

**Ha-ha horror:
time is right
but not this
movie
Saturday
the 14th**

**Social
workers
hit the ice
next week**

Social Workers from the Simcoe County Family and Children's Services hit the ice on March 12 in a benefit hockey game to raise money for the special needs of children in their care. The game will be held at the Dunlop Street Arena in Barrie and will commence at 7:15 p.m.

Proceeds from the game will be directed towards such things as sports registrations. For some children, it will be their first opportunity to partake in such activities.

The opponents for the game are CKBB's Team Radio. This will be the third annual playoff for the coveted Jackson Cup.

Tickets for the game are only \$1, and are available from the Family and Children's Services office in Midhurst, or at the door.

by Terry Dupuis

Considering that horror movies have been running rampant on theatre screens for several years now, particularly those of the cheap exploitative ilk, the time certainly seems right for a sendup. This is what a new comedy-horror movie called *Saturday The 14th* attempts to do, but none too successfully.

The movie's title sounded promising, and might lead the viewer to expect a rich burlesque of sleazy thrillers like *Friday The 13th*. What we get instead is a lamely concocted haunted house comedy, so juvenile that it made me long for the comparative sophistication of "The Munsters" and "The Addams Family".

Richard Benjamin and Paula Prentiss star in *Saturday The 14th* as a couple who inherit a house from a late departed uncle. They are overjoyed at the reading of the will when their inheritance is announced, but they begin to wonder whether it is good or bad luck when their lawyer begins to warn them about a curse on the house and keels over dead.

Regardless of this omen, the couple move into the forbidding mansion with their nine-year-old son and teenage daughter. Mysterious and completely predictable things begin to happen to the new tenants, particularly after the young son opens a huge hard-covered book which claims that it can release monsters into the world.

Sure enough, various monsters begin to appear right and left all over the house, ridiculous looking creatures that wouldn't frighten a five-year-old. As for Benjamin and Prentiss, as well as the two actors who play their children, they give lacklustre performances. *Saturday The 14th* doesn't pick up until half way through the running time when an actor named Severn Darden enters the picture.

Darden is a bearded middle-aged actor who

used to appear with the Chicago based Second City troupe. He is a truly eccentric comedian with a penchant for the offbeat. I remember seeing him years ago in a rarely seen low-budget superhero spoof called *Fearless Frank*. Darden was memorable in the role of twin mad scientists.

In recent years this actor has been largely wasted in very brief roles, but the one virtue of *Saturday The 14th* is that he finally has another role which he can sink his teeth into. He plays a wacky Professor Van Helsing who arrives on the scene to exorcise the monsters from Richard Benjamin's new home.

Severn Darden's shenanigans help to rescue *Saturday The 14th* from the blandness of the rest of the cast. He even helps to erase the memory of Jeffrey Tambor, who is embarrassingly bad in the role of a vampire.

As for the rest of the film, it's truly a shame that it wasn't put together with a little more wit and style. A marvellous opportunity to spoof the murder and mayhem cheapy creepies has been lost here. Far better was the comedy sendup called *Student Bodies*, which came out last summer.

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FRIDAY, MARCH 26, 1982

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Parks and Recreation Board
requires**

**TWO TRAILER CAMP
SUPERVISORS**

From May 1st, to Sept. 15th, 1982

Duties to include:
-collection of camping fees
-grounds and building maintenance
-responsibility for 24 hour operation of camp.

Applications in writing will be accepted until 5 p.m., Friday, March 12, 1982, by the undersigned.

B. Murrant, Secretary,
Arena, Parks & Recreation Board,
10 Robert St. W., Penetanguishene, Ont.

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ROLLER SKATING

The Penetanguishene Arena, Parks and Recreation Board invites proposals for the operation of ROLLER SKATING at the Penetanguishene Arena for the summer of 1982.

Proposals should include the following information:

- proposed hours of operation
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- method of supervision
- any other pertinent information

Sealed proposals should be submitted to the undersigned by Friday, March 12, 1982, at 5 p.m. Highest or any bid not necessarily accepted.

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