



Good old days: Howard Legg hawked his Goodfellows papers at Farmington's main corner last year. This year, the Farmington Goodfellows have deserted the streets — but not the cause.

Goodfellows to avoid mean streets in fund-raiser

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The familiar sight of a rosy checked volunteer bracing the wind while racing between cars in traffic with newspaper in hand will soon be a faded memory.

For the first time in 23 years, there won't be any Farmington Area Goodfellows on street corners the Friday after Thanksgiving. The annual newspaper sale, the organization's traditional fund-raiser, has been discontinued in the Farmington area. A rush of injuries resulting from Goodfellows volunteers being hit

by cars — including three in Livonia last year — prompted the decision.

Instead, the Farmington Goodfellows are using the mail to appeal for donations this year. Some 40,000 Farmington area residents should receive a letter in the next week or so asking for tax-deductible contributions.

"The basic thing is we'd all feel very badly — with or without insurance — if someone got hurt," said Jim Stevens, a Farmington area Goodfellows public relations coordinator.

The Goodfellows want to continue addressing the pain and suffering of those during the holidays. Last year, the group raised \$23,000. This year the goal is \$25,000.

Economic uncertainty coupled with the abrupt tradition of selling newspapers has Goodfellow volunteers concerned.

Said Stevens, "We don't know how it's going to affect things." Goodfellows organizers are optimistic. With a direct mailing, they figure to potentially reach more people than with a newspaper sale.

per sale.

Lost, though, is the personal contact volunteers had with contributors while selling newspapers the day after Thanksgiving — traditionally the busiest shopping day of the year.

Through the generosity of contributors, the Goodfellows helped 252 families last year alone. As a result, some 500 children had a better holiday.

An upswing in number of needy children and seniors usually corresponds with a downturn in the economy, said Farmington Area

Goodfellow coordinator Richard Tupper.

The group has been in operation for more than 60 years, starting out through the Farmington Exchange Club. The Exchange Club is still involved, though the Farmington Area Goodfellows formed a separate organization in 1973.

The effort is a volunteer one, involving more than 100 people in the community.

A shirt and dress drive kicks off the Goodfellow season and runs through Dec. 10. The Goodfellows

Canned Food Drive runs Nov. 15 to Dec. 3. In the past, schools in particular have collected several cans of food.

Delivery day is Dec. 18. High school varsity club members join other volunteers to distribute baskets to families.

"When they get through, most of them are flustered at the number of people in the community who live in poverty," said Richard Tupper, a Goodfellows communications coordinator. "Anyone who lives north of 12 Mile thinks you're kidding."

Compuware wellness center proposal gets 1 ill response

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The city of Farmington Hills, a developer and two homeowner associations hope they can convince one resident to back an amended consent agreement that will allow Compuware to build a wellness facility on its property on Northwestern Highway east of Middlebelt.

The issue came up during the Nov. 8 regular city council meeting.

The owner of the 8.5 acres had gone to court after the city turned down a change of zoning request. A consent judgment in 1990 provided for three 20,000 square foot buildings on the property. The amendment would provide a single-story 43,000 square foot building that would be connected to the existing Compuware building and would include a day-care cen-

ter, cafeteria and fitness center for Compuware employees.

"The present consent judgment will not provide for the change," said city attorney John Donohue. "This would require an amendment to the consent judgment."

The idea was fine with the city council, including Mayor Nancy Bates, who characterized the project as a "win-win" situation. The developer, Douglas Etkin and representatives of the Oak Franklin Towne Homeowners Association and the Franklin Forest and Fairways Association also were willing. But Charles Smith, whose property is next to the proposed site, said he still needed convincing that it would not overshadow his residence.

"I'm against it," Smith said. "I don't know if the trees would hide a 22 foot (high) building."

City manager Bill Costick said

the city would make sure to take care of any concerns so that Smith can sign on. If he doesn't, the consent judgment could not be changed.

In other action the council:

■ Had four members sworn in: Mayor pro tem Larry Lichtman and new council member Cheryl Oliverio were surrounded by their families as they took the oath of office. Councilmen Jon Grant and Aldo Vagnozzi were also sworn in.

■ Determined a special assessment district for a water main installation from Northwestern Highway from 32550 Northwestern Highway to 775 feet south of 14 Mile Road. The council also set Nov. 22 as the date for a cost hearing on the project.

■ Named Terry Sever as legislative coordinator to the Michigan Municipal League for 1994.

Pact reached, case dismissed in student transfer dispute

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Today will mark a student's first day at North Farmington High after a dispute over her transfer between the schools and the girl's father has been settled.

An agreement was reached and the case dismissed in the transfer of Donyelle Moore, 16, of Farmington from Harrison to North Farmington. The matter was resolved in a hearing before Oakland County Circuit Court Judge Edward Sosnick Wednesday.

Moore will attend North Farmington and participate on the girls track team.

A suit filed by Gregory Moore alleged the transfer was racially motivated because it would make his daughter ineligible for track this spring. A dispute with another Harrison student, who is black,

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reportedly was the cause of the transfer.

Farmington Public Schools Building and Student Services director Don Cowan said the move was for peer relationship reasons and not a disciplinary one.

The distinction will allow Moore to run track under Michigan High School Athletic Association rules. She was a sprinter for the Harrison girls team last season.

Moore's attorney Dolores Preston-Cooper said she's satisfied the matter is resolved.

"We would've preferred the transfer would've occurred in January as opposed to right now," Preston-Cooper said.

Preston-Cooper said the issue wasn't over attending North Farmington. In fact, she said Moore's father wanted his daughter to go there.

"The issue is how it was done," Preston-Cooper said.

Race became a factor, Preston-Cooper added, when Moore's move marked the second time a black student had been transferred after a dispute with the same student. Moore's father could not be reached for comment.

"I'm satisfied. It's unfortunate that it brought that much light to the situation," Cowan said. "It was something that was needed and it was something that is going to be best for the young lady in question. It's just too bad it created such a fanfare."

Where is Santa?...

Oakland Mall!

Santa officially arrives at Oakland Mall to greet the children on **Thursday, November 18th at 6:30 p.m.**

Prior to his arrival, come locate jolly old St. Nick who will be hiding somewhere in Oakland Mall between Friday, Nov. 12th and Wednesday, Nov. 17th. Spot our image of Santa and you can enter to win a \$200 Oakland Mall shopping spree. Contest rules and entry forms* are available at the information booth. The winner will be drawn the evening of Santa's arrival.

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