

THE EXTRA POINT

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154 Playing the Game of “What If?”

Some days I sit in front of my computer and my mind begins to wander. And I wonder, what if? I’m Jerry Roberts and I have some questions for you regarding my wandering wondering, today, on The Extra Point.

What if...

What if the governor and the speaker of the Guam Legislature swapped jobs for the rest of their terms?

Never mind the pesky laws that a bunch of rain-on-your-parade attorneys would surely cite to prohibit such a thing. Therese Terlaje goes to Adelup and Eddie Calvo heads for Hagatna. Right now, today.

You can’t tell me Eddie wouldn’t dig having the hammer in his hand, telling the Democratic majority that they’re completely out of order. And Therese would have three and a half months to fix all the stuff the legislative majority thinks this administration has done wrong.

Or...

What if the managers of all the GovGuam agencies and departments and the managers of an equal number of leading businesses changed places? Private sector managers get to run the government, and government managers run Guam’s largest companies.

What do you mean we’d need to think it over to see how we could make it work? No, do it today, make the switch. A good manager would be able to apply sound management principles to any job — isn’t that right?

Or...

What if the employees of King’s ran AppleBee’s, and the Applebee’s workers ran Lone Star,

and people at Lone Star operated Roy’s, and everybody at Roy’s took over at Burger King?

What if the teams at Docomo, IT&E, GTA, and iConnect all played musical telecom chairs. Do you think it would work out?

What if the entire staffs of GMH and GRMC swapped hospitals for a while? What would happen?

Okay, how about Mobil, Shell, and the 76 stations?

Let’s toss Hilton, Westin, Lotte, Outrigger, Pacific Star, and Dusit Thani into the mix. How would each change if operated by the crew of another hotel?

Would it be a different experience if AK made the switch with Nissan; if Cars Plus did the same with Triple J; and if Guam Auto Spot swapped hats with Prestige Motors?

Why am I suggesting all this? Am I just being silly, or is it possible that another manager or team, allowed to peek behind the curtain of our operation, might find ways to improve on how we do some things? Knowing what we know about them, what might they see that we don’t see? What might they do that we haven’t done? Hmmm...

I encourage organizations of all types and sizes to play the game of “What if?”

That’s The Extra Point. Get out there and make something good happen today. For 93.3 and the Ray Gibson Show, I’m Jerry Roberts.

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