

CINEMA

'Bio-Dome' full of silly antics, enviro-humor

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Bio-Dome, a movie directed by Jason Bloom is playing at the Act III's Cinema World, located across from Valley River Center. Metro-Goldwyne-Mayer together with 3 Arts Entertainment and Weasel Productions brought together a cast including Pauly Shore, Steven Baldwin and William Aetherton of the late 1980s Val Kilmer film "Real Genius."

In fact, Aetherton, who in this movie played the leader of the group of Bio-Dome scientist named Dr. Noah Faulkner, played much the same role as the earlier movie.

The movie's basic story is that a group of elitist scientist have designed an ecosystem inside a greenhouse in the middle of the desert with the hopes of sustaining life for one year while living in harmony with the utopian-like nature they have created.

Soy beans are the primary source of protein, and fish waste is used to fertilize the vegetable crops.

Pauly Shore plays the part of a junior college, junk food eating, beer guzzling friend of Steven Baldwin. Shore answers to Bud and Squirrel. Baldwin, in turn, answers to Doyle.

Bud and Doyle, who initially have a striking resemblance to Beavis and Butthead, are out cruising in the desert when they stumble upon the Bio-Dome, so Doyle can "drain his lizard."

The doors to the Bio-Dome are to be locked for one year so the scientists will not be interrupted. Little do they know they have recently taken on two new agents to their experiment, as Bud and Doyle found their way in to use the facilities and are now trapped in the Bio-Dome.

Madness ensues and all of our society's faults and weaknesses

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Starring Pauly Shore
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are played out through the two antagonists. Dr. Faulkner said, "They are a symbol of everything that is wrong with this world."

Eventually, they turn into the protagonists, as they save the Bio-Dome that they destructed trying to impress their trendy environmentalist girlfriends who ditched them because they are so environmentally unconscious.

A quote that I particularly found amusing was when one of the girlfriends asked, "How does playing hacky-sack and drinking beer help the environment?"


I enjoyed the crafty set ideas by Kristi Pratt which included among other things a sun reflector made of reflective beer cases.

The music was a combination of choice selections by musical director Andrew Gross including some of my favorites of I Want Candy, by Bow Wow Wow, and Safety Dance, by Men Without Hats.

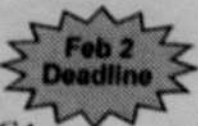
Other key actors include new comers Joey Adams, Henry Gibson, Kevin West, Patricia Hearst and Trevor St. John.

I would recommend this movie for its balance of conveying a "save it, or lose it" philosophy towards the environment without preaching to and condemning the audience for our current practices concerning the environment.

Moreover, the physical comedy of Baldwin and Shore was definitely worth the admission cost.



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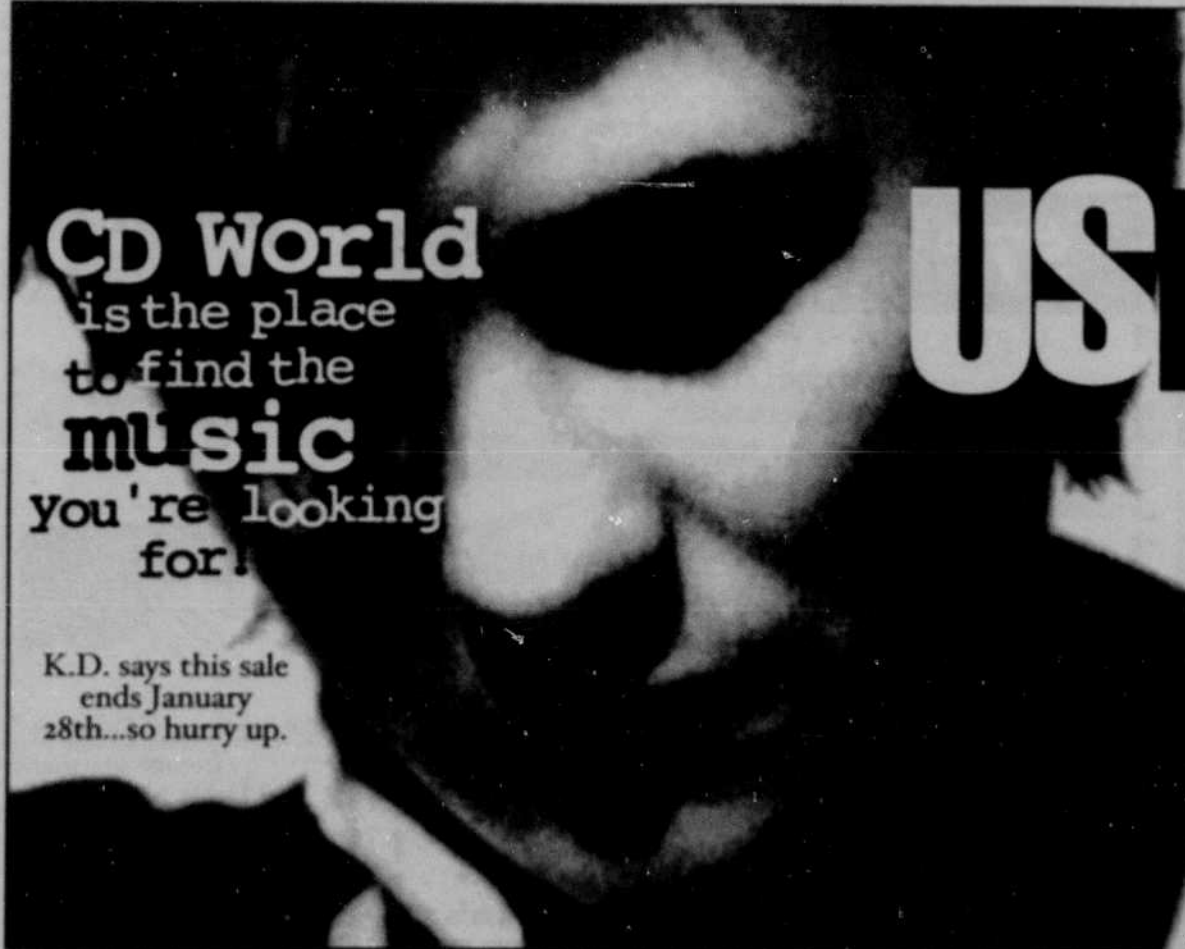
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