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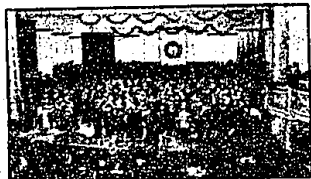
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Tennis tourney to serve up love



The inaugural Cal Kerwin Memorial Tennis Tournament in Farmington Hills will honor the memory of a woman who played and loved the game for 60 years.

BY LARRY O'CONNOR
STAFF WRITER

When it came to tennis, love was more than a score to Clara (Cal) Ann Kerwin.

The Farmington Hills resident played the game for 60 years. She shared that zeal for the action on the court with her husband Jim.

Along the way, she made many friends.

In that sense, the Cal Kerwin Memorial Tennis Tournament Tuesday, Dec. 27, at the Farmington Tennis Club is a return volley of sorts. The round-robin doubles tournament is a chance for friends and those who love the game to pay tribute to a

longtime member of the Farmington Tennis Club. Cal died of a brain tumor in April.

Proceeds from the \$25 entry fee will benefit the American Cancer Society.

"She enjoyed playing," said husband Jim, who lives in Farmington Hills, "but it was the friends she made on the court."

"It was really her everything. It was her release. It was her enjoyment. It was a major part of her life."

Jim met Clara on Detroit's Belle Isle playing tennis in 1945. They later married and raised two sons.

Jim served as tennis director for

Detroit Parks and Recreation and went on to coach at Mercy High 1984-93.

They moved to the Hills and continued to play, including at the Farmington Tennis Club.

Last year, friends began to notice Cal was having problems with her coordination on the court. She was losing weight, and she couldn't seem to find the right words when speaking. Her game suffered. Her husband suggested extra practice.

"She said, 'No, I don't want to do

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She's created a ceramic city



ALAN HEALEY/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

In miniature: Bea Endahl, a Farmington Place resident, shows off her ceramic city. The town is complete with church, jail and outhouse.

Woman creates Dickens of a ceramic village

BY LARRY O'CONNOR
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In Bea Endahl's town, there are no taxes, crime or prisons.

The Farmington Place resident is also the town's mayor, planner and developer. Once in awhile, she's been known to paint it, too.

"It's my claim to fame," said Endahl, 81, who worked 10 years putting her town together for people to view.

The miniature town made of ceramic pieces is an annual holiday attraction at the senior apartment complex.

Several have paid a visit to see it. Bronner's, in Frankenmuth, reportedly wants to buy the collection. Endahl blanches at the suggestion.

"Anyone can go and buy it," she said. "I take a lot of pride in the fact I made it myself."

Her town — patterned like something out of a Charles Dickens novel — has a church, fire and train stations, village hotel, and "even an outhouse," Endahl said with a laugh.

Trees light up in the winter motif and Santa can be found. The display sits on a 4-foot by 8-foot table.

Her ceramic "community" took shape bit by bit. Green clay-like ma-

terial is poured into a mold and put into a kiln, which fires it to a white bisque. Paint and other decorations are applied.

Endahl has knitted, but ceramics are her main love. She's widowed. Her husband, Harry, died in 1985.

"A lot of people do ceramics," she said. "They make an occasional piece here and there. I decided to go all out."

City resident tapped for state job



Patrick Anderson

BY LARRY O'CONNOR
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A longtime economist in the private sector, Patrick Anderson has gone public in a big way.

The Farmington resident has been named chief of staff by Secretary of State-elect Candice Miller. Anderson starts Jan. 2.

Anderson, 35, was an assistant vice president at Alexander Hamilton Life Insurance in Farmington Hills. He was named deputy director of the Department of Management and Budget in February.

He plans to use some tools learned in the private sector to fulfill Miller's campaign promises to improve efficiency at secretary of state branch offices.

"I've been to both of them (in Farmington Hills) and have waited in line," Anderson said. "I know there are some people who do good service . . . There are times I've waited, in lies an hour and a half."

"I just think we can do better." The secretary of state's office will be looking into such things as using touch-tone phones for registrations.

They will also look to cut down the paperwork for obtaining license plates through the mail, Anderson said.

Secretary of state also safeguards historical archives and oversees running of elections.

In the latter, Anderson said one goal is to clear up confusion when it comes to filing state petitions.

"There shouldn't be the degree of murkiness there is," said Anderson, who co-authored Michigan's term

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Local retailers say yule make holidays happy

BY BILL COULTANT
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Like these throughout the country, Farmington Hills retailers are doing their best to give Santa Claus a little help and boost holiday sales.

And as in other parts of the country, the strategy is working.

"We're trending better (than last year) at our Farmington Hills store," said Mike Toloff of Crow-

ley's. "But we're still not where we expected to be." Even though Crowley's, at the Crowley Center on 12 Mile Road, started its Christmas push earlier than it once did, the last three days will still be big. The retailer will be adding sales for today, Friday and Saturday.

At the new Borders Books at the Hunters Square shopping center on Orchard Lake at 14 Mile, business is picking up nicely as C Day approaches.

"Basically people are going for the New York Times Best Seller List books," said Melissa Sortman of Borders. "The Book of Virtues" and the latest Tom Clancy book are selling."

And although a lot of shoppers have tried to finish their Christmas shopping early, there are plenty who haven't.

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