

# 'Three Men' smother 'A Little Lady'

By DAVID GIAMMARCO

I've just returned from the screening of *Three Men and a Little Lady* and I believe I've gone into a sugar coma. The film is so sweet, so syrupy, so sappy that I think it can best be described in Science 101 terms: All the sugar from the first film refined down to its finest form, and then more sugar added and presto - *Three Men and a Little Lady*.

The film is of course the sequel to the 1987 hit *Three Men and a Baby*. Tom Selleck returns as Pete, the architect, Steve Guttenberg returns as Michael the cartoonist, Ted Danson returns as Jack the actor/biological father and Nancy Travis returns as Sylvia the actress/mother. So what's new since we last left their nursery commune? Absolutely nothing.

## Hollywood Beat

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The only change is that baby Mary is now five years old. Her main job in the film, apart from being cute, is to ask precocious and embarrassing questions. The rest of the cast serves to act goofy around Mary, attend to her every whim, and also pretend that three grown men, a little girl and her mother can all live harmoniously and in unabashed glee in the same house.

Sequelitis, where does thy sting?

When Sylvia is suddenly offered marriage by her wealthy and somewhat devious stage

director, she accepts and decides to move Mary over to England where they will all live in his country manor. The boys don't take the news very well, especially with the absence of their Mary, and agree to fly to London and upset the wedding.

And what I can't understand is the overwhelming and overwrought attention plagued upon this child. These people are so obsessed with the little girl and engulf her with such focus that any normal child would be totally maladjusted and a spoiled brat.

Basically *Three Men and a Little Lady* is for those who loved the first one. You aren't experiencing anything new or profound and those diaper jokes are now replaced with more mature jokes, although they remain equally

unfunny. There are a few enjoyable scenes, a few chuckles, but this film is way too cute for me.

Maybe the next sequel should be *Three Men and a Teenaged Delinquent Girl*. Out of ten, *Three Men and a Little Lady* rates a six.

## Teachers

The Christmas meeting Ontario Association of Superannuated Women Teachers will be held at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Brampton on Tuesday, Dec. 4. The social hour will be at 11 a.m. followed by a Christmas dinner at noon, and "Christmas Entertainment, Our Own Talent".

## Art exhibition

Paintings by Glen Williams artist James Collis will be on sale Dec. 1 and 2 at his home, 126 Confederation St., 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call 877-1296.

## Choral concert

The Milton Choristers invite you to their upcoming Christmas concerts at St. Paul's United Church, Main St., Milton. "Gloria in Excelsis" features organ, harp and flute at 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2. Tickets are \$10, or \$8 for students and seniors. A Family Christmas Concert will be held Saturday, Dec. 9 at 3 p.m., at which carol selections will be expressed in sign language. Tickets are \$5, children under 12 are admitted free. For more information, call 878-8133.

## Fiesta

A Christmas fiesta will be held at the Ontario Electric Railway Museum in Rockwood on Sunday, Dec. 2. Enjoy mulled cider, vintage 1920's streetcar rides (weather permitting) and special food.

## Brookville play

A Christmas presentation is being held at Brookville School, Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 10 and 11 at 7:30 p.m. "The North Pole Goes Rock and Roll" has Santa playing "The Fonz". Everyone is welcome.

## Writing contest

Halton Peel Branch of the Canadian Authors Association is inviting short story writers to submit entries for their first annual Short Story Writing Competition. Themes are open. Entries must be under 2500 words and deadline is Dec. 15, 1990. Top prize is \$100. Each entry must be accompanied by \$5 entry fee. Forms can be obtained by sending a stamped, self-addressed envelop to Short Story Competition, c/o Box 52015, Old Oakville Postal Outlet, Oakville, Ont. L6J 7N5.

## Reunion

Martingrove Collegiate Institute in Toronto's west end is trying to locate former staff and students for their 25th anniversary next May. The anniversary will be held May 29 to June 1, 1991. For more information, call the Reunion Hotline, (416) 394-7617.

## Museum Exhibit

The Chisholms and Erchless, a new major exhibition at the Custom House of Oakville Museum, is about 150 years in the six-generational span of Oakville's first family and their home. Told in photographs, documents, maps, letters and artifacts, the exhibition will run until Oct. 1991 at the Oakville Museum, 8 Navy St., Oakville, is open Tuesday to Friday, 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., weekends and holiday Mondays noon to 5 p.m.

# What's going on?

## School play

E.C. Drury High School, 215 Ontario St. S., Milton, presents a performance of the musical "Guys and Dolls" on Nov. 28, 29, 30 and Dec. 1 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets may be purchased in advance, or at the door on the night of the performance at a cost of \$8. For more information, call 878-0575.

## Cabaret show

The Halton branch of the Canadian Mental Health Association is sponsoring a performance of "The Fantasticks" on April 25, 1991, with proceeds going to the association. A cabaret-style production which will provide entertainment for the whole family, tickets are \$17.50 each and suggested as a Christmas present. For more information or tickets, call 845-5044.

## Tudor singers

The Tudor Singers of Brantford will perform a choral recital of traditional Christmas music with readings by Dr. Frank Morgan. This concert celebrates the beginning of advent and will be held at Ebenezer United Church, on the Guelph Line, north of Brookville. Proceeds go to the building fund. Tickets are \$6 for adults, \$3 for children or \$15 for families at the door or phone Aub Kitching, 824-3770, Stanley Saunders, 856-4849 or Cindy Lunau, 853-3772.

## Watercolor exhibition

There will be an exhibition of watercolor paintings by Rhonda Durand, Thursday, Dec. 6 to Thursday, Dec. 20 at the Royal Botanical Gardens Centre library. The exhibit will be open weekdays 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturdays 9 a.m. to noon. This is Rhonda's first watercolor exhibition and will contain a variety of subjects including landscapes and flowers.

## Art show

Staff at the Halton Roman Catholic School Board is holding an art show and sale at the Centennial Gallery, Burlington Central Library, Dec. 7 to 22. Hours of the exhibit are Monday to Friday 7 to 9 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday 1 to 5 p.m.

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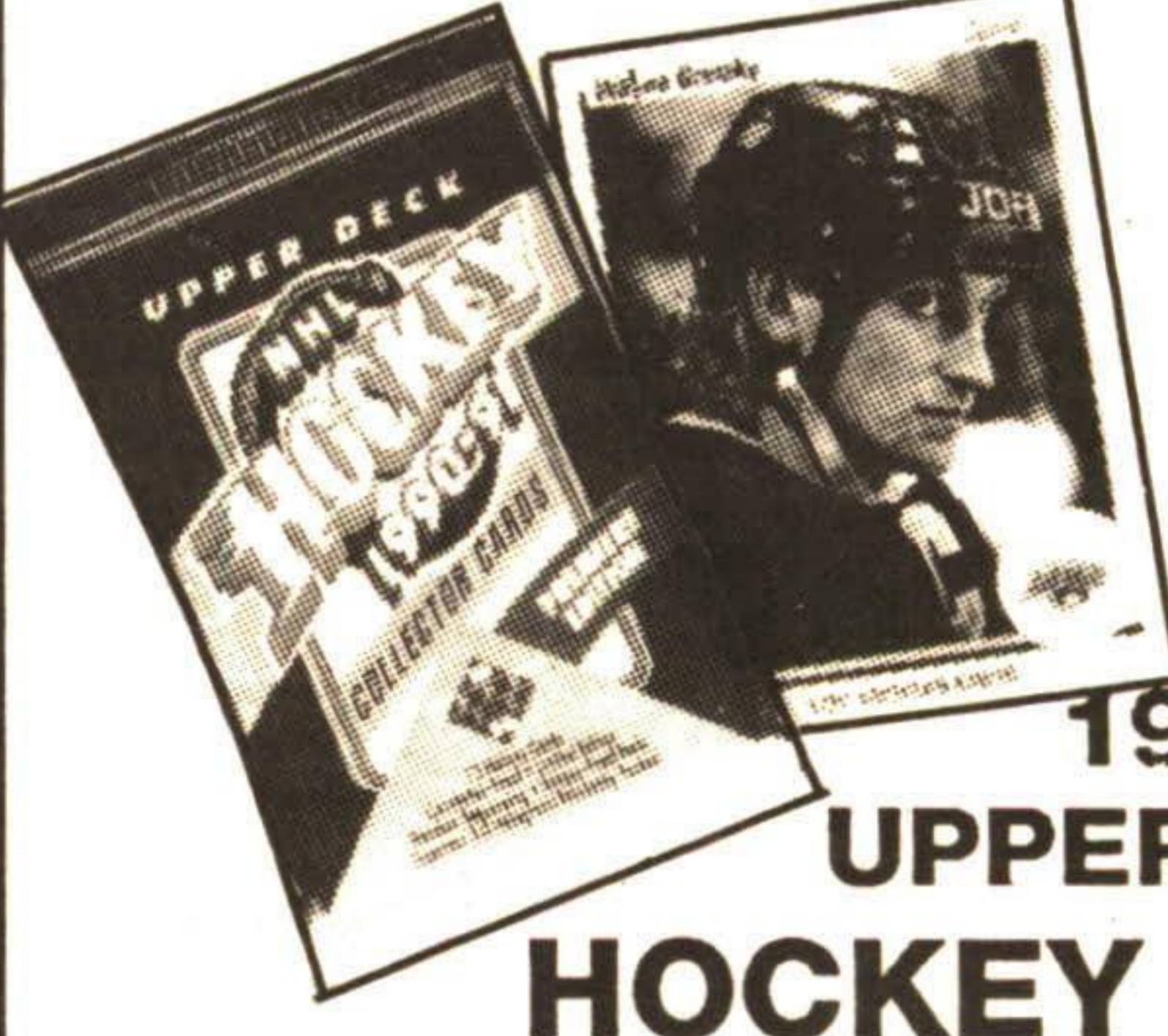
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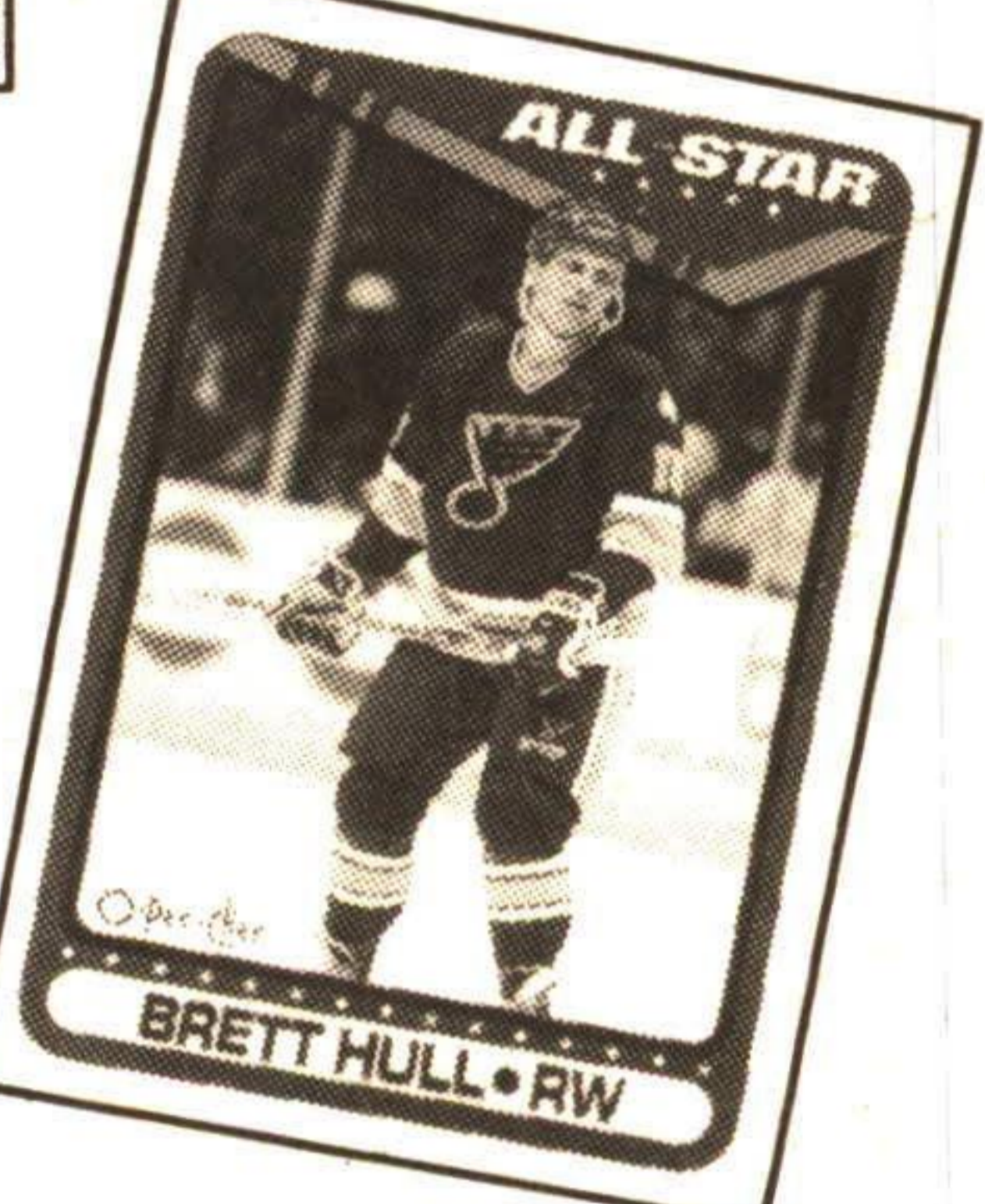
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