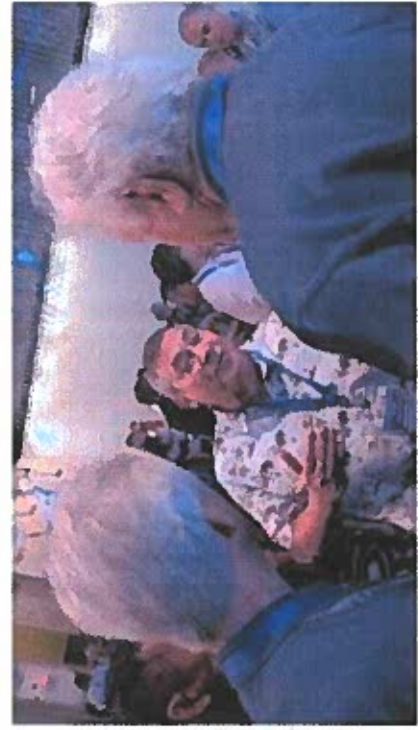


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Governor tells buildup forum attendees he's still opposed to the buildup

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Gov. Eddie Cuervo told the attendees at the Guam Industry Forum today he has not changed his position and he remains staunchly opposed to the military buildup.



Weekly Online Poll

Poll results are published every Monday in the Guam Daily Post.

Do you agree with the decision to close the Pita and Asturdo fire stations and scale down the Hagibis police precinct operations to cut costs, while other nonessential agencies stay open?

- No, other government functions should have been cut first
- Yes, the government's office are the right thing

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at the Guain Memorial Hospital Authority Board Room, 650 Carlos G. Camacho Road, Tamuning, Guam.

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Guam location. Hart said Apple Pacific is looking to hire between 75 and 100 people in the middle of the summer.

"If things go well from here on out, we should be open by the late part of summer," Hart said. "You never really know. It is more important to get it right than to be fast."

The new restaurant will encompass approximately 4,000 square feet and seat 160 guests.

William Kurashima is leading the design of the restaurant with DewPoint Engineering, EMCE Electrical and Ruben Velesrubio assisting in transforming a former retail space into

a dining establishment. "(Kurashima) took an awkward-shaped space and made something really spectacular," Hart stated. "People are going to be very surprised by what they see when we open."

"We're thrilled to be opening our first Olive Garden in Guam this year and partnering with Apple Pacific," said Michael Beacham, Darden International president. "We know the community is excited for the restaurant, and we're excited to return that hospitality as soon as our doors open."

Darden International owns and operates Olive Garden, Longhorn Steakhouse, The Capital Grille, Yard House, Cheddar's Scratch Kitchen, Seasons 52, Bahama Breeze and Eddie V's Prime Seafood.

While he doesn't want to give up any secrets, Hart said residents and tourists can expect a few Guam-exclusive items on the menu. "We will have something that very few other Olive Garden locations have, and I think people will like it," he stated.

The restaurant will feature the popular unlimited breadsticks offered at the over 800 locations across the globe.

"We are looking forward to see how many breadsticks people can eat when we open," Hart stated.

Hart said island residents also can look forward to some exciting news about Longhorn Steakhouse.

Apple Pacific brought Applebee's Grill & Bar, IHOP Restaurant, and Peology Pizzeria to Guam and Saipan.

NetCare to suspend retiree coverage

By Kevin Kerrigan
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Moylan's NetCare has announced the suspension of health insurance coverage for government of Guam retirees effective March 21.

NetCare plan administrator Jerry Crisostomo advised the retirees that "without the government of Guam honoring its commitment to provide premium payments, we are not able to continue to provide health insurance coverage effective March 21, 2018."

"We will continue to work closely with the Department of Administration for a resolution to this matter," Crisostomo wrote, "and shall keep you informed as soon as payment is received."

Calvo's SelectCare plan administrator Frank Campillo told The Guam Daily Post "We have not taken that step yet, but we may have to do so as well."

When asked if SelectCare had received premium payments, Campillo said "No payments. I believe they owe all companies correspondingly."

The spokesperson for TakeCare had not responded to a request for comment as of news time.

On March 2, in an interview with The Guam Daily Post, acting Department of Administration director Edward Birn warned that in order to make payroll for government of Guam employees in March "we'll have to defer payments to vendors, and maybe the retirement fund, which has consequences."

On Thursday, Birn was quoted in a statement from Adelup as saying that DOA would just make Friday payroll "by the skin of our teeth," and he warned again that "we'll have to hold back on allotments to several autonomous agencies."

Birn was unavailable for comment Sunday.

The government of Guam is facing a \$67 million revenue shortfall for the remaining seven months of this fiscal year as a result of the tax reform legislation passed by Congress in December. For the past month, the governor and the Legislature have been at odds over how to make up for the shortfall.

Lawmakers will be back in session at 9 a.m. today to continue deliberations on a bill that would impose a 2-percent tax on retail sales.

4 more pick up candidate packets

By Tihu Lujan
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Four more potential senatorial candidates picked up election packets from the Guam Election Commission last week.

The four are Democrats Eduardo Leon Guerrero III, Lasia Casil, Ned S. Pablo and Alejo C. Sablan.

Pablo, a CHamoru rights activist who has worked in Guam's tourism industry, said he decided to run based on "a lot of issues," stating that he would like "to help protect the indigenous people's rights" and "clean the government of nepotism, collusion and corruption."

Only Pablo was available to speak with The Guam Daily Post as of press time.

As of March 9, there are at least 33 prospective senatorial candidates



looking to land a seat in the 35th Guam Legislature.

Those who have picked up senatorial packets so far are: Sens. Wil Castro, Louise Muna, Joe San Agustin, Régine Biscoe Lee and Mary Torres, former Sens. Adolpho Palacios and Tina Muña-Barnes, and James Moylan, Kate Baltazar, Benito Servino, Jack Hattig III, Ellery Paz, Catherine Leon Guerrero, Julius Santos, Adonis Mendiola, Chris Dombrowski, Amanda Blas, Jaydeen Dela Cruz, Rikki Orsini, Jose Terlaje, Raymond Laguana, Mars Johnson, Cel Babauta, Armando Dominguez, Jermaine Alerta, Jeffrey Wheaton, Evangelis Babauta, Alfredo Antolin Jr.

and Javier Atalig.

The race for the 15-seat Legislature has been swung wide open with at least six seats up for grabs. Speaker Benjamin Cruz and incumbent Sens. Tom Ada, a Democrat, and Fernando Esteves, a Republican, have announced they won't be seeking re-election.

Democrat Sen. Michael San Nicolas is running for Guam's congressional delegate seat. Fellow Democratic Sens. Frank Aguon Jr. and Dennis Rodriguez Jr. are competing in the gubernatorial race.

The Guam Election Commission will start accepting nominating petitions and candidate packets on April 17. The deadline for candidates to file is June 26.

The Primary Election is scheduled for Aug. 25 and the General Election on Nov. 6.

Tenorio leads in early UOG poll

A University of Guam public administration class conducted an opinion poll between March 1 and March 3 on the gubernatorial race.

The poll surveyed 564 voters, who were given a practice ballot with the five named candidates for governor. The survey asked to select the candidate of their choice, said



the teacher of the class, associate professor Ron McNinch.

The following are the results:
• Ray Tenorio, 34 percent

- Frank Aguon Jr., 23 percent
 - Lou Leon Guerrero, 21 percent
 - Carl Gutierrez, 15 percent
 - Dennis Rodriguez Jr., 7 percent
- "This is still very early in the race and these numbers will likely change as the election season continues," McNinch said.

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GUAM ELECTION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

The Guam Election Commission has scheduled its monthly meeting for **Thursday, March 15, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.**, at the Guam Election Commission Conference Room 200, 414 W. Soledad Ave., GCIC Building, Hagåtña, Guam.

The public is invited. For individuals requiring special accommodations, auxiliary aids or services please contact the Guam Election Commission. For more information, you may call Helen M. Atalig at (671) 477-9791 or send an email to vote@gec.guam.gov.

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