

# Peace march focus blurred — organizer

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limited time Wednesday in the student parking lot at Farmington High.

Success, a black Farmington resident in a biracial family victimized by racial slurs for the past two years, will lead the Love Force United Progressive March of 1989 on Sunday.

**THE MARCH** is set to begin at 3:07 p.m. on the north sidewalk of Grand River, from Mooney to Liberty — a two-mile-long route. It will end with a rally at the steps of Farmington City Hall until 6:07 p.m.

**Who's coming?** "The only person guaranteed is me," Success said Thursday. "I don't know who else is coming."

"When I see the organizations and names that come in, I will tell you more. It will be a surprise. I think the suspense is good. I think a lot of people don't need to know who will be there. The suspense will create what we need."

"I want to talk about the peace march and certain reactions. I don't want the focus to be placed on me; I don't think it is important. I don't want the attention placed on me. I don't want to be the person who is accused of being media conscious."

**SUCCESS DOESN'T** want supporters' names printed because of

what he called economic and social reprisals. "That's why I didn't want you at the meeting the other day," he said.

Apparently, one supporter received a prank phone call after she was seen on television during a late-summer organizational meeting, he said.

"I dealt with two ministers this morning and they want to go part of the way," Success said. "They want to work behind the scenes. If I mentioned that they had breakfast with me today, they would not want their congregation to know. They want to save face. People don't want to face their white neighbors. Some people are caught between the fence."

"One of the persons in Love Force United said they will not sacrifice their cars, their homes and all that for a march."

Of Nazis and KKKers, PLP, he said, "There's nothing I can do about it. I'm not going to ignore it. What are you guys (the press) going to do about it? People have ignored my situation here in Farmington for four years. I've said, 'Please help us.' This group showing up shows that we need to have this march."

"The first issue is what is the city's response? When my home was defaced, the city never said, 'We will help you.' They never denounced the racist acts in public."

Mayor Richard Tupper wasn't available for comment Friday. But

he earlier said, "We're certainly concerned about the harassment that Mr. Success is having to endure. He has as much right to live in Farmington as anybody else."

**SUCCESS' IDEAL**, headline for peace march promotion, "Love Force United. What A Dream."

"It seems that there is more denouncing of me than of the dastardly act," Success said. "I'm planning on having a summit in the city after the march with the mayor and city officials."

What about the five suggestions for racial harmony he planned to submit to the mayor of Farmington about a month ago?

He called for a proclamation recognizing Martin Luther King's birthday, designating February as Black History month, creating a biracial task force, teaching in the elementary schools the diversity of culture and hiring one qualified black person for the public safety department or the city hall staff.

"They (city officials) are fully aware. They read the article. Why should I present something? They know the needs of the community. I don't need to tell them. I believe there are a lot of good-hearted white Americans out there."

"Blacks and whites need to come together. Writing articles uplifting other groups and condemning me won't do it. I want Farmington united as one group of people."

## Event spurs mixed reactions

Local reaction to the unity walk for racial harmony coming up Sunday is mixed.

Some residents don't believe there are local racial problems. "I'm not for the Nazi group," said Pam Smith of Farmington Hills. "I don't feel they should even be down here. I don't think there are racial problems here or in my neighborhood. I don't see why they need a peace march."

In view of recent developments, Debbie Brownson of Farmington

Hills also doesn't think it will be too peaceful during the march. "I hope they cancel it," she said. "It's going to be a problem for everyone around here. We've got a mixed bag of nationalities but it's not a problem here. I'm hoping it will all die down."

Tom Maas, a local businessman who lives in Farmington Hills, donated registration brochures for the march.

"It's become a free-for-all for a

bunch of no issues," said Maas, who plans to march. "Something wrong happened and people want to say some nice things and have a peaceful march. I realize you can't make it right with just a march. It's unfortunate all this has happened," said Maas in a Friday telephone interview from Chicago.

Ruth Williams, a Farmington resident, is still trying to form an opinion. "I keep on reading about it but I don't really know what my reaction is," she said.

## Bonelli attorneys hope report will show insanity

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**WITTENBERG'S COMMENTS** came Monday after he appeared in Oakland County Circuit Court to ask that the Bonelli case be continued until the forensic center completes its report. Bonelli, handcuffed and dressed in a dark blue jail uniform, also appeared in court and nodded when asked by Judge Alice Gilbert whether he understood why the case was being delayed.

A not guilty plea was entered last March for Bonelli, who was 17 and attending the Farmington Training Center for emotionally impaired students at the time of his arrest. Officials said Bonelli confessed to his involvement in the death of Fracchia, found face down in shallow water approximately 50 feet from the north shore of Orchard Lake.

Fracchia's body was found by Oakland County Drain Commission workers who were inspecting a water-level control pump.

In court Monday, attorneys briefly discussed the issue of a speedy trial for Bonelli, who is being held without bond in the Oakland County Jail. But Wittenberg said he doubts that Bonelli will be tried "until after the first of the year. How much after, we don't know."

Wittenberg said defense attorneys are less concerned about a speedy trial than they are about ensuring

that all medical information potentially relevant to Bonelli's case has been thoroughly examined.

"We're not pressing the issue" of a speedy trial, he said Monday. "There has been an awful lot of passion in this case. We want to make sure everything is as thorough as possible."

Wittenberg said Bonelli has a history of psychiatric problems and that he had been under psychiatric care "for a number of years" prior to Fracchia's death.


Once the forensic center issues its report, Wittenberg said defense attorneys may decide "to take issue" with the findings and request that another report be compiled — but by experts chosen by the defense.

Guest speakers will be state Rep. James Kostiva, D-Canton, and Steve Young of the Michigan State Chamber of Commerce.

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