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Top of the Week

The Endless Primary

This week, the likely GOP winner will be—nobody! On March 20 Republicans vote in Illinois, where polls have given Mitt Romney a comfy lead. On March 24 it's Louisiana; Rick Santorum just won two primaries in the South. Newt Gingrich is sticking in the race, hoping the moon base caucuses within the month. And Ron Paul is keeping his fingers crossed for his first victory.



Jennifer Lawrence

Woman With Bow and Arrow

Batman and Gandalf will both return to screens in 2012, but not before a new heroine joins their ranks on March 23. In "The Hunger Games," based on the post-apocalyptic YA novels, Jennifer Lawrence stars as Katniss Everdeen, a 16-year-old girl kidnapped and forced to fight other teenagers to the death in

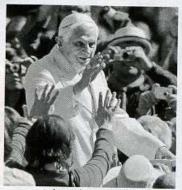
a televised competition. A studio executive told The Wall Street Journal that an opening weekend of \$100 million is a given.

Obama's Day in Court

On March 26, nine voters will determine the course of the nation. The Supreme Court will begin hearing oral arguments on the constitutionality of the Affordable Care Act, the legislative touchstone of the Obama presidency—particularly whether the government can force its citizens to buy health care. A law professor told Politico, "This case could define federalism for the next 100 years." Obama needs to sway at least one conservative justice to keep the law intact.

Holy Father, Don't Mind the Protesters

Pope Benedict touches down in Cuba to visit President Raúl Castro on March 26, but his audience is already restless. Last week, protesters occupied a church in Havana to demand the pope serve as a negotiator between them and the government. A Vatican spokesman huffed, "Nobody has the right to turn temples into political trenches."



Pope Benedict XVI

Hair, Hair

Mustaches are going Hollywood. Or Portland, Maine, anyway. On March 30, the city plays host to what may be the first-ever film festival dedicated to the fuzzy stuff that grows under noses. Participants from as far as Norway have sent in short films featuring plot lines built around handlebars, Fu Manchus, and their furry cousins—or characters sporting them. Proceeds go to a film preservation project. Razors not invited.