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## Wiretap snares N.Y. governor in prostitution ring

Eliot Spitzer, known as a relentless prosecutor before his election, apologizes for his behavior and faces calls to resign from office.

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THE NEW YORK TIMES

ALBANY, N.Y. — Gov. Eliot Spitzer, who gained national prominence relentlessly pursuing Wall Street wrongdoing, has been caught on a federal wiretap arranging to meet with a high-priced prostitute at a Washington hotel last month, according to a law enforcement official and a person briefed on the federal investigation.

The wiretap captured a man identified as Client 9 on a telephone call confirm-

ing plans to have a woman travel from New York to Washington, where he had reserved a hotel room. The person briefed on the case and the law enforcement official identified Spitzer as Client 9.

An affidavit based on the wiretap told of a man identified as "Client 9" paying \$4,300 in cash, some of it credit for future trysts, some of it for sex with a "petite, pretty brunette, 5-foot-5 inches, and 105 pounds," named Kristen.

Spitzer, a first-term Democrat, yesterday made a brief public appearance dur-

ing which he apologized for his behavior, and described it as a "private matter."

"I have acted in a way that violates my obligation to my family and violates my or any sense of right or wrong," said Spitzer, who appeared with his wife, Silda, at his Manhattan office. "I apologize first and most importantly to my family. I apologize to the public to whom I promised better."

"I have disappointed and failed to live up to the standard I expected of myself. I must now dedicate some time to regain the trust of my family."

SEE **SPITZER, A5**



New York Gov. Eliot Spitzer is joined by his wife, Silda, at a news conference yesterday.

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## 'That's what I believe I saw'



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Defendants John Brown, top, Chief Sachem Matthew Thomas, middle, and Bella Noka, bottom, listen to testimony yesterday.



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State Police Lt. David Palmer, who concluded his testimony yesterday, is seen pursuing Chali Noka during a raid on the Narragansett Indian smoke shop in July 2003. Chali Noka is not a defendant in the case.

**BY KATIE MULVANEY**  
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PROVIDENCE

Five members of the state police riot control squad were among the first non-tribal officers to arrive at Narragansett Indian land in Charlestown on July 14, 2003, a detective testified yesterday.

Then-Maj. John J. Leyden Jr. had instructed them during a briefing at the former Ladd School in Exeter to get to the smoke shop and form a perimeter around it to make sure none of the evidence — in this case unstamped cigarettes — was destroyed, Detective Timothy Sanzi said.

More than 40 state troopers executed a search and seizure warrant around 1:30 p.m. that day to stop the Narragansetts from selling tax-free cigarettes. The raid erupted into a scuffling match as customers and news crews watched. Seven Narragansetts, including Chief Sachem Matthew Thomas, are on trial for misdemeanor charges that include resisting arrest, disorderly conduct and assault.

Sanzi took the stand in the seventh day of testimony before a jury and Judge Susan E. McGuiri in Superior Court. With 14 years on the force, Sanzi is part of the riot and crowd control squad, referred to as the quick response team formed after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. He was armed with his service weapon, two magazines of ammunition and pepper spray, but stowed a riot helmet, plastic handcuffs and batons in the car, he said.

As he walked toward the shop, Sanzi said, he saw Tribal Councilman John Brown push a uniform officer and struggle with another. He warned Brown to get out of his way but Brown refused to move. Sanzi's left ankle twisted as he and Brown fell into the bushes, where they continued to struggle for about 5 minutes, he said in response to questions from Special Assistant Attorney General Pamela Chin.

Brown, on his hands and knees, resisted

SEE **RAID, A6**

## A state police officer testifies about his scuffle with a defendant in the smoke-shop raid trial

## Governor's plan would limit welfare to 2 years

The proposal, which would save an estimated \$8 million next fiscal year, is criticized by advocates for the poor.

**BY STEVE PEOPLES**  
JOURNAL STATE HOUSE BUREAU

PROVIDENCE — The future of Rhode Island's welfare system rests with the General Assembly.

Lawmakers spent yesterday afternoon poring through Governor Car-

rieri's 101-page plan that would dramatically cut benefits to the poor, while encouraging a "work-first" model and promoting "healthy marriages."

The governor's sweeping proposal, if adopted by the legislature in the coming months, would constitute the most significant shift in the state's Family Independence Program, often referred to as welfare, in more than a decade. Carcieri has even created a new name: the Rhode Island

Work First Program.

"Work first is exactly what it says. We would have people early in the game looking for a job," Donald Carlson, administrator of child and family support services at the Department of Human Services, told the House Finance Committee, as she and other Carcieri officials briefed lawmakers for nearly an hour.

Carcieri wants to push low-income Rhode Islanders into the work

force immediately, while the current system allows for training and education first. He also wants to cut eligibility for cash assistance from 60 months to 24 months for new recipients beginning July 1.

The new limits wouldn't apply to the existing 10,000 enrollees until July 2009.

The move, according to Carcieri's proposal, is aimed at ending "the de-

SEE **WELFARE, A6**

## Curbs eyed on film tax credits

State tax officials want new rules that will limit the costs used to qualify to those actually incurred in Rhode Island.

**BY KATHERINE GREGG**  
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PROVIDENCE — With critics questioning how much Rhode Island has benefited from the \$52 million in tax credits the state has offered — and the \$30.8 million in tax credits it has already provided the television and movie industry to film here — the state's Division of Taxation yesterday morning proposed new curbs on the operations of the three-year-old incentive program.

In a move aimed, at least in part, at boosting the measurable benefits to the Rhode Island economy, state tax officials have now taken the position that an expense only counts toward the credit if it was performed, purchased, provided or rented by a Rhode Island resident or vendor.

After a 15-month records fight with The Journal, the state Film & Television Office late last month provided the first glimpse at how much of this out-of-state production money was going to Rhode Island residents and businesses. And to the extent it was documented, it wasn't much.

In an interview yesterday morning, state tax administrator David M. Sullivan said the new rules more accurately reflect what the film tax-credit law, sponsored by the Democratic leaders in the House and Senate, actually says.

He would not comment when asked if he believed the state film office has been misinterpreting, or misapplying, the tax-credit law at a hefty cost to the state over the last three years.

Here's the way it works: to get a tax credit equal to

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## Ex-North Kingstown councilman will try to unseat Langevin

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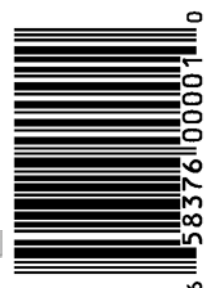
CRANSTON — Marketing consultant and former North Kingstown Town Council member Mark Zaccaria, a Republican, is seeking to challenge incumbent U.S. Rep. James Langevin in Rhode Island's 2nd Congressional District.

Zaccaria announced his campaign yesterday before family and friends and the media at the Sprague Mansion.

"Congressman Langevin has served in the Rhode Island House, and the U.S. House, but I don't think he really understands the problems you face in your house," Zaccaria said, in remarks aimed at voters.

"I see the hand of government behind at least some of the wrong paths we are taking as a state and as a nation," he said. "Like you, I think someone should do something about the intrusion of government and the burden it has become to the economic engine that powers our country."

SEE **ZACCARIA, A6**



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### EASIER EXIT FROM THE MALL

In an attempt to unclog the chronic bottlenecks at the Providence Place garage, mall managers unveil a new system that will allow parkers to pay before exiting, allowing them to — hopefully — zip through the cashier booths. **E1**

### 5 U.S. SOLDIERS KILLED IN IRAQ

A suicide bomber kills five U.S. soldiers on a foot patrol in central Baghdad, the deadliest attack on American forces in the heavily fortified capital in more than eight months. **A3**

### OMABA NOT INTERESTED

Saying "I am not running for vice president; I am running for president of the United States of America," Sen. Barack Obama dismisses the suggestion that he consider accepting a position on a Democratic ticket headed by Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton. **A7**



### LESTER MAKES HIS MOVE

With Josh Beckett sidelined with back spasms, Jon Lester, left, is emerging as the likely opening day starting pitcher when the Red Sox begin the season in Japan later this month. **C1**