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HAFA ADAI, IT'S WEDNESDAY

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■ Don't forget to vote in today's Pacific Daily News poll. Today's question:

**Do you think Guam's registration for political status voting is racially discriminating?**

■ Results from yesterday's PDN poll are on **PAGE 2**

## GMH CAPACITY

▲ GMH adult beds were at 90% of capacity and maternal child beds were at 85% of capacity as of 9 p.m. yesterday. Three patients were waiting for beds. If you are in need of hospital care, you are urged to seek it immediately. For updated information, call the GMH switchboard at 647-2939 and ask for the nursing supervisor.

This box will appear on Page 1 daily. It will appear red when patients are waiting for beds.



## FOOD STAMPS RESTORED

All mistakenly deducted food stamp benefits have been restored, according to Public Health.

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# Friday a GovGuam holiday

## Calvo cites employee morale for executive order



▲ Gov. Eddie Calvo announces four-day holiday weekend for government of Guam employees.



Calvo

*"I know this has been a rough year for the GovGuam family."*

— Gov. Eddie Calvo

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GovGuam workers, prepare for your four-day weekend — Friday will be a holiday.

Yesterday, Gov. Eddie



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Calvo announced he's made Friday a government holiday through an executive order. The order is for this year only, said governor's spokesman Troy Torres.

"I know this has been a rough year for the GovGuam family," Calvo said in a statement. "We've curtailed millions of dollars in spending that meant a suspension of your pay raises and increments. We're reorganizing

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## Food donations sought



Rick Cruz/Pacific Daily News/rmcruz@guampdn.com

**Food bags:** Volunteers place donated food items into bags at the Salvation Army's Lighthouse Recovery Center in Tiyan, yesterday. Food bags will be given away to residents in need on Thanksgiving Day.



**PHOTOS ONLINE**

▲ For more photos of the Salvation Army food preparation, go to [WWW.GUAMPDN.COM](http://WWW.GUAMPDN.COM).

## Chamorro-only vote challenged



▲ Nonprofit organization files lawsuit against Chamorro-only vote for plebiscite on Guam's political status.

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As the government of Guam struggles to get a political status vote on track, one Guam resident has filed a lawsuit to overturn a law that allows only those defined as na-

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tive inhabitants to vote.

Retired Air Force officer Dave Davis, who has lived on the island since 1977, filed a suit in the District Court of Guam yesterday against the ter-

ritory of Guam, the Guam Election Commission, and election commissioners Alice M. Tajeron, Martha C. Ruth, Joseph F. Mesa, Johnny P. Taitano and Joshua F. Tenorio. Donald I. Weakly and Attorney General Leonardo Rapadas also were

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## Tax refund checks to be picked up at malls

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Taxpayers will have the option to pick up their tax refund checks before they're mailed out.

Gov. Eddie Calvo announced yesterday that tax refund checks will be distributed "in the first days of December" at the Micronesia Mall, Guam Premier Outlets and Agana Shopping Center, but the exact dates have yet to be confirmed, according to a press release from the governor's office.

"We need to get this money to the people fast," Calvo stated in the release. "They've waited far too long."

About 91,000 tax refund checks are expected to be released from almost \$200 million the government of Guam borrowed from the bond market.

The government of Guam will receive the bond proceeds at the beginning of next month but because of weekend overlays during the first week of December, there could be a delay in mail deliveries, the press release stated.

Distribution of the checks most likely will occur during the first weekend of the month, the release stated.

The remaining refund checks will be mailed to taxpayers. More information on the distribution time and on which documents residents should bring with them will be announced later.

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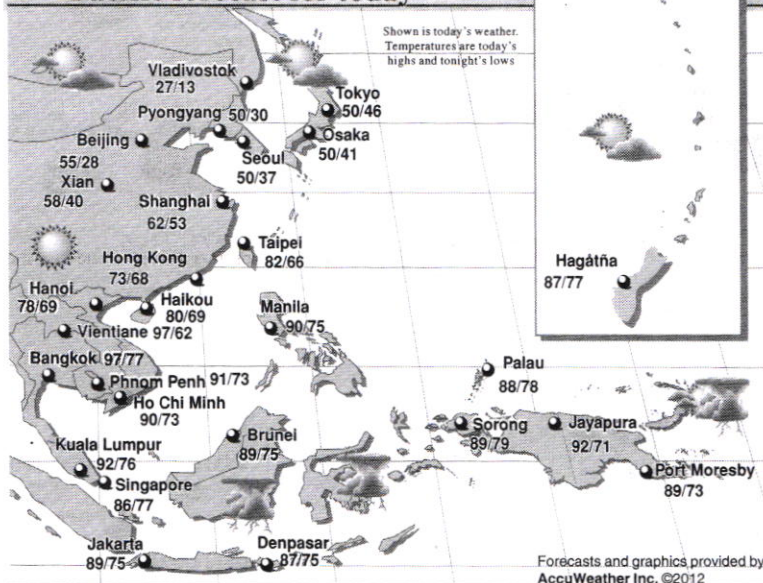
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## 5-Day forecast for Guam

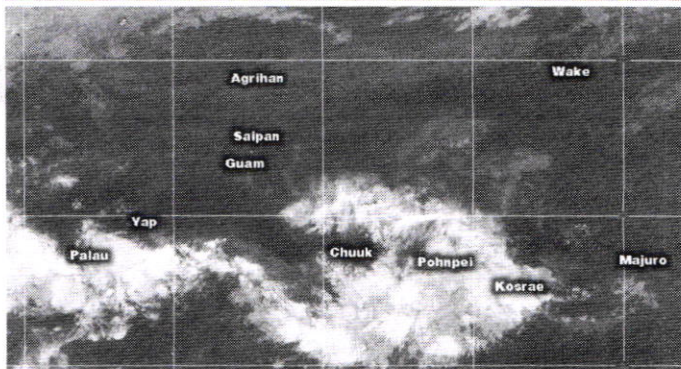
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| Today                    | UV Index today  | Tonight                 | Thursday                         | Friday                             | Saturday                           | Sunday                             |
|--------------------------|---|-------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
|                          | <p>0-2 Low, 3-5 Moderate, 6-7 High, 8-10 Very High, 11+ Extreme. The higher the AccuWeather UV Index™ number, the greater the need for eye and skin protection.</p> <p>Comfort Index™</p> <p>On a scale of 1-10, where 1 is least comfortable and 10 is most comfortable for this time of year.</p> |                         |                                  |                                    |                                    |                                    |
| High 87<br>Winds E 15-25 |   | Low 77<br>Winds E 15-25 | High 85, Low 77<br>Winds E 15-25 | High 87, Low 75<br>Winds ESE 10-20 | High 88, Low 76<br>Winds ENE 10-20 | High 87, Low 75<br>Winds ENE 10-20 |

### Pacific forecast for today



### Satellite image from yesterday



**Synopsis for Guam and Micronesia, 1 p.m. Feb. 21.** Western north Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180. A cold front extends southwestward from 25N180 to 20N160E then continues as a shear line across the far northern Marianas near Anatahan to 15N140E. The shear line finally curves northwestward to beyond 130E at 17N. Extensive cloudiness and patchy rain are found along and north of the cold front to beyond 25N. Cloudiness and scattered showers are present along and up to 300 miles north of the shear line. Trade-wind convergence is producing scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms near Koror but south of Yap between 3N and 8N from 130E to 140E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are occurring well south of Guam within 75 miles of a line from 6N141E to 8N145E to 3N149E. A trade-wind disturbance is generating scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms over Kosrae and Pohnpei in an area bounded by a line from 4N151E to 8N160E to 5N166E to EQ159E to 1N151E back to 4N151E.

### World cities

| City        | Today    | Thursday | City           | Today    | Thursday |
|-------------|----------|----------|----------------|----------|----------|
| Amsterdam   | 49 45 c  | 52 46 c  | Nassau         | 82 71 pc | 85 71 pc |
| Baghdad     | 60 42 s  | 62 40 c  | Paris          | 50 42 pc | 54 47 sh |
| Berlin      | 46 39 c  | 48 43 sh | Rio de Janeiro | 92 75 s  | 90 74 t  |
| Bermuda     | 67 62 sh | 71 65 sh | Riyadh         | 60 44 s  | 67 52 s  |
| Copenhagen  | 44 42 sh | 47 40 s  | Rome           | 60 39 s  | 61 41 pc |
| Jerusalem   | 59 46 pc | 61 47 s  | Sydney         | 78 67 sh | 77 68 pc |
| Kuwait      | 64 47 s  | 64 48 c  | Tel Aviv       | 68 53 pc | 69 51 pc |
| London      | 52 48 r  | 61 50 pc | Toronto        | 40 30 c  | 41 35 c  |
| Madrid      | 57 37 s  | 62 39 s  | Vienna         | 47 35 pc | 51 43 c  |
| Mexico City | 77 48 s  | 78 45 pc | Warsaw         | 38 34 r  | 42 30 sh |
| Moscow      | 28 18 sn | 29 27 sn |                |          |          |

### Micronesia

| Islands   | Today    | Thursday | Islands | Today    | Thursday |
|-----------|----------|----------|---------|----------|----------|
| Bikini    | 86 79 s  | 86 79 pc | Palau   | 88 78 t  | 88 77 pc |
| Chuuk     | 82 76 r  | 83 75 r  | Pohnpei | 88 76 sh | 87 77 r  |
| Kiribati  | 85 77 s  | 85 77 sh | Rota    | 83 77 s  | 83 77 sh |
| Kosrae    | 87 79 r  | 87 80 pc | Saipan  | 85 76 pc | 85 77 r  |
| Kwajalein | 86 79 s  | 86 79 pc | Timian  | 87 77 pc | 85 77 sh |
| Majuro    | 86 78 sh | 85 78 r  | Yap     | 90 78 s  | 87 76 r  |
| Nauru     | 86 76 s  | 87 76 s  |         |          |          |

Weather(W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

### Tides

| Apra Harbor | Feb. 22           | Feb. 23           |
|-------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| First low   | 1:55 a.m. 0.1 ft. | 2:31 a.m. 0.1 ft. |
| First high  | 8:26 a.m. 2.4 ft. | 8:51 a.m. 2.4 ft. |
| Second low  | 2:21 p.m. 0.9 ft. | 2:59 p.m. 0.7 ft. |
| Second high | 7:49 p.m. 2.4 ft. | 8:33 p.m. 2.3 ft. |

### Sunrise/set

|                  |           |
|------------------|-----------|
| Sunrise today    | 6:43 a.m. |
| Sunset today     | 6:27 p.m. |
| Sunrise tomorrow | 6:42 a.m. |
| Sunset tomorrow  | 6:28 p.m. |

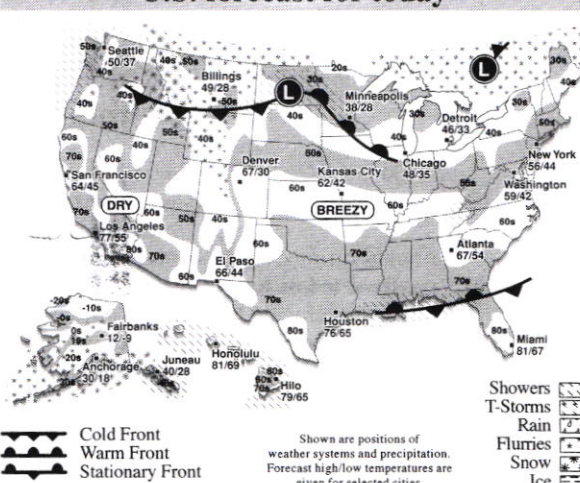
### Rainfall

|               |       |
|---------------|-------|
| Yesterday     | 0.09" |
| Month to date | 2.29" |
| Year to date  | 8.79" |

### Moon phases

|         |        |        |         |
|---------|--------|--------|---------|
| New     | First  | Full   | Last    |
| Feb. 22 | Mar. 1 | Mar. 8 | Mar. 15 |

### U.S. forecast for today



## Plebiscite trial set for April 2013

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A trial for a lawsuit about the constitutionality of Guam's proposed Chamorro-only plebiscite has been set for April 2013.

District Court of Guam Judge Joaquin Manibusan set a bench trial date for April 22, 2013, yesterday in a conference with lawyers.

The lawsuit was brought by Arnold Davis, a non-Chamorro resident who was barred from joining a registry of native inhabitants.

Davis, who has lived on Guam since 1977, sued the Guam Election Commission in November, saying that the lawsuit is meant to affirm the right of every U.S. citizen on Guam to vote on the decolonization issue.

Guam law states that voters in a plebiscite will be allowed to voice their choice of one of three political status options — statehood, independence or free association with the United States. Eligible voters are those who can trace their roots back to residents living on the island

at the time of the passage of the Organic Act in 1950 who were made citizens by the federal law.

### Motion to dismiss

Davis argues that the Chamorro-only vote is unconstitutional. But the Office of the Attorney General of Guam has filed a motion to dismiss Davis' suit, arguing the plebiscite will not have the effect,

immediate or otherwise, of actually altering Guam's future political status with the United States.

The Center for Individual Rights, a nonprofit and civil rights advocate group based in Washington, D.C., and the Election Law Center in Alexandria, Va., are representing Davis in the case. Davis' counsel has filed a motion opposing the motion to dismiss, said Mun Su Park, a local lawyer working on Davis' behalf.

Local officials have said they hope to hold the plebiscite in 2014.

### LOCAL NEWS

#### Parts of Tamuning to lose power tomorrow

Guam Power Authority customers in parts of Tamuning should prepare for a six-hour outage tomorrow from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. A GPA press release stated that the areas affected include: Metro Bank, Table 35, Sunny Plaza, Sunny Cash and Carry, Bank of Hawaii, Century 21, Plaza Market, Fred Locksmith, Rainbow Apt., and customers in these areas. GPA crews will be replacing old wooden poles and transferring power lines to the newer poles. For more information, call 632-4298.

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