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'We can move on'



The former Mirro manufacturing plant in downtown Manitowoc sits in a state of rubble and disrepair in this 2015 photo. The rest of the structure will be demolished beginning April 11.

Mirro demolition starts Monday in Manitowoc

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MANITOWOC - The city will celebrate the end of a historic landmark and the beginning of a new era this Friday. A ceremony marking the beginning of the demolition of the former Mirro manufacturing building on Washington Street will take place at 3 p.m. Friday. People will gather for remarks from city leaders and project managers on the corner of South 15th Street and Franklin Street.
 "It has been a work in progress for many years," Manitowoc Mayor Justin Nickels said. "The most important thing is that it shows people who think the building represents a dying city that is farthest from the truth."
 The first 100 people to attend the ceremony will be given a commemorative brick from the Mirro building, Nickels said because of the contamination of land and asbestos on many of the bricks, only about 100 are safe for distribution.
 The building's demolition will clear the 5-acre site for future development, according to a press release from the City of

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JUSTIN NICKELS
 MANITOWOC MAYOR

Attorney for Avery files for new trial

Lawyer cites planted evidence, false testimony

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APPLETON - The attorney for Steven Avery filed a motion for a new trial on Wednesday, claiming that his conviction in the 2005 Teresa Halbach murder was based on planted evidence and false testimony.

Mr. Avery's post-conviction counsel have completed scientific testing and conducted an extensive re-investigation of his case, which demonstrates that planted evidence and false testimony were used to convict Mr. Avery of the first degree intentional homicide of Teresa Halbach, attorney Kathleen Zellner wrote in a 1,272-page document filed at the Manitowoc County Clerk of Courts office.

She claims that a new trial is warranted "in the interests of justice" and because "the real controversy was never tried."

An email to a Wisconsin Department of Justice spokesperson seeking comment was not immediately returned Wednesday.

Avery and his nephew, Brendan Dassey, were convicted in the 2005 murder

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Two Dems, emerge to challenge Grothman

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OSHKOSH - The sun has hardly set, it seems, on the 2016 election, which brought Republicans victories in nearly every race on the ticket in northeast Wisconsin.

But already, two Democratic candidates have stepped up to challenge U.S. Rep. Glenn Grothman, R-Glenbeulah, for his 6th Congressional District seat in 2018. Scott Olmer, who owns a marketing consulting business in Plymouth, and Dan Kohl, nephew of former Milwaukee Bucks owner and Sen. Herb Kohl.

Both wager that dissatisfaction with President Donald Trump and congressional Republicans will carry Democrats to a win in a district that has elected only Republicans since 1964.

"I do think what the American people want to see is progress, right now you don't see all

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Valders fire sends two to hospital, injures another



Fire departments work to put out a fire at 4307 Marken Road Wednesday in Valders, Wis. Officials say the residence was unoccupied.

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VALDEERS - A Wednesday morning house fire at 4307 Marken Road in Valders resulted in two people being taken to the hospital, according to Valders Fire Chief Christopher Dallas.
 Area fire departments responded to the scene at 9:50 a.m. for the report of a structure fire. Dallas said heavy flames and smoke were visible from the roof of the building.
 Dallas said it took about two hours to get the fire under control and the house was unoccupied at the time of the blaze. One cat died in the fire.
 "It was a hot, labor-inten-

sive fire which was the reason why we needed so much manpower," Dallas said.
 Three unidentified firefighters were injured while working to put out the fire. One suffered from heat stroke, but was not taken to a hospital. Another suffered from heat stroke and one injured his shoulder - both were transported to Holy Family Memorial in Manitowoc for treatment.
 Marken Road was closed from Hill Creek Road to U.S. 151 for approximately four-and-a-half hours as firefighters continued to work at the scene. The road was reopened and the scene cleared at approximately

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of Halbach. The men have maintained their innocence, and Dassey's case is pending in federal court.

Their cases gained international attention in the wake of the Netflix docuseries "Making a Murderer," which launched in December 2015.

In Wednesday's filing, Zeller claimed:

• Avery's trial attorneys, Dean Strang and Jerry Buting, failed to prove that evidence had been planted because they

lacked experts and they didn't conduct a thorough investigation.

• Former Calumet County District Attorney Ken Kratz charged Avery "despite knowing that Brendan (Dassey's) confession was fabricated" and that ethical violations on Kratz's part impaired Avery's right to a fair trial.

• The damaged bullet in Avery's garage was not shot through Halbach's head.

• A key discovered in Avery's bedroom was planted by Lt. James Lenk and Sgt. Andrew Coburn of the Manitowoc County Sheriff's Department.

The officials involved in the case have previously

denied any misconduct. "Because the State did not need to establish motive, it did not spend any time trying to figure out why Ms. Halbach was murdered," Zeller wrote. "Both Mr. Avery and Ms. Halbach are victims of a justice system whose success depends upon the integrity, competence, and devotion of judges, law enforcement, prosecutors, and defense attorneys. Both Ms. Halbach and Mr. Avery have yet to receive justice."

Zeller called Kratz's theory of the case "one of the most preposterous tales ever spun in an American courtroom."

She described Kratz's first theory as one in which Avery would have left significant amounts of incriminating evidence on his property but then removes all forensic traces of Halbach's presence. "It fails to be comparable to denying the laws of gravity and forensic science."



Steven Avery is escorted out of a Calumet County courtroom following his March 18, 2007 conviction for the murder of Teresa Halbach. Avery, in a motion filed Wednesday, is seeking a new trial.

toe County sheriff's detective James Lenk and evidence technician Sgt. Andrew Coburn.

Zeller also sought independent testing of the bottom of the hood of Halbach's Toyota RAV4 and tests on several blood stains that turned up inside Halbach's RAV4 — blood evidence that supposedly proved to belong to Avery.

Last August, Zeller proclaimed that the new round of testing would determine whether or not evidence was planted to frame her client for Halbach's death.

Zeller also said the testing would be the "most comprehensive testing" any one of the most comprehensive means ever conducted in the United States.

Zeller had indicated that a "large number of scientists" from Stockholm, Sweden, Vietnam, Alaska, California and Illinois would carry out the tests.

Last August, Zeller threatened to sue reporters camped out at the downtown Manitowoc courthouses that if evidence was indeed planted, "science is going to catch up with you."

At the time, Zeller was requesting the comprehensive, thorough and most advanced forensic testing requested for any one sample reason: he is completely and utterly convinced that the results that would "prove" Avery's bedroom by Man-

convicted — I suspect that, with science apparently now confirming Avery's guilt, she has chosen to make whatever incriminating allegations she can to make headlines, with little regard for the Halbach family or the truth."

Wednesday's legal action marked the single biggest development by Zeller during her last term representing Avery. Last August, she filed a nearly 150-page legal brief seeking additional scientific testing on several items of evidence related to the murder investigation.

At the time, Zeller requested additional scientific testing of items including the spare valve on a key that was found inside Avery's bedroom by Man-

Krajnek, Olive E.
91, Manitowoc, June 7, 2017. Reinhold & Heffner Family Funeral Home of Kellenburg.

Anderson, Joan G.
87, Two Rivers, June 5, 2017. Deja & Martin Funeral Chapels, Two Rivers

O'Leary, Karen A.
72, Manitowoc, June 7, 2017. Harrigan Parkside Funeral Home and Crematory, Manitowoc, WI

Brockmann, Bruce W.
67, Hilbert, 06/06/2017. Writing Funeral Home, Hilbert

Spaeth, Robert L.
Robert L. Spaeth, 74 of Syracuse, passed away on June 8, 2017 at his home. He was born to on January 1, 1943 in Joseph L. & Catharine (Muel) Spaeth in Manitowoc, WI. Bob married Lois Herdman on June 15, 1963 in Berlin Mills, WI. Bob worked as an electrician for many years including for the city of Syracuse and Flynn East hospital in Lincoln, Wis. He was a 4th degree knight in the Knights of Columbus, and past member of the Lions Club. Bob also enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren, hunting, fishing, traveling, reading and collecting. His funeral services will be Thursday, June 8, with family and friends from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM at St. Paulinus Catholic Church with the Rev. Daniel Spaeth, Pastor officiating. Burial will be at Park Hill cemetery.

Funeral mass will be held on Friday, June 9 at 10:30 A.M. at St. Paulinus Catholic Church in Syracuse. Burial will be at Park Hill cemetery.

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Dvorak, Irene M.

Irene M. Dvorak, age 86, a longtime resident of Two Rivers, went peacefully to her eternal rest Saturday, June 3, 2017, at Harbor View Assisted Living, Manitowoc.

Irene was born August 9, 1930, in Two Rivers, a daughter of the late Adam Dvorak and Ernesta W. Dvorak. On May 5, 1951, she married Gordon Dvorak, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Two Rivers. Irene and Gordon enjoyed family, friends, and travel together. He preceded her in death on September 22, 2008. Irene was employed for many years at Paragon Co., retiring in 1992. She was a volunteer at Holy Family Memorial Catholic Church, 3202 Madison Rd., Two Rivers. Officiating at the Mass of Christian Burial will be the Rev. Tom Seybold with eulogizing to follow in Knudsen Chapel Mausoleum, Hwy. 310, Manitowoc.

The family will greet relatives and friends at the church on Saturday morning from 9:00 a.m. until the time of mass at 10:30 a.m. There will be no Friday evening visitation.

Funeral arrangements may be sent to the family by visiting www.dvjarratt.com.

Wagner, Roger

Roger Lee Wagner, 79, a husband and best friend of Joyce (Schulze) Wagner for 58 years, passed away peacefully, surrounded by the ones he loved, and loved on June 6, 2017. Roger was born in Sheboygan to Edwin and Amanda Wagner on July 12, 1937. Roger attended Sheboygan Central High School in 1955. Roger worked as a team leader for Oxygenburg Iron Works for approximately 20 years. In 1972, Roger and Joyce started Wagner Excavating, Inc. This business started with two pieces of equipment and two employees which has grown into the thriving company that is today. Roger developed countless relationships with people he has met along his journey, going to races (NASCAR, go-kart, etc.), business associations, car shows, etc. Roger is survived by his two daughters, Kim (Robert) Merz and Kelly (Gregg) Wagner, his grandchildren, Matthew (Kandice) Russell Merz, Rebecca (Ryan) Goebel Merz, Allison Wagner and Derek Wagner; his granddaughters, Kaitlyn Miller, Kaitlyn Miller, and Joan Boston, Jack and Jean Boston, Ruth Kaefer, James Zimbal, Vincent and Carla Schinkler, as well as numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, step-mother, sister, Bonnie Wagner, step-brother Bill Boston, brothers-in-law Dale, Ma-

Kaiser, Judith J.

Judith J. Kaiser, age 77, of 1101 Monroe Street, Two Rivers, (formerly of Sheboygan) died unexpectedly Thursday, May 25, 2017 at her residence. Judy was born in Sheboygan on July 11, 1939 to the late Vernon & Meta (Dahlman) Gremel, and was a graduate of Sheboygan North High School. On December 2, 1961, she married Donald Kaiser in Sheboygan. He preceded her in death on August 14, 1977. Judy worked as a School Christianist for many years until her retirement. She enjoyed camping, doing crossword puzzles, gardening and walking her dogs. Frank and Bruce around to visit friends and neighbors; and loved the Green Bay Packers, Wisconsin Badgers, and NASCAR.

Survivors include two daughters & sons-in-law, Kim and Lloyd Pedersen of Mishicot, Diana and Edward (Irene) of Manitowoc; four grandchildren: Lisa Patricia Pahl, Clint (Larabyl) Pedersen, Cody (Cassandra) Pedersen, and Joshua Fichtel; along with six great grandchildren: one sister, Beverly

Funeral Services

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, June 10, 2017, at St. Peter the Fisherman Catholic Church, 3202 Madison Rd., Two Rivers. Officiating at the Mass of Christian Burial will be the Rev. Tom Seybold with eulogizing to follow in Knudsen Chapel Mausoleum, Hwy. 310, Manitowoc.

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