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Art Black Market Goes Wild With Ambivalence

A Massachusetts high school student is sad that someone stole a piece of her artwork on display at a state office building. Emily Moreau says she was told that three well-dressed men entered the building in Boston on Monday, went straight to the 9-inch-by-12-inch colored pencil drawing she calls "Breakfast," took it down and walked away. The drawing depicts a fried egg with a human eye where the yolk should be. (AP)

ELDERLY WOMEN'S GAMES

Switch to Mahjong Did Not Appear to Appear the Authorities

Cyprus police have summoned a 98-year-old and about 40 other elderly women to court to face gambling charges after raiding their weekly poker party in 2009. The women, mostly in their 70s, say they were stunned to receive a court summons this week, more than two years after the raid. (AP)

FUNNY PRANK

Also Known as Voter Fraud

An Albuquerque, N.M., man says he has successfully registered his dog to vote after seeing a voter registration booth on the University of New Mexico's campus a few weeks ago. The man said he wanted to see how easy it was to register his dog, so the registered Republican signed his dog up as a Democrat. He said he received Buddy's voter registration card Wednesday. (AP)

The Big Picture

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BOYS WILL JUMP FOR ANYTHING: Youths grab at the leather ball during the "Fastern Eve Handba" in Jedburgh, Scotland, on Thursday. The annual event, which started in the 1700s, involves two teams, the Uppies and the Doonies, getting the ball to either the top or bottom of the town. (GETTY)

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Birth-Control Bill Fails in Senate

GOP argued against forcing employers to pay for contraception

Washington

In an election year battle mixing birth control, religion and politics, Democrats narrowly blocked an effort by Senate Republicans to overturn President Obama's order that most employers or their insurers cover the cost of contraceptives.

61

The percentage of U.S. adults who support the use of birth control, says a CBS News/New York Times poll.

That would have included the law's requirement to cover the costs of birth control.

Sen. Olympia Snowe, who this week dropped her re-election bid and cited frustration with the polarized Congress, cast the lone

The 51-48 vote on Thursday killed a measure that would have allowed employers and insurers to opt out of portions of the president's health care law they found morally objectionable. That would have included the law's requirement to cover the costs of birth control.



Sen. Patty Murray, D-Wash., speaks Thursday on Capitol Hill after the defeat of a Republican effort to roll back President Obama's policy on birth control insurance coverage.

Republican vote to block the measure. Two Democrats up for re-election and one who is retiring voted against Obama's requirement.

Majority Democrats said the legislation would have allowed employers and insurers to avoid virtually any medical treatment with the mere mention of a moral or religious objection.

"We have never had a conscience clause for insurance companies,"

said Sen. Barbara Boxer, D-Calif. Insurers, she said, don't need an invitation to deny coverage for medical treatment. "A lot of them don't have any consciences."

Republicans argued the requirement under the health care overhaul violates the First Amendment's guarantee of religious freedom by forcing insurers and employers to pay for contraception for workers even if the employers' faith forbids

Issues

Religious Rights

Such cultural issues as the battle over birth control have been prominent in this presidential election year, with Republican presidential candidates casting President Obama's health care law as the government overreaching into the most personal types of medical decisions. The contraception policy in particular touches on religious and women's rights important to the activists at the core of each party. (AP)

J. SCOTT APLEWHITE/AP

its use. Roman Catholic leaders strongly oppose the requirement.

The Senate vote aside, the debate "won't be over until the administration figures out how to accommodate people's religious views as it relates to these mandates," said the measure's sponsor, Sen. Roy Blunt, R-Mo. "This is a debate that might be settled at that building across the street," he said, referring to the Supreme Court. LAURIE KELLMAN (AP)

In Brief

CHARDON, OHIO

Teen Charged as Juvenile In Ohio School Shooting



Lane

Ohio 17-year-old T.J. Lane was charged Thursday with three juvenile counts of aggravated murder in a school shooting that killed three fellow students and wounded two. Geauga County prosecutor David Joyce said he plans to try the boy as an adult, meaning possibly life in prison if he's found guilty. (AP)

GADSDEN, ALA.

Grandma Faces Capital Murder Charges in Death

Joyce Hardin Garrard, the woman accused of running her 9-year-old granddaughter to death as punishment for eating chocolate, was captured on videotape saying she planned to run the child "til she can't run no more," a prosecutor told a judge Thursday in announcing capital murder charges. (AP)

Correction

Last Friday's edition of Digs stated that Natalie Kalas lives in an apartment building called the Axiom at Capitol Yards (100 I St. SE; 866-858-2490). She lives in the Onyx on First (1100 1st St. SE; 866-876-5119).



Big Criticism: Walt Disney World has closed an Epcot exhibit on childhood obesity after the National Association to Advance Fat Acceptance complained after a soft opening that it was insensitive to obese kids and reinforced stereotypes. The interactive exhibit Habit Heroes featured animated fitness superheroes Will Power and Calie Stenics, and super-sized villains Snacker and Lead Bottom, who eat junk food and watch too much television. (AP)



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Nation

More Violent Weather Ahead for Damaged South, Midwest



JACOB BRUGGER, 14, HELPS TO SALVAGE WHAT HE CAN Thursday in Ridgway, Ill. A predawn twister flattened entire blocks of homes early Wednesday as violent storms ravaged the Midwest and South, killing 13 people. On Thursday, damaged communities tried to take advantage of the brief break in the weather to find personal belongings, mindful of National Weather Service meteorologist Beverly Poole's warning that by Friday, both regions would again be "right in the bull's-eye."



Bank Fees, Part 2: Bank of America was shouted down last year when it tried to impose a \$5 monthly debit card fee. But major banks are quietly experimenting with or planning other fees — including for checking accounts that were previously free — that are sure to outrage customers. Bank revenue is down tens of billions of dollars from two years ago, partly because of regulatory rules enacted since the financial crisis, and the banks won't let that money go easily. (AP)

Loved and Hated, Breitbart, 43, Dies

Conservative media provocateur known for activism, criticism

Los Angeles

Caustic commentator Andrew Breitbart was loved and hated.

The conservative media publisher and activist who died Thursday was embraced by anti-tax, conservative tea partiers and reviled by liberals for his Internet investigations that brought down politicians and chastised mainstream journalism.

Republican presidential candidates were quick to offer praise and condolences after learning of his death. Newt Gingrich tweeted: "Andrew Breitbart was the most innovative pioneer in conservative activist social media in America. He had great courage and creativity."

Condolences also came from his liberal critics. "We've disagreed more than we've found common ground, but there was never any question of Andrew's passion for and commitment to what he believed," said Ari Rabin-Havt of Media Matters, a liberal watchdog group.

Breitbart's website, Bigjournal-

In Memoriam



Andrew Breitbart was behind investigations that led to the resignations of then-Rep. Anthony Weiner of

New York and then-U.S. Agriculture Department official Shirley Sherrod. He was skilled at finding issues that pushed conservative buttons while pulling Internet traffic to his websites anchored to news aggregator Breitbart.com. "I'm committed to the destruction of the old media guard," he once said. "And it's a very good business model." (AP)

ism.com, said Thursday he died of natural causes. He was walking near his house in Los Angeles shortly after midnight when he collapsed, said actor Orson Bean, his father-in-law.

Breitbart had suffered heart problems a year earlier, but Bean said he could not pinpoint what happened. "It's devastating," Bean said.

Breitbart is survived by his wife, Susannah Bean Breitbart, and four children. PHILIP ELLIOTT AND SUE MANNING (AP)

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Syrian Rebels Back Off in Homs

Assad regime grants aid groups access to rebellious enclave

Beirut

Syrian rebels retreated Thursday from a neighborhood in Homs that they had held for months, saying they were running out of weapons and humanitarian conditions were catastrophic after almost four weeks of government bombardment. The army promptly moved in, a government official said.

Within hours of the rebels' withdrawal, President Bashar Assad's government granted permission for the International Committee of the Red Cross to enter the neighborhood on Friday. The Syrian Red Crescent has only briefly entered the area twice in the past

Meanwhile ...

The U.N. Human Rights Council voted to condemn Syria for its "widespread and systematic violations" against civilians, and the U.K. and Switzerland closed their embassies in Damascus. The U.S. Embassy closed in February. Thirty-seven members voted in favor of the resolution proposed by Turkey that calls on Syria to immediately stop all attacks on civilians and grant unhindered access to aid groups. Russia, China and Cuba objected to it. The vote carries no legal weight but diplomats consider it a strong moral signal that may encourage a similar resolution in the powerful U.N. Security Council. (AP)

week because of fighting.

Also Thursday, Syria's main opposition group formed a military council to organize the armed resistance and funnel weapons to rebels, a sign of how deeply militarized the conflict has become over the past year as Syria veers closer to a civil war.

A Syrian official said Wednesday the government was planning a major offensive to "cleanse" rebel-

"History is repeating itself. The son is doing what the father did."

— WISSAM TARIF, AN ACTIVIST IN BEIRUT, LIKENING THE BLOODY CRACKDOWN IN HOMS, SYRIA, TO THE 1982 CRACKDOWN BY PRESIDENT BASHAR ASSAD'S FATHER ON THE CITY OF HAMA, IN WHICH AT LEAST 10,000 PEOPLE DIED.

held Baba Amr once and for all as activists reported troops massing outside the neighborhood in Homs, an opposition stronghold.

The Baba Amr rebels said they were pulling out to spare about 4,000 civilians who insisted on staying in their homes.

Meanwhile, two French journalists, Edith Bouvier and William Daniels, have been trapped in Baba Amr. Bouvier was wounded last week in a government rocket attack that killed U.S.-born journalist Marie Colvin and French photographer Remi Ochlik. A Syrian activist posted a video online Thursday that he said showed Colvin's burial in Baba Amr on Monday.

The U.N. estimated that more than 7,500 people have been killed since March 2011. Activists put the toll at more than 8,000. ELIZABETH A. KENNEDY AND ZEINA KARAM (AP)

In Brief

KABUL, AFGHANISTAN

2 American Troops Killed In Burnt Koran Backlash

Two U.S. troops were gunned down by two Afghan soldiers and an accomplice Thursday, the latest of six American service members killed by their Afghan partners since the burning of Muslim holy books at a U.S. base last week sent anti-Americanism soaring in a nation that has long distrusted foreigners. (AP)

CAIRO

With Travel Ban Lifted, 7 Americans Leave Egypt

A plane with seven American pro-democracy workers left Cairo on Thursday, officials said, easing a crisis in relations over charges that their groups funded protests in Egypt. The U.S. posted nearly \$5 million in bail for them and nine others who had fled the country. (AP)

SULAIMANIYAH, IRAQ

Student Fatally Shoots U.S. Teacher in Class

A U.S. gym teacher at a school in northern Iraq was killed Thursday when an 18-year-old student in a crowded classroom in the relatively peaceful Kurdish region pulled out a gun, shot the teacher and then shot himself, officials and witnesses said. (AP)

Hearsay

"Invasions of privacy are odious, and sometimes illegal, but to put it bluntly, they don't kill you. Terrorists do."

— PETER CLARKE, THE FORMER SCOTLAND YARD COUNTERTERRORISM CHIEF WHO OVERSAW THE MUCH-CRITICIZED INITIAL POLICE INQUIRY INTO BRITAIN'S PHONE HACKING SCANDAL, ON THURSDAY TESTIFYING THAT A CRUSH OF TERRORISM CASES MEANT HIS FORCE HAD TO CURTAIL THE INVESTIGATION.

Passengers' Plight Aboard Disabled Cruise Ship Ends



WORKERS SORT LUGGAGE Thursday from the Costa Allegra, which was towed to Seychelles Island after a fire onboard Monday. Weary passengers were given the option of a flight home or a one- or two-week stay on the African isle. The fire came only six weeks after the Costa Concordia capsized off Italy, killing 25 people and leaving seven missing.



REAL ESTATE

Beyond a Villa

The French village of Courbefy has rustic buildings, a horse stable, a tennis court and a swimming pool. Sound nice? It's for sale. Its saga is a story of flight from rural France, bad economic times and real estate schemes gone awry. The abandoned village was put on the auction block last week with an asking price of \$400,000. But nobody bid. The bank Credit Agricole hopes to put it up for auction again, and gave suitors a Thursday deadline to express serious interest by way of a deposit. (AP)

290 The number of parliamentary seats — which is all of them — at stake in Iran's elections on Friday. Iranian leaders are calling for a massive turnout as a rebuke to the country's enemies and an endorsement of its political-religious system. The vote is expected to strengthen the hard-line Shiite Muslim clerics. (THE WASHINGTON POST)

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BENICLASSEN III

Sing Us Home

Want to hop on a bus without paying the fare? Catch the new music video for "Route 42," a humble ode to public transportation by local singer-songwriter René Moffatt. Although a lot of the lyrics are about waiting — and wondering, as many of us have, "When do I start walking?" — Moffatt knew his video would need some footage on an actual bus.

Renting one for the shoot was going to cost nearly \$1,000, which would have broken the budget he cobbled together from online fundraising and a grant from the D.C. Commission on the Arts and Humanities. So WMATA offered him another option: Use your SmarTrip card. "They said, 'If you've got a small camera setup, don't bother the driver and don't make a ruckus, you should be OK,'" Moffatt says.

The real challenge was find-

Tune In

Watch the video and buy Moffatt's debut EP, "Here and Now Is Home," at The42bus.com. Hear him March 9 at the Corner Store.

ing two empty seats next to each other: one for Moffatt, the other for the actress playing a girl who won't stop yapping on her cell phone. When the crew finally settled on a workable setup, there was no way

to hide what they were doing from the rest of the passengers. But no one seemed to mind; other riders pitched in with unsolicited directing advice.

It's that community of the bus, the shared experience of folks without their own wheels, that inspired Moffatt, 32, to pen the song in the first place. It's nominally about the 42, a route that goes from Gallery Place to Mount Pleasant, but the lyrics evoke issues that are relatable for any transit rider in Washington — the let-down of seeing an "Out of Service" bus roll up, the fear of getting stuck in a traffic circle courtesy of Pierre L'Enfant, the growing annoyance at other riders who request every single stop on a line.

Whenever he plays the song in town, he hears from audience members who want him to sing about their own bus lines. The most common request is for the 43, the 42's speedier sister that sneaks under Dupont Circle. "I could do a version without the bridge, so it'll go quicker," Moffatt jokes.

But he thinks there's something special about his bus, beyond the fact that it allowed him to create such a catchy rhyme ("Here comes that 42/The one that brings me back to you"). It cuts through parts of the city — downtown, Dupont, Adams Morgan, Mount Pleasant — that have been particularly meaningful to the native Texan in the six years he's lived in the District.

So, until the video launched on Monday, he was anxious that something disastrous might happen to the 42. "I was worried someone would get hit by the bus," Moffatt says. "Or they could have canceled the route, or reassigned it."

He appears to have arrived at his desired destination.



Promotion Commotion: "Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy" fans who believe the number 42 is the answer to life, the universe and everything will appreciate the tie-ins that several businesses — all along or near the 42 route — have created for Moffatt's song. Through Sunday, you can pick up a Route 42 Hello Cupcake, left; Route 42 cocktails at both Tryst and the Diner (\$4.20 each); a Route 42 latte at Yola; and a Route 42 chocolate dessert at Flying Fish.

In Brief

ROCKVILLE, MD.

3 Life Sentences Given To Man For 1970s Rapes



Buzbee

A convicted rapist was sentenced to three additional life terms, two of them to be served consecutively, for rapes he committed in Maryland in the 1970s.

Timothy Joseph Buzbee, 54, was sentenced Thursday, the Montgomery County State's Attorney's Office reported. Buzbee pleaded guilty Monday to three counts of first-degree rape. In 2009, authorities used DNA samples taken at the time of the three rapes in 1977, 1978 and 1979 to connect Buzbee to the crimes. (AP)

WASHINGTON

Church Sorry for Slight To Lesbian at Funeral

The Archdiocese of Washington has apologized to a woman who was denied communion at her mother's funeral because she is a lesbian. Barbara Johnson and her relatives are asking the archdiocese to remove the priest who denied her communion last Saturday at a church in Gaithersburg, Md. Johnson says the Rev. Marcel Guarnizo inflicted unnecessary suffering on her and her family and failed to provide her mother with a dignified funeral Mass. Johnson says three archdiocesan officials have apologized to her for Guarnizo's actions. (AP)

RICHMOND, VA.

'Tebow' Bill Dies in Va.

Legislation to let home-schooled children play public school sports has died in the Virginia General Assembly. The Senate Education and Health Committee voted 8-7 Thursday to reject Republican Del. Rob Bell's bill. The measure is known as the "Tim Tebow bill" — a reference to the Denver Broncos quarterback who was home-schooled and went on to win a Heisman Trophy at the University of Florida. Supporters of the bill say parents who homeschool their children pay taxes, so their children should have the opportunity to compete. (AP)

Md. Legalizes Gay Marriage

State among 7 others and D.C. to pass law for same-sex nuptials

Annapolis, Md.

Maryland Gov. Martin O'Malley signed a bill legalizing gay marriage in the state on Thursday.

His signature makes Maryland the 8th state in the nation to legalize same-sex marriage.

The legislation, which O'Malley sponsored, will go into effect next January.

Both houses of Maryland's General Assembly narrowly approved gay marriage last month, ending a yearlong odyssey for the legislation that sidelined many other issues in state government while it occupied center stage.

Thursday's signing will afford O'Malley, a Democrat, a chance to bask in a landmark legislative suc-



Maryland Gov. Martin O'Malley, left, embraces Sen. Richard Madaleno, D-Montgomery, an openly gay member of the state Senate, in Annapolis, Md., on Thursday.

cess that was not at all certain when he took on the issue as his own last year. O'Malley, who is Catholic, had long said he preferred civil unions to gay marriage.

Since the measure's passage,

O'Malley has publicly explained his changed position in greater detail, saying he "misjudged" how quickly the public's views of gay marriage had evolved.

(THE WASHINGTON POST/AP)

Meanwhile...

Celebration over the signing

Thursday is likely to be short-lived. Opponents of gay marriage are widely expected to meet Maryland's relatively low threshold for signature-gathering to petition the measure to the November ballot. On Wednesday, a group of Maryland Republicans who set up an online tool to gather signatures was joined by a handful of black Democrats from Baltimore and the Maryland Marriage Alliance, a religious group affiliated with some of the state's black churches, to launch a petition drive. (TWP)

1/13/13

The first possible date for same-sex nuptials to begin in Maryland, regardless of the outcome of a referendum. (TWP)

Metro Police: Serious Crime Down

Washington

Robberies and aggravated assaults on Metrorail and Metrobus were down last year after a spike in those serious crimes in 2010, according to a five-year report released by Metro Transit Police on Wednesday.

In 2011, the number of serious crimes that were reported dropped to 1,898, from 2,270. Robberies were down nearly 14 percent, to 871. Aggravated assaults fell to 108, from 136, and larcenies decreased to 791, from 925.

Metro Transit Police Chief



Metro Transit Police say robberies and aggravated assaults were down in 2011.

Michael Taborn said the increase in thefts for 2009 and 2010 was attributable in part to a national

trend that showed an "uptick in the stealing of electronics, iPhones and iPads."

"When a trend happens and something becomes popular, the bad guys figure out they can take phones and electronics and get \$200 to \$300 per phone," Taborn said.

According to police data, most of the serious crime in 2011 occurred on Metrorail; there were 1,177 crimes reported compared with 519 incidents in parking lots and 87 on Metrobuses.

DANA HEDGPETH (THE WASHINGTON POST)



TAXES

Bag It Up, Md.

Montgomery County officials collected \$154,000 during the first month of implementing its controversial bag tax, according to county data released Thursday. The 5-cent tax on paper and plastic carryout bags debuted Jan. 1. County officials say they are making as much as expected. (TWP)

The Lotteries

Thursday, Mar. 1

Maryland

Mid-day Pick 3	2-3-0
Evening Pick 3 (Wed.)	9-7-5
Mid-day Pick 4	0-6-2-0
Evening Pick 4 (Wed.)	8-5-0-3
Match 5 (Wed.)	6-20-22-23-35 (17)
Multi-Match (Mon.)	7-9-10-23-26-34

District

Mid-day Lucky Numbers	3-3-2
Evening Lucky Numbers (Wed.)	0-6-5
Mid-day DC 4	6-6-0-5
Evening DC 4 (Wed.)	3-0-2-7
Mid-day D.C. Five	4-6-8-6-1
Evening D.C. Five (Wed.)	5-2-6-3-8
Hot Lotto (Wed.)	11-23-26-27-29 (17)

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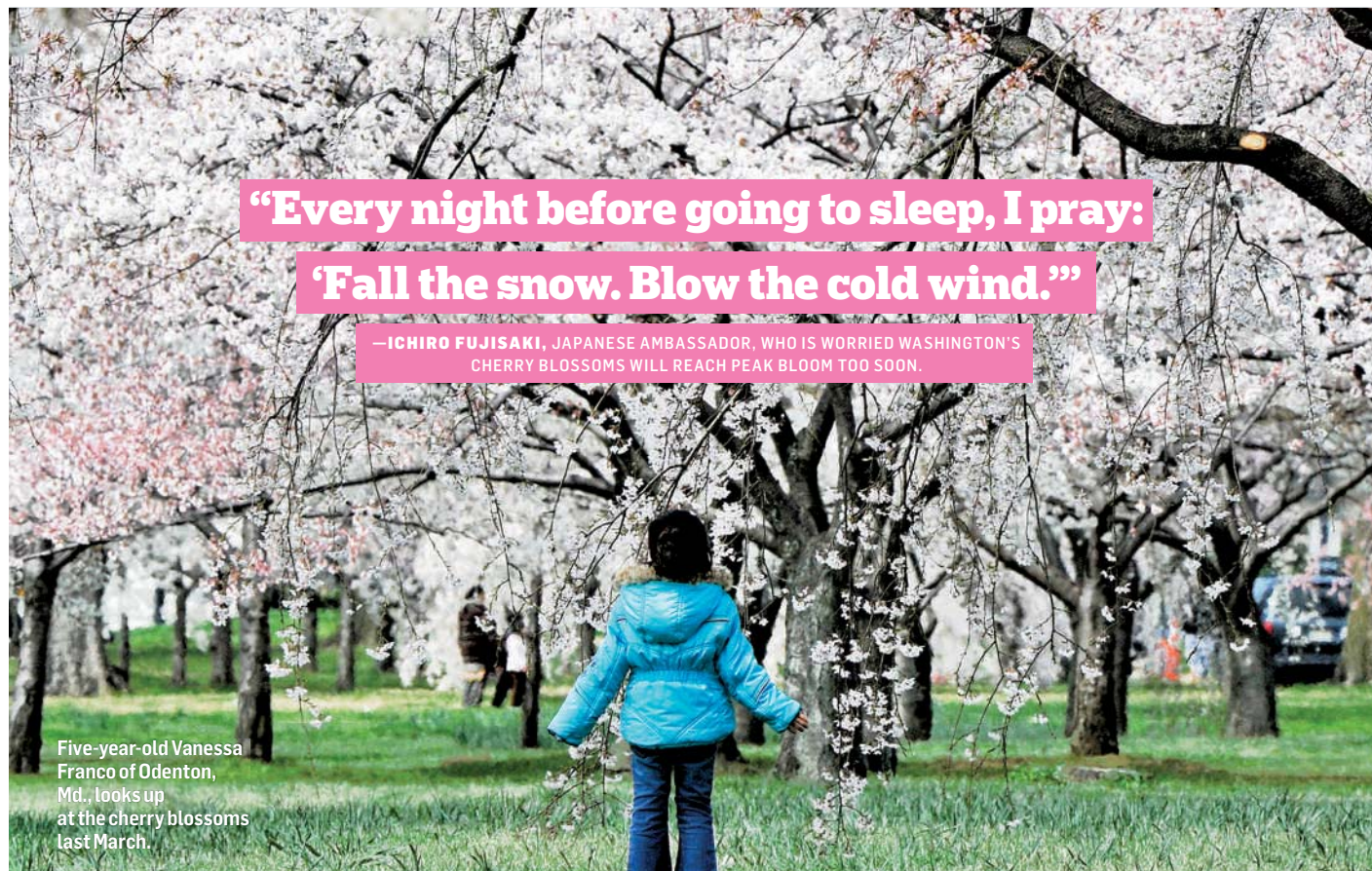
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Mid-day Pick 4	2-2-9-2
Evening Pick 4 (Wed.)	6-7-1-4
Mid-day Cash 5	4-13-15-30-31
Evening Cash 5 (Wed.)	1-3-19-21-29
Win For Life (Wed.)	12-13-21-26-36-39 (35)

Multi-State Games

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Powerball	14

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Cover Story



“Every night before going to sleep, I pray:

‘Fall the snow. Blow the cold wind.’”

—ICHIRO FUJISAKI, JAPANESE AMBASSADOR, WHO IS WORRIED WASHINGTON'S CHERRY BLOSSOMS WILL REACH PEAK BLOOM TOO SOON.

Five-year-old Vanessa Franco of Odenton, Md., looks up at the cherry blossoms last March.

BILL O'LEARY/TWP

Pollen Nation

This year's National Cherry Blossom Festival — expanded from about two weeks to almost six — will mark the centennial of the planting of Japanese cherry trees on the Tidal Basin by first lady Helen Taft on March 27, 1912. The initial 3,020 trees were a gift of friendship from Tokyo to Washington. Within a decade, tens of thousands of visitors were flocking to see the trees. Since then, the blossoms have become one of the city's premier tourist attractions. First lady **Michelle Obama** is serving as honorary chairman of this year's festival, and the blossom parade is set for April 14. (TWP)



or so could be generally above normal, and DeFeo said, “My gut tells me [the bloom] might be a little early.”

“If it got up in the 60s and 70s and stayed there for 14 days, we'd have the things be in bloom,” he said.

But take heart, he said Wednesday: “They're not leaping; they're creeping.”

An early start could mean an early end and could leave the closing weeks of the extended festival with no cherry blossoms. The blooming period is usually about two weeks, more or less.

Although it seems highly unlikely, if the peak bloom happens March 15 this year, that would put the peak before the festival even starts and leave most of the celebration blossomless.

Last spring's blooming ran from March 26 through April 4, according to the National Park Service.

Unease over the potential for an early bloom has reached some of the highest levels.

The Japanese ambassador, Ichiro Fujisaki, recently expressed concern about the temperatures.

“My only worry [is] weather,” Fujisaki said. “Too warm. My concern is everything's going to be finished before March 20th. How can we celebrate when all the leaves are there?”

MICHAEL E. RUANE (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Peaking Interest

A weak winter has cherry blossom fans fearing the trees will bloom too soon

Washington

Washington's centennial cherry blossom bloom will probably take place early this year, from March 22 through early April, a government expert announced Thursday.

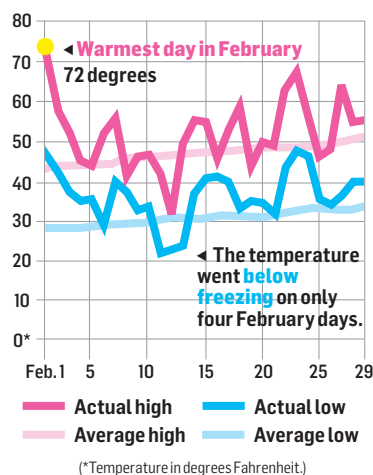
Robert DeFeo, the National Park Service's veteran blossom forecaster, said the peak bloom was likely to occur between March 24 and March 31.

His pronouncement came at the unofficial kickoff of the annual National Cherry Blossom Festival, which this year marks 100 years since the cherry trees were first planted.

Technically, the festival's birthday

By the Numbers

18 The number of days in February the temperature reached 50 degrees or higher.



EXPRESS GRAPHIC; SOURCES: TWP, ACCUWEATHER

bash starts on March 20 and runs until April 27. But some events are starting already: National Geographic's exhibit on the samurai and the photographs of Japan lover Eliza R. Scidmore opens next week, as does a display of exotic embroidery at the Japan Information and Culture Center.

Also starting early has been the warm weather — which can accelerate the bloom. In February, the temperature went below freezing on only four days, and it reached 50 or above on at least 18 days. It zoomed to 72 on Feb. 1.

But DeFeo said Tuesday that the earlier weather is moot.

“It really only matters as to what happens from now on,” he said. “All the warm weather before did not move the cherries along. But now, yes. Now is the time where, if it gets really, really warm, things could accelerate.”

According to the Capital Weather Gang, temperatures over the next week

The average peak bloom date is April 4, but the cherry blossoms have peaked as early as March 15 and as late as April 15.

(TWP)

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TV | A Win-Wind Situation

The America's Cup will be on network TV for the first time in two decades when NBC broadcasts the first two races of sailing's marquee regatta on San Francisco Bay in September 2013. The deal is big for regatta organizers, who hope to showcase the modernized America's Cup to mainstream fans. (AP)



TV Lineup



Jason Clark's Hoyas wrap up the regular season on Saturday at Marquette.

Friday

7 P.M. Can the Caps stay on a roll when facing off against the New Jersey Devils? CSN+

8 P.M. The Maryland women's team begins play in the ACC tournament. CSN+

8 P.M., 10:30 P.M. The Philadelphia 76ers host the Golden State Warriors and the Phoenix Suns host the Los Angeles Clippers. ESPN

Saturday

7:30 A.M. Liverpool hosts Arsenal in the Premier League. ESPN2

2 P.M. Big East powers Georgetown and Marquette play for higher seeding in the league's tournament. MASN

7 P.M. Duke and North Carolina renew their classic hoops rivalry. ESPN

7 P.M. The Wizards host the Cleveland Cavaliers. CSN

8:30 P.M. George Mason plays in the quarterfinals of the CAA tournament in Richmond. CSN+

Sunday

2 P.M. The champion is crowned at the ACC women's basketball tournament. ESPN2

2 P.M. Maryland's men's basketball team wraps up the regular season against Virginia. My20

3:30 P.M. Dwyane Wade and the Miami Heat tip off against Kobe Bryant and the Los Angeles Lakers. ABC

7 P.M. The Caps take on the Philadelphia Flyers. NBCSN



Maryland guard Laurin Mincy, center, leads the celebration after the Terps defeated No. 5 Duke at Comcast Center on Feb. 19.

Thomas Honored



Maryland star forward Alysia Thomas was named the ACC's player of the year on Thursday.

Thomas, a sophomore, became the second underclassman to win the award. She averaged an ACC-best 17 points per game and was fifth in the league with an average of 8.2 rebounds per game. The 2011 ACC rookie of the year last year was picked to the all-conference first team earlier this week. (AP)

olina on Senior Night at the Comcast Center. The Terps wrapped up the regular season Sunday with a 15-point win at N.C. State.

To reach elite status, Maryland probably will have to exorcise its primary demon: Miami. The Hurricanes account for half of the Terps' losses, having beaten them by 12 in January and by two a month later. In the second game, the Hurricanes erased a late six-point deficit to steal the win in College Park.

"It was a tremendous game," Frese said. "It got away from us."

This weekend, Maryland will have a prime opportunity to break through and join the elite, an opportunity they hope not to let get away. DEREK TURNER

In Good Company

In ACC tournament, the Terps can prove they're an elite team

Terps Women's Hoops

Throughout the season, Maryland's women's basketball team has hovered just outside the realm of the nation's absolute elite.

The Terrapins (25-4, 12-4 ACC) peaked early at No. 5 in the rankings, then slipped in midseason down to No. 9 before climbing back and ending the regular season ranked sixth.

The midseason missteps — all four of their losses came against ACC foes, three to top 10 teams — mean the Terrapins will open conference tournament play on Friday as the No. 3 seed, facing the winner of Thursday night's Virginia-Boston College game. But a dominant

run this weekend still could leave Maryland in the conversation for one of four coveted No. 1 seeds in the NCAA tournament.

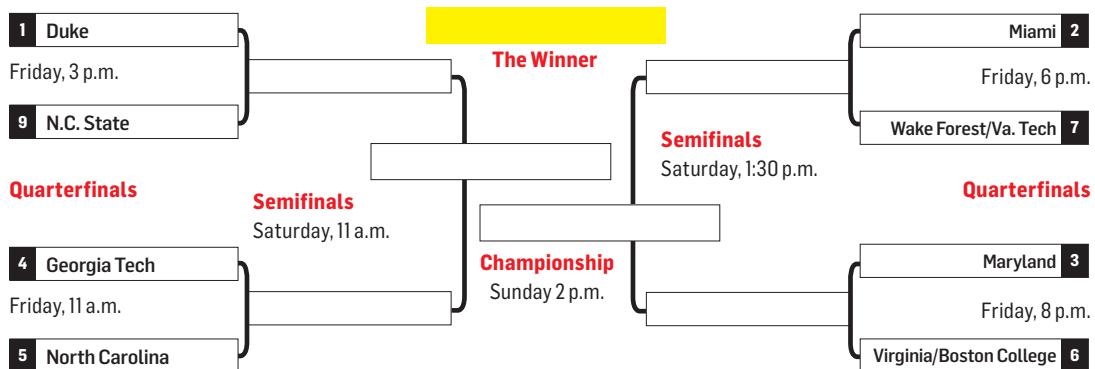
Coach Brenda Frese is optimistic, given that her team closed the regular season playing its best basketball.

"This is how you want to finish,

you finish strong, and just to be able to see the confidence that we're playing with, really just having a tremendous feel," Frese said. "Everyone's game is getting better."

After losing to No. 7 Miami on Feb. 12, Maryland responded by routing Virginia, edging No. 5 Duke and dominating North Car-

ACC Women's Basketball Tournament



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Maryland Is Missing a Point

Search for a leader on the floor has been trying for Turgeon

Terps Men's Hoops

Mark Turgeon feels the void intensely and knows what is lost.

The first-year Maryland coach, once an undersized but overachieving schoolboy point guard in Kansas, is leading a team that lacks even one true point guard.

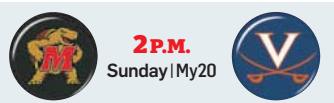
The closest the Terrapins (16-13, 6-9 ACC) have to a natural point guard is sophomore Pe'Shon Howard, but his presence this year has been intermittent. He missed the first nine games with a broken foot, then played the next 13 games before tearing the anterior cruciate ligament in his right knee during practice.

The Terrapins have lost four of the six games since and, in doing so, have slipped from NCAA Tournament contention (barring a surprising run to win next week's ACC tournament).

Maryland closes its regular season at home on Sunday against Virginia. The teams were tied at halftime in their first meeting last month, but the Cavaliers pummeled



Terps coach Mark Turgeon has some choice words for a referee. His first regular season at Maryland will wrap up on Sunday.



the Terrapins in the second half and won by 27.

Sophomore guard Terrell Stoglin and swingman Nick Faust have assumed primary point guard responsibilities again, but both are playing out of position.

When asked whether he'd ever coached a team with such a roster configuration, Turgeon admitted

he had not.

"No, I've never really had [just] one true point guard, either," the coach said. "I've always had multiple. I know Terrell can play point, but it's not his true position. It's definitely not Nick's. So, no, I've never been through this, lose a guy twice."

The effects were starkly displayed Wednesday when the Terrapins fell 88-64 at No. 6 North Carolina. Both teams shot poorly, and both finished with 38 rebounds. But the Tar Heels racked up 18 assists

to the Terrapins' eight.

North Carolina's Kendall Marshall averages 9.6 assists per game and 12 times has posted at least 11 assists. No Maryland player has recorded more than eight assists in a single game, and Howard's 3.7 assists per game is the best on the roster.

"It's been unusual and difficult, and it's just where our program is right now. We couldn't afford an injury, especially to our point. That hurt us." DEREK TURNER

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Redskins Should Make Move for RG3

For once, the Redskins have the right idea. The team, lacking a franchise quarterback since Lawrence Taylor broke Joe Theismann's leg in 1985, is prepared to make a blockbuster offer — including four or five draft picks — to trade up and draft Heisman Trophy



By Matt Swenson

winner Robert Griffin III.

Few disagree that Griffin has the skills to be a superstar in the NFL. Last week's eye-popping 4.41-second finish in the 40-yard dash only added to the

former Baylor star's résumé.

No one doubts the Redskins need a quarterback. Rex Grossman, as entertaining as he is, is too mistake-prone.

This seems to be a no-brainer, assuming the Cleveland Browns — with

The quick fix would be to acquire Peyton Manning and hope his neck holds up.

two first-round picks this year to offer the Rams — don't outbid the Redskins.

Washington can't let that happen.

Giving up several draft picks to get RG3 would make it harder to beef up the offensive line and secondary, but quarterback is the most important position.

The Washington Post's Mike Wise calls Griffin a quick fix, but he's misusing the term. If Griffin is as good as people think, he would solve a lot of problems for the next decade.

That's not a quick fix — that's long-term thinking. The quick fix would be to acquire Peyton Manning and hope his neck holds up for another two or three years.

Griffin offers a real chance to solve the Redskins' biggest problem for years. They must take advantage of this opportunity.

BUBBLING UP

It's going to be a close call for these 6 teams to make the Big Dance



IOWA STATE

In a conference that includes No. 3 Kansas, No. 7 Missouri and No. 9 Baylor, Iowa State has made a solid case. The Cyclones are 11-5 in the Big 12 and own three wins over teams in the RPI top 50.



ARIZONA

Arizona has won seven of its past eight games to increase its victory total to an impressive 21. The Wildcats are 12-5 in league play but could be hurt by a down year in the Pac-12.



ALABAMA

Alabama should have gone into a spiral after coach Anthony Grant suspended four players. Instead, it's won four straight. The Tide has 20 wins, is fourth in the SEC and has an RPI ranking of 25.



HARVARD

The Crimson's Ivy League lead is down to .5 over Penn, and a playoff may occur. Harvard, which lost a playoff in 2011, has a good shot at an at-large bid, but the drama isn't good for its stress.



COLORADO STATE

The Rams are just 7-6 in the Mountain West and lost to lowly Stanford and Boise State. The good news is that it's 26th in the RPI. Wednesday's victory over UNLV could be huge.



VIRGINIA COMMONWEALTH

Last year's Final Four stars have 25 wins and finished a game behind Drexel in the CAA. Even so, VCU, with an RPI ranking of 61, may need a few wins in the league tourney. (AP)



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FOOD NETWORK

Robert Irvine

'RESTAURANT: IMPOSSIBLE' STAR, FITNESS FAN

The most muscle-bound of the Food Network stars, chef Robert Irvine travels the country to recast failing restaurants in just two days and with only \$10,000 on "Restaurant: Impossible" (Wed., 10 p.m.). With 38 episodes done and another 40 on the way, the second-chance reality program is a hit. It brings Irvine to D.C. March 5, though he doesn't know yet which restaurant he'll be helping. Follow him on Twitter (@RobertIrvine1) for info.

You're in motion constantly on the show. When do you eat?

I eat every two hours. I've got to, because otherwise I go cranky.

What's going down your gullet?

Oatmeal in the morning, with egg whites and toast. Then I have chicken sandwiches two hours later.

Then a salad with salmon two hours later; then tuna. And I have a shake in between. I always eat.

But you find time to work out. How do you get those muscles?

I do 45 minutes and don't lift heavy weights. Then I do cardio three times a week for 20 minutes. I've got the crew here, including [executive producer/ex "Double Dare" host] Marc Summers, working out in the morning.

Do you ever joke with him about physical challenges?

It's funny — people keep asking me that. I've got him doing the physical challenges.

You deal with many failing restaurants. Why do they flop?

People get this impression that if

you run a restaurant, you can invite your friends over and have parties and not worry about if it's going to make money.

So not thinking about money is the most common mistake?

When you start a restaurant, you'd better have a year's worth of cost of goods and salaries in the bank. At least, then you have money to play with. Every time you make money, put a percentage into a rainy day fund. Then, if a piece of equipment breaks down, you can replace it.

"When you start a restaurant, you'd better have a year's worth of ... salaries in the bank."

How do you choose where to put a restaurant?

I look in secondary markets, not in major cities — they are too expensive. I look for good parking, access to everything and spots people can find easily. If you are tucked away in the back of a mall, it's not going to help you.

Does working for you require having thick skin?

I wouldn't say thick skin. I'd say you have to know your job. Let your food do the work.

What about in a big city like D.C. — is your strategy different?

I look out, see what fits, what the owners want. I don't want to change the scope of the restaurant — the minute you do that, you are losing the identity of what they wanted. That's unfair. But if there are three Italian restaurants on one street, you want to think of something else. **MATT SWENSON (EXPRESS)**

Event Horizon | Erin Fetherston Trunk Show and Appearance

Known for her girly, bright-as-Palm-Beach fashions, designer Erin Fetherston makes a personal appearance at a free trunk show of her spring line for ERIN, which looks to be full of party-ready frocks in citrus hues and some killer printed pants. Neiman Marcus, Tysons Galleria, 2001 International Drive, McLean, Va.; Sat., 11 a.m.; 703-827-7730.



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Wheel Cool

SKATEBOARDS

past their days of flips, ollies and pops no

longer have to go to that great half-pipe in the sky. Jason Greene's recycled board yo-yos (\$26) and tops (\$8, both Branchhome.com) put a graphic, playful, er, spin on green design. Plus, using the colorful wooden toys doesn't require wearing a helmet, nor does it up your chances of being mocked by those teenagers pretending to be Tony Hawk in Freedom Plaza.

4

Pop Stars

THE HUSBAND-AND-WIFE

team behind Quinn Popcorn named the all-natural snacks after their newborn son. (We'll pause for your awws.) The microwave miracle forgoes GMOs, hydrogenated oils and preservatives for organic kernels, expeller-pressed canola oil and compostable paper bags. Flavor packets are added post-pop and include Parmesan cheese and rosemary; additive Vermont maple syrup and sea salt; and lemon and sea salt. Boxes of two are sold at Dean & DeLuca (\$6, 3276 M St. NW; 202-342-2500).



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Grab Bag

2

Non-Millionaire Milanese

FULL-COST ITEMS

from boho-Italian fashion house Marni tend to run as much as airfare to Rome (i.e., \$1,500 print dresses, \$350 wallets). But on March 8, the line priced for principessas takes aim at mortals via a cheap(er) chic collaboration with H&M. Styles available at the Metro Center store (1025 F St. NW) include Africa-gone-abstract print blouses (shown, \$80); funky, floral necklaces (\$50, shown); and spotted jackets and dresses. Still, get there early — these dolce deals won't last.

5

Nice Shades

COSMETIC RISING STAR JOUER

(pronounced joo-AY) recently released its limited-edition Blushing Beauty makeup palette (\$60, Jouercosmetics.com). The four-piece collection includes a matte powder and bronzer duo; powder eye shadow duo; tint and highlighter duo; and lip gloss in foolproof shades that flatter most complexion. (Just ask the pasty- and olive-skinned Express editors who tried it.) Think of it as a portable, 2 1/2-inch-tall makeup artist.



3

An Outlet For Outfits

GOOD NEWS FOR THOSE

who suffer from OCD (obsessive compulsive doodling): "What I Wore Today" (\$13, Spruce), a new journal/sketch pad from illustrator Gemma Correll, offers 100-plus pages for you to record your favorite outfits over the course of a year. (Think of it as the sweeter, artier cousin of a street-style blog.) It follows Correll and her pug, Mr. Pickles, through four seasons of style inspiration and simple ways to liven up an outfit for a charming sartorial snapshot.

Dear Manolo

ANSWERS FROM THE SHOE BLOGGER

I am going on a romantic vacation to Venice this spring. I'd like shoes both comfortable enough for walking all those canal sidewalks and glamorous enough to impress my sweetie. Oh, and I'm not taking a very big suitcase, so it would be helpful if they were versatile, too. And maybe grippy rubber soles. Am I asking for too much in one item of footwear? — NELL



Manolo says, perhaps the long recession is finally over, for just this past week the Manolo has received nearly the dozen letters from peoples who are traveling soon to Europe.

Many places were mentioned in these happy missives — England, France, Austria — but it is Italy, Bella Italia, that is by far the preferred spot for the post-recessionary vacationers. Why should it not be thus? Italy is beautiful, and romantic, and historic; the perfect place to enjoy what may — or may not — be the return of prosperity.

And as for Venice, how can one not love this amazing city in the springtime, when the weather is pleasant, the flowers are blooming and the famous odors of Venice — fetid canal water, dead fish, unwashed boatmen — have not yet reached their full summertime fluorescence? So romantic!

What is needed here are the jaunty Italian-style driving moccasins, such as the Milly from the Patricia Green (\$169, Zappos.com). Available in six handsome colors, the Manolo's favorites are the camel and the red.



Ask the Manolo a question at manolo@shoeblogs.com. Visit the Manolo at shoeblogs.com.

The Height Of Fashion

Does being petite mean you get shortchanged by the style world?

Half-pint. Vertically challenged. Shorty.

Ever the runt of the room, I've heard all the nicknames. My college roommate towered a full head above me — fighting with her for mirror time was a nonissue. At 5 feet 3 inches tall, my height has never alienated me from society in any meaningful way (yes, I can ride all the roller coasters, no matter what the boys in junior high said). But with fashion, I've drawn the short straw.

"Choice is very limited in petite sizes," agrees Kelly Tucker, the 4-foot-11-inch style siren/blogger behind Alterations Needed (Alterationsneeded.com). "There aren't many brands and designers producing petites. And even fewer are fashion-forward or sell lines with quality tailoring." For those of us tormented by (not-so) petite shopping demons, a casual stroll through a mall can be enough to stir the ghosts of fashion failures past.

Flipping through a rack of skinny jeans, suddenly I'm in fifth grade, my well-meaning but clueless dad coaching me on pants fit — "Baggier is better!" "Leave a few inches to grow!" — while standing by in his "relaxed fit" faded Lees. That episode resulted in a mess of oversize denim that, in comparison, made the era's grungesters look sleek. It also ushered me into my tween years wearing stirrup jeans leggings.

Even the ghosts of other petites' fashion foibles haunt me. I pause at a display of floor-length frocks — or a rack of flowing maxi dresses — and I'm wormholed back to a Chicago dressing room, my similarly proportion-shrunk mom desperately searching the paltry

petite options for a gown to wear to my wedding. (After days of failure, her criteria became less picky: any dress within reach of a tailor's magic.)

Mom isn't alone in her woes, says D.C. stylist Kaarin Moore. "Petite sizing isn't just about getting a size small. Just because something is smaller doesn't mean the cut will be correct."

"There aren't many brands and designers producing petites. Even fewer are fashion-forward."

I can deal with the flashbacks; the real problem is the grip they still hold on my wardrobe. Ever since my nightmare with Dad, my dalliances with denim have been fraught with poor decisions. I flirted with flares, cutting my losses far too late (alas, you just can't hem a bell-bottom). Skinnies fare better, but the slim-cut styles always seem extra-long, as if they were simply yanked like a rubber

Being petite (aka, under 5'5") doesn't mean you need to be overwhelmed by fashion. Here, local stylistas show how petite fashion can make a grand impact.

"Long earrings create the illusion of height."

Katie Knorovsky,
5'3"
Writer

"Shoes and tights of the same color add up to a continual, lengthening line."

band on the assembly line.

I try not to seem bitter, but it's hard when I hear about the trousers-shopping plight of Gisele-like gazelles with legs that start higher than my shoulders.

(Maybe Gisele and I both struggle with hems, but at the end of the day, she's a model raking in millions. I'm just a girl without proper pants, trying to learn to sew to save money on tailoring.)

I've picked up a few tricks, both obvious (heels, heels, more heels) and a bit more clever (nude pumps with bare legs). V-necks are short gals' best friend; cropped pants are our foes. Crowding my closet: dresses that hit at or just above the knee, which seems to best flatter my frame.

But one of the tallest hurdles facing petite women is, simply, being taken seriously. In D.C., where everything is a potential power grab, that's worthy motivation to embrace the hand (and legs) I was dealt. "Because short height is often related to being young, I love petite women in 'power clothing,'" Tucker says. "People are surprised by the strong attitude given off by a short woman in sharp clothing. It's not what they expect." KATIE KNOROVSKY



A Little Blog Love

On her blog, *Alterations needed.com*, Kelly Tucker shows and tells petites how to dress for their height. Her tricks: Push up the too-long sleeves of a blazer, get to know your tailor, and keep statement jewelry smallish in size.



Julie Egermayer, 5'2"

Owner, Violet Boutique,
2439 18th St. NW; 202-621-9225

"Small prints won't overwhelm you if you're petite."



"Get a good tailor — sometimes it only takes two darts to make a dress petite."

Jackie Flanagan, 5'1"

Owner, Nana,
3068 Mount Pleasant St. NW;
202-667-6955

"Nude shoes make your legs look longer."



"Skinny jeans cropped at the ankle elongate your frame."



The Short List

In addition to department stores such as Bloomingdale's and Macy's, many major retailers offer a robust petite selection. Below are some of our favorites.

LOFT

Don't let the name fool you: Nearly every regular-sized style is available in smaller varieties for those closer to the ground.

GAP

Higher armholes, shorter sleeves and raised knee positions mean everyday basics are within reach.

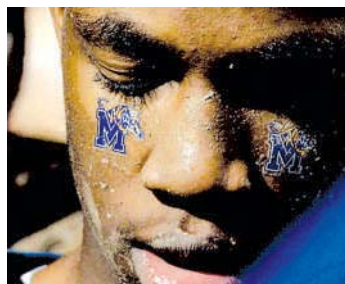
TALBOTS

With sizes ranging from 0P to 16P, petites can get a leg up on business-wear and tailor-made classics.

TOPSHOP.COM

This U.K. powerhouse makes more than 200 fashion-forward pieces available to the USA.
HOLLEY SIMMONS
(EXPRESS)

The Reelist



A Separation

"Undefeated," which won the Oscar for best documentary last Sunday and opens locally Friday, is the kind of documentary I recommend to people who don't particularly like documentaries.

It's the story of a high school football team in inner-city Memphis



By Kristen Page-Kirby

coached by a white volunteer named Bill Courtney. "Undefeated" follows the team as it tries to win its first playoff game in school history, but the more interesting story

dances at the edges. Race isn't talked about explicitly (except when Courtney jokingly asks an angry player whether the reason he won't ride with him is that he "doesn't like white people"); economic differences are expressed simply, as when that same player — who lives part-time with an assistant coach — talks about how he sees people jogging on the sidewalks near his coach's house and how people in his own neighborhood would react to seeing him jogging down the road.

The filmmakers told me they deliberately didn't linger on the differences that separate black from white and wealthy from poor because the team and the coaches didn't talk about them. But, for me, the question remains: Did they not talk about them because these differences don't matter, or because they figure that living a dozen miles and many thousands of dollars apart is the way it will always be?

Read Kristen's previous columns at: expressnightout.com/thereelist



The Lorax, voiced by Danny DeVito, center, stands with the Bar-ba-loots, Swomee-Swans and Humming-Fish in the 3-D, CGI adaptation of "Dr. Seuss' The Lorax."

Seussical Sacrilege

The 3-D 'Lorax' takes Dr. Seuss' darkest book and turns it into a bright, musical mess

Film Review

Like "An Inconvenient Truth" for the 12-and-under crowd, "Dr. Seuss' The Lorax" is a cautionary environmental tale with a thin veneer of entertainment on top. With its cotton-candy-colored palette of orange, pink and purple truffula trees, it looks like a bowl of fuzzy Froot Loops. But it goes down like an order of oatmeal.

Sure, it's good for you. It's just not terribly good.

Based on Seuss' 1971 picture book — the darkest and most cynical of the author/illustrator's oeuvre — this musical adaptation, in eye-popping 3-D CGI, is undeniably less gloomy than the original. For starters, the character of the Once-ler — the book's narrator,

Dr. Seuss' The Lorax (PG)

- **Directors:** Chris Renaud, Kyle Balda
- **Stars:** Zac Efron, Taylor Swift, Danny DeVito, Ed Helms, Betty White
- **In a Nutshell:** A 12-year-old boy searches for the one thing that will enable him to win the affection of the girl of his dreams. To find it, he must discover the story of the mythical Lorax, a grumpy yet charming creature who fights to protect his world.
- **For Fans Of:** "Despicable Me," "Horton Hears a Who!"

whose regret-tinged reminiscence sets Seuss' story in motion — is no longer the protagonist.

Played by Ed Helms, the Once-ler now shares billing with a plucky kid named Ted (Zac Efron). Ted's crush on a pretty neighbor, Audrey (Taylor Swift), now frames the entire narrative.

The film opens in the polluted, futuristic town of Thneedville, where trees don't grow anymore, and where the only fresh air comes in plastic jugs. Because Audrey is a tree-hugger with a nostalgic pining for the greener pastures of the past, Ted sets out to find her a real live

tree. Acting on a tip from his grandmother (Betty White), Ted searches for the Once-ler, an embittered recluse who is rumored to know where the trees went.

He ought to know. Decades ago, the Once-ler chopped them all down.

Sure, ['Dr. Seuss' The Lorax'] is good for you. It's just not terribly good.

But what formed the heart and soul of the Seuss story — a powerful if unsubtle fable of thoughtless deforestation — is now mere backstory to Ted's effort to get the girl.

Seuss' book may have been a heavy-handed downer, but at least its heart was in the right place. "Dr. Seuss' The Lorax" is a movie that progressives can feel good about taking their kids to, without actually having a good time. MICHAEL O'SULLIVAN (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Spotlight

About That 'Lorax'

More a tertiary character than the focus of the story in the movie, Danny DeVito's Lorax — the mystical, mustached critter who speaks "for the trees," and who struggles, futilely, to stop the Once-ler — is even more messianic on screen than in the book, traveling back and forth between Earth and the clouds in a shaft of celestial light, like a furry Jesus. A.H.

The Kid Is Not All Right

A problem child ends any chance of a happy ending in 'We Need to Talk About Kevin'

Film Review

Like a tragedy in slow motion, "We Need to Talk About Kevin" unfolds with a dreadful sense of foreboding. From its first scene, in which a woman sacrifices herself in a viscerally evocative ritual, Lynne Ramsay's thoughtful, unnerving film works its strange power over viewers who are likely to find themselves as compelled as repelled by its fatally flawed key players.

Chief among those troubling protagonists is the woman in that first sequence, Eva Khatchadourian, a travel writer who we first see celebrating the annual tomato festival in Bunol, Spain. The fact that pulped tomatoes bear a distinct resemblance to blood and guts is no mistake in "We Need to Talk About Kevin," a distillation of Lionel Shriver's 2003 novel.

Haunted, penitent and near-



Tilda Swinton offers a powerhouse performance in "We Need to Talk About Kevin."

ly incapacitated by guilt and grief through much of the movie, Tilda Swinton's Eva counts as one of the most potent physical performances on-screen this season, as expressive and resonant as any of its far cheerier analogs in "The Artist."

When Eva and her husband, Franklin (John C. Reilly), welcome a son into the world, they do their best to create the kind of cozy cocoon their fellow Manhattanites

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We Need to Talk About Kevin (R)

- Director: Lynne Ramsay
- Stars: Tilda Swinton, John C. Reilly, Ezra Miller
- In a Nutshell: Kevin's mother struggles to love her odd child, despite the increasingly vicious things he says and does as he grows up.

confect within their monuments to narcissism. But from the start, Kevin — played by Rock Duer, Jasper Newell and Ezra Miller — sees right through their conceits, refusing to play along.

The painful scenes of Eva and Franklin coming to terms — or, not coming to terms — with Kevin's escalating displays of manipulation and cruelty play out in brief, stylized episodes. Like so many revolutionary roads before it, Eva's journey of ambivalence and discontent doesn't end well, a grim trope that Ramsay infuses with the suspense and heightened visuals of a modern-day horror film.

ANN HORNADAY (THE WASHINGTON POST)

A Party No One Should Attend

'Project X' plays like a Facebook video you never wanted to see

Film Review

There are, by this reviewer's count, only two good jokes in "Project X," a thin, painfully overlong comedy about an out-of-control party thrown by a trio of high-school losers. One is the "story by" credit given to Michael Bacall.

This is funny because there is, almost literally, no story. At least not

in the traditional sense. Sure, the party is eventful — an angry midget shows up, along with an angry drug dealer with a flamethrower — but outrageous incidents alone do not a movie make. A good 75 percent of "Project X" consists of dully repetitive footage, shot with a shaky, handheld camera, of underage revelers getting drunk and stoned; dancing; shouting; and jumping into a swimming pool.

It's the longest Facebook video posting you've ever sat through.

The plot — or, the sequence of events — can be summed up as fol-



"Project X," in summary: Teens throw a party and a house gets trashed. The end.

Project X (R)

- Director: Nima Nourizadeh
- Stars: Thomas Mann, Oliver Cooper and Jonathan Daniel Brown
- In a Nutshell: Three high school seniors throw a birthday party to make a name for themselves. As the night progresses, things spiral out of control as word of the party spreads.

lows: Costa (Oliver Cooper) and JB (Jonathan Daniel Brown) decide to throw an 18th birthday party for their friend Thomas (Thomas Mann) while Thomas' parents are out of town. Hundreds more people than planned show up, and the house gets trashed.

That's not a story. That's a sentence scribbled on a cocktail napkin. MICHAEL O'SULLIVAN (TWP)

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ACT OF VALOR (R, 105 minutes) Military reality and video-game fantasy shake hands and come out fighting in this action flick that stars actual Navy SEALs. The exercises are genuine, and so is the hardware. But the script undermines the sense of authenticity at every turn. The stiffness of the Navy men's performances is less of a problem than the global-conspiracy plot that's about to commence. In Costa Rica, a CIA agent is posing as a doctor while observing an international drug and arms smuggler. Her cover is blown, and she's captured and tortured. Soon, the SEAL team arrives for the rescue. Like most recent action movies, "Act of Valor" is fast, loud and strenuously over-edited. The filmmakers successfully conjure a chaotic, you-are-there sensation. Exactly what's happening, however, can be hard to follow. **MARK JENKINS**

ALBERT NOBBS (R, 113 minutes) A delicate, closely observed chamber piece, this affecting portrait of longing, lying and leading double lives in 19th-century Ireland sneaks up on the audience with the quiet discretion of the enigmatic protagonist at its center. And, like him, it contains multitudes beneath its prim surface. "Him"? Albert Nobbs — who is, after all, played by Glenn Close — and is really a woman who long ago assumed a man's identity to survive and to this day doesn't know exactly who he/she is. **A.H.**

THE ARTIST (PG-13, 100 minutes) Capping off a year of movies dedicated to high-style nostalgia, "The Artist" arrives like the last, lightest profiterole on the croquebouche. "The Artist" opens in 1927, when dapper Errol Flynn-esque film star George Valentin (Jean Dujardin) rules Hollywoodland as its reigning star, his million-dollar grin coming as easily as the waves of applause that predictably greet every one of his new pictures. When George crosses paths with an eager newcomer named Peppy Miller (Berenice Bejo), he's cast in the role of mentor (and maybe more). But when talking pictures become the order of the day, she quickly begins an ascent up stardom's ladder, while George's fortunes begin their inevitable slide. **A.H.**

CHRONICLE (PG-13, 83 minutes) Movies that purport to be constructed from



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Amanda Seyfried is running away from something in "Gone." Perhaps she's headed to the set of a better movie.

found footage usually do so to cloak a flimsy premise. That's not the issue with "Chronicle," in which a pretty good idea for a sci-fi thriller is undermined by hastiness. The amateur cameraman is Andrew, a Seattle-area high-schooler who is bullied. Andrew's closest thing to a friend is his cousin Matt. One night, the two attend a rave, where they encounter Matt's longtime crush, later to serve as the movie's damsel in distress. The guys wander off with Matt's pal Steve. In a development any superhero-origin buff will recognize, the boys crawl into a sinkhole and find a weird substance that alters

them. They develop superpowers, and Andrew, the weakest of the three, becomes the strongest. Ultimately, "Chronicle" can't finesse the essential problem of the found-footage genre: When faced with a potentially lethal threat, nobody's first instinct is to hit "record." **M.J.**

CORIOLANUS (R, 122 minutes) Ralph Fiennes invests Shakespeare's play "Coriolanus" with ferocity and fresh vigor in his film of the same name, which transposes the story of an ancient Roman general to the present day with ease and uncanny relevance at a time when patricians and plebes are duking it out in public opinion, when demonstrators are being tear-gassed on the streets of Athens, and American voters are subjected to a daily showcase of political conniving and rhetorical excess. **A.H.**

GHOST RIDER: SPIRIT OF VENGEANCE (PG-13, 95 minutes) A goofy, gonzo thrill ride, "Vengeance" is a bad movie sequel — a bad movie that's almost a great bad movie. It's still a profoundly silly mash-up of comic book and quasi-religious "prophecy" about a motorcyclist who sold his soul to the devil, who transforms into a flaming avenger hurtling out of hell when the need arises. But this time around, Nicolas Cage and everybody else on board are in on the joke. **(AP)**

GONE (PG-13, 94 minutes) Amanda Seyfried is a manic, paranoid survivor of a serial killer in "Gone." She's sure that her sister has been kidnapped by the same guy, and that she has only until sunset before Molly is killed. And not for one second do you believe Seyfried is frightened for that sister. There's nothing in the film or her eyes or physical demeanor that

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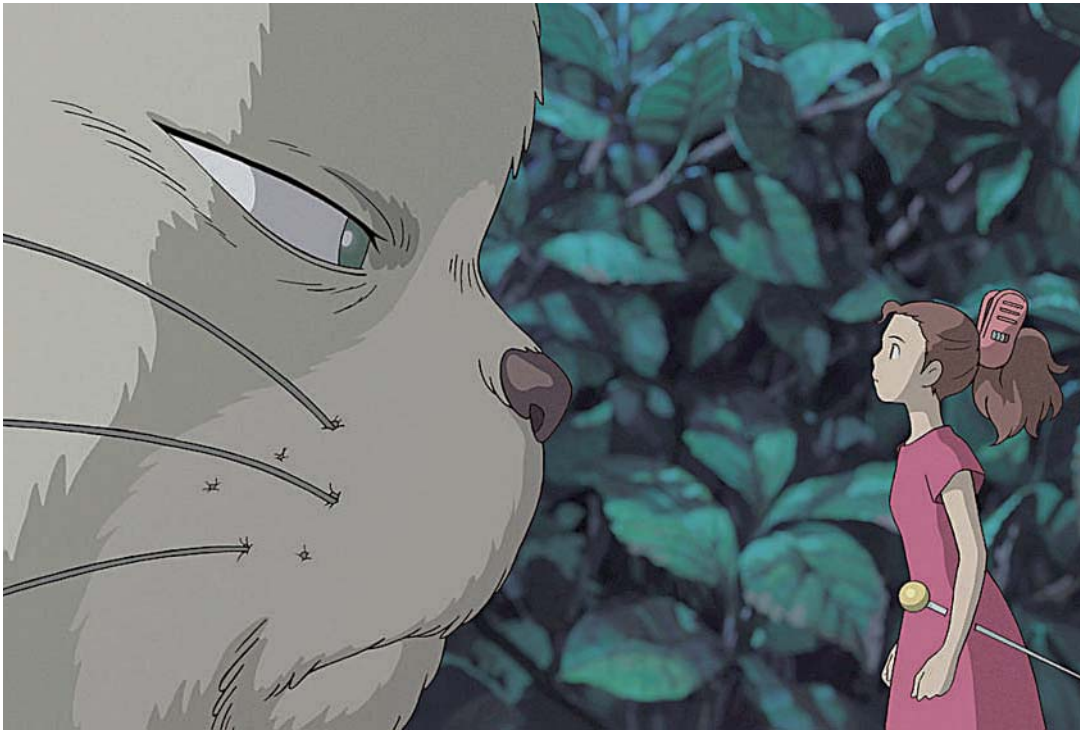
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Nicolas Cage (left, with Cristian Iacob) does his best piece of acting before he turns into a CGI-made flaming avenger in "Ghost Rider: Spirit of Vengeance."

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Striking animation and simple story-telling coalesce for a refreshingly charming adventure in "The Secret World of Arrietty."

suggests panic, fear or desperation. Jill should be desperate. She was abducted a year ago and escaped. No one believed her. The Portland cops are tired of her routine. They won't look for her sister. Every man she meets is a threat. Could the "kidnaper" be the creepy locksmith, the creepy customer in her diner, the creepy janitor, the creepy cop? But the movie fails to do much with that mystery. That makes for a thriller that feels sedate and slow, and a big payoff that feels like a cheat. (AP)

THE GREY (R, 117 MINUTES) Within its first several minutes, Joe Carnahan's man-against-nature thriller takes on contours and shadings far more sophisticated than the usual pulp programmer. Liam Neeson plays John Ottway, a sharpshooter who works for an oil company in Alaska keeping gray wolves and other predators at bay. Soon Ottway and his fellow he-men are on a plane bound for civilization. The plane won't make it, leaving Ottway and six others marooned in the middle of a blank, icy wasteland with subzero winds, punishing snowstorms and packs of hungry wolves. Such pure, elemental motivations and obstacles could easily provide the makings of a brutish but viscerally effective B-movie, but Carnahan aspires to something more, and he largely achieves it. A.H. **JOURNEY 2: THE MYSTERIOUS ISLAND (PG, 94 minutes)** Managing to make classic 19th-century adventure



Real-life Navy SEALs, such as the unnamed serviceman above, star in the surprise box office hit "Act of Valor."

yarns feel as wondrous and exotic as a Hallmark Channel special, "Journey 2: The Mysterious Island" starring Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson) sincerely tries to pay homage to the likes of Jules Verne and Robert Louis Stevenson but is too contaminated by today's tame sensibilities to make it fly. **JOHN DEFORE RAMPART (R, 107 minutes)** Dave Brown (Woody Harrelson) is a bitter, tiresomely self-destructive Johnny One-Note, so busy wallowing in his own racism,

misogyny and substance abuse that he can barely make time for his equally passionate commitment to self-pity. That "Rampart" is watchable at all is due to Harrelson. Director Oren Moverman and co-screenwriter James Ellroy throw in lots of colorful supporting characters and provocative plot twists and turns, but "Rampart" doesn't tell a coherent story as much as swirl the drain with Dave, as his increasingly desperate efforts to save himself simply result in a cascade of self-inflicted wounds. A.H.

SAFE HOUSE (R, 115 minutes) Denzel Washington has begun to carve out a niche as the grumpy or morally compromised foil to young, gravitas-seeking white actors. His charisma menaced Ethan Hawke in "Training Day" and taunted Chris Pine in "Unstoppable," allowing both actors to look more impressive simply by surviving the encounter. Entering "Safe House," Ryan Reynolds needs that chance to prove himself. Reynolds plays Matt Weston, a CIA newbie assigned to man a rarely used Cape Town facility. Every day he clocks in, checks the supplies and waits to see whether he'll finally get something to do. And then he does: Amid much excitement, a squad of tough agents arrives to interrogate Washington's Tobin Frost, a top spy who went rogue nine years ago and has been selling America's secrets

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ever since. When the safe house is attacked by baddies bent on killing Frost, Weston escapes with him, trying to keep his prisoner alive on the streets until a presumably safer new hideout can be arranged. In the field, Frost does get precious moments to play with Weston's head, but the film doesn't allow Reynolds enough time to move through wide-eyed self-doubt to find the intelligence his character presumably possesses. A.H. **THE SECRET WORLD OF ARRIETTY** (G, 95 minutes) This gorgeous little movie is sure to be beloved by your little people, who may discover what it means to find a magical beauty in the things we can't altogether see. "Arrietty," based on Mary Norton's children's book series "The Borrowers," is the story of tiny people who live under floorboards and swipe what they need from the Beans (what they call humans) upstairs. Arrietty is a 14-year-old Borrower who shows us from the first scene that she has pluck. She's eager



This could be a scene from the next "Men in Black," but it's actually from "This Means War," in which Chris Pine, left, and Tom Hardy, right, fight over Reese Witherspoon.

to go along with her father on a nighttime expedition into the Beans' house to fetch a sugar cube and one tissue. Arrietty goes with her dad and is spotted by a sickly boy who tries to befriend her. She's sure he means no harm, but once Borrowers have been seen, they must leave their home and find a new one. The end isn't quite tied up in perfect sparkly pink bows, but is left slightly up to us and

our atrophied imaginations. AMY JOYCE **A SEPARATION** (R, 123 minutes) Asghar Farhadi's domestic drama takes hold from its first moments and doesn't let go even long after the lights have come on. As "A Separation" opens, Nader and Simin address the camera as a judge is adjudicating their pending divorce. Simin is seeking a divorce from Nader, who has refused to move out of Iran

with her and their 11-year-old daughter, Termeh. Nader wants to stay home to take care of his elderly father, who's suffering from Alzheimer's. When Simin's request for a divorce is refused and she leaves the house to stay with her parents, Nader hires a nurse named Razieh to look after his father. But Razieh is an observant, orthodox Muslim whose religious strictures and patriarchal tradition are at odds with the demands of her new job. As a seamless, seemingly effortless document, "A Separation" doesn't resemble a film as much as a slice of life caught on the fly. A.H. **THIS MEANS WAR** (PG-13, 96 minutes) This romantic action comedy stars Reese Witherspoon as a woman trying to choose between two handsome suitors. But as this sloppy, scattered, utterly synthetic piece of Hollywood widgetry unspools, it becomes increasingly clear that the romantic tension at play exists mostly between the men in question, played by Chris Pine and Tom Hardy. The fact that "This Means War" is as graceless, lazy and visually incoherent as it is can be laid squarely at the feet of its director, McG. His career at least provides a valuable re-

minder that the word "hack" didn't always refer to computer monkey-wrenchers. A.H. **WANDERLUST** (R, 98 minutes) Paul Rudd delivers moments of inspired lunacy in this shambling mix of cheap laughs and genuinely funny set pieces from writer-director David Wain. Fans of Wain and Rudd's earlier collaboration, "Role Models," have been eagerly anticipating the return of their raunchy but sweet comic stylings. Rudd plays George, a Manhattan corporate drone who, as "Wanderlust" opens, is buying a West Village apartment with his wife, Linda (Jennifer Aniston). When George loses his job and Linda's documentary isn't picked up by HBO, they're forced to sell and move to sponge off George's obnoxious brother. On the way, they stop at Elysium, a rustic colony of dropouts and groovers. The role of an uptight fish out of water is what Rudd was born for, and he plays George with the congeniality and improvisational brio for which he's become deservedly famous. A.H.

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3 Who Needs Words?
We're not going to predict a comeback for silent movies just because "The Artist" won best picture, but it just might encourage fans to delve into the great films of the silent era. One of the most gorgeous is 1928's "The Passion of Joan Arc," which will screen at Strathmore this weekend accompanied by a live score from the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra in a performance they've dubbed "Voices of Light." *Music Center at Strathmore, 5301 Tuckerman Lane, North Bethesda; Sat., 8 p.m., \$28-\$88; 301-581-5100, Strathmore.org. (Grosvenor-Strathmore)*



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Dr. Seuss' The Lorax 3D (PG) RealD 3D: (I) 1:00-5:30-7:40
Journey 2: The Mysterious Island 3D (PG) RealD 3D: 2:30-7:15
Gone (PG-13) Digital Presentation: (I) 12:30-3:00-5:20-7:45-10:00

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Dr. Seuss' The Lorax (PG) Digital Presentation: 12:00-4:45-9:40
The Artist (PG-13) AMC INDEPENDENT/Digital Presentation: 12:30-3:00-5:35-8:10-10:40
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Project X (R) 1:15-4:10-7:50-10:25

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Dr. Seuss' The Lorax (PG) Digital Presentation: (I) 1:20-7:00
Ghost Rider: Spirit of Vengeance (PG-13) Digital Presentation: (I) 10:35-4:05-9:40
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Tyler Perry's Good Deeds (PG-13) (I) 10:40-1:30-4:30-7:30-10:30
Chronicle (PG-13) (I) 10:10-12:30-3:00-5:20-7:50-10:20
Gone (PG-13) (I) 10:45-1:15-3:50-6:20-9:00-11:20

Landmark Bethesda Row Cinema
7235 Woodmont Avenue www.landmarktheatres.com

Albert Nobbs (R) 2:30-5:30-8:30
The Descendants (R) 1:45-4:35-7:15-9:55
The Artist (PG-13) 1:35-4:15-6:45-9:15
A Separation (Jodaeie Nader az Simin) (PG-13) 1:15-4:00-7:05-9:50
The Iron Lady (PG-13) 2:00-4:30-7:00-9:30
Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy (R) 2:15-5:15-8:15
Undeclared (PG-13) 1:30-4:20-7:10-9:45
In Darkness (R) 1:40-4:45-8:00

Regal Bethesda 10
7272 Wisconsin Avenue www.regalcinemas.com

Hugo 3D (PG) RealD 3D: (I) 9:10
Journey 2: The Mysterious Island 3D (PG) RealD 3D: (I) 1:50-6:50-9:20
Dr. Seuss' The Lorax 3D (PG) RealD 3D: (I) 2:10-4:15-6:40-9:00
The Vow (PG-13) 2:10-4:40-7:10-10:10

Safe House (R) 1:40-5:00-7:50-10:30
Journey 2: The Mysterious Island (PG) 4:20
The Secret World of Arrietty (Kari-gurashi no Arietti) (G) 1:10-3:40-6:45
This Means War (PG-13) 2:00-4:30-7:00-9:30
Tyler Perry's Good Deeds (PG-13) 1:30-4:00-7:30-10:00
Project X (R) 2:50-5:10-8:00-10:15
Act of Valor (R) 2:45-5:15-7:45-10:25
Dr. Seuss' The Lorax (PG) (I) 1:00-3:10-5:20-7:40-9:50

Regal Hyattsville Royale Stadium 14
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Wanderlust (R) 2:10-4:55-7:35-10:10
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Act of Valor (R) 1:55-4:50-7:40-10:25
This Means War (PG-13) 1:50
Project X (R) 1:40-4:00-7:20-9:40
Chronicle (PG-13) 7:25-9:50
Dr. Seuss' The Lorax (PG) (I) 1:30-2:00-3:45-4:15-7:15-9:30

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Hugo 3D (PG) RealD 3D: (I) 4:10-7:10
Star Wars: Episode I - The Phantom Menace 3D (PG) RealD 3D: (I) 8:30
Ghost Rider 3D: Spirit of Vengeance (PG-13) RealD 3D: (I) 1:50-7:15-9:50
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Gone (PG-13) CC-Open Caption: 1:30
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Tyler Perry's Good Deeds (PG-13) 1:20-4:15-5:45-8:00-10:15-11:55
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Hugo 3D (PG) RealD 3D: 12:20-3:20-6:20-9:10
Journey 2: The Mysterious Island (PG) Digital Presentation: 2:00-6:50
Star Wars: Episode I - The Phantom Menace 3D (PG) RealD 3D: 12:30-3:30-6:30-9:30
The Iron Lady (PG-13) AMC INDEPENDENT: 2:15-7:20
Tyler Perry's Good Deeds (PG-13) Digital Presentation: 1:40-4:20-7:10-9:50
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The Vow (PG-13) 12:00-2:30-5:00-7:30-10:00
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The Grey (R) 4:45-9:40
Gone (PG-13) (I) 12:10-2:45-5:15-7:40-10:10

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Dr. Seuss' The Lorax (PG) Digital Presentation: (I) 1:40-6:40-11:40
Ghost Rider: Spirit of Vengeance (PG-13) Digital Presentation: 11:35-4:45-9:55
Wanderlust (R) Digital Presentation: (I) 11:50-2:15-5:05-7:35-10:12-12:35
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The Artist (PG-13) AMC INDEPENDENT/Digital Presentation: 11:00-1:35-4:15-6:50-9:25-12:05
Project X (R) CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video: (I) 10:40-1:10-3:40-6:05-8:40-11:10
Tyler Perry's Good Deeds (PG-13) Digital Presentation: (I) 10:30-1:20-4:10-7:00-9:50-12:35

Act of Valor (R) Digital Presentation: (I) 10:05-11:15-12:55-2:05-3:45-4:55-6:30-7:50-9:20-10:40-12:10
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Chronicle (PG-13) Digital Presentation: 9:50-12:10-2:25-4:40-7:10-9:30-11:50
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War Horse (PG-13) 7:00

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Wanderlust (R) CC-Open Caption: 2:30
Ghost Rider 3D: Spirit of Vengeance (PG-13) RealD 3D: (I) 12:50-6:10-9:10
Ghost Rider: Spirit of Vengeance (PG-13) 3:30
Safe House (R) 4:30-10:40
Project X (R) Digital Projection: 12:30-2:50-5:20-8:00-10:30
Wanderlust (R) 5:10-7:50-10:20
The Descendants (R) 1:40-4:15-6:50-9:40
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This Means War (PG-13) 1:00-3:30-6:00-8:20-9:20
The Artist (PG-13) 1:50-5:00-7:30-10:00
Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy (R) 1:20-7:10
The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo (R) 12:40-4:10-7:45
Act of Valor (R) 2:10-4:40-7:40-10:10
Project X (R) 4:20-7:00-9:30
Chronicle (PG-13) 2:00
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The Vow (PG-13) CC-Open Caption: 1:00
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Premieres

SUN
10:00

ABC sets out to replace the soon-to-exit "Desperate Housewives" with "GCB." This Dallas-based series will make the antics on Wisteria Lane look like "The Sorrow and the Pity" in comparison.

In the frantic pilot, former Texas "mean girl" Amanda Vaughn (Leslie Bibb) finds herself homeless after her rich California husband dies under sleazy circumstances. This forces her to return to the Dallas mansion of her estranged mother, Gigi (Annie Potts). Amanda's old high school rival, Carlene (Kristin



Carlene (Kristin Chenoweth) struts out her Sunday best on the new show "GCB."

Chenoweth), lives next door, forever tottering on high heels and glancing through a telescope at the neighbors. She's the unelected leader of a gaggle of former classmates who have held grudges against Amanda for about 20 years, presumably because they have little else besides shopping to occupy their minds — that, and dressing up for church and breaking the Ten Commandments while tossing off Bible verses in Neiman Marcus.

"GCB's" characters consist of a parade of mean stereotypes who are crudely drawn, unsympathetic and uninteresting. From the implied obscenity in its title, "GCB" is shot through with a wink-wink vulgarity and sexual obviousness more desperate than sophisticated.

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9:00



Supernatural (CW) The inhabitants of one Garden State town think the Jersey Devil is real when a mysterious creature starts attacking people in a nearby state park. As Sam, Dean (Jensen Ackles, left) and Bobby set up camp in the park to investigate, Dean tries to figure out why a local restaurant's signature sandwich is making people lose their minds.

SUN
9:00

Army Wives (LIFE) Season 6 of the Lifetime hit sees the members of the tribe facing major changes as they prepare to leave the recently decommissioned Fort Marshall and go their separate ways. In the season premiere, Joan gets word of a potentially deadly event that will descend on Fort Marshall, forcing the tribe to band together yet again.

SUN
9:00

The Good Wife (CBS) As power struggles and office politics plague the firm, Alicia (Julianna Margulies, right) defends a documentary filmmaker accused of causing a student's suicide. Mamie Gummer reprises her role as Alicia and Caitlin's nemesis, Nancy Crozier.



SUN
10:00

Breakout Kings (A&E) In the game-changing Season 2 premiere of A&E Network's hit, the cops and cons are in hot pursuit of a vicious serial killer who Lloyd (Jimmi Simpson) helped put away eight years ago. During the case, the group learns that Charlie (Laz Alonso) has been offered a promotion that could dissolve the group for good. (TRIBUNE MEDIA)

Reality



'Q' Viva' Las Vegas

Fox yanks "COPS" from its long-held 8 p.m. Saturday perch to air "Q' Viva! The Chosen," a talent-search contest produced by Jennifer Lopez and Marc Anthony. Along with choreographer Jamie King, the apparently amicably broken-up tandem will scour more than 20 Latin American countries to find the most exciting, authentic talents to recruit for a Las Vegas production. Because nothing says authentic like Las Vegas. K.M.

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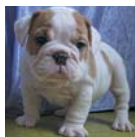
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— **TRAVIS HOPSON AT PUNCHDRUNKCRITICS.COM** thinks the Motion Picture Association of America made the right decision in rating “The Hunger Games” PG-13, “for intense violent thematic material and disturbing images — all involving teens.”

▲ “In many ways, the whole idea of renovation seems misplaced here. It is its grit that gives it its charm, and it already serves a purpose as a kind of urban adventure park where people can experience an inner-city edginess. ... Could it not instead become a focal point for a new kind of urbex tourism?”

— **ADAM AT PARISINVISIBLE.BLOG-SPOT.COM** doesn’t want to see an old grain factory in Pantin, outside of Paris — which is now a popular graffiti site — torn down and converted into a mixed-use development, as one real-estate company has planned.

▲ “Most games built off branching decision-story lines have a clear good/bad split. ... In the Mass Effect series, decisions are generally split into ‘Paragon’ and ‘Renegade’ choices — the former generally meaning patiently diplomatic, the latter generally meaning hawkish badassery. Think Jimmy Stewart vs. John Wayne in ‘The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance.’”

— **DARREN FRANICH AT POPWATCH. EW.COM** describes the experience video game franchise “Mass Effect” by Bioware, which is releasing its third edition worldwide next week.

▲ “I’m really, really, really hoping ‘liberals’ behave and show the same level of decency to this guy that we always accuse conservatives of not showing when something happens to someone on our side of the aisle.”

— **AVERAGEBRO.COM** reacts to news that conservative pundit and media entrepreneur Andrew Breitbart died in Los Angeles on Thursday morning.

▲ “[Thursday] is the anniversary of the repeal of prohibition in D.C. ... D.C.’s repeal went into effect just after midnight on March 1, with some 200 licenses hand-delivered by police and other D.C. officials. The first recipients? The National Press Club, which still has license ABRA-000001.”

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PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) A little sneaking around today may seem harmless to you now, but you must realize that your behavior may make others suspicious.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You're expecting to hear a resounding "yes" today, but there are those in the "no" camp who are quite vocal and persuasive.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You'll want to take all necessary precautions today as you work with machinery or gadgetry with which you are as yet unfamiliar.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) What you have to offer is widely sought by others today — but you will want to pace yourself, so schedule your efforts carefully.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You may want to engage in a few test runs today before putting yourself out there once and for all. Your preparations must be thorough.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) A look back into certain events from the past will enable you to judge what is coming with a clearer perspective.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Before you know it, you may find yourself running to beat the clock today; once you reach your destination you can settle into a routine.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You'll require a little help today as you get started — though certain parts of your daily preparations you must tend to yourself.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You are under no obligation to proceed in any further with a certain endeavor that in no way offers you a guarantee of success.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You don't want to get lost today, so be sure you have accurate directions to each destination. Technical assistance comes in handy.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You are likely to be given the green light today, allowing you to proceed with your plans in a free and unrestricted fashion — for now.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Whether you are able to contact a certain someone at home or at work, you won't have much time to get the message across.

Scrabble Grams

PAR SCORE 145-155, BEST SCORE 208

A ₁	I ₁	O ₁	T ₁	X ₈	D ₂	N ₁

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RACK 1

A ₁	O ₁	U ₁	D ₂	G ₂	N ₁	R ₁

2nd Letter Triple

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RACK 2

A ₁	E ₁	L ₁	N ₁	M ₃	B ₃	L ₁

Double Word Score

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RACK 3

A ₁	A ₁	E ₁	I ₁	I ₁	M ₃	N ₁

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RACK 4

Yesterday's Solution

V ₄	A ₁	C ₃	U ₁	U ₁	M ₃		RACK 1 =	39	
E ₁	Y ₄	E ₁	W ₄	E ₁	A ₁	R ₁	RACK 2 =	67	
S ₁	T ₁	A ₁	D ₂	I ₁	U ₁	M ₃	RACK 3 =	60	
F ₂	E ₁	A ₁	T ₁	U ₁	R ₁	E ₁	RACK 4 =	60	
PAR SCORE 170-180								TOTAL	226

FOUR RACK TOTAL

Make a 2-7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word using scoring directions at right. 7-letter words get a 50-point bonus. Blank tiles used as any letter have no point value. Scrabble is a trademark of Hasbro in the U.S. and Canada.

Sudoku

DIFFICULT

	7		5	2				
6			4	9	1	5		
			8		9			
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			8	1			9	

Yesterday's Solution

7	9	5	6	2	1	8	4	3
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4	1	6	7	8	3	2	5	9
5	4	7	9	3	2	6	8	1
2	3	8	4	1	6	9	7	5
9	6	1	8	7	5	4	3	2
6	5	9	1	4	7	3	2	8
8	2	4	3	5	9	7	1	6
1	7	3	2	6	8	5	9	4

Need more Sudoku? Find another puzzle in the Comics section of The Post every Sunday and in the Style section Monday through Saturday.

Comics

POOCH CAFE | PAUL GILLIGAN



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Forecast

60 | 50

Today: A little rain today. Becoming windier tonight with rain and drizzle.

63 | 37

Tomorrow: Rain and a thunderstorm tomorrow, mainly early. Clear tomorrow night.

Looking Ahead

SUN	MON	TUE
53	32	47
28	46	34

Sun and Moon	Almanac
Sunrise today: 6:39 a.m.	Normal high: 51
Sunset today: 6:02 p.m.	Record high: 80
Moonrise today: 12:16 p.m.	Normal low: 34
Moonset today: 2:25 a.m.	Record low: 13

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lookout puzzles

Crossword

LIVE WELL

ACROSS

- 1 Give away the ending
- 6 Ready for the operating room, briefly
- 10 Centers of activity
- 14 Feet in some meters
- 15 Hold in abomination
- 16 An egg in Caesar's salad
- 17 Cranium's contents
- 18 "___ Country" (Churchill novel)
- 19 "...___, whatever will be ..." (Doris Day lyric)
- 20 Beachfront building?
- 22 "What's your sine?" subj.
- 23 Be a borrower
- 24 "Ditto!"
- 25 Bull's-eye, for one
- 29 Bug-repelling wood
- 32 "___ Melancholy" (Keats)
- 33 Rookie
- 37 Banquet posting
- 38 Dainty table

DOWN

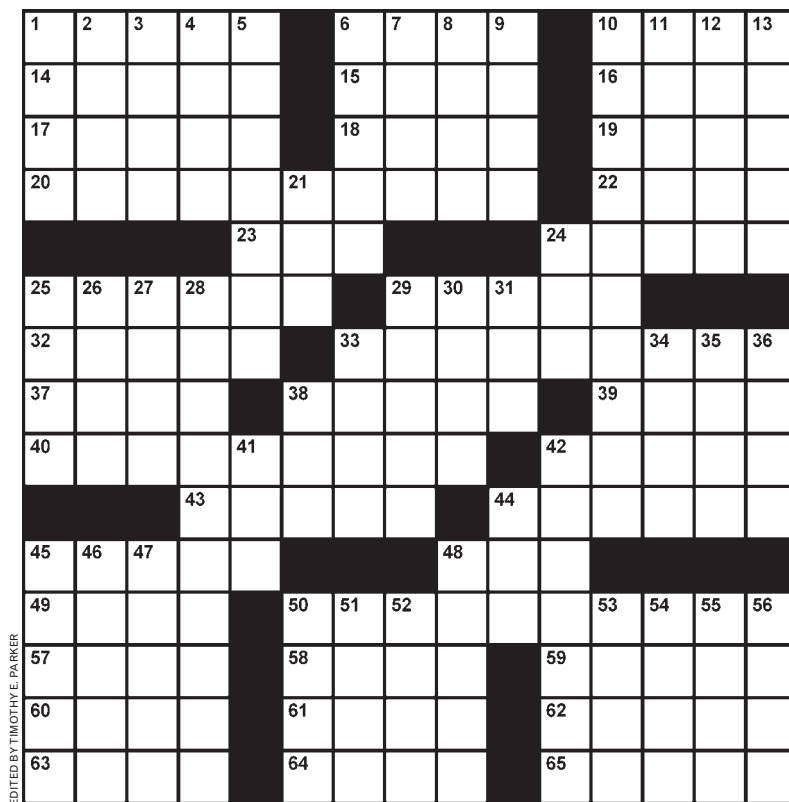
- 39 Popular cookie
- 40 Stardom?
- 42 Ringmaster
- 43 Wall Street transaction
- 44 Acts stealthily
- 45 Machine shop tool
- 48 ___ du Flambeau, Wisc.
- 49 Collection of miscellaneous pieces
- 50 Place to stay in central London
- 57 Deported Pakistani in a "Seinfeld" episode
- 58 "In ___ of flowers ..."
- 59 Friendless
- 60 "My Cup Runneth Over" singer Ed
- 61 Entrance for a collier
- 62 Computer geeks
- 63 By ___ (from memory)
- 64 Beige and ecru
- 65 "To your health!" is one

- 2 "Legal" opener
- 3 "Toe" of the Arabian Peninsula
- 4 "Bartlett's" abbr.
- 5 Coin portrait since 1909
- 6 "Terrible Twos," for one
- 7 Balsa boat
- 8 "Along with all the rest" abbr.
- 9 Parisian pop
- 10 Place for Hollywood's Jodie?
- 11 Above-board
- 12 Knickknack shelf item
- 13 Grown-up bug
- 21 Astonishment
- 24 Creation on the sixth day
- 25 Hospitalized patient's state, perhaps
- 26 "Beware the ___ of March!"
- 27 Lease
- 28 Place of many trials
- 29 Breaking and entering, e.g.
- 30 Challenging to corner

- 31 "L.A. Law" star Susan
- 33 Well-mannered
- 34 Predatory dolphin
- 35 Cause a stench
- 36 "Nay" and "uh-uh"
- 38 A type of evidence
- 41 A lode off one's mine?
- 42 Cast a spell over
- 44 Utter
- 45 Type of pneumonia

- 46 1836 Texas siege site
- 47 Dalai Lama's country
- 48 Clumsy oafs
- 50 Bed-frame crosspiece
- 51 1871 Verdi opera
- 52 Blood carrier
- 53 Another word for margarine
- 54 One-third of a WWII film title
- 55 Airs the final episode of
- 56 "___ we forget"

Yesterday's Solution

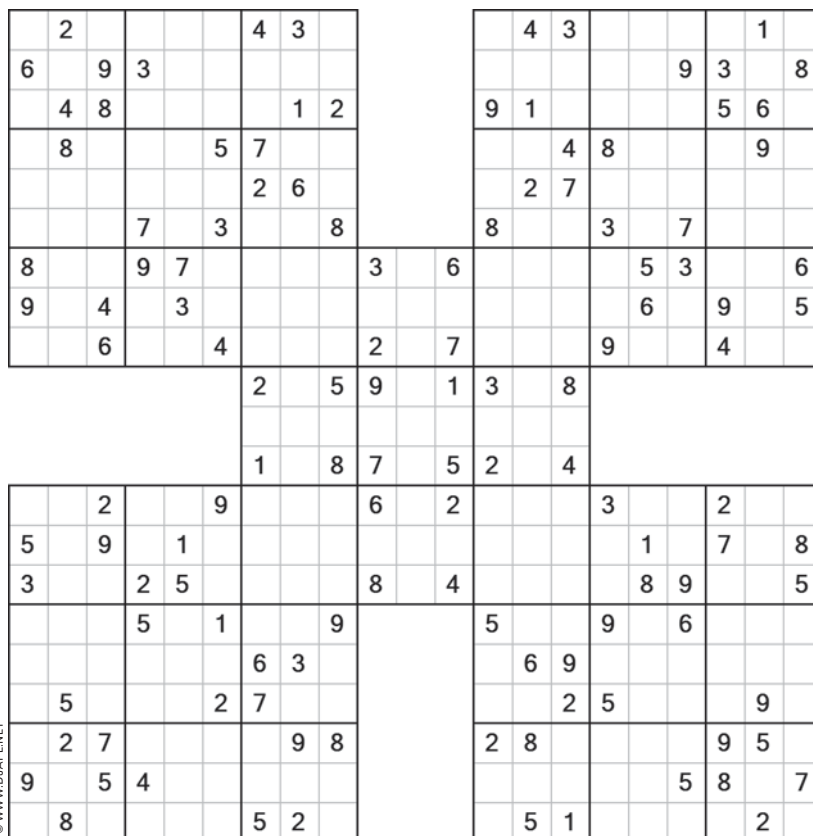


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Samurai Sudoku

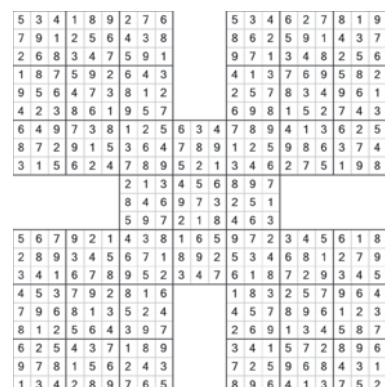
DIFFICULT

Fill in each column, row and 3x3 box with the digits 1 through 9 without repeating any. The twist in Samurai Sudoku is that the digits that appear in the overlapping boxes must work for both puzzles. A piece of advice to get you started: Don't focus on completing one grid at a time. Keep the whole puzzle in mind as you go, because filling in a number in one grid could give you clues to another.



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Last Week's Solution



Today in History

1917 Puerto Ricans are granted U.S. citizenship as President Woodrow Wilson signs the Jones-Shafroth Act.

1932 The 20th Amendment to the Constitution, which moves the date of the presidential inauguration from March 4 to January 20, is passed by Congress and sent to the states for ratification.

1962 Wilt Chamberlain scores 100 points for the Philadelphia Warriors in a game against the New York Knicks, an NBA record that still stands. (Philadelphia won, 169-147.)

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MILESTONES

Justin Bieber Can Now Vote; Can't Drink or Rent a Car Without a Co-Signer

Justin Bieber turned 18 Thursday and appeared on "The Ellen DeGeneres Show" to announce his new single, out March 26. His manager, Scooter Braun, gave Bieber his birthday present on the air: a Fisker Karma, a sports car with a starting price of about \$102,000. (EXPRESS)

TABLOID FORMULAS

This Sounds So Familiar. Didn't It Already Happen?

Tim Tebow and Taylor Swift were seen at dinner together in Century City, Calif., on Monday night, People.com reported. The rumor mill says their agents might have been there, too, BUT Swift and Tebow arrived together and left together. People.com endorsed this potential romance. At 5 p.m., 70 percent of voters on the site agreed. (EXPRESS)



Walk in together, eat and walk out together: They're practically engaged.

Victims



'It Hurts Where My Soul Used to Be'

"Bachelor" star Ben Flajnik has hated every moment of his reality TV experience, Radaronline.com reported. An unnamed source said Flajnik was heard saying, "This was the worst experience of my life," to the producers during a taping. "Ben couldn't hide how miserable he was during the taping," the source added. (EXPRESS)



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SUPERSTARZ

They Couldn't Afford Him

Levi Johnston, father of Tripp, his son with ex Bristol Palin, will reportedly not appear on Palin's reality show, "Life's a Tripp." "Bristol asked Levi to be on the show," an unnamed source told Radaronline.com. "But, he said no way; Levi didn't want to be a part of her reality show at all." The sourced added, "everyone has seen her with the cameras," but "it doesn't look like she's done that many interesting things." (EXPRESS)



AILING

'I Sounded Like Mariah Carey; It Was TERRIBLE'

Celine Dion canceled the next four months of shows at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas after a virus damaged her vocal cords. "I tried to sing at my sound-check last week, and I had no control of my voice whatsoever," she said in a statement posted on her website. "Obviously this is the worst thing for a singer — not being able to do your shows." (EXPRESS)

"I never had a pocket-checking policy prior to going onto the red carpet before, but now we fully instated one!"



— ZAC EFRON TOLD MATT LAUER ON THE "TODAY" SHOW THURSDAY THAT HE IS EMBARRASSED A CONDOM FELL OUT OF HIS POCKET ON THE RED CARPET FOR "THE LORAX" FEB. 19.

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