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Parks and Recreation, which is responsible for keeping the public restrooms clean.

The report describes the "unkempt" conditions of the restrooms as "shameful" and a "blight" that reflects poorly on our island in the eyes of "local residents and visitors."

Secondly, in order to ensure that park maintenance duties are being performed as required, the report recommends an accounting of all the resources and equipment at Parks and Rec.

Parks and Rec gets a total of \$2.7 million annually from the Tourist Attraction Fund to maintain not only the public restrooms but also the condition of the public parks.

Third, the report calls for an internal audit of TAF to account for all the money appropriated from the fund to "external entities and recipients."

Fourth, the Department of Revenue and Taxation should be given the "proper resources" and directed to "immediately establish and vigorously undertake" the collection of taxes from unlicensed bed-and-breakfast businesses, as well as tour operators.

Fifth, the administration should create an ad hoc "Governor's Council of Tourism Advisors" to develop a road map for the industry. The report describes the current state of the industry as being "in need of a strategic plan" in order to protect current market



WATER ACTIVITY: Dozens of visitors go sightseeing Friday at the Fish Eye Marine Park in Piti. *Dontana Keraskes/The Guam Daily Post*

share and develop new markets.

Sixth, the report recommends that the airport, Customs, Guam Economic Development Authority, Parks and Rec and GVB collaborate at all times on issues such as site maintenance, data collection and business marketing.

"Each has to be in sync with one another," states the report.

Among the other recommendations

in the report are a critical assessment of nearly \$18 million in destination market and associated contracts; the establishment of uniform standards for signage and sites; and the enforcement of government codes.

Overview

The visitor industry on Guam is the major economic driver for the island.

The industry generated over a quar-

ter-billion dollars in taxes in 2016 and helped support 21,000 jobs or 34 percent of the total island employment that year.

The hotel occupancy tax, generated primarily from visitor stays in hotels, generated \$44.7 million for the government in 2016.

About 50 percent, or \$22.3 million, has been allocated to support GVB.

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nique or investigatory record.

"As such your act may constitute a criminal misdemeanor. Additionally, upon a court's determination that your actions are wrongful, you may be subject to a personal fine of \$1,000 to be paid by you and not the agency," Fisher wrote.

He warned that if the department

does not inform him of its intent to comply, he would go to the Superior Court of Guam and file a writ of mandamus commanding the department's compliance.

The defense has asked for copies of the orders as Tenorio has maintained that he approached the police officer from behind and removed his service revolver from its holster because it did not appear to be securely fastened.

Tenorio said he acted in the interest of public safety and maintains he did not commit a crime.

A report submitted by Sgt. Carl Cruz noted that around 10:25 p.m. July 7, 2018, while standing on the road near the Slingshot establishment in Tumon, he felt someone behind him tugging at his duty firearm, "which was properly holstered at his side," stated a declaration filed with the Superior Court.

The firearm was loaded and ready for immediate use. Cruz reacted to the tugging by pulling on the lower portion of his holster, which would lock the perpetrator's fingers in place, and pivoting to elbow the then-unknown perpetrator in the chest, Cruz reported.

When the officer swung around to face the person, Cruz was surprised to see it was the lieutenant governor who had been tugging at his firearm. Cruz quickly released his grip on his holster and held Tenorio by the shoulders to support him from the force of the elbow strike.

The trial is scheduled to begin in March.

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California Gov. Newsom pulls National Guard from border

By Jazmine Ulloa and Taryn Luna
Los Angeles Times

SACRAMENTO, Calif. - As a second partial government shutdown looms in Washington over border discussions, Gov. Gavin Newsom on Monday signed an order to withdraw and redeploy roughly 360 National Guard members from California's southern boundary with Mexico, repudiating President Donald Trump's characterization of a recent influx of Central American refugees and migrants as a national security crisis.

Speaking to reporters Monday, Newsom said he was giving the National Guard a new mission so that troops would not take part in the White House's "political theater" in perpetuation of what he once more called "a manufactured border crisis."

"This whole thing is the theater of the absurd, and California has had enough, and we will not perpetuate it," he said. "We are, however, interested in doing the right thing and supporting efforts that are real, not manufactured."

Newsom's general order reassigns more than 200 troops to support wildfire prevention efforts and expand operations to counter drugs and cartels across California, with a group of forces trained in spotting narcotics to be stationed at the state's interna-



NEWSOM: Gavin Newsom addresses his supporters after winning the race for governor of California, at Exchange LA in downtown Los Angeles on Nov. 7, 2018.

Jay L. Clendenin/Los Angeles Times

tional points of entry.

A separate letter signed by the governor Monday requests funding from the federal government to add at least 150 troops to the California National Guard's Counterdrug Task Force, which helps local law enforcement agencies identify and seize ille-

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gal marijuana farms that the governor said harm the environment and create fire hazards.

The announcement comes just one day before the governor delivers his first State of the State address Tuesday, setting the stage for Newsom to counter Trump's State of the Union address from last week. Released excerpts of his speech echoed his remarks Monday to reporters.

"The Border 'emergency' is a manufactured crisis," Newsom is expected to say Tuesday, according to prepared remarks provided by the governor's office. "This is our answer to the White House: No more division, xenophobia or nativism."

Newsom's move is an escalation of a long-running battle over immigration between California and the federal government, with the state's Democratic majorities pledging to serve as a buffer to Trump's hard-line rhetoric and policies.

Northam criticized over 'indentured servants' comment

NORFOLK, Va. (The Virginian-Pilot) - In his first TV interview since becoming mired in scandal over a racist yearbook photo, Virginia Gov. Ralph Northam stirred another controversy - this time one dating back 400 years.

"Just 90 miles from here in 1619, the first indentured servants from Africa landed on our shores in Old Point Comfort, what we call now Fort Monroe," he said in a nationally televised interview with CBS's Gayle King on Sunday night.

That's when King quickly interjected, calling it "slavery." Northam said "Yes" and moved on. But commentators did not.

Which is correct? Indentured servitude is typically defined as temporary, once a way for people to pay off their passage to the new world with a period of work. Slavery, on the other hand, was permanent.

Omar apologizes after charges of anti-Semitism

(Star Tribune) - Minnesota Rep. Ilhan Omar has apologized for a widely condemned tweet suggesting that money drives politicians' support for Israel.

"Anti-Semitism is real and I am grateful for Jewish allies and colleagues who are educating me on the painful history of anti-Semitic tropes," the freshman Democrat wrote in a tweet Monday. "My intention is never to offend my Jewish Americans as a whole. We have to always be willing to step back and think through criticism, just as I expect people to hear me when others attack me for my identity. That is why I unequivocally apologize."

The freshman representative's statement came shortly after House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and other Democratic leaders called for an apology.

More than a third of US fine with Halloween blackface

By David Matthews
New York Daily News

More than one-third of Americans are OK with wearing blackface as part of a Halloween costume, according to a recently conducted poll from the Pew Research Center.

On the heels of Virginia Gov. Ralph Northam's recently surfaced medical school yearbook photos that allegedly show him wearing blackface and his public admission of wearing blackface at least once, 34 percent of Americans said that it was "always acceptable" (15 percent) or sometimes acceptable (19 percent) to use a substance to darken one's skin in order to pantomime, parody or ridicule someone of African descent.

Virginia Attorney General Mark Herring also admitted last week to having previously worn blackface. Both Northam and Herring have said they have no plans to resign from their posts.

Political divide

The poll found that the divide

between political parties on the issue is stark. About 75 percent of Republicans said that it was always or sometimes acceptable, compared to 21 percent of Democrats.

Overall, the poll found, 39 percent of white people said blackface was fine. Some 18 percent of African-Americans and 28 percent of Latinos agreed. However, 53 percent of African-Americans questioned said it was never acceptable to don blackface. A similar divide on the issue exists between those aged 18 to 29 and those over 30.

In January, NBC and former Fox News host Megyn Kelly reached a settlement to hasten Kelly's departure from the network that was spurred by her on-air comments regarding her opinion that blackface was acceptable for Halloween costumes.

The poll found similar results for people thinking it was acceptable to wear the traditional dress of another culture, an act referred to as cultural appropriation.

The margin of error for the full sample of 6,637 respondents is plus or minus 1.7 percentage points.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Guam Developmental Disabilities Council (GDCC) will hold its General Membership Meeting on Wednesday, March 13, 2019, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Holiday Resort Chief Kepuha Room. All Council members are urged to attend. The meeting is open to the public. For persons requiring special accommodations, please contact 735-9127 to make arrangements with the hotel.

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