

Children can get restricted movies

Movies which would be placed in the "restricted" category for showing at movie theatres can be obtained by children at video rental stores according to OPP Commissioner James Erskine.

Erskine warns parents their children can obtain these movies and play them back on home video players.

A movie shown in a

public theatre in Ontario must first be screened by the provincial Board of Censors.

That body decides viewing categories and can also order portions to be removed from the film if the Board considers them too violent or sexually explicit.

Videotapes of movies available in rental stores are not subjected to the same approval process.

The video versions will often bear a printed statement saying the movie has been approved when the actual video versions still contain parts which cannot be screened in a regular movie theatre.

Ontario Solicitor General George Taylor recently said imported movies are not reviewed by Canada Customs. Importers have 60 days

in which to arrange for a screening by the Board of Censors or they can just return the films to the foreign distributors.

During that interval, some of the films are being copied solely for the videotape rental trade and then sent back.

OPP and Metropolitan Toronto Police officers have joined forces to fight porno-

graphy in the areas under their jurisdiction.

In the first four months of 1983, these officers seized over 1,000 videotapes from video stores and distributors valued at \$130,000. More than 90 charges have been laid in the first four months of this year following seizures in the Toronto, Kingston and Madoc areas.

"We are committed to rigorous enforcement of these laws," said Erskine. "Parents should be aware their children could have access to this material. They are urg-

ed to report all incidents where obscenity is suspected in retail videotapes to the police authority where the store is located."

Reducing dental costs

The best way to beat the high cost of dental care is the practice of good oral hygiene and regular checkups.

Many Canadians try to save money by not going to the dentist. They end up with serious dental problems

which require emergency attention. Emergency dental care for neglected teeth is generally more costly in the long run than regular preventive measures.

The patient can take preventive steps to reduce his potential dental

expenses. There are six steps to consider.

Good home care is still the key to good dental health. A home care program includes the daily use of a fluoride toothpaste and daily flossing and brushing. For children in the family, this is especially important. Children up until the age of eight should be supervised closely in their hygiene and parents should begin brushing and flossing their children's teeth from the time the first tooth appears.

To floss properly, use about 18 inches (46 cm) of dental floss. Wind most of it around the middle finger of one hand, the rest around the middle finger of the other hand. There should be about an inch

(2.5 cm) of floss free between the fingers. This should be grasped between the thumbs and fore fingers. To floss, guide the floss between the teeth using a gentle sawing motion. Curve the floss into a C-shape around the surface of the tooth and work the floss gently under the gums. Move the floss up and down several times. Do the same thing on every surface of every tooth.

A new toothbrush is a very good investment. A toothbrush should be replaced every two or three months. Dentists recommend a soft bristled brush with a flat brushing surface. Parents are advised to get the right-sized toothbrush for every family member.

Although most Canadian communities have water fluoridation, many do not. Ask your local health authority or dental society if your community is fluoridated. If not, your dentist or physician may wish to prescribe a fluoride supplement for your family.

Fluoride mouthwashes will help reduce decay, but should not be considered a substitute for good oral hygiene habits.

Many employers now offer dental insurance plans. For the individual, it is best to contact insurance companies in the area to see what is offered.

Many provinces have low cost dental services for seniors, children or the handicapped. Many cities also have programs of financial aid for those who need lower cost dental care. The local dental society can advise you on the programs available in your area.

Even in hard economic times, dental health care and good oral hygiene products and practices are still a good investment.

Sports materials available

Many small communities throughout North-western Ontario face limited access to sports information. In an effort to promote sport within the region, the Northwestern Ontario Regional Sports Council began compiling resource material two years ago from various Provincial Sport Governing Bodies. To increase the awareness of and to encourage the public to utilize this material, the Sports Council placed its collection, the most comprehensive of its type found anywhere in Canada, in the Reference Department of the

Brodie Resource Library, Thunder Bay Public Library System. The collection represents 46 different sports and consists of over 60 binders.

The binders are available for viewing in your community library via interlibrary loan. Please contact your local library for further information regarding contents of the binders and reservation policies.

This co-operative pilot project will hopefully pave the way for similar projects in other communities and regions in Ontario and Canada.

Court report

Senior Judge Roy Mitchell presided at the Provincial Offenses Court (Criminal Division) on Wednesday, May 4. The Prosecuting Attorney was Leon Nicol.

Darrin Gerow of Rossport was sentenced to a total of nine months incarceration on multiple charges. The individual charges included Break, Enter and Theft with a 14 month suspended sentence, Break, Enter and Theft with a 1 month sentence, Theft over \$200 with a three month sentence, Break, Enter and Theft with a 2 month sentence, Theft under 294 (b) of the Criminal Code with a sentence of 15 days, Break, Enter and Theft with a sentence of 2 months, a charge of Mischief with a sentence of 15 days, and second charge of Mischief with a sentence of an additional 15 days, and a charge of attempted theft with a sentence of 1 month incarceration.

Darcy Bain, also of Rossport, was sentenced in Thunder Bay on April 19. The charges included Break, Enter and Theft with a sentence of

1 month, theft under \$200 with a sentence of 15 days, Break Enter and Theft a sentence of one month.

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