

MOVIES Funny 'Fathers' Day doesn't meet expectations

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For years, Hollywood has been scavenging plots from French films. The results sometimes have been good: "Three Men and a Cradle," "The Bird Cage," "Nine Months." But just as often, something gets lost in translation: "Dialouque," "Blame it on Rio," "Intersection."

"Fathers' Day" falls somewhere in between. It is an amiable road comedy, but not as hilarious as you would hope from the first film teaming of comedians Robin Williams and Billy Crystal.

The plot is something only the French could conjure. Borrowed from Francis Veber's script for "Les Compères," the story begins before the titles end. An adole-

cent boy (Charlie Hofheimer) races off with his girlfriend after a bitter argument with his father (Bruce Greenwood).

The boy's distraught mother (Natasja Kinski) contacts two men she dined with 17 years ago before she told each he is the father of her errant son. Both are dazed by the news, but respond to her pleas to help find the boy, who is apparently following a rock group from Los Angeles to San Francisco.

Dale Putnoff (Williams), a failed poet and playwright, receives the news in San Francisco, where he is burning his wife's writings and loading a gun. He postpones suicide to join the search.

Jack Lawrence (Crystal), a well-groomed power in Los Angeles law, is equally stunned by his apparent fatherhood. He leaves

his wife (Julia Louis-Dreyfus) and his practice to fly to San Francisco.

The two men meet when they try to interview the girlfriend's belligerent father. The odd coupling of the meticulous lawyer and the anarchic poet proves to be the punchline of the comedy as the pursuit dashes from San Francisco to Sacramento to Reno, Nev., and back to Los Angeles.

Director Ivan Reitman ("Ghostbusters," "Hindergarten Cop," "Twins") is skilled at exacting laughs from outrageous premises. Lowell Ganz and Babaloo Mandel ("Splash," "City Slickers," "A League of Their

Own") know how to pepper their scripts with a barrage of gags.

Despite such a pedigree, "Fathers' Day" falls short as a satisfying comedy. Perhaps concerned about the fragile premise, the filmmakers invented extraneous subplots: the boy is also pursued by two drug runners he stole money from, and the boy's apparent father also joins the chase, with unfunny results.

Somehow, the pairing of the two comers doesn't pay off as well as planned. By playing the conservative lawyer, Crystal loses the caustic humor that makes his Academy Award hostings so delightful. And Williams

portrayal of an over-age hippo looks terribly dated.

The two women seem overlooked in the scripting process. Kinski has little to do but set the plot in motion, and Louis-Dreyfus gets little chance to display her comedic talent.

Paul McCarty contributes two songs to the soundtrack: "Young Boy" and "The World Tonight."

"Fathers' Day" is a Warner Bros. release produced by Joel Silver and Reitman. Rating: PG-13, sexual innuendo. Running time: 98 minutes.



Comedy: Jack (Billy Crystal) tries to talk his way out of a situation to bell-hop (Ricky Harris) in "Fathers' Day."

CITY OF FARMINGTON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS (Summary)

A regular meeting of the Farmington City Council was called to order by Mayor McShane at 8:03 a.m. Monday, May 19, 1997 in Council Chambers, 23600 Liberty Street, Farmington, Michigan. Notice of the meeting was posted in compliance with Public Act 267-1978.

PRESENT: Bush, Campbell, Hartsock, McShane, Mitchell.

ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Clerk/Treasurer Cantrell, Director Goss, Director Gushman, City Manager Lauhoff, Assistant to City Manager Richards.

Bruce Kuffer, Insulform Technologies, Inc., reviewed the emergency sewer repair project.

Minutes of the Special and Regular meeting minutes of May 5, 1997 were approved as submitted.

Minutes of other boards were received and filed.

Council commanded Richard Tupper on receiving the Governor's Community Service Award.

Council authorized the closing of Birchwood for a block party on June 14, 1997.

Council proclaimed May 18-24, 1997 as Public Works Week.

Council authorized revisions to non-union general employees benefits.

Council authorized payment to Six S, Inc. for the 1997 Road Improvement Program.

Council adopted a resolution to submit a Transportation Enhancement Grant Application in cooperation with the City of Farmington Hills for landscaping, sidewalk improvements and a bike path.

Council noted a correction in the amount approved for payment to Dan's Excavating, Inc. at the April 21, 1997 meeting.

Council awarded bids to Stump Construction, State Painting and approved a contract with Allen and Lutz, Inc. to manage the project.

Public comments were heard.

Council comments and announcements were heard.

Council responded to J. Leo Ratliff, Terri Morency and Margaret Stirling-Hamilton to the Farmington Planning Commission, Gerald Wasen to the Farmington Employees' Retirement System, Evanah Serna to the Farmington Area Arts Commission, and Carol Hund to the Farmington Area Commission on Aging, to serve terms to expire June, 2000.

Council appointed Mayor McShane as Council representative to the Election Commission.

Council set a study session on June 2, 1997 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the Historical Museum.

Council received and filed the Department of Public Safety Quarterly Report, January - March, 1997.

Council adopted a resolution to certify delinquent payments for the 1997 tax roll.

Meeting adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

JOANNE M. McSHANE, Mayor
PATSY K. CANTRELL, City Clerk/Treasurer

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FARMINGTON SCHOOLS INVITATION TO BID

Farmington Public Schools will accept sealed bids for six (6) modular classrooms until 9:00 A.M. Wednesday, May 28, 1997 at the Lewis Schulman Administration Center, 32500 Shilawassee, Farmington, Michigan 48336, addressed to Paul Hain at which time they will be publicly opened and read for presentation to the Board of Education at their next regularly scheduled meeting. The Board will not consider or accept a bid received after the date and time specified.

The Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids or to waive any informalities therein; or for reasons of establishing uniformity to award the contract to other than the low bidder.

A bid bond for 5% of the bid amount issued by a carrier licensed by the State of Michigan and with an excellent or superior rating from A.M. Best Company must accompany your bid proposal. No certified checks accepted.

Bid specifications may be obtained from the purchasing department, 32500 Shilawassee, Farmington, Michigan 48336, (810) 489-3348.

BOBBIE FELDMAN, Secretary
Board of Education

Dated: May 18 and 23, 1997

CITY OF FARMINGTON SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING WITH THE FARMINGTON COMMUNITY LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES (Summary)

A special meeting of the Farmington City Council and the Farmington Community Library Board of Trustees was held Monday, May 19, 1997 in Council Chambers, 23600 Liberty Street, Farmington, Michigan. Notice of the Meeting was posted in compliance with Public Act 267-1978.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Bush, Campbell (arrived at 7:36 p.m.), Hartsock, McShane, Mitchell.

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: None

LIBRARY BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Doughty, Finley, Frankel, McCabe, McLaughlin, Executive Director Papan, Plummer, Seuter, Stoutjesdyk, Walker.

FARMINGTON CITY REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT: Clerk/Treasurer Cantrell, City Manager Lauhoff.

Council met with the Farmington Community Library Board of Trustees to discuss issues of mutual interest and concern. Discussion included improvement of library facilities and funding of library operations and improvements.

Meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

JOANNE M. McSHANE, Mayor
PATSY K. CANTRELL, Clerk/Treasurer

Published: May 23, 1997

CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN NOTICE OF INTENTION TO AUTHORIZE AND ISSUE THE FOLLOWING BONDS: ROAD IMPROVEMENTS PORTIONS OF SUPERVISOR'S PLAT OF FENDT'S FARMS AND PORTIONS OF SUPERVISOR'S PLAT NO. 19 AND ACREAGE PARCELS COST \$219,000.00

TO ALL QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS, MICHIGAN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of the intention of the City of Farmington Hills, a municipal corporation, to authorize and issue the following described bonds of the City of Farmington Hills:

STREET	FROM	TO
Fendt Street	Gill Road	Drake Road
Drake Road	Drake Road	312 Feet North

Such bonds are to be issued by the City of Farmington Hills for the following purpose:

ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

Such bonds will bear interest at a rate not exceeding 12% per annum to be determined at the time of the sale of said bonds.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that said bonds will be issued under the provisions of the Charter of the City of Farmington Hills, Act No. 279 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1909, as amended, and Act No. 209 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1943, as amended, and that the principal thereof and the interest thereon are payable from installments of special assessments in anticipation of which they have been issued. In the instance such special assessments are not sufficient to pay the interest on such bonds, the City will advance from its general funds sufficient moneys to pay such principal and interest. The City's ability to raise such funds is subject to applicable constitutional, statutory and charter limitations on the taxing power of the City.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that this notice is given by order of the Council of the City of Farmington Hills, Michigan, to and for the benefit of the electors of the City, in order to inform them that resolutions authorizing the issuance of said bonds will be adopted by the Council of the City of Farmington Hills and that said bonds will be issued without submitting the question of their issuance to the vote of the electors of the City, unless within 45 days from the publication of this notice, a petition signed by not less than 10% or 15,000, whichever is lesser, of the registered electors of the City, requesting a referendum upon the question of the issuance of such bonds, is filed with the City Clerk, in which event the bonds will not be issued unless and until approved by a majority of the electors of the City qualified to vote and voting thereon at a general or special election.

KATHRYN A. DORNAN, City Clerk
City of Farmington Hills

Dated: May 23, 1997
Published: May 23, 1997

CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN NOTICE OF INTENTION TO AUTHORIZE AND ISSUE THE FOLLOWING BONDS: SANITARY SEWER IMPROVEMENTS PORTIONS OF GREENCASTLE SUBDIVISION COST: \$1,129,000.00

TO ALL QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS, MICHIGAN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of the intention of the City of Farmington Hills, a municipal corporation, to authorize and issue the following described bonds of the City of Farmington Hills:

STREET	FROM	TO
Green Meadow Circle E.	North Intersection of Greenmeadow	South Intersection of Green Meadow Circle E. & W.
Green Meadow Circle W.	North Intersection of Greenmeadow	South Intersection of Greenmeadow
Cumberland Dr.	Green Meadow Circle E.	Greenmeadow Road
Bellecrest Road	Cumberland Drive	+ 228 Feet East
Sybil Court	Green Meadow Circle E.	Southerly Terminus
Glendwin Court	Green Meadow Circle E.	Westerly Terminus
Montpelier	Green Meadow Circle W.	Westerly Terminus

Such bonds are to be issued by the City of Farmington Hills for the following purpose:

SANITARY SEWER IMPROVEMENTS

Such bonds will bear interest at a rate not exceeding 12% per annum to be determined at the time of the sale of said bonds.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that said bonds will be issued under and pursuant to the provisions of the Charter of the City of Farmington Hills, Act No. 279 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1909, as amended, and Act No. 209 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1943, as amended, and that the principal thereof and the interest thereon are payable from installments of special assessments in anticipation of which they have been issued. In the instance such special assessments are not sufficient to pay the interest on such bonds, the City will advance from its general funds sufficient moneys to pay such principal and interest. The City's ability to raise such funds is subject to applicable constitutional, statutory and charter limitations on the taxing power of the City.

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KATHRYN A. DORNAN, City Clerk
City of Farmington Hills

Dated: May 20, 1997
Published: May 23, 1997

FARMINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NOTICE OF REGULAR ELECTION

NOTICE OF THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF FARMINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT, IN THE COUNTY OF OAKLAND, STATE OF MICHIGAN:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Regular School Election has been called to be held in the Farmington Public School District, County of Oakland and State of Michigan, on Monday the 9th day of June, 1997, for the purpose of electing two (2) members to the Board of Education, each for a term of four (4) years, expiring June 30, 2001, for which the following persons have been nominated:

Mark H. Cleary
Roberta (Bobbie) Feldman
Frank L. Reid

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that all duly qualified and registered electors may vote at said election. The polls for said election will be open from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M., Eastern Daylight Savings Time, and the voting places for the precincts will be as follows:

Precinct No. 1:	Longacre Elementary School 34500 Arundel Street
Precinct No. 2:	William Grace Elementary School 20940 Shilawassee Street
Precinct No. 3:	East Middle School 25000 Middlebelt Road
Precinct No. 4:	Warner Middle School 30303 W. Fourteen Mile Road
Precinct No. 5:	Dundek Middle School 22800 Twelve Mile Road
Precinct No. 6:	Forest Elementary School 34546 Old Timber Road
Precinct No. 7:	Hillside Elementary School 36501 W. Eleven Mile Road
Precinct No. 8:	Gill Elementary School 21195 Gill Road

NOTICE REGARDING APPLICATIONS FOR ABSENTEE BALLOTS.

Applications for absentee ballots are available at the Lewis Schulman Administration Center, 32500 Shilawassee Street, Farmington, Michigan, during regular business hours on the weekdays beginning Tuesday, May 20, 1997 through Friday, June 6, 1997. The Administrative Center will also be open on Saturday, June 7, 1997 from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Emergency absentee ballots may be requested from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. on Monday, June 9, 1997. Applications for absentee ballots will also be mailed to individual qualified electors, upon request made to Judy Stuehnbeil at (810) 489-3341.

This notice is given by order of the Board of Education of said school district.

BOBBIE FELDMAN,
Secretary, Board of Education

Dated: Approved: April 15, 1997
Published: May 23 and June 1, 1997

CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE

Notice of Adoption of Ordinance C-9-97, an Ordinance to amend Chapter 30, Traffic and Motor Vehicles, add new Article VIII, Motor Carrier Safety, to promote safety upon public highways by regulating the operation of certain vehicles, to adopt, by reference, State and Federal regulations, and to provide penalties for violation of the Article.

THE CITY OF FARMINGTON ORDAINS:

Section 1.

Chapter 30, traffic and Motor Vehicles, of the City Code, is hereby amended to add Article VII, Motor Carrier Safety, which Article shall read as follows:

Section 30-780. Bumpers or similar devices required for certain motor vehicles; undercarriage guard requirements; exemption; "asphalt vehicle" defined.

Section 30-781. Maximum driving time.

Section 30-782. Failure to maintain records of duty activities; retention to service records; certification; non-applicability of 12 consecutive hours on duty requirements.

Section 30-783. Applicability of Article and rules; construction; compliance; instruction.

Section 30-784. Adoption by reference.

Section 30-785. Motor carriers; submission of documents to motor carrier office; facsimile of identification card.

Section 30-786. Violation of act or rules.

Section 30-787. Penalties; "serious safety defect" defined.

Section 2. Repealer.

Section 3. Severability.

Section 4. Savings.

Section 5. Effective Date.

Section 6. Enactment.

KATHRYN A. DORNAN, City Clerk
City of Farmington Hills

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CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS 3185 ELEVEN MILE ROAD FARMINGTON HILLS, MI 48336-1165 (810) 474-6115

ADVERTISEMENT

The City of Farmington Hills Purchasing Division will solicit sealed bids during the next forty-five (45) days for the following products and/or services:

DPW Industrial Floor Scrubber
1600PZ Raised Pavement Marker Program
1600PZ Stump Pump Program

Specifications may be obtained by contacting Purchasing Division. All bids must be submitted in accordance with the bid specifications.

The City of Farmington Hills reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, either in part or in whole, to waive any formalities and to accept the bid which it believes to be in the best interest of the City.

KATHRYN A. DORNAN
City Clerk

Published: May 23, 1997

CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE

Notice of Adoption of Ordinance C-7-97, an Ordinance to amend the City of Farmington Hills Employees' Retirement System; amending Section 2.460, of the City of Farmington Hills Code, Chapter 2, by adding Paragraph (d), providing for employee pick up of member contributions for employees participating in the City of Farmington Hills Employees' Retirement System pursuant to Section 414(h) of the Internal Revenue Code.

THE CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS ORDAINS:

Section 1.

Section 2.460 of the Farmington Hills City Code, Chapter 2, is hereby amended by adding Paragraph (d) as set forth below:

Section 2.460(d) The City Council may, from time to time by resolution, designate one or more classes, groups or categories of City employees who shall have their member contributions ("picked up"), provided that:

(i) the City Council may, by appropriate resolution, withdraw such designation from one or more classes, groups or categories of City employees;

(ii) all designations or withdrawals of designations shall be done in a manner that does not discriminate in favor of employees who are officers or highly compensated individuals, within the meaning of Section 401(a)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Section 2. Repealer.

Section 3. Severability.

Section 4. Savings.

Section 5. Effective Date.

Section 6. Enactment.

KATHRYN A. DORNAN, City Clerk
City of Farmington Hills

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