

• Nite Lights •

By Pat Taylor



**W**ell, I lived through Valentine's Day with no Prince in sight, as did many of you singles out there. Maybe we'll meet a special Irish lad or lass in time for St. Paddy's Day, huh? Hope springs eternal.

In the meantime, we've got great family, friends and THEEATAH! (and no one else's laundry to do...)

**One Slight Hitch** — Anyone who's held a big wedding, or been part of the pre-planning of one,

Director Daniel De Raey, keeps the zany pace flying, and evokes terrific performances from his lively cast. Starring Michael Learned, (Mama on *The Waltons*) and Granville Van Dusen, ("Scar" in L.A.'s *Lion King*) as the whacky parents of the bride are *screamingly* funny! "She," the manic Mother, a bundle of nerves, and "He," the befuddled father, drowning in a sea of females, (a wife and three daughters). Both give focused and well-timed comedic performances. As their exuberant siblings, Senta Moses, (perky and precocious) Justine Brandy, (fresh and flirty) and Sherri Parker Lee, delightful as the confused bride to be, *all* offer fun-filled depictions. Todd Babcock plays the charming but irresponsible ex-fella with infectious *spirit*, and Brendan Ford plays



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*Justine Brandy, Sherri Parker Lee, Michael Learned, Granville Van Dusen and Senta Moses in "One Slight Hitch."*

knows how stressful and unpredictable that process can become.

Small differences of opinion on details such as cake, flowers, menu, seating, etc. can turn into major hysteria. This quirk of human nature, and more, is the hilarious premise of playwright Lewis Black's telling of one such wedding day. Add to the usual mayhem of last minute wedding surprises the unexpected arrival of the bride's still-smitten ex-boyfriend, and the frenzy escalates!

the dull but successful intended hubby, with *stuffed shirt* perfection.

The *gorgeous* set design of Akeime A. Mitterlehner, and *flairful* costuming of Diana Eden, set the mood joyously. This is a laugh-a-minute farce, complete with multiple slamming doors, and non-stop exits and entrances. A real crowd pleaser! Running through March 14, (Wed. – Sun.) at The Falcon Theatre, 4252 Riverside Dr. in Toluca Lake. Call (818) 955-8101.