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**Quick Take**

**Tourney finale**

Mount Zion took third place and Peoria Central clipped Springfield to win the Decatur Thanksgiving Classic.

**Sports / C1**



**Gift guide**

Columbus Day is no expense in bringing you this year's Holiday Gift Guide. And he's not making this up.

**Lifestyle / G1**

**Growing pains**

St. Mary Catholic School in Taylorville has a problem many private schools would like to have - it's growing too fast. The school's fund-raising drive is nearing its goal, and a new school is rising in a lot next door.

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**Lottery**

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

- Pick Three-Midday: 7-4-4
- Pick Four-Midday: 5-1-5-5
- Pick Four-Evening: 7-4-1-3
- Lotto: 03-04-19-21-38-50
- Lotto jackpot: \$3.5 million
- Big Game jackpot: \$7 million

**Weather**

- Today: Partly cloudy. High 52.
- Tonight: Clearing. Low 31.

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**DECACUTER EDUCATION**



**ONE ON ONE:** Linda Hasenmyer, director of the Macon/Platt Regional Safe School, takes time for a discussion with 15-year-old Steven Austin. Hasenmyer said Safe School has lost seven kids "to the streets" but has returned 45 others to regular public school.

**Board hopes to broaden alternatives**

**Dispute over expulsions highlights need for options to help troubled students.**

**By KEN DICKSON**  
H&R Staff Writer

DECACUTER — School officials say some students have to pick up the tab if all students eligible for expulsion were given the opportunity to attend alternative education programs.

As the dispute between the Rainbow/PUSH Coalition and the Decatur School District unfolded over the past few weeks, the Rev. Jesse Jackson made it clear he thought the two-way school districts throughout the country deal with troubled students.

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**MUSIC MAKERS:** Darryl Foster, 12, left, and Laquan Houston, 13, created their own Thanksgiving rap as part of their activities on Wednesday at Safe School.

**Decatur School District numbers, 1998-99 school year**

Total enrollment	11,168
Number of students who were suspended	1,731
High school students involved	828
Elementary and middle school	903
Number of suspension cases	3,984
Half-day to three days	3,171
Four to 10 days	813
Number of expulsions	7

**Trouble brewing**

Many groups are planning discussions at this week's talks.

**Story / D1**

CITY: "We're not just dealing domestically. Our only salvation is to ship some crops overseas or grow less. The bottom line is we have to move our product."

Local agribusiness firms Archer Daniels Midland Co. and Cargill, Minneapolis, have much at stake during WTO talks. As global food processors, ADM and Staley rely on international trade and U.S. subsidy programs for major portions of income.

It will be the first time since the World Trade Organization in 1994 that a new round of talks is started. The meetings will begin a three-year process of setting the tone and agenda for the future of global trade.

American farmers hope to see progress made on global issues that hit farmers and grain companies in their pocketbooks, such as agricultural products and subsidies.

■ The WTO maintains that its agreements have opened up markets worldwide and created a global economic boom. Critics of the WTO include labor and environmental groups.

■ The 1999 Ministerial Conference in Seattle is expected to kick off a new round of talks lasting three years. The two major economic sectors on the agenda include agriculture and services.

**World Trade Organization**

■ An international institution and a forum for negotiating, administering and enforcing a set of agreements to reduce trade barriers.

■ Headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland.

■ One hundred and 15 nations, including the United States, have participated in the speedily formed talks of an unprecedented Protestant-Catholic administration, the administration's goal of last year's peace accord.

■ The Ulster Unionist leader David Trimble, who received just 38 percent support from his Protestant party's governing council, bought his break-through at a potentially heavy price.

Attempting to minimize opposition to forming a four-party administration, which would include the IRA-linked Sinn Fein party, Trimble told his party's grass roots to "read the paper." Catholic party leader in February if the Irish Republican Army hadn't begun to disarm by then.

The peace was passed on a 490-349 vote, allowing the Ulster Unionists to nominate candidates.

**Counties: 911's OK for Y2K**

Despite assurances, just 4 of 15 systems say they're 100% ready

**By NANCY CHESLEY**  
H&R Springfield Bureau Writer

SPRINGFIELD — Four of 15 Central Illinois emergency telephone systems report 100 percent compliance for the so-called year 2000 bug, but managers of the systems say there is no need for alarm.

System operators in Central Illinois and elsewhere say their systems will work as designed when the nation's electric services operate. A state official says he is not as concerned.

Records obtained from the Illinois Commerce Commission show half the state's 203 emergency telephone systems report 100 percent compliance as of Jan. 1. The records show the others reported percentages of compliance as low as zero or have not filed reports.

The commission list shows Macon County at 50 percent compliance in June, the last report received. Decatur police Cmdr. Michael Buckley said he was not in the city for three months and reports may have been filed. Buckley directs the police emergency communications division and countywide 911 service. He said the county's emergency system will be ready for 2000.

"The computers we're using will be OK," Buckley said. Two newer, faster computers were installed last week, and Buckley said all

**911**

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**Compliance**

**H&R Springfield Bureau**

SPRINGFIELD — Illinois Commerce Commission records show these Central Illinois emergency telephone compliance percentages and the date of the last reports if less than 100 percent compliant:

- Crawford County, 100 percent
- Edgar County, 100 percent
- Platt County, 100 percent
- Richland County, 100 percent
- Mariette County, 95 percent, November 1999
- Cumberland County, 10 percent, January 1999
- Repell County, 0 percent, June 1999
- Champaign County, 15 percent, June 1999
- Macon County, 50 percent, June 1999
- Logan County, 99 percent, June 1999
- Ogle County, 25 percent, June 1999
- Montgomery County, 72 percent, June 1999
- Douglas County, 85 percent, June 1999
- DeWitt County, 80 percent, August 1999
- Clark County, 80 percent, September 1999

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