

Comedy:
Bette Midler
stars as
Mona Dearly
(left), Danny
DeVito as
Chief Rash,
and Casey
Affleck as
Bobby Cal-
zone in
"Drowning
Mona."



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THE TICKER MOVIE (C)
THE WHOLE NINE YARDS (R)
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THE CIDER HOUSE RULES (R)
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company. Only police chief Wyatt Ross (Danny DeVito) seems to be a bit higher on the intelligence scale. He quickly deduces that at least a half-dozen people might have been involved in disabling the yellow Yugo and assure Mona's demise.

The suspects include: Mona's husband Phil (William Fichtner) and son Jeff (Marcus Thomas), who have endured years of her calamity; the trampy driver waitress (Lacey Chabert), who is having a hot affair with Phil and would like to see Mona out of the picture; Jeff's partner in a landscape firm, Bobby Calzone (Casey Affleck), who has been cheated and persecuted by Mona.

Even the chief's daughter, Mona's fiancée Ellen (Naveen Andrews), might have a motive for offing Mona.

Fashioning a murder farce

with dull-witted characters in absurd situations requires skill, and writer Peter Steinfeld and director Nick Gomez come through remarkably well. Some dry patches remain, but there are enough hearty laughs to offset them.

The ensemble actors give it their all, and that's as it should be in an absurdist comedy of this sort. Bette Midler has never been nastier, and Jamie Lee Curtis and Neve Campbell play their brainless roles with straight faces. Carol O'Connell as the picture of innocence is a real find—he could give Lee a run for his money.

Danny DeVito, whose company coproduced the film, provides some much-needed sanity amid all the silliness.

The Destination Films release was produced by Al Corley, Bob Rosenblatt and Jonathan Weissgal.

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