

Markham Fair

Friday features "Streetwise" for kids

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Are your kids streetwise? They can become so at Markham Fair Friday. In fact, that day has been devoted to kids and for the first time in the fair's history, to teens.

"Streetwise" for younger children is an original children's musical about street-proofing to be performed at the Markham Fair, Friday, October 3 with two shows at 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Secret family codes

The show, which is geared toward the primary and junior grades (up to grade 6), was developed as an entertaining way to foster awareness in children about safety in their community. The four performers will discuss traffic lights, crossing the street, bike safety, Block Parents, emergency number, strangers, "It's OK to say No", secret family code words, no name t-shirts and "Tell Somebody" (if someone does something that you don't like, speak up!).

The 40 minute play was developed by Sandi Horwitz in 1985.

"I saw the play last year with my children at Reesor Park Public School and immediately booked it for the 1986 fair," explained Carol Anne Cosburn, who is actively involved with the entertainment committee.

"Safety is such a growing concern with parents today. I feel it is beneficial for all children, teachers and parents to see "Streetwise" and make them aware of what they can do to prevent possible tragedy."

! Tested on own children

Mrs. Cosburn explained that

her children who viewed the play, Brett, then aged 7 and Helen age 5, were impressed. The play was not only entertaining, but discussed topics of utmost importance. Actors play the roles of children, coming down to a child's level, using terminology they can relate to. A question and answer period is included in the program, so children can walk away with the knowledge of what streetproofing really means.

"You just never know what will happen when you're not with your children. You have to make them aware. They might not remember it all—but if confronted with a particular incident something might be triggered in their mind," said Mrs. Cosburn.

Beneficial for parents too

Along with entertaining children about a serious topic, the play shows parents how they can continually reinforce the in-

formation learned, without feeling squimish about the topics.

Along with attending the presentation of "Streetwise" at the Markham Fair, there is a book for further recommended reading, "A Parent's Guide To Streetproofing" by Richard C. Gossage and Melvin J. Gunton. This book was written as a result of an incident which took place in Toronto, the summer of 1980, where a child wandered from her neighborhood park

and was found murdered later that evening.

York Region's P.D. day

This year's fair has geared activities on Friday, October 3, to children and teens. Schools in York Region have a scheduled professional development day, making it a prime day for parents to spend time with their children. Toronto schools have planned field trips and will also be on hand for activities on Friday.

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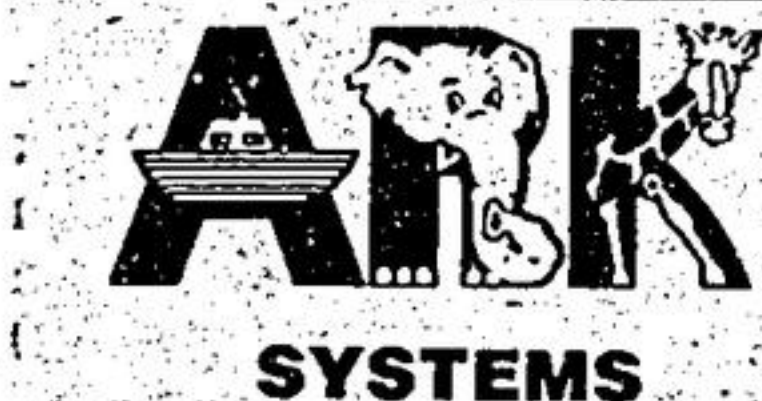
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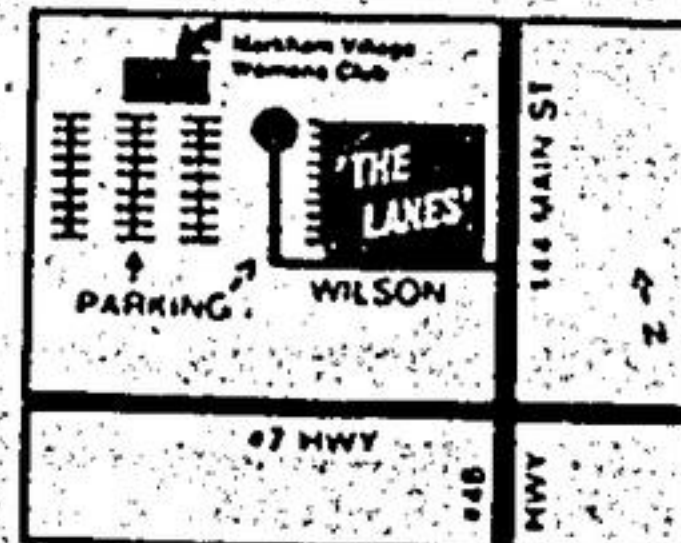


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