## **EVENTS**

## 'Hotel Transylvania 2': A nonviolent Dracula kids can enjoy

BY JANE HORWITZ **WASHINGTON POST** 

6 and older:

"Hotel Transylvania 2" (PG): The animated 3-D adventures of a nonviolent. family-oriented Dracula and his daugh-

FILM ter contin-**REVIEWS** ue in this

adequate sequel. The humor is as lowbrow as the 2012 original is, but the laughs are generous, and the scary/monstery seems toned down enough for kids 6 and older. There are still vampires, bats, blobs and creatures at Dracula's Hotel Transylvania, but nothing too booworthy. His vampire daughter, Mavis, marries her human boyfriend, Jonathan, and they have a little boy, Dennis. He reaches age 4 with no sign of fangs. He may just be a "late-fanger," Dracula hopes. Mavis and Jonathan take a vacation, leaving Dennis with his grandpa. Dracula and his buddies Frankenstein, the invisible man, the werewolf and the mummy take Dennis to a monster theme park. Dracula's human-hating father, Vlad, poses a brief threat, but the finale is all about acceptance. (89 min-

THE BOTTOM LINE: A climactic battle involves swarming bats. There is a little crude humor, with the word "boobies" used once

10 and older:

(PG): An "Goosebumps" array of monsters from R.L. Stine's scary-funny "Goosebumps" books comes to life in this mildly imaginative trifle, with Stine himself (played by Jack Black) as a character, and teen romance as the backdrop. Kids 10 and older will likely be amused, but for some under-10s, the sight of those monsters on a big screen may be too much: The Werewolf of Fever Swamp, the nasty garden gnomes, the giant praying mantis and Slappy the evil ventriloquist's dummy all bare tooth and claw, chase the teen protagonists and threaten the town. Zach has recently lost his dad. He and his mom move to a Delaware town where she'll be the vice principal at his new school. Hannah, the cute girl next door, befriends Zach, though her secretive dad (Black) warns him off. Overhearing a scream in Hannah's house, Zach and his nerdy pal, Champ, go to investigate. Hannah's fine, but they find a bookcase full of original, locked R.L. Stine manuscripts. One gets opened, out pops the Abominable Snowman of Pasadena and we're off (98 minutes)

THE BOTTOM LINE: Parents will need to know their kids' limits, even those 10 and older. Many are already creeped out by clowns and ventriloquist dummies. To see so many monsters on the screen may overwhelm them. There are also humans-vs.-monster battles.



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Mavis (voiced by Selena Gomez) and Jonathan (voiced by Andy Samberg) in "Hotel Transylvania 2".

PG-13:

"Bridge of Spies": Steven Spielberg has delivered a crackerjack fact-based Cold War saga, thick with atmosphere and tension. It will especially enthrall historyloving teens, breathing life into their textbook knowledge of the era. Even better. "Bridge of Spies" celebrates a hero who values honor and the law. It begins in 1957, when Soviet spy Rudolf Abel (Mark Rylance) is captured by the FBI in New York. The U.S. government approaches a big law firm to provide an attorney to defend Abel, to show he can get a fair trial. James B. Donovan (Tom Hanks), an insurance claims lawyer, gets the

high-profile job â " plus dirty looks from citizens on his subway ride to work. Abel is convicted, but Donovan persuades the judge to give him prison time, not a death sentence, in case the United States needs to trade him. Sure enough, in 1960, an American spy plane gets shot down and its pilot, Francis Gary Powers, taken prisoner by the Soviets. Donovan goes to East Berlin under CIA auspices to negotiate an exchange. (143 min-

THE BOTTOM LINE: The most harrowing moments depict East Berliners shot as they try to climb over the Berlin Wall, and Powers struggling to eject as his plane falls. Scenes of Powers' captivity show him treated roughly. Donovan's daughter is endangered when someone shoots at their house. The script includes a couple uses of the F-word.

"Steve Jobs": Teens love their devices and are at least marginally aware of how

The Intern (PG-13)

Everest (PG-13)

computers, the Internet and cellphones transformed the world within a mere couple of decades. They also love a flawed hero, which is why this impressionistic portrait, partly fictionalized and partly based on the Walter Isaacson biography of Steve Jobs, will grip them. It

is as dialogue-heavy and formally structured as a threeact play, but it is never less than riveting. The R rating reflects strong profanity but no obscenity. Screenwriter Aaron Sorkin paints Apple co-founder Jobs (Michael Fassbender) as an Olympian-ego'd genius marketer who also was an emotionally walled-off control freak, unwilling to give credit where it was due or even, at first, concede paternity of a daughter born out of wedlock. Sorkin imagines him backstage prior to three key launches — of the Macintosh computer in 1984; of his new company NeXT in 1985 after he was pushed out of Apple; and of the iMac in 1998, after he returned to Apple. Verbal and moral jousts erupt between Jobs and key players in his life and work. (122 minutes)

THE BOTTOM LINE: The script contains multiple Fwords as well as brief, semicrude sexual language and oblique references to promis-

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## Things to Do

ALTON - Alton United Methodist Women's craft fair and luncheon, 10 a.m.-2 p.m Saturday, Oct. 17, at Alton United Methodist Church, 3494 Bennoch Road. Includes Linwood Randall's wood crafts and the Marine Corps' Auxiliary crafts. Haddock chowder luncheon, \$8.

BANGOR - Great Pumpkin vard sale. 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 17, Unitarian Universalist Society of Bangor church, 129 Park St. 947-7009.

BANGOR - "Ghostly Bangor Walking Tour" by Bangor Historical Society, Oct. 17, 20, 24 and 27, departing from 159 Union St. \$10 per person.

BAR HARBOR — ImprovAcadia's 12th season, through Oct. 17, 8 p.m. shows family-friendly; 10 p.m. shows may contain adult content, at the 50-seat theater, 15 Cottage St., second floor. Tickets \$17 for adults, \$12 for age 10 and under. Check improvacadia.com, call 288-2503 or email improvacadia@mindspring.com.

BAR HARBOR — Rotarians' S'More Celebration campfire fundraiser to help raise \$650 to fund the Belize Wheelchair Project, 6-8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 16, at Hadley Point Beach. In March 2016, Rotarians from Ellsworth and Bar Harbor will fit wheelchairs to people in Belize. \$10; \$5 for under age 12. S'mores and other edibles will be offered at this song and share event. For tickets, visit eventbrite.com/e/ smores-for-wheelchairs.

BELFAST — Author and illustrator Douglas Coffin discussing and signing his new book, "One Maine Christmas Eve," 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 16, Left Bank Books, 109 Church St. Space and seating limited; advance reservations recommended. 338-9009; leftbank@myfairpoint.net.

BREWER - Brewer Hometown Band, 2 p.m. Sunday Oct. 18, at Brewer Auditorium. Concert free; donations accepted.

ELLSWORTH - Maine Walk for Peace, Militarization of the Seas: the Pentagon's Impacts on the Oceans, through Oct. 24, from Ellsworth to Portsmouth, New Hampshire. For information on walking with the group or supporting the group in other ways, contact Maine Veterans for Peace, www. vfpmaine.org, 443-9502, globalnet@mindspring. com or 422-8273.

ELLSWORTH - The Black House at Woodlawn Museum, 19 Black House Drive, Route 172, is open for tours through Oct. 31, and Dec. 1-23. Public park open free year-round sunrise to sunset, with walking trails, picnic tables and bathroom. For information, email Anne Russenberger-Keefe at events@woodlawnmuseum.org, call 667-8671 or visit woodlawnmuseum.

FALMOUTH - "Peter and the Wolf" and "Western Roundup," 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 16; 1 and 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 17, at Maine State Ballet Theater, 348 U.S. Route 1. Tickets \$15-\$20 with discounts for senior citizens and children, available at mainestateballet.org or by calling 781-3587. Phone and box office orders have \$5 processing fee. For information, visit www.mainestateballet.

HALLOWELL - Walking tour of the Hallowell Cemetery guided by city historian Sam Webber and hosted by the Hallowell cultural committee, 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 17. Meet at the fountain at the center of the cemetery. Rain date 1 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 18. Tour is free and open to the public, with donations accepted to support future projects.

LEWISTON — Thriller "Wait Until Dark," 7:30 p.m. Thursday and Fridays, Oct. 16, 22, 23; 8 p.m. Saturdays, Oct. 17 and 24, and 3 p.m. matinee Oct. 24; 2 p.m. Sundays Oct. 18 and 25, at The Public Theatre, 31 Maple St. Post-show discussion with director and cast, Oct. 18. Wine-tasting, 6:30 p.m. Oct. 22. Social Saturday Play Pals, Oct. 24. \$20 for adults; \$17 each for groups of 10 or more; \$5 for age 18 and younger. For information or tickets, call 782-3200. www.thepublictheatre.org.

ORONO — Orono Community Theatre auditions for "The Miracle Worker," 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 18, and 6 p.m. Monday, Oct. 19, Keith Anderson Community House, 19 Bennoch Road. Several roles for girls ages 8-14. African-American girl, boy and adult woman needed. Other major and minor roles for five men and five women. Those

interested in working back stage also invited to the auditions. Rehearsals begin Sunday, Nov. 8. Play performed in January at Cyrus Pavilion Theatre, University of Maine. facebook.com/Orono-Community-Theatre-206673262751889.

ORONO - Annual Homecoming Craft Fair and Maine Marketplace, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 17; 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 18, University of Maine Field House. \$2; free to under age 12 and UMaine students with university identification card. umainehomecoming.com.

PATTEN — United Methodist Women's holiday sale, 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 17, Methodist Church. Crafts, knitted items, cards, Grandma's Attic, food table and more. Luncheon of chicken soup, beef stew and dessert, 11

PORTLAND — Themed tours on Victorian death practices for Halloween. 6:30 and 8:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Oct. 16 and 17, at Victoria Mansion, 109 Danforth St. Tours focus on customs surrounding death in the Victorian Age, and the oneact play "A Vigil for Aunt Eleanor." Tickets are \$25 for adults; \$20 for Victoria Mansion members; \$15 for ages 17 and under. Not recommended for under age 12. Space is limited. For reservations, call 772-4841, ext. 104.

PROSPECT - Fright at the Fort, 5:30-9 p.m. Oct. 17, 23, 24, 30 and 31, at Fort Knox, 740 Fort Knox Road. \$10 per person; \$5 for age 12 and under; Express Tix \$12 adults: \$7 for age 12 and under. Proceeds support The Friends of Fort Knox's programs and maintenance of the fort. For information, visit http:// fortknox.maineguide.com/ Fright/index.html.

ROCKLAND — The Friends of Rockland Public Library present "An Evening With Tess Gerritsen," 7-10 p.m. Friday, Oct. 16, in the auditorium of the Oceanside East High School on Broadway. Gerritsen will talk about and read from her soonto-be-released book, "Playing With Fire," present a surprise musical piece, answer questions of the audience and attend a reception afterward. Tickets \$20 at the library, \$25 at the door (cash or check only at the door). A raffle of a signed

set of Gerritsen's books will be held. Proceeds benefit Rockland Public Library.

For a complete listing of calendar items or to submit your event, visit www.bangordailynews.com.



SHOWTIMES VALID 10/16 thru 10/22 ALL SHOWS EVERYDAY Hollywood Cinemas 11:20 1:20 3:20 5:20 7:20 9:20 Goosebumps (PG) Crimson Peak (R) 12:15 2:30 4:45 7:00 9:15 Pan (PG) 11:40 2:10 4:50 7:00 9:10 The Martian (PG-13) 7:30 11:30 2:10 4:50 Hotel Transylvania 2 (PG) 11:55 1:45 3:30 5:15 7:00 8:45

Coming Soon: Watch for Our New Ultra Max Theater Experience \$5 Matinees/\$7 after 6pm. \$5 all day for under 12 & Sr. Citizens. Children under 2 FREE! Super Tuesday \$3 all day, all ages!

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