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## Impersonating Federal Agent Net Man 60 Days In Jail

QUEENS---A York College student who had modified his minivan to look like a law enforcement vehicle and had a cache of weapons in his home has been sentenced to 60 days in jail for illegally possessing a forged federal agent's identification card.

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## Graffiti Tagger Kiko Pleads Guilty

QUEENS---Kiko, a 28-year-old Manhattan resident charged with being one of New York City's more notorious graffiti taggers has pleaded guilty to felony criminal mischief, among other charges, and admitted to extensively vandalizing public and private property in the Astoria and Long Island City sections of Queens County.

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## AG Settles Racial Discrimination Suit In West Seneca

BUFFALO---A consent decree settling a racial discrimination lawsuit filed against the owner of a large apartment complex in Western New York has been signed with the Attorney General's office. The decree resolves civil charges filed in Federal District Court in Buffalo against the owner of the Royal York Gardens Apartments in West Seneca.

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## Ex-West Palm Beach Official Headed To Prison For Corruption

MIAMI---West Palm Beach City Commissioner Raymond A. Liberty was sentenced Monday by U.S. District Judge William P. Dimitrouleas to 18 months' in federal prison in connection with his fraud and corruption while a City of West Palm Beach Commissioner. After being sentenced, Liberty was remanded into custody of the United States Marshal.

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## Queens Daycare Worker Indicted In Rape Of 4-Year-Old

QUEENS---A 37-year-old South Ozone Park daycare worker has been indicted on charges of sexually abusing a 4-year-old child on three separate occasions during a six-week period earlier this year.

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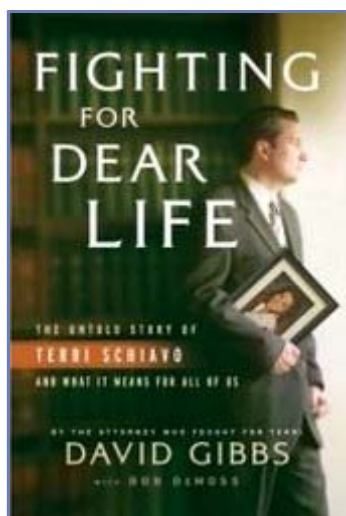
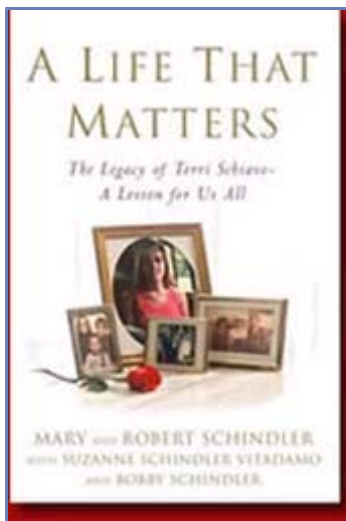
## Race Tightening To Dead Heat For Florida Governor

Entering Tuesday's first Florida gubernatorial debate, the race has tightened to a statistical dead heat, with 46% of likely voters for State Attorney General Charlie Crist, the Republican, and 44% for U.S. Rep. Jim Davis, the Democrat, according to a Quinnipiac University poll released Monday. Eight percent of voters are undecided and 11% of those who name a candidate say they might change their mind before Election Day.

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## Lieberman Widening Lead Over Schiavo's Candidate



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HARTFORD, CONN---Candidate debates last week did not help the two principal challengers in the Connecticut Senate race, as Sen. Joseph Lieberman now holds a 52 - 35% likely voter lead over Democratic candidate Ned Lamont, with 6 percent for Republican Alan Schlesinger and 7 percent undecided, according to a Quinnipiac University poll released Friday.

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### Three Charged With Selling Pirated Software

NEW YORK---Three individuals have been arrested on federal charges for selling illegal, pirated computer software over the Web site [newyork.craigslist.org](http://newyork.craigslist.org) (Craigslist).

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### Ethics Commission Finds Hevesi Violated Law With Chauffeur

ALBANY---The state Ethics Commission has concluded that there is reasonable cause to believe that Democratic state comptroller Alan Hevesi knowingly and intentionally used his position as New York State Comptroller to secure unwarranted privileges for himself and his wife, and in doing so, pursued a course of conduct that raises suspicion among the public that he likely engaged in acts that violated the public trust.

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### Florida Supreme Court Disciplines Attorneys

TALLAHASSEE---The Florida Bar, the state's guardian for the integrity of the legal profession, has announced that the Florida Supreme Court in recent court orders suspended 10, disbarred three, reprimanded two and placed one attorney on probation.

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### The Scoop: Pages From The Editor's Notebook

Warren County Sheriff Larry Cleveland and the firing of officer of Jeff Clarke.

Changing qualifications for Civil Service exams for positions in Warren County Sheriff's Department.

Female corrections officers win a EEOC decision against Warren County and Cleveland.

Alleged campaign violations of TerriPAC, the political action committee of Michael Schiavo.

These issues are topics for The Scoop.

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### Naked Motorist Kills Lawyer Pedestrian

NEW YORK---A woman who police say was driving naked while under the influence of drugs is facing manslaughter charges after her speeding vehicle allegedly struck and killed a former Staten Island prosecutor.

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## Reporter Busted For DWI, Pot

ALBANY---A former Albany Times-Union reporter, now with the New York Daily News, was arrested early Thursday morning in Albany and charged with driving while intoxicated and possession of marijuana.

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## EXCLUSIVE - Crist's Running Mate Kottkamp Allegedly Broke Election Law

By June Maxam

Two days after Rep. Jeffrey Kottkamp, chairman of the Florida House's Judiciary Appropriations Committee, was tapped by Republican Attorney General Charlie Crist to be his running mate in his campaign to become the next Governor of Florida, Kottkamp contributed \$500 to Crist's election campaign.

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## Court Of Appeals Terms Rensselaer DA's Behavior "Deplorable"

TROY---New York's Court of Appeals has labeled the conduct of Rensselaer County district attorney Patricia DeAngelis "deplorable" but nevertheless has ordered that accused rapist Robert Gorghan should be tried for a second time.

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## Florida Supreme Court Orders Judge Sloop To Explain Conduct

SANFORD, FLA---Seminole County Judge John Sloop's got some 'splainin' to do.

In a rare move, the Florida Supreme Court has ordered him to appear before them in Tallahassee on Nov. 3 to explain why he shouldn't be removed from office.

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## NY Medicaid Spending Outpaces Other States

ALBANY-New York's Medicaid spending is more than twice the per-capita national average, both for total spending and for most major program categories, a new Public Policy Institute analysis shows.

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## Inside The First Amendment - The Games Censors Play


By Paul K. McMasters

In May 2005 video-game developer Rockstar Games, publisher of the controversial "Grand Theft Auto" series, announced that this October it would release a new game called "Bully." The one-sentence announcement merely said that the game, rated for players 13 years and older, featured "a troublesome schoolboy" confronting the problems of being dumped at a fictitious reform school.

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## AG Settles With CBS Radio In Pay For Play



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ALBANY---Hailing two new developments in his ongoing music industry probe, State Attorney General Eliot Spitzer announced Thursday a settlement with CBS Radio, Inc., and a decision by the New York Supreme Court sustaining the Attorney General's lawsuit against radio conglomerate Entercom Communications Corp.

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### **Court Rules NYSE's Grasso Must Return \$100 Million**

NEW YORK--- In a comprehensive 73-page decision, New York State Supreme Court Justice Charles E. Ramos ruled Thursday that Richard Grasso, former chairman and chief executive of the New York Stock Exchange, must return approximately \$100 million already paid to him by the NYSE.

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### **AG: RN Abused Elderly Resident Of Facility**

TALLAHASSEE - A Lee County registered nurse has been arrested and charged with abusing an elderly person.

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### **Ohio Police Chief Arrested For Falsifying Credentials**

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### **Needy Families Get Free Legal Advice**

BROOKLYN - With the opening of the Self-Represented Legal Services Project at Brooklyn Family Court, for the first time in New York State, low-income litigants in Family Court who do not have an attorney will be able to obtain free legal advice from pro bono attorneys right in the courthouse.

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### **Third UAlbany Football Player Jailed For Alleged Rape**


ALBANY---A third football player at the University of Albany has been charged with first degree rape for the alleged sexual assault of a female student in a dorm room at Onondaga Hall early Sunday morning.

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### **Georgia Nurse Sues Over Anti-Bush Bumper Sticker Arrest**

ATLANTA---A Georgia nurse who was ticketed for having an obscene anti-Bush bumper sticker is taking DeKalb county officials to federal court.





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### **Alleged Bankruptcy Fraud May Stymie Baumgartner Prosecution**

CLEVELAND---In addition to facing multiple counts of intimidation and retaliation in Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court on complaint of a retired visiting judge, disbarred attorney Elsebeth Baumgartner is also facing similar charges on the complaint of her former business partner.

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### **More Charges Brought In Illegal Tissue Harvesting Operation**

BROOKLYN---An expanded, superseding indictment in an illegal tissue harvesting scheme which stretched from New York City to Rochester has been filed against the four principals in the operation, Michael Mastromarino, Joseph Nicelli, Lee Cruceta, and Christopher Aldorasi.

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### **Bankruptcy Fraud Now Priority For FBI**

WASHINGTON---As part of an ongoing effort to maintain the continued integrity of the U.S. bankruptcy system, the FBI and other federal agencies announced Wednesday that 78 defendants had been named in bankruptcy fraud cases across the nation in the past two months.

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### **Queens Assemblyman, Labor Leader Busted For Racketeering**

NEW YORK---New York State Assemblyman and labor leader Brian M. McLaughlin has been indicted by a federal grand jury on racketeering charges.

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### **Family Pleads In Mortgage Scam, Phony Law Firm**

MINEOLA---Five people who were arrested and charged last fall, including four members of a Staten Island family, have pleaded guilty for their roles in a mortgage scam being operated through a fraudulent law firm, defrauding homeowners and investors out of \$14 million.

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## Lawyer Stalked By Boyfriend Suspended From Practicing

MANHATTAN-A former candidate for a judgeship in Manhattan Civil Court has been suspended from practicing law for failure to cooperate with a disciplinary investigation.

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## Florida Supremes Sanction 25 Attorneys

TALLAHASSEE--- The Florida Supreme Court has suspended 11 attorneys from the practice of law, reprimanded seven, disbarred six and placed one attorney on probation.

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## EDITORIAL - Lethal Injection Cruel But Death By Dehydration Is Not?

It's hard to understand the rationale of the courts, especially the federal courts.

Why is death by lethal injection a form a cruel and unusual punishment for a convicted killer but yet death by starvation and dehydration is not?

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## COMMENTARY - Catholic Bishops Send Conflicting Message On Respecting Life

By June Maxam

Today, Oct. 15, is St. Theresa's feast day. Three years ago, on Oct. 15, 2003, the feeding tube of Theresa Marie Schiavo was removed for the second time by order of Circuit Court Judge George W. Greer. Six days later, the Florida Legislature passed Terri's Law and Gov. Jeb Bush signed it into law, ordering the reinsertion of the tube.


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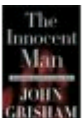
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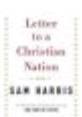
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No, we're not talking about the Mark Foley e-mail sex scandal involving the House page program or if House Speaker Dennis Hastert and other Republican leaders knew and did nothing.

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**Schiavo Memorial "Compassion" Unveiled**

A national memorial to the life and legacy of Terri Schindler Schiavo was unveiled Wednesday at the National Press Club in Washington. The magnificent sculpture, entitled "Compassion", commissioned by Stephen G. Peroutka, chairman of the National Pro-Life Action center and created by artist Ron Berry, represents the compassion Terri Schindler Schiavo received during her last moments.

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**COMMENTARY - The Odd Couple: Michael Schiavo and The Hatch Act**  
**By June Maxam**

Where'd Lord Voldemort go?

You know, Michael Schiavo, the Lord Voldemort of politics.

Prior to the Sept. 5 primary in Florida, Schiavo was traveling all over the country, campaigning for candidates, as if anyone really cared who Michael Schiavo endorsed.

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**COMMENTARY - Broken Vows, Broken Promises**  
**By June Maxam**

Eighteen months ago this week, the feeding tube of Terri Schindler Schiavo was withdrawn for the last time.

Thirteen days later, she died.

Tragically, during the past 18 months and in particular the past two months, there have been astounding medical revelations and discoveries about the cognitiveness and recovery/improvement of brain damaged individuals using functional magnetic resonance imaging (fMRIs) as well as findings concerning new medical treatment involving the use of the drug ambien, also known as zolpidem. These findings have dramatic implications for life-and-death decisions concerning patients who have been diagnosed as being in a persistent vegetative state.

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**COMMENTARY - Misplaced Humanity**

This spring, following reports that the drug zolpidem can temporarily revive people in a persistent vegetative state (PVS) to the point where they are able to speak, the Terri Schindler Schiavo Foundation called for a moratorium of all potential ordinary care removal for persons diagnosed in a PVS condition.

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**Nurse Rebuts Columnist's Diagnosis of Terri Schiavo**





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Syndicated columnist Ellen Goodman's opinion entitled "More shades of gray amid, life, death" which appeared Sept. 15 in The Seattle Times attacked the recent British study concerning a 23-year-old woman who had been diagnosed in a persistent vegetative state.

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## Campaign For Political Probe In Schiavo Case Launched

A concerted effort is underway in Florida to petition Gov. Jeb Bush to appoint a special prosecutor to investigate alleged unlawful political activity occurring during the 2004 election of Pinellas County Court judge George W. Greer.

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## Goodbye, Beloved By Pamela Hennessy

Mary Schindler is a woman whose shoes I wouldn't want to walk in.

After years of trying to block the murder of her own child, she had to witness the grisly death of her daughter over the course of nearly two weeks. Mary's daughter, Terri Schiavo, was dehydrated to death because of two reasons: she was classified by the circuit courts as a person in a persistent vegetative state and her husband (who was her guardian) was the person largely in control of her destiny. He wanted it done and, by God, it was.

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## COMMENTARY - Where There's Life, There's Hope----A Premature Death By June Maxam

A new British study suggests that Terri Schindler Schiavo, said to be in a persistent vegetative state, may have been aware of everything going on around her.

The results of the testing done by using MRIs (Magnetic Resonance Imaging) which can detect different types of mental activity by measuring blood flow to various parts of the brain suggest PVS patients can hear, understand and have a cognitive awareness.

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## EXCLUSIVE - Prohibited Political Activity Assured Schiavo Case Outcome By June Maxam

Had George W. Greer been defeated in August, 2004 in his bid for reelection to a judgeship in the Sixth Judicial Circuit Court of Pinellas County, Terri Schindler Schiavo might be alive today.

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## Study Indicates PVS Patients Aware, Can Communicate

For the first time, scientists have been able to show that patients who have been diagnosed as being in a persistent vegetative state are actually aware of their environment and can communicate.

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## **Deputy Paid For Schiavo Judge's Political Ad; Probe Warranted**

**By June Maxam**

When does a television commercial become a political advertisement---when it's filmed or when it's aired in an attempt to influence voters to cast their ballot for a candidate? That question as it applies to the 2004 political campaign of Sixth Judicial Circuit Court Judge George W. Greer of Pinellas County will be answered at the next meeting of the Florida Elections Committee to be held Nov. 14-15.

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## **EXCLUSIVE - Setting The Schiavo Record Straight**

Tuesday, Sept. 5 is Primary Day in the state of Florida and one of the most contentious races is for the Senate seat representing Florida District 8 in northeastern Florida.

That race pits incumbent senator James E. King, former Senate president, against anti-abortionist Randall Terry. In that there is no Democratic candidate, it's nearly assured that whoever wins the Primary Tuesday will capture the Senate seat.

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## **COMMENTARY - Shameful Schiavo Solicitation**

**By June Maxam**

William Greene and RightMarch.org are at it again.

So's Randall Terry.

Randall Terry has engaged in one of the most vile, despicable, dishonest acts imaginable.

And according to knowledgeable sources, he's not even man enough to accept responsibility for his actions, blaming it on William Greene.

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## **EDITORIAL - Schiavo Profiling?**

You've heard of racial profiling?

Is the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office engaging in the practice of Schiavo profiling and just plain police harassment?

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## **COMMENTARY - Crist's Doctor Supporter Labels Terri Schiavo "Bag of Lettuce"**

An anonymous letter, published by the Internet publication World Net Daily which purports to be from a doctor associated with a Miami hospital, has set off a firestorm of controversy with a statement that brain disabled Terri Schiavo had cognition of a "bag of lettuce".

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## **Schiavo Judge And The Florida Elections Commissions**

On Aug. 17, Florida resident Paul Timmerman drove for seven hours to Tallahassee to attend a probable cause hearing conducted by the Florida Elections Commission in regard to Timmerman's complaint against Pinellas County Court judge George W. Greer for alleged violations of campaign finance and election law for a televised political commercial aired on Pinellas County television stations during August 2004.

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NEW YORK---Morgan Stanley DW Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of Morgan Stanley, has reached a settlement with the state Attorney General's office for failing to supervise one of its brokers who defrauded 15 customers of more than \$740,000.

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## **Cuyahoga Business Owner Accused In Bribery Scheme**

CLEVELAND---The owner of a Cleveland business is accused of conspiring to bribe a public official as part of an ongoing investigation of the FBI, Cleveland Division of Police and the Internal Revenue Service into operations of the Cleveland Water Department in Cuyahoga County.

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## **RN Gets 46 Months For \$40 Million Medicare Fraud**

LOS ANGELES---A registered nurse who once owned the two largest home health agencies in California has been sentenced to 46 months in prison for her role in defrauding Medicare out of \$40 million and for filing false tax returns that concealed her ill-gotten gains.

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## **Husband Of Pharmacy Tech Pleads In Drug Conspiracy**

CHESTERTOWN---The husband of the former pharmacy technician who stole at least \$100,000 in painkillers from Brooks Pharmacy in Chestertown has pleaded guilty in Warren County Court for his role in the scheme.

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## **Four Years For Toledo Man Who Threatened To Kill Judge**

TOLEDO, OHIO--In what appears to be the proper interpretation under the intimidation and retaliation law of Ohio, a Toledo man has been sentenced to four years in prison for making threats to kill a judge and his prosecutor wife.

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## **Patient Arrested For Throwing Portable Urinal**

GLENS FALLS---An intoxicated Granville man has been charged with felony criminal mischief for throwing a portable urinal against the wall in a treatment room at the Glens Falls Hospital, destroying sterile equipment.

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### **Warrensburg Mother Accused Of Second Underage Rape**

WARRENSBURG--- For the second time in two weeks, a Warrensburg woman has been arrested for having sex with an underaged boy.

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### **Porco Sentencing Moved To Dec. 12**

ALBANY-The attorney representing ax murderer Christopher Porco has won a postponement in the sentencing of his client until Dec. 12.

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### **Heroic Dog Saves Mistress, Dies Trying To Save Cat**

SHEBOYGAN---A heroic Wisconsin dog dragged his mistress to safety in a house fire Monday but died when he went back into the house to try and save one of the family cats.

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