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### Quick Take

#### Getting their kicks

The change in key on-field personnel and tactics has paid dividends for MacArthur's soccer team. The Generals will play New Lenox Providence Friday in the state quarterfinals at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville.

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## The Field of the Dogs

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### 1999 UNITED WAY CAMPAIGN

Goal . . . . . \$2.5 million  
Raised . . . . . \$2,012,656.97  
Needed . . . . . \$487,343.03  
Days left . . . . . 14

### Lottery

Here are the winning numbers selected Wednesday:  
■ Pick Three-Midday: 7-2-6  
■ Pick Three-Evening: 9-9-5  
■ Pick Four-Midday: 4-0-6-3  
■ Pick Four-Evening: 0-4-7-1  
■ Little Lotto: 04-05-19-21-29  
■ Lotto: 01-02-13-18-36-41  
■ Lotto jackpot: \$3 million  
■ Big Game jackpot: \$54 million

### Weather

■ Today: Warmest  
High 63.  
■ Tonight: Clear, mild.  
Low 42.

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'For Jackson, this is a photo op and a sound bite. To characterize this as a schoolyard brawl is not right. . . . Do we have to wait until someone is killed to take action?'

D.R. Roberts, Decatur school board member

## Board stands ground



Herald & Review photo/Dennis Magner

**CLOSED SESSION:** Decatur School District attorney Jeffrey Taylor blocks the door to a conference room during a meeting Wednesday morning between the Rev. Jesse Jackson and district officials. Jackson said there will be a rally Sunday to protest the expulsions of seven students.

Jackson says parents, other supporters prepared to face arrest to fight for expelled students' reinstatement.

By KEN DICKSON  
H&R Staff Writer  
DECATUR — The Rev. Jesse Jackson plans to seek a court order and is organizing a march with thousands of supporters in an effort to sway the Decatur school board.  
Jackson talked about these steps after "running into a brick wall" Wednesday in his efforts to win reinstatement for seven high school students who were expelled for two years after a brawl Sept. 17 in the bleachers at an Eisenhower High School football game.  
The founder and president of the Rainbow/PUSH Coalition held a town hall meeting in Decatur on Tuesday night, spoke to community leaders at a breakfast Wednesday then met with school board President Jackie Goetter.  
After meeting with Goetter on Wednesday, Jackson said he had expected to speak to all the school board members to make an appeal for them to rescind their vote and let all the students back in school, because "two years is too long." Goetter and Jeffrey Perkins, however, were the only board members present.  
A noticeably upset Jackson said afterward he would file for a temporary restraining order against the school district and talk to the state superintendent of schools and the Illinois attorney general.  
"There will be a major, nonviolent demonstration in Decatur on Sunday," Jackson said. "We intend to take them back to school. We



**MAKING A STAND:** Jeffrey Perkins, right, the only school board member to vote against the two-year expulsions, sticks close to the Rev. Jesse Jackson as Jackson answers questions from the media.

hope the school will be open to them, but we intend to take them back to school."  
Jackson was asked if he was willing to risk arrest.  
"We hope by that time the board will have changed its mind, but if we have to put our lives on the line and face arrest to reclaim our children, then we will," he said.  
Jackson later told a group of people from the local chapter of Rainbow/PUSH to "have your kids at school Monday (and) be prepared to get arrested."  
Goetter said the two-year expulsions stand, but she reiterated that the students could be reinstated at the end of the school year if they are involved in a community education program and if the board receives at least monthly reports on their progress.  
"If we consider anything else, it sends the

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**McKinney**  
Jury deliberated verdict 10 hours over two days

## Man may face death penalty for student's beating death

Case helped galvanize efforts to shore up hate crime laws across country.

LARAMIE, Wyo. (AP) — A 22-year-old man was convicted of murder Wednesday in the beating of gay college student Matthew Shepard and could get the death penalty after a trial in which the defense portrayed Shepard as a sexual aggressor.

The jury returns today to begin hearing evidence in the sentencing phase for Aaron McKinney, a roofer and high school dropout who was one of two men arrested in the slaying of the University of Wyoming student.

If jurors do not vote unanimously for death, McKinney will receive life in prison, and the judge cannot alter the sentence.

Shepard was lured last year from a bar, lashed to a fence, bludgeoned in the head with a pistol and left to die on the cold prairie in a case whose brutality led to demands for hate crime laws across the country.

The other man arrested, 22-year-old Russell Henderson, pleaded guilty in April to kidnapping and murder and is serving two life sentences.

The jury deliberated for 10 hours over two days.

As the jury was about to announce its verdict, McKinney stood impassively next to his lawyers, clasping his hands in front of him. When the first verdict was read — guilty of kidnapping — he moved his arms to his sides. His father, William, looked straight ahead with no emotion.

Shepard's parents, Dennis and Judy, held hands and looked ahead, expressionless. Neither McKinney's father nor the Shepards would comment.

President Clinton issued a statement praising the jurors' decision.

McKinney's lawyers had sought to use a "gay panic" defense based on the theory that some men are prone to an uncontrollable, violent reaction when propositioned by a homosexual.

District Judge Barton Voigt, however, disallowed the "gay panic" defense, ruling that it was similar to temporary insanity or a diminished-capacity defense — both of which are prohibited under Wyoming law.

The jury convicted McKinney of felony murder, kidnapping and aggravated robbery. It rejected a first-degree premeditated murder charge that said McKinney had planned the attack.

Prosecutors said McKinney and Henderson robbed Shepard of \$20. Investigators said robbery was the primary motive but that Shepard also was singled out because he was gay.

## Community urged to 'redeem' troubled children

By VALERIE WELLS  
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DECATUR — At a breakfast Wednesday for community and religious leaders, the Rev. Jesse Jackson compared the seven young men who were expelled from school for fighting at a football game to the lost sheep Jesus spoke of in the Gospels.

The parable tells of a shepherd who had 100 sheep. One got lost, so the shepherd left the 99 and went looking for the lost one, and was happier to find that lost one and bring it home than he was about the 99 who didn't stray.

"You could argue you've got most kids in school, but what about the one?" Jackson said.

"While you are all arguing about the saved ones, I hear dogs barking. I hear wolves howling. My lost sheep will not be meat for the dogs tonight. I'm going to get my lost sheep."

Children who get into trouble, whether that's a fight or difficulty keeping their grades up, Jackson said, need more attention than the **CHILDREN**  
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## Hair-raising transplants could lead to other medical breakthroughs

The researchers, led by biologist Colin Jahoda at Durham University, in England, took cells at the bottom of hair pores — or follicles — from Jahoda's own scalp and from a colleague's. These cells from the so-called dermal sheath were then transplanted into the forearm of Jahoda's wife.  
Within five weeks, the transplanted tissue — no bigger than the head of a pin — made a total of five fully grown hairs in the woman's arm.  
The transplanted tissue "is telling the cells of the recipient: You will make a hair follicle," Jahoda said. The new hair was genetically male. It was longer, thicker and darker than arm hair, but it combined some characteristics of both donor and recipient.  
Current baldness treatments include hair grafts and certain drugs. Drugs can slow hair loss or even produce new hair, but only in a limited number of people. In grafts, hair is lifted from one section of a man's scalp and transplanted whole into a bald spot on his head. However, the process requires a slow, expensive and potentially painful series of operations.  
The new work suggests the possibility of a quicker procedure with less cutting and the creation of new hair in just about anyone. The cells could be removed from a person's own scalp or, if that person cannot produce good quality cells, they could be collected from someone else.  
"Toppers are not out yet, however. It is not yet clear whether such newly grown hair will last, pop up at the correct angle, and satisfy several other requirements for cosmetically acceptable treatments, researchers said. The microsurgery used in the experiment is complex, too