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GROWING DEMAND FOR AMBULANCE BRIGADE'S SERVICES
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THE SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR DAVID AKERS-JONES, THIS (SATURDAY) EVENING URGED YOUNG PEOPLE TO JOIN THE ST JOHN AMBULANCE BRIGADE TO MEET THE INCREASING DEMAND OF ITS SERVICES.

THEY WOULD ALSO BE ABLE TO BENEFIT FROM EXPERT TRAINING AND TO ENJOY THE FELLOWSHIP OF ST JOHN'S, HE SAID AT THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY BALL OF THE BRIGADE'S MAINLAND AREA OFFICERS' MESS.

WITH SO MANY TRAINED MEN AND WOMEN, HE SAID THAT THE BRIGADE HAD DEDICATED TO PROVIDING FIRST AID AND HOME NURSING FOR THE WELFARE OF THOSE IN NEED.

IT ALSO PROVIDES A 24-HOUR FREE AMBULANCE SERVICE.

+EARLY THIS YEAR THE BRIGADE COMPLETED ITS EXPANSION PROGRAMME IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WHERE SIX NEW TRAINING CENTRES AND DIVISIONAL HEADQUARTERS WERE ESTABLISHED.

+THE NEW FACILITIES HAVE ALSO HELPED TO BOOST THE STRENGTH OF THE BRIGADE TO CLOSE TO 3 000,+ HE SAID.

MR AKERS-JONES CONGRATULATED 14 OFFICERS OF THE MAINLAND AREA ON THEIR LONG SERVICES.

+EACH OF THEM HAS SERVED THE BRIGADE FOR OVER 30 YEARS AND TOGETHER THEY HAVE CHALKED UP 492 YEARS OF VOLUNTARY SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY,+ HE SAID.

+THE DEDICATION DISPLAYED BY THESE OFFICERS IS AN INSPIRATION TO THEIR COLLEAGUES AND I CONGRATULATE THEM ON THEIR ACHIEVEMENT,+ HE ADDED.

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YOUNG PEOPLE NEED HELP AND SUPPORT - CHAMBERS
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YOUNG PEOPLE IN HONG KONG NEED HELP AND SUPPORT IN VARIOUS FORMS IF THEY ARE TO DEVELOP INTO WELL-INTEGRATED AND RESPONSIBLE CITIZENS OF THE FUTURE.

THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR JOHN CHAMBERS, SAID THIS TODAY (SATURDAY) WHEN HE OPENED THE CHINESE YMCA TUEN MUN CHILDREN AND YOUTH CENTRE.

HE SAID THE YOUNG PEOPLE HERE, GROWING UP IN THE VERY DENSELY POPULATED ENVIRONMENT, WERE CONSTANTLY UNDER GREAT PRESSURE AND STRESS.

ACADEMIC EDUCATION AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING, HE SAID, WERE NOT IN THEMSELVES SUFFICIENT TO SATISFY THEIR NEEDS.

+THEY ALSO NEED RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES AND HELP TOWARDS THEIR SOCIAL AND MORAL DEVELOPMENT, SO THAT THEY CAN GROW UP TO BE BALANCED AND FULLY INTEGRATED MEMBERS OF SOCIETY.+

+PROVIDING A VARIETY OF PROGRAMMES AND ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IS CLEARLY A VERY IMPORTANT TASK TO WHICH THE GOVERNMENT HAS DEVOTED A GREAT DEAL OF EFFORT IN RECENT YEARS, AND VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS HAVE MADE A MOST VALUABLE CONTRIBUTION TO THIS WORK,+ HE SAID.

MR CHAMBERS PRAISED THE CHINESE YMCA FOR ITS LONG HISTORY OF SERVICE WHICH BENEFITED TENS OF THOUSANDS OF YOUNG PEOPLE OF HONG KONG.

THE NEW CENTRE, LOCATED AT ON TING ESTATE, IS FULLY SUBVENTED BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT AND HAS ALSO RECEIVED A LOTTERIES FUND GRANT OF \$98 000 FOR FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT.

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MEASURES TO IMPROVE QUALITY OF EDUCATION
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THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HAD SPENT CONSIDERABLE EFFORT AND RESOURCES IN THE PAST FEW YEARS IN IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF HONG KONG'S EDUCATION, THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR MICHAEL LEUNG, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF A SEMINAR ON TEACHING METHODS ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION AT PUI CHING MIDDLE SCHOOL, MR LEUNG SAID THAT THE QUALITY ENHANCEMENT MEASURES FELL INTO THREE MAIN AREAS.

THESE AREAS ARE THE PROVISION OF A BETTER SCHOOLING ENVIRONMENT, THE ALLOCATION OF ADDITIONAL RESOURCES AND THE UPGRADING OF THE QUALITY OF TEACHING.

HE SAID THAT WITH THE INTRODUCTION OF THE PRIMARY ONE ADMISSION SYSTEM THIS YEAR, THE MAXIMUM SIZE OF PRIMARY CLASSES HAD BEGUN TO BE REDUCED, LEVEL BY LEVEL, TO 40 IN THE CASE OF ORDINARY CLASSES AND 35 IN THE CASE OF CLASSES ADOPTING THE ACTIVITY APPROACH.

ALONG WITH THIS, THE TEACHER-TO-CLASS RATIO IN PRIMARY SCHOOLS HAS BEEN IMPROVED FROM 1.1 TO 1 TO 1.2 TO 1 IN SEPTEMBER LAST YEAR, MAINLY TO ENABLE TEACHERS IN PRIMARY SCHOOLS TO DEVOTE MORE TIME TO REMEDIAL TEACHING.

APART FROM MORE TEACHERS, PRIMARY SCHOOLS HAVE ALSO PROVIDED WITH MORE RESOURCES OF OTHER KINDS.

CAPITATION AND TEXTBOOK GRANTS HAD BEEN INCREASED, MORE AUDIO-VISUAL TEACHING AIDS PROVIDED AND A PILOT CLASS-LIBRARY SCHEME STARTED, MR LEUNG NOTED.

IN THE SECONDARY SECTOR, HE SAID THAT IN SEPTEMBER 1982, EACH STANDARD-SIZE SECONDARY SCHOOL IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR WAS PROVIDED WITH TWO ADDITIONAL GRADUATE TEACHERS IN ORDER TO STRENGTHEN REMEDIAL TEACHING IN CHINESE AND ENGLISH.

A THIRD GRADUATE TEACHER HAS BEEN PROVIDED FROM SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR AND TWO OTHER NON-GRADUATE TEACHERS WILL BE ADDED AS SOON AS THE COLLEGES OF EDUCATION HAVE TRAINED ENOUGH TEACHERS.

+THESE ADDITIONAL TEACHERS ARE INTENDED TO STRENGTHEN REMEDIAL TEACHING, COUNSELLING AND GUIDANCE AND EXTRA-CURRICULAR AND COMMUNITY-INVOLVEMENT ACTIVITIES,+ MR LEUNG SAID.

IN THE UPGRADING OF TEACHING QUALITY, HE SAID THAT BESIDES A SERIES OF SEMINARS AND REFRESHER COURSES FOR TEACHERS, THE INSTITUTE OF LANGUAGE IN EDUCATION, OPENED LAST YEAR, HAD RETRAINED 200 TEACHERS OF CHINESE AND ENGLISH IN 1982/83 AND WOULD DOUBLE ITS INTAKE THIS YEAR.

THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HAD ALSO RUN A SERIES OF TRAINING COURSES FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL HEADS TO FAMILIARISE THEM WITH UP-TO-DATE TECHNIQUES ON SCHOOL MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION, HE SAID.

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FIRST CHINESE MUSIC FESTIVAL STARTS

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THE FIRST CHINESE MUSIC FESTIVAL, ORGANISED BY THE MUSIC OFFICE OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT, STARTED THIS (SATURDAY) EVENING WITH A CONCERT AT THE AUDITORIUM IN TSUEN WAN TOWNHALL.

THE NINE-DAY FESTIVAL WILL FEATURE SEMINARS AND MASTER CLASSES ON CHINESE MUSIC AND INSTRUMENTS TO BE CONDUCTED BY RENOWNED MUSICIANS.

THERE WILL ALSO BE AN ETHNIC CHINESE MUSIC DEMONSTRATION CONCERT ON NOVEMBER 24 AND A FINALE CONCERT ON NOVEMBER 27.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY, DR HENRIETTA IP, AN UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, SAID THAT INCREASINGLY, HONG KONG WAS BECOMING A FOCUS OF CHINESE AND WESTERN CULTURE.

+IN RECENT YEARS, CONSIDERABLE PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE IN THE MAKING OF MUSIC, BOTH CHINESE AND WESTERN, PARTICULARLY BY YOUNG PEOPLE.

+THIS ENCOURAGING DEVELOPMENT, I AM GLAD TO SAY, IS PARTLY A RESULT OF THE MUSIC OFFICE'S WORK IN PROMOTING CHINESE MUSIC BY TEACHING CHINESE INSTRUMENTS THROUGH ITS INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC TRAINING SCHEME, BY MANAGING A NUMBER OF YOUTH CHINESE ORCHESTRAS AT BOTH DISTRICT AND REGIONAL LEVELS, AND BY GIVING REGULAR PERFORMANCES, PARTICULARLY TO PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS,+ SHE SAID.

DR IP POINTED OUT THAT THERE WAS A GROWING NUMBER OF CHINESE ORCHESTRAS THROUGHOUT HONG KONG, WITH A CORRESPONDING INCREASE IN THE SIZE OF AUDIENCES.

IN A WELCOMING ADDRESS EARLIER, MR PATRICK WILLIAMSON, THE COMMISSIONER FOR RECREATION AND CULTURE, SAID THAT ONE OF THE MUSIC OFFICE'S OBJECTIVES WAS TO PROMOTE AN INTEREST IN MUSIC, ESPECIALLY AMONG THE YOUNGER GENERATION.

+AS A MAJOR STEP FORWARD IN PROMOTING CHINESE MUSIC IN HONG KONG AND FOLLOWING THE SUCCESS OF THE CHINESE MUSIC WEEK WHICH WAS HELD BY THE MUSIC OFFICE IN MARCH LAST YEAR, WE HAVE, FOR THE FIRST TIME, ORGANISED A CHINESE MUSIC FESTIVAL OF THIS MAGNITUDE AND VARIETY WITH A VIEW TO STIMULATING IMPROVEMENTS IN THE STANDARD OF PERFORMANCE AND THE APPRECIATION OF CHINESE MUSIC,+ MR WILLIAMSON SAID.

NINE N.T. SITES FOR SALE
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THE LANDS DEPARTMENT IS OFFERING NINE NEW TERRITORIES LOTS TOTALLING NEARLY 33 000 SQUARE METRES IN AREA FOR SALE BY LETTER A/B TENDER.

THREE OF THE SITES ARE IN SHA TIN, THREE IN YUEN LONG, TWO IN TUEN MUN AND ONE IN TAI PO.

THE THREE SITES IN SHA TIN MEASURE 5 893, 4 700 AND 3 270 SQUARE METRES RESPECTIVELY.

THE LARGEST IS FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL OR HOTEL PURPOSES AND THE TWO SMALLER ONES ARE FOR PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL USE.

TWO OF THE YUEN LONG SITES ARE ALSO FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COVER 894 AND 430 SQUARE METRES RESPECTIVELY.

THE THIRD YUEN LONG SITE MEASURES 2 300 SQUARE METRES AND IS FOR PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL PURPOSE.

BOTH SITES IN TUEN MUN ARE FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL PURPOSES. THEIR AREAS ARE 8 980 AND 3 552 SQUARE METRES.

THE SITE IN TAI PO HAS AN AREA OF 2 890 SQUARE METRES AND IS FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL USE.

THE CLOSING DATE FOR ACCEPTANCE OF TENDERS FOR THE NINE SITES IS 12 NOON ON DECEMBER 16.

TENDER FORMS, NOTICES AND CONDITIONS OF SALE MAY BE OBTAINED FROM, AND SALE PLANS INSPECTED AT, THE LANDS DEPARTMENT, MURRAY BUILDING, 5TH FLOOR, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG; THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE (KOWLOON WEST), KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 10TH FLOOR, 405 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON; AND THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICES OF SHA TIN, TUEN MUN, YUEN LONG, TSUEN WAN, TAI PO, NORTH, SAI KUNG AND ISLANDS.

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PUBLIC URGED TO OBSERVE TRAFFIC RULES
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THE WANCHAI DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS LOLLY CHIU, TODAY (SATURDAY) APPEALED TO DRIVERS AND PEDESTRIANS TO OBSERVE TRAFFIC RULES IN ORDER TO REDUCE ROAD ACCIDENTS.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE DISTRICT'S MONTH-LONG ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN, SHE POINTED OUT THAT OF THE 24 000 TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS IN HONG KONG LAST YEAR, 1 271 OCCURRED IN WAN CHAI.

+ALTHOUGH OUR FIGURE IS ONLY A MERE FIVE PER CENT OF THE TOTAL, THERE IS NO ROOM FOR COMPLACENCY,+ SHE SAID.

STRESSING THAT PEDESTRIANS ALSO HAVE AN IMPORTANT PART TO PLAY IN ROAD SAFETY, SHE URGED THEM, SPECIALLY CHILDREN, TO MAKE MORE USE OF SUCH FACILITIES AS TRAFFIC LIGHTS, ZEBRA CROSSINGS, FOOTBRIDGES AND SUBWAYS.

+BY OBSERVING TRAFFIC RULES AND NEVER CROSSING THE ROAD IN HASTE WILL HELP SAVE LIVES, OF YOUR OWN AND THOSE OF OTHERS,+ MISS CHIU ADDED.

THE CAMPAIGN, WITH AN EDUCATIONAL AND AN ENFORCEMENT PHASE, IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN ORGANISING COMMITTEE, THE DISTRICT BOARD AND THE POLICE.

TODAY'S PROGRAMME FEATURED A MINIATURE ROAD SAFETY TOWN, A DISPLAY OF CRASHED VEHICLES, A SEAT BELT CATAPULT, GAMES STALLS, AND A DRAWING COMPETITION.

OTHER EVENTS FOR THE EDUCATIONAL PHASE WILL INCLUDE AN INTER-SCHOOL QUIZ AND A ROAD SAFETY EXHIBITION.

THE QUIZ, FOCUSING ON LOCAL TRAFFIC PROBLEMS, REGULATIONS FOR ROAD USERS, WILL BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 26 AT WAH YAN COLLEGE, WITH NINE LOCAL SCHOOL TEAMS TAKING PART.

THE EXHIBITION, TO BE HELD FROM DECEMBER 1 TO 4 AT THE LOBBY OF HENNESSY CENTRE, WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FROM 10 AM TO 9.30 PM DAILY.

DURING THE TWO-WEEK ENFORCEMENT PHASE BEGINNING FROM DECEMBER 5, POLICE WILL STEP UP ACTION AGAINST CARELESS DRIVERS AND JAYWALKERS IN THE DISTRICT.

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OPERATION TO ERADICATE MOSQUITO-BREEDING GROUNDS
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THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS CARRYING OUT AN EXTENSIVE OPERATION IN SAI KUNG TO ERADICATE BREEDING GROUNDS FOR MALARIA-CARRYING MOSQUITOES.

SINCE EARLY THIS MONTH, TWO PEST CONTROL TEAMS OF THE SAI KUNG URBAN SERVICES OFFICE HAVE BEEN INSPECTING POTENTIAL BREEDING PLACES OF SUCH MOSQUITOES IN THE REGION.

PARTICULAR ATTENTION IS PAID TO STREAM COURSES AND HILLSIDES AS MOSQUITOES TEND TO BREED IN STAGNANT CLEAR WATER.

LARVICIDES ARE SPRAYED ON THE WATER SURFACE WHERE MOSQUITO BREEDING IS DETECTED.

ROCKS AND UNDERGROWTH BLOCKING UP RIVER COURSES ARE BEING CLEARED AWAY.

ABANDONED FIELDS IN SAI KUNG HAVE ALSO BEEN INSPECTED AND PUDDLES CLEARED UP.

MEANWHILE, SIMILAR OPERATIONS ARE BEING CARRIED OUT BY THE DEPARTMENT IN OTHER DISTRICTS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE PUBLIC ARE BEING URGED TO REPORT ANY SUSPECTED MOSQUITO-BREEDING PLACES TO THEIR URBAN SERVICES OFFICES.

+AS MOSQUITOES BREED ONLY IN STAGNANT WATER, THE MOST EFFECTIVE AND SIMPLE WAY TO DEAL WITH THE PROBLEM IS BY DENYING THEM ACCESS TO WATER,+ AN NTSD SPOKESMAN SAID.

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LIFE-SAVING COMPETITION IN YUEN LONG
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MORE THAN 200 PROFESSIONAL AND AMATEUR LIFE-SAVING EXPERTS WILL DEMONSTRATE THEIR TECHNIQUES AT THE NEW TERRITORIES LIFE-SAVING OPEN COMPETITION TO BE HELD AT THE YUEN LONG PUBLIC SWIMMING POOL TOMORROW (SUNDAY).

THE COMPETITION, ORGANISED BY THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND SPONSORED BY THE HONG KONG LIFE GUARD CLUB, WILL TAKE PLACE BETWEEN 9 AM AND 5 PM.

THERE WILL BE SEVEN EVENTS FOR BOTH THE MEN'S AND WOMEN'S SECTIONS.

THERE WILL BE SEPARATE SUB-SECTIONS FOR PROFESSIONALS AND AMATEURS IN THE MEN'S EVENTS.

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THE DIRECTOR OF NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES, MR JOHN HEYWOOD, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE PRIZE-GIVING CEREMONY AT ABOUT 4.30 PM THAT DAY.

ALSO PRESENT AT THE CEREMONY WILL BE THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (OPERATIONS) OF NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES, MR BOWEN LEUNG; THE DIRECTOR OF HONG KONG LIFE GUARD CLUB, MR KWOK HON-MING; THE VICE-PRESIDENT OF NEW TERRITORIES BRANCH OF HONG KONG LIFE GUARD CLUB, MR LAU HON-WAH; AND THE URBAN SERVICES OFFICER OF YUEN LONG, MR WILLIAM KWONG.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE COMPETITION AT THE YUEN LONG PUBLIC SWIMMING POOL TOMORROW (SUNDAY) BETWEEN 9 AM AND 5 PM. THE PRIZE-GIVING CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT ABOUT 4.30 PM.

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NEW FOOTBRIDGE SYSTEM FOR CAUSEWAY BAY
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PEDESTRIANS CAN LOOK FORWARD TO CROSSING THE JUNCTION OF YEE WO STREET, PENNINGTON STREET AND SUGAR STREET IN CAUSEWAY BAY IN GREATER SAFETY WHEN A COVERED FOOTBRIDGE SYSTEM IS BUILT IN THE AREA.

THE HIGHWAYS OFFICE OF THE ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS TO BUILD THE CIRCULAR SYSTEM WHICH WILL SPAN THE JUNCTION.

UNDER THE SAME PROJECT, PARTS OF YEE WO STREET, PENNINGTON STREET AND SUGAR STREET WILL BE RE-ALIGNED AND WIDENED TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC CIRCULATION IN THE AREA.

WORK WILL START EARLY NEXT YEAR AND TAKE ABOUT 15 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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CLEARWAY RESTRICTED ZONE

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FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (NOVEMBER 21), THE SECTION OF HONG NING ROAD BETWEEN KWUN TONG ROAD, AND A POINT ABOUT 20 METRES NORTH OF ITS JUNCTION WITH MUT WAH STREET, WILL BE DESIGNATED A RESTRICTED ZONE FROM 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY.

WITHIN THE RESTRICTED ZONE, ALL MOTOR VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES AND THOSE AUTHORISED IN WRITING BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ARE PROHIBITED FROM PICKING UP OR SETTING DOWN PASSENGERS OR LOADING OR UNLOADING GOODS.

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TRAFFIC CHANGES TO BE INTRODUCED

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FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (NOVEMBER 21), THE PUBLIC LIGHT BUS RESTRICTION ON HENNESSY ROAD WESTBOUND BETWEEN LANDALE STREET AND QUEEN'S ROAD EAST WILL BE LIFTED.

AT THE SAME TIME, TUNG CHUNG ROAD ON LANTAU ISLAND WILL BE SUBJECT TO A SPEED LIMIT OF 20 MILES PER HOUR.

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