



Captain Linda McNabb recently took over the helm of the Salvation Army Church in Acton, replacing Capt. Wade and Linda Budgell. She said lots of churches are headed by single women.

McNabb replaces Budgell at Salvation Army Church

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Capt. Linda McNabb is the first single woman to head up the Salvation Army Church in Acton.

"Acton's a really nice community. Everybody has been really friendly," McNabb said. She came to Acton in July to replace Capt. Wade and Linda Budgell, who were transferred to a church in Newfoundland.

McNabb is from Nova Scotia and has been a member of the Salvation Army Church since she was 5 years old, when her parents joined. She was ordained in 1982 after attending training college in Toronto. McNabb has served in three other congregations, in Spring Hill, Nova Scotia, Hamilton and most recently, Ingersoll.

The Salvation Army started up in the late 1800s, when it was called the Christian Mission. When members were preparing a newsletter, they were looking for a new name and decided to call it the Salvation Army, because this would show the commitment of the members of the church, McNabb said. The Salvation Army is closest to a Pentecostal church, it is Protestant with evangelical roots.

It is organized in the same way as a military organization, and uses military terminology. The congregation is called the corps, the church building is called the hall, the minister is called the Captain, the manse is the captain's quarters, and so on. People from each corps, or congregation, are local officers.

Captain McNabb said that there are 110 families in the congregation in Acton. The church just celebrated its 14th anniversary and a new Salvation Army Church was set up last year in Georgetown.

Teachers looking for alternatives

Teaching staff will have to find ways to make up four lost professional activity days because of the social contract.

"There isn't an easy answer to making up four days of time," Joanne Zwyne, superintendent of instructional services said. "There will be some things that won't get done in the same way."

Elementary school teachers are losing four of nine professional activity days, while secondary teachers are losing three of nine. These professional activity days are used for professional development, so that teachers can learn new teaching strategies and learn new ministry policies, like the recent common curriculum. They are used for other activities, like holding parent interviews and meetings on promoting students at the end of the year.

"There are so many changes that our teachers and our school have to deal with. There is rapid change in techniques and increasing expectations re. additions to curriculum," Zwyne said. Teachers now have to have training on AIDS, violence and race, she said.

Many volunteer programs run for teachers during the summer months are well attended, she said.

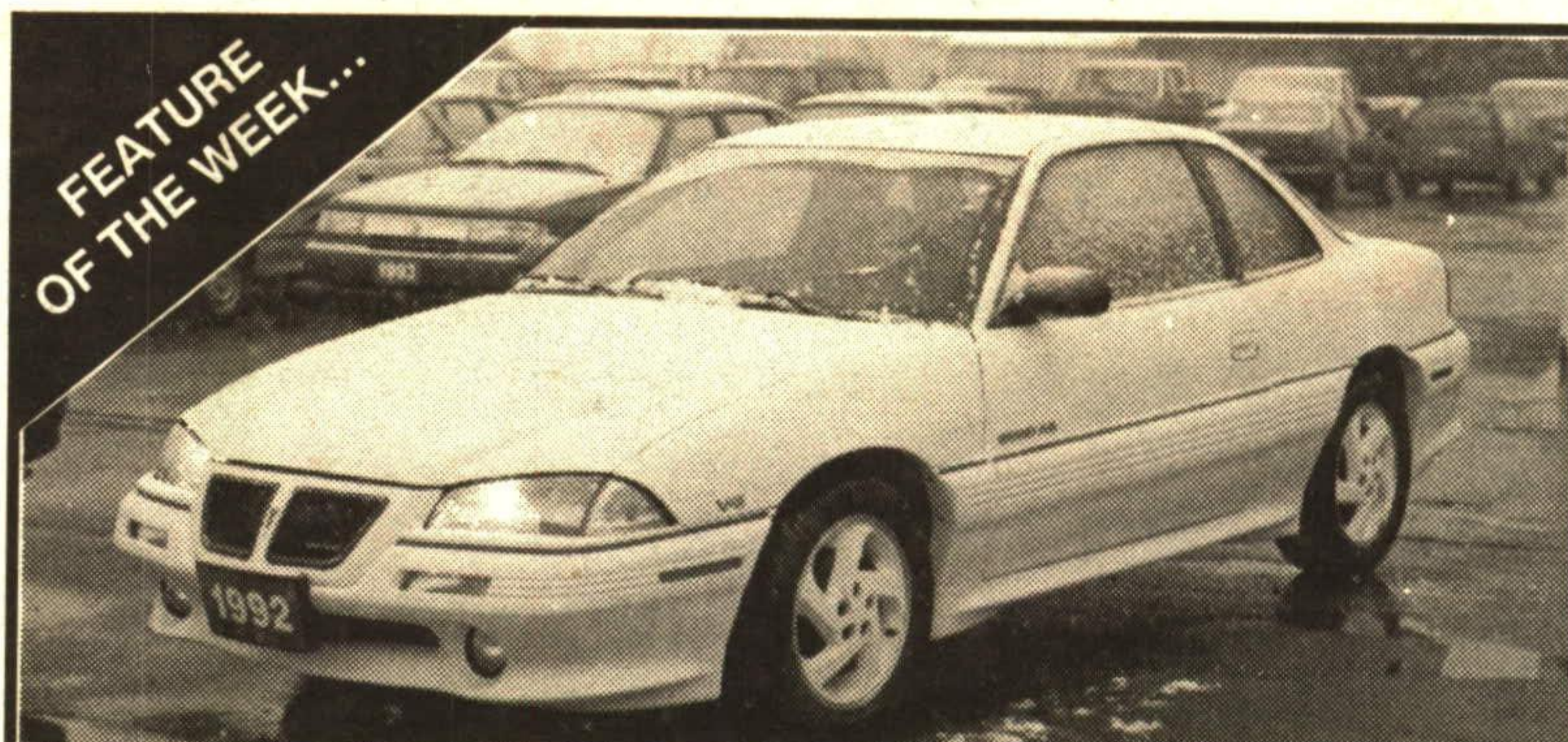
"We'll be working with principals to problem-solve this over the next few weeks and we'll have to rely on other times to get these things done," Zwyne said.

Al Zanatta, principal of Park School, said he hasn't had a chance to figure out what to do about losing the PA days but he's hoping that other alternatives, like half-day training sessions may replace the full-day ones.

"I think we'll be able to handle it," said Bert O'Hearn, acting principal at Acton High School. He said the last few days of the year are a very busy time for teachers, and he's not sure how June 27 and 28 can be made up.

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