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Teachers Won't Work Without Contract; Talks Continuing

By DAN McCOSH

The opening of Farmington schools on time is hanging on the signing of a contract with the teachers. As of Friday, negotiations were continuing, but several contract items were unresolved.

The Farmington Education Assn. has taken the position it will not go to work without a contract, according to Roger Allen, executive director of the FEA.

Robert Coleman, chief negotiator for the district,

agrees in principal with the FEA.

"It leaves everything up in the air for everybody when you let it drag on," Coleman said.

Allen said the teachers would meet at 7:30 a.m. Tuesday, the day they are due at work, to take a vote on whether or not to "withhold their services" in the event a contract is not yet signed.

For the past several years, teachers have continued to work although a contract was not signed until the winter months.

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High school students register on Wednesday, go for a partial day on Thursday, and start their first whole day of Friday.

Tax Analysis

The Farmington Hills council is embarking on a fight against a long-standing taxing policy of Oakland County which will have wider implications than the local tax bill. For background on the issue, see:

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Planners Attacked

A reader criticizes the Farmington Hills planning commission's past actions in a letter in today's Enterprise and Observer.

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Little Village

The Methodist Children's Village is located on a beautiful 65 acres of land in Redford Township on the south side of Six Mile Rd. Now the Village is sponsoring a day care center for the first time and it will have several special features. See our coverage on

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Theater Season

Community theater groups in Southfield and Redford, Livonia have made plans for the coming season. To see what they are up to turn to the amusement section.

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She Is 101

A Livonia woman celebrated her 101st birthday this week and Observing Life's camera was there.

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Area Clubs
DON'T MISS IT!

Members of the North Farmington High School Band got together early at Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp to work on fundamentals of marching and preliminary preparation for half-time shows for fall.

A typical day included six hours of marching drills and concert rehearsals under the co-direction of Doug MacQueen and Dave Ramaker.

The remainder of the day was spent in recreation and evening activities.

"Improvement in the band is very rapid," MacQueen said, "and this year's marching band looks like it will be one of our best ever."

"In this sort of setting, the band is able to accomplish as much in a day as they normally achieve in a week. Besides, it's a lot of fun, too."

From August 1962 through February 1973, it was charged, Day, through the corporation and two other companies, sold more than \$1 million in unregistered stocks.

The order also states Day used proceeds of current sales of securities to pay interest and dividends on prior investments.

Investigation revealed Day had sold his home in Farmington Hills and moved to Florida. He returned Friday, and a warrant was issued for his arrest upon receipt of sworn affidavits by the prosecutor's office, and a complained investor.

Farmington District Judge Michael J. Hand set bond at \$50,000. A preliminary hearing was scheduled for Sept. 7.

Day was charged with three violations of the state uniform securities act. The charges included failure to provide investors with information about their security purchases; sale of non-exempt securities, and obtaining the money under false pretenses.

The first two charges carry a maximum penalty of three years imprisonment and \$5,000 in fines. The third is punishable by up to 10 years in prison.

A July cease and desist order issued by the state Department of Commerce to First American 2001 Evergreen, and Day stated that from September 1969 through August 1970, 27,600 shares of common stock, \$133,300 in unregistered securities, were sold to investors.

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By JACKIE KLEIN

The president of the First American Securities Corp. of Southfield has been arraigned on charges of defrauding investors of more than \$1 million in unregistered securities.

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