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# Expulsions pose state problem

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The Rams' 23-7 victory over the team that had dominated them demonstrates how times have changed in the NFL.

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■ Excitement runs high for tonight's men's basketball showdown with Bradley.

■ Women fall from undefeated ranks.

■ Football bowl bid can be traced to another "B" players believing in each other.

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Be careful making your way around a guy's college dorm room, Dave Barry warns — it's a jungle.

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The FBI reports 10 percent fewer serious crimes over the first half of the year.

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

- Pick Three-Evening: 0-5-6
- Pick Four-Evening: 7-5-0-5
- Lotto jackpot: \$3 million
- Big Game jackpot: \$13 million

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**THANKSGIVING FEAST COSTS**



**GOOD BIRD BUYS:** Jim Gottman, Cub Foods meat department manager, is ready for the Thanksgiving turkey demand. Besides a display case full of turkeys, he has many more in the storeroom, too.

Herald & Review/Joseph C. Garza

## Competition slices turkey prices locally

Decatur store wars buck national trend toward higher birds.

**By SUSAN REED**  
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DECATUR — Although turkey prices are expected to be higher this year, competition is keeping prices at some local grocery stores below the average.

Turkey prices are down because turkeys are averaging 90 cents per pound, said Amnette Clauson, agriculture economist with the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Economic Research Service.

The price drop is about 10 cents per pound for "premium-quality" birds and 20 cents to 50 cents per pound for store-brands birds,

when accounting for special promotions.

Prices at Decatur's grocery retailers range from 90 cents to 99 cents per pound. Some stores are offering discounts on purchases or the use of a "customer loyalty" card to get the low prices.

Birds from stores such as Butterball, which is top turkey producer, are still at a premium in Decatur. Prices range from 88 cents to 99 cents with promotions. Other birds from Butterball, Jennie-O are lower than the ERS average.

Despite the turkey price competition in Decatur, a traditional holiday feast for 10 people will cost \$33 this year, up 74 cents from last year, according to an annual survey by the American Farm Bureau Federation. The price of a 16-pound turkey is up 52 cents this year to \$14.23 nationally, accounting for most of the increase.

The meal as calculated by the Farm Bureau includes a turkey, ham, sweet potatoes, rolls with butter, peas, cranberries, a relish tray of carrots and celery, pumpkin pie and coffee and milk.

The turkey price increase this year is due in large part to Hurricane Floyd, which killed an estimated 300,000 turkeys in eastern North Carolina, said Farm Bureau economist Joe Miller said.

"Hurricane Floyd just wiped them out, and turkey supplies plummeted," Miller said. "If turkey supplies plummets, turkey prices probably will go up again."

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**Arrests follow anti-racists' clash with Decatur police**

The group attempted to confront World Church of Creator demonstrators.

**By BRAD MUDD**  
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DECATUR — Four anti-racism protesters were arrested after a confrontation with police at a white supremacist rally Sunday afternoon in Nelson Park.

The protesters, from the Chicago-based Anti Racism Action group, were taken into custody after allegedly attempting to confront Matt Hale and 10 members of his World Church of the Creator, police said.

And the members of the white supremacist group sought refuge in a park bathroom while the protesters were approaching.

The four protesters were arrested on preliminary charges of resisting arrest, aggravated battery of a law enforcement officer and mailer.

Decatur police Lt. Christopher Ryan. The altercation happened as police were arriving at the park for a rally held about 30 minutes before the rally was scheduled to start, he said.

A line of 10 Emergency Response Team members — dressed in black and armed with canisters of pepper spray — separated about 20 protesters from the white supremacists and their supporters. About 50 people stood away from the protesters to listen to Hale speak from the pavilion with a bullhorn more than 200 feet away.

The groups traded taunts and insults while about 40 police officers stood nearby.

"They were going to show white people we're here for them. We

aren't wear masks," Hale said, referring to the protesters' attire. "We're here to protest."

"If Jesse Jackson and his mob come back, we might demonstrate again," said Brad Smith, a former member of Hale's organization.

**SHOUTING AT HALE:** A member of the Anti Racism Action group, Chicago, shouts over members of the Decatur Police Emergency Response Team Sunday at Nelson Park as Matt Hale, leader of the white supremacist World Church of the Creator, was speaking to an assembled crowd of 50 people.

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**Iguanas find their Decatur champion**

Woman researches, tells would-be owners to beware.

**DECATUR** — Club Club the iguana owner to be the most popular lizard in the country. He already knows how to make a dramatic entrance: Bright green, with a ridge of spikes running down his scaly 40-inch-long body and tail, Club Club looks like a table-top version of Godzilla; all that's needed to complete the picture is some white-coated Japanese dentures and a poor script in badly dubbed English.

But while Godzilla usually torches the opposition and emerges in stop-motion triumph, Club Club often ends in tragedy.

"Iguanas look like diamonds and have a very temperamental pet and a lot of the people buying them have no idea how to take care of them," says Club Club's owner, Lisa Hensley of Decatur.

"The result is the animals get diseased or injured and, because iguanas are quite hardy, they linger and die miserably."

Hensley and a group of 400 fellow iguana-lovers across the nation are on a crusade to stop the scaly carnage. She's an Illinois coordinator for National Iguana Awareness Day — set for Sept. 9, 2000 — and is working hard to spread the gospel of humane lizard care.

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**Internet, e-mail may rejuvenate frail elderly**

Geriatrics expert cites help for loneliness, helplessness.

**SAN FRANCISCO** (AP) — Is the fountain of youth available at the click of a mouse?

Geriatrics experts say nursing home residents, even the frail ones, take to computers quickly and can revitalize their lives through e-mail and Internet access.

"It's turned into a window to life," said David Lansdale, a geriatrics expert from Stanford University. "It's an easy way to connect."

Lansdale, who believes every nursing home should be equipped with computer-e-mail and Internet access, is one of several people raising the issue here at a weekend meeting of the Gerontological Society of America.

Lansdale said mastery of e-mail and Internet access can help overcome what he termed the four plagues of institutionalized elders: loneliness, boredom, helplessness and decline of mental skills.

"The end result is we want to promote relationships," he said. "Getting connected is bringing people back to life."

He directs a program called LinkingAges that teaches nursing home

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