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	On Oct. 8, \$1 was worth:	51.745 PHP	107.38 JPY	1,193.25 KRW	30.7970 TWD	NT\$ 7.1242 CNY	1.4805 AUD

\$27M landfill expansion contract awarded

Core Tech International has won the \$27 million contract to build a third trash cell at the Layon Landfill.

The award of the contract was one of the last remaining responsibilities of the federal receiver Gershman, Brickner & Bratton over government of Guam solid waste management.

Guam Solid Waste Authority General Manager Larry Gast said, although the contract has been awarded later than hoped, he is still confident the third cell will be completed and ready to receive trash by August 2021 when the first and second trash cells are expected to be filled up.

The funds to build the third cell come from the proceeds of \$30 million the government of Guam borrowed from the bond market in July.

New debt won't increase tipping fees

The Guam Solid Waste Authority has committed to making the debt repay-

ment from the tipping fees it charges residents, businesses and the military for trash collection.

GSWA board Chairman Andrew Gayle and Gast have both said there will be no increase in tipping fees as a result of borrowing \$30 million.

According to the attorney general's office, Gast said, the contract still awaits the final approval of Judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood of the District Court of Guam. She must formally terminate GBB's oversight of the contract and assign it to GSWA.

"I expect that to happen Friday," Gast said during a status hearing before Judge Tydingco-Gatewood in District Court.

Gast said Core Tech wants to get the job done "as quickly as possible," adding the firm has indicated it "will be working multiple shifts."

The Guam Daily Post's owner is an affiliate of Core Tech International.

(Daily Post Staff)



LANDFILL: Workers using heavy equipment work to bury trash at the Layon Landfill on July 25 in Inarajan. David Castro/The Guam Daily Post

7 flights canceled, 1,260 passengers affected

By Lannie Walker
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Business at the airport quickly went back to normal yesterday, after a few early morning flights were canceled at the height of the storm.

John "JQ" Quinata, deputy executive manager of A.B. Won Pat International Airport, said flights coming in from Manila, Japan and Korea from midnight to 4 a.m. were canceled.

In total, seven flights, affecting about 1,260 passengers, were canceled. Four were departing and three were arriving.



John "JQ" Quinata

He said the airport worked to get the word out as soon as possible to tour agencies, so passengers wouldn't be dropped



AIRPORT: Travelers approach the U.S. Transportation Security Agency checkpoint at the entrance to the departure gates at the A. B. Won Pat International Airport in July 2017. Seven flights were canceled Monday. Post file photo

off at the airport.

"The hotels were prepared to have them stay over one more night," Quinata said.

The first flight out after the storm was Tuesday morning's 7:20 to Honolulu.

The first flight in was Jeju Air's noon arrival from Korea.

Quinata said airlines often send "rescue flights" or larger aircraft to take people who were stranded and to catch up with their normal schedule.

"The airport never closed down," he said, adding that debris on the tarmac and aprons and runways was cleared quickly to ensure planes could take off and land.

Nissan motorcade rescheduled

Due to recent poor weather conditions making venues uncertain, Nissan Guam has decided to relocate and reschedule the official attempt to break the world record for the most Nissans in a motorcade.

"It's been really wet, thanks to all this rain, and our original venue had us on a grass field over at Adelup which would have made a mess of the field," said general sales manager Brian Downey.

The new date for the world record attempt is now Nov. 3 and the updated route will take drivers from John F. Kennedy High School in Tamuning to Paseo de Susana Park in Hagåtña.

Anyone who has already registered will automatically be entered into the Nov. 3 motorcade, and anyone who is unable to attend is eligible for a refund by emailing events@nissanguam.com or calling 647-7261.

For more information, visit nissanguam.com/worldrecord.

(Daily Post Staff)

GUAM BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR DENTISTRY

Regular Meeting,
Wednesday,

October 16, 2019 at 3:00 PM

at the Teraje Professional Building, 194 Hernan Cortez Avenue, 2nd Floor, Suite 209 Health Professional Licensing Office Board Conference Room, Hagåtña, Guam.

For more information, please contact the Board office at 735-7405 thru 12. Persons with disabilities needing special accommodations may call 735-7172 or the telecommunication device for the Hearing/Speech Impaired (TDD) at 649-1801. Executive meeting may be called if necessary.

GUAM ETHICS COMMISSION Notice of Meeting

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At 12:00 p.m., Wednesday, October 16, 2019, Bell Tower, 710 W. Marine Corps Dr., Suite 201, Hagåtña Guam. For special accommodations, call Eric Miller/ADA Coordinator at 647-1855.

GUAM HOUSING AND URBAN RENEWAL AUTHORITY

Board of Commissioners Meeting
12:00 P.M., Friday, October 11, 2019

GHURA Main Office

1st Floor Conference Room

117 Bien Venida Avenue, Sinajana

For special accommodation, contact Ms. Kathy Taitano Tel No. 475-1322 or TTY #472-3701

GUAM DAILY POST • MONDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2019

Crews battle Saddleridge

LOS ANGELES (Tribune News Service) — Firefighters were hoping to take advantage of favorable weather conditions on Saturday to get the upper hand on the Saddleridge Fire, a sprawling blaze that has torched the hills of the northwest San Fernando Valley, burning more than 7,500 acres, shutting down freeways and driving thousands of residents from their homes.

Slightly cooler temperatures and lighter winds turning onshore later were expected to aid firefighters in their third day battling the fire, which extends from Porter Ranch to Sylmar, officials said. As of Saturday morning, the fire was 19% contained.

Red-flag warnings remain in effect until 6 p.m. Saturday, but Santa Ana winds are expected to weaken throughout the day and be replaced by an onshore sea breeze later in the day, officials said. Humidity levels ranged from 20% down to 5% within the fire zone.

"We are prepared for any flare-ups, as they occur," Los Angeles Fire Capt. Branden Silverman said Saturday.

The cause of the fire has not been determined, officials said. But investigators are checking on reports that flames were seen coming from a power line as the fire started on Thursday night. Sylmar residents told KNBC and



SADDLERIDGE BLAZE: Ozzy Butler pours water onto his deck at his parents' house as the Saddleridge Fire burns along Thunderbird Avenue. Friday morning, Oct. 11, in Porter Ranch, Calif. Wally Skalij/Los Angeles Times/Tribune News Service

KABC that they saw a fire burning at the base of a transmission tower near Saddle Ridge Drive, an area investigators are examining as a possible ignition point.

"We are aware of a story out there in the media from a witness who saw fire ... from a transmission tower," Los Angeles Fire Department. Chief Ralph Terrazas said Friday night. "We believe that witness, and someone else who said something similar."

The tower belongs to Southern California Edison and was energized Thursday night, said Edison spokeswoman Sally Jeun, who added it was too early to assign responsibility for the fire.

"Determining the cause and origin of the fire is a lengthy process. A prior-

ity right now is ensuring the safety of our customers, employees, and first responders," she said Saturday.

Though the utility shut off power for thousands of customers beginning Wednesday specifically to lower the risk of destructive fires, the area of Sylmar where the fire started was not included in the shutdown.

"We did not de-energize any power for the Saddle Ridge fire area," Jeun said.

As of Saturday morning about 870 Edison customers across four counties were still without power as a precaution, she said. Most are in Ventura County, though affected customers are also in Kern, L.A. and San Bernardino counties. After the current Santa Ana wind event passes, crews must go out to check the power lines and ensure there's no downed or damaged equipment before

REMEMBERING

Jesse Aguon
SAN NICOLAS

DECEMBER 30, 1953 - OCTOBER 2, 2018
1ST DEATH ANNIVERSARY

Mabel Aguon
VILLAGOMEZ

MARCH 13, 1961 - OCTOBER 15, 2018
1ST DEATH ANNIVERSARY

In memory of our beloved Dad and Mom, we invite our family and friends to join us as we commemorate their First Death Anniversaries of their passing into Eternal Life.

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