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## Quick Take



### Anti-violence vigil

About 100 people unite in a memorial service to oppose the source of all-too-frequent heartache.

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### Cubs hire Baylor

Reports have Chicago winning a spirited competition to land the respected Don Baylor as their new manager.

Sports / B1

### Rams, Bears lose

St. Louis drops its first game of the NFL season, while Chicago is buried by Washington for its third straight loss.

Sports / B1,3

### Kids smell the darndest things

Dave Barry / A10

## 1999 UNITED WAY CAMPAIGN

Goal . . . \$2.5 million  
Raised . . . \$1,935,000.00  
Needed . . . \$565,000.00  
Days left . . . 17

## Lottery

Here are the winning numbers selected Sunday in the Illinois State Lottery.  
■ Pick Three-Evening: 8-7-5  
■ Pick Four-Evening: 5-8-7  
■ Lotto jackpot: \$3 million  
■ Big Game jackpot: \$46 million

## Weather

■ Today: Mostly cloudy. High 69.  
■ Tonight: Cloudy. Low 37.

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## 217 feared dead in EgyptAir crash

Sabotage looms as a possibility as a cause of the Atlantic Ocean disaster.

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NEW YORK — Rescuers were searching for the living but resigned to finding the dead, and authorities were investigating the possibility of sabotage Sunday after an EgyptAir jetliner carrying 217 people — 129 of them reportedly Americans — suddenly plunged 33,000 feet into the Atlantic Ocean off Nantucket Island. Authorities said there was no distress call from the pilots before

the Boeing 767-300, which had just taken off from New York, apparently lost power and death-spiraled into the sea about 2 a.m. Sunday. The crash came less than two weeks after the hijacking of an EgyptAir flight between Istanbul and Cairo Oct. 19. That ended peacefully in Germany where the hijacker was overpowered; none of the 46 passengers was harmed.

Although the FBI and other intelligence agencies began checking on the possibility that Sunday's crash was the result of sabotage, President Clinton and other officials said there was no immediate indication of foul play.

## Probe

Investigators consider mechanical failure, terrorism in Sunday's crash.

Nation / A2

called Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak to offer condolences and U.S. assistance. EgyptAir Chairman Mohamed Fahim Rayan was asked about reports that the Federal

## CRASH

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## NEAR-NORTH'S FUTURE



GUIDING FORCE: Margaret Walker, director of Youth With a Positive Direction, is helping the youth at the Church of the Living God to learn appreciation for their community. Walker believes that expanding the near-north redevelopment project will bring needed investment to the Old King's Orchard neighborhood.

## Proposed expansion stirs new debate

Officials unsure whether funds will allow the redevelopment project to spread westward.

By BILLY TRUS

H&R Staff Writer

DECATUR — The proposed near-north redevelopment project should be expanded westward to include Water and Main streets and the Old King's Orchard neighborhood, according to a feasibility study. The study — prepared by a team of consultants chosen by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development — gives the most detailed look to date of what the neighborhood could look like, once its overhaul is complete. The study was requested in March by the city and HUD to help bring direction to the stalled project, before the city won a \$44.8 million Hope VI federal grant.

The study also spells out neighborhood

goals and a potential retail and business structure, detailing locations and timelines for the planned growth. The city owns the land while the DHA holds the bulk of the development funds. The impact of the HUD study will be determined largely on what the two sides deem best for the project.

"I think this will turn out to be a combination of our plan and their plan," Mayor Terry Hoxley said. "What we want to do is get the DHA consultants together with the city staff to determine what's best, and hopefully this will not stretch out the process of arriving at a consensus."

Once DHA finishes its work with HUD, "we'll move forward," he said. "What I don't want to see is more planning, more planning and more planning and no action."



DHA officials say the public will help decide how closely it follows the study's recommendations, with a series of meetings with officials and public meetings planned for the next few months. Implementing those ideas also depends on how far DHA can stretch the grant money. DHA Executive Director David Carr said that while the recommendations would probably benefit the near-north project, he's not sure whether the funds will be available to cover it. "The expansion is a good thing; rehabilitation and improvement to surrounding neighborhoods is advantageous to the community," he said. "But how those things can be accomplished in terms of the Hope VI time schedule and resources is still to be worked out, and we need to reconcile those issues in terms of what is

## NEAR-NORTH

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## Jackson sets Decatur visit on expulsions

Public meeting planned for Wednesday; school board president says action will stand.

By BILLY TRUS

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DECATUR — The Rev. Jesse Jackson is coming to Decatur this week to push for reinstatement for five high school students expelled after a Sept. 17 fight.

The Rev. James T. Weeks, vice president of the national Rainbow/PUSH Coalition, confirmed Sunday that Jackson will be in Decatur at 6 p.m. Wednesday for a public meeting to try to get the students reinstated. A location for the meeting has yet to be announced.

Seven students were expelled for two years in connection with the fight, which occurred during a football game at Eisenhower High School. Members of the Rainbow/PUSH Decatur chapter took five of the students whom they contend were either not involved or involved to a lesser degree in the fight to the national organization's weekend meeting in Chicago. During that meeting, Jackson spoke about the expulsions, which he said did not fit the severity of the fight.

"They were in a schoolyard fight, doing something silly like children do," Jackson said, according to a tape of the meeting provided to the Herald & Review. "Now, we don't think children should be fighting in school, but we also don't think those children should be out for two years."

Decatur school board President Jackie Geister said Sunday that board members had a meeting several weeks ago with a Jackson representative "and we stated at that time that we would meet with him if he would like."

"But I'll tell you . . . the expulsions still stand," Geister said Sunday night.

Keith Anderson, vice president of Rainbow/PUSH's Decatur chapter, said the organization hopes all segments of the Decatur community turn out for the meeting — including labor, local and state government officials, neighborhood leaders and especially ministers and their congregations. He said the organization will also discuss other community-related issues during Jackson's visit in efforts to gauge the priorities of city residents for the future.



Jackson Refers to 'silly' schoolyard fight

## Woman's genealogy is brush with greatness

IUKA — Frances Oliver's great-great-great-grandfather was a pretty big deal during the Revolutionary War.

Descendants have lovingly preserved his family Bible and other personal artifacts, a school is named after him, and a church still stands that the soldier helped found 200 years ago.

## POSTCARDS

By REID

H&R Staff Writer

But the colonel's great-great-great-granddaughter, whose credentials would seem impeccable, doesn't have any immediate plans to join the Daughters of the American Revolution, the organization for patriots who can trace their lineage back to the shot heard round the world in 1775.

Col. John Butler fought for the British, explains Oliver, who lives close to a town of 388 people called Iuka, about 25 miles south of Vandalia. "I guess my ancestors weren't too lucky in picking the right side."

And yet the colonel, who survived the war and retreated to Canada, is still a big shot north of the border, where his relatives treasure that Bible and even have his eyeglasses. The school named after him is in Virgil, Ontario, and a town called Niagara-on-the-Lake is home to his church and also houses a careful re-creation of the Revolutionary War barracks that was under Butler's command. "It was a shock to find out

about Col. Butler and how famous he is in Canada," Oliver says. "I didn't even know he existed until 1980, when I started digging into my family's past and, well, there he was."

What makes her familial excavations unusual is that Oliver, a farmer with a natural talent for art, enjoys recording the fruits of her labors in oils, watercolors and other art forms and has accumulated a genealogical gallery numbering more than 40 pictures.

There's an oil painting of the colonel's Bible and glasses with a portrait of him hanging in the background; another picture shows a stone and bronze war memorial in Canada honoring Butler and his fellow soldiers;

## GENEALOGY

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BOONE'S HOME: Frances Oliver displays her paintings, 'Daniel Boone's Home,' in her home near Iuka. Oliver has immortalized her heritage by visiting and painting pictures of the homes and places in which her family has lived. She has established links to a Revolutionary War commander and General George Armstrong Custer and suspects Daniel Boone might be tied up in her ancestry, too.