



Robert Klein, the machinist who led the Ozaukee County Labor Council, with Secretary-Treasurer Sheila Cochran at the April delegate meeting for the combined new council.

## Setbacks simply goad America to turn around

The monthly delegate meeting became an open house April 2 with appetizers, special guests and video presentations. The day after an election seemed the natural time to thank all the volunteers in Labor 2008, welcome new members from the addition of Ozaukee and Washington counties and also introduce new initiatives for the labor movement.

So much for the best laid plans. Except in pockets here and there, this had not been an election to celebrate, though the volunteers had indeed worked as hard and as well on the phones and at the doors as they would in victory.

Council leaders pushed through their disappointment and spent no time in recrimination. Elections come and go, everyone had worked hard, but the goals of a better society and labor's role are permanent and forward-moving. So Secretary-Treasurer Sheila Cochran moved the meeting immediately to what she would have done in any case with the Milwaukee Area Labor Council -- calling on all to Turn America Around. Focus on the future and the campaigns, causes and problems that lie ahead and will require renewed determination.

Two themes got particular attention -- a different way to look at health care reform, and a chance to help all the workers in the city who don't have union contracts and don't even have sick days.

Turnout, entrenched misconceptions and thinly veiled discrimination ruled too much of Election Day. See Pages 13-15.

The health issue hit the delegates as they came through the door at Serb Hall. Large cardboard pieces with written instructions were scattered on the floor.

But this is not a game board that will sell at stores. Think of Monopoly without any chance to win and absolutely no Get Out of Jail card. Think of permanent Risk.

Cochran led some volunteers through the maze - and froze them. No matter where they thought they were with health insurance, the game revealed otherwise. A working mother found no redemption in President Bush's approach ("We do have health care; just go the emergency room."). Children and seniors were out of luck or lost in a donut of sudden expense.

Ah, yes, but what about a union worker whose leaders have fought for health care at the bargaining table? Play that board game again.

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### SPECIAL SALUTE BUILDING & CONSTRUCTION TRADES

## Don't run! Crawl to savor Fair Trade

Milwaukeeans are accustomed to pub crawls and even art crawls, since there certainly is no deficit of distinctive taverns and galleries in the community.

On May 10, be prepared to be shocked by the number of Milwaukee stores and outlets dedicated to products from around the globe made by workers earning a fair wage.

Free samples, special prices and astounding diversity -- both as central offerings and as sidelights -- will keep participants traveling at the first-ever Fair Trade "Crawl" timed to celebrate World Fair Trade Day.

(For union members it dovetails by coincidence with a morning Labor 2008 effort supporting health care.)

Crawl sponsors intend to make this an annual event. Participants can devote much of the day or an hour or two, cherry-picking the outlets and specials

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Training coordinator Pat Daniels makes a point in the foreground while solving a problem in the background are (from left) instructor Chris Anderson and technicians from two unions, Andy Griffith and Lloyd Hoepfer, inside the steamfitters learning lab.

## Certiably united in training techs

Pat Daniels and Mike Chetney should have been on a recent public television panel of high powered experts lamenting the loss of focus on science and math in US education.

These veteran training coordinators from two unions do not have the PhDs to be invited. But they are a corrective to the problem and have years of stories and human insights that actually dovetail in practical ways with what the experts on TV were concluding.

Boiling down the panel language, several experts complained of the failure to match book learning with instant hands-on application of science and math. That lack of immediate results and satisfaction holds students back at all levels, they said.

"We're all about hands-on, taking the book knowledge right away to effective instrumentation and calibration training," noted Daniels, who also calls the certification of these advanced technicians the most demanding course she's been around. "80% of our workers are learning by doing, seeing the results directly and that motivates them even further and faster."

Another TV expert noted that every genius of pure research and every expert in such areas as advanced product development needed three or four astute intermediate technicians to assist them, yet the US had been suffering a severe lack from high school onward.

"We're paying a price for cutting shop," said Chetney during a Saturday morning visit to the Steamfitters Training School on S. 103rd St. "We dropped tech courses in high school to save money."

As Daniels nodded her agreement, he blamed not just high schools but parents who have pushed students into believing four-year college was the only road to profitable use of math and science skills. That wasted years after high school for workers to find their niche in the trades. Chetney noted, "Today the skill sets in trades means I'm trying to recruit the same guy the professor is, and my guy starts earning and advancing right away without carrying a \$30,000 student debt."

"And the high schools still aren't paying enough attention to that road."

Daniels and Chetney are side by side advocates of apprentice training and coordination. They help recruit for a mutual program that

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Speaking out against the war at a Downtown rally (above), then speaking up for Earth Day, busy Rep. Gwen Moore will also help honor labor's past as main speaker at the Bay View remembrance May 4. See Page 4.

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# Getting the lead (paint) out grows as national policy

More people need to be steeped in the facts as opposed to being so easily frightened by bogeymen. If that had been true in the Wisconsin Supreme Court case, the public might have figured out that the opposition to incumbent Louis Butler was not about criminal judicial philosophy. It was about his refusal to kowtow to big business interests and their search for someone - anyone! - who would grovel. They found the guy.

Butler was all about insisting on equal justice for people who cripple with gunshots AND for corporate malfeasance that injures or even kills, as in the case of ironworkers at Miller Park.

Those were winning arguments for Butler, drowned out by a feverish ad blitz. Without all the noise, most citizens would have decided that even in the lead paint case big business was foaming about, Butler agreed with the court majority that jurors should decide guilt or innocence given the crumbling paint in buildings at a time when the industry in general knew the danger, given all the children who have been physically crippled or mentally enfeebled.

Besides, the science of lead paint hazards and the need for

remedy have been accepted even by a federal government hardly a leader of late in protecting children from poison. In fact, a new wave of rules is coming down nationwide aimed at buildings where people and children live, socialize and work, buildings put up before 1978.

The federal Environmental Protection Agency, at the same time Butler was defeated, was unveiling tough new cleanup standards to be imposed by April 2010 on renovators and contractors.

Union workers are geared up to clean up now and be ready for the mandate two years down the road. The new requirements are a major expansion since lead paint removal used to be mandated only for projects receiving federal housing money.

Wisconsin is already ahead of the game, perhaps because law enforcement, mayors and judges like Butler have long focused on the problem.

Union training and state leadership are pretty well in place to meet the new EPA demands. Many contractors here say the slight rise in costs may be a blessing, a selling point about making homes and apartments safe and a way to revitalize the home renovation market, at a time when buying a new house is



Laborers' point man on lead paint removal, Steve Bako, works to put the stage ahead on EPA and other requirements.

economically slipping out of the public's reach.

These EPA rules touch contractors for a school, child-care facility, house or apartment built before 1978 and where children younger than 6 years old are

present (or obviously could be).

Statisticians figure the national cost of compliance with the new rules at \$404 million, which reduces to about \$37 per job (when divided by the number of workers needed to be trained for such work). The better the training, the less time and workers needed, the experts say.

Also holding down their cost estimates on the consumer are the fees that contractors must pay to get licensed. Plans in Wisconsin two years ahead of the deadline are to apply those fees to enforce the rules, according to the Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services, which handles asbestos and lead certification programs and is likely to

handle the EPA standards as well. The less violations, the less fees are needed.

Though the EPA rules go into effect nationwide in 2010, Wisconsin has been training workers and developing special licenses going back at least eight years. A bit of turf war among unions was also settled, since it was clear to the state and to many contractors that unions had the standards and safety records to be primed for such work.

Steve Bako of Laborers Local 113 has been established as the go-to guy for interested contractors and workers in the four-county region.

Bako notes that already more than 500 workers have earned special certification since the program started and about 4,000 have taken the state's preliminary training courses. About 40 companies have been certified to do the lead paint work at this point.

What's required? Contractors must study to earn lead-safe licenses and use or employ workers trained and certified in how to isolate lead paint areas, use sophisticated air vacuums to gather up the lead dust and then to clean and re-test to make sure no lead has been left behind.

It is expected that some contractors will also hire trained workers and special consultants to see if a site is clean of lead before they renovate. That avoids do-overs and also protects companies from liability.

To learn more about the current rules, the looming 2010 standards and the union involvement in training and work, contact Bako at Laborers Local 113 headquarters, (414) 873-4520, or FAX (414) 873-5155, or email sbako@milwlaborers113.org.

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# Labor names fill education boards

An international vice-president of the United Steelworkers and a regional representative of the United Auto Workers are among Gov. Jim Doyle's appointments to leadership of the state's educational boards.

Announced two days after USW District 2 held a conference at the Wyndham Hotel packed with 425 members from Wisconsin and Michigan, Doyle revealed his choice of Jon Geenen of Kaukauna, one of the main speakers at the conference, to the Wisconsin Technical College System board.



Among the USW speakers was new US Rep. Steve Kagen (D-Wis.).

Geenen, whose union has been a leading force in promoting and training for "green" technology and more efficient refurbished buildings, also serves on the Governor's Task Force on Global Warming.

He was one of three new appointments plus one reappointment to the tech board, which approves standards in educational programs and services and drives policies for the 16 technical college districts in the state.

Also placed on the board were Terry Erickson, retired executive director of the Boys

and Girls Club of Greater La Crosse, and Stan Davis, a former legal adviser to the governor and a partner in Axley Brynelson LLP.

Geenen's term ends in May 2009 because he replaces José Vásquez, whom Doyle appointed to a vacancy on the University of Wisconsin System Board of Regents. Davis also fills a vacant seat but Erickson's term lasts until May 2011.

Doyle also reappointed until May 2013 a veteran member since 2001 -- Phil Neuenfeldt, the secretary-treasurer for the Wisconsin AFL-CIO. Another notable union name on the board is Michael Rosen, economics professor at MATC and president of the Local 212, American Federation of Teachers.

Doyle's additions to the Board of Regents included John Drew and Betty Womack. Drew, a former autoworker at the Chrysler plant in Kenosha and president of the UAW local there before becoming a regional rep for UAW, also teaches part-time for UWM. He replaces a veteran name and legislator, Peggy Rosenzweig, as she steps down in June.

Womack, now assistant superintendent in the Kettle Moraine School District and known as an author as well as a teacher here, steps in right away for departing Regent Danae Davis.

Drew's spouse, Lauren Baker, is the MPS program coordinator in technical education and a member of the MATC board. Womack's spouse is the Rev. Rolan Womack.



More than 400 steelworkers crowded the Wyndham Hotel banquet hall to hear a range of speakers and organizing accomplishments at the USW District 2 conference March 29.

LEFT: Among the main presenters, two days ahead of being named by Gov. Doyle to the state tech board, was Jon Geenen, USW international vice-president. Listening (seated) was southern Wisconsin's sub-District 2 director Ernie Dex. All manner of banners dotted the hall (below).



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## Moore powers Bay View event

Rep. Gwen Moore (D-Milwaukee) has signed up as the main speaker at the 122nd anniversary commemoration of the 1886 Bay View Tragedy at 3 p.m., Sunday, May 4, at the Bay View Historical Marker site at S. Superior St. and E. Russell Ave., about one-half mile from the south end of the Hoan Bridge on Milwaukee's lakefront.

Folksinger Larry Penn will offer songs commemorating the tragedy and other labor struggles. John Utzat, author and an historian on Bay View, will be master of ceremonies.

Following the event, there will be an open reception at Club Garibaldi, 2501 S. Superior St. The event is co-sponsored by the Wisconsin Labor History Society and is planned with members of the Bay View Historical Society.

Moore is serving her second term as Milwaukee's representative in the US Congress, and is expected to link the struggles of the eight-hour-day campaign in 1886 to the issues facing today's workers. She served in the state legislature from 1988 to 2004, first as representative and later a state senator.

The commemoration has been held annually since 1986

(the 100th anniversary of the tragedy). It is now a tradition. More than 200 are expected to remember May 5, 1886, when the state militia fired upon several thousand workers marching for the 8-hour day, killing seven.

## Mourn the dead of 2007

Some will be wearing memorial ribbons. Some will spread the names of those who died on the job last year in Wisconsin, plus the names of fallen Wisconsin military.

Many will note the surge of US based deaths both in rural mines and urban construction and remember the Mother Jones motto: "Mourn for the Dead, But Fight Like Hell for the Living."

At 4:30 p.m. Monday, April 28, participants will be encouraged to march to the event in solidarity, a brief distance from the state office building at 819 N. 6th St. to Zeidler Union Square Park, the workers' park, between 3rd and 4th Sts. on Michigan St.

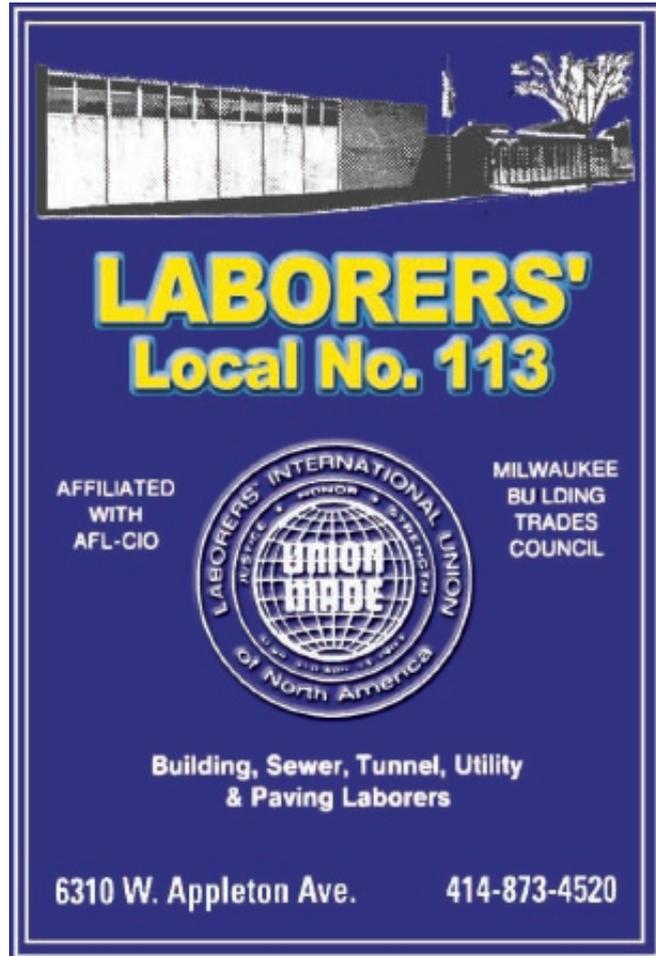
At 5 p.m. citizens will join the Milwaukee Area Labor Council, AFL-CIO, WisCOSH (the nonprofit worker health and safety group), and the Progressive Students of Milwaukee for the annual Workers Day Memorial.

A dinner will take place afterward at the nearby American Postal Workers Union Hall, 417 N. 3rd St. Cost is \$12.50 in advance, \$15 at the door. Price breaks are available for seniors, students and low-wage workers. For more information and dinner tickets, contact WisCOSH's Jim Schultz at 933-2338.

## Official notice

Local 438 of the United Auto Workers has canceled its regular membership meeting on May 18. Long famous as one of the UAW units at Delphi, which has announced its departure from Milwaukee, Local 438 previously canceled its June, July and August meetings.

Regular business will be conducted at the 1 p.m. May 1 meeting of the Retired Worker chapter, held in the lower half of the union office at 7435 S. Howell Ave. in Oak Creek.



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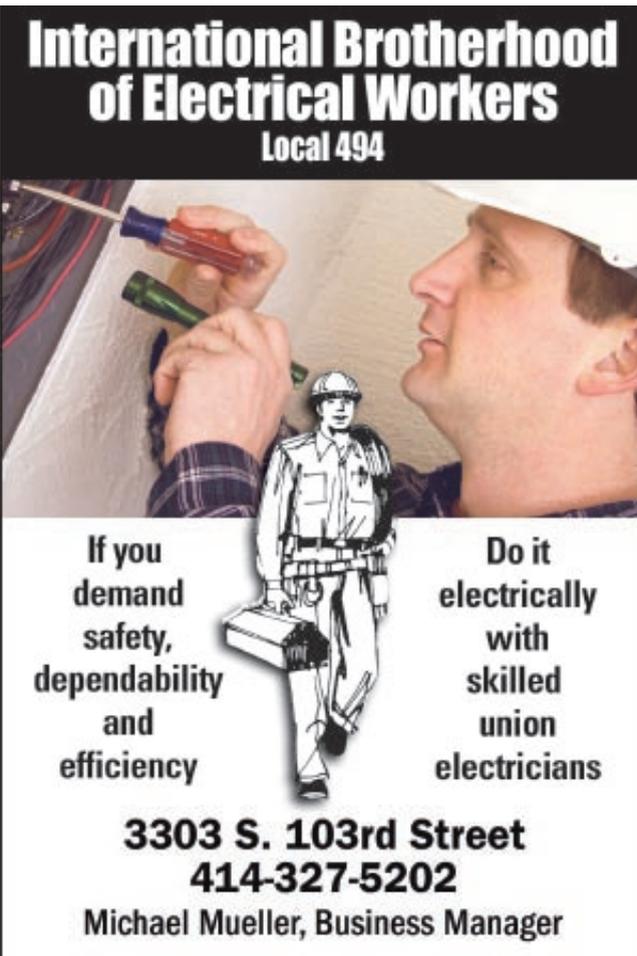
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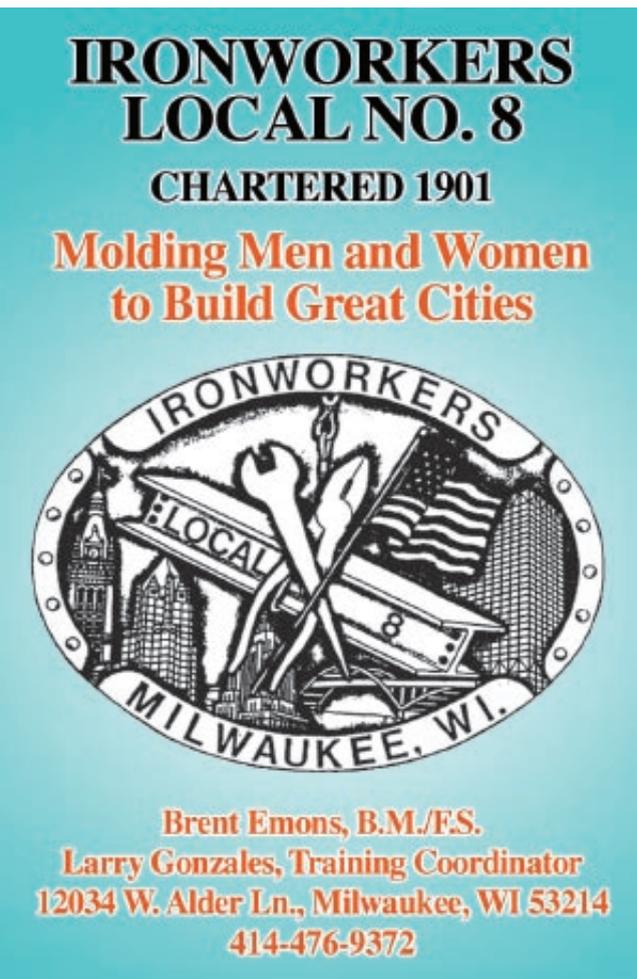
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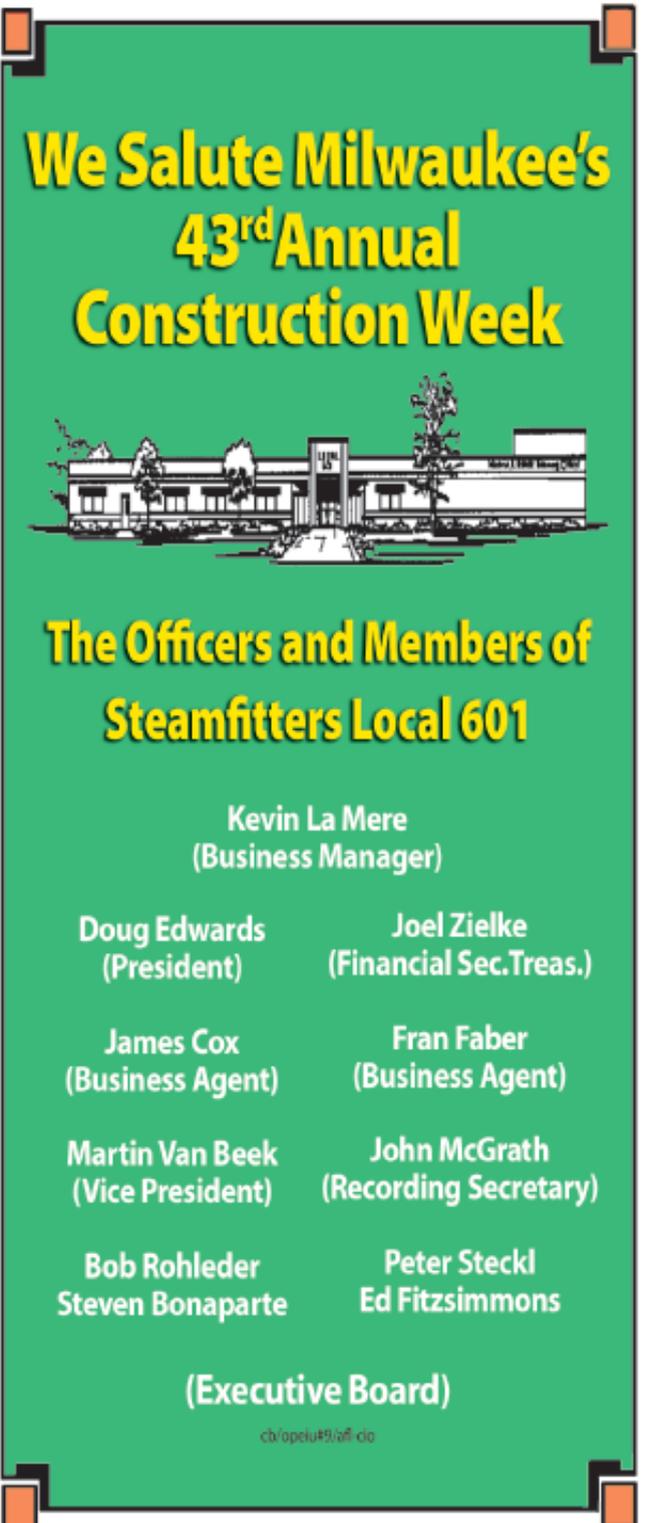


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# Fair Trade

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that most interest them.

Doing so also rejects the products of sweatshops and stands up for Milwaukee and global workers getting a fair trade - and price -- for their own sweat.

Among the many participants are the Outpost stores in our community setting that day aside for demonstrations and sampling. Outpost stores are arranging guided tours of retail floors to help shoppers identify Fair Trade products and products made with Fair Trade ingredients. Folks who stop by the Outpost store in Bay View also get a coupon for a free Milwaukee County bus ride to all the sites along Kinnickinnic Avenue.

There are special activities planned from all the participants, including music, food, wine tasting, healthy lunches and an opportunity for unique Mother's Day gifts.

Several producers of these fair goods will also take part, including Dr. Bronner's Magic Soap, Argan Oil, Omanhene Chocolate, Minga Fair Trade Imports, Alter Eco and Rishi Tea.

Advocates of Fair Trade approached dozens of businesses - along with churches and other sympathetic groups -- to coordinate events, realizing that far too many residents aren't even aware such alternatives exist in their own neighborhoods.

Included are the World's Largest Fair Trade Coffee Break at 2 p.m. that Saturday at several places including all participating Outpost outlets, and a community reception for World Fair Trade

Day (a benefit for the Wisconsin Fair Trade Coalition) from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Bay View Outpost Natural Foods Co-op in Bay View, 2826 S. Kinnickinnic Ave.

Bay View looms large in the Crawl since residents, retailers and elected officials there have been heavy movers in the efforts.

Throughout Milwaukee, though, independent businesses and churches have been dedicated to educating the community about the global benefits of Fair Trade and making socially conscious products available to consumers.

The Milwaukee Fair Trade Coalition was deeply involved in last July's resolution by the Milwaukee Common Council to make Milwaukee the first major city in the United States named a certified "Fair Trade City."

But the name meant nothing without the outlets reflecting such products, which also dovetails with the national effort to look close to home for organic providers of food and for local companies committed to fair wages. Milwaukee has been creating both, though the public does not always realize it.

Participants in the Crawl -- and some special events on the day -- include:

## Bay View area

**Anodyne Coffee Roasting**, 2920 S. Kinnickinnic Ave, 489-0765., anodynecoffee.com.

**Apple A Day Massage** (sells fair trade products), 437 E. Lincoln Ave., 744-5457, Free Rishi Tea tasting.

**Dee's Wine Stop**, 2327 S. Kinnickinnic Ave., 486-7867.

**Future Green**, 2352 S. Kinnickinnic Ave. 294-4300, futuregreen@sbcglobal.net or

More outlets and participants are likely to be added. For an up to date list check with:  
**Milwaukee Fair Trade Coalition**  
 Steve Watrous, Chair  
 (414) 933-3033  
 watrous@uwm.edu  
 www.milwfairtrade.org

www.futuregreen.net.

**Hi-Fi Cafe**, 2640 S. Kinnickinnic Ave. 486-0504, www.hificafe.com

**Mercy Hill Church**, 2625 S. Greeley (Corner of Greeley & Dover in Bay View), 915-7972, www.mercyhill.org. Speakers, displays and video all day.

**Outpost Natural Foods Cooperative**, 2826 S. Kinnickinnic Ave., 755-3202, www.outpostnaturalfoods.coop.

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**Stone Creek Coffee**, 2266 S. Kinnickinnic Ave., 481-4215, www.stonecreekcoffee.com.

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**Sven's European Café**, 2699 S. Kinnickinnic Ave. 483-2233.

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*The Humboldt location will feature guest speaker Roberto Mata from COOPEDOTA coffee cooperative in Costa Rica.*

**Amaranth Bakery**, 3329 W. Lisbon, 934-0587, parkbeat@sbcglobal.net. Fair Trade coffee featured till 2 p.m.

**Brewing Grounds for Change**, 2008 N. Farwell Ave., 273-9777, www.brewinggroundsforschange.org

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**Casa Maria Catholic Worker**, 1131 N 21st St. 344-5745. Free Divine Chocolate all day.

**Fair Grounds Coffeehouse**, 5901 W. Vliet, 257-0090. All coffee and tea 100% fair trade.

**Fair Trade For All**, 5201 W. North Ave. 873-3832, fairtradeforall.net. Belly dancing, ethnic music and trade education 11-4 p.m.

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**Four Corners of the World Fair Trade Store**, 5401 W. Vliet St., 443-9606, fairtrademilwaukee.org, free coffee and chocolate from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

**Highlands Café**, 1413 N. 60th St., Wauwatosa, 727-1799.

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# Marches into history

The Milwaukee Chapter of the A. Philip Randolph Institute salutes the April 15th birthday of one of the United States' finest leaders, an African American named Asa Philip Randolph. Randolph was the founder of the organization that bears his name and was actually once regarded by the establishment he challenged as "the most dangerous Negro in America."

Throughout his active career as a labor leader and as one of the fathers of the civil rights movement, Randolph was guided by a dream of building a new society in which people of all colors could live in freedom and dignity. He believed that a decent paying job is the first step towards social and political freedom. He opened many doors for those who sought to achieve the dreams and goals he constantly talked about.

Randolph organized the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters in 1925. This was a group of African American men that worked for the Pullman Company, a major employer throughout the country. These men worked 24/7 on the railroad as porters and it took twelve years to reach the very first agreement between black workers and white employers.

In fact, the first civil rights march on Washington was planned in 1941 by Randolph. \*It was a movement to protest job discrimination. Even though the march never happened at that time, the notion alone produced

At the banquet table of nature there can be no reserve seats; you get what you can take and you keep what you can hold; if you can't take anything, you won't get anything and if you can't hold anything you won't keep anything; and you can't take anything without organization.

- A. Philip Randolph

results. It helped Randolph influence President Franklin D. Roosevelt to issue an executive order: The Fair Employment Act, opening defense plants jobs to women and minorities.

Randolph also spoke out on segregation in the armed forces and formed the Committee Against Jim Crow in the Military Service, which was later named the League for Non-Violent Civil Disobedience. His action helped another president, Harry S Truman, to abolish segregation in the armed forces through Executive Order 9981.

Other accomplishments included an appointment as vice-president of the AFL-CIO in 1955. He also helped organize the great March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom, which was spearheaded by Bayard Rustin in 1963 and inspired the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. when he spoke his "I Have a Dream" speech. Although King was the final speaker on the rostrum, historians concede that the concept was largely the brainchild of Randolph, who died in 1979.

1964 was a great year for Randolph. He was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom from Lyndon B. Johnson and also founded the A. Philip Randolph

Institute (APRI). His institute is recognized throughout the United States, with young and old continuing to support and carry out his legacy.

The Milwaukee Chapter of APRI meets on the first Friday of

## Film will inspire MALC's annual summit

"It is criminal to have people working on a full-time basis at a full-time job getting part-time income.

"We are tired of working our hands off and laboring every day and not even making a wage adequate with daily basic necessities of life.

"Now is the time to make an adequate income a reality for all of God's children! Now is the time for justice to roll down like water, and righteousness like a mighty stream."

By now you have figured out the source of the quote -- the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., a man now dead longer than he lived, and yet he could have been around active and transforming today.

It was 40 years ago when he came to Memphis to support striking sanitation workers who were making poverty wages.



A. Philip Randolph in 1941 with First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt.

each month at 5 p.m. at 6310 W. Appleton Ave., the Laborers Local 113 Hall. It always wel-

comes new members to support the work and legacy of Asa Philip Randolph.

An acclaimed documentary of that struggle lends its title to and forms the anchor of this year's African-American Summit of the Milwaukee Area Labor Council. It will be held on Saturday, May 17, at Laborers Local 113 Hall, 6310 W. Appleton Ave. The film, "At the River I Stand," leads naturally into the event's subtitle: "Recommitting to the Dream."

A discussion of the meaning of the film will follow its showing. The Grace United Church of Christ will offer selections in the morning and the labor council's constituency groups will discuss their work in the afternoon.

The summit begins with registration and continental breakfast at 9 a.m., launching into activities at 10 a.m. and offering a lunch before its 3:30 p.m. conclusion. Generally there will be a \$15 fee.

The 1993 documentary, seldom seen but widely acclaimed, features footage of the time and a narration by a noted actor (now deceased), Paul Winfield.

"At the River I Stand" reconstructs two eventful months in Memphis in 1968 leading to the death of King. The film demonstrates the integral connection between the struggle for civil

rights and for economic rights. It shows how Memphis' black community rallied behind a strike by grossly underpaid sanitation workers.

In 1968, these workers were at the bottom of the pay scale. Adjusted for inflation their hourly wage would translate into \$10 an hour today.

But this spring members of the Let Justice Roll Campaign returned to Memphis before the anniversary of King's death to underscore a frightening truth. In inflation-adjusted terms the minimum wage is 40% less on the 40th anniversary of King's final days in Memphis.

(It is one of the profound steps backward in time that would shock Dr. King. Others would be expectations about affirmative action, the incarceration rates for minorities and the weakening of Brown vs. the Board of Education.)

King saw an opportunity to link this struggle to his nationwide Poor People's Campaign and challenge the economic power structure of the South. His non-violent strategy was sorely tested during the bitter 65-day strike and, on April 4th, he was murdered.

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## Trainers

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has revitalized cooperation and cross-training between two unions not historically known for such joyful cooperation.

America's high schools and even colleges may have neglected the growing needs in laboratories, medical centers, infrastructure work and green technology, but neither unions nor businesses have.

There is a severe shortage (and a world of countries eager to steal the business) of qualified technicians in instrumentation and control systems, even as the sophistication of the job escalates and the demand approaches the critical.

Like so much work in the trades, these are not gifts you pick up overnight.

On that Saturday, having just graduated a new class, the coordinators, instructor Chris Anderson, and two recent success stories allowed the Labor Press to get close to the training concept and the training room — even to the \$36,000 equipment that duplicates the real world calibration but still mystifies the novice.

On a basic level, these certified technicians make sense out of huge interactions of pipes and wires that can hardly be cloned from plant to plant. A powerhouse is not a port on your computer. You don't just stick a part in and walk away. You manipulate metal, bend pipes, diagram wires, measure electricity, re-calibrate, track everything, react on the fly and test long-term.

The need for such advanced ability is growing, but the training? It has to be precise, detailed and so intense that a few hours each day can sap concentration.

This dual union road to certification takes students only eight at a time through 80 hours and a 16-week program. Participants are already fifth year apprentices or sometimes journeymen.

Accepted applicants are from the two unions and are learning side by side — a few hours at the books in every session and then immediate application.

More than 50 workers have gone through the earlier classes.



From left to right, Anderson, Griffith and Hoyer with the essential and expensive instrumentation trainer. At left a closeup of the ever-present calibration meters.

In their hands lies our own future, because the work they do is essential and different among power houses, ethanol plants, hospitals, manufacturing centers — in fact, any of a growing number of enterprises that require installation, calibration and then maintenance of controls and instrumentation to enable successful ongoing operation of equipment. Globally the demand for such skills is on the rise. Centering such skills in Wisconsin may do far more than promotional brochures to attract industry here.

The recognition of the business need for such advanced trades workers has created a new way of thinking and a new partnership — some say unique partnership — of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) and the United Association of Journeymen and Apprentices of the Plumbing and Pipe Fitting Industry (UA for short).

Daniels is apprentice and training coordinator for UA Local 601 (steamfitters) and, between Milwaukee and Madison, has been doing such work for years involving plumbers, sprinkler fitters, boilermakers and so forth.

Chetney, similarly experienced, is the coordinator for IBEW Local 494.

Both have been at it so long they can almost finish each other's sentences. Yet historically they acknowledge their unions had a bit of a problem working together.

Several things have changed. One was flatly the need for exact knowledge and deeply skilled workers demanded by companies. The other was how naturally the skills should fit together in an increasingly sophisticated world of coordinated development.

And each side brought skills the other needed and admired.

"He knows more about pipes than I do," noted electrician Lloyd Hoyer, pointing to Andy Griffith, his current partner at the Port Washington power plant of WE Energies. "And he



Though training coordinators from quite different unions, Mike Chetney and Pat Daniels kept breaking up over how often they had the same ideas about apprentice education.

knows how to lace up the wires," noted steamfitter Griffith, who attended the Saturday meeting already dressed for his weekend stint in the Army Reserve.

"But we help each other out with ideas and suggestions, which makes the work move faster. I have a question, he helps out. He sees a problem, we both work on the solution."

The official title of the program is a mouthful: The UA/IBEW Instrument Calibration Technician Certification Level II.

Businesses know full well the advantage of this training. Economic benefits include the end of slowdowns and jurisdictional sniping about which union is responsible for installation and servicing.

That turns the focus to the job. And there are a lot of jobs. "We're almost complete at Port Washington," said Griffith, "and already lined up at another plant."

The TV panel of experts focused understandably on how the aging of baby boomers will cause panic in many specialties requiring math and science.

Both union coordinators agree on getting workers to understand other roads than four-year college degrees to high paying jobs — either through intense apprenticeship or two-year tech college courses.

But neither says they are pressured in this field of instrumentation technicians by the aging of baby boomers into retirement.

"That hasn't been a problem for us," said Daniels. "Maybe it's the money, maybe the way we recruit, but we keep younger workers in the pipeline and we're doing well with minorities, too."

"The biggest problem is getting through the course" — which now graduates about seven out of eight but had higher failures in earlier years. "It's darn tough."

More information on the project is available through the Steamfitters Training School, UA Steamfitters Local 601, 3300 South 103rd St., Milwaukee WI 53227, (414) 543-0601.

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Once each ethnic group that took roots worried, attacked and eventually accepted the new arrivals seeking to take roots.

Once it was normal for the first generation not to learn English and to rely on the second generation as translators and bridges.

Too little is understood by workers and unions about the history and impact of the waves of immigration that shaped America and Wisconsin. Now that will be examined at the 27th annual conference of the Wisconsin Labor History Society on Saturday, April 26, at the University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee's Golda Meir Library.

Entitled, "Immigration, Unions and Workers: An Historical Perspective," the conference will cover immigration from the mid 19th century to the present day. The conference will begin at 9 a.m., and continue to 3 p.m.

John Gurda, prominent Milwaukee historian, will discuss 19th century immigration, including the major German and Polish influx, in opening remarks at 9:30 a.m. Gurda is author of the popular book, "The Making of Milwaukee."

The Finnish immigration and the Finns' involvement in the Socialist movement will be outlined by Richard Hudelson, of the University of Wisconsin - Superior. Randy Croce, of the University of Minnesota Labor Education Service, will speak on the remarkable

impact of the Italian stone workers in Wisconsin.

Post World War II immigrations, mainly the Hispanic and Southeast Asian movements, will be discussed after lunch by Marc Rodriguez of Notre Dame University and Chia Vang of UWM.

Co-sponsors include the Wisconsin State AFL-CIO, the Milwaukee Area Labor Council, and the UWM History Department.

For online information and a registration form, go to [www.wisconsin-laborhistory.org](http://www.wisconsin-laborhistory.org). Registration (including lunch and materials) is \$25 or just \$10 for students and the unemployed.

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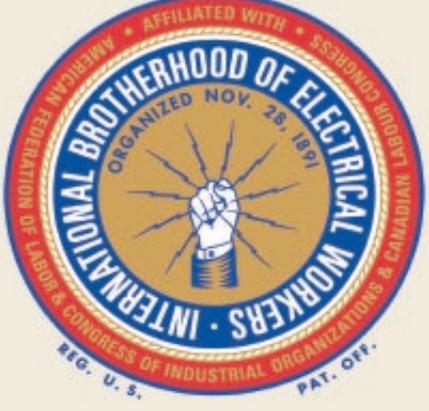


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# Future

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America's health care system is failing even those who have insurance. One in three say their families had to skip medical care because of cost, a quarter had serious problems paying for the care they needed and a huge majority -- 79% percent -- regard health care is a priority in the presidential and congressional races. And this was a union survey of 26,000 people who visited [healthcaresurvey.aflcio.org](http://healthcaresurvey.aflcio.org).

Wherever the scenario, wherever they stood on the game board, Cochran would hit the volunteers with hard facts and leave them isolated in their cardboard islands. Because that's what the current system does.

It was a prelude to asking all union members and all affiliates to commit to a simple resolution that bluntly states the reality in America:

"The sad truth in 2008," the resolution stated, "is that health care costs too much, it covers too little, it excludes too many -- and it is getting worse . . . This impacts every union member, every union and all of America."

The resolution asked for a simple promise in a crucial election year from all members of



Several union members from the counties of Ozaukee and Washington were sworn in as delegates April 2.

the MALC:

1. Do all you can to educate members on the issues and where every candidate stands on health care reform.

2. Exert every effort to make sure that champions of real health care reform are elected in 2008.

3. Continue to educate and mobilize AFTER the election to make sure the next Congress and president enact real health care reform that reflects the principles of labor.

On May 10, Labor 2008 puts the resolution in action with its first Turn America Around gathering.

## Making sick leave the law in Milwaukee

Most unions automatically put sick days in their contracts -- to the point that many workers believe that paid time off (to take care of the sick kid or to keep from infecting your co-worker) is more a basic right than a negotiated item. Many workers so value that option to handle emergency or health situations that they resent the occasional abuser of the sick day system.

But in non-union settings, which dominate our community, workers don't have paid time off and are fired for even taking

unpaid time off for a family situation. Many denied paid time off would rather cough and wheeze, or expect their loved ones to, than risk losing their jobs.

There is no system and no mandate (beyond common sense). Sick days are not treated as a right, which is almost a sickness of its own, when you consider how the lack of paid sick leave is a threat to public welfare as well as to community reputation.

A small savings for one company in denying paid sick leave is a gigantic cost for society when a worker goes in sick or is forced to choose between their child and their job.

The lack of paid sick leave causes good employees to look elsewhere, which creates a turnover that actually costs businesses money.

Children left alone at home or sent to school to infect other children, or allowed to let a little illness grow into a costly emergency room crisis - the list of what workers go through without any paid sick leave goes on and on. And all of us pick up the tab.

9to5, devoted to making life better for workers, particularly those at the low end of the wage scale, has been looking hard at this issue and sees a simple solution for the city of Milwaukee.

It is working to add a referendum to the November general election ballot to establish an ordinance that would provide minimal sick days, turning Milwaukee into an attractive destination for good-quality workers who value basic protection.

All this was outlined to the delegates April 2 by Amy Stear, Wisconsin director of organizing for 9to5. She was preparing the

listeners for a solution then being vetted by a team of lawyers, who will point out the link between paid sick days and public health and welfare.

MALC is part of the 9to5 led coalition of 30 community, religious and labor groups that have debated and formulated this approach, to appear on the November ballot for the city of Milwaukee.

The petition would establish a referendum question. The clock is now ticking. Starting April 25, 9to5 has 60 days to gain the signatures of 26,000 city of Milwaukee residents to get on the November ballot.

Stear not only wants unions to talk the concept up but to volunteer to circulate the petition. Don't worry where you live. Any registered voter in the US can circulate the petition but it can only be signed by city of Milwaukee residents.

The planners have carefully valued minimal cost for maximum effect. The petition establishes small requirements of paid sick leave for all qualifying employers (including small businesses):

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## Striking back at Medicare deception

Ten national organizations have called on Congress to stop the Bush

Administration's continuing overpayments to the insurance companies seeking to privatize Medicare.

"The continuing overpayments to Medicare private health plans is evidence of Congress' continuing failure to serve as a steward," said Robert M. Hayes, president of the Medicare Rights Center.

"Tens of millions of Americans rely on Medicare for good health care. There is still time in 2008 for Congress to begin to level the playing field between private plans and original Medicare and to put an end to the marketing abuse."

The letter, signed by the AFL-CIO, AFSCME, the National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare and others, asked Congress to rein in excessive taxpayer subsidies to insurance companies that provide Medicare private health plans and to protect consumers from the aggressive and deceptive marketing of these so-called "Medicare Advantage" plans.

As reported in Labor Press last month, Sen. Herb Kohl (D-Wis.) has been leading hearings capturing the bipartisan anger of many elected officials of the sales tactics used by companies to mislead while selling these plans. News media has picked up on the abuses.

The letter was timed to reinforce hard information about higher costs and higher deception in too many Medicare Advantage plans.

One wheelhouse for exposing the statistics and tactics is the Medicare Rights Center. A national, not-for-profit consumer service organization, it works to ensure access to affordable health care for older adults and people with disabilities through counseling and advocacy, educational programs, and public policy initiatives.

The Medicare Rights Center has been at the forefront calling attention to the marketing misconduct by Medicare private health plans and to urge government and Medicare watchdogs to put in place procedures that allow consumers to return to Original Medicare when they are bullied into a private plan.

The Medicare Rights Center helped publish two reports on marketing abuse by Medicare Advantage plans. Those reports are available at <http://www.medicarerights.org/>

Not surprisingly, stories of the misconduct are sprinkled liberally among the horror stories affecting all ages on health coverage within the AFL-CIO Health Survey at [www.aflcio.org/issues/healthcare/survey](http://www.aflcio.org/issues/healthcare/survey).

# Calendar

For updated master list of events, visit [www.milwaukeeelabor.org](http://www.milwaukeeelabor.org)

## Saturday, April 26

**Perspectives on Immigration**  
27th annual Labor History conference, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
UWM Golda Meir Library. See Page 9.

## Monday, April 28

**Workers Memorial Day**  
5 p.m., Downtown Milwaukee,  
Zeidler Union Square Park. See Page 4.

## Wednesday, April 30

MALC Executive Board, 2 p.m.  
Yatchak Hall, 633 S. Hawley Rd.

## Sunday, May 4

**Bay View Remembrance**  
3 p.m., historical marker, S. Superior St. and E. Russell Ave.  
Rep. Gwen Moore will speak. See Page 4.

## Wednesday, May 7

Delegate Meeting  
6:30 p.m., Serb Hall, 5101 W. Oklahoma Ave.

## Saturday, May 10

**Turn Around America!**  
Labor 2008 Kick-Off 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.,  
Meet at Yatchak Hall, 633 S. Hawley Rd.

## Saturday, May 10

**Letter Carriers Food Drive**  
Near Your Mail Box.  
See Page 9.

## Saturday, May 10

**Fair Trade Crawl**  
All Afternoon Throughout Community.  
Roundup Starts Front Page.

## Clay shooting for charity

The Charity Sporting Clays Shoot started in 2003 with 86 shooters co-hosted by organized labor in northern California. After year four (the 3rd was a sellout), the decision was made to take the charity show on the road for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. By 2007 it was raising \$200,000 a year for the charity, bringing together labor unions, outdoor organizations, contractors, business leaders and elected officials.

Now OPEIU Local 277 and American Income Life are urging Wisconsin labor to also get behind the "Shoot for a Cure." This year, the shoot has nine events covering 16 states to raise \$500,000 a year for leukemia research.

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Safety is Priority No. 1. Ten trained shooting instructors give a 45-minute shooting clinic before every shoot. The instructors then move around the course all day monitoring safety.

The event is scheduled for June 19 at Northbrook Sports Club in Hainesville, Illinois. The goal for the "Midway" shoot is to raise \$20,000.

Sporting Clays has been described as "golf with a shotgun." At 12-20 stations, participants are grouped in foursomes like golf. 100 shots is a full round.

Awards are given for the top teams and individual shooters. New shooters are welcome. For more info, go to [www.birdslanding.net](http://www.birdslanding.net).



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# Search for cheated workers unveils curious history

By **Dominique Paul Noth**  
Editor, Labor Press

It is recalled by veterans as “one of the most repressive” workplaces in Milwaukee. But thirteen years ago (January, 1995), a majority of more than 300 workers at Aluminum Casting & Engineering Co., or Ace/Co., survived intense intimidation, racial comments and threats of job loss and strike-breaking to speak up in a supervised election and win a union through National Labor Relations Board procedures.

And then the real bullying started.

The company filed nearly four dozen objections against the union and even against the federal handlers of the election. Most objections were dismissed over time as bogus by the NLRB, but they muddied the waters, raised technical issues and forced a call for a new vote — even as the company made it clear that delay and resistance would be the corporate game and refused a scheduled wage increase.

The company’s tactics were particularly focused on the Latino immigrants in its workforce — in an era when legal status was not an issue because of the Reagan era amnesty. “It was a series of vicious obstinacies,” recalled one participant in the disputes. “I always thought of the factory owner as a throwback to the worst days of the 19th

century.”

If workers found the Clinton era NLRB confusing, they hadn’t seen nothing yet. Along came the Bush era NLRB. Delay and denial proved standard. Yet the union persisted and went to court, without much expectation that right had anything do with might.

So it was with considerable surprise last month when the NLRB agreed to disburse \$200,000 provided by the company, representing one of the 13 years of denied back pay for 381 current and mainly former workers at Ace/Co.

It was partial vindication for the ugliness that workers endured at a plant “so bad that you can understand why it had such ferocious turnover,” said Carl Rosen, president of UE’s western region.

UE is short for United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America. While not a member of the Milwaukee Area Labor Council (MALC), nor of the AFL-CIO or Change to Win, UE and its locals have drawn active support from MALC in both its bargaining efforts (most notably Local 1111 at Rockwell and Local 1103 at Tramont) and organizing campaigns out of the Chicago regional office.

Current MALC members recall that 1994/1995 campaign. Unions from the laborers to the machinists to AFSCME rallied for the foundry workers and marched with them. UE had a full time job documenting a parade of violations of human rights and labor law.

“Ugly is a kind word for what was going on,” recalls one marcher, Nacarci Feaster, now financial secretary-treasurer for Laborers Local 113 and a board member of MALC.

The dismissive words and bias tossed at workers — well,



Workers within Ace foundry had an up-close insight into its owner that is far removed from the concept of devotion to workers reflected in his lavish new Downtown museum.

there was nothing beautiful or romantic about such treatment.

Somewhat ironically, the private company was owned by an industrialist who has poured wealth into an art collection celebrating the muscular and natural beauty of work over five centuries. Think mammoth Ayn Rand infrastructures and happy bodies harvesting in the fields or sweating at forges.

This collection of hundreds of paintings and pieces is actually known as “Man at Work.”

Allowing voice at work does not seem part of the enthusiasm.

The company’s agreement with the NLRB that back pay was due came shortly before the art collector sold the company last December to Diversified Machines.

The subject of work — at least in the abstract — so intrigues Eckhart Grohmann that he gave \$2 million to the Milwaukee School of Engineering, where he serves as a regent, to establish a museum housing his own collection, or as

much as could fit. The Grohmann Museum contains a couple of works of high artistic value but the other pieces just reflect his interest and heritage, as the museum explains in its brochures:

“It is helpful to have some background on the collector, who grew up visiting his grandfather’s large marble processing business and quarry operation in Silesia, Germany (now within the borders of Poland). It was there, watching the stonecutters and sculptors select raw material that would soon become a work of art, that Grohmann developed his appreciation and admiration of work.”

Back in the 1990s, workers and their families were unable to appreciate security much less admire it because they were denied both union and a promised wage increase.

Today, the Grohmann Museum is easy to find downtown on at 1000 Broadway St., but most of the workers of 1995 have apparently vanished.

Turnover was so high and the atmosphere so forbidding at the foundry — and since many of the workers had Spanish as their first language — the union and the NLRB so far report finding only 160 workers of the 381 eligible for back pay. That’s less than half. They are asking both English and Spanish media to spread the word.

The NLRB, a federal agency, is disbursing the back pay, not the company. Entitled workers could receive up to \$1,250 each depending on length of service. But for the workers that can’t be found, the remaining money returns to the company.

The story about the back pay victory made the online edition of the Journal Sentinel without detailing the need for speed. It did not mention Grohmann as the company’s chairman and CEO at the time.

Nor did the newspaper cite its own print story from last November by the now retired architecture columnist, Whitney Gould, who pointed out the lack of documentation in the museum collection about artist Erich Mercker and the 81 works of art commissioned by the Third Reich to promote Hitler’s vision of Germany at work. Gould also discussed two other artists in the collection with Nazi connections who may have portrayed slave laborers.

UE regards the \$200,000 in back pay as a small start on what the workers are due for denied wage increases back to 1995. It is petitioning for 12 more years of back pay that the NLRB and the company’s new owners must address.

Some might argue that the new owners would be inheriting the bad behavior of the past, but Rosen speculated that the aluminum foundry may not have seemed like such a good buy last December were it not for the years of denied wages and poor treatment that raised profits under the previous “philanthropist.”

If you know someone who may qualify for the back pay compensation, call Richard Neuman at the NLRB, (414) 297-3819.

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# Butler beaten by society's in-grown demons

By **Dominique Paul Noth**  
Editor, Labor Press

By a margin half the size of a Miller Park crowd, incumbent Louis Butler lost his Wisconsin Supreme Court seat to a Great Gildersleeve, a windbag of three-phrase buffoonery (for those who remember radio days), a McCarthy who won't know how to vote on constitutional issues until he picks up his cell to ask Wisconsin Manufacturing & Commerce.

Now it was little surprise that State Sen. Lena Taylor, suffering a massive disadvantage in name recognition and money, could not defeat incumbent Scott Walker for Milwaukee County executive. (What was unexpected by both camps was the runaway margin of her loss, since all factors indicated that Walker's destructive tenure warranted far more than Taylor's 41%.)

No, the genuine shocker and extended sadness was statewide in a razor-thin loss by Butler that few on either side had predicted and many still can't believe could so stupidly have happened April 1.

Perhaps the cause was the lingering euphoria from Feb. 19 when remarkable primary turnout signaled change and progress.

Old timers know that progress doesn't happen unless you keep working, voting and picking up more voters. But Feb. 19 brought in unseasoned newcomers and voters previously turned off by the process. They thought they had sent a clear message and everything would be groovy from now on.

On April 1 they stayed home. The expected 20% light turnout of eligible voters actually dropped to a feeble 18%. Even union members did not turn out as actively as normal.

Many must have woken up Wednesday morning kicking themselves that a dissembler from nowhere had edged a justice of intelligence and consensus building.

Of course, some conservatives woke up cheering and jeering, so misled were they about Butler's actual record and so warped had they become by a deceitful blitz of ads.

You might just want to call these voters dumb as an ox and move on. But as a gruff city editor once told me: "Never call your readers morons. Just treat them like morons." Which at the very least was what the news media allowed the right wing strategists to get away with.

Late on election night, when it became clear Butler could not overcome the statewide margin of 20,000 votes, a number of elected officials who had won — including moderates — were shaking their heads in dismay, partic-

## Comment

ularly over the extent of deception that put McCarthy in office. "If I were Obama, I'd be studying this race to see how you can be demonized out of nothing," commented Common Council President Willie Hines, who won his District 15 city race in a walk. "This was shameful."

"Hillary too," said another winning candidate. "Don't think for a moment the same thing can't be done using gender rather than race."

The sense of hope from Feb. 19 had evaporated, to be replaced by the reality that much must still be done to win minds and maybe even a heart or two.

The election, said another official, exposed the thin veneer of civilization in Wisconsin. This candidate, who is white, was aghast that the worst view of Butler was accepted in the obviously concocted ads — all this exposing the clearly racist nature of the attack, the knee-jerk assumption that a black man would encourage criminality and sexual deviance.

A lawyer and elected official scoffed, "Did we expect anything different from the families that led white flight out of the city 30 years ago?" Won't the children change things, someone asked?

But another candidate recalled the experience of attending UW in Madison, how isolated and foreign African Americans still feel when they encounter the teens from rural Wisconsin. "They simply haven't been exposed," he said, "so they accept mythology."

When it's not overtly about race, some said, it is about expectations based on color and gender. Backers of McCarthy tried in vain to suggest his victory wasn't that shameful but even they knew that reactive stereotyping drove the campaign. This Lady Justice didn't just peek out from under her blindfold; she ripped off her white hood.

Lawyers were united in how deeply McCarthy had violated



Ironically election night, it was Butler reassuring fans and TV interviewers that he was fine.

the codes of judicial ethics and the principles of fairness — and then how he added fuel by saying he was "very proud" of the contest he had run. A few right wingers tried to argue that there was an issue of judicial philosophy here (something more than "Butler smart, the other guy dumb"). But even law and order judges were pointing out how McCarthy said flatly that a prosecutor, even one with so poor a record, was more important to the judicial system than a public defender. The ads on his behalf suggested that anyone accused is a criminal and that only victims, not criminals, deserve justice.

It was not just lousy syllogisms and red-meat rhetoric; it turns the US Constitution on its head. And it resulted in the election of a real judicial activist — on the side of big money.

Members of the legal community, not just leftist Democrats, indicated the issue isn't over by any means.

The perpetrators already face a political rebellion to change the rules on judicial races. There are also moves to firm up the legislation on corporate liability that McCarthy's money bags hoped to influence by having a justice in their hip pocket.

This race alone will occupy the courts, just as Annette Ziegler's win last year did, after she disguised her bias in favor of big business. Of course, McCarthy would happily pay fines and take a slap on the wrist

as she did — as long as he can remain on the bench. But not so fast. The first slap is an eloquent brief by Citizen Action of Wisconsin that details the blunt violations of the official code of ethics.

And there are other issues hanging.

One is an investigation of collusion between McCarthy's camp (which seemed to release its ads in lip-synch with third party ads, which would be against the law). Another allegation, which could rise to a felony, is the use of state office to solicit political contributions, illegal even if the candidate reimburses for phone calls after the fact.

But Butler supporters railing against Waukesha County and northern regions should also look again at Milwaukee County. With better progressive turnout, Butler could have won right here.

The conservative communities did what was expected, however removed it may seem from reality. (Milwaukee magazine editor Bruce Murphy pointed out that urban AND rural areas suffering high crime rates actually voted more for Butler, suggesting it is those perfectly safe who check under the beds and voted for McCarthy.)

Butler took Milwaukee County by 58% but that still

means that 42% supported McCarthy. Rural and urban, the negative ads worked, and the further they wandered from any truth — without the media standing up in horror — the more people thought there must be something to them. Think of the union member enthusiastically voting for Lena Taylor and even for Jan Balistreri (a losing candidate for supervisor) but telling the pollster "he wouldn't vote for Butler because he wanted to protect his grandchildren."

Wisconsin, and America, have gone through such bouts of bad thinking and clouded emotionalism before, and probably will again. Supporters of the ousted justice have to control their genuine outrage and anger. They can take a tip from the one person who retained integrity during a shattering disappointment: Butler himself.

Rather than rail against the heavens, and without disguising how badly he believes his opponent misbehaved and the voters were misled, he said simply and publicly that he accepted "the will of the people."

*The readers who actually paid attention to the election may notice that the guy taking Butler's seat isn't named McCarthy. In terms of his tactics and moral weakness, it seems an appropriate license.*

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# Hard charging, but mixed local results April 1

April 1 is advertised as a good election for incumbents, many endorsed by the labor council, but that neglects several interesting fresh faces stepping into Milwaukee county and city offices.

City first, and a race the labor council stayed out of. It featured the only incumbent who lost



Milele Coggs

part of the lesson from District 6.

Milwaukee media loved the tabloid side of the Michael McGee controversy, the Blockbuster case, his paternity case, his driver license case, the wiretaps, the vote buying and the accusation of threatening a life. Largely missing from all that conservative radio chatter was why District 6 voters grew ever more stubborn in the face of outsiders telling them what McGee was and what his constituents should do about it.

The media simply helped confirm impressions that McGee, a thorn in the establishment's side like his dad, was sitting in jail as

a political prisoner, since no white official in the state had ever been similarly treated.

Into this mess stepped Milele Coggs, 30, bearing a law degree, campaign experience and a last name even better known in politics than McGee. Aside from her genuine credentials, she did a smart and positive thing, never attacking McGee, supporting several of the community causes associated with him and demonstrating that she was there to serve and knew how to serve.

She won 58%-42% (750 votes) by emphasizing respect, positive ideas and confirming that District 6 just needed some room to work out its own problems.

At the same time, in District 3 next door, a classmate of hers from Riverside High School, Nik Kovac, by 71 votes out of 8,513 cast,

edged labor's candidate, Patrick Flaherty, to take the only open seat on the Common Council.



Nik Kovac

Credit Kovac with hard campaigning and big mailings in the final weeks in a race where the candidates largely agreed on key issues. Kovac then endeared him-



Johnny Thomas, unopposed and easily in on County Board.

self in victory by pledging to work with all sides and visiting groups to show he meant it.

Other endorsed candidates on the Common Council, all incumbents, won easily as, of course, did Mayor Tom Barrett. Labor endorsed the dapper and apparently tireless incumbent for city treasurer, Wayne Whittow, who was also the only candidate in this race to go through the COPE endorsement process.

Labor also had two friends in the city attorney's race, the incumbent Grant Langley, respected by AFSCME for his curative work on pension issues, and Rep. Pedro Colon, respected by all for his work in the legislature.

Colon raised an issue in the race - more involvement in crime fighting - but he failed to make a race out of the issue.

He lost badly, 59%-41%, despite high spending on both sides

In one countywide race, labor couldn't lose because it supported both candidates for the open seat on the Circuit Court, Branch 40, Rebecca Dallet and



Theo Lipscomb, written in enough to win.

Jeffrey Norman. Dallet's superior experience and credentials easily won out as she buried Norman with 67% of the county vote.

Labor invested time and effort to help a genuine future leader on the county board, Christopher Larson, to the open seat in District 14. He won 53% to 47% over Steve Kraeger, but percentages don't reveal how tight a race it was (a 500-vote margin).

Only one incumbent endorsed by labor lost a county board seat, and his replacement is considered a friend. In fact, the race should never have taken place.

Supervisor James White failed to line up enough District 1 names on his nomination papers. That left the final ballot empty of printed names for this race and opened the door to a write-in campaign. Theo Lipscomb leapt through it, also arguing that White's laxity reflected on his motivation.

While disturbed by White's failure to procure names, the labor council was not going to throw overboard a longtime supporter on issues, though

Lipscomb (from a political family and an affordable housing background) also impressed them.

And Lipscomb won.

Working hard, he got 320 more people to write in his name than the 1,326 who wrote in White.

Other challenged board incumbents endorsed by labor won easily, including District 4's Marina Dimitrijevic, District 10's Elizabeth Coggs-Jones and District 16's John Weishan. Among the endorsed but unopposed supervisors were District 2's Toni Clark and District 12's Peggy West. Other unopposed incumbents probably would have been endorsed but didn't go through the questionnaire and interview process.

District 9 represented disappointment when AFSCME member Jan Balistrieri could only muster 43% against incumbent Paul Cesarz.

But there was quite a story in District 15. In the primary, labor endorsed Dan Cody, who did poorly against incumbent Lynne De Bruin.

It then turned around and endorsed the primary's survivor, Dan Wycklendt, who impressed the COPE interviewers. He came within 170 votes of pulling an upset, 5,654 to 5,484, sending something of a shock and a strong signal to De Bruin.

New to the board was the endorsed unopposed Johnny Thomas, replacing Roger Quindel. No preference was indicated over in District 16, where the victor was Joe Sanfelippo, the business manager of United Taxi (whose drivers the steelworkers were prevented from organizing by the NLRB), replacing Dan Devine, who became West Allis' new mayor.

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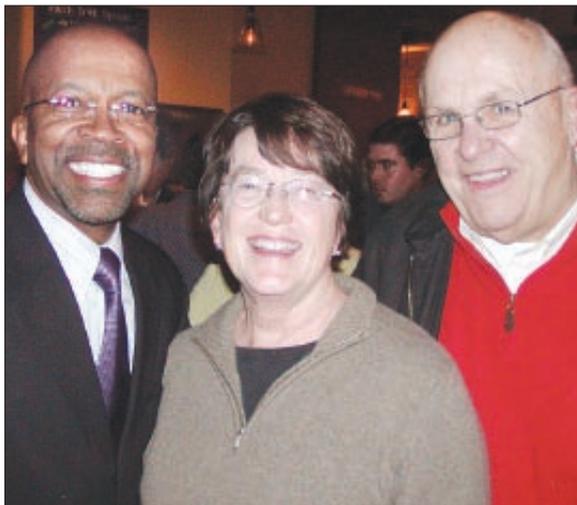
# Candidate chase



**RIGHT:** State Sen. Lena Taylor (center) joined Butler supporters at the Italian Community Center while gathering support for her county executive race. The results mystified – not that she lost to incumbent Scott Walker, which wasn't unexpected given the difference in money and name recognition, but his 59%. Strategists noted the polls were much tighter – until Walker's last TV ads, which made what otherwise would have been rookie mistakes, identifying an unfamiliar, money-restricted opponent by first name and then even including video of her. Until they realized how that emphasized her race.



It was virtually unthinkable at Laborers Hall three days before the election. Speculation at that big rally was that circuit court candidate Rebecca Dallet (shown with Ellie, one of her three daughters) would have a tough fight against the other endorsed candidate, Jeffrey Norman, while Supreme Court Justice Louis Butler was so clearly the only responsible candidate that he would edge to victory despite - or maybe because of - the misleading ad blowout against him. See Page 13. Expectations were up-ended. Dallet sailed into judicial office. Butler lost a squeaker.



**ABOVE:** With an easy run to aldermanic return, Willie Hines (at left) set up a landmark event April 15 – unanimous re-election as president of the Milwaukee Common Council. April 1 he found a moment with the Kesslers: appeals judge Joan and assembly representative Fred.

**RIGHT:** Meet a new supervisor, Christopher Larson He received congratulations on election night at his south side party from a veteran supervisor, the East Side's Gerry Broderick. Larson received strong backing from labor in phone calls and talks to union members in District 14.

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