

# Executive Update

Milwaukee County Executive Scott Walker's Weekly Newsletter

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## Message from County Executive Walker

*The Dead Sea Scrolls and the Bible exhibit opens this week (Friday, January 22) at the Milwaukee Public Museum (MPM). Despite the challenges faced by the MPM in the past, they have overcome those with the success of the past several exhibits: Body Worlds 1, Titanic and the Vatican.*

*A few years ago, County Board Chair Lee Holloway and I put together a group that ultimately saved the museum when financial issues arose. It is nice to see how far we've come since that time, working together to get things done.*

*More information on the exhibit is included in this newsletter. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to see the Dead Sea Scrolls!*

Scott



## MLK Day events



County Executive Walker attended several events commemorating Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. He addressed the attendees of the Milwaukee Branch NAACP celebration, "Make King Day Count," at the Metropolitan Baptist Church and attended the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast held at the Midwest Airlines Center and sponsored by Harley-Davidson and Potawatomi Bingo Casino.

## Milwaukee Academy of Medicine



Walker congratulated Milwaukee Fire Department firefighters John Rechlitz and Joel Rechlitz who received the Humanitarian Award from the Milwaukee Academy of Medicine for their heroic rescue of a 5-year-old boy from a burning vehicle. Walker gave the keynote address at their 124<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting.



County Executive Walker attended the opening of the *Dead Sea Scrolls and the Bible – Ancient Artifacts, Timeless Treasures* exhibit at the Milwaukee Public Museum. The exhibit, created and produced by the museum, brings together archaeological objects and manuscripts to tell a story 2,000 years in the making. Witness actual Dead Sea Scrolls and other early biblical artifacts to learn how these early writings shaped the beliefs of Judaism and Christianity.

The largest temporary exhibit ever produced by the Milwaukee Public Museum, *Dead Sea Scrolls and the Bible* explores the archaeological history of the Holy Land during the period the Scrolls were written, from third century BCE through the first century CE. It also tracks the discovery of the first Scrolls in the 1940s and realization of their extraordinary significance.

Part of the unique Copper Scroll and the only known scroll-type manuscript on stone, the Jeselsohn Stone – “Gabriel’s Revelation,” are on display.

For ticketing information, call 414-223-4676 or visit:

<http://www.mpm.edu/dead-sea-scrolls/>

A series of eleven lectures will be given by international experts on different facets of the exhibit:

<http://www.mpm.edu/dead-sea-scrolls/events/>

About the exhibit:

<http://www.mpm.edu/dead-sea-scrolls/exhibit/>

## MPM Dead Sea Scrolls



(L-R in photo above) Waukesha County Executive Dan Vrakas, Milwaukee Public Museum President and CEO Dan Finley, and County Executive Walker at the opening of the Dead Sea Scrolls Exhibit. Walker welcomed the museum visitors during the program, noting the extraordinary efforts of the staff to create and coordinate the exhibit in-house.

## Easy way to help the zoo

The Milwaukee County Zoo is collecting used cell phones and their accessories to raise funds for the endangered species at the zoo. 100% of the funds go to the zoo.

There is a collection box located in the zoo’s US Bank Gathering Place. If you are planning a zoo visit, consider dropping off your old cell phones. If you would like to coordinate a collection at your place of business, call 414-256-5404 to arrange a drop off or pick up date and time. Help the zoo, and avoid adding cell phones to the landfills at the same time.

