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t the Assembly Hall on Monday trying out
n Gladiators' television show.

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arbor said. "This is great. I really didn't
pect this. I just learned they were coming
st week. Now I've got to call my brothers
d sisters — I've got 14."
The show's organizers said 12 contestants
ere to be selected from Monday's tryouts.
our men and four women were to be cho-
n to compete; the other four are alternates.
Most of the hopefuls were college-age, and
out 80 percent were men. At least four out
five were cut after the first test — 55
ngertip push-ups in a minute for the men,
d 35 regular push-ups in a minute for the
omen.
And then came another three tests —
ishes, sprints and Powerball — that con-
ests had to pass to be considered. First was
e 40-yard-dash, which men had to complete
5.25 seconds, women in 6.25 seconds.
Gil Ballmes, a 37-year-old Champaign mail-

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Police link U attacks to gang ritual

Official says attacks similar to 'wilding'

By MICHAEL GRAY
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Two black gangs of Champaign and Urbana high school students are attacking whites in Champaign's Campustown area as part of an initiation ritual, according to Champaign's deputy police chief.

— Donald Carter said the "Dawgs" from Urbana and the "Dehood" gang from Champaign were responsible for nine attacks last month, mostly in the 300 to 500 blocks of East Green Street in Champaign.

He said the attacks also include an area several blocks north and south of Green.

Carter told the Champaign Human Relations Commission on Monday that the attacks between Sept. 13 and 19 were by "fairly large groups of individuals" between the ages of 15 and 23.

No victims have required extended medical care, but at least one person was knocked unconscious, he said.

Carter said the "Dawgs" gang members wear red jackets and red caps. "Dehood" members wear black and yellow clothing, he said.

The gangs' main activity, he ad-

ded, is to search for "a polar bear" — a white person — "and see if they can punch them out" as part of their initiation.

Some "Dawgs" have the gang's name cut into their hair on the back of their heads, Carter said. And some may wear the left leg of their pants shorter than the right.

Some "Dawgs" are required to carry large rocks to prove they can elude police or their victims, even when weighed down, he said.

So far, Carter said, increased patrols by uniformed and plain-clothes police the last three weeks resulted in 15 arrests. Some of them were for curfew violations.

He said police have identified more than 40 people who fit the gangs' profiles. But the problem is only being contained and could mushroom into a larger racial clash in the community, Carter added.

"I feel there's a situation developing for a tremendous backlash to come from the white or black community," he said. "It's only a matter of time before someone brings a weapon to the area and we have a tragedy."

Carter said the attacks are "reminiscent of wilding" — random gang attacks in East Coast cities.

"It's new to (Champaign-Urbana), but the world, I guess, is moving in on us," Urbana Assistant Police Chief Russ Brown said

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EU professor-psychologist pleads guilty to mail fraud

By MELISSA MERLIE
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DANVILLE — A 50-year-old psy-

chologist and Eastern Illinois submitted by patients treated at Holt's Coles County Counseling Center in Charleston and Mattoon.

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35	64	38	72	48	clr	Honolulu	91	75	90	72	90	72	clr	Richmond	63	38	66	38	74	48	clr
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s-Gazette photo by Robert K. O'Daniel
spots on the television

people who showed in largest in Illinois for the ated the crowd at 600 to 00 in Peoria and 200 in ment of the tryout times ago, which resulted in showing up, he said. said the recruiters have r in a 100-city tour that y. The largest showing re Garden, where 3,000 en 7 a.m. and 10 p.m. held next year in Trump stants will compete for izes.

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Gangs

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this morning. "It starts in other places, but it all eventually gets here." Brown and Carter both relate the appearance of youth gangs to the growth of the illegal drug trade locally. "Our intelligence tells us that already we have people affiliated with Chicago gangs selling drugs here or enlisting help," Carter said.

Added Brown, "The drugs are bringing it in, especially now with the crack (cocaine) problem." Champaign Mayor Dannel McCollum said that, among other things, juvenile offenders should be publicly identified and receive harsher punishment than they do now for breaking the law.

"We've got to be flexible with police resources so we can hit gang activity where it moves," McCollum said.

Ernestine Jackson, Champaign's human relations officer, said a 2 p.m. Monday meeting on the subject is expected to include the superintendents from the Champaign and Urbana school districts.

Jackson said representatives from the University of Illinois; the Champaign, Urbana and UI

police departments; and Champaign County Sheriff's Department also are expected to attend. Jackson said her office will advise merchants in the Campustown area who stay open at night "what they can do to curtail loitering" in their businesses. Urbana Superintendent Leonard Burns said this morning he was unaware of any gang activity at the high school.

He added that he can't attend the Monday meeting, but that Urbana High School Principal Robert Nielsen will be there. "One needs to realize that Urbana students are students during the day and other kinds of people on weekends and evenings," Burns said. "I don't know what jurisdiction schools have when students commit gang activity in Campustown or anywhere else."

Champaign Superintendent Timothy Hyland said he hasn't seen Carter's report and wasn't sure "of the details on which gangs have been identified."

He said that Joe Tomlinson, director of personnel for Champaign schools, will represent the district at the meeting Monday.

UI Police Department Capt. Frederick Kallmayer will represent the university, according to UI spokeswoman Judith Rowan.

Pay hikes

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Decatur area workers earned the lowest pay increases last year, but their average salary ranked second-highest in the state. The average raise in Decatur was 1.8 percent, from \$23,730 to \$24,152.

Lake County workers — who got an average 8.3 percent raise last year — ranked highest both in the state and Great Lakes region in pay increases for 1990, Labor Department statistics show.

The figure reflects growth in the area of discount retail malls

and office space for small- and medium-sized businesses, said Diane Swonk, senior regional economist for First Chicago Corp. bank holding company.

Lake County grew rapidly in the late 1980s as employers were attracted by low property values, low taxes and a highly educated labor pool, said Swonk.

"It was a very unexploited area, and it boomed because it was so cheap," Swonk said Monday. "There aren't any big-name companies there, but the growth has just been explosive."



Jean Driscoll, 20, Illinois track. On

Driscoll

By JOE MILLAS
News-Gazette Staff

Champaign's Jean Driscoll is known her she thrills the past few She has exulted setting victory a Marathon, then better this year again in a world hour, 42 minutes She set world women's 800 and the Paralympic celona, Spain, in She has a close and more than nings for her ef and track this ye

But Monday nperienced a first first for any who

The 24-year-old received the Women's Year award in award was pres by track star Kersee, last year The winner in category was go "This is deft prestigious awa ceived," said L pursuing her in the University habilitation