

Administration blasé on political status

The veto of legislation to reschedule the July plebiscite revealed the lack of importance this administration places on insuring that status choices are educated and informed.

Public education on political status options and the plebiscite were not a priority after the original law was enacted as supporting a Chamorro-only vote was problematic for '98 re-election efforts. Even after the Supreme Court decision over election results, this administration remains uncomfortable and unenthusiastic about Chamorro self-determination.

Just as the mess with DOA's computer system creates confusion over GovGuam's finances, perhaps not accidentally, the lack of drive over political status questions may be just as purposeful for reasons known only to those seeking to perpetuate their political power.

One way to disguise bankruptcy is to conveniently mess up the accounting system and blame it on bugs in new computer programs. If the plebiscite vote is a failure, as measured by the effectiveness of the Chamorro Registry and poll turnout, it will be blamed on dis-

interest among Chamorros. With an elected leadership bankrupt in its enthusiasm for self-determination, can anyone expect the electorate to be motivated?

The plebiscite must be postponed even beyond the November elections until such time as elected leaders are motivated enough to give justice to its importance and to an educational program which adequately addresses all options.

Because of its political agenda, the governor's office is the wrong place for such a program to be developed and implemented; the University of Guam would be a more effective mechanism. However, the low priority this administration places on self-determination and higher education likens the chances

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of that happening to be similar to a snowball surviving in hell.

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Governor's travel good for the island

Letter writer Patrick Martinez doesn't have his facts straight. Madeleine Bordallo isn't someone hired by the governor. She was elected to lead and I voted for them together. I think it is wonderful that we have a leader as competent as Madeleine to take over when the governor is away promoting our island.

From what I have read and seen in the news, the governor has been doing a good job. He went to Korea and then flights from Korea increased. He was in Washington and got invited to speak to the American Chamber organization in Manila and now their annual meeting will be held here. That's just from his trips earlier this year.

He is promoting our island everywhere and he hasn't just rested or been on vacation. I have traveled long distances and believe me, there is no pleasure in travel, especially