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**Rate your level of confidence in GPD's renewed investigation into the Blue House brothel.**

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As of 9:45 p.m., Oct. 5

## Decolonization registry sign-up at Micronesian Island Fair

**Pacific Daily News**

The staff of Sen. Ben Pangelinan will be at the Guam Micronesia Island Fair this weekend at Gov. Joseph Flores Beach Park (Ypao Beach) to register eligible individuals to the Decolonization Registry. This will be the third year that senator's office has offered this service to the community. Pangelinan is running for re-election. Additionally, the staff is now deputized as registrars for voter registration, so you can also register to vote in this upcoming General Election.

■ The staff will be available from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. today and tomorrow. Look for the sign "Sign up Here, Decolonization Registry."

■ To register to vote, the documents you must provide are your: U.S. passport; certificate of U.S. Citizenship; certificate of Naturalization; a combination of an original or certified copy of a birth certificate issued by a state or territory or similar document, and a driver's license or picture ID issued by a state or territory.

■ To register for the Decolonization Registry, you must provide a photo ID, such as a driver's license, passport or Guam-issued ID.



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# Forecast: Rain will linger

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More of the same rain that we've been getting the past several days will linger in our part of the Marianas this weekend, the National Weather Service stated.

Besides more rain and possible wind gusts of up to 30 mph, there was no sign of a tropical storm or tropical depression, Roger Edson, science and operations officer of NWS' Weather Forecast Office on Guam, said as of 4 p.m. yesterday.

About 2 to 4 inches of rain could pour this weekend, based on the Weather Service forecast.

The Weather Service is closely watching any possible changes, Edson added.

Satellite imagery yesterday showed numerous showers embedded within the monsoon surge, which extends from near Guam to beyond Yap, according to the Weather Service.

A high surf advisory remains in effect, the Weather Service stated.

Around noon yesterday, the Guam Homeland Security/Office

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■ For weather updates, go to [www.GuamPDN.com](http://www.GuamPDN.com).  
■ National Weather Service: [www.prh.noaa.gov/pr/guam/](http://www.prh.noaa.gov/pr/guam/)

of Civil Defense announced that a tropical disturbance was located about 120 miles north-northwest of Guam.

The local Civil Defense stated a tropical disturbance could bring 4 to 6 inches today and possible flooding in low-lying areas.

On Wednesday, the military leadership on Guam elevated the

military bases' condition of readiness to 3, a step above normal.

Joint Region Marianas yesterday announced the military has reverted to its normal Condition of Readiness 4.

Due to Guam's location in typhoon alley, Condition of Readiness 4 is in effect year-round for the military facilities on Guam unless a higher condition is set.

U.S. Naval Base Guam and Andersen Air Force Base have returned to normal operations, Joint Region Marianas announced in a press release.

# Project HATSA helps self-sufficiency

**By Arvin Temkar**  
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For several years Sara Falgan was on welfare. But the single mother, with the help of another government program, has found a job and is transitioning off government assistance.

Falgan was one of 23 graduates of Project HATSA, which stands for Helping Achieve TANF Success through Actions. The year-long, federally funded program teaches basic construction skills, and aims to get women off the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families welfare program.

Falgan, now an administrative assistant at dck pacific Guam, said after completing the program she's found confidence in her job skills and hopes to use her position as a stepping stone in building a career.

Project HATSA started in January of this year, and has had two rounds of participants, said Christine San Nicolas, social services supervisor at the Department of Public Health and Social Services.

The skills program is a collaboration between Public Health, Guam Community College, and the Agency for Human Resources Development.

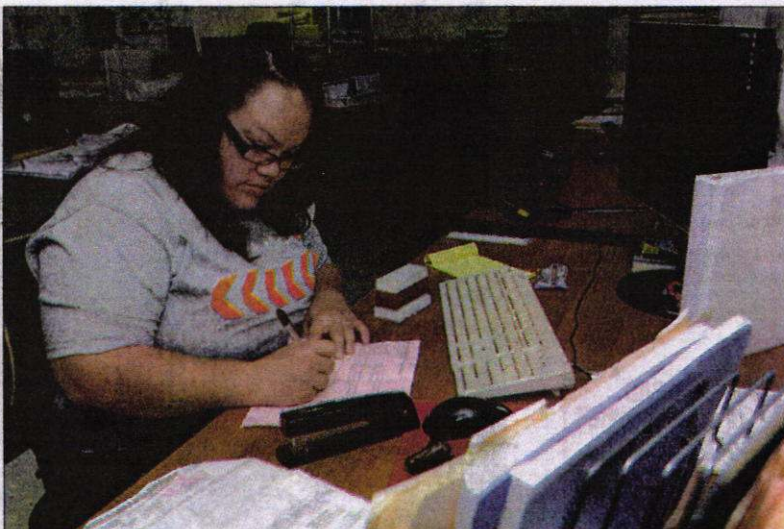
Participants, like Falgan, attend construction classes at GCC and learn everything from operating a forklift to preparing for a job interview. They also are required to do internships at companies.

Dck swept up Falgan, who is 27, almost immediately after she started her internship.

The dedicated worker is an "excellent role model," said Douangchan Lasrithammavan, human resources administrator for the company.

Lasrithammavan spoke highly of her employee, and of the government program.

"It's a win-win situation," she said. "It gives the employer an opportunity to test the individual, and the individual (the opportunity) to see what the employer can offer



**'I really got so much from this program':** Administrative assistant Sara Falgan, 27, of Maite, works at her desk at the dck pacific Guam office in Harmon yesterday. Falgan, who was once a single mother and recipient of public assistance, began working at the construction company after four months of training and a 120-hour internship at dck through Guam Community College and the Guam Department of Public Health and Social Services' Project Helping Achieve Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Success through Actions program or, HATSA, which helped Falgan gain skills necessary to help her find gainful employment. Ric A. Eusebio/For Pacific Daily News

### AT A GLANCE

■ Project HATSA, which stands for Helping Achieve TANF Success through Actions, is a yearlong, federally funded program to teach basic construction skills. It's sponsored by The Department of Public Health and Social Services and Guam Community College.

**FOR MORE INFO**  
■ Contact the Work Program section of Public Health at 735-7256.

others are job searching or doing internships with companies.

"I really got so much from this program," Falgan said. "I wanted to voice to the public, it works."

San Nicolas said there's a stigma that those on welfare are lazy and can't work, but she thinks training individuals can help them on a path away from government assistance.

About 100 people applied for Project HATSA last December for one of 17 slots, according to Pacific Daily News files. The program will have two more rounds of participants.

"There's a lot that come in and they have the drive to be hired, they just don't have the skills," said Falgan.



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them as well. It's not just a one-way street."

Before joining the HATSA program, Falgan was part of a Public Health work program, where she learned to be a receptionist and an administrative aid. Those skills were a stepping stone into the job she has now, she said.

She once dreamt of opening her own business — not working in



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the construction field. But she realized she needed to find a way into the job market, and Project HATSA was her ticket.

Now she hopes to eventually become a safety officer with the company. Then, someday, she might start a business.

Four of the 23 HATSA participants who graduated in September found jobs, said San Nicolas. The



# FSM President Mori visits Guam this week

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FEDERATED States of Micronesia (FSM) President Emmanuel "Manny" Mori is expected to be on Guam this week to meet with FSM residents.

According to Sinajaña Vice Mayor and Mayors' Council Vice President Rob Hofmann, the council received a call from the FSM Consul-General's Office about the meetings, which are going to address concerns such as education and the recent stabbing incidents in Dededo.

Hofmann said that after the stabbing incidents happened, the consulate mentioned he would speak with the FSM government about having officials come out to Guam to talk to the communities from the islands.

"We really appreciate all the work they're putting into this.

Unfortunately, there's only a few bad apples who do this. It's really to address some of the social issues that have been raised," Hofmann said.

He added that the mayors were given fliers for FSM residents living in their respective villages.

"They'd like to have the mayors go door-to-door and speak to residents that their state government is coming," he said, adding the fliers are also being distributed to the schools.

"It's great to see the president is taking a serious look at this," said Hofmann. Also expected to be on-island are FSM state government officials.

The first meeting is expected to be held on Oct. 19 for the FSM communities of Pohnpei, Yap and Kosrae. On Oct. 20, there will be a meeting with the Chuukese community. Both events start at 6 p.m. at the Dededo Senior Center.



Senator Ben Pangelinan said removing leased and licensed Chamorro Land Trust land from the debt-ceiling calculation eliminates any potential legal implications. Variety file photo

## Bill would protect legal status of Chamorro Land Trust lands

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SENATOR Ben Pangelinan has introduced Bill 345 to protect the legal status of the Chamorro Land Trust and its lands by restoring the original language of its enabling legislation, which was changed in the law that authorized the \$240 million bond issue.

The other objective of the bill would ensure the legal debt limit and the authorized bond amount agreed to by both Republican and Democrat senators of \$240 million can be sold.

Removing leased and licensed CLT land from the calculation of the debt ceiling eliminates any potential legal implications and issues related to CLT property on the tax roll, which might delay the bond issue or reduce the amount available to borrow

\$212 million, according to the lawmaker.

During the bond discussions in the Legislature, Governor Eddie Baza Calvo's chief policy advisor, Arthur Clark, mentioned it was "impossible" to validate if the identified CLT properties on the Department of Revenue and Taxation's tax rolls were in fact leased or licensed to an individual or business in time to go out for the bond issuance.

"The fact that this process may not be completed in time is concerning to the committee. Bond counsel informed the senator that CLT land without a specific lessee or licensee or assessed a tax cannot be included in the debt limit. This may present a problem in the issuance of an 'unqualified' opinion by the bond counsel, which may impede the sale of the bonds," said Pangelinan.

### Shielded

"We want to ensure that there will be no legal or qualifying implications in the process of borrowing these funds to pay back past-due income tax refunds, cost of living allowances, and the government's Retirement Fund obligation," he added.

As a result of the changes in Bill 345, the Chamorro Land Trust will be shielded from any unintended changes or negative implications due to Public Law 31-76.

"The changes to include the Trust property in the appraised value calculation for the debt ceiling turned out to be very messy and had the opposite effect to what the Legislature intended. Bill 345 simplifies our calculation of public debt limitations without compromising the \$240 million bond authorization," said Pangelinan.

## Pro Bono program to hold lecture series

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THE Pro Bono program the Supreme Court of Guam recently adopted will present the first of a series of lectures. "Will, Probate and Alternatives to Probate," to attorneys on Oct. 22 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Guam Territorial Law Library.

Attorney James Baldwin of Blair Sterling Johnson &

Martinez P.C. will present the lecture free of charge. Seating is limited to 20 and attorneys are encouraged to call the library to reserve a seat.

The Supreme Court adopted the Pro Bono program to recognize the many volunteer efforts and free or reduced-rate legal services performed by active members of the Guam Bar Association.

Earlier this year, Chief Justice F. Phillip Carbullido

appointed a committee made up of practicing attorneys to create a program to more effectively implement a provision of the Guam Rules of Professional Conduct governing the conduct of attorneys.

"The rule requires attorneys to aspire to provide at least 50 hours of free legal services annually to members of our community who cannot afford legal services," stated a press release from the court.

### ATTENTION FARMERS

Northern Guam Soil & Water Conservation District  
Regular Monthly Board Meeting  
**Wednesday, October 19, 2011, 7:00 p.m.**  
U.O.G. College of Natural & Applied Sciences  
Rm. 228

ADA Coordinator: Roland J. Quitugua: 777-2519

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Interested and qualified vendors may pick up copies of the bid documents at the Procurement Office located in the Guam Judicial Center, 1st floor, 120 West O'Brien Drive Hagatna, Guam beginning Tuesday, October 11, 2011 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Guam Standard Time, except holidays.

All bids must be submitted to the Procurement Office no later than **2:00 p.m., Guam Standard Time, October 25, 2011**. All bids will be publicly opened and read aloud on the said date and time at the Administrator of the Courts Conference Room, 1st floor, Guam Judicial Center, 120 West O'Brien Drive, Hagatna Guam 96910.

For more information, please contact Mr. Raymond L.G. Taim-anglo, Procurement & Facilities Mgt. Administrator at 475-3393/3175.

/s/ PERRY C. TAITANO  
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