Dziennik Polski

Tie that binds Polish readers hangs in there

By CRAIG PIECHURA

Like most daily newspaper editors, Stanley Krajewski has been scurrying to get breaking news about the strikes in Poland into his paper before dead-line. Last Monday's story about the ship-yard strikes in Gdansk was finished

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inree hours before the paper hit the streets, and Krajewski had to write a headline. He wrote: "Nowe zadania robotnikow w Polsce." Translated, that's "New demand by workers in Poland".

Krajewski, 65, is editor-in-chief and treasurer of the Dziennik Polski, of the Polish Daily News, a paper written in Polish that has served Detroit area's Polish community for 76 years.

The Orchard Lake Schools board member has been with the paper for 32 years. Krajewski has watched the paper's circulation peak at 40,000 and dried to tis present readership of 13,000 on Pridox the member of 13,000 on Pridox the paper's circulation in the mid-1950's and divided to its present readership of 13,000 on Pridox the paper's circulation to the mid-1950's and divided to its present readership of 13,000 on Pridox the paper's period to the paper's the paper were yellow there are usually eight to 10 pages. Monday's edition only carried one display ad in the whole newspaper — and for a Polish radio program on WCAR — and only nine classified ads.

The paper that once employed 130 persons with a printing press now has a staff of 21 people and is printed by a commercial publisher.

Even though the circulation is low, Krajewski contends that the readership is larger than its circulation because the paper is kept around and passed around "until its read out completely."

But Krajewski is frank enough to admit the market for a daily Polish newspaper in Detroit is declining as more Polish immigrants become mainstream Americans and more move to the outlying soburbs.

"YES, IT'S DYING," Krajewski said.
"But at the same time people are spread out so much whave circulation problems. Many like the paper the same day it comes out and with the same day it comes out and with the like the same that the control of the same that the control of the same transparent receiving the paper or they receive a bunch to one subscriber under one label."

If it weren't for, revenue that comes from a couple other publications his newspaper prints for Polish organiza-tions in Chicago, Krajewski admits the Polish Daily News would be out of busi-

ness.

If the paper does fold, Krajewski says, the Detroit area will be losing a little bit more of its rich, ethnic heri-

Ittle of the best would be indescrib-tage.

"I think the loss would be indescrib-able," Krajewski said. "I think Polonia (Polish Americans) would lose its iden-tity in Detroit.

"It's like a last hurrah. Let's hold

onto it. Because you want that contact between people who live around here. And many wouldn't know what's going on in the world and among them-selves."

selves."

YOU'LL FIND no comics in the Dziennik Polski, but a regular feature of the paper is a serialized novel. Novels by Joseph Conrad have been serialized in the past.

Monday's edition featured an installment of a novel called "Jacry Nas story by Miecyzlaw Szwej, a priest, about the ties between American Poles and their compatitois in the homeland. Sharing front page with the story on the strikes is a story about distribution of the story on the strikes is a story about distribution of the story on the strikes is a story about distribution of the story on the strikes is a story about distribution of the story on the strikes is a story about distribution. Such as a story about distribution of the story of the story about distribution of the story of the story about distribution of the story of the story about distribution of the story about distr

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He tries to keep the front page news international or national but boasts that he broke the news of John Cardinable between the news of John Cardinable to the news of the new of the news of the new of the news of the news of the new of the news of the new of

that he broke the news of John Cardinal Dearders retirement as archibistic on his front page before the Detroit News or Free Press.

Krajewski got the scoop "from connections," he says.

"I was called for a press conference and the person that called me said it will be about the resignation of Cardinal Dearden," Krajewski explained.

"She stopped herself and said she shouldn't have told me. And then I said, 'Aw, come on, you can tell me 'and she did.

"I went to the morgue to get background information to write the story. Then I went to the conference and there it was, just as I wrote about it."

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Carter ostrzega U.N. przed zwiekszona siła nuklearna

Decyzja w sprawie Owacja dla Kennedy'ego

Plan ekonomiczny senatora przyjęty

Dziennik Polski, or The Polish Daily News, is the only Polish language newspaper published in Detroit. The daily newspaper is circulat-

MONDAY'S editorial in Dziennik Polski was about the lack of leadership in the Carter administration. Krajewski says 'right now we're for Reagan, no question about it' but hedges when asked which candidate the paper will endorse. The paper's editorial stance is generally conservative, says Krajewski, but unpredictable. It favored the return of the Panama Canal to the Panamanians because we never had any sovereign

the Panama Canal to the Panamanians because we never had my sowerign right to Panama." It supported desegration efforts in the schools despite opposition to the plan in the Polish community.

But the paper also supported Nixon's candidacy in 1964, believing that Nixon deserved a chance to exercise his secret plan to ent the Vietnam Walr.

And while the paper doesn't editorially support the communist regime in Poland, Krajewski said he doesn't believe the people of Poland are ready to embrace capatalism.

"WE WOLLDN'T mind even if Po-"WE WOULDN'T mind even if Po-land were purely communistic, as long as it's not under Moscow's, under Rus-ait's, yoke," he said. "Let the people de-cide their future. We are anti-commu-nist because of the oppression." About the recent strikes by workers' de-hands, for near and free trade unions "are only the surface."
"They had to have something to start with," Krajewski said. "The real issue

During his years at the paper Kra-jewski has interviewed luminaries such jewski has interviewed turnmaries such as Henry Kissinger, secretary of state under Richard Nixon, and Pope John Paul II before he became pope. Before interviewing Kissinger, Kra-jewski lobbied for an American consu-late office in Windsor, which would

make it easier to get a visa than travel-ing to Toronto. Ford didn't win, despite Krajewski's editorial backing, and Windsor didn't get the consulate.

The Polish pope is described by Kra-jewski as "a very warm person, very understandable and very understand-ing. He is very simple, there is no aura around him. The guy next door, that's what he's like."

IN ADDITION to his duties at the paper, Krajewski has been appointed by the governor to the State Board of Libraries, he is a member of the board or regents at the Schools of Polish Semi-ary in Orchard Lake, a member of New Detroit Inc., the Polish National Alliance, the Polish Roman Catholic Union and the Polish American Congress.



Krajewski discusses page layout with bookkeeper and keyliner Eva Hamara. On the small newspaper's staff, many employees must be adept at a number of different skills. (Staff photo by Mindy Saunders)

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SHOWTIME

By Strouse Broadway musical revue presented by Department of Music's Musical Theatre opens Thursday at Studio Theatre of Varner Hall on Oakland University campus near Rochester. Student production at 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday and Sept. 5, 6; 2:39 p.m. Sept. 1; 2:30 and 6:30 p.m. Sunday and Sept. 7. Tickets at the door or in advance by calling 377-2000.

A Thousand Clowns comedy by Herb Gardner presented as debut produc-tion of new Image 2 Theatre at 8.30 p.m. Friday-Saturday and Sept. 4-5 on lower level of Barn Theatre on Oakland University campus near Rochester. Information by calling 377-2245 during regular business day.

CONCERTS

Pine Knob Music Theatre continues ine Knob Music Theatre continues ninth season at outdoor concert the-ater in Clarkston. Bob Seger at 7:30 p.m. Monday-Tuesday; Grateful Dead at 7 p.m. Wednesday; REO, Speedwagon at 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Chicago at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 1-4. Further information at 647-7200

Concerts a la Carte presents Davis Gloff, baritone; Phillip Austin, bas-soon; and David Wilson, harpsi-chord, at 8:30 p.m. Monday at Tweeny's Cafe in Birmingbam. Din-ner reservations for 5:30-7 p.m. More information at 644-0050.

In the Park free concert series in Shain
Park sponsored by City of Birmingham. The Quadrille Square Dance
City at 8 pm. Thursday-Sundays at
Franklin Plaza in Southfield.

The Progressive Blues Band on
Mondays-Tuesdays, The Fabulous
Imperials on Thursday-Sundays at
Franklin Plaza in Southfield.

Cafe Flor presents "Jam" with Gary

or call 645-0730 for recorded infor

leadow Brook Music Festival contin-ues 17th season of outdoor concerts at Baldwin Pavillon on Gakland University campus near Rochester. Leonard Smith conducts Detroit Concert Band in final concert of season, fireworks, at 7.30 p.m. Sun-day. Ticket information at box off-ice 377-2010.

ightenp with Mozart presents David Gloff, bartione, Phillip Austin, bassoon, and David Wilson, bargal-tord, at 1 pm. Friday at Birmingham Unitarian Church in Bloomield Hills. Complimentary wine and beverages served at 11 pm.; slay for afterglow and meet the artists. Information at 851-8934 anytime.

Carillon and Classical Guitar concerts, with Christ Church Cranbrook carli-lonneur Beverly Buchanan and Grosse Pointe Memorial Church carlilonneur William DeTruck performing a duet at 4 p.m. in their respective churches. Troy classical guitarist Joseph LoDuca plays recital at 5 p.m. inside Christ Church Cranbook, Bloomfield Hills.

NIGHTLIFE

ngle's presents big band sounds of the Dick Murphy band 9 p.m. to mid-night Sundays; cover charge, Fur-ther information by calling 851-

The Blue Parrot bar and grill presents The Progressive Blues Band on Mondays-Tuesdays; The Fabulous Imperials on Thursdays-Sundays at Franklin Plaza in Southfield.

Shunk, piano; Danny Jordan, bass; Larry Bell, drums; and George "Sax" Benson, saxophone, at 7:30 p.m. Sundays at Franklin Plaza in Southfield.

Comedy Castle presents Bruce "Baby Man" Baum, from "Make Me Laugh" and "The Stockard Channing Show," in return engagement, Wednesday-Saturday, at new location, Stafford's in Orchard Mall, West Bloomfield. New talent and Castle regulars every Twesday (no cover). Show time 9 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday, 3 and 11:30 p.m. Friday, 8 and 10 p.m. and midnight Saturday. For information and reservations call 545-2576.

remeys presents Maxifeld Blue, five-person group, four males and a female lead vocalist, with Top 40 dance tunes, through Saturday. Showtime 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Monday-Saturday, at Michigan Inn in South-field. Dewey's presents Maxfield Blue, five-

Eden Glen Joe Grande Trio plays for listening and, dancing 7:30-11:30 p.m. Wednesdays-Thursdays and 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Fridays-Satur-days at restaurant in Troy. Doug Jacobs and the Red Garter Band plays for Dirieland Brunch from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Sundays.

Midtown Cafe presents Karen Bouchard, through Wednesday, Pavelek and McCrae, Thursday-Saturday, Tim Pastor, Sunday, Sept. 3, in Birmingham. More information at 642-1133.

fountain Jacks presents Ron Coden on Wednesdays-Saturdays, through Sept. 13 in Farmington Hills.

Roma's of Bloomfield presents the re-turn of big band sounds and dancing from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturdays in

Bloomfield Township. The Executives on Saturday. For more information call 332-9237.

Somerset Inn pianist Terry Alan plays at restaurant L'Auberge in Troy from 6-11 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays and for brunch 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sundays.

Wagon Wheel Saloon presents Radio City through Sunday, in Troy.

Win Schuler's presents Joe Giordano, with music for listening, from 9 p.m. to midnight Tuesday-Thursday, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday-Saturday, in Rochester.

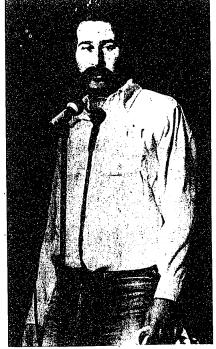
Win Schuler's Ha'Penny lounge pre-sents Dean Rutledge, vocalist and guitarist, 7 p.m. to midnight Tues-day-Thursday, 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Fri-day-Saturday, in West Bloomfield.

ON FILM

Merrie Melodie Theatre presents "An-nie Hall" with Woody Allen and Di-ane Keaton, plus "Never on Sunday" starring Melina Mercouri, through Sunday, at MeadowBrook Village Mall in Avon Township. For show times call 375-0011.

August Movies series presents "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde," "Hardware Wars" and "K-9000" at 7 p.m. Thursday in Marcotte Room of Southfield Public Library. Further information at 354-9100.

For area events in Oakland County to or area events in Oakiano County to be considered for listing, send infor-mation to: Ethel Simmons, enter-tainment editor, The Observer & Eccentric, 1225 Bowers, Birming-ham 48012.



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