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Aloha Friends: Thank you for taking the time to view my office’s report for the month of November. I’m grateful and honored to be selected again to represent this great district that I’m so proud of and love so dearly. It is my honor and privilege to have served the residents of District 27 for the past eight years and I look forward to continuing my work on behalf of our community with integrity, independence and competence.

In this newsletter, my staff and I have summarized just a few of the issues that I have been involved with at the Capitol. For more information, my staff is always here for you and we look forward to hearing from you if you have any questions or comments. As I continue to work to protect and enhance the unique character of this important neighborhood and our residents, I thank you for the opportunity to serve as your State Representative.

Mahalo nui loa,

Representative Corinne Ching

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Governor Lingle Releases \$2M to Maluhia Hospital

\$2,000,000 in funds has been released by the Lingle Administration to go toward the design and construction of a new parking lot at Maluhia Hospital, in Liliha. The additional parking, which is being made possible by the availability of a remnant parcel of land resulting from the realignment of Keola Road and Kuakini Street, will enable employees to park in the new lot and help free up more visitor stalls. The new parking capacity will also free up parking on

nearby streets, especially Keola Drive, where staff and visitors often park when the main lot is full. The project will be coordinated with the City’s project to realign Keola Road.

Governor Linda Lingle has released a total \$4,500,000 to the Hawai‘i Health Systems Corporation for improvements to state hospital facilities on Maui and O‘ahu. \$2,500,000 will be used to finance the design, construction and equipment to upgrade the te-

lemetry (patient monitoring system) at Maui Memorial Medical Center as the current telemetry system is over eight years old.

In a statement released by the Governor’s Office, Governor Lingle stated: “These projects are part of our ongoing commitment to upgrade our public hospital facilities and improve the delivery of health care services, as well as ensure the safety of patients, staff and visitors.”

Rep. Ching Attends Unveiling of Group Marker to Honor Memory of World War I Vets



Headstones that used to mark the resting places of World War I veterans at Puukamalii Cemetery are now gone. A number of broken headstones were later found on the side of the property.

Photo: StarAdvertiser

Representative Corinne Ching attended the unveiling of a group veteran marker in memory of four World War I Veterans. The

four veterans—Alexander Kahuli, Corporal, Hawaii Infantry; Punilei Moole, Private, Hawaii Infantry; John Palakiko, Private, Hawaii Infantry; and George Kaninau, Corporal, Hawaii Infantry—are believed to be interred at the Pu`ukamali`i Cemetery. The Nov. 6th ceremony, coordinated by the office of U.S. Senator Daniel Akaka, The Office of Veterans Affairs, American Legion, National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific and the State Department of Accounting and General Services, took place at

National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific.

The locations of these veteran’s burials can no longer be determined other than evidence of their worn and displaced tombstones which laid for many years near the Cemetery caretaker’s shed. The group memorial marker brings long overdue resolution to restoring these veterans with proper honors for their service to the then Territory of Hawaii and our country.

Rep Ching Honors Local Partners in the Honolulu-Qinhuangdao Sister City Partnership



Rep. Ching and Speaker Say stand with honorees and representatives at the Honolulu-Qinhuangdao Sister City Partnership Banquet

Representative Corinne Ching and House Speaker Calvin Say honored Jeffrey Lau, Alan Ho, James Schaefer and former intern in the Office of Representative Corinne Ching, Ms. Dan Yuan for their efforts in bridging together the City and County of Honolulu and the City of Qinhuangdao, Hebei Province, China to create a Sister City relationship, made official on June 18, 2010. Rep. Ching and Speaker Say presented each individ-

ual with a certificate on behalf of the Hawaii State Legislature recognizing the dedication they committed to the project at the recent Honolulu Qinhuangdao Sister City Welcome banquet.

Hosted Nov. 1st by the City and County of Honolulu, the Chinese Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii and the Hawaii Mainland Chinese Overseas Association, the occasion marked the first visit of the Qinhuangdao delegation to Honolulu after signing the Sister-City agreement. The event also included a cooperating agreement signing ceremony for the Qinhuangdao Tourism Bureau and the Honolulu City & County Office of Economic Devel-

opment.

Much of Honolulu’s population traces its roots to China. The City of Qinhuangdao, Honolulu, share many cultural, economic and geographic similarities and both serve as highly desirable tourist destinations to the international community.

The State of Hawaii supports the establishment of sister city relationships as a means to foster diplomatic relationships, form lasting friendships and facilitate the exchange of social, political and cultural information and programs between nations.

November is American Diabetes Month

Over the past two decades, the number of Americans living with diabetes has more than quadrupled to an estimated 24 million children and adults, according to statistics released last month in a new report issued from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). An additional 57 million Americans have pre-diabetes, and the report also projected that one-third of Americans could have Type 2 diabetes by 2050 if current trends continue, according to the CDC.

But the percentage of those with diabetes who are unaware they're living with the disease has fallen, the CDC says, showing greater national diabetes awareness.

Still, with more than 5 million Americans with diabetes that are currently undiagnosed, there's a strong need for affordable and accessible resources for early detection and prevention.

There are plenty of ways you can become involved in American Diabetes Month and the Stop Diabetes

movement this month. Tools are available to help spread the word for companies, community organizers and health care professionals. You can discover more ways to become engaged in American Diabetes Month by visiting stopdiabetes.com, calling 1-800-DIABETES. (Source: www.diabetes.org)

** Friday Nov. 12 and Saturday, Nov. 13, Walgreens will be hosting free diabetes screenings at its store at 1520 North School Street*

American Heart Association offers Online Heart Health Tool



Check out <http://mylifecheck.heart.org> for important heart health tips you can use to stay healthy this holiday season and beyond

The American Heart Association supports policies that promote building healthier lives free from cardiovascular disease and stroke. It is important that we continue to promote healthy eating and exercise in our schools and communities, reduce tobacco use and youth access, and improve quality

healthcare services so they are accessible and affordable. We also need to remind our friends and family to make healthy choices and monitor their own heart health.

The "My Life Check" tool (<http://mylifecheck.heart.org/>) was designed by the American Heart Association with the goal of improved health by educating the public on how best to live. These measures have one unique thing in common: any

person can make these changes, the steps are not expensive to take and even modest improvements to your health will make a big difference. Start with one or two. This simple, seven step list has been developed to deliver on the hope we all have--to live a long, productive healthy life.

Please visit <http://mylifecheck.heart.org> for more information.

Rep. Ching Presents Certificate to Princess Abigail K. Kawanānakoā *Princess Kawanānakoā Named 2010 Kama`āina of the Year by Historic Hawaii Foundation*

Representative Corinne Ching, founder of the State Legislature’s Heritage Caucus, attended the Historic Hawaii Foundation’s annual Kama`āina of the Year Event. The organization recognized HRH Princess Abigail Kinoiki Kekaulike Kawanānakoā—who is also a District 27 resident—as the 2010 Kama`āina of the Year on account of her stewardship, dedication and philanthropic work towards the preservation of the Hawaiian culture and its history.

Princess Abigail served as President of the Friends of ‘Iolani Place—an organization founded by her mother—from 1971-1998 and was the moving force behind the palace’s monumental and historic restoration project. The Princess was also instrumental in the renovation of the Bernice Pauahi Museum’s Kāhili Room, located within the Hawaiian Hall complex. The room houses a collection of kāhili, portraits, photographs, and personal effects of the Monarchy and upon completion of the renovation was renamed the *Abigail Kinoiki Kekaulike Kāhili Room*.

Kawanānakoā Auditorium is named in honor of the Princess’ grandmother and is located in the 27th District. When Representative Ching began her political career in the office of former State Rep. Quentin Kawanānakoā, relative of Princess Abigail, she became a stead-fast advocate on behalf of the Auditorium’s much-needed renovations. Back in 2005, already an elected official herself, Rep. Ching brought together a panel of architects and experts to explore the feasibility of restoring Kawanānakoā Auditorium. The project attracted the interest of The Princess who met with Rep. Ching and others to discuss plans for renovating the site. Thanks to continued work of the Kawanānakoā Vision Team, and fellow community members, the renovation project has potential. Rep. Ching will continue to advocate on behalf of the project in the upcoming Legislative Session.

LMPSC Show & Sell Bazaar—Tuesday, Nov. 9, 8:00 –10:30 a.m.

Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center will host their ever-popular “Show and Sell Bazaar” this Tuesday, November 9, from 8:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. The event will feature a white elephant sale, plants, books, manapua, fried rice, chow mein, taro bread, cookies and more. All proceeds will benefit the Senior Center. LMPSC is located at 1640 Lanakila Ave. For more information, contact the center at 847-1322.



Liliha Halloween Event at Puunui Park

Pastor George I along with Ka Huakai Church staff and friends hosted a safe, family friendly, community event on Halloween at Puunui Park. The event—formerly hosted by the Office of Representative Corinne Ching and previously held at the Liliha Town Welcome Center—was a hit featuring games, activities, and prizes for keiki, as well as movies and a frightening haunted house for those brave enough to enter. Rep. Ching donated decorations for the event and Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland donated goodie bags for all who attended.

