

# Pee-wee finds true romance under big top

RECENT RELEASES:

"Big Top Pee-wee" (B) (PG) 80 minutes.  
Kids and Pee-wee Herman fans will love this — talking farm animals, dumb jokes, a circus and Pee-wee in love. It's absurd, silly and a lot of fun. Reviewed by Cathy Gugor.



the movies  
**Dan Greenberg**

## Grading the movies

|    |                                 |
|----|---------------------------------|
| A+ | Top marks - sure to please      |
| A  | Close behind - excellent        |
| A- | Still in running for top honors |
| B+ | Pretty good stuff, not perfect  |
| B  | Good                            |
| B- | Good but notable deficiencies   |
| C+ | Just a cut above average        |
| C  | Mediocre                        |
| C- | Not so hot and slipping fast    |
| D+ | The very best of the poor stuff |
| D  | Poor                            |
| D- | It doesn't get much worse       |
| F  | Truly awful                     |
| Z  | Reserved for the colossally bad |
| *  | No advanced screening           |

"Caddyshack II" (\*).  
All-star cast, starring Jackie Mason, Robert Stack, Dyan Cannon, Bina Merrill, Randy Quaid, Chevy Chase and Dan Aykroyd in sequel to 1980 hit.

"Monkey Shines" (C) (R) 100 minutes.  
George Romero escapes the zombies and lightens up on the gore. The film seems to be a horrific appeal to anti-violence, but comes across more like an elongated "Creep Show" story. Reviewed by Brian Nichols.

"Die Hard" (\*) (R).  
Bruce Willis and Bonnie Bedelia in story of hostages trapped in L.A. building, seized by terrorists on Christmas Eve.

STILL PLAYING:

"Arbitrage on the Rocks 2" (PG) (a).  
Dudley Moore, Liza Minnelli and Sir John Gielgud do it again under Bud Yorkin's direction.

"Bambi" (A) (G) 70 minutes.  
Short but good animated story of young fawn growing up. Good for the kids and for adults on a nostalgia trip.

"Big" (A) (PG) 98 minutes.  
A shy 12-year-old boy's wish is granted when he wakes up one morning in a man's body. Tom Hanks skillfully captures the innocent, childlike qualities and gestures of a 12-year-old trying to live in an adult world. Reviewed by Cathy Gugor.

"Big Business" (A-) (PG) 95 minutes.  
Mistaken identity is comedy's strong suit and that's what Bette Midler, Bette Midler, Lily Tomlin and Lily Tomlin do so well in this story of two sets of twins mixed at birth. Technically super production

although pace falters occasionally.

"Bull Durham" (A-) (R) 105 minutes.  
Wonderfully wacky, but slightly overdone summer in the minor leagues. Veteran catcher Crash Davis (Kevin Costner) is brought in to steady hotshot young pitcher Nuke LaLoosh (Tim Robbins). Susan Sarandon and Jemy Robertson complicate matters. Film is as explicit as possible while remaining an "R".

"Coming to America" (B-) (R) 120 minutes.  
Hollywood and sexist view of Africa, but Prince Akeem (Eddie Murphy) rebels against an arranged marriage and visits New York City to find his own bride. The good news is Murphy plays a character instead



Pee-wee Herman is an enterprising farmer whose pretty school teacher girlfriend (Penelope Ann Miller) makes him a picnic lunch in Paramount Pictures' "Big Top Pee-wee."

of playing Eddie Murphy and has some touching scenes with his American girl, Lisa (Sari Readly). The bad news is, despite some funny stuff, there's too much adolescent humor.

"Crocodile Dundee II" (C) (PG) 110 minutes.  
Dundee (Paul Hogan) is "experiencing" New York while living with journalist Sue (Linda Kozlowski). They get involved with Colombian drug dealers, but Dundee saves the day and whisks Sue off to Australia. It's cute, but not like the original. Reviewed by Jennifer Morse.

"Da" (A) (G) 102 minutes.  
The best of the warm melancholia characteristic of Irish theater. Charlie (Martin Sheen) returns to Ireland for his father's funeral and "encounters" his parents via the mind. Bernard Hughes' bravura performance as Charlie's father is well worth the ticket price.

"The Dead Pool" (B-) (R) 95 minutes.  
Clint Eastwood is back in Dirty Harry's fifth adventure. This time its multiple celebrity deaths. Action-packed with quite a few bloody scenes. Dirty Harry fans will appreciate their hero's usual endurance.

"The Great Outdoors" (B-) (PG) 92 minutes.  
While not the most raucous comedy that a billing with John Candy and Dan Aykroyd could muster, the film escapes the doldrums with a few good one-liners and eight gags. The raccoon family and the teen "love story" were uselessly overplayed to avoid Candy-Aykroyd as the only substance. Reviewed by Brian Nicols.

"High Season" (B) (R) 100 minutes.  
Greek setting for photographer Katherine (Jacqueline Bisset), trying to preserve "the past." Each character in this Greek tragedy has their

own reasons for what they do. Interesting. Reviewed by Jennifer Morse.

"License to Drive" (\*) (PG-13).  
Corey Haim and Corey Feldman star in a teen-age film about driving and so forth.

"Midnight Run" (F) (R) 115 minutes.  
An absolute disappointment, wasting two acting talents in weak script. Bounty hunter Jack Walsh (Robert DeNiro) suffers through overly familiar chase scenes, the FBI and the Mob to bring accountant-embezzler Johnhan Arduldas (Charles Grodin) back to L.A.

"Short Circuit 2" (B) (PG).  
The maturation of No. 5 to Johnny Five continues in a clever sequel, but a lot of the cleverness gets lost in No. 5's machine talk and Ben's Indian accent. The bad guys aren't too convincing and Ben's sidekick this

time doesn't have Steve Guttenberg's charm or energy.

"Who Framed Roger Rabbit" (A-) (PG) 110 minutes.  
Pure entertainment in this technically amazing combination of live action and animation. Private eye Eddie Valiant (Bob Hoskins) saves the day by helping Roger Rabbit beat a bum rap. Hoskins' acting is super in a tough situation where he had to work with blank walls and inanimate cartoon characters, which were inserted later. Reviewed by Jennifer Morse.

"A World Apart" (B+) (PG) 110 minutes.  
Intense, true story of Diana Roth (Barbara Hershey), the first woman in South Africa to be jailed under its 90-day Detention Act for her anti-apartheid activism. She suffers psychological tortures for her political stand and her daughter, Molly (Jodie May), struggles to understand her mother's activism. Reviewed by Jennifer Morse.

# Mountain rivers offer adventure

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I visited the gold mining town of Dahlonega and the village of Helen, a mountain town that has been converted into a Bavarian alpine village. I didn't get to Cleveland, Ga., but I understand that Babylund General Hospital, home of the Cabbage Patch dolls, is highly recommended. This is very civilized country in all the important tourist ways — good beds, accessible restaurants, McDonalds. Nobody smokes a corn cob pipe on the corner any more, but you can still buy those handmade cotton bonnets at Rabun Gap Crafts and 100 other roadside craft shops.

I considered several places in northeast Georgia before I settled on Rabun County and Clayton. I considered Unicoi State Park near Helen, Mountain Top Lodge near Dahlonega, a 100-year-old hotel called Glen-Ella Springs in Clarksville and Laprade's in Clarksville.

I CHOSE Rabun County around Clayton because it was a little more remote than the others and gave me access to the adjoining states. Rabun Gap is the place where a young English teacher called Elliot Wigginton created the Foxfire books by sending his students into the hills to learn the skills of mountain people.

There are lots of things to do in the mountains, but most people go there to relax, enjoy the mountains and re-affirm life. How you do that might be determined by your accommodations. There are lots of roadside motels, but the really interesting accommodations are tucked away and take a little finding.

I stayed at the English Manor Inn on U.S.-76 East, a mile from Clayton. It is neither English, nor a manor, nor a traditional inn, but it would be a great gathering place for a small group.

English Thornwell was an Atlanta stockbroker when he bought an old stone house on a hill surrounded by trees. One by one he built five large wood or rock "summer houses" on the top of the hill and downhill in the trees behind.

groups who want their own "house." Each house has a large living/dining area and kitchen, with several bedrooms and wrap-around balconies on both levels. You can rent a whole house for about \$100 per bedroom for a two-day weekend, less midweek. Or you can just rent a room at the inn at the top of the hill. These places are modern, not woodsy, but in a nice setting.

One of the highlights of the English Manor Inn is a series of murder mystery weekends. Susan does the cooking and wrap-around balconies on both levels. You can rent a whole house for about \$100 per person for two nights, four meals, all beverages and the murder mystery fun. Call (404) 782-5760.

IF YOU prefer bed-and-breakfast style accommodations, I saw two in Rabun County. York House is a white clapboard two-story house set off by itself between a grassy hill and a grove of trees. It costs about \$100 per person for two nights, four meals, all beverages and the murder mystery fun. Call (404) 782-5760.

I also toured one of the most interesting bed-and-breakfasts I've seen, the Old Barn Inn on Lake Rabun. An old barn once connected with a grand home was gutted and rebuilt as a private home by Weyman and Theda Evans. She has a marvelous touch with decorating and provides a very beautiful and homey setting for adults only. About \$30 a night for two. Call (404) 782-5094.

Also on Lake Rabun is the Lake Rabun Hotel, known as the Jewel of north Georgia. It is a small inexpensive two-story log inn, with bedrooms down the hall and a lobby full of rhododendron furniture. This is definitely not for those who want a modern setting, but enthusiasts love it primarily because of the homey, meet-your-neighbor feeling. Call (404) 782-4946.

For cars and tour buses; they serve their regular all-you-can-eat lunch and dinner to thousands of fans. You'd better be hungry; it is reminiscent of the chicken dinner you get in Frankentown.

AS FOR white water rafting, there are three places on either side of the Georgia-South Carolina border, 17 miles from Clayton. I met Jim

and Jeanette Greinert of Wildwater, who do white water raft trips on the Chattooga and Ocoee rivers. You can also stay in cabins at their place in Long Creek, S.C.


This is protected national forest country and the water is low this year, so their trips have been restricted, but they are still running.

In comparison to Colorado rafting, Jim's is on a smaller volume river, but more technical, with rapid pools in the river. There are lots of turns, twists, the river is difficult to navigate. Be prepared to get wet and maybe fall out of the boat, but Jim hasn't lost anybody to the river, so don't be nervous. Call the Greiners at (803) 647-5337.

You can get information about Georgia from the Georgia Depart-

ment of Industry and Trade, Tourism Division, 250 Peach St., N.W., Suite 405, P.O. Box 1776, Atlanta, Ga. 30301, or contact the Rabun County Hospitality Association, P.O. Box 761, Clayton, Ga. 30525, telephone (404) 782-5113.

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