

Dedicated service

Tinkerbell volunteers honored by NHAMR



North Halton Association for the Mentally Retarded president Bert Arnold presented certificates of appreciation to three area women who have spent years helping children at Tinkerbell nursery school in Milton. Volunteers at Tinkerbell, a school for the developmentally-handicapped, they are (left to right) Penny Sopinka, Kathryn Latimer and Edith Kamminga. (Herald photo)

ASTRO ADVICE

By Eugenia Witham

Dear Astro Advice, What aspirations do the stars hold for me. I was born on December 3, 1937. South of a European country. I was born in the evening.

An Interested Person

Dear Interested Person,

Without accurate birth data it is difficult for me to tell exactly what is in store for you. Over the course of the next year you will have an unrealistic assessment of your surroundings and there will be some depression based on past memories. You will have to be careful that your personal secrets aren't revealed by others. There could be a danger where alcohol or hidden enemies are concerned.

It will not be the best year for signing contracts or agreements and you must write yourself notes to avoid confusion and easiness in communications and keeping appointments. You will also have a favorable aspect that will help counteract the other.

For best results this year it would be wise to avoid impulsiveness, confrontations, and disagreements. Try to deal with one thing at a time.

Dear Eugenia,

I have recently returned to school (university) after many years in the work force, where I was quite successful monetarily, but where I was experiencing very little job satisfaction. I would value your opinion on what the future holds for me. I was born on November 30, 1935 at 7:24 a.m. in Toronto.

Saggi

Dear Saggi,

By the end of January 1984 you will have a transit that is excellent for study. There will be stimulation of your intuitive imaginative faculties which will also help you take in the required knowledge. The transit that you have been experiencing has made your attitudes inconsistent regarding your educational endeavors, however that will end mid October 1983. You should regain your will power and determination to pursue your goals as the year progresses. It is stimulating to see an individual like yourself go after the things you want out of life as so often people just sit and think about it. Your chart is a good one. It shows the determination needed to succeed so stick with it. You have a lot to offer and as a result you will reap the benefits. Good Luck!

Dear Eugenia,

My birthdate is January 23, 1943 and I was born around 5 a.m. in West Germany. I am divorced and have been seeing a Taurus man born April 27, 1936 in Ottawa for the last four years. Is he the right person for me and do you see marriage from our relationship in my future - happy, and how soon?

Thank you, Need to know. E.L.

Dear Need to know,

Your comparison with Mr. Taurus is adequate for a stable relationship. Emotionally, mentally, and physically it is compatible however I do question if you have enough common interests. You have both undergone some pretty rough transits which sometimes bonds or separates people for the wrong reasons.

Over the next two years both your charts will stabilize and I feel that you will reach the point of knowing what you really want. Your chart indicates a desire for stimulation through travel and adventure.

This fall is really the time for self-improvement, and closing doors from the past in preparation for new endeavors especially where partnerships are concerned. If marriage is to take place it will be before the end of 1984. However don't jump too fast, make sure that your motives are true and that you are both willing to offer the hundred per cent required to make it work, only then will happiness follow.

Readers may write to Eugenia c/o The Herald, 43 Guelph St., Georgetown, L7G 3Z6.

Combining over 30 years of volunteering, three area women turn the smallest gains into major successes for developmentally-handicapped students at Milton's Tinkerbell Nursery.

Acton's Edith Kamminga, Georgetown's Kathryn Latimer and Campbellville's Penny Sopinka were honored by the North Halton Association for the mentally handicapped last Thursday for their long and dedicated service to handicapped youngsters, a number of whom are severely mentally and physically-handicapped.

They began with a program at Georgetown's Park School before working with kids at Tinkerbell. Located behind E.C. Drury School for the Deaf, Tinkerbell Nursery School offers a half-day program for handicapped children between the ages of two to five years.

GOOD COACHES Volunteers at the school get good coaching from their professionals they work with,

Region approves St. Elizabeth's bid to serve Halton

Regional chairman Jack Raftis cast a deadlock-breaking vote last week, allowing the St. Elizabeth's Visiting Association Nurses to serve residents of Halton.

Over the last several months, another non-profit visiting nurses organization, the Victorian Order of Nurses, has strongly opposed St. Elizabeth's bid to expand its operations from the Hamilton area into the region.

The VON is concerned that a competing service will cut into the demand for its nursing care, forcing cutbacks in personnel and possibly service. As the traditional visiting nurses agency in Halton, the VON had plenty of support from regional councillors during last Wednesday's council meeting.

Council split 12-12 when a recorded vote was called on the issue, with Mr. Raftis siding in

Mrs. Latimer told The Herald.

She has helped out other organizations with fund-raising campaigns and other projects but her work at Tinkerbell Nursery School is a special favorite.

"I've never found anything more interesting," Mrs. Latimer said. "When you work with these children, you can see the results, see that you're doing something."

Asked if she'd encourage other people to help out at Tinkerbell, Mrs. Kamminga answered an earnest "Oh yes".

While the work calls for plenty of patience, Mrs. Kamminga said "It's something you really enjoy, you really get hooked".

Working at Tinkerbell has all the positive aspects one could ask for in a job, Mrs. Sopinka said. It's an opportunity to meet with other people and help children.

ONE-TO-ONE For mentally and physically-handicapped children, it may take longer for them to acquire even the simple

skills non-handicapped children readily pick up. Achievements at Tinkerbell are charted and in the one-to-one relationship the volunteers have with Tinkerbell children, developmental progress is particularly gratifying.

Differences between the non-handicapped children and handicapped children tend to fade when one works with them, Mrs. Sopinka commented.

Residents with more questions about the Tinkerbell program and its volunteers can call

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