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ADVENTURES IN EATING

When it comes to food, one person's distaste is another's delicacy. From beer-battered, deep-fried bacon with chocolate sauce (left) to gator dogs, we take a look at unusual eats.

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What's news

GIANTS GRAB 2-GAME LEAD IN SERIES

San Francisco's Edgar Renteria slugs a home run in the fifth inning of Game 2 of the World Series against the Texas Rangers on Thursday. The Giants blasted the Rangers, 9-0.

— Coverage in Sports, 1C

ERIC GAY, *The Associated Press*

■ **Pentagon says intel contractors went too far:** A high-level Pentagon inquiry has concluded that military contractors overstepped their legal authority in gathering intelligence in Afghanistan and Pakistan. The report says their information ended up being used to kill or capture militants. The classified report accuses defense contractor and retired U.S. Army officer Michael Furlong of running what amounted to an illegal spying ring of military contractors. Furlong denied the accusations in an interview.

■ **Texas A&M lockdown lifted:** Texas A&M University has lifted a lockdown on its main campus after a report of a suspected gunman on campus turned out to be a person with a replica weapon. University spokesman Lane Stephenson had said a campus bus driver was on his route around 4 p.m. Thursday when he reported seeing a person carrying a weapon, possibly a rifle, near the student union. About 90 minutes later, A&M officials determined that the person was actually someone carrying a replica weapon.

■ **NYC looks to curb harassment of women:** Whistles, catcalls and lewd come-ons from strangers are all too familiar to women in New York City, where lawmakers are examining whether something should be done. A City Council committee heard testimony Thursday from women who said men follow them, yell at them and make them feel unsafe and uncomfortable. Women told the City Council that they want a public awareness campaign and legislation that would include "no harassment zones" around schools.

■ **Suspect in Mo. shootings nabbed:** A man already facing theft charges was captured Thursday as a suspect in a series of fatal central Missouri shootings that had prompted police to warn anyone associated with him to flee the area. Joshua William Maylee, 23, was taken into custody about 1:30 p.m. without incident in Cooper County, several dozen miles west of where the shootings occurred Maylee, of Holts Summit, has not been charged in connection with the shootings that left three people dead and one wounded, but police have said they want to question him.

■ **Driverless vans complete 8,000-mile trip:** Four driverless electric vans successfully ended an 8,000-mile test drive from Italy to China — a modern-day version of Marco Polo's journey around the world — with their arrival at the Shanghai Expo on Thursday. The vehicles, equipped with four solar-powered laser scanners and seven video cameras that work together to detect and avoid obstacles, are part of an experiment aimed at improving road safety and advancing automotive technology. Though the vans were driverless and mapless, they did carry researchers as passengers just in case of emergencies. The experimenters did have to intervene a few times — when the vehicles got snarled in a Moscow traffic jam and to handle toll stations.

■ **Tibetan demonstrator visits 22 countries on motorbike:** Tibetan exiles in India cheered a New York-based Tibetan as he arrived by motorcycle Thursday after traveling through 22 countries to call for his homeland's independence. Chanting slogans demanding that China free Tibet, dozens of Tibetan refugees, also on motorbikes, greeted Lhakpa Tsering when he reached the outskirts of Dharmsala, India, where the spiritual leader the Dalai Lama has been living since he fled Tibet in 1959.

■ **Russian military test-fires ballistic missiles:** Russia's military on Thursday successfully test-fired three intercontinental ballistic missiles in one day during training of its strategic forces. The Defense Ministry said the Bryansk nuclear submarine of the navy's Northern Fleet on Thursday launched a Sineva missile from the Barents Sea at a range on the Kamchatka Peninsula. Another nuclear sub, the Georgy Pobedonosets of the Pacific Fleet, test fired an RSM-50 from the Sea of Okhotsk at a testing range in the northwestern Arkhangelsk region.

— From wire reports

Democratic group not opposed to nukes

■ Governors Association funded ads critical of Dubie, Vt. Yankee

By Sam Hemingway
Free Press Staff Writer

The Democratic Governors Association, in a letter sent to representatives of the nuclear industry last month, said the party group's funding of ads detailing problems at the Vermont Yankee facility in Vernon does not mean it opposes nuclear power.

"I understand that our sponsorship of these ads could have given the impression that we are against nuclear power," Nathan Daschle, executive director of the Democratic Governors Association, wrote in a letter dated Sept. 10. "I want to assure you that this is not the case."

"These ads are meant to be statements about the candidates we oppose, not about the use of nuclear power in general," Daschle's letter continued. "It is not our practice to adopt policy positions, but as you know many of our governors are ardent supporters of nuclear energy."

The authenticity of the letter, independently obtained by the Burlington Free Press this week, was verified by Emily Bittner, spokeswoman for the Dem-

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ELECTION 2010

■ U.S. Senate candidates square off in debate, **1B**
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State offers DUI video online, argues against policy in court

AG: Salmon case points out 'inconsistencies'

By Sam Hemingway
Free Press Staff Writer

Attorney General William Sorrell said Thursday he was surprised to learn the state Department of Public Safety was promoting on its website the sale of DUI videos taken by state police cruisers while his office was arguing in court that such videos should not be made public.

"I didn't know about it until I read about it in the paper this morning," Sorrell said. "I think they realize now that there's some inconsistency in that."

Sorrell made his remarks as the department, complying with a judge's order issued Wednesday, made public a November 2009 cruiser video showing state Auditor Tom Salmon being stopped and eventually arrested in Montpelier for drunken driving.

Assistant Attorney General Kate Whelley McCabe had argued in court on the department's behalf that the video was part of a criminal investigation and therefore was exempt from disclosure under the state's public-records law.

Salmon, a two-term auditor who switched from the

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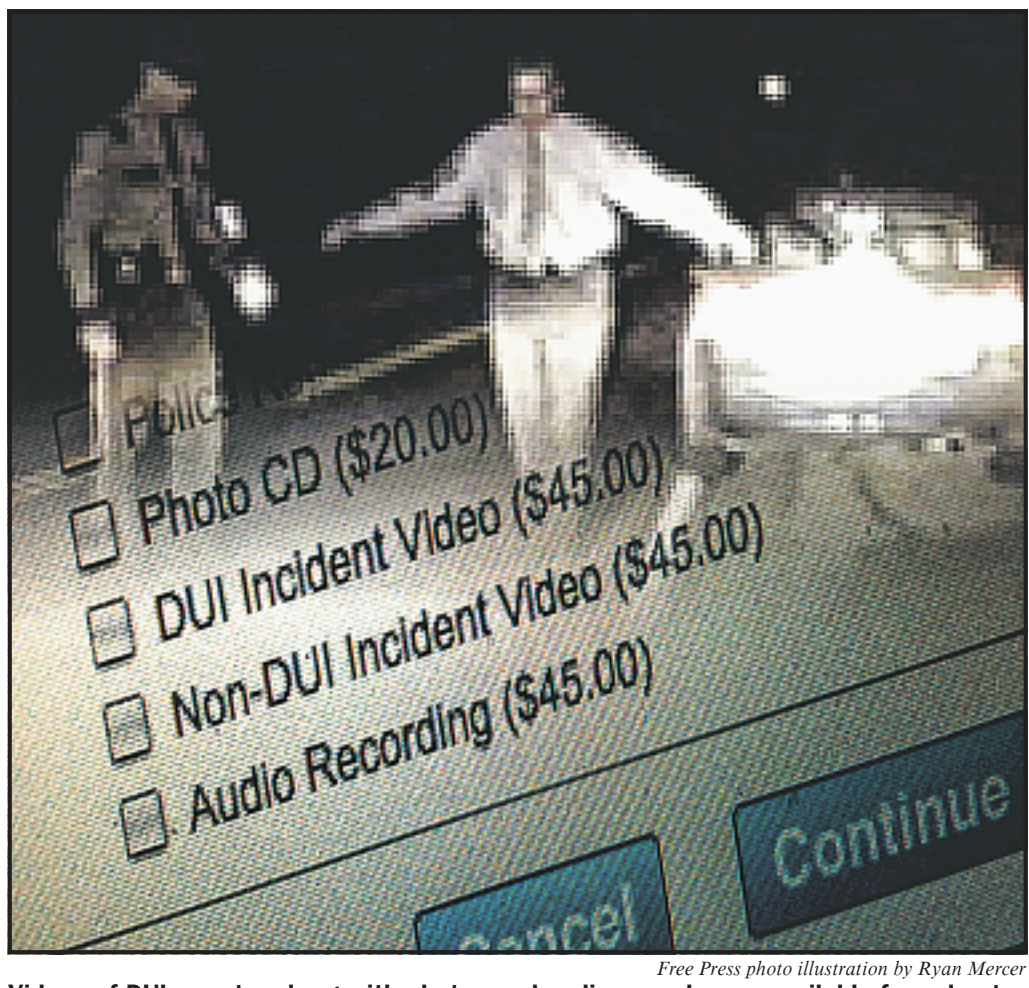

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Videos of DUI arrests, along with photos and audio records, are available for sale at the Vermont Department of Public Safety's website, but the department refused to make public the DUI arrest video of state Auditor Tom Salmon (above) until Judge Geoffrey Crawford ordered the department to do so.

"Does this mean all trooper videos ... are a public record? What if the traffic stop results in a shootout? What if there's a hostage-taking?"

William Sorrell, Vermont attorney general

AP file photo

Maridjan, spiritual guardian of the Indonesian volcano Mount Merapi, died in Tuesday's eruption.

Volcano claims 'key holder'

For 33 years, man led rituals to quiet Indonesian mountain

By Slamet Riyadi
The Associated Press

MOUNT MERAPI, Indonesia — He was the keeper of Mount Merapi — an 83-year-old man entrusted to watch over the volcano's spirits, believing it could be appeased by tossing offerings of rice, chickens and flowers into the gaping crater.

And when the eruption came, Maridjan was among those who died, along with dozens of villagers who believed him, not seismologists or government officials, about the danger.

As Merapi began spewing 1,800-degree gases and thousands of panicked people streamed down the mountain's slopes, Maridjan refused to budge from his home deep in the evacuation zone, just four miles from the crater.

His rigid body was found Wednesday, prostrate in the Islamic prayer position and caked in heavy white soot. Nearby was an Indonesian Red Cross volunteer who had been trying to persuade him to leave.

Twin catastrophes struck within 24 hours in different parts of the seismically active country, severely testing Indonesia's emergency response network.

At least 370 people were killed by an earthquake and tidal surge Wednesday and 33 died in the eruption.

Thursday, politicians, soap opera stars and singers were among hun-

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