

Entertainment

Life with Mikey a Michael J. Fox vehicle

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Life With Mikey is cute, no more, no less. Starring Michael J.

Fox as Mike Chapman, the movie centers on the collapsing child talent firm of Chapman and Chapman and its renewal through the discov-

ery of Angie Vega (co-star Christina Vidal).

Mike Chapman is the former child star of a sitcom called Life With Mikey, a sort of Leave it to Beaver with an attitude. Not pre-

pared to go in front of the camera again, Chapman scratches a living discovering the child actresses and actors needed by the commercial industry. Angie Vega is a 10 year-old Brooklyn street urchin, pick pocketing and conning her way into the hearts and souls of her audience.

The movie offers some genuine comic moments. However, they are few and far between. For the most part, they are insightful bloopers into the child talent industry.

Fox just cannot carry off the role of the has-been Chapman while still holding the persona of the Back to the Future series with his styled haircut and casual, yet top market clothes.

A disturbing component of his character is his chain-smoking. The danger is that many young people internalize his role model; if he has a habit they want the habit. While Angie makes several attempts to help him quit, there is a lingering image of Fox taking a long drag on a cigarette. We should remember

that Fox (and the Mike Chapman plays) is of the generation that grew up being educated about the dangers of smoking. This is not so grizzled actor coming out of retirement and being faced by the heart concerns of a new generation. Fox and Chapman are that generation.

The character of Angie adds substance to the movie, but despite her independence and "tough-guy" image, ends up doing a sappy comic commercial. This character is hardly original. Other roles that come to mind are Tatum O'Neal award winning debut in Paper Moon and the recent Curly Sue.

The Chapman and Chapman secretary is none other than Cynthia Lauper. Unfortunately, her potential acting talents are never explored due to an anemic script that limits her to a bubble-head blonde.

Life With Mikey is about showcasing Michael J. Fox in a summer movie. Perhaps its redeeming feature is some insights to the world of child acting and the parents and industry that drive them.

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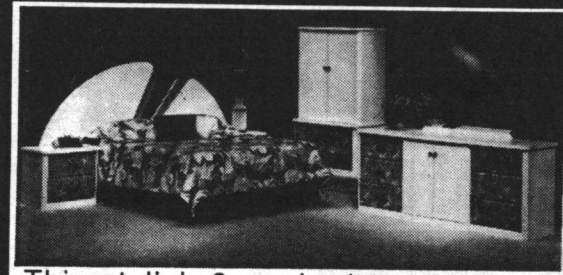
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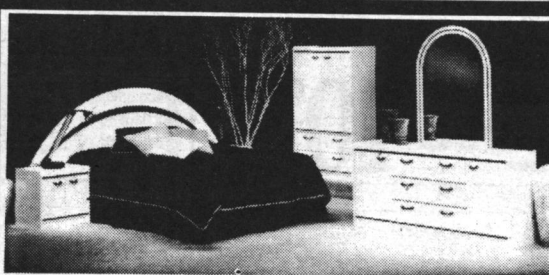
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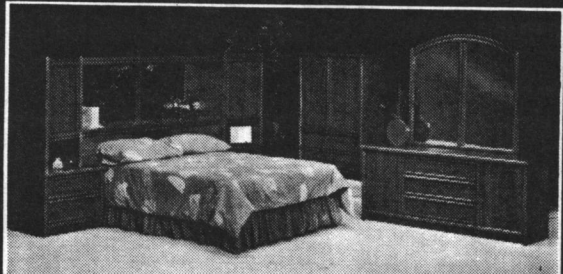
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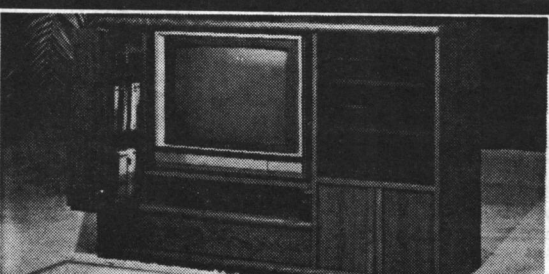
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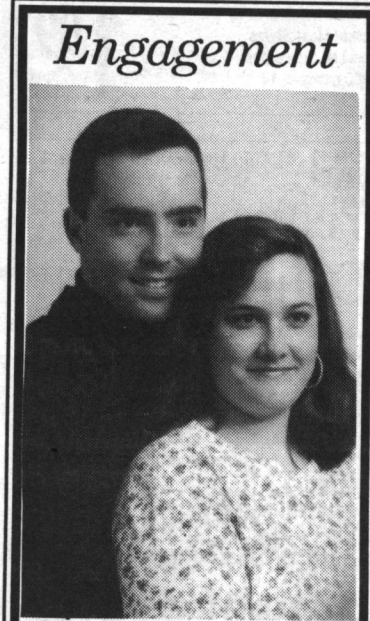
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You won't want to miss this Safety Fair, so write it on your calendar. It takes place from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the Halton Regional Centre, 1151 Bronte Rd., Oakville (North of the Q.E.W.).

The Town of Halton Hills, in cooperation with Tyler Transportation, is providing return bus trips free of charge between designated seniors buildings in Acton and Georgetown and the Halton Regional Centre. Seating is limited so reserve seats quickly. Acton residents can call us at 853-3310 and Georgetown residents can call Fern Boisvenue at 877-9714. For more information regarding the fair, call 878-8113, extension 7149 or drop in to Acton Social Services and Information Centre at 19 Willow St., North, Acton.

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