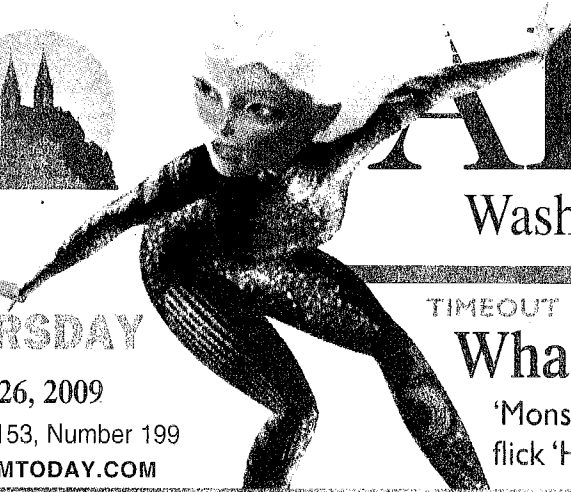


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Couple plans meeting to protest 'porn' in library

Session starts at 6:30 p.m. in Silverbrook gym

By DAVE RANK
Daily News Staff

The couple protesting that sexually-themed books are found at the West Bend Community Memorial Library will hold an open meeting tonight to

raise awareness of the issue and present excerpts from the books.

Since February, Ginny and Jim Maziarka, who live in the town of West Bend, have quite publically demanded that books they describe as pornographic be removed or recategorized as adult-only. They also want books that promote converting homosexuals to a heterosexual lifestyle added to the library's catalog.

They will conduct their session at 6:30 p.m. in the Silver-

brook Middle School Gymnasium.

The purpose of tonight's meeting, said Ginny Maziarkas, "is to clarify what we're asking for" and to provide an opportunity for the public to voice opinions.

"This is open to the general public, so anyone can attend. We just encourage people to come and express their feelings," she said.

Children should not attend, she said, because portions of the books in question will be

read and be on display. "We want to be careful about that," Maziarka said.

Library Director Michael Tyree said the library will not be represented at the Maziarkas' meeting tonight. "Nobody's going to be there formally, that's for certain."

Individuals will have three minutes to address the issue, Maziarka said, either for or against the Maziarkas' opinions. "We want to be fair."

She and her husband also want to get an idea where the

community stands on the issue.

The Maziarkas, identifying themselves as "concerned West Bend citizens," announced the session Tuesday on their blogs www.wissup.blogspot.com and www.wbcommunityinfo.blogspot.com.

The couple organized their public session in response to the postponement of a Library Board meeting that would have discussed their complaints.

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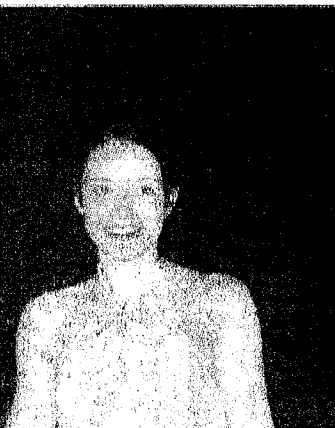
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District names rep to help manage construction

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Unemployment rises in 71 of 72 Wisconsin counties

West Bend is at 12.3 percent

MADISON (AP) — A new report says unemployment rates were up last month in 71 of Wisconsin's 72 counties.

The exception is Kewaunee County in east-central Wisconsin, where the rate remained unchanged at 7.3 percent.

The state Department of

On the Web

■ Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development:
<http://dwd.wisconsin.gov>

as had at least 10 percent unemployment in January.

The hardest-hit cities are Beloit at 16.9 percent unemployment and Racine at 15.6 percent. They're followed by Janesville at 14.6 percent, West Bend at 12.3 percent and

FROM THE FRONT

Meeting: Protesting books

intended to replace a March 3 Library Board session that had to be postponed because more people attended that night than the West Bend City Hall Council Chamber could safely accommodate.

The Library Board meeting, which would have been held at Silverbrook tonight, was cancelled, said Library Director Michael Tyree, because the Maziarkas expanded the list of books they want removed.

Tyree and City Attorney Mary Schanning said the Maziarkas need to individually clarify which books they are singling out before those complaints can be taken to the Library Board.

In her March 19 e-mail to Library Board members, Schanning wrote, "Upon listening to the Maziarkas in the new(s) media, in blogs and in emails, it has become clear that the nature of their complaint has changed."

In an e-mail response, the Maziarkas wrote that they consider the postponement an effort by the Library Board to "duck the issue" and that their original complaint stands.

The Maziarkas original complaint, presented to the library on Feb. 12, asked that the Out of the Closet category in the Young Adults (YA) Zone of the library's Web site be removed and the books listed there reclassified as adult material.

The YA Zone, described as being for grades 6 through 12, has 18 subject categories, listing fiction and nonfiction materials on such topics as depression and suicide, Christian books, supernatural and horror, adventure, thrillers, mysteries, humor and others.

Out of the Closet is described as containing fiction and nonfiction on the themes of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender issues.

Since that initial complaint, the Maziarkas have expanded the number of library items they call pornographic to include books with heterosexual themes, Tyree said.

"We object to the pornography for minors in our library," Maziarka said.

"They describe (the books) as pornographic. I certainly do not concur," Tyree said.

School: Project preparation

request for capital improvement funding into a pair of referendum questions:

■ Question 1: \$41.45 million

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