

ed territory called Guam. This vote is not about equality it is about equity.

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Plebiscite may help island secure its fate

I became a U.S. citizen on Guam as did my my sister-petitioner who married a Fil-American who came here in the late 1940s as a worker. By having the right connection, it appears easy to become an American citizen. But actually, this is not the case.

It took me years of uncertainties and waiting before my family and I were issued our

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visas. Close relatives told me of their experiences in becoming U.S. citizens not only in terms of expenses and personal inconveniences, but also willingness to do away with pride and professional and family status.

I realize how important it was for the apostle Paul to be a Roman citizen by naturalization, especially when he was about to be murdered by a mob of Jews. The Romans dispatched a detachment of 200 soldiers and 70 horsemen to take Paul out of his prison cell and bring him safely to the governor's palace. According to the commander, he became a Roman citizen after paying a big price for his citizenship.

Thus, the U.S.A. and Guam are one. If I am on Guam, I am in the U.S.A. With my U.S. passport, I can go, work and live in any part of the U.S.A. And I enjoy all the fundamental rights and privileges of any other U.S. citizen.

Now, why should I not be allowed to vote in the forthcoming plebiscite? Is the reason racial ancestry or racial residency? Chamorros of today are of Poly-Malayan, Asian, American, European and even African ancestries.

However, I sincerely believe in the integrity and fairness of the great majority of the Chamorros who will not be intimidated by the powers-that-be in the game of politics who en-

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tice would-be voters with the use of persuasive slogans and ego-building expressions.

For me, Guam, the islands in the Marianas and the rest of Micronesia, are destined to be pawns in a worldwide game of chess where each one could be converted into a "queen." I fervently hope that Guam will ultimately become the "queen" of the Marianas!

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Room to make PDN's Pika hotter

Let me congratulate the Pacific Daily News for the new Pika Weekend Calendar Supplement! The creative forces behind Pika did a marvelous job putting together an amalgam of entertainment and leisure activities available on Guam. This is long overdue. Now Guam has its own version of the Los Angeles Times Calendar and San Francisco Chronicle Datebook.

But my question is this: Why does it come out on Thursday? Shouldn't it be the other way around, the Fiesta on Thursday and the Pika on Friday?

Pika should also include activities in the CNMI since many Guam residents go to Saipan on weekends. This will make it more