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last night in a house on Spruce St. Investigators haven't ruled out foul play and are awaiting autopsy results. Homicide detectives said the remains were too decomposed to determine the age of the victim, or how long he had been in the house.

Lip-sync contest to aid United Way

A generous cast will appear in the United Way's Fifth Annual Media/Celebrity Lip-Sync contest tomorrow at The Copa at 21 Scollard Street at 8:30 p.m. Amateur performers and professionals will share the stage, with all proceeds going to the United Way. Doors open at 7:00 p.m. and tickets are \$20 including buffet and are available at The Copa.

Sunshine kids heading for Florida

Eighty-five seriously ill and handicapped children will be flown from Mount Hope Airport in Hamilton to Walt Disney World in Florida for one fun-filled day on Tuesday, Oct. 31. These Sunshine Kids are being selected from hospitals and treatment centres in the Peel, Toronto, York and Hamilton areas.

Study of disease receives \$1 million

The Mount Sinai Hospital Research Institute has received a three-year grant totalling \$1 million from Ciba-Geigy Canada Ltd. to fund research into the causes of osteoporosis — a process that results in bone destruction and is the most prevalent skeletal disease affecting both women and men — and to evaluate the benefits of specific drug treatments.

Man dies in crash as car hits abutment

He also pledged support for Crombie's call for no additional highrises on the lands west of Yonge St. But he refused to promise that no new highrises would be built. As well as taking a role in waterfront planning, the province yesterday said it's asking Ottawa to review 16 potential developments west of Yonge St. in the city's Harbourfront region. The major buildings that need to be reviewed are three proposed condominium projects south of Queen's Quay, Toronto Mayor Art Eggleton said. But he said it could cost tens of millions of dollars to scrap the buildings. Peterson also announced that Crombie will suggest ways of link-

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Yonge St. because it didn't want to dilute its efforts by setting too wide a target. Focusing on the lands east of Yonge doesn't make sense because the major group pushing for development in that area is the province itself, Toronto Councillor Tony O'Donohue said in an interview. Martin pointed out that both the Toronto Harbor Commission and the City of Toronto have firmly resisted new development in the industrial area east of Yonge St. "I don't think the provincial intervention has anything to do with saving our waterfront," said Toronto Councillor Marilyn Churley. "I think what it's all about is the (1996) Olympics. I think it's public knowledge that the province

generer in a co-operative fashion, he told the committee. **Major landowner** The province should be involved because it's both a major landowner in the area and it would help pay for new services in the region, such as transportation, sewers and housing, Eggleton said. City and Metro councils have previously refused to get involved in the Crombie commission's work. But both Eggleton and Metro Chairman Alan Tonks said they hope that will change. New Democratic Party environmental critic Ruth Grier (Etobicoke-Lakeshore) said she's taking a wait-and-see approach to the province's announcement.

Sex attack by masked man sparks Halloween warning

Women should be extra wary during Halloween because attackers can disguise their faces with masks without raising too much suspicion, police warn. A 20-year-old woman was raped by a masked man in a North York parking lot on Monday. Last Friday, a 17-year-old young woman was sexually attacked by five men wearing Friday The 13th shirts. Police said they've found no connection between the two rapes, but are concerned about a recent increase in attacks. They are also warning women to be more cautious when out at night. Attackers can use the cover of darkness to prey on victims during the shorter days of fall and winter, a police spokesman said. The 20-year-old woman was attacked at 9:30 p.m. Monday as she walked to her car at the Wilson Ave. subway station parking lot. She said she was overpowered by a man wearing a Halloween mask after hearing footsteps behind her.

She told police the men — who all wore shirts emblazoned with goate masks and carrying the words Friday The 13th and Hello My Name Is Jason in white and red letters — later dropped her off on Finch Ave. and drove away. They are aged between 18 and 22 years. Four are white and one may be black. Staff Inspector Joe Wolfe, who heads Metro's sexual assault squad, said the men might have been on their way to a Friday The 13th party. Friday The 13th is a horror film featuring a psychopathic killer named Jason who wears a goate mask. It has gory murder scenes and has become a fad film with some teenagers. An investigation is also continuing into the complaint of a 26-year-old woman who was raped by a man at a downtown Toronto home after being abducted by three men

last Thursday in an Etobicoke parking lot. The victim told police the men, one armed with a knife, forced her to drive her car around Metro for several hours before taking her to a house where one of the abductors raped her. Several other women have reported being sexually assaulted by lone attackers during the past week in various parts of Metro. Wolfe wants anyone recognizing any of the attackers to call police. Pat Marshall, executive director of the Metro Toronto Action Committee on Violence Against Women and Children, said movies like Friday The 13th "may provide some modelling for the men involved." She said the Friday The 13th movies portray women as victims of violence, adding: "It is not far from that pairing of sexuality and violence to rape and other forms of sexual assault."

Food banks called necessity as long as people remain poor

Shutting Metro's food banks to force politicians to fight poverty in the city would amount to "a misdirected boycott," officials of some 30 social agencies say. The agency representatives who gathered in a downtown office yesterday said they would rather risk making food banks a permanent fixture in Metro than turn their backs on the poor. "We cannot in all conscience walk away from any single parents, the disabled, refugees and the unemployed," Katharine Rajczak, executive director of the Second Harvest food recovery program, told a news conference. Second Harvest collects about 75,000 pounds of perishable food a month from restaurants and other businesses and distributes it to social agencies. It brought representatives of various agencies to its Shuter St. office to respond to calls for the closing of food banks. While most agency officials yesterday said they support doing away with food banks some day, any move to close them simply to put pressure on politicians

would be "irresponsible and unrealistic," Rajczak said. Richard Yampolsky, the executive director of FoodShare, said the decision to close Metro's food banks can't be a simple yes or no. Other social reforms must be in place before the depots can close their doors permanently, he said. These include abundant housing at a price that working people can afford, improved social assistance payments and a higher minimum wage, Yampolsky said. Jackie McPherson, a Scarborough mother who has used food banks in the past, agrees. McPherson, 37, told the conference of the sadness she felt at Christmas a few years ago when she opened a social assistance cheque to find out that \$200 had been deducted because she had found a part-time job driving a bus. She had been getting \$500 a month. Now she was down to \$300. "When you can't get enough money to better yourself at all, to stand on your feet, what's left?" McPherson asked.