

Community Corner

This week's question:

How will outgoing Gov. James J. Blanchard be remembered in years to come?

We asked this question at Farmington Place, a senior citizen residence.



"I really can't say. I voted for him. I think the other one (John Engler) is kind of sneaky."
— Thelma Alkon
Farmington



"Fair... midding. He wasn't too good and he wasn't too bad."
— Ann Finkowski
Farmington



"I think he'll be remembered well. I liked him. He's done as well as most."
— Cora Swenor
Farmington



"I think he'll be remembered well. I voted for him."
— Frances Campbell
Farmington



"He won't be remembered well. The reason he lost was because he got rid of poor old Martha."
— Lillian McIntosh
Farmington



"He'll be recalled as a good governor. He's been pretty honest."
— Joe Garvie
Farmington

New Year's bash buttons on sale

Buttons are now on sale for First Night/Birmingham, the area-wide New Year's Eve celebration of the arts planned from 4 p.m. to midnight Dec. 31 in downtown Birmingham.

The four Kroger stores in the Birmingham-Bloomfield area have joined the list of merchants selling \$5 admission buttons for First Night on New Year's Eve.

The First Night idea started in Boston and now there will be 50 communities nationwide offering an evening of entertainment appealing to families, teens and adults to ring in 1991. Locally, the First Night venture began with the Birmingham/Bloomfield Cultural Council, which then formed the First Night committee.

"We'll be pretty well wrapped up by Dec. 13," said organizer Zina Kramer of plans for this year's event.

The buttons will allow wearers to all indoors entertainment. Outdoor activities are open to all. The program starts at 4 p.m. and continues through a midnight extravaganza at Shain Park.

BUTTONS ALSO are available at Crowley's; Michigan National Bank branches at 275 S. Woodward, 880 Hunter and 3580 W. Maple; The Community House; and Mark Keller, 296 W. Maple.

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First Night organizer

The Junior League Bargain Box at 123 W. Brown will be selling admission buttons on Saturdays only.

Kramer enthused about the program plans at a joint meeting of the cultural council and the Birmingham City Commission on Nov. 19.

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One goal of the First Night/Birmingham committee has been to get a good deal of community involvement in the preparation. One way of doing that has been the sponsorship of a poster contest for children. Kramer said. The posters will be distributed to local merchants for display.

The Junior League of Birmingham is the official sponsor of children's games for the early afternoon portion of the celebration. From 4 to 6 p.m. at the Community House, youngsters will learn how to make masks, engage in dramatic and creative movement, kite making and other activities.

INDOOR ENTERTAINMENT on New Year's Eve will be held at a series of locations, including the Allen House, Birmingham Bookstore, First Church of Christ Scientist, Woodward Square, JAX Car Wash, Village Players Theater, The Community House, St. James Church, the Baldwin Library and Le Chateau.

A special tent is planned for teen entertainment which will include a DJ and the Vudu Hipples band. The

rap group QTMTC will play the teen tent and will perform again later in the evening.

Performers for the evening include jazz great Ursula Walker with Buddy Budson, African storytelling by Amy Jackson, poetry reading by Trinidad Sanchez, storytelling by Corinne Slavish, classical piano with John Cannon, the Detroit Woodwind Quintet, classical guitarist Paul Vondiziano, puppets by Marilyn O'Connor Miller, the Michigan Opera Theatre, the Mime Ensemble, the Attic Theater, classical and Russian folk piano by Vladimir Karminski and St. Dunstan's Theater Guild of Cranbrook.

Entertainment and other costs are being borne by a number of contributors, including Kroger's, which is donating \$20,000 for the midnight grand finale and entertainment.

Other sponsors are Astrelin's Fine Jewelry, Birmingham/Bloomfield Chamber of Commerce, Blue Cross/Blue Shield, Chrysler Corporation Fund, City of Birmingham, The Community House, D'Arcy Masius Benton & Bowles, Detroit Edison Foundation, Fidelity Bank, the Ford Motor Co. Fund, Jacobson's, The Junior League of Birmingham, Merrillwood Building/Birmingham Place, Michigan Bell Telephone Co., Michigan Chandler, Motorola, The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers and Weir Manuel Snyder & Ranke, Inc.

Northwest Airlines is the official carrier of First Night.

Goodfellows need help

Again this year, the Farmington Area Goodfellows need your support to help provide a holiday lift to needy children and less fortunate elderly residents in Farmington and Farmington Hills.

With the money donated, the Goodfellows deliver baskets of joy typically containing canned foods and knitwear. Each includes gift certificates redeemable for fresh food and winter clothing. Toys, games, dolls and children's clothing are included when appropriate.

Family makeup dictates the size and content of each basket. Potential recipients must document need. Special dietary requests are honored when practical.

Cash donations come back to the community. About the only things the Goodfellows have to buy are stamps to mail solicitation letters and boxes to make into baskets. Volunteers are the Goodfellows' backbone.

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c/o Farmington/Farmington Hills
Chamber of Commerce
33411 Grand River, Farmington 48335



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