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COLUMBIA HEIGHTS got a shout-out from the New York Times for being D.C.'s hippest hood. This will, hopefully, keep hipster tourist riffraff out of our candidate for the Next Big Thing, Mt. Pleasant. Urban-pioneering its way onto the zone's main drag: Nana (3068 Mt. Pleasant St. NW; 202-667-6955), the longtime U Street fashion den, which reopened in a large, edgy space here. Expect women's dresses made of recycled fabric by Preloved, kids' wear and jewelry by local designers.

Missing Pink?

HOLD THIS PAGE AWAY from you and stare. Notice anything? There's no hidden 3-D dinosaur, but there's lots of pink-red-magentaish tones! The color authorities were right, predicting that a color called "honeysuckle" would be the rage in spring, and since you don't want to saturate your bed, bath and bespoke with pink, try Organix Passionfruit Guava Shampoo and Conditioner (\$7, CVS). The fruity smell is in style and won't color your hair purple.



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Armed Force

RUBBER DUCKIES are cute, but they serve little purpose in the bath, other than distracting toddlers from the fact that you are scrubbing their ears NOW. But their distant cousin Shower Squid (\$35, Uncommongoods.com) makes itself particularly useful by gripping bottles of shampoo, razors and anti-dandruff potions in its looped tentacles. The little latex cephalopod even makes soap on a rope seem as outdated as a Jules Verne submarine.

Dear Manolo

ANSWERS FROM THE SHOE BLOGGER

One of my best friends, who has done very well for herself, is having a swanky birthday bash at 21 Club in Manhattan. My problem is that I live in Oklahoma, and although I used to live in New York back in the day, 15 years ago, I've been a stay-at-home mom. I have picked out my little black dress; now I need some shoes. Please help.

— BETH



Manolo says, ayy! The Country Mouse goes to town!

In the first half of the movie, the Country Mouse, at the invitation of her friend Sarah Jessica Rodent, will live out her most fabulous high-life fantasies in Mousehattan!

Imagine then the montage of the two mices together, one in the home-spun coat, the other carrying the tiny Hermes Birkin bag, getting the makeover at the finest shops in the city, dining on the gourmet cheeses and then disco-ing the night away at the Studio Ratty-Four.

Of the course, on the way home, they are mugged by the cat.

In the second half, the Country Mouse must teach the City Mouse the heartfelt lesson about the simple life on the open prairie, where the mices wear the cowboy boots and drive the toy-sized Ford pickup trucks and eat the chicken-fried cheese.

Here is the Malana from Badgley Mischka (\$225, Zappos.com), the edgy urban sandal that will transmogrify even the most retiring country girl.



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Grab Bag

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