

Carolyn's Critique

Joe Versus the Volcanoe 'PG': Starring: Tom Hanks, Meg Ryan, Lloyd Bridges
Rating : 0 poor.....10 excellent

This movie is a prime example of that old saying "The commercials were better than the movie." Those 30 second promo's on T.V. used up all the funny parts. What we're left with is comey dialogue, stilted acting and uninspiring characters.

Tom Hanks plays Joe, a practicing hypochondriac in a dead end job for a company that makes surgical tools. He hasn't felt just right for the past 8 years. He's been to all kinds of doctors and is now seeing Dr. Ellison (Stack) who proceeds to tell him he has a brain cloud. (In Hollywood medical terms, that means a black fog of tissue running down the center of the brain.) It is incurable, not painful and will cause his death in about 6 months. Poor Joe: a bad case of post nasal drip and now this. What should he do?

"spent his life savings on doctor bills"

Well, like any rational person, who has spent his life savings on doctor bills, he rushes back to the plant and quits his job and asks the secretary for a date. here we are first introduced to Meg Ryan. She is playing Didi, a simple, mousy woman who has liked Joe for years. So naturally after dinner, Joe tells her about the braincloud. Our unrequited lover hits the street doing

100mph and never looks back. Needless to say, Joe is very depressed. Just then Samuel Grimwell (Bridges) shows up with a fantastic offer.

Looking for Bubero

He owns a company that makes super conductors. He needs a mineral called Bubero (Where's Mr. Science when you need him?) to make his conductors. This mineral can only be found on a tiny island in the South Pacific called Wamponyo (I'm only guessing at the spelling of that one.). Samuel can't get his hands on the Bubero though, because the natives are superstitious.

In the center of their island is a volcano and every 100 years, someone must throw themselves into the volcano to appease the Gods. It is now 99 years plus. Samuel figures, since Joe is dying anyway, maybe he can help him out.

Samuel will give Joe unlimited spending on clothes, cars, food, whatever for 5 months. In exchange Joe must go to Wamponyo and jump into the volcano. Then the natives will give Samuel all the Bubero he needs. Joe accepts and thus begins a shopping odyssey rivaled only by Madonna on a lazy Sunday.

Samuel hires his two daughter, Angelica and Patricia (Meg Ryan) to make sure Joe gets to Wamponyo. Joe falls

in love with Patricia and she with him.

After a shipwreck and days at sea on some floating trunks, Joe and Patricia make it to the island. Now it's party time. All to soon though, the volcano rumbles and reminds everyone of why they are there. Joe puts on his best tux and walks up to the rim. Patricia gets the chief to marry them and then she says she's going to jump with him. (I know that song goes, "Stand by your Man", but lets get real people!) Does she do it? Are they saved? You know how to find out.

Only two moments worth mentioning

There are two moments worth mentioning. Patricia and Joe are fishing off the boat and Joe gets a strike. After much struggling he lands a hammer head shark and (get this) the shark growls like a dog. The best moment of the movie (in my opinion) occurs when two islanders, on ropes, hurl themselves at a couple of gongs to signal the end of the party. These fools knock themselves out and have to be carried away on stretchers.

These two moments don't make a movie and the other funny stuff is far and few between. This should have been cut down to an hour tv special. I give it a 4.

Canadian drunk driver tally falls for sixth year

The number of people charged with drinking and driving has fallen for the sixth year in a row.

The drop was recorded in every province but Ontario, where the number of people charged last year rose to one per cent over 1988.

The Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics show 118,636 people were charged in Canada last year. This is the lowest number since statistics were first gathered in 1974.

But John Bates, founder and president of PRIDE (People to Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere) dismissed the figure as meaningless.

"These statistics don't

mean there are fewer impaired drivers on the roads, just that fewer are being caught," says Bates.

The 1989 total was two per cent lower than the previous year. Ontario's total of 37,969 people charged still left the province with the second lowest rate - 396 per 100,000 population. Quebec had the lowest rate, 352, and Saskatchewan the highest, 736 charged.

The statistics showed 181 people charged with impaired driving causing death, the highest total yet recorded.

Ninety-one per cent of drivers charged were men and 37 per cent were between the ages of 25 and 34.

Facials can be beneficial

by Alberto Costa

Receiving a professional facial is one of the most relaxing services available to the beauty salon patron.

Individuals who have had facials before usually return for repeat facials. When received as a regular service, facials result in a very noticeable improvement in the patron's skin tone and appearance.

Your hairdresser does not treat skin diseases, and must know when to advise the patron to see a doctor.

Facials are useful for two things: The first is to maintain the health of the facial skin by using correct cleansing methods, increasing circulation, relaxing the nerves, and activating the skin glands and metabolism through massage.

The second is for correcting some facial skin conditions, such as dryness, oiliness, blackheads, aging lines and minor conditions of acne.

Facials may be given as often as once a week. Talk to your hairdresser about more benefits from facials.

What's new in Schreiber's "Peel Off Winter" Carnival

The Peel Off Winter Carnival promises to better than ever this year with several new events packed into ten days of pure action and fun for all the residents of the area.

Clowns

There will be two clown performances for the kids sponsored by the Schreiber Public Library.

Swanny the Clown will keep the children in raptures on Saturday, Feb. 23, from 3 p.m. to 4p.m. The following Saturday there will be a different performance from three different clowns

beginning at 1 p.m. All of this fun and frolic, in both cases, will take place at the Rec Centre hall.

A Monster Bingo will keep lots of folks busy on Tuesday, Feb 26 and the following day, Wednesday, a Challengers Curling Bonspiel will bring the ice people out.

Everyone will need food to keep their energies at a peak so luncheons have been scheduled for every day of the week along with two breakfasts and two suppers.

Melt Down Dance

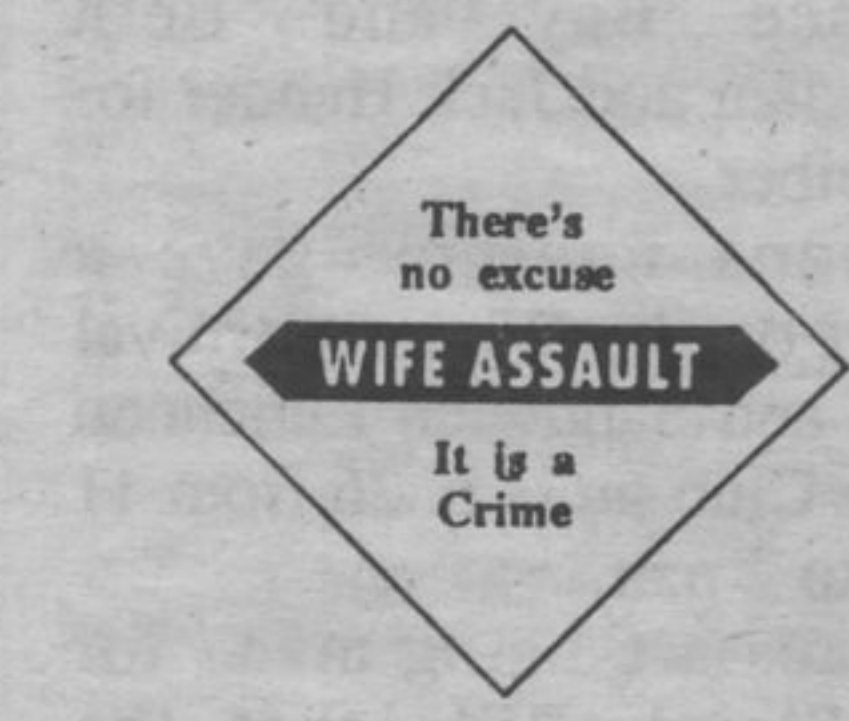
The Melt Down Dance,

featuring Minnow Races, will be held on Saturday March 2. Sounds more than a little fishy.

A downhill ski trip is planned to Mount Baldy on Sunday, March 3, so get those boards waxed.

Spud the Couch Potato

The carnival's mascot, Spud the Couch Potato, will around all week to lead the way to the action. Spud has a booklet that contains details everyone will need to participate in the activities. Each resident of Schreiber will receive one in their mailbox on or about the Feb 15.



You can get things done in the Classifieds

Schreiber Public Library presents a Valentines Day contest 'LINES FOR LOVERS'

Write a 4 - 8 line poem which includes the title of a book. Open to people over 18 years. Send entries to the library by February 14.

A Romantic Prize for Winner.

THE McCAUSLAND HOSPITAL NOTICE

For security reasons, please enter and exit the building through the Emergency Department after 4:30 p.m. weekdays and all day Saturday and Sunday.

Thank You for your co-operation.



THE AGUASABON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

THE EXECUTIVE

invites you to attend the 4TH ANNUAL MEETING Thursday, February 21, 1991

7:30 p.m.

Place T.B.A.

Guest speaker is Joy Neil

President of the Northwestern Ontario Associated Chamber of Commerce