

AT THE TOP OF THE HEAP

Top 10 movies

The top 10 movies at U.S. and Canadian theaters Oct. 7 through Oct. 9, followed by distribution studio, gross, number of theater locations, average receipts per location, total gross and number of weeks in release, as compiled Monday by Exhibitor Relations Co. Inc.:

1. "Wallace & Gromit: The Curse of the Were-Rabbit," DreamWorks, \$16,025,987, 3,645 locations, \$4,397 average, \$16,047,174, one week.
2. "Flightplan," Disney, \$10,764,440, 3,323 locations, \$3,239 average, \$60,916,649, three weeks.
3. "In Her Shoes," 20th Century Fox, \$10,017,575, 2,808 locations, \$3,568 average, \$10,017,575, one week.
4. "Two for the Money," Universal, \$8,703,240, 2,391 locations, \$3,640 average, \$8,703,240, one week.
5. "The Gospel," Sony Screen Gems, \$7,523,571, 969 locations, \$7,764 average, \$7,523,571, one week.
6. "Tim Burton's Corpse Bride," Warner Bros., \$6,511,336, 3,004 locations, \$2,168 average, \$42,116,028, four weeks.
7. "Waiting," Lions Gate, \$6,021,106, 1,652 locations, \$3,645 average, \$6,021,106, one week.
8. "Serenity," Universal, \$5,352,090, 2,189 locations, \$2,445 average, \$18,020,875, two weeks.
9. "A History of Violence," New Line, \$5,067,000, 1,340 locations, \$3,781 average, \$16,638,684, three weeks.
10. "Into the Blue," Sony, \$4,830,342, 2,789 locations, \$1,732 average, \$13,903,087, two weeks.

Top 10 TV shows

Prime-time viewership numbers compiled by Nielsen Media Research for Oct. 3-9. Top 10 listings include the week's ranking, with viewership for the week and season-to-date rankings in parentheses. An "X" in parentheses denotes a one-time-only presentation.

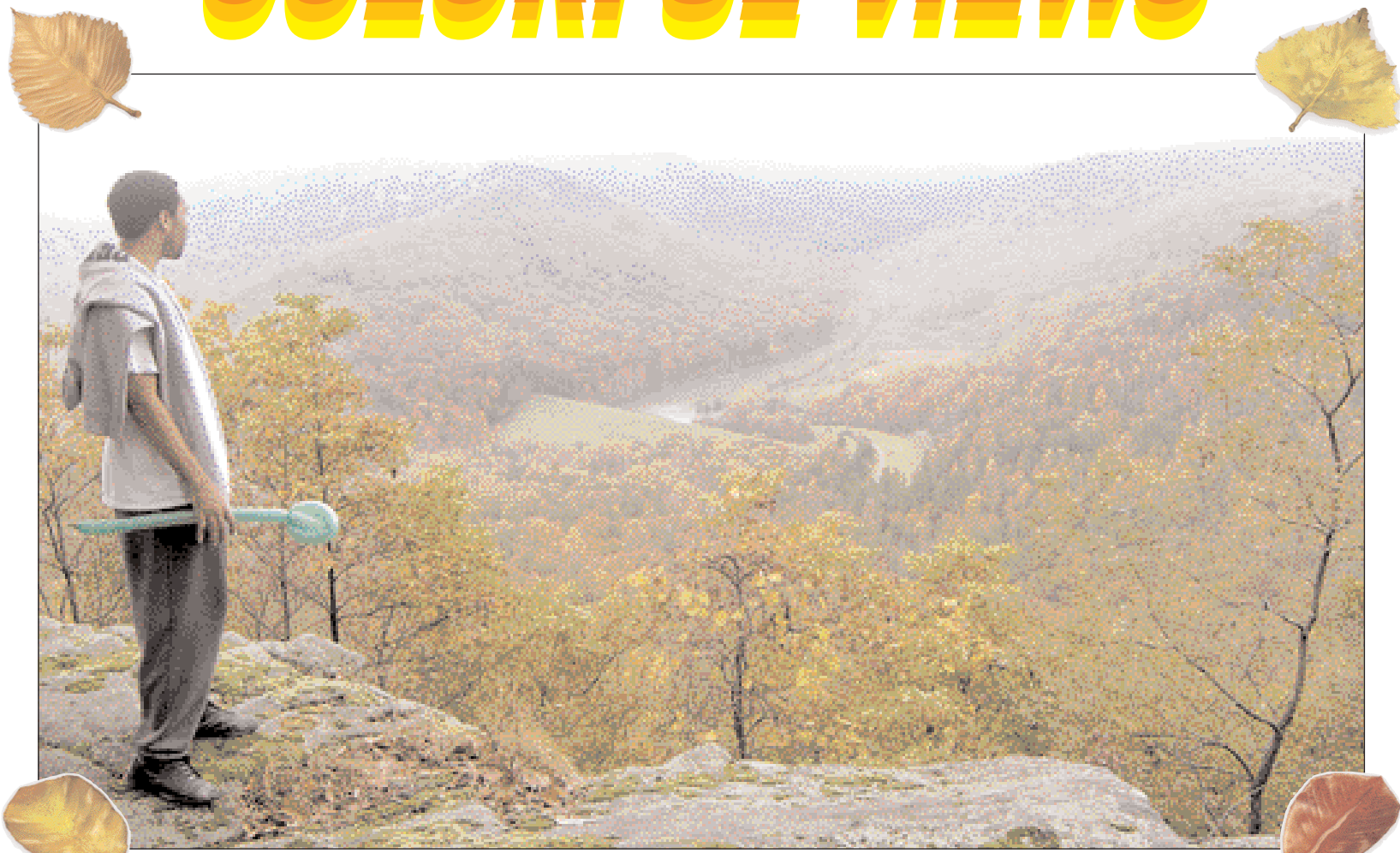
1. (1) "CSI: Crime Scene Investigation," CBS, 28.8 million viewers.
2. (2) "Desperate Housewives," ABC, 26.1 million viewers.
3. (4) "Lost," ABC, 22.4 million viewers.
4. (3) "Without a Trace," CBS, 21.2 million viewers.
5. (5) "CSI: Miami," CBS, 18.7 million viewers.
6. (6) "Grey's Anatomy," ABC, 18.1 million viewers.
7. (10) "Survivor: Guatemala," CBS, 17.9 million viewers.
8. (7) "Commander in Chief," ABC, 16.9 million viewers.
8. (11) "NCIS," CBS, 16.9 million viewers.
10. (8) "Law & Order: Special Victims Unit," NBC, 16.2 million viewers.

Top 10 cable shows

Rankings for the top 10 programs on basic cable networks as compiled by Nielsen Media Research for the week of Oct. 3-9. Each ratings point represents 1,102,000 households. Day and start time (EDT) are in parentheses.

1. NFL Football: Cincinnati vs. Jacksonville (Sunday, 8:28 p.m.), ESPN, 5.5, 6.02 million homes.
2. Baseball Divisional Series: Los Angeles vs. New York (Friday, 8 p.m.), ESPN, 4.9, 5.41 million homes.
3. Baseball Divisional Series: Boston vs. Chicago (Wednesday, 7:22 p.m.), ESPN, 4.4, 4.88 million homes.
4. College Football: Ohio St. vs. Penn St. (Saturday, 7:42 p.m.), ESPN, 4.0, 4.43 million homes.
5. "WWE Raw" (Monday, 9 p.m.), USA, 4.0, 4.36 million homes.
6. Baseball Divisional Series: New York vs. Los Angeles (Wednesday, 10 p.m.), ESPN, 3.8, 4.2 million homes.
7. "Baseball Post Game" (Wednesday, 9:43 p.m.), ESPN, 3.8, 4.13 million homes.
8. "WWE Raw Zone" (Monday, 10 p.m.), USA, 3.7, 4.04 million homes.
9. "NFL Prime Time" (Sunday, 7:30 p.m.), ESPN, 3.4, 3.73 million homes.
10. Baseball Divisional Series: Chicago vs. Boston (Friday, 4 p.m.), ESPN2, 3.3, 3.63 million homes.

COLORFUL VIEWS



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The view of the fall foliage from the top of the Pinnacle near Berea is worth the hike.

Madison County offers plenty of beauty as fall leaves peak

By Jennifer E. Kustes
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Briллиant oranges, reds and yellows will soon be visible across Madison County as the fall foliage season hits its peak. Experts say next weekend will be a good time to plan family day trips to hike and play among the beautiful trees.

Fall into Kentucky

Several factors contribute to Kentucky's beautiful fall colors, including its geographic location and diversity of tree species.

Madison County sits at the edge of the Cumberland Plateau and the Appalachian Region, said Kent Slusher, Bluegrass District forester with the Kentucky Division of Forestry.

There are a lot of Eastern Kentucky and Central Kentucky species here, he said. "Lots of sugar maples make for nice colors."

Kentucky sits about in the middle from north to south, which means trees indigenous to the northern United States are at their southernmost point, and trees indigenous to the southern U.S. are at their northernmost point.

This gives Kentucky about 120 species of trees, many of which are in Madison County, Slusher



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Eastern Kentucky University's campus, especially the Ravine, is a good spot to see vibrant fall colors.

said. By comparison, all of Europe has about 80 species.

New England is known for a big flash of color because of a lot of sugar maples, said John Perry, Berea College forester. Here, the

color period lasts longer because different species of trees peak at different times.

Red maple and red oak are two species that produce red colors, and yellow poplar and hickory

will turn yellow, Slusher said.

There is a lot of diversity between northern and southern Madison County, Slusher said.

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FROM COAST TO COAST

Couple nears end of 4,900-mile hike

By Martin Griffith
Associated Press Writer

RENO, Nev. — Marcia and Ken Powers went for a walk in Delaware nearly eight months ago — and they're still walking, as they approach the end of a 4,900-mile trek from coast to coast.

In recent days, the Pleasanton, Calif., couple cleared the final major hurdle — the Sierra Nevada — and were near their goal of becoming the first backpackers to traverse the transcontinental American Discovery Trail in one continuous hike.

They hoped to reach the Pacific at Point Reyes, Calif., Sunday afternoon.

Taking only five days off since starting on Feb. 27 from Cape Henlopen in Delaware, they figure they have averaged 21 1/2 miles a day. But setting a fast pace was not

"If you would have told us several years ago that we would be doing all these hikes, we would have said you were crazy."

MARCIA POWERS
LONG-DISTANCE HIKER

the point as they passed through plains, mountain passes and even central cities.

"We're not out for records," said Marcia Powers, who said she's in her 50s.

Still, she and her 60-year-old husband did have some specific goals: For instance, they needed to get to the Rockies as soon as the snow melted and to reach the Sierra before new snow fell.

Snow did slow them in the east, and there were other obstacles, including a quicksand scare in Utah and uncomfortably close

lightning strikes in Kansas. The trek had high points, too: The couple raved about the French history of St. Louis, the grandeur of Colorado vistas, and their encounters with all kinds of people, some of them chronicled in the Powerses' online journal.

The Powerses had sought a new adventure after joining an elite group that has hiked all three major national scenic trails: the 2,000-mile Appalachian in the East, the 3,000-mile Continental Divide in the Rockies and the 2,650-mile Pacific Crest on the

West Coast.

The transcontinental hiking, biking and horse trail passes through 15 states from Cape Henlopen to Point Reyes. It traverses 14 national parks and 16 national forests. It also passes through cities, including Cincinnati, St. Louis, Kansas City, Denver, Sacramento and San Francisco.

The trail opened in 2000 — 11 years after it was proposed as the first coast-to-coast footpath connecting the three major north-south trails.

"The American Discovery Trail is cities, desert, mountains, farmlands. It's so diverse," Marcia Powers said. "It's never had the rhythm the other trails have had. It has been adapt, adapt, adapt, because things continually

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