

## Honest driver returns tens of thousands of dollars left in cab

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — Few drive the straight and narrow like Emilio Advincula.

Advincula, a Manila cab driver, earned praise last week for turning in about 2 million pesos (\$77,000) in cash and jewelry left in his cab by a San Francisco tourist.

Then the media discovered it was the second such act of honesty for Advincula, a father of three who lives in a slum in suburban Manila.

In 1989, Advincula turned in 2.5 million pesos (\$96,000) that another tourist left in his cab.

President Fidel Ramos proposed today that the Department of Tourism recognize Advincula as an "outstanding Filipino."

Officials have given him an unspecified reward and a scholarship for his three children.

## STRANGER

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### Homeless man was 'plugged in,' but now he's behind bars

NOVATO, Calif. (AP) — Homeless and living along a highway, Neal Berry spent his meager earnings on a portable computer rather than rent.

Berry slept in a tent on a mattress taken from a trash bin. But he had a laptop computer and a cellular phone with modem, which enabled him to connect to a computer bulletin board, voice mail and a pager service — all paid for out of his \$8-an-hour salary as a shipping and inventory clerk.

On Friday, however, he was arrested and accused of stealing heavy-duty industrial batteries

from the state transportation agency to power his equipment.

Highway workers said they found the batteries when they stumbled onto his campsite.

"I just found the batteries," Berry told the *San Francisco Examiner* in a jailhouse interview. "Apparently someone else put them there a few months ago. I found them and started using them."

Berry, 22, said he chose to camp by the highway after failing to find an affordable apartment when he moved to the area in 1994.

"In Novato, you can't even find a single room that costs less than \$500 a month," he said. "If I were to have an apartment, I wouldn't have had any furniture, I'd just barely be able to eat. It would have sucked up all my income."

Instead, he spent \$2,000 for a Toshiba laptop computer and \$500 on a modem.

Each month he spent \$35 for

an account with a computer bulletin board with e-mail; \$60 on his cellular phone bill; \$50 for membership at a gym where he took showers; \$42 for a storage shed for clothes and other possessions he was afraid to keep in the tent, and \$12 for a mailbox.

On-line, he made more friends in a month than he had all year, he said.

"I've never been to jail before," he said. "But there is a bright side: three hots and a cot at taxpayer expense."

### Ernie and Bert stolen from show; Miss Piggy damaged

ERFURT, Germany (AP) — Miss Piggy was under police protection Monday, after her colleagues Ernie and Bert were abducted.

Thieves knocked through a wall and plundered an exhibit of original Muppet puppets

overnight Sunday at the Erfurt Garden Show. They also smashed a glass case, trying to rip Miss Piggy from her display, but were unsuccessful.

"We have not yet determined how extensive the damage was" to Miss Piggy, said exhibit organizer Adolf Blaschka.

Miss Piggy was placed in police custody Monday.

The trio were among 36 original Muppets rented by a Danish firm for the exhibit in Erfurt, 110 miles northeast of Frankfurt.

The Ernie and Bert puppets were valued at \$126,000, Blaschka said.

Kermit, Big Bird and the other Jim Henson creations were not harmed, he said.

Police were investigating. Police supervisor Manfred Rosho said five television sets and an expensive video camera were taken from the room — and no ransom note was left for the puppets.

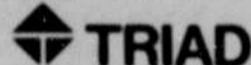
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## WHERE YOUR MONEY GOES

The seven-member ASUO Programs Finance Committee, which includes three student senators, recommends how incidental fees are to be allocated to student groups next year.

ORGANIZATION	AMOUNT	CHANGE FROM LAST YEAR
Black Law Students Association	\$ 2,135	+ 23.2%
Native American Student Union	\$ 14,962	+ 4.47%
Pre-Health Science Center	\$ 660	+ 145.4%
Oregon Daily Emerald	\$ 129,000	0%
Philosophy Club	\$ 843	0%

Money given this week: \$ 217,374  
Money given to date: \$ 230,681

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## PFC: ODE requests, gets same funding as last year

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received \$14,962, much of which will go toward the maintenance of a new long house that will be constructed during summer.

"We plan to keep it as a new facility," said Josh Norris, last year's NASU co-director. He added that their current long houses are in poor condition and two have been torn down.

The PFC gave \$2,135 to the Black Law Students Association, an increase of 23.2 percent. The BLSA is expanding its activities beyond what it has done in the past, said association co-chair women Tasheya Warren.

"These are not the traditional

things the BLSA does," she explained to the PFC. She said the association is sponsoring a play and providing letters of recommendation for law students.

"We find that as a united front we have a lot to offer to the law school and the University," she said.

The *Oregon Daily Emerald* received the full amount of its \$129,000 request. Although printing costs have risen, the newspaper asked for a zero-percent increase.

"We are willing to absorb the difference," said David Thorn, editor-in-chief of the *ODE*. "We do not want to add to the incidental fee burden."

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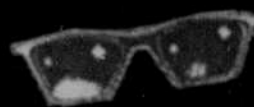
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