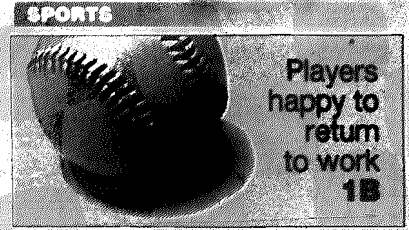


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Study pushes clot-drug use

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Speedier injections of clot-busting drugs to heart attack victims improves their chances of escaping permanent damage, suggesting that ambulance crews can save lives by administering this medicine on the way to the hospital, a study concludes.

Even when hospitals are prepared to offer this treatment, hours may pass before patients reach the emergency ward, are evaluated by heart specialists and eventually hooked up to lines that drip the medicine into their blood streams.

The new research supports the growing belief that for this approach to work well, it must be offered fast.

The research found that 92 percent of clogged arteries could be reopened if the medicine was given immediately as a shot.

Questions remain in slaying

By Lyn Hanson
of the Telegraph Herald
and Colleen Schultz
Telegraph Herald correspondent

LIVINGSTON, Wis. — As the Grant County Sheriff's Department and the village of Livingston mourn a fallen officer, questions remain about what happened on New California Road Sunday night, and why.



Coulthard

Gregory Coulthard, 18, of Livingston. Coulthard, a 1989 Cuba City High School graduate, is accused of firing the single shot that killed

Reuter. He is being held in the Richland County Jail at Richland Center, and is scheduled to appear in Grant County Circuit Court in Lancaster at 4:30 p.m. today.

Until then, Runde won't comment on the caliber of the gun that killed Reuter, or whether Reuter fired his own weapon during the incident. He did say, however, that Reuter was not killed with his own gun.

The Wisconsin Division of Criminal Investigation has sent several special agents to assist Grant County in investigating Reuter's death, said Tom Steingraeber, acting DCI administrator. However, he declined comment on the case because he has not seen any reports.

At about 11:30 p.m. Sunday, Reuter radioed to other officers that he was conducting a "motorist assist" for a farm tractor driver, on New California Road, two miles south of Livingston. When officers heard no communication from him 15 minutes later, a dep-

uty went to the scene and found Reuter's body.

Reuter is believed to be the first Grant County deputy killed in the line of duty.

Coulthard was tracked down by police dogs, and found in a barn about five miles from where the shooting took place. He was arrested at about 4:30 a.m. Monday.

The mourning — and disbelief — continued today at the sheriff's department in Lancaster.

Neighboring law enforcement agencies have offered not only condolences, but also assistance, Runde said.

For example, the Iowa County Sheriff's Department at Dodgeville sent one of its cars to pick up a Grant County prisoner at the Waupun Correctional Institution for a court appearance.

"We're stressed or strapped with the everyday duties we have to carry on," Runde said.

Iowa County Sheriff Nicholas Basting said his deputies will

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Investigators' marks blot the surface of New California Road near Livingston, Wis., where Grant County sheriff's deputy Thomas Reuter was found shot to death late Sunday night. Reuter was killed with a single shot after he apparently stopped a tractor on the road. An 18-year-old Livingston man, Gregory Coulthard, is in custody. (Photo by Colleen Schultz)

Consumer price index

Percent change from prior month

+1.0%



Religious groups pitch in on cleanup

By Ross Bielema
of the Telegraph Herald

MONTICELLO, Iowa — Two deeply religious groups proved Monday that they live what they believe as they helped clean northeast Iowa fields and yards of debris left by March 13 torna-

"I think a lot of friendships developed," De Sotel said, noting that the two groups were initially reluctant to talk, but by day's end, were on a first-name basis. "None of us knew what to expect when they came in."

The Mennonites had surveyed the damage shortly after tornadoes des-