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'Bambi II'

"Bambi II" is no ordinary sequel. Better to think of this animated feature as "the rest of the story."

"Bambi II" completes the tale of the title character in Disney's 1942 animated classic. It fills in the events between the time Bambi's mother is killed by hunters and when, at the end of the original, Bambi takes over for his father as the Great Prince of the Forest.

The characters in "Bambi II" are familiar from the original — and they do age somewhat here — but they retain their playfulness. The new story exudes a warm, blithe spirit throughout.

More than a coming-of-age story, "Bambi II" follows the developing relationship between father and son, the misunderstandings as well as the growing affection.

Whether children have seen its predecessor, "Bambi II" is worth a look for its top-notch animation, lovable characters and action scenes that are far less terrifying than the unforgettable forest fire of the original.

Rating: G; 73 minutes; Walt Disney Home Entertainment



'Nursery Tap, Hip to Toe: Volume One'

For aspiring dancers and other tots who've got rhythm, "Nursery Tap, Hip to Toe" will get those little feet a-moving.

Traditional nursery rhymes are set to a new beat and interpreted by dancers, most of whom are shown from the hips down.

The DVD includes an audio-only CD.

The video starts out with an upbeat "One, Two, Buckle My Shoe," but the legs-eye-view perspective song after song becomes repetitive.

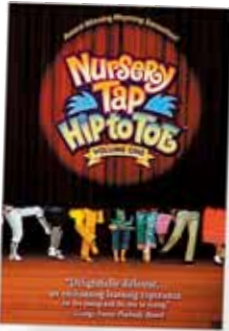
Then, happily, a silly number comes along like "Doodle-Do-Do (The Princess Lost Her Shoe)."

Best of the rest are "The House That Jack Built," and a clever rendition of "Shoo Fly," with exasperated dialogue between the repeated chorus.

Plastic flyswatters provide the rhythm for dancing.

With legs sticking out of costumes and feet shod in ballet slippers, point shoes, tap shoes or sneakers, it's remarkable how expressive dancers' feet can be.

Rating: Not rated; 33 minutes; Nursery Tap



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Girl Scout Taylor Mason was one of several scouts who taught children about India and other cultures to mark Thinking Day on Feb. 24 at Hopewell Presbyterian Church.

Thinking about world cultures

Franklin- and Trafalgar-area Girl Scouts learned about different cultures to mark Thinking Day.

The day is a time when members reflect on the worldwide sisterhood of Girl Scouting.

Scouts sampled ethnic foods and learned about the traditions and cultures of India, England, Mexico and Sweden.

CENTER GROVE

Robot shoots; students hope he scores

Contraption built by teenagers after school set for high-tech game

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As basketball players go, "The Revolver" is no Jermaine O'Neal. He's five feet tall, weighs 188 pounds and sometimes runs into chairs. And it takes three different joysticks and a crew of high school students to guide his jump shot.

The Revolver is the first robot created by the 16-member Red Alert Robotics team at Center Grove High School.

The robot skims across the floor, sucks foam balls onto a conveyer belt then shoots them into hoops. Later this month, the Red Alert team will present The Revolver for competition during a high-tech version of basketball at the Boilermaker Regionals at Purdue University.

With the assistance of Center Grove High School faculty and four local engineers, the Red Alert team built the robot in six weeks of after-school and weekend hours.

They are a rookie team in For Inspiration and Recognition of Science Technology, a national, high-tech sporting competition. The program provides high school students the opportunity to work closely with professional engineers to design, build and test a robot.

"There were times when it got frustrating," said



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Sophomore Mike McCoy, right, works with his dad, Steve McCoy, a volunteer engineer, on a pipe for a robot that shoots basketballs, below, during a work session in February at Center Grove High School's industrial technology facility.

Mike McCoy, 15, a sophomore member of the team. "One tiny miscalculation and the whole program wouldn't run."

He said there were moments when The Revolver went a bit haywire. It dented desks and chairs in the classroom as students experimented with correct programming options.

Team members raised \$6,000 to pay for a robotics kit and the competition admission fee, said Summer Ehresman, faculty adviser for the group.

Community sponsors and volunteer engineers are needed so Red Alert can continue to compete in years to come, crafting a new robot each year. Competitors must build robots for a different game every year.

In addition to constructing the robot, participants also must consider game strategy.

That's why The Revolver has the ability to play this year's game of basketball with a defensive approach as well as an offensive one. The robot is programmed to shoot balls into the hoops but to also block shots of opposing robots.

"This gives students a sense of accomplishment," Ehresman said of the robotics competition. "They are doing something not everyone can do."

Senior Kurt Maurer, left, and Mike McCoy work with a computer program Thursday at Center Grove High School. They helped build a basketball-playing robot.



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What is that thing?

It's The Revolver, a robot that can play basketball.

Members of Center Grove High School's Red Alert Robotics team built the device with the help of volunteer engineers.

The Revolver is programmed to shoot balls into hoops and block shots. Students control him with three joysticks.

Team members raised \$6,000 to pay for a robotics kit and the admission fee for a competition where The Revolver will strut his stuff.

Later this month, the robot will compete with basketball-playing robots built by students from other schools.



If you could go anywhere in the world, where would you go and whom would you take with you?

"Hawaii with my best friend Katie. I want to go to Hawaii to ride the dolphins."

Lily Parker, 7, daughter of Donald and Deborah Parker of Whiteland, second grade, Whiteland Elementary School



"Africa with my friend Kaitlyn because I like taking pictures of animals, and we would make a scrapbook of animals."

Emily Saugstad, 8, daughter of Kurt and Janine Saugstad of New Whiteland, second grade, Whiteland Elementary



"Florida in the summer with my family, by the beaches with all the shark teeth."

Avery Buckler, 9, son of Jeremy and Melinda Buckler of Whiteland, third grade, Whiteland Elementary



"Hollywood with my friend Ashley Bowman, to see all the rock stars."

Stephanie Levell, 10, guardians are Jerry and Vera Bearden of Greenwood, fourth grade, Whiteland Elementary



TAKE NOTES

School raises \$2,000 with student-faculty contest

Roncalli High School raised more than \$2,000 for their school and for victims of Hurricane Katrina with a student vs. faculty basketball game.

Spectators paid \$2 to watch the Feb. 23 game.

The student team, made up of seniors, won the game.

Center Grove senior recognized for service

Andrew Menner, a senior at Center Grove High School, has been honored for his volunteer service with a state-level certificate of excellence from the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program.

Andrew was nominated by his school and recognized for organizing an event that raised money for Special Olympics.

Presented annually, the awards honor young people for outstanding community service.

Calling all daughters, fathers: Come to breakfast

The next Father-Daughter Breakfast will begin at 6 a.m. Friday at Roncalli High School, 3300 Prague Road.

The meal includes a buffet, raffle prizes and a guest speaker.

Fathers, grandfathers and daughters of all ages and all schools are welcome. The cost is \$5 per person. Information: 787-8277

