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The GEARVAKf Bulletin Is Back Again!

The world-renowned *GEARVAKf Bulletin*, a long-time leader among amateur radio newsletters, is back again for a second year in its born-again format. The *Bulletin's* first rebirth came last year when the GEARVAKf Committee on Typesetting directed the publication of the 1995 issue of *The New GEARVAKf Bulletin* in April 1995. That issue was greeted with such enthusiastic apathy that the Committee ordered the *Bulletin* staff to try again this year.

Gambling Legalized on Ham Bands

Krahs Drac, spokesperson for the newly-created FCC Amateur Radio Gaming Commission and Origami Team (ARGOT), has announced that, effective immediately, casino gambling will be legalized on 80 through 10 meters. "This will bring in more money for our operating budget," Drac shouted, "We will be able to fully fund all our amateur support services, including the crack fire suppression task force, created in the aftermath of the fire on 20 meters several years ago." Games permitted include poker, blackjack, keno, craps, and slot machines. To operate the slots, the operator sends his or her credit card number over the air, along with the amount of the wager, then actuates the one-armed bandit with the words "pull" and "stop" in voice or CW. Players are cautioned to stay away from the on-air virtual trapshooting frequency. Drac said it is important to have a clear frequency. Testing last month found that interference can cause payouts to be directed randomly to any human, living or dead, and some family pets. Credit card security is not a problem since users can speak or send the data--in Papiamentu--to a special Aruban-designed computer translation program, thus stopping eaves-dropping. For the Papiamentully challenged, a "Learn to Speak Papiamentu in 400 Easy Lessons" 45-rpm record set is available for only \$19.95 cash (no credit cards, please). ARGOT will hire 93-year-old retired cop Sleepy Tripps as Chief Gaming Investigator to see that real cards and dice are used most of the time.

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Time Slowing Down. Scientific Report Stuns World.

A special report, issued by the GEARVAKf Scientific Studies Committee last month, says that time has been gradually slowing down over the past 100 years. According to the report, this has resulted in the reduced length of temporal units of measurement. The study was headed by Dr. Avruell U. Harnishe, Chairman of the Scientific Studies Committee. Dr. Harnishe said that "The report's conclusions are very alarming." He claimed that "time may come to a complete halt within a thousand years unless we begin to conserve it now." The Committee's study of time was begun in the late 1960s in an attempt to find out why the International Telecommunications Union (ITU)

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