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

Are you going to vote in the March 20 special election?

■ Results from yesterday's PDN poll are on **PAGE 2**

GMH CAPACITY

▲ GMH adult beds were at 90% of capacity and maternal child beds were at 80% 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 supervisor.

This box will appear on Page 1 daily. It will now appear red when patients are waiting for beds.



WEBB DIES AT AGE 64

Guam mourns passing of community leader.

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Reforming mass transit



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Epic journey: Arleen Nestor, 26, holds her 6-month-old daughter Brenda Nestor while waiting for a mass transit bus at the Chamorro Village parking lot. Nestor said she was waiting to transfer to a second bus while making an hours-long trek, including the wait time, from her Mangilao home to the Guam Premier Outlets.

2030 plan will accommodate buildup

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The goal is to minimize the number of cars on Guam's roads.

With the island's northern and central roads projected to carry nearly twice as many cars in 2014 as a result of the military buildup, the Guam Regional Transit Authority is working with the Department of Public Works to figure out how to make mass transit a more reliable system so more people use it.

The 2030 Guam Transportation Program plan proposes a fixed-route

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busing system to accommodate these areas of the island, aside from the system that's already in place, said Joseph Manibusan, interim director for Mass Transit and deputy director for the Department of Administration.

As Mass Transit rider Jesse Meno of Hagåtña noted, certain areas remain under-served, including Route 15 from the Marbo area to Price Elementary School.

Furthermore, extensive research

conducted by the Parsons Brinckerhoff firm confirmed "buses often lay-over at the endpoints of their routes for time periods that are longer than the actual run times," the GTP Web site stated.

Meno agreed.

He said he wished the drivers would run their routes straight-through.

Plus, he wants to see more frequent stops along the routes and service until midnight.

Extended hours are certainly part of the 2030 plan, along with

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Underwood: JFK still a top priority

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John F. Kennedy High School students need not worry that the construction of their new campus will be held off, despite the approval of \$6.4 million to pay for the long-term lease, insurance, maintenance and desired improvements for the temporary campus in Tiyan.

The approval doesn't translate to a delay in the construction of the new JFK campus, assured Guam Department of Education Superintendent Nerissa Bretania Underwood.

The goal to rebuild the new JFK campus remains urgent and the Guam Department of Education is still committed to building it immediately upon clearance by the Legislature, she said.

According to her, the Guam Education Policy Board's decided last week to entertain a long-term lease at Tiyan because it's economically more feasible and the facility can be used as a temporary campus for other students, even after the new JFK campus is built.

Citing the 2,700-student enrollment at George Washington High School and the enrollment of 2,300 students at JFK, Underwood said the Tiyan campus can be used to address crowding issues at the campuses while existing facilities are being im-

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BY THE NUMBERS

The Guam Education Policy Board approved \$6.4 million to pay for the long-term lease of the CoreTech facilities in Tiyan housing the interim John F. Kennedy High School campus.

- ▲ \$3.4M — lease
 - ▲ \$1M — maintenance and insurance
 - ▲ \$2M — desired improvements
- CoreTech Business Development Director Joshua Tenorio*

A Special Report

Election 2010

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

The six candidates answer questions about local issues.

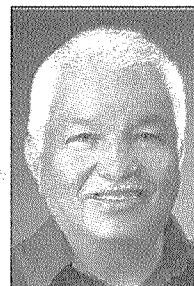
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Yes 30.3%
No 69.7%

Total Votes: 198
As of 9:30 p.m., Feb. 21

Local News

Last respects for Duenas today

Last respects for retired U.S. District Court Judge Cristobal Camacho Duenas will begin at 8 a.m. today at the Dulce Nombre de Maria Cathedral-Basilica in Hagåtña. After friends and family pay their final tribute, Mass for a Christian burial will be held at 11:30 a.m. at the cathedral-basilica, followed by burial at Pigo Cemetery in Anigua. Duenas, of Maite, died Feb. 14 at age 89.

Students invited for census poster contest

The 2010 Guam Census invites all Guam students to participate in a student poster competition to educate residents about the census. All public and private elementary and high schools are invited to participate from now through 5 p.m. March 12. Students are encouraged to paint, draw and create a poster describing what the census means to them and the community. The theme is "2010 Guam Census, It's in Our Hands." Pick up entry forms at the local census office at 770 East Sunset Blvd., Suite 280, Tiyan.

Public Health seeks Guam centenarians

The Department of Public Health and Social Services' Division of Senior Citizens is seeking the public's support to promote a centenarian recognition event at the Senior Citizens' Month celebration in May. Centenarians whose primary residence is Guam will be recognized. Forms are available at the division's office in Suite 8 of the University Castle Mall at 130 University Drive, Mangilao; or download from: <http://dphss.guam.gov> by Tuesday. Submission deadline is 5 p.m. Friday. Call Connie Santiago at 735-7011/7382.

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Transit: More buses, routes

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additional routes and the purchase of new vehicles.

"The current Territorial Transportation Improvement Program has programmed \$20 million in funds to acquire the 50 new vehicles needed to start the system in 2012," the GTP plan states. "Over the life of the 2030 GTP, it is foreseeable that the initial bus fleet of 50 vehicles will need replacement."

According to Mass Transit rider Josie Doi of Agat, the buses break down "quite often."

Manibusan said Public Works is applying for stimulus funding for big-ticket items, like buses, and a bus maintenance facility, designed for a fleet of up to 100, according to the GTP plan.

As much as Manibusan would like for Mass Transit to employ fuel-efficient vehicles, he said the island must have the resources to maintain those vehicles, once obtained.

"If we get the modern buses, we may not have the right kind of fuel and right kind of maintenance capabilities to support that," Manibusan said. "If you were to look at all the different operators, they may not be skilled enough to handle these modern hybrid kind of engines. They may not readily be available in our part of the world, or they may be more expensive."

The draft Environmental Impact Statement, which details how Guam will be directly impacted by the military buildup, shows the island will see an influx of temporary workers. Manibusan wonders how Mass Transit will meet the demand for that labor force.

"One of the big questions that we still see (is) where's all that labor force going to be staying? It's not really well known yet, and that's going to be a big factor in the routes that we plan," Manibusan said.

Currently the the GTP plan recommends improving services and connectivity between Marine Corps Drive and the Tamuning/Tumon Bay area, as well as deploying five fixed-routes to connect major pop-



Louis Paulino/For Pacific Daily News

Ready to roll: A mass transit bus picks up riders at the Chamorro Village parking lot bus stop on Feb. 19.

BY THE NUMBERS

- ▲ 2012: Year the new system would start
- ▲ 50: number of vehicles to start the new system
- ▲ \$20 million: programmed funds to acquire the 50 new vehicles
- ▲ 18: number of hours the new system would be running daily

ulation and employment centers, such as Dededo in the north, and Apra Harbor in the south.

The system also would connect the Finegayan facilities and the Yigo District/Andersen Air Force Base.

However, Manibusan said the island only has so much space to expand the mass transit system. Some factors just fall outside the jurisdiction of Mass Transit, he added.

"If there aren't new roads built, if the existing roads aren't expanded, there is going to be congestion," he said. "There will be many things we ... cannot address because it's not (under our) umbrella," he said.

Road projects

The Department of Public Works has embarked on a \$158 million road improvement program called the Territorial Transportation Improvement Plan before the military



buildup activities begin, Pacific Daily News files state.

Traffic on Guam will be at its worst in 2014 because there will be 80,000 more people here and ongoing construction, according to the draft Environmental Impact Statement for the pending military buildup.

Some of the island's northern and central roads will carry nearly twice as many cars as they were designed for and the wait at some intersections could be five times longer.

For now, commuters are dealing with congestion as they navigate several affected areas.

For example, last month Public Works and its contractors began pavement work from the intersection of Route 4 and 10 down to McDonald's in Hagåtña.

And drivers can expect lane closures on Route 1 in Yigo as crews begin installing new traffic light signals at the intersection of Wusstig Road and Marine Corps Drive.

GMH board chairman Webb dies at 64

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The Guam Memorial Hospital Authority's Board of Trustees chairman died Saturday morning of natural causes.

Daniel Webb, 64, was also president and financial consultant at Asia Pacific Financial Management Group. Before that, he was the president of Citizens Security Bank, now known as ANZ Guam.

Citizens Security Bank started in 1991 and hired Webb from San Francisco in 1992, said ANZ Guam chairman Kurt Moylan. As a local startup bank, it initially faced problems adhering to FDIC regulations, according to Moylan, but Webb, who had 30 years of banking experience under his belt, was able to bring the bank back to its feet.

"He knew what he was doing," Moylan said. "I think one of the things that impressed us about him, he was very professional. He was

able to handle all the FDIC examinations, and did well."

Webb eventually opened the Tamuning, Dededo, and Harmon branches of the bank.

But in 1999, Webb resigned from

Citizens Security Bank to move onto something different. He gave the board time to find another president, Larry Butterfield. According to Moylan,

Webb

Webb was tired of banking, so he took to securities and investments instead. He wanted to stay on the island.

"He loved Guam, he loved the people," Moylan said. "But he wanted a change of career."

And even after he'd switched careers, Moylan continued to trust

Webb with his investments.

"I valued his opinion. We invested with him, and we still do," Moylan said yesterday. "He would tell me straight, 'Listen, Kurt, it's not a good idea. In today's market, you need to be extra careful.'"

Yet Webb was more than a banking expert, according to Carl Peterson, financial advisor at Money Resources Inc. He also had a keen interest in civic duty.

His latest community involvement was as chairman of the Guam Memorial Hospital board of trustees. Peterson said Webb was very anxious to start tackling the responsibilities the hospital would have when the buildup started and throughout the buildup.

Webb joined as a trustee on the hospital's board in 2006 and was re-elected last month to another term as chairman, according to GMH spokesman Connor Murphy.

"He had been a driving force in making GMH a better hospital for our island and he will be deeply missed by everyone here," Murphy

JFK: Tiyan could ease overcrowding

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proved and new ones are constructed. The construction of an additional northern campus has been put off because the area is being considered for military buildup projects, she said.

"What we can actually do is still utilize the (Tiyan) facility to alleviate the overcrowding in those two high schools," she said.

And the approval of funds by the education board doesn't necessarily mean a nine-year contract with Core Tech International — the company which won the bid for the temporary campus lease last year — is solidified.

Underwood said the board's attorney has recommended consulting the attorney general's office to make sure the contract doesn't have to go out to bid again, because the multi-year contract includes significantly different terms.

According to the new lease terms, Core Tech would make several improvements to the campus, not just four capital improvement projects outlined by the one-year lease, Underwood said. Although the initial price of the long-term lease is higher, the price drops after the first year, added DOE Deputy Superintendent Taling Taitano.

If the Department of Education can renew its lease with Core Tech, it would still have to wait for appropriation of funds by the Legislature, as DOE doesn't have the financial capacity to make such a commitment, she said.

"There's always the option to shorten that, but I don't know what the penalties are," Underwood said. "Those would still have to be worked out if we are still approved for a nine-year lease."

But there are still a lot of doubts to be cleared before DOE can commit to a nine-year contract with Core Tech, she said.

"We need to clarify first the procurement issue," she said.

Acting Gov. Mike Cruz, on behalf of officials in Adelup, also expressed his condolences Saturday.

Cruz said Webb's passion and vision for the civilian hospital had been the driving force behind many of its accomplishments over the years.

"He worked tirelessly toward the goal of obtaining full accreditation. Through his commitment and leadership, our hospital has achieved provisional accreditation from the Joint Commission for the first time in 27 years," Cruz said. "Dan's presence will be deeply missed and we will forever be grateful for his many contributions to our island's only civilian hospital."

"He's a young guy. He had so much more to live," Moylan added. "We're sorry to see him go."

Webb is survived by his wife, Vivian D. Webb; son, Bryan Webb; daughter Tracy Dunham; stepsons Thomas Duke, Mathieu Duke, Jonathan Duke; step-daughter Amara Benavides; brother David Webb; and mother Shirley Webb.