

### Wis. Senators Try To Keep Seats In Election

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — Six Wisconsin senators fought Tuesday to keep their jobs in a recall election, trying to beat back Democratic challengers who stoked a political backlash against Republican Gov. Scott Walker for his efforts to strip public employees of most union rights.

Fueled by millions of dollars from national labor groups, the attempt to remove GOP incumbents could shift control of the Wisconsin Senate to Democrats and provide a new gauge of the public mood less than a year after Republicans made sweeping gains in this state and many others.

Turnout was strong in the morning and steady in the afternoon in communities like Whitefish Bay, Menomonee Falls and Shorewood, where Sen. Alberta Darling was one of six Republicans trying to keep her seat.

Tony Spencer, a 36-year-old laid-off carpenter from Shorewood, voted for Darling's challenger, Democratic state Rep. Sandy Pasch. "I'm in a private union, so they haven't necessarily come after me," Spencer said. "But everybody should have the right to be in a union. I came out to stop all the union-bashing stuff."

### AWOL Soldier Indicted On 3 Federal Charges

WACO, Texas (AP) — A federal grand jury indicted an AWOL soldier Tuesday on three charges in connection with a plot to bomb Fort Hood soldiers in Texas.

Pfc. Naser Jason Abdo, 21, was indicted in Waco on charges of possession of an unregistered destructive device, possession of a firearm and possession of ammunition by a fugitive from justice, according to federal prosecutors. He faces up to 10 years in prison on each charge if convicted.

He is being held without bond and has yet to enter a plea. His attorney, Keith Dorsett, did not immediately return a telephone call seeking comment Tuesday.

Abdo was arrested two weeks ago at a Killeen motel near Fort Hood. Investigators say they found a handgun, an article titled "Make a bomb in the kitchen of your Mom" and the ingredients for an explosive device, including gunpowder, shrapnel and pressure cookers. An article with that title appears in an al-Qaida magazine.

The soldier was approved as a conscientious objector this year after citing his Muslim beliefs, but that status was put on hold after he was charged with possessing child pornography. He went absent without leave from Fort Campbell, Ky., last month.

### Perry's State Visits Threaten Big Iowa Week

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Though he's not officially a candidate, Texas Gov. Rick Perry's visits this weekend to three important presidential nominating states threaten to overshadow any lift his would-be rivals hope to gain from a big week in Iowa.

Perry's expected entrance into the Republican race looms large over Saturday's Iowa straw poll and a nationally televised debate two days earlier — and he's not participating in either event. His all-but-certain bid comes as polls show the GOP electorate underwhelmed with the current crop of candidates as they seek someone strong to challenge President Barack Obama next fall.

All candidates — from GOP front-runner Mitt Romney on down — are bracing for a Perry candidacy, and the attention on the Texan this weekend could effectively change the dynamics of the race.

Publicly, the GOP field is welcoming Perry to the contest. Privately, the candidates and their advisers are discussing how to revamp their strategies for winning the nomination, given a likely new factor in the race — a telegenic Southerner who is credible on social conservatives' top issues and who hails from a state where jobs have grown.

## London Triples Police Presence For Riots

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Associated Press

LONDON — Thousands more police officers flooded London streets Tuesday in a bid to end Britain's worst rioting in a generation as nervous shopkeepers closed early and some residents stood guard to protect their neighborhoods. The unrest spread across central and northern England on a fourth night of violence driven by poor, diverse and brazen crowds of young people.

Scenes of ransacked stores, torched cars and blackened buildings frightened and outraged Britons just a year before London is to host the summer Olympic Games, and brought demands for a tougher response from law enforcement.

London's Metropolitan Police department put thousands more officers in the streets and said that by Wednesday there would be 16,000 — almost triple the number present Monday. Dozens of police were seen combing through the Canning Town area of east London as officers hunted for potential new flash points, but the department acknowledged it could not guarantee an end to the violence.

Though London saw no new unrest late Tuesday, but the chaos spread to other cities. A police station in the central England city of Nottingham was firebombed by a 40-strong mob,

and hundreds of youths battled police in the northwestern city of Manchester.

Stores, offices and nursery schools across London closed early amid fears of fresh rioting. Many usually busy streets had an eerie calm as cafes, restaurants and pubs also decided to shut down for the night.

Many shops had their metal blinds pulled down, while other business owners rushed to secure plywood over their windows before nightfall.

Some London residents prepared to defend their homes and stores. Outside a Sikh temple in Southall, west London, residents stood guard and vowed to defend their place of worship if mobs of young rioters appeared. Another group marched through Enfield, in north London, aiming to deter looters.

In east London's Bethnal Green district, convenience store owner Adnan Butt, 28, said residents were tense.

"People are all at home — they're scared" of the rioters, he said.

London's deputy assistant police commissioner Steve Kavanagh vowed that large numbers of officers would remain on London's streets until calm was restored.

"We will continue with this additional policing for as long as is necessary. Our priority remains protecting the public and restoring order to our streets," he said.

In Nottingham, police said rioters had

hurled firebombs through the window of a police station in the Canning Circus area of the city, but that there were no reports of injuries. Eight men were arrested at the scene, where firefighters doused a blaze.

In Manchester, hundreds of youths rampaged through the city center, hurling bottles and stones at police and vandalizing stores. A women's clothing store on the city's main shopping street was set ablaze, along with a disused library in nearby Salford. Looters targeted stores selling designer clothes and expensive consumer electronics.

Neither Manchester nor Nottingham had previously been involved in unrest. There also was minor unrest for the first time in the central England locations of Leicester, Wolverhampton and West Bromwich.

Britain's riots began Saturday when an initially peaceful protest over a police shooting in London's Tottenham neighborhood turned violent. That clash has morphed into a general lawlessness in London and several other cities that police have struggled to halt with ordinary tactics. While the rioters have run off with sneakers, bikes, electronics and leather goods, they also have torched stores apparently just for the fun of seeing something burn.

Rioters, able to move quickly and regroup to avoid the police, have been left virtually unchallenged in several neighborhoods, plundering stores at will.

## Polygamist Leader Gets Life In Prison For Assault

BY PAUL J. WEBER  
Associated Press

SAN ANGELO, Texas — Polygamist leader Warren Jeffs recorded everything he said. Thousands of pages, written with Biblical flourish, about God wanting him to take 12-year-old wives. About those girls needing to sexually please him. About men he banished for not building his temple fast enough.

Facing his last chance to keep his freedom, Jeffs didn't say a word.

He was sentenced to life in prison Tuesday for sexually assaulting one of his child brides — among 24 underage wives prosecutors said Jeffs collected — and received the maximum 20-year punishment on a separate child sex conviction. Jeffs, 55, will not be eligible for parole until he is at least 100 years old.

The head of the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints made no plea for leniency. He ordered his attorneys

not to call witnesses during the sentencing phase, and forbade them from making a closing argument Tuesday.

Less than half an hour later, jurors returned with the harshest punishment possible.

"He's a pervert, and the crazy thing is, he perverted his own religion," his sister, Elaine Jeffs, said after the sentencing. Nearby, police escorted her brother into a waiting patrol car.

Elaine Jeffs, who left the FLDS in 1984, watched the end to an often bizarre and graphic two-week trial. Other onlookers included one of Jeffs' top lieutenants and state caseworkers who rounded up nearly 400 children during a 2008 raid at the sect's Texas ranch. There were a handful of spectators as well, including a retired couple who also sat in on the Casey Anthony trial in Florida.

Despite the convictions and life sentence, Jeffs remains in control of the FLDS and its roughly 10,000 followers. His most devoted consider him God's spokesman on

earth and a prophet, but his followers were absent in court for the bulk of the trial.

Jeffs sometimes was, too. He boycotted the sentencing phase, remaining in a courthouse holding cell, and refused to answer state District Judge Barbara Walther when directly questioned Tuesday. Jeffs had represented himself during the conviction phase, and often interrupted court proceedings by contending that he was being persecuted for his religious beliefs.

The FLDS is a radical offshoot of mainstream Mormonism and believes polygamy brings exaltation in heaven. In closing arguments, prosecutors rejected the idea that the sect had been targeted.

"The evidence in this case shows that this isn't a prosecution of a people," prosecutor Eric Nichols said. "This is a prosecution to protect people."

Jurors ignored reporters after the sentencing, quickly walking to their cars that were parked single-file in a blocked-off street and driving away.

Willie Jessop, a former FLDS spokesman who railed against Texas authorities following the raid but has since disavowed Jeffs, said the heinousness of the charges has left a fractured FLDS community. He said his first goal would be tearing down the guard tower and gates at the Yearning for Zion ranch, which authorities stormed in 2008 and where they collected a trove of evidence against Jeffs.

That included photos of him kissing the young brides he took in "spiritual marriages" and scratchy audiotapes of him giving girls explicit instructions for sex. His journals speak of casting out men for not being humble, written around the same time Jeffs was photographed in a leather jacket atop a Harley Davidson motorcycle.

"Everyone in the church has got to take a responsibility for what has taken place," Jessop said. "In order for this to be fixed going forward, we have to take responsibility. This is a crisis for every single member in the church."

### OBITUARIES

#### Jean English

OMAHA, Neb. — Jean M. English, age 93 of Omaha, NE and formerly of Yankton passed away on Saturday, August 6, 2011 at the Creighton University Medical Center, Omaha, NE. Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10:30 AM, Friday, August 12, 2011 at St. Benedict Catholic Church, Yankton with Rev. Bob English officiating and Rev. Ken Luif concelebrating. Burial will be in the Calvary Cemetery, Sioux City, IA at approximately 3:00 PM. Visitations will be from 5:00-9:00 PM Thursday, August 11, 2011 at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home and Crematory, Yankton, with a 7:00 PM Rosary and video tribute followed by a 7:30 Scripture service. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the church. Pallbearers will be Dr. Eric English, Dr. Paul Taylor, Andrew Taylor, Craig Taylor, Matt Gollinger, and Pat Dell. Honorary pallbearers will be Russ Weller, Tim Dickes, Ed Krempges, and Don Moriarty.

Jean English born Nov 22, 1917 to John and Louise (Scharnweber) Drees in Carroll, IA. She was raised in Carroll, IA and attended college at the University of Iowa. She entered the business world in Omaha, NE



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where she worked as an investigator for Union Pacific. She met Dad in Omaha and was married in Carroll, IA. She spent her early married life in Sioux City, IA and Scotland SD where her husband was in real estate and farm management. Then in 1957 they moved to Yankton where they developed English Heights on the Lewis and Clark Lake, Holiday Hill Ski Area, Timberlane Golf Course and The Villager. In her later years, she and her husband were instrumental in developing the House of Mary Shrine which remained their major interest for the rest of their lives. Mother was also a founding member of the Rosary Makers and a fifty year member of PEO and Catholic Daughters. In addition, she was an active member of Questers and Sacred Heart Altar Society. For the past 10 years she has resided in Omaha, NE first living with her daughter and finally in Immanuel Village Assisted Living. Mother enjoyed tennis and golf, hunting and fishing, hiking in nature, family gatherings, and researching family genealogy. She loved

to relate family stories of her great great grandfather leading a wagon train of Catholic settlers across Iowa to establish the community of Mount Carmel, IA.

Survived by sons: Dr. E. John and Margery English, Charles and Shirley English and Fr. Robert English and daughter Jeanne and Paul Taylor; grandchildren Dr. Eric and Sally English, Janet and Pat Dell, Laurel and Matt Gollinger, Courtney English and Drs. Paul and Anh Taylor, Craig and Stacey Taylor, and Andrew and Jo Taylor; 12 great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Preceded in death by husband Edward English, mother and father, Louise and John Drees, siblings, Louise Glackemeyer, JoAnn Fangman, and John Drees; niece Cathy Fangman and nephew Hank Glackemeyer.

The family wishes for Memorials to be directed to the House of Mary Shrine, PO Box 455, Yankton, SD 57078.

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#### John Meidinger

AVON — John R. Meidinger, 87, of Avon.

John R. Meidinger was born August 8, 1924, on a farm in McIntosh County, North Dakota, fifteen miles northeast of Ashley, ND. His parents were John R. and Sophia (Pudwill) Meidinger. John attained the age of 87 years and a day.

John was also known as "Bud" or "Buddy". He received part of his education at the Rosenthal Country School in McIntosh County. After his father died in 1935, his mother, Sophia and the seven children moved into Ashley and John attended town school. He graduated from Ashley High School in 1941. John enlisted in the CCC Camp at Chamberlain, SD in 1941. He then joined the US Navy in San Francisco, CA in 1942. He was stationed in Farragut, ID, Norman, OK, Oakland Naval Air Station, Oakland, CA, Honolulu, HI and



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Guam Naval Air Station. John was discharged in 1946 as a 2nd Class Petty Officer.

John married Bettie Jayne Thesenga on October 18, 1946 in Minneapolis, MN. They lived in California and Pennsylvania before they moved back to Avon, SD in 1974. They spent their winters in Arizona, enjoying friends and the sunshine.

John graduated from San Francisco Mortuary College, San Francisco, CA in 1947 and Healds Engineering College, San Francisco, CA in 1953, with a Mechanical Engineering Degree.

John was baptized at Westminster Presbyterian Church, West Chester, PA in 1958. He joined the First Presbyterian Church in Avon, SD in 1977 and has remained a faithful member. John served as an Elder in the Avon church. John was also a member of the Masonic Bon Homme Lodge #101.

John's hobby was airplanes. He enjoyed repairing, rebuilding and flying them. He was a member of the National Ercoupe Owners Club. He had over 5,000 hours of flying time in various types of planes.

He leaves to mourn his dear wife, Bettie Jayne (Thesenga) Meidinger. They were married over 64 years. Also his two sons: John Richard Meidinger, San Francisco, CA and Mark David Meidinger of Sunland, CA; four grandchildren: John William and Nicholas James Meidinger of Sebastopol, CA; Sandy Jayne and David Allen Meidinger of Sunland, CA; two sisters: Vivian Dent of Marysville, CA and Marie (Jimmy) Jacob of Alamogordo, NM; and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

John was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers: Roger in 1983, Bill in 1998 and Calvin in 1994; and a sister, Gladys, in 1983.

Memorial services will be held at 10:30 AM, Friday, August 12, 2011 at the First Presbyterian Church in Avon. Inurnment will be in the Baptist Cemetery, rural Avon, with Military Honors. A memorial visitation will begin at 7 PM, Thursday at the First Presbyterian Church in Avon. Crosby-Jaeger Funeral Chapel in Avon is in charge of arrangements.

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#### Janet M. Sutton

Janet M. Sutton, age 68, of Yankton, South Dakota, died Monday, August 8, 2011, at Avera Sister James Care Center in Yankton.

No local services are planned. Arrangements are under the direction of the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Yankton.

To send an online sympathy message visit [www.wintzrayfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintzrayfuneralhome.com).

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8:20 a.m. Chef Staci (Hy-Vee)  
Thursday, August 11  
7:40 a.m. Carmen Schramm (Yankton Chamber)  
8:20 a.m. Lisa Scheve (Yankton Conv/Vis Bureau)  
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The Clinic is pleased to welcome Dr. Sternquist, her husband, Jason Nelson, and their sons, Easton and Xavier, to Yankton.

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