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Garlic does not lower cholesterol, study finds

CHICAGO — Garlic doesn't do much for the breath and it sinks for lowering cholesterol. That's the conclusion of the most rigorous, head-to-head study of raw garlic and popular garlic supplements, despite promoters' claims to the contrary.

Whether it was eaten raw in heart-healthy sandwiches, or in pills made of powdered or aged garlic, the strong-smelling herb had no effect on cholesterol in people whose levels were already elevated, the government-funded study found.

"If garlic was going to have a chance to work, it would have worked in this study," said researcher Christopher Gardner, lead author. "Garlic is a longtime folk remedy for a variety of ills, including heart disease, cancer, infections and even mosquito bites. Scientific research on its purported benefits has had conflicting results. Some previous studies suggested garlic might help lower risks for digestive and prostate cancers, or might reduce blood pressure and cholesterol levels, others found no benefit."

Some child care centers stay open on snow day



Morgan Daly, left, and his brother, Logan, shovel the sidewalk in front of their house on Moro Street in Manitowoc on Monday.

Many area schools closed after Lakeshore hit with snowstorm

MANITOWOC — Children across the county had a little extra time on their hands Monday when many area schools were closed or kept their doors locked for a couple of extra hours.

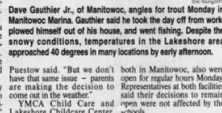
Though classes weren't in session, parents were offered the opportunity to get to work without distractions, as several local child care centers kept their regular hours.

"It's a perfect snowman weather," said Julie Puentow, director of Creative Learning Child Enrichment Center in Two Rivers. "We took full advantage."

The center opened for its usual hours Monday, despite school closings in the city's public and private institutions. Puentow said kids and staff alike had fun making snowmen and snowing the winter white.

"We really understand why the schools make the choice to close. They're being the children: it's a liability issue."

BY HELEN CLARKE
Herald Times Reporter



Dave Gauthier Jr., of Manitowoc, angles for trout Monday in Manitowoc Marina. Gauthier said he took the day off from work, plowed himself out of his house, and went fishing. Despite the snowy conditions, temperatures in the Lakeshore area approached 40 degrees in many locations by early afternoon.

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"We have working parents, and we open to the Administrative Director Eileen Jank said of Lakeshore Childcare Center.

Carie Martini's head teacher at the YMCA, said she expected turnout to be lower, but "a lot of parents made the trip."

Because public and private schools in Two Rivers closed for the day, Puentow said her business saw an obvious change in attendance. While local teachers' children were absent from the child care center, spaces were made available to other school-age children in need of a place to go.

"We have a big number of our parents that work in the major clear plants and in the hospitals — their jobs don't go on hold."

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AVERY TRIAL

Forensic scientist defends DNA tests

CHILTON — DNA expert Sherry Culhane spent nearly all of Monday defending her test results that show the origin of blood and DNA found in Teresa Halbach's sporty vehicle in 2005.

Her testimony nearly doubled the holiday she spent Friday detailing the only piece of DNA evidence that directly connects Halbach to Steven Avery's property.

Avery, 44, is accused of killing Halbach, 25, on Halloween 2005 and burning her body to hide the crime. Monday was the 11th day of testimony in what is expected to be a six-week homicide trial. Avery's 17-year-old nephew, Brendan Dassey, also is charged in Halbach's death and is scheduled for trial in April.

At the core of the issue Monday was a test that revealed Halbach as the lone contributor of genetic material found on a ball-fragment recovered in Avery's garage — a piece of evidence Avery's lawyers call "the magnet bullet." The piece of lead was pulled from a crack in Avery's garage four months after the investigation began in early



Sherry Culhane, state crime lab scientist, gives testimony in the Steven Avery homicide trial Monday at the Calumet County Courthouse in Chilton.

Expert explains blood spatter

CHILTON — Nick Stabile is the State Crime Lab's blood spatter expert, and his technical testimony Monday focused on the story to be read in blood evidence found at crime scenes.

Stabile's testimony came on the heels of nearly 10 hours of testimony from Sherry Culhane, a DNA analyst from the State Crime Lab, in the Steven Avery homicide trial.

Avery, 44, is accused of killing photographer Teresa Halbach on Halloween 2005. Prosecutors allege that Avery killed Halbach, 25, burned her body and scattered the remains on his town of Gibson property.

While Culhane's testimony focused on the origin of the blood found in Halbach's 1999 Toyota Rav4, Stabile's analysis

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Plow crews kept busy to clear fallout

Drivers work 12-14 hours to clear roads

MANITOWOC — The city's plow and salt truck drivers will get little rest this week. Another snowstorm is forecast for Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, officials said.

Today, Department of Public Works crews are expected to finish clearing downtown streets before starting regular maintenance on the city's plows. Operations Manager Randy Jank said.

Scott Calice, National Weather Service meteorologist, said this week's snowstorms could produce amounts of snow similar to last weekend's storm when about 12 inches fell in Manitowoc.

Manitowoc plow drivers worked 12 to 14 hours on Monday, and are expected to be clearing streets for up to 10



City of Manitowoc workers removed windrows Monday from street medians. Snow collected by the city is dumped in a vacant lot off Michigan Avenue, west of Evergreen Cemetery, or in a field on the north side near Albert Drive.

MANITOWOC — Plow crews dumped the collected snow at a field on North Eighth Street just south of Albert Drive, and in a vacant lot on Michigan Avenue west of Evergreen Cemetery, Jank said.

The snow dumps are located at parks or open fields away from water as advised by the DNR, Perry said.

Snow removed from the streets or parking lots may contain salt, oil, silt or other materials. It could kill or harm aquatic life and pollute the water if disposed in or near water, according to the DNR.

The snow would remain at the sites until it melts, and crews would return to remove any debris such as litter, Perry said.

Any hauling not finished on Monday was scheduled to continue today, Jank said.

A snowstorm that dumps 12 to 15 inches of snow takes about eight to nine hours to plow and another eight to nine to haul, Perry said.

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William Zipperer Jr.

Funeral services for William Zipperer Jr., 74, of 8 West Albert Dr., Manitowoc, who died Friday, Feb. 23, 2007, after a brief illness at Bellin Hospital in Green Bay, surrounded by his loving family, will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 28, 2007, at St. Francis of Assisi-Walko Site, Manitowoc. The Rev. Daniel Felton will officiate, with entombment to follow at Calvary Mausoleum. Arrives Post 99 of Manitowoc will ac-

John 'Jack' F. Hoge

John (Jack) F. Hoge, age 80, of Manitowoc, died Saturday morning, Feb. 24, 2007, at Shady Lane Nursing Care Center, Manitowoc. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 28, 2007, at the Redeemer Lutheran Church, 1712 Measuring Ave., Manitowoc. The Rev. Richard Miller will officiate with burial to follow at Evergreen Cemetery. Relatives and friends may call on Tuesday, Feb. 27, 2007, from 4 until 8 p.m., and at the church on Wednesday, Feb. 28, 2007, from 10 a.m. until the time of services at 11 a.m. Memorials may be made to Redeemer Lutheran Church in Manitowoc. Herald Times Reporter Feb. 27, 2007

Lester J. Cherney

Lester J. Cherney, age 73, devoted husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, was called by God quietly, dying unexpectedly at his home in rural Kellerville, on Sunday, Feb. 25, 2007. Funeral services are scheduled for 11 a.m. Friday, March 2, 2007, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Kellerville. Relatives and friends may call at the Rembold & Pfeiffer Chapel Mausoleum, Fond du Lac. Officiating will be the Rev. Gerald Foley. The Harrigan Parkside Funeral Home and Cremation Center, North 11th and St. Clare Streets, Manitowoc, is assisting the family with funeral arrangements. Herald Times Reporter Feb. 27, 2007

Frances H. Davis

Frances H. Davis, age 92, a resident of Shady Lane Nursing Care Center, Manitowoc, formerly of Mueller Street, Appleton, Wis., and Fond du Lac, Wis., entered eternal life peacefully on Saturday morning, Feb. 24, 2007, at the care center. Committal services will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 28, 2007, at Calvary

Charles Floyd Rhea

Charles Floyd Rhea, age 72, of 4818 River Heights Drive, Manitowoc, passed away late Friday evening, Feb. 23, 2007, at the Aurora Bay Care Medical Center, Green Bay. His death was due to a head injury sustained in a fall at the Manitowoc Senior Center. Mr. Rhea was there to attend a weekly Bible study. Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 28, 2007, at the Church of Christ, 1109 North 17th St., Manitowoc. Officiating will be Terry Johnson and John Rhea. Cremation will be held at the funeral home in Navarro County, Texas on Saturday. Relatives and friends may

Charles Floyd Rhea

call at the Harrigan Parkside Funeral Home on Tuesday, Feb. 27, 2007, from 3 to 6 p.m. The visitation will continue on Wednesday at the Church of Christ from 1:30 p.m. until the time of services at 2 p.m. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations be made to the American Diabetes Association, the Manitowoc Public Library, or the Joseph Mann Library, Two Rivers. The Harrigan Parkside Funeral Home and Cremation Center, North 11th and St. Clare Streets, Manitowoc, is assisting the family with funeral arrangements. Herald Times Reporter Feb. 27, 2007

DNA

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Culhane's own DNA was found in a negative control sample processed along with the bullet fragment sample. The control sample is expected to be void of any DNA, but to make a conclusive ruling on its accuracy, Culhane speculated that she contaminated the sample while talking to witnesses during the DNA extraction process. The evidence sample was not compromised, Culhane maintained. Defense lawyer Jerome Butting noted that standard lab protocol dictates the results should have been deemed inconclusive and the entire sample was used during the initial test. Culhane testified that she was able to make a ruling on the DNA found on the bullet

New contract for TR police officers

BY NKALLU VANG
Two Rivers — A new two-year contract between the city and Two Rivers Police Local 13 will provide increased wages and changes in health benefits for Two Rivers police officers. City Council members on Monday unanimously approved to adopt an ordinance on the contract at a special city council meeting. The contract dictates wage increases of 2 percent on Jan. 1, 2007, 1 percent on July 1, 2007, and 3 percent on Jan. 1, 2008. A new item includes continued city health insurance coverage for an officer's spouse and dependents should the officer die while employed. Buckley said this benefit was not offered to police officers prior to the contract, and added he is not sure why. Storm water plans Following the ordinance adoption, Nick Vande Hey, a representative of McMath Associates in Neenah, presented information about the municipal storm water dis-

charge permit the city received in October 2006. The presentation included permit requirements and municipal pollution prevention strategies. The permit protects water bodies from contaminants such as sediment, nutrients and bacteria, Vande Hey said. City Council members on Monday unanimously approved to adopt an ordinance on the contract at a special city council meeting. The contract dictates wage increases of 2 percent on Jan. 1, 2007, 1 percent on July 1, 2007, and 3 percent on Jan. 1, 2008. A new item includes continued city health insurance coverage for an officer's spouse and dependents should the officer die while employed. Buckley said this benefit was not offered to police officers prior to the contract, and added he is not sure why. Storm water plans Following the ordinance adoption, Nick Vande Hey, a representative of McMath Associates in Neenah, presented information about the municipal storm water dis-

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detailed how that blood got there. Stahle said he identified three contact transfer-type stains in the Rax-4 cabin. Some were thicker, indicating that there may have been drops of blood on the surfaces before contact was made, Stahle said. "It seems that some at the moment in time when blood is

shed," Stahle said, noting that blood evidence can reveal the movements of victims and assailants and the number of blows in a given attack. Stahle testified that there were purple blood drops on the door's threshold, which means the only factor dictating the blood was gravity as it fell from wherever was bleeding. Culhane on Friday testified that DNA tests showed the blood on the doorframe was Avery's. "It seems that some at the moment in time when blood is

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