

PUBLIC MEETING NEWSPAPER AD SUMMARY				
PHASE I				
County	Newspaper	Meeting Location	Meeting Date	Ad Date
Adams	Quincy Herald-Whig	Quincy	May 23, 2012	May 2, 4, 9, 16
Pike	Pike Press	Griggsville	May 21, 2012	April 25, May 2, 9, 16
Brown	Democrat-Message	Mt. Sterling	May 21, 2012	April 25, May 2, 9, 16
Schuylar	The Rushville Times	Rushville	May 22, 2012	April 25, May 2, 9, 16
Fulton	Canton Daily Ledger	Ipava	May 22, 2012	May 1, 8, 19
Mason	Mason County Democrat	Bath	May 23, 2012	May 2, 9, 16
Cass	Cass County Star-Gazette	Beardstown	May 17, 2012	April 26, May 3, 10
Scott	Scott County Times	Bluffs	May 18, 2012	April 25, May 2, 9, 16
Morgan	Jacksonville Journal Courier	Jacksonville	May 14, 2012	April 23, 30, May 7
Morgan	Jacksonville Journal Courier	Meredosia	May 17, 2012	April 26, May 3, 6
Morgan	Jacksonville Journal Courier	Waverly	May 14, 2012	April 23, 30, May 7
Sangamon	The State Journal Register	Pawnee	May 15, 2012	April 24, May 1, 6
Montgomery	The Journal-News	Farmersville	May 15, 2012	April 23, 30, May 10
Christian	Breeze-Courier	Taylorville	May 16, 2012	April 25, 27, May 2, 9
Christian	Breeze-Courier	Pana	May 16, 2012	April 25, 27, May 2, 9
Shelby	Shelbyville Daily Union	Moweaqua	June 5, 2012	May 8, 15, 22, 29
Macon	Herald & Review	Mt. Zion	May 25, 2012	May 4, 11, 19
Moultrie	Moultrie County News-Progress	Sullivan	May 29, 2012	May 2, 9, 16, 23
Piatt	Piatt County Journal-Republican	Hammond	May 24, 2012	May 2, 9, 16
Douglas	The Tuscola Journal	Arcola	June 5, 2012	May 9, 16, 23, 30
Coles	Journal Gazette & Times Courier	Charleston	June 1, 2012	May 11, 16, 26
Edgar	Paris Beacon	Kansas	May 30, 2012	May 9, 16, 23
Clark	Marshall Advocate Strohman Newspapers Inc.	Marshall	May 30, 2012	May 8, 15, 25
Champaign	News Gazette	Champaign	June 26, 2012	June 5, 12, 19

PHASE II				
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Adams	Quincy Herald-Whig	Quincy	July 19, 2012	June 28, July 5, 12
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Brown	Democrat-Message	Mt. Sterling	July 17, 2012	June 20, 27, July 3, 11
Schuyler	The Rushville Times	Rushville	July 17, 2012	June 20, 27, July 4, 11
Fulton	Canton Daily Ledger	Ipava	July 17, 2012	June 26, July 3, 10
Cass	Cass County Star-Gazette	Beardstown	July 18, 2012	June 21, 28, July 5, 12
Scott	Scott County Times	Bluffs	July 19, 2012	June 27, July 4, 11
Morgan	Jacksonville Journal Courier	Jacksonville	July 16, 2012	June 25, July 2, 9
Morgan	Jacksonville Journal Courier	Meredosia	July 19, 2012	June 28, July 5, 12
Sangamon	The State Journal Register	Chatham	July 23, 2012	July 2, 9, 16
Sangamon	Chatham Clarion	Chatham	July 23, 2012	June 28, July 5, 12, 19
Montgomery	The Journal-News	Farmersville	July 23, 2012	July 2, 9, 16
Montgomery	Panhandle Press	Farmersville	July 23, 2012	June 27, July 4, 11, 18
Christian	Breeze-Courier	Taylorville	July 23, 2012	July 2, 9, 16
Christian	Breeze-Courier	Pana	July 24, 2012	July 3, 10, 17
Christian	Pana News-Palladium	Pana	July 24, 2012	July 2, 9, 16
Shelby	Shelbyville Daily Union	Shelbyville	July 24, 2012	July 3, 10, 17
Macon	Herald & Review	Mt. Zion	July 24, 2012	July 3, 10, 17
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Piatt	Piatt County Journal-Republican	Hammond	July 25, 2012	July 4, 11, 18
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PHASE III				
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Schuyler	The Rushville Times	Rushville	September 25, 2012	August 29, September 5, 12, 19
Fulton	Canton Daily Ledger	Ipava	September 25, 2012	September 4, 11, 18
Cass	Cass County Star-Gazette	Beardstown	September 26, 2012	August 30, September 6, 13, 20
Scott	Scott County Times	Bluffs	September 27, 2012	September 5, 12, 19
Scott	Scott County Times	Bluffs	October 11, 2012	September 19, 26, October 3
Morgan	Jacksonville Journal Courier	Meredosia	September 26, 2012	September 5, 12, 19
Morgan	Jacksonville Journal Courier	Jacksonville	September 27, 2012	September 6, 13, 20
Sangamon	The State Journal Register	Chatham	October 1, 2012	September 10, 17, 24
Sangamon	Chatham Clarion	Chatham	October 1, 2012	September 6, 13, 20, 27
Montgomery	The Journal-News	Farmersville	October 1, 2012	September 10, 17, 24
Montgomery	Panhandle Press	Farmersville	October 1, 2012	September 5, 12, 19, 26
Christian	Breeze-Courier	Taylorville	October 1, 2012	September 10, 17, 24
Christian	Breeze-Courier	Pana	October 2, 2012	September 11, 18, 25
Christian	Pana News-Palladium	Pana	October 2, 2012	September 10, 17, 24
Shelby	Shelbyville Daily Union	Shelbyville	October 2, 2012	September 11, 18, 25
Macon	Herald & Review	Mt. Zion	October 2, 2012	September 11, 18, 25
Moultrie	Moultrie County News-Progress	Sullivan	October 3, 2012	September 12, 19, 26
Piatt	Piatt County Journal-Republican	Hammond	October 3, 2012	September 12, 19, 26
Douglas	The Tuscola Journal	Arcola	October 3, 2012	September 12, 19, 26
Douglas	The Arthur Graphic Clarion	Arcola	October 3, 2012	September 26, October 3
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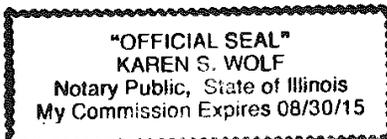
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Nation

# Walker has fundraising advantage, superstar status

By DINESH RAMDE and THOMAS BEAUMONT  
Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker has raised more than \$25 million to defend his job, drawing heavily from prominent GOP players outside the state and dwarfing the amounts raised by his Democratic challengers. Other groups are contributing millions more in advertising. And Walker has leading Republicans campaigning for him, including New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie. The governor's fundraising firepower and his broad support among the GOP elite illustrate the challenge facing his opponents. The Democrats who swarmed the state Capitol last year to protest Walker's assault on public unions now have only a month before a historic recall election to counterpunch Republicans who have rallied strongly behind their Wisconsin superstar. In a sign of how easy it's been for Walker to raise money, his top eight donors accounted for \$15 million. The two Democratic fund-raisers raised \$1.8 million combined. An un-

precedented amount of cash — about two-thirds of Walker's campaign haul in the last report — came from outside the state. "That's a level of outside influence we've never seen before," said Mike McCabe, executive director of the government-switching group Wisconsin Democracy Campaign. "He's been all over the country raising money." Democratic challenger Kathleen Falk, a former Dane County executive, got plenty of out-of-state support as well. Of the \$977,000 she raised between Jan. 1 and last week, nearly \$445,000, or 45 percent, came from outside Wisconsin. Another \$25,000 came from donors who listed no state in their address. Her chief rival in the Democratic primary, Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett, raised \$831,500 during that same span. Eleven percent, or \$92,000, came from out-of-state. Democrats are counting on an electorate that they say is every bit as energized now as when massive crowds of demonstrators descended on Madison last year in response to Walker's effort to end collective-bargaining rights for most public employees.



Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker shakes hands with people after discussing his Transform Milwaukee project at the Helco Corporation Storage Warehouse on South 28th Street in Milwaukee on Monday. (AP Photo)

Walker, who ultimately prevailed in the state deal with its budget deficit. But Democrats saw the changes as an all-out attack on unions, one of their key constituencies. Unions and others had little trouble gathering more than 900,000 signatures to authorize a recall election for Walker. However, Walker took advantage of a quirk in state law to

raise \$13.1 million between Jan. 18 and last week. State law forbids individuals from donating a total of more than \$10,000 in a given year, unless the money goes to a recall campaign during the time when the campaign can accept unlimited donations. For Walker that window lasted nearly five months. Falk, Barrett and two other Democrats square off in a primary May 8.

The winter lull on Walker's side has also proved considerable to Walker's status in the GOP. And Democrats shouldn't expect any help from President Barack Obama. Although Obama's campaign said the incumbent was not scheduled to campaign in Wisconsin ahead of the recall vote.

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# Men unknowingly put fake bombs at bridge

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CLEVELAND — Five men charged with plotting to bomb a bridge linking two wealthy Cleveland suburbs placed what they thought were real explosives at the site and repeatedly tried to detonate them using text messages from cellphones, according to an FBI affidavit filed in court. Federal authorities on Tuesday described the men as anarchists who are angry with corporate America and the government and who knowingly worked with an FBI informant for months as they crafted and carried out their

plot. The FBI said suspects bought fake explosives from an undercover employee and put them at the base of a highway bridge over the Cuyahoga Valley National Park, about 16 miles south of downtown Cleveland, on Monday. After leaving the park, they tried to initiate the explosives using a text-message detonation code, and they called the person who provided the bombs to check the code when it failed, according to the FBI affidavit. Their arrests that night marked the latest case in which FBI agents planned fake terrorism plots alongside targeted suspects.

# Romney used fees to close budget gap

By ANDREW MIGA  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Mitt Romney's boost last fall closed a \$1 billion budget gap as Massachusetts governor without raising taxes in a centerpiece of his White House campaign, a way to highlight his push for lower taxes and lesser government in a race where federal budget deficits and the slumping economy are hot issues.

What he rarely mentions is how he did it. The preemptive Republican nominee and Democratic state lawmakers raised hundreds of millions of dollars for cash-strapped state coffers by approving new and higher fees on everything from marriage licenses to real estate transactions to gun licenses. The dozens of fee increases were a way for Romney, a former venture capitalist, to boost state revenues and ease the budget squeeze while technically sticking to his pledge not to raise taxes. "It was a grab bag of fee increases across the board to close the budget deficit," said Michael Wilner, president of the nonpartisan Massachusetts Taxpayers Foundation, a business-backed fiscal watchdog group. Romney's handling of the

fi scal crisis when he took over as governor in 2003 is a guide to how he might act on his promises for lower taxes and reduce the federal deficit if he's elected president. He has sketched a broad, fiscally conservative vision during the primaries but has yet to specify how he would pay for it. Romney says the increased fees during his governorship can't be considered tax increases because they were charges for specific services. He "never favored, never advocated for and never signed a tax increase into law," said Romney campaign spokeswoman Andrea Saul. In remarks last June, Romney recalled how he tackled the budget gap. "The expectation was that we'd have to raise taxes. But I refused. I ordered, instead, a complete review of all state spending, made tough choices and balanced the budget without raising taxes." There are varying estimates on the size of the fee increases. Romney and the Democratic Legislature raised about \$260 million annually in additional fees during Romney's first two fiscal years as governor, said Wilner. Romney has said the fee increases were about \$240 million in fiscal 2004. A National Conference of State Legislatures study put the figure even higher, saying Massachusetts in 2006 imposed more than \$501.5 million in fee hikes, more than any other state. New York, with a far larger budget, was a distant second with \$387 million. Among the fee increases the study found: Marriage licenses went from \$4 to \$20, driving permits from \$15 to \$30, land-recording fees from \$25 to \$100 and mortgage-recording fees from \$36 to \$153. Romney wanted to make blind people pay a new \$10 fee for a state certificate of blindness and \$16 for a photo identification card, but the Legislature scrapped those proposals. Romney's proposal to raise the firearms registration fee from \$25 to \$75 sparked controversy. The Gun Owners Action League, which represents individual gun owners and gun rights across Massachusetts, branded the move a tax increase. "Anytime we have to pay a fee for a civil right, it's a tax increase as far as we are concerned," said Jim Walker, the league's executive director. The Legislature eventually increased the fee to \$100, though it later extended the validity of the licenses from four to six years. The libertarian Cato Institute took a swipe at Romney's handling of the budget squeeze in its 2006 fiscal report card on governors. "Romney will likely also be eager to push the message that he was a governor who stood by a no-new-taxes pledge," the report card said. "That's mostly a myth. His first budget included no general tax increases but did include a \$500 million increase in various fees." Romney, playing up his business management skills, has said he erased the state's budget gap primarily by cutting government waste and reducing nonessential state spending. But Wilner said Romney also relied heavily on boosting state revenues. Wilner said it's the only thing Romney or any other governor could have done in the face of such a budget deficit. Romney inherited a budget deficit of about \$3 billion when he took office.

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Local & World

PROPOSAL: Illinois has fourth-highest minimum wage

FROM PAGE 1A

The state's minimum wage stood at \$6.15 per hour in 2008 and was raised to its current level in 2010.

Lightford contends that the increase would help workers who saw their income tax rate increase 67 percent last year.

However, the extra costs would have to be absorbed in many instances by businesses that saw their corporate tax rate increase by nearly 50 percent a year ago.

State Sen. John Sullivan, D-Rushville, said now is a bad time to push such a proposal because the state's economic recovery remains fragile at best.

"I've been supportive of minimum wage increases in the past, but I just don't think... as it sits now is the right time to take that kind of step," he said.

The Quincy Park District hires between 150 to 200 seasonal employees in the spring and summer for programs, concession stands and the operation of the two public pools.

Director of Program Services Mike Brown said most of those positions are filled by high school and college students who are either paid at minimum wage or slightly more.

He said a wage hike would likely force the Park District to either reduce programs or institute fee increases to cover the additional costs.

"If you still want to offer the same amount of service and programs to the community, we're not going to sacrifice safety," he said.

"We would have to budget for it. Prices would probably have to increase and people are going to have to pay more for the services or we don't offer services."

Amy Lutten, executive director of the Quincy Area Chamber of Commerce, said an increase would "hinder... a young person to find that first job."

The proposal was first introduced in 2011, but it has never moved out of the Senate's Executive Committee. The committee delayed a vote this week.

According to the U.S. Department of Labor, Illinois has the fourth-highest minimum wages in the country. Only Washington (\$9.04), Vermont (\$8.46) and Oregon (\$8.80) are higher. Connecticut, Nevada, and the District of Columbia also have a minimum wage of \$8.25 an hour.

Eighteen states and the District of Columbia exceed the federal minimum wage of \$7.25.

The minimum wage in 10 states is linked to the Consumer Price Index, meaning that criteria is used for automatic increases.

Missouri Department of Transportation www.mdot.mo.gov

ROADS: Missouri completing multi-year bridge work plan

FROM PAGE 1A

Gough said people will notice few big projects in the five-year plan.

"We have one Amendment 3 project down in Lincoln County, but we have fully shifted into taking care of the system," Gough said.

Bridge projects would account for more than \$6.9 million in the region during the next year under the plan. Missouri is completing a multi-year bridge repair and replacement plan that was launched several years ago.

In Knox County the Salt River bridge on Mo. 166 is scheduled for replacement at a cost of more than \$1.1 million. Lewis County will get a bridge replacement over the Wisconsin River on Route B about a mile north of LaGrange, at a cost of about \$1 million.

Moore County will have about \$3.2 million in repairs to four bridges along Mo. 154. Pike County will get a bridge replacement on Mo. 79 over Little Calumet Creek near Clarksville at a cost of about \$1.4 million. Marion County will get \$156,000 in repairs to the South River bridge and Route 2 on Mo. 168.

Resturfacing projects scheduled for the next year include:

• U.S. 61 in Pike County would get improvements to 12 miles of highway at a cost of \$17 million.

• U.S. 146 in Boone and shoulder improvements along 15 miles north of White Clark County at a cost of about \$1.2 million.

• U.S. 24 intersection improvements at County Road 344 north of Palmyra for \$732,000.

• Mo. 18 in Shelby County would get improvements along 18 miles at a cost of \$1.3 million.

• Mo. 161 in Pike County would get an overlay along nearly 18 miles of pavement at a cost of \$900,000.

• Route 2 in Marion County would get an overlay along nearly 7 miles of highway at a cost of \$270,000.

• U.S. 36 in Shelby County would get lighting improvements at the Route 161 interchange at Clarksville at a cost of \$88,000.

• U.S. 146 in Boone County would get lighting improvements in Shelbyville at a cost of about \$81,000.

In letters, bin Laden worried about perception of al-Qaeda

BY LEE NEATH Associated Press

CAIRO — During his last months holed up in a villa in Pakistan, one of the concerns on Osama bin Laden's mind was image control: Al-Qaeda's branches and allies were making the terror network look bad in the eyes of the Islamic world.

A newly released selection of letters captured in the U.S. raid that killed bin Laden a year ago shows the al-Qaeda leader was meticulous in tracking how his associates' actions and public statements reflected on the cause of jihad, or holy war. And he frequently tried to keep them in line.

In an October 2010 letter to a top lieutenant, bin Laden complains about Faisal Shahzad, the militant marauder by the Pakistani Taliban to set off a car bomb in New York's Times Square. The May 2010 bombing failed. During his trial, Shahzad — a Pakistani who gained U.S. citizenship — told the court he "didn't mean it" when he took his American citizenship oath, which includes a vow not to harm the United States.

Bin Laden said lying about an oath breaks Islamic law.

"This is not the kind of lying to the enemy that is permitted. It is treachery," bin Laden wrote. He told his lieutenant to take it up with Hakimullah Mehsud, the leader of the Pakistani Taliban, and ensure it didn't happen again.

"You know the negative effects this has if this matter is not resolved and if the mujahideens are not cleared of the suspicion of breaking an oath and treachery."

60 SECONDS

The Chinese Foreign Ministry said Chen may apply for travel permits to study abroad. An American University has offered Chen a fellowship with provisions for his family. State Department spokesman Victoria Nuland said, adding that the U.S. expects Beijing to quickly process his travel permits, after which U.S. visas would be granted.

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WIVERS: Maryland only state with comparable program

FROM PAGE 1A

"Given the state's financial problems, the General Assembly needs to take a strong stand and stop corruption, waste and fraud whenever the opportunity arises and this is one of these cases."

In the past year alone, six lawmakers have been linked to improper or questionable scholarship awards. They gave them to relatives of lobbyists, politicians and friends, or to people who appear to live outside their district. In some cases, multiple recipients of the waivers mysteriously listed addresses linked to the legislators handing out the waivers, even though other records suggested they lived elsewhere.

Federal prosecutors have subpoenaed documents on one former legislator's scholarship decisions, and the State Board of Education notified federal authorities about possible violations by another lawmaker.

"You wouldn't think that we would take relief in administering over 1,400 opportunities for kids to have scholarships to go to college," said Senate President John Cullerton, who sponsored the measure.

"But there were abuses."

Each of the state's 177 lawmakers is allowed to award two four-year waivers to public universities annually, with the schools absorbing the cost of educating the lucky students. Lawmakers generally break them up and award eight one-year waivers annually. In 2011, lawmakers doled out \$12.5 million in tuition waivers.

Maryland is the only other state with a comparable program.

Supporters of the waiver say it lets legislators help promising students who otherwise wouldn't be able to go to college. They note Illinois is cutting financial aid at the same time tuition rates are climbing.

"I think this is a travesty for the governor to take scholarships away from people who really, truly need them," said Sen. Kimberly Lightford, D-Maywood.

Four years ago, Lightford awarded a waiver to the wife of a lobbyist, outraging critics.

Recipients' names were kept secret for years, but that changed after journalists uncovered some of the winners had political connections.

Sen. Mike Jacobs, D-East Moline, said he voted to kill the program, but called it a "hollow victory."

"I voted for the measure because I think it was a distraction, but I wasn't pleased with my vote," Jacobs said. "I'm not happy with it. All I saw today is that eight kids in my district were going to lose scholarships."

David Morrison, deputy director of the Illinois Campaign for Political Reform, said not every legislator has treated it as a favor scholarship, but he's sorry to see students lose out. ICPR does not have an official position on the legislative waivers.

The measure to end the waivers also created a task force to examine other tuition waivers to state schools. Morrison said he hopes the task force will establish clear criteria for other public university waivers. The legislative awards are just one category in the \$415 million tuition waivers that Illinois universities absorb.

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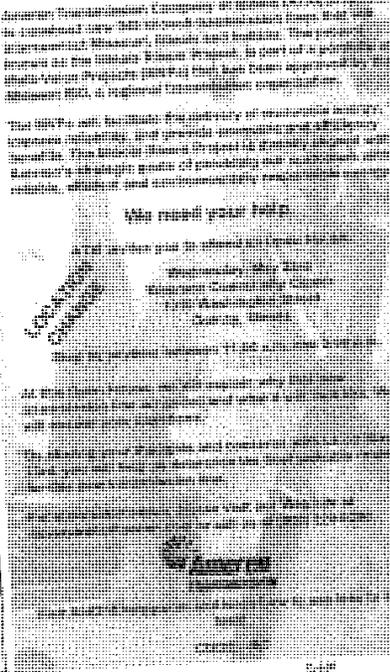
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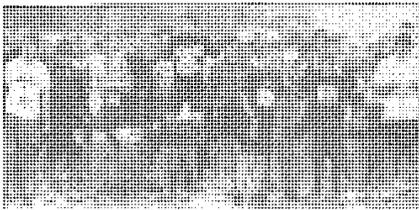
RACE: Johnny Bang Bang's to host participants Saturday night

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lonarily walk for others. The competitive portion of the event begins at 8 a.m., the leisurely portion at 9 a.m.

Bridge the Gap activities will conclude with a celebration starting at 9 p.m. Saturday at Johnny Bang Bang's. Bridge the Gap participants will get free admission. Jeff Sable and the Sable Band from St. Louis will be performing.

Premier Olympic medalists Jackie Joyner-Kersey and Caren Kemmer are this



A group of people in the race, including the group of runners who are the focus of the article. The image shows a group of people walking on a path, likely during the race mentioned in the text.

year's new arrivals. "This is my third year with Bridge the Gap, and each year just gets better and better," Joyner-Kersey said. "I love being there when people cross the finish line and they know they've

just done something great. It's rewarding." "This is all about the community coming together to help people in need — the working poor — who otherwise might not be able to receive the medicine they

need," Kinher said. For more information or to register, visit [bridgethegap.org](http://bridgethegap.org) or follow Bridge the Gap to Health Race on Facebook. —[slight@whig.com](mailto:slight@whig.com)/221-3377

GOLDEN APPLE: Key is making special connection with each child in class

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patience with her students make Brewer worthy to be a recipient of WGBM's Golden Apple Award, one of five given annually to area teachers as part of a program that's in its 27th year.

Brewer teaches students in kindergarten through third grade. Each of her students needs special attention, and parents say that's exactly what Brewer has given them.

Her shy demeanor is belied by her fierce loyalty, her dedication to the children and the parents of her class, wrote Michelle Sage, who has a daughter in Brewer's class, in a nomination letter. "Her calm assertive energy makes so well. She seems to be driven by the need to do right rather than be right, which as a parent of a special needs child is so refreshing it's beyond words."

"It's not every day or year that you come across a teacher who devotes their time to giving these with special needs a chance to have as normal of a school experience as possible," wrote Emily Hamelton, whose twin daughters were both students of Brewer's, in a nomination letter. "While I have tried to express in words how grateful and lucky I am to have her helping my girls, words aren't strong enough. She has given them the tools to not only adapt and be successful at school, but in life as well."

Hamelton said Brewer's dedication goes beyond the classroom. An example she cites: When Brewer was preparing to travel overseas to bring her newly adopted daughter home from China, she asked one of her own personal days to travel to Iowa City, Iowa, where one of her

students was being tested for disability. Brewer believes strongly in continuing her education to make sure she's giving her students the best opportunities to learn as much as possible, despite their disabilities. "I had to learn what works, what doesn't work, and I want it to be a peaceful place for me and the other adults and kids," she said. "So training definitely makes a difference, and what works for one may not work for another. How can we change it so that everybody is as independent as possible so they can be and feel confident? Once they are confident, they do better. Just to see the gains that they make, and they might not be huge every day, but what we see overall, how they've grown, it's just amazing."

Brewer's colleagues also notice her dedication to education. "It's been inspiring to watch Lori at work with her students and see them grow in independence, social skills and communication skills," said Mary Lobman, a kindergarten teacher at Hawthorne. "Lori continually works in class and works shops so that she is aware of the most effective strategies to help her students make significant progress."

Brewer says she makes a special connection with each child she teaches. "Usually, you have to establish relationships with the kids and love them and have mutual respect, back and forth, and it just takes time," she said. "They're just a part of my family since I've had most of them in third grade, so they're just like my own."

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BLESSING BREAST CENTER  
'Mammas for Moms' to tie screenings to Mother's Day

By STEVE LEIGHNER

The reason was simple, the timing no accident. "Mammas for Moms," a first-year event, is designed to encourage women to have mammograms.

In honor of Mother's Day, the Blessing Breast Center is hosting Mammas for Moms from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday in Suite 230 of the Blessing Health Center, 897 Broadway.

"The idea came from the understanding we all need to get our mammograms done, and why not (tie it all together) around Mother's Day?" said Lori Wilkey, manager of the Breast Center.

In addition to receiving a mammogram, women will view demonstrations, receive massages, get tea and refreshments, and have a chance at raffles.

The cost for the mammogram will be billed to the woman's insurance carrier, but other Mammas for Moms activities will be free.

"An extra incentive to get women to come in is offering the 'pop' effect," Wilkey said. A Mother's Day breast cancer awareness T-shirt will be available for \$12.

Space at Mammas for Moms is limited, Wilkey

said, and reservations are required by calling (217) 223-8400, ext. 4209.

Wilkey said she anticipates between 50 and 70 women will take part the first year.

"Every woman age 40 and over is invited," she said. "We want to see moms and grandmothers, sisters and aunts. This event is a convenient way for women to get their needed mammogram with a little bit of fun added."

"This is also about promoting a healthy lifestyle." The American Cancer Society's basic breast cancer screening recommendations are:

• Yearly mammograms starting at age 40 and continuing for as long as a woman is in good health.

• Clinical breast exam about every three years for women in their 30s and 40s, and every year for women 40 and older.

• Breast self-exams are an option for women starting in their 30s. "One in eight women will be diagnosed with breast cancer in their lifetime," Wilkey said. "Getting regular mammograms can lead to earlier diagnosis, when treatment can be most successful."

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CONSPIRACY: Prior theft charge over conviction chance

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"She was very much a voluntary and willing participant in this scheme," Piye said.

Defense attorney Barney Hier said his client has a cannabis addiction and did cooperate with police during the investigation. White told Judge Scott Walden she wanted to "turn her life around" and get a second chance if put on probation, but Walden noted White had that chance three years ago after being convicted of a misdemeanor retail theft charge.

"You knew that chance," the judge said.

He also said that White had no family support system and that she sold crack cocaine to family members. Unlike many of the players in the conspiracy, White is from Quincy, the judge said. Jeremiah Simpson, 19, was sentenced in March to six years in prison for manufacturing and delivering cocaine. Authorities said Tyree Malone, 29, and Simpson were two of five Chicago residents who acted as "street dealers" in the drug conspiracy. Malone got four years in prison for the same count as Simpson.

Marvin Barnes, 29, pleaded guilty to a simple drug count and was sentenced in April to five years in prison. Andrew Bunch,

29, pleaded not guilty to several drug counts and faces a June jury trial. Angelo Riggs, 28, pleaded guilty to manufacturing and distributing cocaine and was sentenced last week to four years in prison.

Three other Quincy women also were included — Adrienne Tuttle, 22, Leola Johnson, 22, and Jerrisa Jones, 22.

Tuttle pleaded guilty to manufacture and delivery of cocaine, a Class I felony, and was sentenced to five years in prison by Walden. Jones pleaded guilty to two drug counts and was sentenced to three years in prison. Johnson pleaded not guilty to several drug counts and faces a June jury trial.

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BREVARD COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

## Deputies report mom killed four kids, then herself

By KYLE NIGHTOWER  
 Associated Press

PORT ST. JOHN, Fla. — In the middle of the night, Teresa Thomas' neighbors awoke to the sound of a gunshot and moments later heard a knock on their door.

Three of Thomas' four children were outside, including one who appeared to have been shot. Before the neighbors could offer help, Thomas came out of her house and called the children back home.

They complied. The neighbors died 511 after hearing more gunshots.

Brevard County Sheriff's deputies found Thomas, 38, dead of an apparent self-inflicted wound and three of her children — Jax Johnson, 15; Janyah Johnson, 13; and Joel Johnson, 12 — were fatally shot inside the house. A fourth child, Pebbles Johnson, 17, was found about to death in the front yard of a neighbor's house.

Investigators said they didn't know a motive for the shooting and weren't sure why the children followed their mother's orders to return to the house.

"From what the neighbors said, she was very calm. She walked out and called them back. They turned around and walked back to the house," said sheriff's spokesman Lt. Ted Goodyear.

Another neighbor told deputies Thomas sent a text message in the middle of the night saying she wanted to be cremated with her children.

"He didn't see the text until he woke up this morning," Goodyear said.

The shooting happened in Port St. John, about 15 miles west of Cape Canaveral in an area known as the "Space Coast" because it is the home of NASA's Kennedy Space Center, the location of numerous shuttle launches.

Authorities went to Thomas' house on three successive days last month, according to dispatch records released Tuesday.

In the first visit, on Easter Sunday, Thomas reported that her son had thrown a bicycle through a window at the house. The next day, she called to report that her son had kicked and punched her when she tried to wake him up for school.

The following day, child welfare investigators visited the house to look into allegations of inadequate supervision of the children.

The Department of Children and Families was following up on a report on a Johnson child who had been released from a detention facility and hadn't been picked up by a caretaker, DCF spokeswoman Carrie Hooper said in an email.

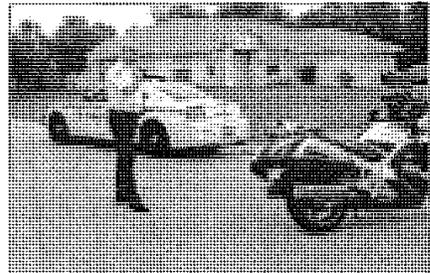
Records showed Thomas was arrested in 2002 on a misdemeanor battery charge for striking Joe Johnson, the father of her children. The charge was later dropped.

Two years earlier, she filed a domestic violence complaint against Joe Johnson, but that was dismissed after a hearing.

Janice Hudson, whose mother lives two doors down from the family, said the boys in the family were known to shoot BBs at a home across the street and had threatened to set it on fire.

"It has been an ongoing problem on our street with them," Hudson said.

Goodyear said Jax Johnson had recently been arrested on a domestic violence charge. He said he didn't know if the boy had been accused of hitting his mother or causing damage to the house.



Investigators in Bogotá, Colombia, on Tuesday, May 15, 2012, searched for a body in the rubble of a building that was destroyed in a bombing that killed two people and injured at least 39 others. A witness said the bomber was seen running away from the scene.

**66 SECONDS**  
**BOGOTA, COLOMBIA**  
**Two dead in bombing targeting former minister**

A midday bombing that killed two bodyguards of an ardent conservative former interior minister and injured at least 39 people in a busy commercial district of Bogotá has raised fears that violence not seen in the Colombian capital in years could return.

Former Interior Minister Fernando Londoño, 58, had glass shards removed from his chest and was out of danger, authorities said.

But the assassin's driver and another bodyguard were killed almost instantly, Bogotá Mayor Gustavo Petro said. A pedestrian attached an explosive to a door of Londoño's apartment and set it off remotely.

Authorities said they had video of Tuesday's attack and Petro said the culprit "waited away disguised." A wig of long black hair and a hat were found nearby.

It was the first fatal bombing of an apparently political nature in the capital in more than a decade and it threatened a capital that two decades earlier was ravaged by car bombings set off by drug traffickers fighting extradition to the United States.

**BEIJING**  
**TV Blames Dalai Lama for Tibet immolations**

China has released a documentary accusing the Dalai Lama of orchestrating a wave of self-immolations by Tibetans, in its most elaborate attempt so far to shake international opinion about the protests against Chinese rule.

The documentary shown globally by state broadcaster China Central Television features police surveillance footage of the protests. Mostly lone Tibetans are seen sitting on small town roads before being blasted by security forces with the extinguishers or covered with tear gas.

It told, the piece, titled "The Dalai clique and self-immolation violent incidents," marks the government's most extensive effort to cast blame on the exiled Tibetan spiritual leader for protests that have touched Tibetans sporadically and presented an image problem for Beijing.

At least 34 Buddhist monks, nuns and Tibetan lay people have set themselves on fire in the past 14 months in what the state media says is an effort to highlight China's repressive policies on religion and culture.

## Genocide trial of Ratko Mladic gets under way at U.N. court

By MIKE CORDER  
 Associated Press

THE HAGUE, Netherlands — Twenty years after his troops began brutally ethnically cleansing Bosnian towns and villages of non-Serbs, Gen. Ratko Mladic went on trial today at the Yugoslav war crimes tribunal accused of 11 counts of genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes.

The ailing 70-year-old Mladic's appearance at the U.N. court war crimes tribunal marked the end of a long wait for justice to survivors of the 1992-95 war that left some 100,000 people dead.

The trial is also a landmark for the U.N. court and international justice — Mladic is the last suspect from the Bosnian war to go on trial here.

In Bosnia, leaders and victims hailed a historic day in the country's recovery from its war wounds, while some Serbs lamented Mladic's trial.

"First of all we are expecting from this trial the truth," said President Bakir Izetbegovic. "The truth and then justice for the victims, for the families of the victims. It is the worst period of our history."

But in the former Serb stronghold of Pale, people who gathered to watch the trial on TV applauded as they saw their general enter the courtroom.

"Mladic is our hero, it's said that we see him there. We blame the Hague and international community," said Milan Pavlovic, a 20-year-old law student.

Mladic, in a suit and tie and looking healthier than at previous pretrial hearings, said still a student of the barely strutting wartime general.

He suffered a stroke while in hiding and has had other health problems since arriving in The Hague.

He gave a thumbs-up and clapped toward the court's public gallery as the trial got under way. He occasionally wrote notes and showed no emotion as prosecutors began outlining his alleged crimes.

One woman in the public gallery called him a "vulture" as prosecutors began two days of laying out their case for judges.

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**JAKARTA, INDONESIA**  
**'Black box' found of jet in Indonesia crash**

Investigators today were analyzing the cockpit voice recorder from a Russian passenger jet that plummeted into the site of an Indonesian volcano. They hope the final words of the two pilots will help explain what caused last week's crash, which killed all 45 people on board.

The "black box," found Tuesday at the bottom of a 1,640-foot-deep, water-tattered and badly burned, said Tolang Komadi, who heads the National Commission on Safety Transportation, adding that the necessary module appears to still be readable.

It could take up to a week to download the audio, said Marjono Sasowidjanto, the chief investigator, and it will then have to be translated and transcribed.

**GENEVA**  
**Historic diamond sold for \$9.7 million at auction**

Maria de Medici wore it at her coronation in Queen Consort of Henry IV in France in 1610, and now the Bezu Sancy diamond is a lavish accessory owned by an anonymous bidder who paid \$9.7 million for it at Sotheby's auction.

Five bidders fueled the price on Tuesday at the Sotheby's sale for the Bezu Sancy, a 34.98-carat diamond that had passed among the royal families in France, England, Prussia and the Netherlands. It was sold by the Royal House of Prussia, the line of descendants that once ruled Prussia.

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