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SHUA YANG, who is from Sheboygan, is shown here on an armored vehicle at Camp Victory in Baghdad, Iraq. Inset photo

Sheboygan man earns Bronze Star

Army Sgt. 1st Class Shua Yang of Sheboygan is grateful to be back in the States with his wife and three children after making his life in Baghdad for a year.

"I'm happy to come back and be with my family," said Yang, 39, in a telephone interview. "I like the job. I like the work, but at the same time, it's nice to be back with my family."

Yang gathered intelligence during his year in Iraq. He received a Bronze Star for his year-long tour in Iraq. Yang received a Bronze Star for his year-long tour in Iraq. Yang received a Bronze Star for his year-long tour in Iraq.

Nephew of Avery pleads not guilty

His attorney says he is victim along with Halbach



MANITOWOC (AP) — The attorney for a 16-year-old boy accused of participating in the rape, murder and mutilation of a young girl pleads not guilty to the charges. The boy, Brendan Dassey, is charged with the rape, murder and mutilation of a young girl.

BRENDAN DASSEY is escorted out of a Manitowoc County Court courtroom Friday. AP photo

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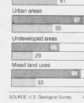
Judge Jerome Fox set bail for the boy at \$250,000 cash. A status conference was set for March 11.
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Report finds pesticides in most U.S. rivers

WASHINGTON (AP) — Most of the nation's rivers and streams are contaminated with pesticides linked to cancer, heart disease and neurological disorders, but not at levels that can harm humans.

Polluted water

Pesticides are also found in ground water, but are found in less than 10 percent of wells sampled in agricultural and urban areas.



PESTICIDES WERE FOUND IN ALMOST ALL U.S. RIVERS AND STREAMS BETWEEN 1992 AND 2001, SAYS A STUDY RELEASED FRIDAY BY THE U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, ALTHOUGH MOST DRINKING WATER SUPPLIES HAVEN'T BEEN AFFECTED.

Most frequently detected in agricultural streams were three herbicides used mainly on farms, streams, and cropland. Just last week, the Environmental Protection Agency ordered a 2003 lawsuit brought by the National Resources Defense Council, forcing the government to assess whether atrazine threatens the environment to assess whether atrazine threatens the environment to assess whether atrazine threatens the environment.

Man acquitted of sex assault of girl, 3

By Troy Laack
Sheboygan Press staff

An eight-man, four-woman jury deliberated for a little more than two hours Friday to find a 25-year-old Sheboygan man not guilty of molesting a 3-year-old girl last summer. Christopher A. Holmes was acquitted in Sheboygan County Circuit Court of first-degree sexual assault, a charge that could have sent him to prison for life under the state's two-strikes law for repeat sexual offenders. Holmes was convicted of second-degree sexual assault in 1999 in Manitowish County, according to online court records.



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The girl and Holmes also testified in court Friday.

The girl gave testimony on videotape in which she was questioned by social worker Cindy Locke and Detective Paul Hartmann of the Sheboygan Police Department. The girl and Holmes also testified in court Friday.

President Bush arrives in Pakistan

President Bush arrived in Islamabad, Pakistan, after a 12-hour flight from the United States. He is on a state visit to Pakistan, the first by a U.S. president since the September 11 attacks. Bush is expected to meet with Pakistani Prime Minister Pervez Musharraf and other officials.



PRESIDENT BUSH is escorted by an honor guard battalion of the Pakistani Army during an arrival ceremony this morning at the Awan-e-Sadr presidential residence in Islamabad, Pakistan. Bush will spend the day today with President Pervez Musharraf. AP photo

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Innocence Project pulls photo of Avery from Web site

Says it has no regrets about helping to free Avery from prison

MADISON (AP) — The Wisconsin Innocence Project pulled a photo from its Web site on Friday of a man the group freed from prison — one day after forensic details emerged about his alleged rape and murder of a young photographer.

The group's actions to distance itself from one of its best known cases after prosecutors alleged in graphic detail that Steven Avery said his 16-year-old nephew raped and murdered 23-year-old Teresa Halbach. The group in 2003 helped

convict Avery on charges that he raped and murdered Halbach, a freelance photographer for Auto Trader Magazine, to his property near Madison in a 2005 rape and murder case. Avery and the boy took turns sexually assaulting her as she was shackled to a bed and begged for help. She was later stabbed, had her throat slit, strangled in a garage, shot and burned.

The new details about the case, which were first reported by the Innocence Project at University of Wisconsin-Madison law school, "but because of these recent allegations and the emotional response, we have taken those photos down," Loni Friley, Avery's lawyer, said. Avery was pictured on the Innocence Project Web site as one of four major wrongful convictions uncovered

by the group — even though he was charged with the murder of Halbach in November. Friley said he was "shocked and saddened by these allegations" and removed the photo out of sensitivity to the Halbach family. But he said he had no regrets about helping free Avery from prison.

Avery, 41, became a symbol of the flawed criminal justice system that he was freed from prison in 2003. He appeared at news conferences with state lawmakers and Gov. Jim Doyle to push for criminal justice reforms that were ultimately signed into law.

A jury convicted Avery in 2005 of sexual assault, murder

of murder and false imprisonment in Manitowish County for a violent rape on a Lake Michigan beach, based largely on eye witness testimony of the victim.

The DNA evidence uncovered later exonerated Avery and pointed to another man who was serving a 60-year sentence for sexual assault in other cases.

"Whether mine or my neighbor's, I'm not going to change the fact that he did not commit that crime in 1985," a spokesman said. "There are many things that went wrong in that case and we better learn from them so we can better apprehend and convict the guilty."

CORRECTIONS

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Bush

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to the Arab world." The White House hastened to correct Bush's reference to Pakistan as an Arab nation, and said he meant to say Muslim.

Bush's trip brought renewed attention on the frustrating march for bin Laden, the al Qaeda leader blamed for the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks on America. Bin Laden and his followers are believed to be hiding in the porous border area of Pakistan and Afghanistan.

Timeline in the Teresa Halbach murder case

Associated Press

Oct. 11 — Photographer Teresa Halbach, 25, of Hillcrest in Calumet County goes to an appointment to take pictures for Auto Trader Magazine at Avery's Auto Salvage yard near Manitowish, a rural area in Manitowish County 40 miles north of Milwaukee.

The salvage yard is run by the family of Steven Avery, 41, who served 18 years in prison for a 1983 rape before being freed in 2003 because DNA evidence showed he was innocent. Avery says Halbach took pictures of a man he had for sale and left.

Nov. 3 — Halbach's family reports her missing and authorities launch an investigation.

Nov. 5 — Violent searches find Halbach's vehicle under Avery's Auto Salvage yard.

Nov. 8 — Avery tells reporters he has authorities are trying to frame him because he is selling \$36 million lawsuit against Manitowish County officials over his wrongful conviction.

Nov. 8 — Avery is arrested and charged with possessing firearms as a felon because of past convictions for burglary and

other crimes. Authorities say they found two guns in his trailer home.

Nov. 10 — Authorities arrest and charge with first-degree intentional homicide and mutilating a corpse. He is ordered held for \$500,000 cash bail.

Dec. 6 — A judge binds Avery over for trial.

Feb. 14 — Authorities announce Avery has settled his lawsuit against Manitowish County officials for \$400,000.

Wednesday — Authorities announce a probable cause of Avery will be charged with murder.

Thursday — Brendan Dassey, 16, Avery's nephew who was in a house near Avery's trailer, is charged with first-degree intentional homicide, mutilation of a corpse and first-degree sexual assault.

A criminal complaint quotes Dassey as saying he was ordered by Avery to kill her after school Dec. 11. He heard a woman call "Help me" and when Avery let him inside he heard Avery had Halbach shackled, made, on his bed. According to the complaint, Dassey says the two raped Halbach, killed her and burned the body.

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Avery/Special prosecutor: 'There is only one victim in this case, Miss Halbach'

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Special Prosecutor Ken Kratz told Scripps that he will not prosecute the boy in a lawsuit.

"There is only one victim in this case, Miss Halbach," Kratz told the judge.

Scripps said later that he will withdraw as Dassey's attorney because he learned Friday that he is a distant relative of Halbach's. He called himself a second cousin, other relatives.

The courtroom was packed with about 50 people, including Dassey's mother and Halbach's family. Her brother, Michael, 46, was charged in November with first-degree intentional homicide, mutilating

technical school and learn some aspect of computers, the attorney said.

"He is a nice kid. Spook, he doesn't show emotion," Scripps said. "He is a typical kid of his age. He is not a violent person."

Dassey detailed this week the final hours of his mother's death. He said he and Avery raped and killed Halbach by stabbing her, strangling her and shooting her at Avery's trailer home and burned her body in a motor by pit.

Dassey said he got involved after coming home from school Friday and seeing Dassey's letter to Avery's home, where Halbach was shackled naked and being screened for help, the attorney said.

Dassey lived in a nearby home. Halbach was shackled naked. Avery's auto salvage yard near Manitowish that day because

Scripps said he waived the preliminary hearing because Dassey made a "knowing" admission of guilt before the investigation.

"In my opinion, putting that before the judge and both sides would be very terrible and not (fair) at all," Scripps said.

According to Scripps, Dassey told investigators that he participated in the rape and killing of Halbach because he thought Avery would kill him.

Dassey said Avery had threatened family in a manner and had physically beaten him. He said he was afraid to tell anyone about the rape and killing of Halbach because he thought Avery would kill him.

"I'm not going to say he didn't do it on his own," he said. "She deserved further punishment."

A stone-faced Dassey showed little emotion during Friday's hearing, possibly swerving either way or not to testify, sources said. He was guarding whether the boy was voluntarily waiving his right to a preliminary hearing.

Bronze Star/Awarded to city man

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looking up to him."

Family life was difficult for Kanakia Yang while her husband of 12 years was in Iraq. "I was working full-time with two school-age kids and I was on my own because we were away from family," said Kanakia Yang.

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