

Parents should exercise judgement

Parents can take their children to see movies rated "adult accompaniment," but they should realize some discretion is advised, film reviewers warn.

"It really is important that all parents know how to take advantage of our movie rating program," says Anne Jones, Chairman of the Ontario Film Review Board. "If you misinterpret a rating, your children could end up seeing material you find unsuitable."

Under Ontario law all movies shown publicly in this province must be submitted for screening by the Film Review Board. With 34 members from the private sector representing varied religious beliefs, economic backgrounds, lifestyles and philosophies, the board draws on a cross-section of community standards in reviewing films.

Once they reach the theatres, each production bears a classification approved by the board.

"Most of them are particularly careful not to admit under-aged patrons," she says. "Aside from concerns about damaging their good names, the theatres could face licence suspensions for breaking the rules. A forced closure for even a week would cause a serious financial loss."

Possible ratings include:

Family

This means the film is considered appropriate for people of all ages.

Parental Guidance (PG)

Children are also allowed unsupervised access to movies bearing this rating. However, the theme may be more mature than that of "Family" productions. Films in this category may contain some violence, brief scenes involving nudity and occasional swearing.

"Parents may want to look for some reviews of these films, to find out a bit more about them than might be obvious from advertisements," Jones suggests. "You could decide after further investigation that the topic or theme is not what you consider suitable for your child. That's why parental guidance is suggested."

Adult Accompaniment (AA)

Under this rating, admission is restricted to people 14 years and older unless accompanied by an adult. This is the most commonly misunderstood category.

"We are definitely not recommen-

ding these movies for children under 14, as some parents may think," Jones says. "In fact, we don't think the material is suitable for a younger audience, but some children are more mature than others and, generally, their parents can best make that assessment."

Films in the Adult Accompaniment category may contain some nudity, implied sexual activity, coarse language, and violence including blood-letting.

Restricted (R)

There isn't much room for misunderstanding in this category because, unless you're at least 18 years old, you won't be allowed to see any film carrying a "restricted" rating, Jones says.

"The confusion over Adult Accompaniment arises because parents may take their children into these shows, only to decide they aren't suitable. With Restricted movies, there's no way a child could get in to see it, so parents don't have to be concerned about making a mistake."

Restricted films may contain scenes of graphic violence, nudity, simulated sexual activity and frequent use of

potentially offensive language.

Figures recently compiled by the film board show that 33 per cent of about 600 feature movies screened last year earned Restricted ratings. The percentages given AA and PG ratings were similar. Only slightly more than 4 per cent of movies reviewed by the board last year gained Family ratings, Jones says.

"It's interesting -- some might say 'disturbing' -- to see how very few Family films are being made today," says the chairman. "But the film in-

dustry operates on the same supply and demand system as every other sector of the free market. If people don't demand movies that could be rated Family, the industry isn't going to produce them."

In addition to reviewing films, the board licenses all Ontario movie theatres and projectionists.

Inspectors are employed to ensure theatres follow the rules, but the industry has traditionally been "extremely co-operative," with few infractions reported, Jones says.

Bed Race

This year's Canada Day Bed Race, according to its co-ordinator, Chris Joubert, should be an exciting event. He said he hopes to have as much success with it this year as last year.

To date, there are two entries for the race. The Lions Club and the fraternity Beta Sigma Phi have so far entered. The fraternity issued a challenge to the Lions Club which was accepted.

If you would like more information about the bed race or would like to enter a bed, contact Chris Joubert at 825-9295.

Improvements to highways in the near future

Travellers should notice improvements on area highways in the near future.

Northern Ontario transportation projects have received \$26 million in funding for major reconstruction and resurfacing of roads. Highways 527, leading to Armstrong, and 599, out to Pickle Lake, will be the site of repairs immediately. Other areas near Thunder Bay will be improved upon at a later date.

Northern Development and Mines transportation planning officer Gary Todd said this move will help to reduce the backlog of construction, resulting in better, quicker highways. Benefits will be felt as more people enjoy travelling in the north due to the improved road conditions, he explained.

An additional \$5 million has been committed to a number of municipal road projects together with \$4 million in new money for resource access roads. The \$26 million, announced in the recent provincial budget, represents an increase of 32 per cent in the allocation for the Northern

Terrace Bay Recreation Department events

Fun Run Participation Results

The Terrace Bay Recreation Department would like to thank each and every participant who registered and walked in the Challenge this year.

We were unsuccessful in winning this year but for your information here are the results from across the North Shore communities:

Town: Marathon-# involved:	978- %:	25
Manitouwadge-	: 792-	: 18
Terrace Bay-	: 898-	: 35
Schreiber-	: 752-	: 40
Geraldton-	: 406-	: 15
Longlac-	: 591-	: 26
Dorion-	: 80-	: 16
Nipigon-	: 392-	: 16
Nakina-	: 144-	: 18
Total Participants-	5,033	

Our congratulations to the Marathon and Schreiber communities for winning so successfully this year.

Also, in this news issue is a picture of the winners of the Terrace Bay Participation Challenge. Our congratulations and thanks to all of them.

Swimming Lessons

Swim Lesson registration forms have been distributed through the schools and forms are also available at the recreation office. Forms must be filled out with a parent or guardian's signature on the consent form.

The first session of lessons will commence on July 6 and run until July 24. Deadline to register for this session is Friday, June 19. Late registrations will be charged double. Register early, do not be disappointed.

Tot Lot Registration

Tot Lot is a summer program presented to the community by the recreation department. What is Tot Lot?

It is a program of crafts, special events and exciting activities for youths from the ages of three to 12.

'where: Held in the arena or outdoors, weather permitting.

When: Monday to Friday from July 6 to August 23.

Who: Ernie and Bert Group- ages three and four.

Tot Lot Gourp- ages five and six.

Summer Day Camp- ages seven to 12.

Registration fees are nominal and forms will be distributed through the schools with registration being held from June 22 to July 2 at the recreation office.

New Summer Hours

We wish to inform the community that the Summer Hours at the recreation office are now in effect.

Summer Hours- June 1 to August 31

Monday to Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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One Full Time Plant Maintenance Supervisor

Nipigon District Memorial Hospital is seeking an individual to assume responsibility for maintenance and plant operations and wishes to become involved in the planning and construction phases of a new building. Nipigon is located 65 miles east of Thunder Bay along the Northshore of Lake Superior and offers excellent recreational and leisure activities. This golden opportunity requires a self motivated individual with experience in electrical, heating, mechanical and plumbing systems. Excellent salary and benefits accompany this position. Interested candidates must be a qualified Class IV Stationary Engineer.

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