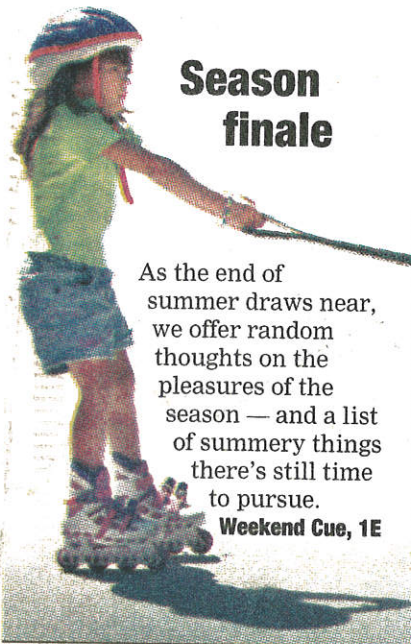


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TODAY'S TOP NEWS



Season finale

As the end of summer draws near, we offer random thoughts on the pleasures of the season — and a list of summery things there's still time to pursue.

Weekend Cue, 1E

Economic gauges show signs of life

Recovery may have already begun nationally, but state's numbers lag

By **KATHLEEN GALLAGHER**
of the Journal Sentinel staff

Led by the biggest decline in consumer prices in 15 years — including a sharp drop in gasoline prices — signs emerged

Thursday that the economy may have skirted a recession.

Economists said the unexpected dip in the consumer price index leaves the Federal Reserve room to cut interest rates again

Tuesday without fear of inducing inflation.

But hints of an upturn are not evident in any state or local indicators yet, and many observers say it's too soon to get excited about the economy returning to its former vigor.

Some wonder whether it will return to the dizzying heights of the 1990s any time soon.

Leading economic indicators

for the Milwaukee metro area and the state don't yet show signs of a recovery.

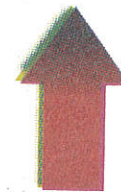
"From a local perspective, I think it's too early to make the judgment that we've bottomed out," said Bret Mayborne, economic research director at Metropolitan Milwaukee Association of Commerce.

Nationally, in addition to the encouraging inflation report, a



Consumer prices

■ Fall 0.3%, most in 15 years.



Housing starts

■ Strongest in 1½ years.



Jobless claims

■ An unexpected drop last week.

survey said home construction remained strong. U.S. builders started new homes in July at the fastest pace in almost 1½ years. A third report said the number of U.S. workers filing new claims for state unemployment benefits

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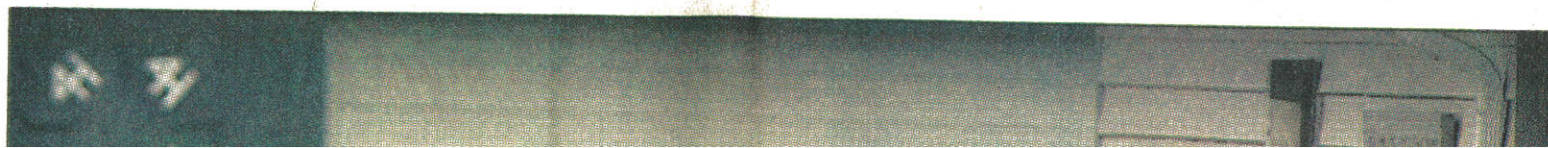
■ **State's jobless** rate held steady last month. **1D**

NATION & WORLD

Pollution called big killer

More people are being killed by pollution from vehicles and other sources than by traffic crashes, a report says. **7A**

SEARCHING FOR E. COLI CLUES IN OZAUKEE COUNTY



State fed up with pricing

Brewers avoid getting swept
 Ruben Quevedo pitches seven solid innings to help the Brewers take a 5-4 victory over the Phillies. **1C**

Packers getting nosy
 The Green Bay Packers are becoming concerned about their nose tackle position, with both Russell Maryland and Gilbert Brown hampered by injuries. **1C**

Waite gains lead at PGA
 Grant Waite shoots a 6-under-par 64 to take a two-shot lead after the first round of the PGA Championship. **1C**

ENCORE
Feelin' kinda' fragile
 Exhaustion, insomnia and commercial pressures have been cited as factors that drove Mariah Carey to the brink. But her new "Glitter" CD reveals that Carey is having trouble coping with something else: freedom. **6B**

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 Partly cloudy and pleasant.

TOMORROW: 73 / 61
 Showers and possible thunderstorms.

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HOW CONTINUED

By **JEFF COLE**
 and **CORISSA JANSEN**
 of the Journal Sentinel staff

Cedarburg — With the number of confirmed E. coli cases from Ozaukee County rising to 10 Thursday, investigators focused on a fishing pond that could have been contaminated by a cow washing station at the Ozaukee County fairgrounds.

Also Thursday, Ozaukee County Health Director Glenda Madlom quarantined the fairgrounds while investigators checked for an epidemic of infections from the sometimes deadly form of E. coli known as O157:H7.

Ozaukee County Emergency

the Willowbrooke Pond. As a new feature added for this year's fair, that pond was stocked for youth fishing contests.

"They are checking everything and haven't ruled out anything yet," Stolte said. "But the investigators were interested in the cow washing station."

Investigators from the county Health Department and state Division of Health took water samples from both the pond and the stream that feeds into it.

Cattle feces are often a source of the virulent E. coli O157:H7. It does not affect the cattle but can be deadly for human beings.

Please see **E. COLI, 18A**



JEFFREY PHELPS / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Pete Wegner of the Cedarburg Public Works Department puts up barricades to block the entrance to the Ozaukee County fairgrounds along Cambridge St. in Cedarburg Thursday.

Those charges could cost the company significantly more than the earlier settlement — as much as \$5,000 for each item charged incorrectly. Civil charges, like the ones filed in previous cases, could cost Kmart \$1,000 per item.

"We're finding there's a good chance the consumer may be overcharged at the checkout," said Oemichen, who noted that his agency usually files charges or reaches settlements with companies before going public with the problems.

"The part that perplexes us is why Kmart continues experiencing these high levels of pricing er-

Please see **KMART, 14A**

Nicolet student-athlete dies of encephalitis

By **JOHN FAUBER**
 of the Journal Sentinel staff

Several hundred Milwaukee-area families have been warned to watch for symptoms of encephalitis — a potentially fatal disease that can be spread by mosquitoes — after the death of a star Nicolet High School student-athlete who had just returned home from summer camp.

Brittney Gigl, 17, of Fox Point died Wednesday after returning from the Jewish Community Center's Camp Interlaken near Eagle River.

"How someone this age dies like this, so quickly, is shocking," said Milwaukee County Circuit Judge David Hansher, who has two children who attended the

"We are devastated."

Elliot Moeser,
 Nicolet High School
 superintendent

camp. "My son knew her from tee-ball when they were kids, and he couldn't understand how something like this was possible. I didn't know what to tell him. She was just a delight to be around."

Gigl, who would have been a senior at Nicolet, was an honor student and played three sports. At a pre-season intrasquad swim meet Thursday at the school, schoolmates and parents said members of the softball, basketball and volleyball teams made plans to meet at Nicolet this morning to go together to Gigl's funeral at 11 a.m. at Congregation Shalom, 7630 N. Santa Monica

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ENCEPHALITIS SYMPTOMS

- Headache
- Stiff neck
- Fever

AVOIDING MOSQUITOES

- Avoid outdoor activity at dusk and dawn.
- Wear light clothing.
- Use mosquito repellents
- Eliminate breeding sites by draining standing water out of such places as gutters, birdbaths and boat bilge.

U.S. faulted for barriers against faith-based groups

They're treated unfairly in quest for funding, say White House officials

By **KATHERINE M. SKIBA**
 of the Journal Sentinel staff

Washington — When it comes to handing out social service dollars, the federal government has been hostile to faith-based groups, a White House official said Thursday.

John Bridgeland, who directs the Domestic Policy Council, said the government should treat these groups with neutrality.

He spoke at the release of a re-

port, "Unlevel Playing Field," which identified barriers that small groups — both faith-based and secular — face in winning government dollars to mend social problems.

One example: Head Start programs, often located in houses of worship, are sometimes pressured locally to remove or cover up religious art and symbols — even though there is no law, no regulation and no Health and Human Services Department guidance requiring that.

Another: Applicants for anti-crime Weed and Seed grant money from the Justice Depart-

Please see **FAITH, 8A**

Nicolet student dies of encephalitis after returning from camp

ENCEPHALITIS, From 1A

Blvd.

Lara Beitz, 16, who said she had known Gigl since they were freshmen, said her sadness over her friend's death tempted her to skip the meet.

"I didn't really want to come to swim tonight," said Beitz, who added that the example Gigl set as an athlete and student changed her mind.

"She went at everything with such spirit, with everything in her. She wouldn't have wanted people to use her death as an excuse to stop living their lives."

Appeared well Monday

Fran Goldner, whose daughter, Stephanie, played on the softball team with Gigl, said she saw the girl Monday while picking up her other daughter, Lindsey, from Camp Interlaken.

"I just saw her Monday in the parking lot getting into her family's car," Goldner said. "She looked fine."

When she heard later that Gigl had died, Goldner said she was "shocked and saddened," and also a bit scared.

"I was really more worried about Britney's parents, how they were doing. She was just gone so fast," Goldner said. "But for a minute, I was scared for my daughter."



Gigl

A talk with her family physician put Goldner's fears to rest, although she said she will continue to watch for symptoms, such as severe headaches, sensitivity to light, back pain and neck stiffness.

Gigl's death may be the first in Wisconsin caused by encephalitis this year and comes amid growing concerns about the mosquito-borne strain of the disease.

Last week, state health officials warned residents in some northern Wisconsin counties to protect themselves from bug bites after 18 horses contracted Eastern equine encephalitis, or EEE, one of a group of bird diseases known as arboviruses.

Arboviruses can be spread to humans if they are bitten by an infected mosquito.

So far, there have been no known cases of EEE spreading to humans in Wisconsin. The 18 horses that died or were euthanized after contracting EEE were in Rusk, Barron, Chippewa and Eau Claire counties. Eagle River, in Vilas County, is farther east.

"Certainly cases could occur in humans," said the state's chief medical officer, epidemiologist Jeffrey Davis.

West Nile virus is another type of arbovirus that has concerned state officials because it has been spreading in the eastern United States after it was first discovered in 1999. To date, no cases of West Nile virus have been found in Wisconsin, either in birds or people.

Another type of arbovirus, La Crosse encephalitis, generally is contained in the western and southwestern parts of Wisconsin along the Mississippi River.

So far, the type of encephalitis that killed Gigl and how she contracted it are unknown, Davis

said.

Training to be counselor

Gigl was training to be a counselor at the camp and had just returned home after spending several weeks there.

Her parents declined to be interviewed for this story.

All of the kids and staff attending the camp were called Wednesday night and warned to be on the lookout for symptoms, said Jay Roth, JCC executive vice president.

"There is no reason to think there is a problem at the camp, because everybody else came back well," Roth said.

Symptoms of EEE can include headache, stiff neck and fever.

The incubation period generally is between three and 15 days.

Most EEE infections in humans result in mild symptoms or no symptoms at all.

However, in a small number of people, the infection can lead to encephalitis, or a swelling of the brain. If that happens, mortality can range from 30% to 70%, Davis said.

Gigl had just returned Monday and underwent a physical exam for the Nicolet volleyball team, according to a report from the Milwaukee County medical examiner's office. She attended the team's first two practice sessions on Tuesday.

At the time, she complained of a headache and took Tylenol Sinus medication and Excedrin. Around 9 p.m. on Tuesday, she went out with friends and returned home about midnight, the report says.

When she got home, she was slurring her words and her parents thought she seemed intoxicated, the report says. When her condition worsened, she was taken to Columbia Hospital's emergency room on the advice of the family's doctor.

Her father, Robert Gigl, later spoke to her friends and determined that no drugs or alcohol were used, the report says. However, the friends said that Britney Gigl said she was thirsty and asked for water throughout the night.

Later, she was transferred from Columbia to Children's Hospital of Wisconsin.

Her condition deteriorated at Children's Hospital, and she died there Wednesday night.

A spokeswoman for Children's Hospital declined to comment on the case.

Doctors at the hospital were believed to be in the process of analyzing spinal fluids.

Davis, the state epidemiologist, said it could be a week before more is known about the type of encephalitis and how it may have been contracted.

In the meantime, students at Nicolet are grieving and trying to understand the tragedy, said Elliot Moeser, the school's superintendent and principal.

"We are devastated," he said. "There is a great deal of sadness. Kids are gathering at homes, not only in memory of Britney, but because they lost a friend."

Moeser called Gigl an exceptional student-athlete.

Academically, she was in the top 4% of her class and a member of the National Honor Society.

Journal Sentinel staff writer Jessica Hansen contributed to this report.

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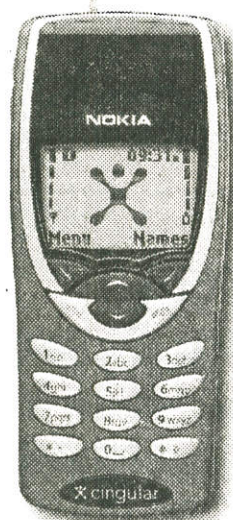
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