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Quick Take



Brother-sister act has college recruiters drooling.

By MARK TUPPER
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TEUTOPOLIS — Nearly 30 years ago, when Jerry Gray was the basketball coach at Millikin University, he had a son in Teutopolis in search of a center and returned convinced he'd traveled to the right place.

"He couldn't believe it driving around town," said Leon Gobczynski, the object of Gray's affections. "He had to have it now." He said every house in Teutopolis has a basketball hoop in the driveway and a Mother Mary in the front yard.

For one less, the pursuers of his peers — MTV and video games — are not challenging enough. His book reviews have caught the attention of publishers and authors.

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Powering up

Shelby County is the target of two companies looking to build power plants.

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Illini women win

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1999 UNITED WAY CAMPAIGN

Goal \$2.5 million
Raised \$2,292,634.86
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Lottery

Here are the winning numbers Wednesday in the Illinois Lottery:

- Pick Three-Midday: 3-5-7
- Pick Three-Evening: 1-3-8
- Pick Four-Midday: 5-0-4-8
- Pick Four-Evening: 2-9-2-7
- Little Lotto: 01-03-06-14-25
- Lotto: 01-11-13-16-28-30
- Lotto jackpot: \$2 million
- Big Game jackpot: \$10 million

Weather

■ Today:	Sunny. High 67.
■ Tonight:	Partly cloudy. Low 48.

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Teutopolis spawns basketball dynasty

And why not? In the largely Catholic community of Teutopolis, a couple of full-court passes east of Effingham, two religions are held sacred. One is basketball, the other is in the church, the other in a center. Attendance at each seems mandatory.

The trophies of five girls state basketball champions and one boy who glistens like golden statues are the centerpiece of an athletic shrine that rings the high school cafeteria. It is a constant reminder of a sports legacy long past.

And although that legacy includes some great names — Niebruege, Kreke, Funderburg, Carle, Zerrusen, to name a few —

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DECATUR EXPULSIONS

Fight moves to court



SEATED AT THE DOOR: Brenda Carson, the Rev. Marshall Hatch, the Rev. James Meeks and the Rev. Jimmy Waddell staged a short sit-in to protest their inability to enter MacArthur High School early Wednesday. City and state police were on hand, but there were no arrests.

Herald & Review photos/Kerry J. Huff

Expelled students going to alternative school; PUSH, school board file lawsuits

By RANDI MURO, BILLY TYUS and TONY RED
H&R Staff Writers

DECATUR — The Rev. Jesse Jackson vowed Wednesday to once again take steps to return students to school.

Only this time he plans to call for a sit-in to the Macon-Piatt Regional Office of Education to enroll the students in an alternative school.

"Our demands are still the same," Jackson said. "We want them in the alternative school in a mandatory period while we still insist for the students to return to their regular classrooms."

Jackson outlined the change strategy Wednesday night from the pulpit during a rally at the Church of the Living God, PGT Temple 3.

During the same rally, he also canceled plans for a Sunday march through the streets of Decatur to garner support for the students' return to regular classes. He instead suggested a sit-in at the U.S. District Court in Urbana on Monday morning for a hearing stemming from a civil lawsuit filed on behalf of the expelled students last week.

When asked why he was taking the students to enroll in alternative schools instead of instead of last week when it was first made available, Jackson said the board to be able to say they can't go because it's too late. We think they're that desperate."

The rally Wednesday night took on a different tone when two mothers went to the front of the church, hugged Jackson and thanked him for his efforts.

Jackson said he was moved by the young men to study three hours a night to work on their character and to become mothers who can be trusted.

The eyes of the world are upon you. Tonight, all over the world, they're discussing you," Jackson said. "Remember, you are at the eye of the storm."

Jackson's comments came at the end of a day that saw lawsuits filed in Macon County Circuit Court.

FIGHT

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Group says zero tolerance is a philosophy, not a policy

By ARVIN DONLEY
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DECATUR — Zero tolerance in schools would seem to be a straightforward concept.

But members of the Macon County School Anti-Violence Focus Group, which last year created a zero-tolerance resolution for violence in all of the county's public schools, say the concept is somewhat misunder-

stood.

Gloria Marshall, a member of the focus group, said the primary goal of zero tolerance is to send a message to parents, students and teachers that any type of violent act or threat is not acceptable and will be dealt with.

However, in a zero-tolerance resolution that was signed by officials from 12 Macon and Piatt county schools last November, did it state that "honor students" would be muted for students who threatened or commit violent acts?

In October, the Decatur school board, which has emphasized its commitment to a zero-tolerance policy, held six meetings for parents for fighting in the stands amid spectators at an Eisenhower High School football game.

The Rev. Jesse Jackson, saying the punishment didn't fit the crime, was successful in getting TOLERANCE

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BACKUP: Decatur police turned out in force Wednesday but stayed inside the MacArthur High School and waited for the officers.



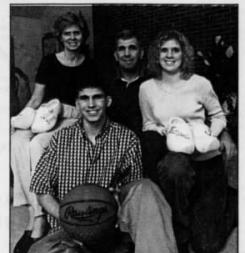
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RESCUE: Decatur police turned out in force Wednesday but stayed inside the MacArthur High School and waited for the officers.



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THE LEGEND GROWS: Stephanie and Andrew Gobczynski are carrying on a tradition of basketball wizardry started by their dad, Leon, at Teutopolis High School in the '70s. Their mother, Becky's role in all this is keeping them healthy, friends and guests stuffed with wonderful cakes, cookies and a wide assortment of other goodies.



EgyptAir crash probe focus turns to co-pilot

WASHINGTON (AP) — A relief co-pilot alone in the EgyptAir cockpit said "I put my faith in God's hands" just before the jetliner began its fatal plunge, officials close to the investigation said Wednesday. Moments after the plane began to dive, the pilot returned to struggle — futilely — to pull out.

As Egyptian officials won time to send their own experts to review the cockpit voice recorder tape, state and law enforcement officials and other sources close to the investigation described the events leading up to the crash as the lead the United States to the verge of putting the FBI in charge of the inquiry as a potential criminal matter.

The current theory of the fate of EgyptAir Flight 990, which crashed into the Atlantic Ocean off Massachusetts, killing 217 people, is both tentative and incomplete, officials said, and no one official stressed. Further electronic enhancement of the tape recording and input from the Egyptian experts could alter the sketchy understanding of what went on.

With no sign of any mechanical malfunctions, investigators have been drawn to actions of the crew as captured on the cockpit voice recorder and synchronized with the plane's movements recorded in the flight data recorder.

The law enforcement official, who spoke only on condition of anonymity, and other sources close to the case gave this account what those recorders showed:

Relief co-pilot Capt. Gamal el-Batouty, scheduled to take over much later in the 11-hour New York-to-Luxor flight, turns on the cockpit and asks to fly. His request is accepted.

The cockpit door is opened later, after which there is no conversation, leading investigators to conclude el-Batouty is alone.

He says, "I have made my decision now, I put my faith in God's hands."

Shortly thereafter, the autopilot is turned off and the jet begins to descend steeply from 33,000 feet.

The cockpit door opens again. Investigators believe the pilot, Capt. Ahmed Maher al-Habashi, has returned because he is heard to ask what's going on. He takes back control because he is heard to say, "Pull with me. Help me. Pull with me." There is no sound of struggle, so some investigators believe that phrase is said in an argumentative tone.

The National Transportation Safety Board reported Wednesday that 33 seconds after the autopilot was turned off at 33,000 feet, there was an abrupt drop in the plane's elevators. "The pilot's side elevator moved up, which would push the nose up, but the control surface moved down in the nose-down position. These flaps on either side of the tail usually move up or down in unison to lower or raise the plane's nose."

EGYPTIAN

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