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## Christmas wreaths honor veterans

Each purchase will help organization decorate veterans' graves at holidays

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WISCONSIN RAPIDS — A local store is honoring veterans and their families by selling wreaths. Pattiette and Dennis Anderson, owners of Boops Cranberry Specialties in the Rapids Mall, have

partnered with Wreaths Across America, an organization that places Christmas wreaths at veterans' graves in cemeteries across the country. Customers can purchase living wreaths at a discounted price, and \$5 Cranberry Specialties in from every wreath sold will be donated to

Wreaths Across America to help them purchase wreaths for next year's program. Each wreath costs between \$29 and \$45 after the discount. Each wreath is still fresh, and Dennis waters them multiple times a day to make sure they will last through the Christmas season. "We want to help families and give them encouragement," Dennis



CHRISTMAS WREATHS SET UP IN THE RAPIDS MALL WILL HELP WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA, WHICH PLACES WREATHS AT VETERANS' GRAVES.

## Getting into the spirit



ABOVE: A display along Main Street welcomes people into downtown Rudolph on Saturday as part of Rudolph Country Christmas. BELOW: Live animals were available for people to visit at St. Philip the Apostle Catholic Church in Rudolph on Saturday.

## Was Steven Avery framed? The debate continues

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MANTOWOC — Would a tightly connected group of small-town cops fabricate multiple clues to frame Steven Avery for murder?

Many of those who are convinced of Avery's guilt in Teresa Halbach's death scoff at the notion of evidence being planted. Critics of Avery's trial lawyers suggest it would be impossible to pull it off. To them, police officers would never engage in such reprehensible conduct. "Obstruction of justice, that's felony behavior," special state prosecutor Tom Follen argued in the courtroom in 2007. "Misconduct in office for a police officer tampering with evidence, the list goes on and on. I'm afraid that my career over

On the other side are those who believe that evidence-planting in Avery's case isn't far-fetched. No more than a half-dozen law enforcement people may have been involved in a scheme to frame Avery, and evidence-planting doesn't require a wide-ranging, far-reaching conspiracy, they say.

Lawyers Jerry Buting and Don Strang, suspected four sheriff's employees at Manitowish County of being involved in evidence-fabrication schemes against Avery, pretrial court transcripts show. Two were detectives James Leuk and Dave Remiker. The others were officers Ken Peterson and Sgt. Andrew Colborn.

The prosecution objected, arguing Avery should not even be allowed to raise an evidence-planting defense. In the end, the judge allowed the defense to proceed, but restricted it for trial purposes to Leuk and Colborn, two of the primary evidence technicians who interviewed Avery on separate occasions in early November 2005.

"In most of these evidence-planting cases, it's one or two guys," Buting recently told USA TODAY NETWORK Wisconsin. "The whole idea that it would need to take almost the whole department is not borne out by the history of planting in other law enforcement cases that have been documented."

Between 2005 and 2012, there were at least 169 cases of police officials around the country who were charged with evidence tampering crimes, said Phillip Simon, a Bowling Green State University criminal justice professor. At least 34 involved violent crimes such as

## Who are Wisconsin Rapids' People of the Year?



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Our 2016 People of the Year can be any of the many, many people who made an impact on our area this year. They may be people whose contributions are well known, or they may be people whose work has been mostly unheralded or behind-the-scenes. A good nominee may be a business leader, a political office holder, someone from the nonprofit world, an artist, a teacher, a social worker, someone in health care, an activist, a gadfly. There are a lot of ways to define "impact," and we welcome many interpretations of what it means to make a difference. But the best candidates will likely be those whose efforts made specific, concrete changes in the area or who otherwise reached a lot of people. These aren't lifetime achievement awards. The impact we're looking for must have happened in this calendar year, 2016. Daily Tribune Media will take readers' submissions, add some of our own and we'll narrow it down to a list of our finalists, which we'll publish in the last week of the year. We'll also publish the names of everyone who was nominated. Email a name and a paragraph about your nominee to [people@dailytribune.com](mailto:people@dailytribune.com). See PEOPLE, Page 4B



JUSTIN TRILLIAR  
This space key to Teresa Halbach's Toyota RAV4 was found by Manitowish County Sheriff's Detective James Leuk and Sgt. Andrew Colborn.

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# health

MEDICINE

## Sex-enhancement drugs too costly for some

Patients stymied by price hikes, insurance limits

LINDA A. JOHNSON

TRENTON, N.J. — Imagine not being able to afford one of life's great pleasures — sex. That's true for many older couples, doctors say. Soaring prices for prescription medicines for impotence and other problems have put the reinedia out of reach for some.

Without insurance coverage, Viagra and Cialis cost about \$50 a pill, triple their 2010 list prices. The new "female Viagra," a daily pill for low sex drive called Addyi, costs \$800 per month. Older products for women also have seen huge price run-ups, Truven Health Analytics data show.

"Many of them don't get past the pharmacy counter once they see the price," says Sherry Kingsberg at University Hospitals-Cleveland Medical Center. Behavioral psychologist and researcher who counsels men and women.

What people actually pay out of pocket varies. Some insurance prescription plans, including Medicare, cover some of the cost.

documents. "Either Officer Lenk and Officer Colborn were complicit in the discovery of each other's identities."

**SPARE KEY** Calumet County 11 first responders requested that Deputy Dan Kucharski, Colborn and Lenk return to Avery's trailer to re-search it for evidence — even though the trailer had undergone a 24-hour search involving Colborn, Lenk, Kucharski and Calumet Sgt. Bill Ryan three days earlier.

**RAVA, AVERY'S BLOOD** Summary: Discovered on Saturday, Nov. 5, 2005, by volunteer searcher Robert Mentzer in the corner of Avery's Salvage Yard. The day before, then Calumet County Sheriff Zeller had identified Lenk and Colborn in court documents as being the main targets of suspected police corruption. Zeller won't say whether he is also exploring others as well.

**Working theory** Mentzer's theory is that the blood evidence he was framed. There is no going to be any if it didn't happen. Sheriff Ron Hermann told USA TODAY NETWORK Wisconsin after last December's release of the documents "Making a Murderer." "I don't know why anyone in law enforcement would want to get him, that makes no sense."

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"It's already 11 years," he said. "These are cases that are damn near impossible to win when you're dealing with post-conviction appeals. It's very difficult. But that said, there kinds of proceedings have unsmothered a number of examples of a police conspiracy to set somebody up."

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A little relief is coming. Late next year, Viagra and Cialis will get at least one generic competitor costing slightly less, prices will change later when more generics reach the market. For women, Addyi is still in late-stage testing. A few other products now have generic versions on the market.

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Today, middle divorce is more common, divorced or widowed men and women often seek new partners, and sex becomes important again. "Complex in their 50s, 60s and 70s are more sexual than they've ever been," says Kavaler.

Until Pfizer launched the first impotence pill, Viagra, in 1998, there were few options for men besides penile implants and injections. Viagra and Cialis each quickly topped \$1 billion in global annual sales, and products for women's symptoms eventually followed. However, price hikes appear to be limiting usage for some products in the U.S., where prices aren't regulated.

Since 2010, the number of Viagra prescriptions filled in the U.S. has fallen 42 percent to about 5.8 million a year. Prescriptions for Cialis, which now has a popular daily pill option, have gone up slightly, according to health data firm QuintilesIMS.

Popular women's estrogen products such as Vivelle and other brands have seen prescriptions decline in recent years.

Dr. Lauren Struchiner offers women four treatment options, and most pick Viagra. A month's supply costs \$170, and insurance coverage is limited. A generic version, Vardenafil, was just launched at a slightly cheaper price.

"They go to their pharmacy and see how much it costs, and then they call me up and say, 'I can't do it,'" says Struchiner, director of the Center for Sexual Medicine and Menopause at Northwestern University's medical school in Chicago.

The drugs' makers insist list prices far exceed the negotiated prices insurers pay them and on their value. According to the companies, most insured patients are insured. Pfizer says most insured Viagra users pay \$6 to \$8 per pill, for instance.

Patients unwilling to pay for sex, doctors say, opt for other or rather medicines, beg for sample or seek co-pay assistance. Some men with unmet needs can request Cialis because it's also approved for prostate, which can vary widely by pharmacy.

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homicides.

"It's not a huge number," Stinson said. "I believe we're dealing with rare exceptions, but that being said, I always wonder if we're just dealing with the tip of the iceberg."

This past June, an ex-Kenosha officer was given probation after pleading guilty to felony misconduct in office as part of an evidence-planning scandal. In 2014, officer Kyle Baars, a three-year officer, planted a murder suspect's identification card in a 22-caliber bullet inside of a backpack that Baars found inside the suspect's house during a police search in 2005.

kept quiet about his misconduct for several months before confessing to a detective.

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**Working theory** The decision to plant charred human bones was in the weeks prior to Avery's discovery on Nov. 8, 2005. Avery contends that the victim's key and bones were planted on Nov. 7, 2005, and were discovered on Nov. 8, 2005, Zeller stated. "Most of Mr. Halbach's bones and 29 of her teeth were not found in his Avery trailer. In addition, Tom Sturcivant, an arceiv investigator with the Wisconsin Division of Criminal Justice,

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JANELLE MONÁE: JOHN GLENN WAS ALWAYS A HERO

"He's a hero. John Glenn was always on the right side of history. During a time when these women, because of their gender and the color of their skin, were often times treated like second-class citizens, he advanced his hand out, and he treated women, and women of color, with his life..."

Nation & World Watch

► New York: Schumer urges transit worker screening

Federal homeland security officials should move faster to require rail and transit agencies across the nation to screen their employees using federal list, transit watch lists, U.S. Sen. Charles Schumer says.

The New York Democrat said Saturday that the Department of Homeland Security should immediately step in to enforce a recommendation made nearly a decade ago that mass transit employees be cross-checked with the watch lists.

► Egypt: Bomb kills 25 at Coptic Christian cathedral

Sunday morning Mass was disrupted by a close at the chapel next to St. Mark's Cathedral, the seat of Egypt's ancient Coptic Orthodox Church, when Magdy Hany said there suddenly was a "blasting explosion like nothing I had ever heard before."

A bomb ripped through the chapel in the cathedral complex in central Cairo, killing 25 people and wounding another 49, mostly women and children, in one of the deadliest attacks on the country's Christian minority in recent decades.

► Nigeria: Death toll climbs to 160 in church collapse

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Trump rejects CIA report of Russian role in election

Key Democratic, GOP senators call for investigation

Donald Trump says the "intelligence" to believe Moscow helped him win the presidency, and he rejects intelligence findings that Russia intervened in the U.S. election.

"I think it's just another excuse," Trump said in an interview Sunday. "I don't believe it... Every week it's another excuse."

In the interview, Trump also appeared to reject the idea of setting up a special task force to investigate the matter.

They were joined by Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., and Sen. Jeff Flake, R-Ariz., the leaders of the Senate Armed Services Committee.

Their press, foreign advisers have directed cyberattacks at America's physical, economic, and military infrastructure, while stealing our intellectual property," their statement said.

Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., issued a joint statement Sunday with incoming Senate Democratic leader Chuck Schumer of New York, calling for a bipartisan effort to explore the allegations and defend the nation.



President-elect Donald Trump watches the Army-Navy football game Saturday in Baltimore. Trump commented Sunday on a CIA report that Russia intervened in the election. "I don't believe it... Every week it's another excuse."

Trump said Fox that "every week it's another excuse." "I don't have to be told the same thing in the same words every single day for the next eight years," Trump said, noting that Vice President-elect Mike Pence is receiving frequent briefings.

About his business search, Trump told Fox that liquidating the company is a great concept. But he's going to leave nothing as a long-term legacy. "My executives will run it with my children," he said. "It's a big company. It's a great company. But I'm going to leave nothing as a long-term legacy."

Trump also told Fox he is "getting very close" to naming a secretary of state. Alesha Sanders identified ExxonMobil CEO Rex Tillerson as a leading candidate for the State Department post.

Trump said Tillerson is "much more than a business executive" and knows government officials around the world.

DNR suggests higher fees, naming rights at state parks

TODD RICHMOND

HAZKERT - The slimming budget fight over Wisconsin's state parks looks ready to boil over as the Department of Natural Resources recommends raising admission fees again, but more electric-fee camping sites and self-owning rights.

Democrats on the Legislature's finance committee are slating off their old arguments, warning

that the moves could make parks unaffordable for families and that naming rights would generate enough money to make the parks self-sustaining.

These new items can raise fees before it becomes unaffordable for Wisconsin families," the Democratic-led DNR letter to DNR Secretary Cathy Stepien.

Republicans removed all state support for Wisconsin's parks in the 2015 budget, leaving the parks to survive on fees alone.

They raised admission and camping fees, increasing them by \$3 to \$11 depending on the park, but the DNR still projects the lack of state support will leave a \$4.4 million annual deficit in the agency's parks account.

The budget also directed the DNR to develop recommendations for generating more revenue. With the 2017 session ahead, the DNR has suggested lawmakers:

- Charge \$5 to \$10 more for admission, according to park popularity.
- Raise camping fees from \$2 to \$5 per night based on park popularity or increasing camping fees for high-demand parks by \$10.
- Add electricity at more camping sites to attract recreational vehicles. Currently 23 percent of Wisconsin's sites are electrified. If the state repays a copy on electrified sites, about 1,750 more could be added.
- Change state law to allow more rental lodging at state parks at a price ranging from \$49 to \$120 per night.

Bill Zager, president of Friends of Wisconsin State Parks, said he's not worried. The recommendations don't call for selling naming rights to retail outlets and expanding the number of electrical sites are both good changes, he added, saying recreational vehicle users won't pay admission and camping fees if their's where to plug in.

Avery

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Calumet deputies and state investigators. In addition, Leuk, Coburn, Remiker and Kucharski conducted four bar searches from Avery's sister's yard on Sunday morning, Nov. 6. At least one of those bar searches contained human bones, yet none of the evidence technicians took any photographs or videotape showing the contents inside the barrels. The barrels were put into an enclosed trailer that Manitowish sheriff's deputy George "Dicks" drove to the Calumet County Sheriff's Department for processing there.

► BULLET FRAGMENT Summary: When Denise Avery, 34-year-old mother, indicated him self as an accomplice, authorities had no forensic evidence, indicating that

Habach's body was redacted with bullet holes. Avery's garage. During an interview with DNR, Special Agent Tom Paubender suggested Habach was shot inside the garage. On March 2-3, 2006, Leuk and Remiker returned to Avery's property. This time, some small bullet fragments were discovered in the garage. When Leuk, Remiker, Coburn and Kucharski searched it in November 2005, the bullet fragments

were either overlooked or never were there. Leuk testified he did not go inside the garage on those dates. "I came back to see if they needed any, ah, food, any assistance with supplies, see if I could help out," Leuk testified.

Sherry Calumet of the state crime lab advised Calumet County that "Teresa Habach is the source of the DNA present on the bullet fragments."

Working theory: Leuk or Remiker were involved in planting the ammunition in the garage in March 2006. Leuk ran his agency's evidence storage unit and Remiker was his direct subordinate. Both men drove to Avery's on Nov. 4, 2005 to question Avery about Habach's disappearance.

After Habach's vehicle was found, Remiker offered to take charge of the evidence collection efforts at Avery's property with Coburn and Leuk, even though Leuk and Coburn had reportedly testified as part of Avery's \$36 million wrongful conviction lawsuit against his county and their former boss, ex-sheriff Tom Kucharski. "I offered (Calumet County) the services of myself and Leuk and Sgt. Coburn to give them a hand," Remiker testified.

Working theory: Someone in law enforcement tampered with evidence results that contained Avery's DNA. Trial testimony revealed the Manitowish County Sheriff's Department had retained some older specimens of Avery, including DNA buccal swabs, hair samples and fingerprint clippings of Avery. The state crime lab sent the Avery DNA samples back to Manitowish County in 2003, even though that

agency may have framed Avery for a brutal rape that sent unjustly him to prison for 18 years. In addition, Remiker and Leuk were regular visitors to their evidence storage room.

Prior to being asked to represent the RAV4, Calumet encountered a number of setbacks earlier that day, dampening Kratz's theory of how the murder unfolded. When

Calumet deputies examined Avery's headboard, they saw no "disturbances consistent with that of having handcuffs or leg irons secured to the applicant of the headboard," their reports show next, prosecutive blood tests were done on the mattress from Avery's mattress, "all of which turned up negative for the presence of blood." Later that evening, Tyson and Hawkins

were dispatched to the storage garage. They got six more results from the RAV4, including the foot switch. The results were then put into their agency's evidence room for holding prior to being tested by Calumet.

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