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'It's all or none'

Quick Take

Associated Press

TOUCHDOWN: Chicago Bears running back Glyn Milburn scores in the team's 14-13 victory over the Packers.

Memorable win

It is a remarkable win to the late Walter Payton, the Bears break a 10-game losing streak against the Green Bay Packers by blocking a last-second field goal.

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Heavy ruling

A judge's anti-trust ruling on Monday could put an end to Wall Street's record-setting rally.

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The Field of the Dogs

By KATHARINE PETERSON
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1999 UNITED WAY CAMPAIGN

Goal \$2.5 million
Raised \$2,012,656.97
Needed \$487,343.03
Days left 11

Lottery

Here are the winning numbers selected randomly in the Illinois State Lottery:

■ Pick Three-Evening: 8-5-8
■ Pick Four-Evening: 7-4-2-9
■ Lotto jackpot: \$5 million
■ Big Game jackpot: \$62 million

Weather

■ Today: Partly cloudy, High 75.
■ Tonight: Partly cloudy, Low 50.

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SCHOOL

Restructuring

ture per pupil, and that figure is well below the state average is As of the latest audit on June 30, Decatur spends \$5,683 per pupil per year. The state average for the 1998-99 school year was \$9,692.

"The bottom line is we may not be spending enough per kid," said Arndt. "It would be better if we were." Arndt said, "It may depend on getting other districts in Central Illinois to sit down and say, 'What would help Edison recover from the costs through economy of scale.'

In addition to Decatur, Edison has schools with school buildings in Springfield, Rockford, Champaign and Urbana.

Bethelle Fraser, Edison's vice president of financial development, said that despite Decatur's low level of spending, the district still interests her company.

"We're seeing schools in Connecticut that spend \$10,000 per student

including who would pay for school building maintenance, would have to be resolved before the school board would vote on a

COST

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ATTORNEY ADVICE: Roosevelt Fuller, center, and other students expelled by the Decatur school board listen to advice from an attorney for the Rainbow/PUSH Coalition. The teens were advised not to speak to anyone after crossing onto school district property at Eisenhower High School.

Board members said they were employing two-tiered tactics to combat student violence in the district when issuing the expulsions.

School board president Jackie Goetter said Sunday the district

is bracing for today. She said all students will be required to show IDs to get into high school and

MARCH

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EDITOR'S NOTE: A proposal to turn management of two Decatur schools over to the Edison Project was part of a sweeping plan presented to the school board Sept. 14 by Superintendent Kenneth Arnett. With an alternative proposal by South Shores School to become a choice school without Edison — a proposal to be considered formally at Tuesday's school board meeting — the school district has continued negotiations with Edison for now but may look again at the private ownership corporation in the future. The following report explores what Edison could mean for Decatur schools.

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Community

AGENDA

Education

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