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■ Don't forget to vote in today's Pacific Daily News poll. Today's question:

Should the government of Guam build more senior housing?

Results from yesterday's PDN poll are on

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▲ GMH adult beds were at 92% of capacity and maternal child beds were at 82% of capacity as of 9:30 p.m. yesterday. No patients were waiting for beds. For updated information, call the GMH switchboard at 647-2939 and ask for the nursing su-

pervisor.
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House passes defense hill

War claims, joint water system pushed by Bordallo

TO THE POINT

▲ The Housepassed defense spending bill includes provisions for compensation for Guam war survivors, and a measure to integrate Navy and civilian water systems.

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Guam will receive about \$500 million for military construction projects in 2011 if the defense spending bill passed by the House Friday is accepted as is by the Senate.

Additionally, the Defense Department would be able to transfer the Navy's water and wastewater assets to the Guam Waterworks Authority if the Senate accepts amendments to the bill passed by the House Thursday.

The House on Friday passed H.R. 5136, the National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal 2011, by a vote of 229 to 186, according to Guam Delegate Madeleine Bordallo. The bill calls for \$566 million to be

released to Guam for costs associated with military buildup construction projects.

About 8,000 Marines and their 9,000 dependents will be relocated from Okinawa, Japan, to Guam by 2014 as part of an agreement between the United States and Japan to lighten the military presence in the southern Japanese prefecture.

Attached to the 2011 defense

spending bill are amendments of-fered by Bordallo that would make the Navy a water and wastewater customer of Guam's civilian water agency, and another measure that calls for war reparations for Guam's war survivors.

The Senate must pass its companion bill to H.R. 5136 before the two defense authorization

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Relay for Life a show of support



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Support: Participants cheer for cancer survivors and caregivers during the American Cancer Society's annual Relay For Life at the George Washington High School track and field in Mangilao on Friday. The annual event concluded yesterday morning with thousands of participants.



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Companies, families, caregivers and survivors rallied together for the island's largest annual event to fight cancer.

The American Cancer Society's Relay for Life, a 12-hour march in support of cancer survivors and a tribute to those who lost their battles against cancer, drew throngs of people to the George Washington High School track in Mangilao Friday night.

The event was once a way to recognize cancer survivors, but now it's garnered support from several of the island's businesses and employers who feel it's their duty to give back to their communities by helping sponsor the event. They hope their contributions will help find a cure one day.

"Cancer is hitting a lot more people than it used to and it's affecting a lot more people, so everyone is trying to work together to

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Trust seeks Pågat protection

▲ One group is collecting signatures in an effort to protect historic Pagat village.

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Drumbeats resonated through Skinner Plaza last night, as if to call island residents' attention to the natural beauty and historical significance of the an-



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cient Chamorro village and cave of Pågat.

Hosted by the Guam Preservation Trust, the "Save Pågat Village" event was aimed at raising awareness about the village and collecting signatures eral government to keep Pågat intact. The program included a cultural show complete with traditional chanting and dancing.

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Cix from Guam head to national competition in Missouri.

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