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## Volleyball

Casey-Westfield  
4th / CI, 10

► Meridian's  
Shane Major

## Quick Take

### What America eats

Our tastes range far and wide, and today's Parade magazine covers many of them. For instance, see up-to-the-minute Thanksgiving favorites and learn the smart way to eat chocolate.

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### The Field of the Dogs Chapter 9

Lifestyle / G1

### 1999 UNITED WAY CAMPAIGN

Goal	..... \$2.5 million
Raised	..... \$2,139,471.09
Needed	..... \$360,528.91
Days left	..... 5

### Lotttery

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

- Powerball: 1-13-24-34-38-44
- Pick Three-Evening: 3-9-1
- Pick Four-Midday: 5-8-5-5
- Pick Four-Evening: 2-9-5-4
- Lotto: 16-23-35-38-41-42
- Lotto jackpot: \$6 million
- Big Game jackpot: \$7 million

### Weather

■ Today:	Sunny, High 59.
■ Tonight:	Clear, Low 30.

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## Prep quarterfinals

Meridian 41, Argenta-Oreana 0  
Tolono Unity 32, Tuscola 14/C1, 10

► Argenta-Oreana's Kyle Rodgers

## Scores

■ FIGHTING ILLINI	..... 46
□ Ohio State	..... 20
■ Michigan	..... 31
□ Penn State	..... 27

Big Ten/C1, 4

# Expulsions threaten racial split

Officials see  
wounds of  
20 years ago  
reopening

"Decatur is a city of contrasting beauty, from its rolling green pastures to its scenic riverfront, from its scenic lake shore to its old industrial skyline. It is diverse and friendly, and it exudes a Midwestern charm that will linger in your memory."

— Introductory paragraph on the Web page for the Decatur Area Convention and Visitors Bureau

"In a scene reminiscent of the civil rights marches of the 1960s, Jackson led the crowd through the streets of Decatur in support of the students before gathering at Ellington.

— From front-page story in the Herald & Review on Nov. 8, 1999, after the Rev. Jesse Jackson led a march on behalf of a group of expelled Decatur high school students.

DECATUR — The issue that no one wants to talk about is whether or not to bring the dispute between the Rev. Jesse Jackson and the Decatur school board.

"Not black or white, but wrong or right," Jackson has said on numerous occasions during the past two weeks. But race is becoming an issue in controversy as seven African-American high school students expel as a result of a fight Sept. 17 at a football game at Ellington.

Community leaders who have fought on both sides of the issue are wondering if the school board will hold the lid on the dispute before it is buried once and for all.

"This has been a very emotional, gut-wrenching issue for everyone involved," Decatur Area Superintendent Kenneth Anderson said. "But we're losing sight of something. No one wants to hurt anyone."

Keith Brown, vice president of the Decatur Chamber of Commerce, said a time of healing and coming together is what the community needs.

He said the community will not divert its organization's community improvement efforts.

### A local solution

After all the out-of-town protesters leave, it's up to Decatur people who solve Decatur's problems.

### Editorial / B4

most people young to get an education and stay out of trouble. "We hope not. There should be none of that for people exercising their rights. All people have a right to protest."

"They can all get along in this society. We care about the school

### RACIAL

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Boy in walker reaches his soccer goal

Cerebral palsy, safety concerns don't stop youth from taking the field.

LAWTON, Okla. (AP) — With his bright red helmet a shield, 9-year-old Ryan Taylor courted his walker to winning a race to get out onto the field.

His team, who has cerebral palsy, came in early in the game and played to the end, smiling a lot and getting one good kick at the ball.

Attorneys for Ryan's parents had argued that the Lawton Evening Optimist League

had violated a law that bars children with disabilities from playing.

In his ruling, the judge recom-

Herald & Review/Kelly J. Huff

## Chicago meeting rallies fight vs. 'injustice'

By MATT BROWN  
For the Herald & Review

CHICAGO — Frequently, those who gathered at the Rainier Apartments for a protest Saturday morning stood up.

They came to their feet when U.S. Rep. Bobby Rush declared there's "a fight going on against injustice in Rush's district."

U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno was of the opinion that federal law was violated when the records of what her term in office, roughly 10 percent of the 350 in attendance rose from their seats.

"The rest of you," Meeks said, "have a few more hours to think about it."

Rainbow/PUSH held the meeting to give "facts" about the "crisis in Decatur," Meeks, one of the protest leaders from Chicago, was tapped to give a firsthand account.

The gathering was predominantly black, though Meeks asked a contingent of whites seated

on the back where they were from. After the 15 told him they attended a college, they received polite applause and Meeks invited them to come aboard out of the beatings.

Coalition members have said today's march will be as much as three times the size of the one a week ago.

Two 20 buses are scheduled to leave Chicago at 10 a.m. today to march to Decatur for the 2 p.m. march that will begin near the intersection of State and Main at Water and Cerra Gordo streets.

Others are expected to arrive

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## Jackson, Stockard, KKK set demonstrations

By TOM COLLINS  
For the Herald & Review

DECATUR — Police are bracing for a busy Sunday as they lead three groups to march or rally today in response to the Decatur school board's expulsion of seven high school students.

The Rev. Jesse Jackson is preparing a second march for the streets of Decatur at 2 p.m. today, with a stopover in the 1000 block of Main Street overpass at Water and Cerra Gordo streets.

The theme of the march is "Save the Dream, and Leave No Child Behind." The NAACP has joined the effort, along with the NAACP of Illinois and the Rainbow/PUSH officials, who said they expect more than 6,000 people at the march, including 2,000 NAACP members, Congresswoman Bobby Rush, D-Chicago, and the Chicago Urban League, the Asso-

ciated Press reported.

The march by the Rainbow/PUSH Coalition, which includes the NAACP, is the second largest this month, a week ago when hundreds of people came from Chicago, Springfield and Champaign. Decatur police estimated last Sunday's crowd at 1,200, and organizers said there were thousands more.

Two other groups also will compete for the public's attention.

Decatur City Council member Betsy Stockard and her supporters will stage another march today along Eldorado Street, leading to one corner to protest a proposed street name change.

Stockard is holding her rally to "stop the violence." She has come out in support of the school

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