

cal and dangerous view with his statement that he is "one of the growing millions who are smart enough not to waste (his) time to vote since the '70s."

Such a short-sighted view demonstrates a basic lack of understanding of the democratic republic system. Moreover, it is a pathetic statement of the entrenched cynicism of a few.

Perhaps if the writer were a black South African two years ago, his view on voting would be different. Not exercising your right to vote is the political equivalent of not having the right.

MICHAEL L. CHUN

## For honest change: Saiki

Ben Cayetano and Mazie Hirono are actually using the word "change" in their political campaign. That is hilarious! They have had all the power for years and it only creates problems.

Calling for "change" now is an admission of their failure in the executive and legislative branches of government.

Let's not be fooled again. The Frank Fasi and

## Letters about candidates

Following our usual practice, The Advertiser will not publish any candidate-related letters immediately before the Nov. 8 General Election. Sunday will be the last day such letters may appear.

## OHA candidate: Gambling promises Hawaiians bright future

If we want to forge our own path and break the bonds of prejudice, oppression and economic adversity that have dogged the Hawaiian people, we can simply do so by tracking the footsteps of our native American brothers who, through the Congressional Gaming Act of 1988, became an economic power in this country.

In less than six years, the American Indians, starting from scratch, have built a \$17.5 billion empire, an empire that stretches from Maine on the Eastern seaboard to Palm Springs on the Pacific Coast.

Experts estimate that gaming in Hawaii, run by Hawaiians on Hawaiian owned land, will generate \$1.2 billion annually, after a three- to five-year start-up period.

Hemmings.

SCOTT A. WYNKOOP

## Cayetano wants care plan

Looking over the recent AARP Survey of the four gubernatorial candidates, I believe Ben Cayetano stands out as the one who has the grasp of the growing long-term care problem.

Everyone, especially those who have gone through the experience of giving care to loved ones or are now going through it, and future long-term care patients and families, can appreciate Cayetano's caring and willingness to act on a long-term care program for Hawaii.

MIRIAM HIGASHI

## Go for the Greens

I hope all the voters in our Hawaii tuned into "Your Voice, Your Vote" on PBS Oct. 30. Green Party candidate for governor, Kioni Dudley came away smelling like a rose. While Cayetano and Saiki slugged it out, Mr. Dudley spoke eloquently about issues and ways to change our "business as usual" system.

Until then I had been floundering, buried under a pile of expensive campaign propaganda from "the big three," but now it feels like this is the time to take a deep breath, seize the moment (while we have it) and go for the Greens.

CAROLYN GILMAN

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## Saiki is a friend of labor

Well, the mudslinging continues, just as Pat Saiki said it would. The "old boys" represented



by Gary Rodrigues and his sidekick, Bob Lapenia, have been running their attack ads in which they attempt to demonize Mrs. Saiki by distorting her record.

The fact of the matter is that Pat Saiki is not a threat to the working people of this state or the rights that they have won at the bargaining table. The problem is that the big union bosses

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Through gaming, we can as a people achieve the American dream of the good life, with money in the bank, a decent house, good health care and the ability to provide our children with a college education.

It is my drive to see Hawaiians attain a nation-within-a-nation status. To elect our own president and governing body. To determine our own future and not to be beholden to any other political structure in this state. Proud to be Hawaiians. Proud to be Americans. Proud of our ability to chart our own destiny and beyond.

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