pacific Command.

### Governor, Lt. Governor Invite Public to Join Lingle-Aiona Administration



Governor Lingle and Lt. Governor Aiona watched as Chief Justice Moon administered the oath of office to O'ahu board members and commissioners earlier this year.

In keeping with their commitment to attract and select the best candidates for public service, Governor Linda Lingle and Lt. Governor Aiona are looking for individuals who want to make a difference in the State of Hawai'i by

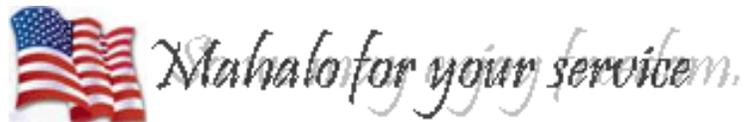
Aiona Administration.

Full-time and volunteer openings are available at all levels of state government, including departments, attached agencies and boards and commissions. Anyone who is highly motivated, qualified in a specific field and has a strong desire to make a positive difference in people's lives is encouraged to apply.

For more information or to fill out an application form, visit the Governor's Web site at [www.hawaii.gov/gov/applications](http://www.hawaii.gov/gov/applications). Applications should include a resume and a one-paragraph narrative (no more than 50 words), including areas of interest and expertise. Letters of interest and resumes can be submitted on-line or mailed/delivered to:

Office of the Governor  
Hawai`i State Capitol  
Honolulu, Hawai`i 96813

The deadline to submit applications is December 15, 2006.



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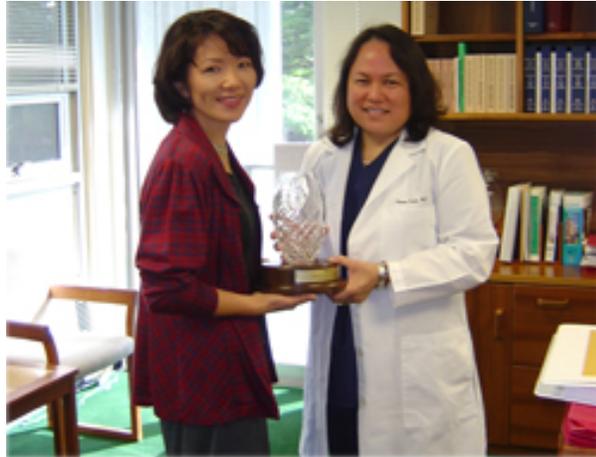
Admiral Gary Roughead (shown above on right), commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet walked alongside Vice Admiral Gu Wengen, commander, People's Liberation Army (Navy) South Sea Fleet during a courtesy call. Admiral Roughead and the amphibious transport ship USS Juneau (LPD 10) along with Marines assigned to the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU) visited Zhanjiang, China for a scheduled port visit and search and rescue exercise.

We invite you to submit digital photos of your loved ones who are serving our country in the defense of freedom and liberty around the world. Please e-mail your photos and a brief caption to [governor.lingle@hawaii.gov](mailto:governor.lingle@hawaii.gov).

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## Department of the Week

### Health



DOH Director Dr. Chiyome Fukino (right) and Lola Irvin, Tobacco Settlement Fund Manager (left) held the Innovation in Prevention award.

The federal government has honored the Hawai`i Department of Health (DOH) with the Innovation in Prevention Award as the best state agency in the nation to address the issues of tobacco use, obesity, lack of physical activity and improper nutrition.

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Michael Leavitt presented the award for DOH's Healthy Hawai`i Initiative, which takes creative approaches to encouraging positive lifestyle changes among residents.

Using tobacco settlement funds, DOH created the long-term, statewide initiative to reduce chronic ailments such as diabetes, heart disease and cancer. The initiative focuses on physical activity, obesity, nutrition and smoking because these are behavioral factors related to disease prevalence and longevity. Hawai`i is one of the few states that allots a percentage of tobacco settlement funds for health promotion.



## In the News

### Lingle won over Isles in big way

Dems may find it tough to challenge her, with so many voters on her side

BY DENNECK DUNFORD  
Advertiser-Examiner Writer

Honolulu, at its core, is still a blue state, but Gov. Linda Lingle pulled it red on Election Day.

The Republican governor's 43 percent to 33 percent win over former Mitt Romney state Sen. Randall Ivers was predictable, but a headliner of the general election vote by The Advertiser shows she was strong in literally every corner of the state.

Lingle won in all four counties and in all 31 state House districts, even in voters' were mostly choosing Democrats in either state and federal races.

On Oahu, Lingle took all but two precincts, slipping to Ivers only at Waiyapu Elementary School and the Eol Moore Gym in Kaneohe.

The pattern makes it harder for Democrats to explain away Lingle's victory as a function of public relations or a weak Democratic opponent.

"When it came to Lingle and



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#### CLEAN SWEEP

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### State law, Smokeout take new aim at unhealthy habit

By LINDA SPINA, Staff Writer

HONOLULU — With a new smoking ban aimed at getting people to quit, the state's new law on smoking, Maui and Hawaii regulations passed at Queen Ka'ahumanu Center on Thursday in Maui, and Maui and Hawaii regulations in understanding why they don't quit to quit.

"It's a great day for us to see someone who has quit for good to realize there are resources to help someone who is why they don't quit smoking," said State Health Director for the American Lung Society of Maui.

To all smokers in getting help, the society offered quit kits, educational materials and assistance at a variety of quit sites.

A representative from the state Department of Health, Polly Dunlop, announced updates about the new law.

"Many smokers begin to quit on their own. They want to know how we are going to help people who need the law," Dunlop said.

She said the state will also be increasing its funding for the law, and added that smokers may file a complaint with the Department of Health if they believe an employer or business violating the law.

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#### Smokeout

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"They're the ones who are looking for the law. For law is only as good as the public wants it to be," she said.

Gov. Lingle, a volunteer with the Maui Smokeout Free Program, said she hopes people will be inspired to quit smoking for good, or they should be the law.

"It's such an important thing to change that we need to do when we can't be helped, because it's so hard," Lingle said.

Schools, businesses and agencies around Maui sponsored Smokeout events during the day.

At King Kamehameha High School, students made it clear that smoking is not a fun activity.

"I'm glad to have a visual of other students who quit," said Jenny Mikiwa, 16, a senior at King Kamehameha High School.

Smoking activities coordinator Tania Grayson said she hoped students would learn about the health risks of smoking.

"It's something that affects everyone, not just the smoker," she said.

She added that smoking has been a problem in the 21st century because of the tobacco industry's marketing.

McCartney agreed, saying she has encouraged a friend to quit smoking.

"There's more pressure not to smoke," said McCartney.

"Everyone knows it's pretty gross and it's a waste."

The information on quitting, off the Maui Smokeout website at [http://www.quitnow.org](#).

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[State law, Smokeout take new aim at unhealthy habit](#)  
Maui News, November 17, 2006

## Isles will reap benefits of ultimate Smokeout

On the occasion of tomorrow's annual Great American Smokeout, Isle smokers have a doubly compelling reason to stub out cigarettes for good.

Starting immediately, they will be hard-pressed to find a spot outside their own homes where it will be legal to light up. The Smokefree Hawaii law, overwhelmingly supported by state lawmakers last session, essentially bans smoking in any workplace or other public place.

As a public health policy, it's hard to argue against it. Secondhand smoke can harm anyone exposed to it. Among children, especially those with asthma, the risk of respiratory ailments is considerable.

That's why, as unsympathetic to smokers as it may sound, secondhand smoke has to be strictly regulated, just like any other source of air pollution.

Our new law is among the strictest in the country. This speaks well of the state's commitment to residents' health.

Smoking is a leading cause of heart disease and cancer. Federal figures show that secondhand smoke causes approximately 3,000 lung cancer deaths in nonsmokers each year. If Hawaii and 13 other states with similar bans can cut into those numbers, that benefits far outweighs any inconvenience the laws impose.

The public will soon weigh in on the rule's gray areas. Among issues needing clarity: how vacation rentals or time shares are classified as smoking or nonsmoking.

### DETAILS ON NEW LAW

**Where smoking is banned:**

- State- or county-owned facilities.
- Enclosed or partially enclosed places open to the public, including buses and taxis.
- Sports arenas, outdoor arenas, stadiums and amphitheaters.
- Within 20 feet of the entrances, exits and ventilation intakes of any of the above facilities.

### Exceptions to the law:

- Private residences, except when used as a licensed child care, day care or healthcare facility.
- Hotel and motel rooms designated for smoking under state regulations.
- Retail tobacco stores where the smoke cannot affect nonsmoking areas.
- Private and semi-private rooms designated for smoking in nursing homes.
- State correctional facilities.

### Where to report violations:

Alerts United Way is handling calls on its 211 help line. For more information go to [hawaii.smokefree.com](http://hawaii.smokefree.com) or [sites.com/smokefree](http://sites.com/smokefree)

The employment agency Altres is pitching in to help businesses adjust to the law. That's a good sign. It took 17 years of trying to get a smoking ban enacted, but at least now the community seems ready to adopt it.

[Isles will reap benefits of ultimate Smokeout](#)

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## Healthy living goes beyond new mandate

Hawaii's new anti-smoking law is a good example of how sound public policy can put us on the road to better public health.

Reducing the number of smokers, as well as healthcare costs due to smoking-related diseases, are worthy goals. However, we can't always rely on laws to prompt us to make choices that lead to a healthy, longer, disease-free life.

A new study suggests even if you've put off taking action as late as mid-life, it's still not too late to make a difference.

The study was done in Hawaii by Drs. David Curb and K. Bradley J. Wilcox, known for "The Okinawa Diet Plan." Published in the Journal of the American Medical Association, it showed that individuals who make healthy choices can greatly reduce their risk of

heart disease, stroke, cancer, pulmonary disease, Parkinson's disease and diabetes.

In the largest and longest-running study of its kind, 5,820 Japanese-American men in Hawaii's first identified when the average age was 54, were observed for 40 years. Of the original participants, 2,431, or 42 percent, survived to 85 years. More incredibly, 65% or 11 percent, of those survivors did so without any of the major chronic diseases of old age.

The subjects all avoided smoking, didn't drink to excess and watched their weight.

The new law is a mandate that everyone in the state must follow. But eating right, exercising and avoiding behavior that puts our health at risk is a matter of personal responsibility and choice. It's a choice worth making.

[Healthy living goes beyond new mandate](#)

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# Pacific ripe for investment, official says

By Mark Nieme  
Associated Press

Businesses should invest in the U.S.-backed developing economies of the Pacific. Doing so because they provide safe, English-speaking access to Asian markets, Interior Secretary Dirk Kempthorne said yesterday.

Kempthorne said the U.S. territories and partner nations in the Pacific offer low-cost, politically stable opportunities for private investors.

"There is untapped economic potential. Like the America we know during the last century," Kempthorne told hundreds of people at the 2006 Business Opportunities in the Islands conference in Honolulu.

He encouraged companies to consider opening in these business-friendly regions that want to grow their economies.

The presidents of the Marshall Islands, Palau and the Federated States of Micronesia attended the conference, as well as representatives from the U.S. territories of Guam, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and the Virgin Islands.

Because these locations are protected by the U.S. military and have adopted American-type legal systems, businesses can safely start venture projects as well as partnerships



U.S. Interior Secretary Dirk Kempthorne had lunch yesterday with Gen. Linda Lingle at the Wykhi Mauleli Hotel. He served as Lingle's mentor when he served as Idaho's governor.

with local governments to build hospitals, schools, roads, airports, sea ports and power plants, Kempthorne said.

"There are unlimited opportunities for U.S. companies to participate in these projects, and it's doing so you can gain a business foothold in the islands to expand into other enterprises," he said.

As a result of similar Pacific conferences in 2003 and 2004, a California company opened a nursing home in Saipan, a cruise line is starting service to Micronesia in 2007, and an Oklahoma company will provide insurance services in Guam.

After Kempthorne's speech, leaders from the Pacific region took the stage to explain why

their islands hold appeal for the enterprising entrepreneur.

In Palau, the government is encouraging the growth of tourism. In Linyan, Taiwan, said President Tomy Remengesau. The small country already received a head start with widespread exposure from the reality TV show "Survivor: Palau," which aired in 2005.

[Pacific ripe for investment, official says](#)

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## HELP FOR HOMELESS



Gen. Linda Lingle introduces golfer Michelle Wie, presiding at a state Capitol news conference. "She was a great mentor," Lingle said.

# Wie may be chipping in more

By [Name]

Palau's student says she was inspired by what former Miss World Michelle Wie did for charity.

Michelle Wie, the world's number one golfer, has helped thousands of dollars worth of equipment to establish a computer lab in Palau's elementary school in Wotho.

And if the project succeeds, Wie says, she would like to expand it to other schools.

Wie said she was inspired by a news conference in the governor's office that she attended to make the donation after reading a column series of articles in The Advertiser highlighting the

benefits of the Wotho Center. The school was particularly needed by the thousands of U.S.-born American elementary students who, on a island for good behavior, chose a year of time over much less than the school's other business on the island's lack of fresh supplies to help in the highest concentration of homeless children in the Wotho Center.

"I was growing up in a real hard situation, going to these camps. And I think that when the government was the one to really support us, we were going through," Wie said.

A total of 10 computers, two hard drives, and other equipment, are being donated to

### MICHELLE WIE'S DONATION

- Home furniture
- School supplies
- 10 computers
- 2 hard drives
- 10 printer cartridges
- 10 printer cables
- 10 printer paper
- 10 printer ink

The value of Michelle Wie's donation was more than \$10,000 and will be used to help the children in the Wotho Center.

Wie said she is inspired by the general student population in the school during the day, and thought that the donation will also be available exclusively for the children in the school.

[Wie may be chipping in more](#)

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# New disaster-aid centers in Honoka'a, Nā'ālehu

Public facilities on O'ahu, Maui eligible for added help after quakes

By News Service

HONOLULU — State and federal authorities are opening new disaster-recovery centers on the Big Island to try to reach more people who suffered property damage in the Oct. 19 earthquakes.

Federal Emergency Management Agency officials have also announced that an amendment to President Bush's disaster declaration in connection with the

earthquake has made O'ahu and Maui eligible for additional federal assistance to repair damage from the earthquakes to any public facilities such as schools and roads.

The federal government pays 75 percent of the repairs to public facilities, with the state or counties picking up the tab for the remainder.

The new disaster-recovery centers will open in Honolulu's Kaimuki neighborhood, in the Honolulu Gym Sports Complex at 45-01 Leleua Street; and in Hilo on Thursday and Friday, in a mobile unit to be parked at the Hilo Park and Community Center.

The changes reflect one effort to ensure that everyone who suffered damage from the Oct. 19 Kilauea earthquakes has an opportunity to take advantage of the services offered at the DRCs.

Said Ed Tevnia, state coordinating officer, "Visiting a DRC is an important way for folks to learn about programs that can assist them in obtaining grants and low-interest loans that may be available."

Existing centers in the Thurston Recreation Bay Resort in Hilo and at the Clow Aikua Park in Hilo will remain open through Wednesday; a center at the Park

at Raich Shopping Center in Waimea will remain open through Nov. 23, and another at the Senior Center in Kapa'eala will remain open through Saturday.

Hawaii residents who suffered losses or damage from the earthquakes can follow up on their registrations at any of the six disaster relief centers.

People affected by the disaster are urged to register for assistance by first calling, toll-free, 800-425-FEMA (3622), or 800-462-7862 (TTY) for the hearing and speech impaired, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Hawaii residents also can register online at [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov).

[New disaster-aid centers in Honoka'a, Nā'ālehu](#)

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## Lingle vows to push for faster HIV test

*Life Foundation asks why the state lags in on-the-spot testing*

The-Bulletin staff

Gov. Linda Lingle, attending Life Foundation's Open House in her first public appearance after re-election, said she would make sure efforts move ahead to establish rapid, on-the-spot HIV testing.

HIV/AIDS advocates have been asking for months why it is taking so long for Hawaii to adopt the rapid testing, which most states already have.

Peter Whiticar, chief of the STD/AIDS Prevention Branch in the state Health Department, told the Star-Bulletin in June the branch wanted the rapid test as soon as possible for HIV prevention.

[Lingle vows to push for faster HIV test](#)

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