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Local man an hour late for everything last week



Local physicists are stumped as to why Noah Swayne was an hour late for everything last week.

Mr. Swayne was late getting to work, to church, and to the dentist. He missed every one of his favorite television programs.

"The only possible explanation is that there was a blip in the space-time continuum," Dr. Bob Haas of the Buhl Planetarium explained. Dr. Haas confided that he, too, noticed "something was wrong with the time."

Dr. Haas said: "The scientific literature suggests this phenomenon often rights itself by giving the affected individual his hour back. It usually happens in late October."

Popemobile ticketed for expired inspection sticker

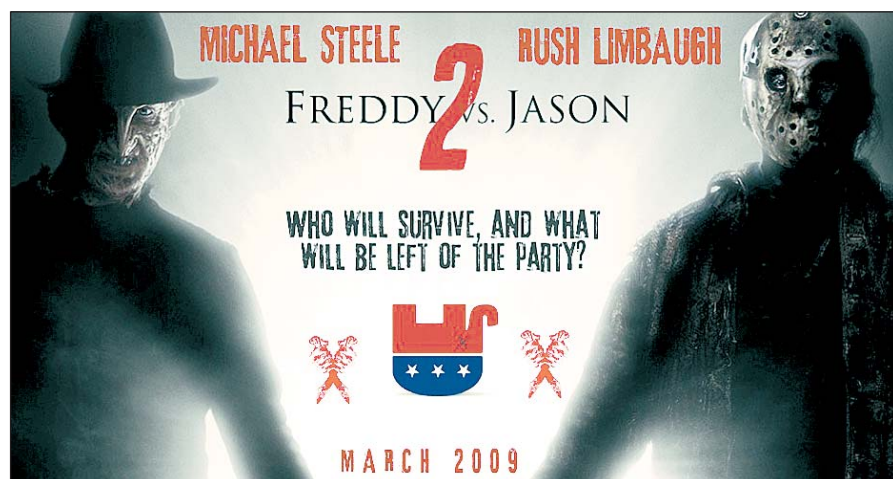
ROME — A zealous policeman on a motor-bike issued a citation to Pope Benedict XVI yesterday for multiple violations of the Italian vehicle code, including driving with an expired inspection sticker.

According to the Vatican Press Office, the Pope was running a few errands and neglected to take his wallet before leaving the Vatican.

The Pope vowed to fight the ticket.



NEW GOP COMEDY HAILED BY CRITICS, AUDIENCES ALIKE



Stimulus package includes \$235B to be tossed in pit

President Obama admitted he "just noticed" that the \$787 billion economic stimulus package included a provision to shovel \$235 billion into a giant pit in Wyoming.



"It's probably not the wisest use of money to shovel it into a pit," Obama conceded. "The good news is it will employ four people who'd otherwise be out of work to do the shoveling."