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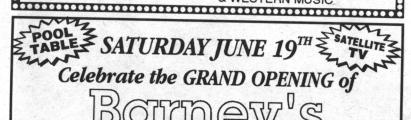
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"Dave" looks at government's role

By Lawson Oates and Dawn Wood

There are no dinosaurs in Dave, directed by Ivan Reitman. Well, actually there is one dinosaur, but not the type that has been hanging out in a mosquito's tummy for 650 million years. The dinosaur in Dave is the political system as we know it - and are more dissatisfied with — everyday.

Following a novel plotline. Dave Kovic (Kevin Kline) lands a short-term job as a stand-in for the United States President. The job, however, proceeds to a long-term engagement when the real President suffers a stroke. Fearing the loss of their power, the President's henchmen (Frank Langell and Kevin Dunn) quickly realize that maintaining Dave as the stand-in is their only means to keep their power.

Devoid of the career and personal strains under which the real President was under, Dave introduces humanity and compassion into the presidency. The question becomes: can this approach actu-

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ally take hold?

Kevin Kline does an admirable job in the role of Dave. You couldn't help think, however, that a young Robin Williams would have been brilliant in the role. The President's wife, Ellen Mitchell, is played by Sigourney Weaver, who looks a lot better with a full head of hair and no aliens to blast to kingdom come. The Vice-President is played by Ben Kingsley, who delivers a strong and powerful performance,

despite only a small role.

The movie is dotted with cameos throughout its length, including a number of members from the U.S. Senate and Congress who all play themselves.

Dave (the movie) raises some interesting ethical questions about power and responsibility. But at the heart of the movie is the issue of what is the role of government.

P.S. In the credits, it is noted that no animals were harmed in this movie and the use of animals was overseen by the American Humane Society.

Musical Review visits the Hills

The Markham Light Opera will present the Tony award-winning Broadway musical A Day in Hollywood - A Night in the Ukraine at John Elliott Theatre in the Halton Hills Cultural Centre, 7 p.m., July 11.

This hysterically funny musical revue about the Golden Era of Hollywood Movie musicals has a musical score by Jerry Herman of Hello Dolly!, Mame and La Cage aux Folles fame and originally starred Priscilla Lopez (A Chorus Line) and David Garrison (Married with Children). A Day in Hollywood - A Night in the Ukraine was hailed by critics as "A surprise package of melody and charm. York Times).

Praised and spoofed in this

musical comedy feast are: Nelson Eddy and Jeannette MacDonald, Shirley Temple, Tom Mix, Judy Garland and The Wizard of Oz, Mickey Rooney, Dick Powell and Ruby Keeler and many, many others! Also included in this very funny extravaganza is the funniest "movie" the Marx Brothers never

The cast includes Tracy Cairns, Joe Cascone, Julie Lennick, Keith O'Connell, Peter Roe (of Georgetown) and Fiona Willsie, all of whom have toured with the Markham Light Opera in the past summers.

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