

Psychic 'saw' Ford as president a year ago

By JAMES BAILEY
Last year at this time, Mississauga psychic Alfred Ward predicted Gerald Ford would become American president in 1974 and Richard Nixon end up in the hospital.

Not bad. He also said Pierre Trudeau would call an election and win, and that a Canadian movie (The Apprenticeship of Duddy Kravitz?) would become a major international success. Of course, he also predicted that the Toronto Maple Leafs would be roaring success this season, and that the stock market would go up. "I blew it on those ones," he admits.

Ward explains that the predictions are based on psychic images which come to him in a state of meditation. It is not the images themselves, but the interpretation of those images that is sometimes in error. The White House, for example, appeared to Ward with a black cloud over it, indicating illness.

Ward also saw Ford operating as president, and formed the logical conclusion that Nixon would resign because of illness and Ford would take over. As we all know, the sequence of events and reasons for Nixon's departure from office were somewhat different, but the prediction was accurate.

"You have to work with the subconscious mind, then apply reasoning to the conscious," Ward says. So, what's in store for 1975? Ward believes Premier William Davis is a "good possibility" to take over from Conservative leader Robert Stanfield. "If not this time, then the next time," he says.

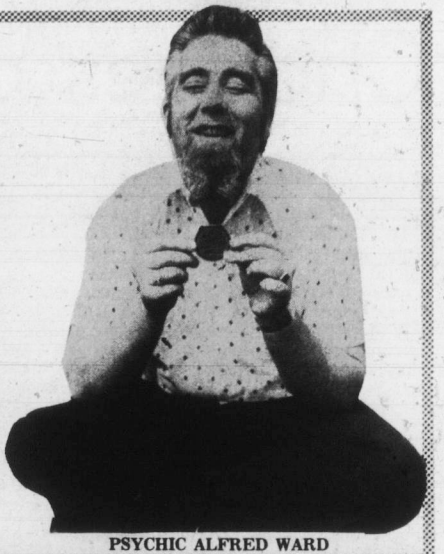
Davis will be challenged in his bid for the leadership by a politician from the west coast whom Ward could not name. His description, however, is old, of average height and weight, and he has dark hair with some grey.

Locally, Ward foresees that former mayor Chic Murray's influence will grow and have an effect on the outcome of the 1976 municipal elections. Martin Dobkin, in other words, will be a one-term mayor. "There will be some problems at the Vatican with the Pope," Ward says, "involving sickness and the possibility of death." He predicts that this may lead to some sort of committee taking over administration of the Roman Catholic church.

"In 1975, we will learn how to get better production value from our vegetables," Ward adds that the improvement could be in the quality of the vegetables, or we may learn to grow two crops on the same field. Last December, Ward said that medical advances within the next 10 years would result in human beings obtaining an average life-span of 150 years. That time limit is still on — with nine years to go.

Pierre and Margaret Trudeau are in for some "rough times," but she will probably become pregnant again next year and this time it will be a girl.

"Something will happen again at the White House," Ward believes. "Ford will stay on unless he goes into the hospital, but he won't be re-elected." Rockefeller and Wallace will be the ticket in 1976, probably running against Daniel Inouye, the one-armed senator from Hawaii.



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Mississauga enters into its second year of infancy tonight. The community became a city Jan. 1 1974 and celebrates her first birthday tomorrow. Those involved in the nurturing process are (from left) councillors Frank McKechnie, Caye Killaby, Harold Kennedy, Hazel McCallion, Mayor Martin Dobkin and councillors Hubert Wolf, Mary Ellen Spence and Bud Gregory.

Changes confuse law on impaired driving

A conflict in legislation on impaired driving is causing confusion and inequity in sentencing in courtrooms throughout Ontario. Lawyers and judges are scratching their heads over provisions in the federal Criminal Code which state that impaired drivers can be granted restricted driving privileges while their licenses are under suspension, and provisions of the Ontario Highway Traffic Act which state they can't.



Dagmar and Bruce Pinney, of Streetsville, received the best Christmas present ever at 11:16 Christmas morning. Gregory Allen, eight pounds, 1 1/2 oz. was the only baby born Christmas Day at Mississauga Hospital. The Pinneys also have one girl, 28-month-old Michelle. (Photo by Stan Carmichael)

Under the Highway Traffic Act, a person convicted of impaired driving automatically loses his license for at least three months. If property damage is involved, the license is lifted for not less than six months, but the driver can have it reinstated for the last three months upon application to the minister of highways.

The driver must prove that the license is necessary for him to earn a living, and the reinstated license is normally valid only during working hours. Until 1972, the Criminal Code empowered judges to prohibit convicted impaired drivers from driving anywhere in Canada for up to three years. This meant, in effect, judges could only extend the ban which the provincial legislation imposed.

Then the confusion began. The federal government enacted legislation which gave a judge the power to grant a restricted license during specified hours. The provincial law remained in effect, however, resulting in situations where a man could be told by a judge that he was allowed to drive then receive a letter from the department of highways informing him his license had been suspended.

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The Mayor states his case

By MARTIN DOBKIN
On Oct. 1, 1973 a unique and significant event occurred in the history of Ontario municipal politics. A 31-year-old political unknown, who had never been in a council meeting in his life, was elected as mayor of a major city, Mississauga.

The majority of the residents wanted a change so badly that they put their faith in a candidate with no previous political experience. A change was desired in the previous administration, both at the elected and staff level. Since I had no previous political experience to run on, the election result can only be interpreted as an utter rejection of the previous administration.

The comments in this column are restricted to that time period, embracing the last three months in 1973. Although the council was elected on Oct. 1, 1973, there was a three-month hiatus, and we did not officially take office until Jan. 1, 1974. When I first came over to city hall, the reaction of senior staff

varied from indifference and noncooperation, to hostility. Never at any time in that period did either the previous mayor, the town manager or the deputy town manager ever offer any welcome or any assistance. The first three months was the most difficult period, because during that time I was being flooded with letters and phone calls and I did not have the means to cope with them.

The only senior member of staff who was friendly and co-operative was the then deputy town clerk, David Turcotte. Out of the 10 most senior staff people in the town of Mississauga, nine of them tried to get out — either by applying to the region, or accepting employment elsewhere. Had this attempted exodus been successful, then the City of Mississauga would have been left almost totally devoid of a senior staff apparatus, and in my opinion, could not have operated.

The new council and the people that elected them, would have been left high and dry. Seven of the most senior staff personnel applied to the Region of Peel, but only two made it. The statement being echoed by councillor Searle and others that the Town of Mississauga collectively had the "best staff in Canada" was exposed to the level of a myth. The residents of Streetsville were told that one of

the advantages in joining Mississauga, was the "great staff."

When exposed to outside competition, the walls of the "best staff in Canada" developed some large cracks. Out of the five who failed the grade at the region, two have since left the City of Mississauga. They are Henry Stewart, former city manager (awarded a job by the "Blue Machine" at the Ontario Municipal Board), and Jim Burwell, former city treasurer (also awarded a job by the "Blue Machine" at the Toronto Area.

Meanwhile, up at the Region of Peel, an interesting and revealing debate took place at one of our first regional council meetings. At that meeting, a motion was put that all senior positions at the region should be advertised, and that competition for these positions should be on a national basis. Councillor Hazel McCallion, myself and some other Mississauga coun-

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The city in review: headlines in 1974

Wherever there is conflict, there is news. So it was in Mississauga, 1974. The major stories of the year; the Smithers trial, the Demeter murder proceedings, men at political loggerheads in both the municipal and federal realms, all contained the prime ingredient. But there were other stories, good and bad. In an effort to bring the year into perspective, The Times offers you the year in review.

January

JAN. 2
Port Credit and Streetsville, once independent communities, disappeared at midnight, Jan. 1, as they merged with Mississauga town to become the new city of Mississauga.

A British Columbia man, Bradley Wayne Bolton, died early Boxing Day morning when fire gutted the John St. home of Manuel Santos.

veillance police from Toronto and Peel raided the home and charged five Metro people with conspiracy to import cannabis resin.

Former Canadian Football League all-star Jim Thorpe was fined \$600 (or 60 days in jail) in Mississauga provincial court for possession of hashish and cocaine. Dropped by the Winnipeg Blue Bombers after the charge was laid, Judge Gerry Young said that "kids should be made to know that athletes are just like anybody else. I think it is time we de-mythologized athletes."

JAN. 16
It's hard getting used to writing out the new year and The Times is no exception. Instead of dating this issue Jan. 16, 1974 we printed a

collector's item dated Jan. 16, 1973.

Dr. Robert Appleford, regional medical officer of health, revealed the health unit found three cases of diphtheria and investigated four others, which he described as "sub-clinical." This means the victims had contacted the organism, but it hadn't affected them seriously enough to make them sick. Another two cases are described as "suspicious." All cases have involved children in Brampton.

A Mississauga woman was charged with assault causing bodily harm after her two step-daughters were severely strangled. The children, aged 6 and 9, suffered severe bruising, but there were no broken bones.

JAN. 23
Brampton's Portuguese community was identified as the source of a feared diphtheria epidemic. A total of seven active and inactive cases of the disease were identified over the previous two months. The board of health suggested all young children be immunized against the disease by family doctors.

JAN. 30
Peter Demeter was arraigned in provincial court Monday on a non-capital murder charge in the beating death of his wife.

Bob Livesey, the embattled high school teacher fired by the school board for booking off sick when he was actually in court facing charges of possession of marijuana, was rehired by the board following a second hearing on appeal before a board of reference.

February

FEB. 6
A freak hockey accident

put 18-year-old Robert Sloan in hospital after his skull was depressed an inch-and-a-half above his right ear and temple. He had been wearing a regulation hockey helmet.

FEB. 13
Entire schools made up of portable classrooms could be the result for Erin Mills and Mississauga Valleys developments, if the one-to-two-year gap in school construction continues. An all-portable school is planned in Bramalea, the result of slow funding approvals by the ministry of education.

FEB. 20
Mississauga Hospital directors fear a "guerrilla assault" by members of the anti-abortion Right to Life group at the Feb. 28 hospital board elections. Board chairman Murray Eades said a flood of about 225 membership applications flowed in prior to cut-off time for the elections to fill four of the 16 board seats.

An 11-year-old Toronto boy died Monday night, half hour after he was accidentally shot by someone taking a 22

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