# 71 residents remain at Dededo shelter

**By Tihu Luian** tihu@postguam.com

There were still 171 displaced residents taking shelter Sunday at the Astumbo gym in Dededo, according to Guam Homeland Security, which has relieved the Dededo Mayor's Office of its duties overseeing the temporary shelter.

The process to assist the gym's temporary residents has been slow, but is moving along, said Jenna G. Blas, public information officer for Guam Homeland Security and the Office of Civil Defense.

On Sept. 16, there were 306 residents at the shelter. On Friday, there were 248.

"Each individual and family are assessed," Blas said. "It is a lengthy process to accurately place each individual."

The Guam Housing Corporation and Guam Housing and Urban Renewal Authority have been helping the displaced residents transition into either permanent or temporary housing.

A number of eligible families may be given vouchers from GHURA for priority placement.

Families that have the ability to pay rent may be placed in the Guam Housing



FOOD ASSISTANCE: People line up for food supplied by Guarn Homeland Security on Sunday at the Astumbo gym in Dededo. On Sunday, there were 171 people who remained at the gym. David Castro/The Guam Daily Post

Corporation's low-cost housing, Families that do not qualify for GHURA or low-cost housing also will be assessed for placement in a temporary housing program until a long-term solution is available for them," Blas said.

#### Community aid sought

Dededo Mayor Melissa Savares last week said "tension is high" between residents of the shelter, who are entering their third week at the gym. There is no definite date for the shelter's closure, according to Blas.

She added, "The shelter will remain

open as long as needed to house those severely impacted from Typhoon Mangkhut. As assessments continue and individual and family plans are created for those that are displaced, we can expect to see the numbers decline."

Blas said the community could continue to help the displaced residents through donations to the American Red Cross and The Salvation Army, both of which have been part of recovery efforts at the shelter.

The Salvation Army provided the following list of foods that could

be donated directly to its office on Corsair Street in Tiyan, Barrigada: canned vegetables (without added salt preferred), fruits canned in juice, 著 applesauce, 100-percent fruit juice and dried fruit, such as raisins, canned meats and fish, such as chicken, ham or beef, tuna, and salmon, peanuts and peanut butter, whole-grain, low-sugar cereal, such as plain instant oatmeal and bran flakes, whole-grain or enriched pasta and rice, boxed noodle and rice dishes, whole grain crackers (reduced-sodium preferred). popcorn, spaghetti sauce, salsa and canned beans, including baked beans, reduced-sodium broth and soups, salad dressings or spreads, condiments, such as ketchup or mustard low in fat and added sugars, and baby food and infant formula. Diapers and baby wipes are also needed at the shelter.

In lieu of food and material donations, cash donations are also accepted by The Salvation Army's Emergency Disaster Services. One hundred percent of the cash donation will go to purchasing food and hygiene supplies.

For more information, contact CJ Urquico, public relations and development coordinator for The Salvation Army, at 988-3333 or cj.urquico@usw. salvationarmy.org.

# Farmers pick up pieces after Mangkhut

**By Tihu Lujan** tihu@postguam.com

While damage assessments continue across the island after Typhoon Mangkhut passed near Guam a couple of weeks ago, farmers are picking up the pieces, including those of destroyed crops, some of which took years to grow.

Dededo farmer Joaquin Naputi is mourning the loss of about 500 soursop destroyed by the typhoon. The crop had been growing for over two years and was less than two weeks away from being ready for harvesting, he said.

"It's heartbreaking, but there's not much you can do," Naputi said.

His 3-acre farm in Dededo is also home to breadfruit, coconut, mango and banana trees, as well as pineapple plants - most of which made it through the storm.

Despite a few nipped breadfruit trees and coconut trees that took wind damage, Naputi said the soursop was his greatest loss.

Naputi, a former Guam Department of Agriculture deputy director, called the department the "first respondrs" of the agriculture industry after storms, and said the department should be conducting damage assessments at locally registered farms.

He said this is standard practice after the island braves storms, and recalls farmers flocking to the department to file reports of damage during his tenure.

AsforGuamfarmersafterMangkhut, Naputi said, "Basically, they're in the dark."

#### Planting seeds of resilience

Bernice Nelson, a local suruhana and owner of Amot Farm Inc., said her farm sustained relatively minor damage, but was left with a lot of debris.

About seven mature trees, including breadfruit, mansanita (tropical fruit) and medicinal trees were destroyed. Farmhands spent the week after the storm cutting the fallen trees into smaller pieces and clearing other debris around the 3-acre farm.

Amot Farm administrative coordi-

### **Volunteers wanted**

The University of Guam Triton Farm and Amot Farm Inc. seek volunteers to assist with clearing debris, replanting seedlings and general labor in the aftermath of Typhoon Mangkhut. Volunteers are asked to dress comfortably and bring a bottle of water.

The UOG Triton Farm is open from 9 a.m.

to 4 p.m. Monday to Sunday and is located on Chalan Estudia in Yigo, For information, contact farm manager Jessica Nangauta at 686-6980.

Åmot Farm Inc. is open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday to Friday and is located on Swamp Road in Dededo. For information, contact administrative coordinator Penny Nelson at 969-3276.

nator Penny Nelson said. "We should be ready before the end of the month."

The Dededo farm is known for protecting and preserving Guam's native medicinal plants and practicing CHamoru healing traditions.

Jessica Nangauta, manager of the University of Guam Triton Farm in Yigo, said damage to the 33-acre farm was "dramatic."

The farm lost six breadfruit trees, 15 papava trees and most of its "windbreak trees," including gågu (ironwood) and tangantangan trees, which are used to protect the farm's more vulnerable plants during strong winds.

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## GUAM BOARD OF BARBERING AND COSMETOLOG

### **Regular Session Meeting,** Monday, October 1, 2018 at 9:00 AM

at the Terlaje Professional Building, 194 Hernan Cortez Avenue, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Suite 209 Health Professional Licensing Office Board Conference Room, Hagatna, Guam.

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# Teen accuses elderly man of sexual misconduct

**By Jamie Ward** jamie@postguam.com

Officers arrested a Maite man on charges of sexual misconduct after a teenager made a walk-in complaint to police Sunday afternoon.

Doroteo Quintanilla Castro, 77, was charged with three counts of misdemeanor fourth-degree sexual misconduct.

According to the Superior Court of Guam magistrate's complaint, the incidents occurred on two separate occasions in 2017 and 2018.

Doroteo **Ouintanilla** During the first incident, which allegedly

happened when the victim was 16, Castro is accused of pulling down his pants and forcing the hands of the victim onto his genitals.

Castro

Court documents state the victim complied out of fear.

The second incident allegedly occurred Sunday before the report was made to the Guam Police Department.

According to the complaint, Castro approached the victim and began massaging her while also touching her genitals. He also allegedly hugged the victim and stated that he loved her. When he tried to kiss her, the complaint adds, the victim moved away and contacted her mother.

# **CCU OKs reduced payment for** customers who invest in solar

**By John O'Connor** john@postguam.com

The Consolidated Commission on Utilities has approved the Guam Power Authority's plan to reduce payments under a program that helps customers recoup their investment in solar power or other forms of renewable energy.

But before any changes can be implemented to the net metering program, the proposed amendments must pass muster with the Public Utilities Commission, which has final say on the recommendations.

GPA is under a mandate from the PUC to re-examine the net metering program once it reaches 1.000 customers who have solar power generation. The utility hit that benchmark in June 2016. There are now more than 1.700 customers who supplement their power from the GPA grid with solar energy.

The program pays customers who generate power through renewable energy systems, such as solar, for the excess energy they feed back into the power grid.

The current payment rate is GPA's retail rate. GPA hopes to amend the



**SOLAR PANELS: Outrio**ger Guam Beach Resort's solar panels are seen on the parking structure. The hotel partnered with **03 Energy Marianas** to begin sourcing some of the hotel's energy from the sun. The Guam Power Authority wants to reduce the payment rate for solar that's led back to the GPA grid. Dontana Keraskes/The Guam **Daily Post** 

program to pay customers less contending that, at the retail rate, customers who don't have renewable energy are subsidizing net metering customers by about \$3.5 million per year.

#### Critics: Change is premature

The recommendation has drawn criticism from some in Guam's solar industry, who argue the change is too soon because renewable energy generates just 3.6 percent of the island's power source. The rest of Guam's power still comes from traditional power plants that burn fossil fuel.

The change would discourage solar energy going forward and disrupt the industry, said Micronesia Renewable Energy Vice President Jeff Voacolo.

The cost-shifting that the utility points to is a campaign to sway majority sentiment toward GPA's side, Voacolo said.

MRE submitted about 100 questions to GPA as testimony on the recommended changes but hasn't received feedback.

GPA General Manager John Benavente has said leaving the payment rate as is may result in greater costs to GPA and potential rate increases.

The utility proposes to phase in the changes over five years.



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### **INVITATION** Purchase & Delivery of GIAA for BID Vehicles for FY18

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SUBMISSION DEADLINE: 2:00 PM (ChST) - Oct. 5, 2018 GIAA Administration Office

The A.B. Won Pat Int'l. Airport Authority, Guam (GIAA), will receive sealed bids for the project listed above. Bid documents may be inspected between 8:00 am - 5:00 pm Monday through Friday, excluding holidays at the 3rd floor GIAA Administration Main Terminal and are also available for download at www.guamairport.com All bids must be accompanied by a bid security in the amount of 15% of the total bid price in the form of a bid bond, or certified/cashier's check made payable to the GIAA, A non-refundable fee of Ten U.S. Dollars (\$10.00) in cash, or certified check, or cashier's check is required as payment for electronic bid files (.pdf format) on a USB flash drive, which can be obtained from the GIAA Administration Office. GIAA recommends that any and all prospective bidders register by submitting to GIAA the Acknowledgement of Receipt Form included as part of the IFB. GIAA shall not be liable for failure to provide notice(s) or addenda to any bidders who do not submit an Acknowledgement of Receipt Form. GIAA affirmatively insures that Small (Disadvantaged) Business Concerns will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids and will not be discriminated on the grounds of race, color and/or national origin in its consideration of a contract award. GIAA also reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any and all informalities, and to disregard all nonconforming or conditional bids or counter proposals when in GIAA's opinion, such rejection or waiver will be in the Authority's best interest. For additional information, contact Mr. Henry M. Cruz, the Single Point of Contact, via email at hcroz@goamairport.net,

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The Real Estate Commission will hold a meeting on Tuesday, October 2, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. at the Department of Revenue and Taxation Building, Director's Conference Room, at 1240 Army Drive, Barrigada. For further information, please contact our office at 635-1845/1846/7664.

> JOHN P. CAMACHO **Real Estate Commissioner**