



# Tuesday Morning Memo

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- **GUBERNATORIAL RACE UPDATE – OH MY!!!!**

Yesterday, Lieutenant Governor Barbara Lawton suddenly announced that she was dropping out of the race to be the Democratic nominee for governor. This announcement came as a surprise to nearly everyone. Her exit from the race leaves the Democrats without a “marquee” name on the ticket for the 2010 election. That could change very soon if Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett decides to run.

There are many rumors and much intrigue surrounding Lawton’s exit from the race. The one getting the most credence in the press is that Lawton was pressured by the Obama administration to exit the race. If this is the case, it is likely that the preferred candidate of the Obama administration will soon surface. For the time being, the race on the Democratic side is wide open. It was recently reported that President Obama will be in Madison on November 4<sup>th</sup>. It will be interesting to see if his visit might coincide with the announcement that a candidate is entering the race.

While the Democrats scramble, the Republican candidates continue to stump on the campaign trail.

Where can you go to follow this saga, especially now that *Guiding Light* is no longer on the air and *Mad Men* is nearing the end of the season? The Arc-Wisconsin website at: [www.arc-wisconsin.org](http://www.arc-wisconsin.org).

- **OTHER RACES TO WATCH**

Assembly Representative Jeff Wood (I-Bloomer) announced that he would not seek re-election after his current term expires. He was recently arrested for allegedly driving under the influence, his third such arrest in less than a year.

Madison area developer Terrence Wall announced his intention to be a Republic candidate for U.S. Senate. He will be challenging current Senator Russ Feingold (D).

Follow news reports on these races – [www.arc-wisconsin.org](http://www.arc-wisconsin.org).

- **H1N1 FLU RESOURCES**

Several people have recently contacted The Arc-Wisconsin to express concerns about the H1N1 flu virus and its potential impact on people with developmental disabilities. In response to these contacts, an H1N1 update page has been added to The Arc-Wisconsin website. Please go to: <http://www.arc-wisconsin.org/arcwisconsin/h1n1+information/default.asp>.

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