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Decatur, Illinois

City braces for multiple marches

**Quick Take**  
**Bombers, Hawks ready for showdown**

The Meridian Hawks and the Anna-Oreana Bombers meet today in quarterfinal play. The unbeaten Newton Eagles travel to Benton for their game, and Tuscola faces Tolono Unity.

**Sports / D1, 3**



**Folk saint**

Mexicans and Americans still seek healing from faith healer Jose Fidencio Constantino, "El Nino Fidencio," 61 years after his death.

**Lifestyle / B1**

**1999 UNITED WAY CAMPAIGN**

Goal	\$2.5 million
Raised	\$2,139,471.09
Needed	\$360,528.91
Days left	6

**Lottery**

Here are the winning numbers selected Friday:

- Pick Three-Midday: 2-4-9
- Pick Three-Evening: 6-9-0
- Pick Four-Midday: 4-8-9-5
- Pick Four-Evening: 4-8-9-6
- Little Lotto: 01-03-15-21-25
- Lotto Jackpot: \$6 million
- Big Game: 20-26-27-40-45
- Big Money Ball: 22
- Big Game Jackpot: \$5 million

**Weather**

■ Today: Mostly sunny. High 75.  
 ■ Tonight: Clear. Low 44.

**Details / B8**

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**Teachers show support for board**

**By TONY REID**  
 Herald Staff Writer

DECATUR — Decatur's teachers stood strong behind their school board on Friday in an ocean of blue ribbons that underlined a defiant "Yes" to the idea of zero tolerance for violence.

The teachers, who showed their support for the board — were everywhere as more than 2,000 teachers gathered in an armful of Decatur for the Macon-Piatt Educational Conference, a series of professional seminars designed to improve classroom skills.

But the tone on many minds, inevitably, was the furor sur-

**TOP ISSUE:** Joseph Smith, principal at Washington School, says teachers at Friday's Macon-Piatt Educational Conference were talking about the current issues in the Decatur School District. Smith said the occurrence of violence "sends a message that our schools are going to be safe, and it sends a message that teachers can be safe also." Related story / A3

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**By PAUL BRINKMANN**  
 Herald Staff Writer

DECATUR — The maestro of public attention surrounding seven students expelled from the Decatur School District could reach a new level Saturday as a planned march by Jesse Jackson's Rainbow PUSH Coalition has recruited marchers from an Indiana Ku Klux Klan group.

City officials met for hours on Friday "to make sure this is a safe and orderly event," said Mayor Terry Howley.

"We want to reassure all citizens of this city that we will be keeping public protection. We hope there will be no incidents,"

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**ILLINOIS FARM OUTLOOK**

**State crops come up feast or famine**



**CHECKING PRICES:** Assumption farmer Jim Coffman, right, chats with Sigan's sales manager Mike Orris Thursday, after looking over a John Deere 8100 tractor.

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