

Election commission assures it has purged inactive voters

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MARIA Pangelinan, executive director of the Guam Election Commission, has assured that her agency has purged inactive voters from the current voter roster.

Pangelinan made the assurance during a presentation before members of the Rotary Club of Northern Guam during the organization's regular meeting yesterday.

According to Pangelinan, GEC has purged voters who had not voted in two consecutive elections, thus bringing the number of registered voters down to 47,272.

The largest turnout for elections on Guam was back in 2002 when there were about 61,052 registered voters.

Pangelinan said voters who were purged received a notice and were asked to come in and re-register. With this in mind, Pangelinan is looking into making the number of voters go up again to at least 55,000.

Pangelinan also said they are under decree by the District Court of Guam to ensure registered voters who are deployed get their chance to vote under the

Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act.

GEC was cited a few years ago for not following the mandate and the agency is being closely monitored this election year by the federal government.

Bingo initiative

Pangelinan also informed the group that the proponents of the commercial bingo initiative have so far turned in 1,000 signatures, and her staff is in the process of verifying signatures to ensure the individuals who signed the petition are registered voters.

Meanwhile, she said GEC is accepting applications to fill 290 vacancies for precinct officials.

"The forms are available online or at the office. One of the requirements is they must be a registered voter," she said. "We will have precinct official seminar training starting the first week of August."

Pangelinan was asked if the commission has any comments about the recent federal court recommendation to dismiss the plebiscite case filed by Arnold "Dave" Davis. She said the GEC board will discuss the recommendation at their next meeting, which is next week.



Maria Pangelinan, executive director of the Guam Election Commission, made a presentation yesterday before members of the Rotary Club of Northern Guam during the organization's regular luncheon meeting. David Castro / For Variety

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Power bill increases face scrutiny

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THE Legislature's utilities chairman is asking the Guam Power Authority to hold off on terminating services for commercial customers until the information briefing this Thursday at 6:30 p.m.

Sen. Tom Ada in a statement said his office had been inundated by calls from several businesses which had received monthly billings with more than a 50 percent increase.

"In the briefings I have sat in, I do not recall hearing about increases of that magnitude," Ada said.

He was assured by GPA acting General Manager Melinda Camacho that the agency won't disconnect customers affected by the new charge until GPA resolves the issue.

Meanwhile, businesses aren't the only ones feeling the brunt of the power bill increase. Residential customers have also been calling the Governor's Office about the matter.

Acting Gov. Ray Tenorio has instructed Governor's Chief of Staff Frank Arriola to meet with the Consolidated Commission on Utilities this week regarding the increase.



John Benavente, Consolidated Utility Services general manager, said affected customers can call Guam Power Authority's customer service department at 647-5787 if they have any more questions. Variety file photo

general manager, explaining that those affected are within rate schedules J, K, L, and P.

"These rate schedules are typically your commercial or large customer classes that would also include government

accounts. The estimated number of customer accounts affected is approximately 3 percent of our total customer base," Benavente said, adding affected customers can call the customer service department at 647-5787 for more information.

For his part, GPA spokesman Art Perez said the changes in residential bills are due to how much power is used in a home.

"All those are in line with the rate that was approved," he said, adding not all customer bills are the same.

"This Thursday, we'll have more in-depth detail on what appropriate solutions we can offer for the customers," Perez said.

"The governor and I are concerned. We're hoping GPA can sort out these increases with the public before disconnections happen," Tenorio said. "Prices are going up too quickly on Guam for our people to catch a break. Everyone is drowning in debt and bills. I think these increases may have risen to a point where this whole government needs to sit down together and sort this out. At the very least, we need to communicate what's happening and clear up any miscommunications or misconceptions," he added.

GPA side

Meanwhile, GPA has released a statement from John Benavente, Consolidated Utility Services



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The Guam State Rehabilitation Council (SRC) will hold a **Quarterly Membership Meeting** on Thursday, June 21, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. at the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation's Conference Room, 6th floor, DNA Bldg., Hagatna. Agendas will be available.

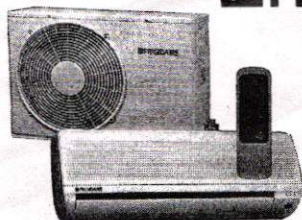
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Underwood: Gore supports Guam's self-determination

By Theresa Merto
Pacific Daily News

The advancement of federal territorial relations and the question of Guam's ultimate status will be important issues for presidential hopeful Al Gore's administration, Guam's delegate said yesterday.

Congressman Robert Underwood said yesterday morning Gore supports Guam in choosing its own political status.

"He extended his personal commitment to see our political status through," Underwood said. The delegate received a letter from Gore,

thanking Underwood for his help in creating the Democratic party's platform stance on the territories.

"We will fulfill our party's commitment to the peoples of territories choosing their status among all the options open to them by honoring such a self-determination choice by the people of Guam," Gore said in the letter. "The contributions of Guam and America's democratic promise oblige us to fully consider the territory's proposals."

The Republican Party platform states Guam may hold its nonbinding ballot referendum without restrictions.

Dates set for FSM Education Summit

Pacific Daily News

The FSM education department has scheduled its Education Summit for Sept. 5-8 in Pohnpei, with the theme "Educational Improvement: The Key to Economic Growth and Social Development."

The summit will be a follow-up to the FSM National Economic Summit for agreement upon specific intervention strategies and programs for improving education and to determine responsibility and ac-

countability requirements for the interventions to succeed. The topics to be discussed include accountability and the quality of education; leadership and education policy; program design and implementation, role of COM-FSM/key players; accreditation; research and development; education linkages to the economy; certification; developing local capacity for training; distance learning; collaboration and cooperation, financing education, and more.

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