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Letters to the Editor

Panos was right

MidWeek
December 6, 2017

It was such a joy to see Panos Prevedouros in the "old friends" section 11/29/17. There are probably a lot of people now that see that he was the right person at the right time to be our Mayor but it was not to be. Everything he predicted with the rail project has come true - years of delay and Billions (with a B) over budget. With traffic especially from my westside community getting worse by the day. Panos offered common sense (and cheaper) alternatives. Let's not let a good man like Panos get away from us in the future.

Pam Smith

Challenge growing expenses for unions

Honolulu Star-Advertiser
December 24, 2017

Government union bosses hammered the public again, as Richard Borreca describes, "with little turmoil won pay raises from the taxpayers" ("Hawaii's lackluster politics in 2017 should make for contentious elections in 2018," Star-Advertiser, On Politics, Dec. 17). With Sam Slom gone from the state Senate, no one will stand up to the Hawaii Government Employees Association/United Public Workers beast.

More raises in the current term only means higher pension liability in the longer term, and the prospect of still higher taxation to shore up the radically underfunded retirement system. Borreca's headline is right: The 2018 elections will be "contentious" as Republicans are stepping up to challenge wasteful, clueless and spendthrift Democrat governance.

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Consider freezing property tax hikes

Honolulu Star-Advertiser
December 18, 2017

Now that we all have reaped huge gains on residential and other properties, according to recent city appraisals ("Movin' on up," Star-Advertiser, Dec. 14), it's up to City Council members to make a decision. Will they absorb this windfall and spend it, or will they act responsibly to their constituents and call for a freeze on property tax increases? Should they decide to take the money and lavish it on the city employees, Waikiki Natatorium restoration and Neil S. Blaisdell renovations, it will increase Honolulu citizens' misery.

Increasing property taxes takes money right out of the hands of Honolulu families, both homeowners and renters.

It increases the cost of all products made or consumed on Oahu.

It increases the cost of living for all residents. The City Council needs to let all the voters know where it stands. Is it with the citizens or against us?

Garry P. Smith

Spread safe zones island-wide

Honolulu Star-Advertiser
November 15, 2017

In response to Jeff Merz's letter on the separation of church and state ("Church, state rightly separated in display," Star-Advertiser, Dec. 17), I don't believe his comments go far enough. He neglected to point out that federal, state, county and city governments allow their employees a holiday upon the annual commemoration of Christ's birth. Perhaps Merz would like to initiate the discontinuance of such a practice. I am always amazed by how so many just don't understand the term, "Christmas."

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The Not Very Funnies

You laugh, because if you didn't you would cry...



December Luncheon Waialae Country Club



Mahalo to the ladies of Sacred Hearts Choir



Kyle Detke won the 50/50 drawing in December. Half of the pot went to Kyle, the other half goes to the OLRW PAC.

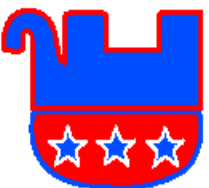
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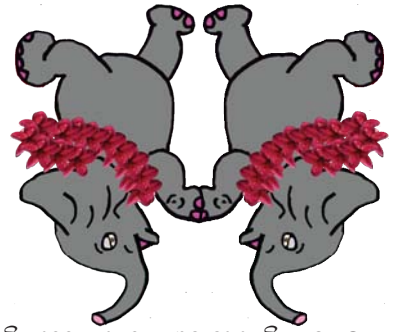
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