

Mother's Day prizes are from Polaroid

Mother's Day's just around the corner and both The Midland Times and The Penetanguishene Citizen invite students from kindergarten to Grade 8 to take part in our Mother's Day-Polaroid OneStep 600 camera contest.

Drop us a line telling us in 20 words or less what you love best about your mother.

Contest ends at 4 p.m. Friday, May 10 Prizes will be awarded later the same day to two winners—one from Midland and area and the other from Penetanguishene and area for the best thought-provoking comments.

Mom, get organized for Mother's Day '85

Most moms expect Dad and the kids to make a fuss on Mother's Day. After all—Mom deserves it, right? But even Mother's Day lasts only 24 hours, and then it's back to business as usual.

The cupboards need cleaning, the house needs painting, and that things-to-do list hasn't been looked at for a month.

This calls for organization. And ideal present to "suggest" for yourself this May 12 is the gift of instant photography. With

Polaroid's Sun camera line there's a model to suit every need and budget.

Then, when its time to get organized, forget about making a list, instead take out your instant camera and put it to work. There are countless ways to use instant photography that will make your life easier...and more fun.

•The old television, the green drapes that no longer match, the extra refrigerator are all collecting dust when they could be collecting dollars.

If you have something to sell, chances are you'll get it off your hands faster if you use a picture instead of words. Take an instant photograph of the items you want to sell and place them on supermarket or community centre bulletin boards.

On Polaroid prints, you can write the item, price and your telephone number on the white space at the bottom of

the picture. It's also useful to have a few of these picture in your purse to show people at work or in the neighbourhood.

•Instant pictures can also save you time and money when you're doing the buying. Have you put off buying the new living room furniture or cabinet for the den because it's hard to imagine what will be "just right" when you're faced with a store-full of styles and choices? Furniture shoppers looking for the piece that best matches the run and drapes can simply photograph the living room before shopping around.

Take your instant camera with you to take pictures of possible selections—whether you're shopping for furniture, appliances, or clothes.

Long after you've forgotten exactly what all those items looked like, you'll have the pictures to remind you. And don't forget to jot down the prices and details on each picture before you leave the store.

•Professional insurance appraisers advise

keeping an up-to-date record of all your possessions in case of a claim. If you haven't done it and the thought of going through your home with pencil in hand sends shivers down your spine, let your Polaroid instant camera do the work for you.

Photographs of your household items and possessions safely filed away—preferably outside your home—can save you time and money if you ever have to make a claim.

•Behind in your letter-writing? Why not snap an instant picture of a recent project or take a picture of the kids and send it along with a little note written on the bottom of the picture. The picture is sure to be welcomed, and is far less time-consuming than composing a lengthy letter.

•Now that you're organized at home, why not take your Polaroid instant camera to the office? It can add a colourful addition to your memos...or help illustrate a problem on the assembly line... or visually recap a meeting, or...

The Slugger's Wife everyone strikes out in this movie

by TERRY DUPUIS

Humorous playwright Neil Simon has been actively plying his craft for 20 years now, both for the stage and for the silver screen. Some of his early plays like *Barefoot In The Park* and *The Odd Couple*, if not quite classics, are still nevertheless well-thought-of to this very day. Simon has built up his reputation not on his ability to create realistic characters, but on his gift for writing snappy dialogues for his characters.

The same was true when this playwright ran out of his stage works to adapt and began writing screenplays directly for the silver screen. Such movies as *Murder By Death*, *The Goodbye Girl* and *The Cheap Detective*, may have been uneven, but they had many genuinely humorous moments to them.

In recent years Simon seems to have been running out of any original ideas, situations and characters. All of his recent movies seem to be predictable variations of the same script almost. Even the famous well of Neil Simon one-liners seems to have dried up. Simon comedies like *I Ought To Be In Pictures*, *Max Dugan Returns* and *Only When I Laugh* presented little for audiences to cheer about. But none of them was as dismal as Neil Simon's current screen comedy *The Slugger's Wife*.

This comedy reaches a new low level for unfunny dialogue, obnoxious characters and unrealistic situations which have no association with life and fails completely even as escapist entertainment. As in most of Simon's stories, *The Slugger's Wife* centers on the relationship between men and women and derives its humour from that fact. But Simon has made so many comedies of this romantic nature that he has found ab-

solutely nothing new to say about it in *The Slugger's Wife*.

The plot centers around a major league baseball outfielder named Darryl who plays for the Chicago Braves. Darryl falls head over heels in love with a disco singer named Debby from the time he first lays eyes on her at a nightclub. But she won't give him the time of day because of his brash forward manner. But Darryl is persistent, and he does all sorts of crazy things to woo her, such as singing and dancing to the tune of "Singing In The Rain" under her window while a buddy of his turns a garden hose on him.

Then he challenges Debby in front of a whole crowd of patrons. He will hit two home runs for her in tomorrow's game if she will have dinner with him.

Not believing that he can do it, she agrees. But he does hit two home runs and she has to keep her agreement. Eventually, Darryl and Debby marry even though their line of work gives them little compatibility. The marriage is good for Darryl. He plays baseball like never before, much to the

delight of the Braves' manager and the fans. The Braves are heading straight for the pennant.

However, Darryl can only play baseball in this phenomenal way when his wife is present at the game. He has made her sacrifice her own career to be around for him, and eventually the slugger's wife decides that she has had enough, and she accepts a road tour singing engagement. Immediately Darryl goes into a slump and his team begins to lose game after game.

This slight silly story isn't helped by the fact that Simon has created very unlikeable characters for his story.

I can't believe that anyone in the audience will sympathize with either Darryl or Debby. Michael O'Keefe has proved himself a capable young actor in movies like *The Great Santini*, but this role will do nothing for his career. Another shock is that this project was directed by Hal Ashby. He used to make movies of substance. But everyone strikes out with this one.

Cup action resumes

The Centennial Cup is now in full swing on two fronts; Orillia and Aurora. In the opening game of the tournament, Orillia dumped Cole Harbour Scotia Colts 8-1. The Colts, not used to a smaller ice surface, seemed to be lost against the much larger Travelways. On Sunday evening, the Aurora Tigers disposed of the highly touted Penticton Knights by an 8-4 count. Monday night, the Scotia Colts were entertained by the Knights in Aurora. Penticton

took the contest 9-6, evening their record at one and one. The Colts tell to zip and two.

Last night in Orillia, Travelways tackled Aurora. The winner of the contest would virtually be assured of a berth in the Championship contest on Saturday afternoon at 2 p.m. in Orillia.

Races set

The powerboat races held during last year's Summerama weekend in Penetanguishene are to be repeated this year.

Racers sanctioned by the Barrie Powerboat Association will be competing Sunday, Aug. 4 on Penetang Bay.

Orillia handily defeated Aurora in the Ontario Junior League Playoff Finals four games to none. However, the Tigers are reported to have been six or seven players short for that meeting. After the first period Orillia last night was ahead 3-1 in its game against Aurora.

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