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GCC celebrates renovated building



BUILDING 100: A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held Friday at the Guam Community College for the newly renovated and expanded Building 100, which will house the Criminal Justice Department, the GCC General Education Program and the Office of Accommodative Services. The U.S. Department of Agriculture and the GCC Capital Improvement Fund are the combined funding sources for construction of the \$4.5 million project.
Norman M. Taruc/The Guam Daily Post

States start antitrust probes of tech firms

(Reuters) - Two groups of U.S. state attorneys general on Friday announced separate antitrust probes of large tech companies such as Alphabet's Google and Facebook.

The first probe, led by New York and including seven other states and the District of Columbia, focuses on Facebook. The second, announced by Texas and likely to include up to 40 other states, did not specify the targets among large tech companies but was expected to center on Google.

Once lauded as engines of economic growth, the companies in social media, Internet search, e-commerce and other digital technologies have increasingly been on the defensive over lapses such as privacy breaches and their outsized market influence.

Politicians including President Donald Trump, consumers, other firms and regulators have criticized that power.

"I'm launching an investigation into Facebook to determine whether their actions endangered consumer data, reduced the quality of consumers' choices or increased the price of advertising," New York Attorney General Letitia James tweeted.

"The largest social media platform in the world must follow the law," she said.

The Facebook probe will include

New York, Colorado, Florida, Iowa, Nebraska, North Carolina, Ohio, Tennessee and the District of Columbia.

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton's office said it was leading an investigation of large tech companies but did not name them.

That probe, likely to include more than 40 state attorneys general, is expected to focus on Google, sources familiar with the matter told Reuters. A second source previously said that the Google investigation would look at the intersection of privacy and antitrust.

Google's parent Alphabet said on Friday the Department of Justice in late August requested information and documents related to prior antitrust probes of the company. The company added in a securities filing that it expects similar investigative demands from state attorneys general, and that it is cooperating with regulators.

On the federal level, the Justice Department and Federal Trade Commission are probing Facebook, Google, Apple and Amazon, also for potential violations of antitrust law.

Will Castleberry, Facebook's vice president for state and local policy, said after the New York announcement that the company would work constructively with state attorneys general.

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THE GUAM BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

Regular Board Meeting

Wednesday, September 11, 2019 at 4:00 PM
at the Tertaje Professional Building, 194 Heman 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 11. Persons with disabilities needing special accommodations may call the ADA Coordinator at 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, September 11, 2019, Bell Tower, 710 W. Marine Corps Dr., Suite 201, Hagåtña Guam. For special accommodations, call Eric Miller/ADA Coordinator at 647-1855.

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Kumision I Tano Saina'ta Guam Ancestral Lands Commission

The Guam Ancestral Lands Commission Board Meeting will be held on **Wednesday, September 11, 2019 at 2:00 p.m.**, Department of Land Management conference room, 3rd Floor of the ITC Building 590 S. Marine Corps Drive, Tamuning. The agenda may be viewed at the following link:

<http://dlm.guam.gov/announcements-2/>

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Manuel has named the woman who has had an alleged affair with San Nicolas for several years, but The Guam Daily Post is not naming her at this time.

The U.S. House of Representatives ethics rules have changed in the last year and a half, now clearly forbidding a lawmaker from having sexual relations with a staffer.

The House voted in February 2018 to prohibit sexual relationships between lawmakers and their employees, a remarkable rule change that brings the institution in line with the military and the private sector after a rash of sexual harassment and misconduct allegations roiled Capitol Hill, The Washington Post reported. Previously, House rules did not explicitly prohibit such relationships, it added.

Manuel alleged he is aware of the alleged affair because he often was asked to accompany San Nicolas and the woman on some of their trips. He said there were phone messages between him and San Nicolas about the alleged affair but San Nicolas would have him delete the messages while San Nicolas was watching.

New members of Congress and some of their key staff were asked to attend an orientation, including ethics training, in

Washington, D.C., in November, Manuel said. At the time, Manuel still was promised he'd land a job in San Nicolas' congressional office so he was the one who accompanied San Nicolas on the trip, Manuel stated.

However, Manuel said, on the day of the House ethics training, on Nov. 16, 2018, San Nicolas missed it because the congressman was at the Scarlett Oak restaurant and bar, four blocks from his D.C. hotel the night before, and "was up until almost 5 a.m. the day of the ethics training."

Manuel said he often was the designated driver when San Nicolas went out because, Manuel said, he doesn't drink.

Guam Election Commission Executive Director Maria Pangelinan said the campaign finance allegations may be discussed at the Sept. 19 GEC meeting.

She said, "it's ultimately up to the board to decide if they will address it."

In the House of Representatives, the job of investigating ethics violations is placed on the House Ethics Committee.

Karlo Dizon, who once was the legal adviser to San Nicolas' campaign, had posted a comment on Facebook supporting Manuel.

"If all of this is true - Michael San Nicolas needs to resign," Dizon said.

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raised concerns during the public hearings to include overall labor cost and compression in salaries for those employees who make more than the minimum wage.

The bill proposes to raise Guam's minimum wage in two phases:

- From \$8.25 to \$8.75 effective March 2020; and
- From \$8.75 to \$9.25 effective March 2021.

The impact to the government of Guam payroll is estimated to be a total of \$393,994 after both phases are executed, according to the fiscal note from the Bureau of Budget Management and Research. That total breaks down to:

- Annual cost in 2020: \$8.25 per hour to \$8.75: \$91,932
- Annual cost in 2021: \$8.75 per hour to \$9.25: \$302,062

The fiscal note is specific to the number of GovGuam employees currently making less than the proposed higher wage levels. The fiscal note doesn't have information on salaries for those employees making more than the proposed wage levels, an issue that has come up before for employees in GovGuam as well as in the private sector.

Department of Labor statistics show that, as of May 2019, the estimated number of government of Guam personnel earning a wage rate at or below \$8.75 per hour is 70. The number of GovGuam personnel earning

at or below a wage of \$9.25 per hour is 230, the fiscal note states.

Lee's press release stated that research conducted after the last minimum wage increase, to \$8.25 in 2015, showed that 65% of surveyed businesses did not reduce employee hours to compensate for the increased pay, and 75% of the businesses did not reduce their number of employees.

In June, as part of its testimony to the Legislature on the minimum wage bill, the Guam Chamber of Commerce proposed the following actions for "responsibly raising the entry-level wage":

- Amend the wage increments to smaller tiers over a longer period of time. To achieve the hourly wage objective of \$9.25, we recommend that the first tier be \$0.50 (\$8.25 to \$8.75) to be implemented on April 1, 2020. The second tier be \$0.50 (\$8.75 to \$9.25) and be implemented on April 1, 2021;
- Establish a youth/juvenile wage of \$8.25/hour;
- Establish a tip credit program on Guam set at \$8.25/hour;
- Reduce the business privilege tax back to 4%;
- Repeal Public Law 1-35, which increased property taxes on improvements valued at \$1 million or more;
- Establish specific control on government spending; and
- Invest in improving the local workforce so island residents command higher wages.

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Ridgell said he has been going over documents provided by GPA and will reserve additional questions for an oversight hearing on Sept. 10.

The new power plant, which will be built in Dededo near the northern wastewater treatment plant, could cost up to \$600 million. The investor's cost of building, financing and operating it could mean the developer would need to make \$3 billion over 25 years.

Proposed Issuance of Underground Injection Control System Operating Permits for DFS Guam Ltd.

Public Review and Comment Period: September 5, 2019 - October 4, 2019

The Guam Environmental Protection Agency (Guam EPA) runs the Underground Injection Control (UIC) Program, as mandated by the Safe Drinking Water Act, and approved by U.S. EPA.

The Agency regulates all applicable activities as set forth in the Guam's UIC Regulations. The UIC Program requires operating permits for all existing injection wells/systems. This includes wells built prior to the approval of the regulations are still in operation, and wells/ systems constructed after the effective date of the regulations.

Guam EPA has received renewal applications from Duty Free Shoppers (DFS) Guam Ltd. for three injection systems located at DFS Galleria, Tumon. The building has offices, gift and novelty stores, souvenir shops and subsurface drainage systems at parking areas.

On the basis of a preliminary UIC requirement review, the Administrator has proposed issuing UIC permits to allow discharges of stormwater runoff into the injection systems.

The discharges contain stormwater runoff only. No industrial discharges or any discharges are allowed into the systems.

The permits for this application will require:

- 1 - Only stormwater runoff to be discharged into the injection systems
- 2 - Semi-annual monitoring of water quality for MBAS, Oil and Grease, N03-N, Endrin, Lindane, Toxaphene, 2, 4-D, 2, 4, 5-TP Silvex, Heptachlor, Methoxychlor, Lead, Benzene, Ethylbenzene, Xylene, Toluene, MTBE, Boron, COD, and pH;
- 3 - Assurance regarding repairs, replacement, or abandonment of the well/systems in the event of failure;
- 4 - A laboratory analysis report of runoff water taken from the designated sampling point of the systems; and
- 5 - Compliance with other UIC requirements.

A copy of the Draft Permits and Permit Applications for the above applicant and all other supporting documents are available for public inspection from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Water Resources Management Program Section of the Water Division, Guam Environmental Protection Agency, located at 17-3304 Mariner Ave., Tiyan, Barrigada 96913.

For more information, contact Ms. Susan Marquez, at (671) 300-4778 or (671) 300-4751.

Written comments on the draft permits may be hand delivered to the address above or mailed to the address below. Comments must be received by Guam EPA no later than 5 p.m., Friday, October 4, 2019. No fax submissions will be accepted.

Administrator
Guam Environmental Protection Agency
17-3304 Mariner Avenue
Tiyan, Barrigada, Guam 96913

If there are no appeals, the Draft Permits becomes final. Operation of the injection well/system identified by the applicant may proceed subject to the conditions of the permit and other applicable legal requirements.

The final decision to set conditions and issue the final permits or deny application for the permits will be decided after all comments have been considered. If no comments are received within the 30-day waiting period, the final permits shall be issued immediately after the commenting period closes.

Please bring this information to the attention of all persons who may be interested in this matter.



/s/ WALTER S. LEON GUERRERO - Administrator

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GUAM BOARD OF ALLIED HEALTH EXAMINERS

Regular Session Meeting, Friday, September 6, 2019 at 12:00 PM

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

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