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## Quick Take



### Illini spotlight

Kurt Kitter has overcome plenty of challenges before ever taking on the role of quarterback for the University of Illinois.

Meanwhile, Kitter and the Illini have the chance to lock up a bowl berth today if they beat Northwestern. And, get ready for rivalry week.

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### Microsoft mediator

A surprise judicial move may signal an out-of-court settlement in the massive antitrust case.

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### Education hero

Real estate agent Oral Lee Brown earns honors for changing the world, one child at a time. The woman helped 19 Oakland, Calif., youngsters get to college.

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## Lottery

Here are the winning numbers selected Friday:

- Pick Three-Midday: 2-3-7
- Pick Three-Evening: 2-1-5
- Pick Four-Midday: 2-1-1-9
- Pick Four-Evening: 1-4-7-8
- Little Lotto: 04-09-11-14-16
- Lotto jackpot: \$2.5 million
- Big Game: 1-18-28-36-42
- Big Money Ball: 19
- Big Game jackpot: \$10 million

## Weather

■ Today: Partly cloudy. High 54.

■ Tonight: Mostly clear. Low 37.

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## ADM lunch puts soy in spotlight

The company spreads the word about food's health benefits.

By PAUL BRUNKMANN  
H&R Staff Writer

DECATUR — It was a "celebration of soy" in the city once known as the Soy Capital of the World.

Archer Daniels Midland Co. served up a luncheon Friday for the Chamber of Commerce for Decatur and Macon County in which all the dishes contained soy products.

The stroganoff was made with soy-enhanced noodles and Harvest Burger-brand textured soy protein. The rolls contained soy flour, and the even the dessert — pumpkin custard — was soy-based.

To those who are familiar with ADM events, the food was no surprise. Many audience members were pleased.

"I liked the taco dip and the dessert especially," said Joan Wolf, Realtor and farm

landlord.

ADM has been trumpeting the health benefits of soy for years. Now they have an official ruling from the Food and Drug Administration to back them up — soy protein, when consumed as part of a healthy lifestyle, can reduce the risk of heart disease by lowering cholesterol.

October's FDA ruling allows companies such as ADM to put health claim labels on soy-based products that contain 6.25 grams of soy per serving.

"Decatur, Illinois, feeds the world, and now we're helping to make the world healthier," said Julie Moore, executive director of the Chamber.

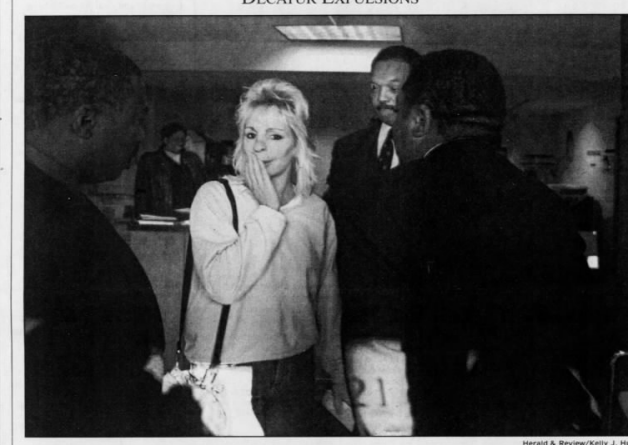
ADM Chairman and Chief Executive Officer G. Allen Andreas, the keynote speaker at the lunch, outlined the company's huge



ALL SOY: Decatur Club server Shafer prepares to distribute plates of Harvest Burger Recipe Crumbles Stroganoff over soy-enhanced noodles to a table at the ADM soy luncheon on Friday.

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## DECATUR EXPULSIONS



ON THE INSIDE: Diane Doty was invited into the Macon-Platt Regional Office of Education on Thursday by the Rev. Jesse Jackson, Keith Anderson, right, and the Rev. James Meeks, left. Doty said her son Jerad Thorneil, 15, is also trying to enter an alternative education program but has been placed on a waiting list.

## School board responds to PUSH petition

An anti-racism panel wants Hale shunned, as healing events planned.

By TOM COLLINS and VALERIE WELLS  
H&R Staff Writers

URBANA — Lawyers for the Decatur school board have filed a response to a petition by arguing that the board used sound policies and good judgment in expelling several Decatur students from the school.

Last week, the Rev. Jesse Jackson brought the expelled students to Urbana, where lawyers for six of the seven filed a petition in federal court.

That petition seeks an injunction and restraining order against the school board. If ruled upon favorably by the court, a federal judge could overturn the district's "zero tolerance" policy and force the students to be reinstated in their regular schools.

The students charged the school board with adopting an "unwritten policy of 'zero tolerance'" which was "arbitrary, capricious, unreasonable and oppressive." They also accused the board of using inflammatory language in characterizing the fight (i.e., "ganglike activity"), doling out punishment disproportionately and failing to properly notify the students and their parents of the board's actions.

In disciplinary hearings Oct. 1 and 4, the school board expelled seven students for two years for fighting at a Sept. 17 football game at Eisenhower High School. One student has moved out of state, and the board reduced the remaining expulsions to one year during a special meeting Nov. 8.

On Friday, the presence of white supremacist Matt Hale in Decatur prompted Decatur Not In Our Town executive director Carolyn Wagner to hold a news conference at the Decatur Civic Center to denounce his rhetoric. However, neither she nor anyone else mentioned him or his World Church of the Creator by name.

We are aware of hate group activity in Decatur, and we would like to encourage community members

## Alternative school sought for boy

Decatur woman upset that 6 students put ahead of her son.

By KEN DICKSON  
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DECATUR — The six young men at the center of the expulsion controversy can begin attending alternative school Monday.

Craig Milligan, Macon-Platt regional superintendent, would not elaborate on Friday, however, which students would attend what programs.

Diane Doty, meanwhile, remains unsure if her son will be allowed to enroll in an alternative school program after waiting to do so for more than five months.

The Decatur woman was hopping mad Thursday after she heard the Rev. Jesse Jackson was going to Milligan's office to enroll the six expelled Decatur high school students in alternative schools.

"It's not right these kids get in ahead of mine. I'm going to fight it," Doty yelled Thursday morning from outside a ring of news media surrounding Jackson in front of Milligan's office in Decatur.

Doty's 15-year-old son, Jerad Thorneil, has been out of Eisenhower High School for more than two weeks and waiting to get into Futures Unlimited, which students tend to have attendance problems, for more than five months. The other alternative high schools in Decatur are Safe School, for disruptive students; PACE, for students on probation; and Teen GED for older teen-agers.

At the regional office Thursday, both Keith Anderson, vice president of the Decatur chapter of the Rainbow/PUSH Coalition and director of Decatur's Homework Hangout, and Jackson hugged Doty and said they will do what they can for her son.

"We'll fight for your kids, too," Anderson said.

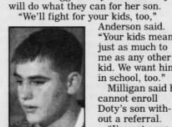
"Your kids mean just as much to me as any other kid. We want him in school, too."

"I'm not sure what can be done. The schools give us names of students for recommendations," Milligan said. "I'm sorry all children cannot get the opportunity for alternative education, but with limited staff, resources and funding, it's not possible."

Doty said she tried to get her son in Futures Unlimited before the start of this school year.

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## CAT profit status won't threaten jobs

The lower-than-expected projections are not likely to spur shutdown in Decatur.

By SUSAN REIDY  
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DECATUR — No layoffs or temporary shutdowns are planned for Decatur's Caterpillar Inc. plant following the company's announcement Friday that fourth-quarter results will be lower than anticipated.

"The mix of products (in Decatur) are significant enough to maintain the current level of work to meet the demand," said Marsha Hausser of Caterpillar corporate public affairs.

The Decatur plant was shut down for a week on May 24 and Aug. 2 to bring supply in line with demand.

Karen Verhusen, president of the United Auto Workers Local 781, said the union has been told there won't be any shutdowns through the end of the year.

The Peoria-based company said fourth-quarter profits of 97 cents per share, up from 63 cents a share in the fourth quarter of 1998.

Third-quarter profits of \$219 million were down from \$206 million in the third quarter of 1998. Sales of \$4.72 billion in the third quarter were \$438 million lower than last year.

Caterpillar stock closed at \$49.1875 a share Friday on the New York Stock Exchange, a fall of \$6.75 from Thursday's closing price. The low for the day was \$49 per share.

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## Legislators expect 'goofy ideas' on state tax cuts

SPRINGFIELD (AP) — Legislative leaders who embraced Gov. George H. Ryan's package of increases in liquor taxes and license-plate fees last spring are now talking with him about giving taxpayers an election-year gift of a tax cut.

"Everybody's got a goofy idea," Senate President James "Pete" Philip, R-Rood Dale, said Thursday. "There's lots of ideas out there."

No decision has been reached on how much to put back in taxpayers' pockets or how to do it, but some of the ideas would be quite costly and be a major reversal at the Statehouse on tax questions.

Adopting one or more of them would also help lawmakers make voters forget about the tax package that helped pay for Ryan's \$12 billion public works program.

For much of the decade, anti-tax groups in Illinois have sharply criticized state lawmakers for spending

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