

# Former assistant county prosecutor, 41, dies

In 1976, Timothy Dinan lost his race for county prosecutor to incumbent L. Brooks Patterson.

On Sunday, he lost another race. Dinan, described by a friend as a "very generous and loyal person," died in New England Baptist Hospital in Boston, Mass., at the age of 41 of an illness which had plagued him for 10 years.

Dinan lived with his wife, Mary Ann, and sons, Timothy, 14, Matthew, 12, and Daniel, 10, at 3359 Tottill, Troy. His law office is located at 190 W. Big Beaver, Troy.

His race for county prosecutor was his introduction to politics, but he hadn't been discouraged by the difficulty of taking on a popular incumbent. "I knew going in that it would be an uphill fight," he said afterwards. "I expected it to be tough. But it was a valuable experience which I consider to be one of the high points of my career."

He had entered the race, despite little financial backing, because he disagreed with what he considered to



TIMOTHY DINAN

be Patterson's priorities and publicity seeking. He charged that Patterson should spend more time prosecuting major crimes like murder and rape and

less time prosecuting prostitutes and movie theaters which show X-rated films.

"When people are being murdered, raped and kidnapped, these should be the priorities," he said. "That more than anything has caused me as a citizen to become concerned."

He added, "The prosecutor's job is not supposed to be glamorous — it's supposed to be professional and aimed at stopping crime."

DINAN HAD established a private practice in Troy in 1966 after serving as an assistant county prosecutor in Oakland County for two years. He was a graduate of the University of Detroit Law School in 1964 and had received his bachelor of arts degree from U-D in 1959.

Throughout his career, he remained active at U-D as a member of the alumni association and Titan Club. Tom McGann, president of the Titan Club, who had known Dinan for 25 years, said Dinan believed athletics "are a fundamental part of a person's development" and had actively promoted fundraisers for U-D sports, primarily basketball.

Dinan also had participated in the Troy Chamber of Commerce, Troy His-

torial Commission, Troy Bicentennial Committee to save Poppleton School, Birmingham Little League, Birmingham Hockey Association and Troy Boys and Girls Club. He was past president of the Friends of Detroit Rowing. He had participated in the National Olympic Trials in rowing in 1960, the Royal British Henley Regatta in 1962 and North American heavyweight eight-oared shell championship in 1959-60.

In addition to his wife and sons, Dinan is survived by his parents, Daniel and Barbara of Livonia; brother, John of Farmington; and sister, Barbara Tangora of Farmington.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at Holy Name Church and burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be sent to Providence Hospital in Southfield, New England Baptist Hospital in Boston or the U-D Titan Club.

## Hills woman killed in auto accident

West Bloomfield recorded its first traffic fatality of 1979 early Sunday morning — although the accident may not have occurred within township borders.

Georgia Czubiak, 24, of Farmington Hills was killed in an accident which occurred at 3:05 a.m. Sunday. West Bloomfield Police report she apparently failed to stop at a flashing red light or pulled out in front of a northbound vehicle while she was proceeding south on Haggarty near W. 14 Mile Rd.

Ms. Czubiak was treated by the township Emergency Medical Service unit at the scene, then transported to Providence Hospital where she died at 5:10 a.m.

Dennis James, 23, of Union Lake, the driver of the northbound car, was

treated for minor injuries. Although the West Bloomfield Police were summoned, Cpl. Robert Scott reports the accident probably occurred on the west side of Haggarty in Commerce Township.

The centerline of Haggarty Road marks the border between the two townships. Scott said the Oakland County Sheriff's Department which patrols Commerce Township "would not take the complaint."

WEST BLOOMFIELD Police were called to the scene of an earlier accident at 2:28 a.m. Sunday which involved a township man.

A car driven by James Floyd Tomkins, 7125 Manderson, reportedly hit a guard rail at Pontiac Trail east of Denby, then crossed over the centerline to collide with a car in which two Novi women were riding.

The women, Joyce Radner, 21, and Dennis Lynn Wright, 22, were treated and released from St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Pontiac.

Tomkins, 29, was listed in good condition Tuesday, suffering from internal injuries and lacerations.

## Urban crisis discussed

Fourteen Farmington youths will be among 80 scouts honored for attaining Eagle Scout status last year by the Clinton Valley Council of Boy Scouts of America on Sunday, Feb. 18.

Each scout will receive a recognition certificate for his outstanding achievement during a program in Sterling Heights.

Robert Howe, a member of the University of Michigan Aerospace Department, will be the guest speaker.

Karl Allmayer, Kevin Perry, Tom Hill, Steven Hill, Michael Dzialowski, Jerome Zeit, Christopher Haight and Brian Bowditch of Farmington Hills will be honored.

Other Farmington Hills Eagle scouts to receive honors are Richard Brewer, Raymond Smith, Donald Grochan and John Gauderson. From Farmington, Andrew Freeburn and Thomas Hart will take awards.

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