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Expert details salvage yard site

DNA analyst talks about discovering blood stains

Forensic scientist John Ertl, a DNA analyst, was the first witness to the scene this morning, picking up testimony about how authorities investigated Halbach's disappearance and death.

Ertl was part of the field response unit that responded to Avery's Auto Salvage near Mishicot in Manitowish County after Halbach's vehicle was found and retrieved on Nov. 6 for other searches.

Avery, 44, of Mishicot, is charged with homicide, false imprisonment and mutilation of a corpse for allegedly killing Halbach.

On the Web
www.postcrescent.com/avery

Town takes its trash seriously

Residents recycle more than others in Winnebago County



VEDLIA ENVIRONMENTAL WORKER Dave Pierotti picks up recycling at a residence on Winnebago County A in the Town of Neenah last week. The town's residents are the county's top recyclers, sending an average of 235 pounds in waste per person to be reused.

2006 Winnebago County recycling totals Containers, fridge magnet make it easy

Community	Pounds per person	Paper	Containers
Town of Neenah	235	70	165
Town of Clayton	199	72.5	126.5
Town of Brook View	196	78.5	117.5
Winneconne	184	92.5	91.5
Neenah	180	62	118
Town of Algoma	165	64	101
Town of Vinland	142	54	88
Town of Redland	138	59	79
Town of Menasha	133	43	90
Town of Wisconsin	128	51	77
Omro	125	46	79
Menasha	123	54	69
Oshkosh	121	41	80
Town of Wolf River	118	39.5	78.5
Town of Onop	95	34.5	60.5

By Duke Sebala
Most citizens can use 199 pounds per person. The Town of Neenah has claimed the title of top recycler for four of the five previous years, 2002, 2003, 2005 and 2006. Clayton second the title in 2004.

The title is a source of pride for residents like Cheryl Cowling. She said driving through the town containers last year, according to records kept by the Winnebago County Solid Waste Board. That's 18 percent more than Clayton, which had the second-highest total at

Lack of tickets signals safety

Few violators in Fox Cities of new child seat law

By Jim Collar
Post-Crescent staff writer

A lack of pink slips might suggest a greater level of child safety on local roadways, police say.

January marked the first month where tickets were issued to those who violate a 2006 law requiring booster seats for children, who inside their cars.

The state's Department of Transportation still hasn't compiled statistics regarding traffic citations, but for January, the police department said compliance hasn't been an issue.

Parents of children ages 4 to 8 can receive fines of \$10 to \$25 if their children aren't using a booster seat. Officers aren't encountering children without restraint.

"I think people were pretty well educated about the law with all the media attention given to it," said Capt. Paul Rasch of the Calumet County Sheriff's Department. "And for as long as we've had child restraint laws, I think it really came as a second nature for parents."

The law went into effect in June, although authorities only issued warnings for the first six months.

Rasch couldn't recall seeing any booster seat citations since the law began calling for tickets last month. Neither could Capt. John Matz of the Winnebago County Sheriff's Department. Sgt. Jeff Deaton of the Outagamie County Sheriff's Department said drivers are complying and if there have been violations, they've been few.

The Appleton Police Department issued one ticket for a child riding in two, police said.

Insurgents assault U.S. base in Iraq; two soldiers dead

The Associated Press
BAGHDAD, Iraq — Insurgents launched a brazen, coordinated attack on a U.S. combat post today, sending in a suicide bomber and clanging with American troops. Two U.S. soldiers were killed and 17 wounded, the military said. The assault began with a suicide bomber exploding a vehicle outside the base north of Baghdad.

copters were seen landing at the base and leaving. The attack came on a day when a string of car bombings — both in the southeastern Shiite neighborhood of Zafraiah — killed a total of eight. In Muthanna, 20 miles south of the capital, a car bomb went off shortly after midnight, killing two and wounding

U.S. military toll
As of today, at least 3,139 members of the U.S. military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count. At least 2,254 died as a result of hostile action, according to the military's numbers.

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TRIAL-Searcher says Halbach's vehicle didn't look like it belonged on property

The other cars were sort of faded - they looked like they belonged there," said Ertl. "The Rav-4 didn't. It was shiny." Ertl testified that there were three limo and car parts surrounding Halbach's sport utility vehicle.

with his flashlight. Some of her remains were later found in a burn pit near Avery's trailer. Ertl testified that worsening weather - including torrential rain - prompted investigators to move the Rav-4 in a trailer to the State Crime Lab in Madison.



DEAN STRANG, Steven Avery's defense attorney, talks to Avery's family today in the courtroom at the Calumet County Courthouse in Oshkosh.

RECYCLE: Totals more than 3 times state standards

Spornbauer said the Town of Neenah provides residents with a refrigerator magnet that lists all the collection dates. The town also provides residents with a blue plastic bin for the collection of recyclable materials.

Senators ponder limiting Iraq war authorization

The House passed a measure authorizing President Bush's use of force against Saddam Hussein. The top Republican on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee said the proposal had little chance of succeeding.

Democrats look back at measure approving force

WASHINGTON - Senate Democrats pledged renewed efforts Sunday to curtail the Iraq war, suggesting they will seek to limit a 2002 measure authorizing President Bush's use of force against Saddam Hussein.

CHILD SEATS: Safety advocates see progress with law

A new state law went into effect on June 1 requiring children deemed too old for car seats but too young for child seat belts to use booster seats in passenger vehicles. Provisions include: Children must be in a car seat until they reach age 4 and in a booster seat until they reach age 8.

BOOSTER SEAT LAWS PROVISIONS

- Children ages 1 to 4, or less than 40 pounds must be in a booster seat in the back seat. Children ages 4 to 8, or between 40 and 80 pounds, and no more than 4 feet 9 inches, must be in a booster seat. Police issued warnings only to first-time violators through December.

NEW ORLEANS CARNIVAL PRESAGES MARDI GRAS

NEW ORLEANS - He was king for the day and actor James Gandolfini ruled with a double-bottomed hat, pleasing the revelers who stood in chilly temperatures for one of the highlights of Carnival - the rolling of the Krewe of Bacchus parade.

CRIPPLED BY BACK PAIN THAT WON'T GO AWAY? TRY SPINAL DECOMPRESSION FOR RELIEF!

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