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President Barack Obama met with Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh in advance of the Nuclear Security Summit.

## Obama prepares for nuclear summit

By Scott Wilson and Mary Beth Sheridan  
The Washington Post

As the junior senator from Illinois in August 2005, Barack Obama traveled to Russia, Ukraine and Azerbaijan with his more senior colleague, Sen. Richard Lugar of Indiana, for a tour of some of the Cold War's most fearsome weapons sites.

It was Obama's first trip abroad as a U.S. senator. The Republican chairman of the Senate Foreign Rela-

tions Committee was taking along its newest member for a crash course in nuclear security.

By then, Lugar had spent more than a dozen years helping to secure and dismantle Soviet-era nuclear stockpiles and weapons systems. Obama, a Democrat, spent much of the trip watching and learning.

Five years later, Obama is no longer the under-study. This week he will be leading one of the largest gatherings of world leaders in Washington history in the first summit to focus exclusively on the threat



Shannon Scheidell / Valencia Voice

Campus Crusade for Christ vice president Alexi Minnick and president Carolyn Ducker having a bake sale for Haiti donations.

## Sweet donations for Haiti

By Shannon Scheidell  
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It has been four months since the massive earthquake wracked the tropical island and there is still so much left to fix. Haiti needs all the help they can get.

The Campus Crusade for Christ club at Valencia did their part, last Thursday on the East campus. A couple of members, the president and vice president of the club to be exact, manned a table selling baked goods and treats in exchange for a donation to the relief fund for Haiti.

The prices ranged from 25 to 50 cents and they were not selling tiny snacks. There were hand made cookies, brownies, rice crispy treats, and different kinds of muffins.

Both students and teachers, alike, contributed to the mass of treats. Alexi Minnick, vice president of Campus Crusade, made the brownies for sale.

"She's a German, so you know they're good," Carolyn Ducker said. She's the president of the club.

The donations totalled more than \$20 within the first half hour of the bake sale.

Joey Mendez, a sophomore, bought a handful of cookies and brownies from the girls.

With the prices of the food so small, students were able to go home with an arm full, without spending more than \$5.

"We hope to raise as much as humanly possible," Ducker said.

# 'This is truly a global issue'

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posed by the world's unsecured stocks of weapons-grade nuclear materials.

"This is truly a global issue," said Chuck Hagel, the former Republican senator from Nebraska who met Obama and Lugar in Moscow during the trip and later co-authored nuclear security legislation with the future president. "It's not a front-burner, where's-my-job kind of issue, and many people in America and the world see it as an abstraction. But there is no margin for error here, and I think Obama intuitively understood that as soon as he got to the Senate."

Obama has identified nuclear terrorism as "the most immediate and extreme threat to global security." His aides note that al-Qaida has sought unsuccessfully to acquire an atomic bomb.

But Obama's central challenge will be to persuade the 46 foreign leaders or their representatives arriving in Washington to care as much as he does about securing the material that could be used to create a bomb — highly enriched uranium and plutonium tucked away in government laboratories, research universities, military warehouses and other sites around the world.

It will not be easy.

"The 'Made in the USA' label does not necessarily guarantee buy-in from others regarding this threat," said Elizabeth Turpen, an associate at Booz Allen Hamilton and an expert on nonproliferation.

Obama will be staging the Nuclear Security Sum-

mit, as the event is known, during a period of intensive nuclear diplomacy that includes a new strategic arms-reduction treaty with Russia, a rethinking of when the United States would use nuclear weapons, and an effort to strengthen the Non-Proliferation Treaty, the global pact aimed at stopping the spread of the bomb.

But it also comes amid global currents that make securing nuclear material more urgent and more difficult. Rich and developing-world countries increasingly are turning to nuclear power to meet clean-energy goals and to support growing economies, meaning that more nuclear fuel, some of which would have to be further enriched for weapons use, will be available and vulnerable to theft.

Just 55 pounds of highly enriched uranium — about the size of a grapefruit — is needed to make a small nuclear device. There are an estimated 3.5 million pounds of the material in 40 countries around the world, and another 1.1 million pounds of plutonium.

"Unfortunately, there's been a sense in some countries, especially in developing countries, that they are not the target of such threats — that nuclear terrorism is not a realistic worry," said Corey Hinderstein, an expert at the Nuclear Threat Initiative, a nonpartisan group working on the problem.

At the end of two days, the summit is scheduled to produce a communique calling for a crackdown on smuggling, support for past U.N. resolutions on the subject, and standards for securing highly enriched uranium and plutonium stocks. In addition, the participants will endorse a detailed "work plan" to accomplish the task of locking down all loose nuclear materials in four years.

But the Obama administration has also asked the countries participating in the summit to make specific national pledges to help secure loose nuclear



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**Secretary of State Hilary Clinton also attended.**



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**President Jacob Zuma of South Africa attended a meeting with U.S. President Barack Obama.**

materials inside their borders or to ensure that the countries are not used as smuggling routes. Outside experts say those "house gifts," the folksy term U.S. officials are using to describe the pledges, will be as important as the summit communicate.

"The hardest part of making a bomb is to get the material," Energy Secretary Steven Chu, a Nobel laureate in physics, told ABC News in a recent interview. "That's why it's so imperative that we get that material locked up tightly in a way that (is) essentially like a super Fort Knox."

The United States is not immune from problems, experts say. Four U.S. civilian research reactors still use highly enriched uranium. One facility is at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, an urban campus in Cambridge. Such reactors are not bound by the same tight security rules as U.S. nuclear power plants.

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## John Paul Stevens retires from the Supreme Court

By James Oliphant  
Tribune Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON - Justice John Paul Stevens, a Republican-appointed justice who emerged as a leader of the Supreme Court's liberal wing over his 34-year tenure, announced his retirement Friday.

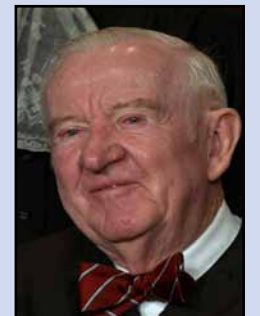
Stevens sent a letter to President Obama on Friday, which read: "Having concluded that it would be in the best interests of the Court to have my successor appointed and confirmed well in advance of the commencement of the Court's next term, I shall retire from active service."

The announcement was not a surprise, but the timing was. Stevens, 89, was widely expected to wait until after the high court's oral arguments concluded at the end of the month. He will step down when the court's term ends in June or July.

The White House has been preparing to fill Stevens' vacancy for months and, according to reports, appears to be focused on three candidates: Washington-based federal appeals court Judge Merrick Garland, 57; Solicitor General Elena Kagan, 49; and Chicago federal appeals court Judge Diane Wood, 59.

The president may have to tread more cautiously with this nomination than he did last summer, when he chose federal appeals court Judge Sonia Sotomayor for the court, because Republicans, with 41 votes in the Senate, now have the power to filibuster a controversial choice.

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# Former reporter explains 'Why We Make Mistakes'

By Justin Grider  
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**ORLANDO** – Don't go with the first instinct on that next test according to former Wall Street Journal reporter Joe Hallinan, author of "Why We Make Mistakes."

Hallinan recently spoke about his new book at the Valencia Community College East Campus.

In the book, Hallinan takes a look at why humans continue to make mistakes, and offers suggestions on how to avoid them. He examines everything from misplaced car keys to the frighteningly high error rates among airport baggage screeners.

Most common mistakes are the result of systematic biases all humans have, whether they realize it or not. The use of the word bias in this case has nothing to do with race, gender or stereotypes, but rather with common flaws built into the minds of people.

Among the three biases Hallinan discussed, overconfidence was emphasized as the most important.

Hallinan explained that humans routinely make mistakes because this bias allows people to believe they are above average. The one exception to this is the clinically depressed.

"Great advice for an honor student for sure. Overconfidence is

prevalent in the upper echelon at the collegiate level," said student Steve Crist.

Aside from overconfidence, Hallinan also described how inattentional blindness, or looking but not seeing, and information overload contribute to human error.

"It really is striking to me the things I am not observant about," said Jordan Borger, a student at Valencia's west campus. Borger went on to say in his future pursuit of information he would broaden his view and is very interested in purchasing the book.

Hallinan has given several presentations on his book recently, but this was his first stop at a university.

"I was pleased everyone was as engaged as they were," said Hallinan when commenting on the audience.

A Pulitzer Prize winner for investigative reporting on Indiana's medical malpractice corruption, this is Hallinan's second book. He said plans to continue writing books because he likes the longer format rather than newspapers.

"I like being able to integrate all the media," said Hallinan.

Hallinan left students with three final pieces of advice.

Do not multitask. Always second guess yourself. Know your limitations.

# Conan O'Brien signs with TBS

By Russ Britt  
MarketWatch

**LOS ANGELES** — Wayward late-night entertainer Conan O'Brien finally has found a home, and it's not on Fox television.

Unable to reach a deal to clear an 11 p.m. EDT time slot with Fox Broadcasting Network's affiliates, the former host of NBC's "Tonight Show" has decided to sign with cable network TBS to act as a lead-in for George Lopez's "Lopez Tonight."

O'Brien's new hourlong show, yet to be titled, will run on TBS Mondays through Thursdays at the 11 p.m. slot, both in the Eastern and Pacific time zones. It ends his search for a programming home nearly three months after he left NBC.

"In three months I've gone from network television to Twitter to performing live in theaters, and now I'm headed to basic cable," O'Brien joked in a statement. "My plan is working perfectly."

TBS, also known as Turner Broadcasting System, is Time Warner Inc. company.

The announcement came as somewhat of a surprise, as O'Brien was thought to be hammering out a deal with Fox, the one major broadcast network without a late-night talk show in its lineup.

But Fox affiliates have resisted the idea, preferring instead to show syndicated reruns during that hour — such as its own animated series "The Simpsons" or products of other networks, like "The Office."



Leonard Ortiz / Orange County Register

Conan O'Brien hosted the Emmy's in 2003.

(Fox, like MarketWatch, is a division of News Corp.)

So O'Brien has turned to another alternative after leaving the "Tonight Show" on NBC.

O'Brien left that show in a much-publicized dispute with the network after it decided to abandon Jay Leno's prime-time experiment. Leno moved out of his long-time seat as "Tonight Show" host to front a 10 p.m. program leading into local newscasts. Leno failed to catch on with viewers, and so was moved back to his traditional 11:30 p.m. time.

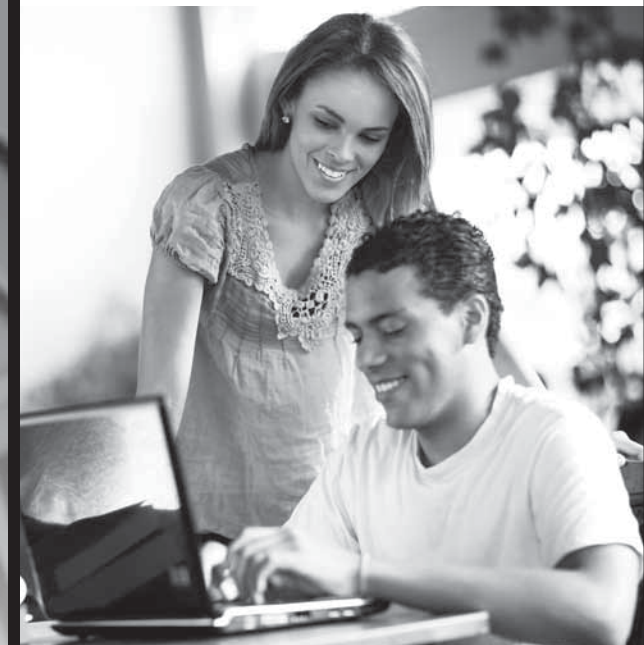
NBC wanted to give Leno a half-hour, and offered to keep O'Brien as host of the "Tonight Show" at midnight. But O'Brien declined, and his tenure as the "Tonight Show" host ended after less than eight months.

Lopez's show will be moved back by one hour to make room for O'Brien, TBS said.

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# The Great ‘Socialist’ Smear

By Norman J. Ornstein

Special to The Washington Post

In the 1950s, Democratic senators from the solidly Democratic South uniformly supported segregation and opposed civil rights and voting rights bills. They dutifully spent long hours on the Senate floor filibustering such efforts. Legend has it that during one marathon filibuster, after Olin Johnston of South Carolina, a populist liberal on economic matters, handed off the baton to Strom Thurmond, Johnston went into the cloakroom where many of his colleagues were seated, gestured back toward the Senate floor, and said, “Old Strom, he really believes that (expletive).”

This story came to mind with the recent blizzard of attacks on Barack Obama by Republican presidential wannabes and other office-seekers, along with their allies on cable television and talk radio. The most extravagant rhetoric has come out of the gathering of Southern Republicans in New Orleans, led by former House Speaker Newt Gingrich, who called Obama “the most radical president in American history” and urged his partisan audience to stop Obama’s “secular, socialist machine.”

At the same conference, Liz Cheney, the former vice president’s daughter who is often mentioned as a possible Senate candidate from Virginia, fiercely attacked Obama’s foreign policy as “apologize for America, abandon our allies and appease our enemies.” And last week the ubiquitous Sarah Palin said of the arms-control treaty Obama signed with Russia, “No administration in America’s history would, I think, ever have considered such a step,” likening it to a kid telling others in a playground fight, “Go ahead, punch me in the face and I’m not going to retaliate.”

On talk radio, Rush Limbaugh accused Obama of administering “statist-assisted suicide.” Talk show host Michael Savage called Obama’s health-care plan “so-

cialized medicine” and described the nuclear treaty as “insane.” These are not isolated comments; the terms “radical,” “socialist” and even “totalitarian” are bandied about frequently by Obama opponents, including congressional and other GOP leaders.

To one outside the partisan and ideological wars, charges of radicalism, socialism, retreat and surrender are, frankly, bizarre. The Democrats’ health-reform plan includes no public option and relies on managed competition through exchanges set up much like those for federal employees.

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## The “secular” president has shored up and supported federal faith-based initiatives.

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The individual mandate in the plan sprang from a Heritage Foundation idea that was endorsed years ago by a range of conservatives and provided the backbone of the Massachusetts plan that was crafted and, until recently, heartily defended by Mitt Romney.

It would be fair to describe the new act as Romneycare crossed with the managed-competition bill proposed in 1994 by Republican Sens. John Chafee, David Durenberger, Charles Grassley and Bob Dole — in other words, as a moderate Republican plan. Among its supporters is Durenberger, no one’s idea of a radical socialist.

What about Obama’s other domestic initiatives? The stimulus was anything but radical — indeed, many mainstream observers, me included, thought it was too timid in size and scope given the enormity of the problems. The plan could have been more focused on swift and directed stimulus. It has been widely credited with ameliorating the worst effects of the downturn and helping to move us back toward economic growth.

The widely criticized Troubled Assets Relief Program — initiated by Obama’s predecessor — is now returning to the Treasury most of the taxpayer money laid out to keep us from depression and deflation.

It is true that, in an attempt to head off a meltdown stemming from a collapse of the automobile industry, Obama engineered a temporary takeover of two of the Big Three auto companies. But nothing suggests that this is anything but temporary, and Obama has resisted many calls to take over major banks and other financial institutions.

The nuclear treaty with Russia excoriated by Palin, Savage and others was endorsed by Indiana Sen. Richard Lugar, the GOP’s resident foreign policy expert, and it was crafted under Defense Secretary Robert Gates, who was first appointed to that post by George W. Bush. Obama’s approach to terrorism has been similar to Bush’s, while more aggressively targeting leaders of terrorist groups; his larger foreign policy has received the seal of approval from James Baker, former chief of staff to Ronald Reagan and secretary of state to George H.W. Bush.

Obama’s energy policies include more nuclear power and more offshore drilling. Obama’s education policies have received wide acclaim across the political spectrum. The “secular” president has shored up and supported federal faith-based initiatives, to the dismay of many in his base.

Looking at the range of Obama domestic and foreign policies, and his agency and diplomatic appointments, my conclusion is clear: This president is a mainstream, pragmatic moderate, operating in the center of American politics; center-left, perhaps, but not left of center. The most radical president in American history?

Does Newt Gingrich, a Ph.D. in history, really believe that (expletive)?

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# POLL

## Elections in name only

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Is it really an election if there's only one option?

In the SGA elections on West Campus this year, every candidate is running unopposed.

I don't see this as SGA's fault, beyond maybe a lack of advertising the elections on their side, this is a problem inherent with the transitory nature of Valencia and its students.

As a two year institution with no on campus housing, it's hard for Valencia to sell its students on getting involved, and when students aren't involved, nothing gets done.

Every SGA member I've talked with has expressed a desire to compete in these elections with other students, they want to prove they're the best option and provide the school with the choice to improve.

The Valencia Voice hosted a debate of sorts with some of the candidates recently, and they all expressed themselves extremely well, they were all genuinely interested in improving the school, but can SGA innovate and grow without a competition between ideas?

It's too late to get involved in this election, but there's one next year, try your hand, put your hat in to help your school.

Between now and then, make an effort to get involved with the school. Join or start a club or an organization.

Strike up a conversation with a stranger.

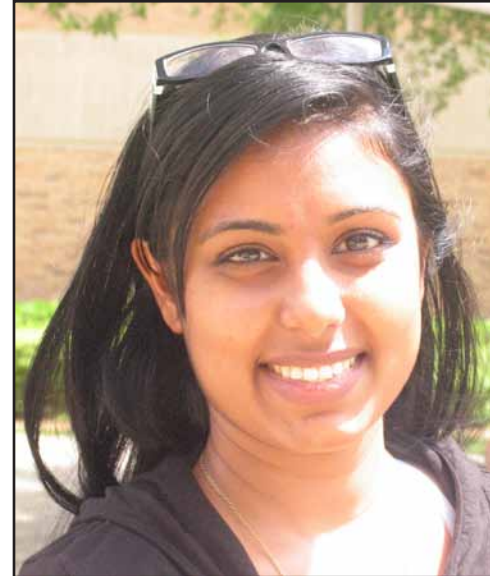
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# Will you participate in SGA elections?



Probably not. I don't really know anything about it.

—James Grosshans



Probably. You get to voice your opinion just by voting.

—Elizabeth Dat



If it's a quick 'yes' or 'no' online then yes.

—Jordan Thompson



No. I'm just not interested.

—Blake Rainer



Yeah. If you can vote you should.

—Sam Daros



No. I don't know where to vote.

—Sara Mercado



Yes. For sure. If they're making decisions for the school it's important.

—Joe Desantis



No, because I don't even know what that is.

—Valeen Suarez

## Microsoft unveils Kin mobile phones

By John Letzing  
MarketWatch

SAN FRANCISCO- Microsoft Corp. on Monday unveiled its anticipated Kin mobile phones, a pair of devices designed to highlight messaging and social-networking features closely tied to the company's software and services.

Microsoft's phones, unveiled at a news conference in San Francisco, are slated to be available on the Verizon Wireless and Vodafone Group PLC networks in the U.S. and Europe.

The phones, with their rounded edges, slide-out keyboards and expansive touch screens, resemble the Sidekick devices developed by Danger Inc., a company Microsoft acquired in 2008.

The Microsoft phones, called the Kin 1 and the Kin 2, are linked into the company's Bing search engine and to its Zune media software. Microsoft's Zune device was introduced in 2006 as a rival to Apple Inc.'s iPod.

A representative from Verizon who appeared at the event Monday declined to discuss specifics about the cost of the Kin devices or related service plans but said they should be available in Verizon stores in the U.S. next month.

Microsoft said the phones will be available on Vodafone in Germany, Italy, Spain and the U.K. "this autumn."

The Kin phones automatically combine feeds from social-networking services such as Facebook and MySpace, and feature software that compresses the time required to post comments and share photos.

Robbie Bach, president of Microsoft's entertainment and devices division, said during the press event that the phones are designed for a younger generation for which social lives are "Priority No. 1."

The phones are based on Microsoft's Windows Phone 7 mobile software but "customized" for this target audience, Bach said.

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# Apple plans to add multi-tasking to iPhone

By John Boudreau  
San Jose Mercury News

CUPERTINO, Calif.- Days after launching Apple's new iPad tablet, company executives are back at work Thursday morning sketching out their soon-to-be-released next-generation iPhone operating system.

The company's brass invited media, analysts and developers to Apple headquarters in Cupertino for a morning briefing on their latest iPhone software tinkering.

The biggest change is enhanced multitasking capabilities, which users have long requested. With iPhone 4.0, users will be able to listen to Pandora, the customized radio station app, while, say, reading news online. They can use the Skype phone app while scanning other programs to look for a place

to eat or find the time of a movie. Or they can run a GPS app while listening to music.

"It really changes the way you use the iPhone," CEO Steve Jobs said. "You bounce apps with tremendous fluidity."

Jobs said Apple delayed rolling out expanded multitasking feature because it usually creates a drain on battery and makes the device sluggish.

"We were not the first to this party, but we will be the best," Jobs said.

In a meeting with employees earlier this year, Jobs reportedly said Apple will aggressively work on an "A-plus" update to the iPhone and that Google's Android mobile software won't be able to keep pace.

"The fact they are releasing 4.0 within days of their iPad launch says something about how important the mobile space is for them," said Chetan

Sharma, an independent wireless industry analyst. "They want to capture the buzz and developers in the space."

In just three years, Apple has carved out a sizable chunk of the U.S. and global smart phone markets; in the United States last year, the iPhone represented 22 percent of sales, and 16 percent globally, he said. Research In Motion's BlackBerry is the leader in the United States with 39 percent of the market, while Nokia has the No. 1 spot globally with 35 percent.

Google's decision to sell the Nexus One smart phone, which it developed with Taiwan gadget manufacturer HTC, placed it squarely in competition with Apple. Google's Android mobile phone operating system runs on three dozen devices made by nine vendors, including HTC, Motorola and Samsung. Microsoft, meanwhile, is creating a phone, dubbed "Pink" and geared toward social media, to revitalize its struggling efforts against the iPhone and Android devices.

"It's a highly competitive space," Sharma said. "Apple needs to stay at the top of its game to make sure sales don't drop."

Apple is also expected to reveal today a new mobile ad platform. Last year, Apple acquired Quattro after Google snapped up rival mobile ad company AdMob that, analysts say, Apple had been eyeing. In 2009, ads represented 12 percent of revenue from mobile applications; by 2012 that will swell to 28 percent, Sharma said.

"Apple wants to make sure they have access to the data that tells them what consumers are buying and what brands they are interacting with," he said. "That helps them with the development of the iPhone operating system and positions the company as a leading platform for advertising."

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Courtesy Apple

# ‘Glee’ kicks off second act

By Hank Stuever  
The Washington Post

Triumphantly, if a bit lazily, “Glee” returns from a hiatus Tuesday night, and it is still filled with that incessant, full-volume glee, the kind that gets under the skin of anyone who doesn’t like it when people burst out into song. Mostly “Glee” is laden with cruelty, which ironically is its most winning element: “Those sweaters make her look home-schooled,” announces a cheerleader about Rachel Berry (Lea Michele), the nerdy songstress who commandeers the glee club.

“Oh, hey, William,” sneers that track-suited terror Sue Sylvester (Jane Lynch as the nefarious cheer-leading coach; the actress is now fully digesting all of “Glee’s” scenery) to the eternally optimistic glee club coach, Mr. Schuester (Matthew Morrison). “I thought I smelled cookies wafting from the ovens of the little elves that live in your hair.”

A voice of wisdom, the spacey guidance counselor Ms. Pillsbury (Jayma Mays), finally acknowledges something that is ostensibly about life at McKinley High School, but could be about our youth-obsessed, “Idol”-atrous, Justin Bieber-fever, “Twilight”-ish culture at large: “I think we spend so much time with these kids, we start acting like them.”

High school is a delicious hell. Once in a while, an education reformer will present new data and arguments for doing away with the institution as we know it, with seldom a word about how to replace the school of hard knocks made up of homecoming games, yearbooks, proms, musicals, pep rallies and also bullying, drugs, petty crimes and the torment of bad skin.

It’s not a 100 percent terrible idea — to assess young Americans around age 14 or 15 and funnel them off to separate, more appropriate curricular and vocational channels. Underlying the argument

is the one inescapable fact of high school: It works a real doozy on us, forever.

Viewers fell into a deep infatuation with “Glee’s” dynamic, and didn’t seem to mind that the show burned off its most interesting plot developments within the first month, racing ahead like a series afraid of imminent cancellation.

Instead, despite being the gayest straight thing on TV, “Glee” is a smash. Since its debut last fall, the show has spun off hit songs and will soon be a concert tour featuring cast members.

More interestingly, it has assembled an online legion of devotees known as Gleeks, who revel in the show’s twin aspects of spite and comeuppance.

With Tuesday’s episode, “Glee” presses the reset button, which increasingly is the only thing it knows how to do. While the show is still definitely a kick to watch (and really, what more does it need to be?), some viewers have begun to kvetch that it’s the same thing every episode, gnawing at the edges of predictable romantic triangles and stereotypical angst (the kid in the wheelchair wants respect; the gay kid wants his father to understand him). The plot content that occupies the spaces between the song performances feels more thin this time around.

“Glee” exists first and foremost as an excuse to enter the illusory world of its musical numbers, where these lovable losers suddenly have full bands, great costumes and perfect lighting at their disposal, and thus transform themselves — literally, according to album sales — into pop stars.

“Glee” still has that magical, super-gay quality to it that can be both unnerving in our current socio-political divisiveness and yet it can also be surprisingly comfortable and cool. As a Facebook and iTunes phenomenon, it is brilliant. But as a television show, it’s in danger of losing its initial pizzazz.

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The cast of ‘Glee’ returned on April 13 for their second season. Pictured from left; Dianna Agron, Mark Salling, Amber Riley, Jenna Ushkowitz, Cory Monteith, Lea Michele, Chris Colfer, Kevin McHale and Jane Lynch.

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# NBC's 'Parenthood' makes a case for itself

By Joe Flint  
Los Angeles Times

As NBC executives start to figure out what shows deserve to come back next fall, its Tuesday night dramedy "Parenthood" that is starting to quietly make a case for a second season.

The 10 p.m. EDT program, which is NBC's second attempt to turn the hit Steve Martin movie into a TV series, beat "The Good Wife" in the coveted 18-49 demographic Tuesday.

It was the first time since "Parenthood" premiered a month ago that it beat a new episode of the CBS freshman drama head-to-head in that category. Last week, a new "Parenthood" beat a repeat of "The Good Wife."

In terms of viewers, it is still no contest. "The Good Wife" had 12 million watching on Tuesday, compared with 6.3 million for "Parenthood," according to Nielsen.

The ratings for "Parenthood" have been all over the map since its March 2 premiere, but the last few weeks have seen some stabilization. Helped by heavy hype during NBC's Olympics coverage, the show launched with 8.1 million viewers and a 3.1 rating in adults 18-49 (each rating point in that demo equals 1.3 million viewers). It dropped the following two weeks, hitting a low of 5.8 million viewers and a 2.3 in the demo on March 16.

Some may have been ready to throw in the towel on "Parenthood" at that point, but it rebounded on March 23 with 7 million viewers and a 2.7 in adults 18-49. Perhaps fans of "The Good Wife," which was in repeats that Tuesday, checked out "Parenthood" and now some are starting to stick around. Although "Parenthood" has not matched the numbers



Art Streiber, NBC — MCT Campus

**Cast of NBC's new dramedy 'Parenthood', which takes a look at the large and colorful Braverman family.**

of two weeks ago, the show is performing at the same level as it was in week two and is doing particularly well with women.

Of course, the bar for success is lower at NBC than at other networks because of its struggles. A decision as to whether the show, which features Peter Krause, Lauren Graham and Craig T. Nelson, will make it to a sophomore season is not expected any time in the immediate future. NBC ordered 13 episodes and has seven more to get through. If "Parenthood" can maintain or improve on its current performance, though, odds are NBC will bring it back. It doesn't hurt that NBC

has had a very tough season and anything that shows the slightest sign of clicking with viewers will get a long look.

There will be a little bit of schadenfreude for NBC if "Parenthood" can continue to make a dent on "The Good Wife." At January's Golden Globe Awards, that show's star, Julianna Margulies, took a swipe at NBC's ill-fated strategy of putting Jay Leno on at 10 p.m. when she thanked CBS President Leslie Moonves and entertainment chief Nina Tassler for "believing in the 10 o'clock drama."

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## Movie Guide: Current releases

**"Death at a Funeral"** — Remake of Frank Oz's 2007 comedy of the same name about a dysfunctional family who reunites for a funeral that turns into an all-out fiasco. (1:32) R

**"Kick-Ass"** — The story of Dave Lizewski, a comic book fan who decides to take his obsession to new heights and become a real life superhero and inspires a new subculture of copycats and crazed villains. R

**"The Black Water of Echo's Pond"** — While on vacation on a remote island in Maine, nine close friends discover a long-hidden, archaic board game in a stately Victorian home that unleashes an ancient evil that brings out the worst in each of them. R.

**"Date Night"** — A suburban couple whose lives have become routine reignite the marital spark by visiting a trendy Manhattan bistro, where a case of mistaken identity turns their evening into the ultimate date night gone awry. With Tina Fey and Steve Carell. (1:28) PG-13.

**"Letters to God"** — Inspired by a true story, a young boy fighting cancer finds strength and hope through writing letters to God and, in doing so, changes the lives of those around him. (1:50) PG.

**"The Bounty Hunter"** — A down-on-his-luck bounty hunter gets his dream job when he is assigned to track down his bail-jumping ex-wife, a reporter chasing a lead on a murder cover-up. (1:46) PG-13.

**"The Diary of a Wimpy Kid"** — The adventures of wise-cracking middle school student Greg Heffley, who must somehow survive the scariest time of anyone's life: middle school. Based on the best-selling illustrated novel by Jeff Kinney. (1:31) PG.

**"Hot Tub Time Machine"** — A group of best friends bored with their adult life wake up after a night of drinking in a ski resort hot tub to find themselves in the year 1986 and set out to change their futures. (1:40) R.

**"Our Family Wedding"** — A newly engaged couple learn the hard way that the path to saying "I do" can be rife with familial strife. Directed by Famuyiwa. (1:30) PG-13.

**"She's Out of My League"** — A teen romantic comedy in which an average Joe meets the perfect woman, but his lack of confidence and the influence of his friends and family begin to pick away at the relationship. (1:45) R.

**"Tyler Perry's Why Did I Get Married Too?"** — The next chapter in the lives of eight college friends struggling with the challenges of marital life. (2:01) PG-13.

— MCT Campus

# The bounty hunter won't be hunted by audience

By **Connie Ogle**  
**McClatchy Newspapers**

LOS ANGELES — "The Bounty Hunter," the new action caper starring Jennifer Aniston and Gerard Butler as dueling exes, plays to everything that turned one of the "Friends" six-pack into a lip-gloss superstar. First to be exploited is Aniston's perk power. When that fails, the second line of defense is a close-up of that really great hair, which doesn't so much make for a movie as a running photo op.

Somehow Aniston is better at looking sexy than acting sexy. And though there were many reports of just how hot a couple she and Butler were off screen during filming, none of that translated after director Andy Tennant yelled "action." Try as they

might, Nicole and Milo, as they are called in the movie, don't steam. Wispy vapors is about as good as it gets.

Hot is the operative word the filmmakers swear by here. It's July in NYC, jungle fever is in the air. Nicole is a Daily News reporter in a tight pencil skirt and a tighter shirt. She's so obsessed with a murder case that she misses a court date for a traffic ticket she really wanted to fight. That bad call, a judge with a bad attitude and a bench warrant triggers an unexpected reunion for the estranged pair while fulfilling the revenge fantasy of a lifetime, since Milo is the bounty hunter who gets to bring her in.

To make matters better and worse, her career has taken off since the marriage crumbled, while Milo's has gone into the proverbial toilet. He was once a top NYPD cop, but a nasty gambling habit and the divorce blues got him kicked off the force and he's been reduced to bounty hunting to pay the bills.

So even before Nicole jumped bail and he got the job, Milo had an ax to grind with his ex. Fortunately for everyone concerned, he's also got handcuffs, which come in handy for those his-and-hers handcuffed-to-the-headboard moments that come as such a surprise.

Like paper dolls, Nic and Milo's antics are strung from New York to Atlantic City as countless, interlocking "she runs, he runs faster" scenarios play out. Anyone can tell these crazy kids are still in love, including a very dry Christine Baranski, as Nic's mother, an aging diva playing the casino circuit with a martini, also dry, always in hand.

The bad guys tied to the murder soon join in, as do a couple of toughs out to make Milo pay up on his gambling debts, which is a grand excuse for some nifty car chases and freeway shootouts. To add a bit more comic relief, "SNL's" Jason Sudei-



Lionel Hahn, Abaca Press / MCT Campus

kis as Stewart, a bumbling, misguided suitor from work who's convinced that Nicole is his soul mate, is in pursuit too.

Butler, whose abs made their most memorable appearance in "300," is a good foil for Aniston; where she plays big, he plays bigger, so I guess size does matter. In the years since the swords-and-sandals saga, he's become something of Hollywood's go-to guy for truly wretched romances in need of a roguish charmer ("The Ugly Truth" and "P.S. I Love You," ugh). Now with "Bounty Hunter," in which he does roguish charmer again, there is the worry that roles that could use the haunting presence he brought to "Phantom of the Opera" will take a back seat to the mush. (On a positive note, the abs are holding up really well.)

Meanwhile, Tennant applies the same soft touch to screenwriter Sarah Thorp's fast, frothy affair that he did to "Hitch" and "Sweet Home Alabama." It's a wise choice to keep things light, and wiser to keep things on the move, because when the bickering couple is forced to make a detour to avoid some of the dangerous crooks on their tail, the slow tease at the B&B where they honeymooned is a snoozer.

What works best are the tightly constructed short scenes that call for Aniston to play impossibly cute and adorably feisty, with Butler offering up an appropriately burly chest for her to beat on. When it comes to Aniston, maybe it's simply time to settle and stop asking her to be "The Good Girl" anymore — perky just might be as good as it gets.

— *MCT Campus*

## Other Views

Inexplicably, Butler continues to get work in romantic comedies despite his limited range and boorish persona

—**Chicago Reader**

This genre has devolved to the point where what I appreciate most, in the end, is simply not cringing

—**Chicago Tribune**

Note to Jennifer Aniston: stop playing with your hair! That's not acting, it's playing with your hair.

—**Richard Roeper**



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Myles Aronowitz, Courtesy 20th Century Fox / MCT Campus

NBC stars Tina Fey and Steve Carell star in the comedy 'Date Night' about a married couple and mistaken identity.

# Perfect for a 'Date Night'

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Have you ever been on a crazy wild date with your spouse? Or have you tried to spark your love flame but instead end up in a mistaken identity crisis?

That's what happened to Phil and Claire Foster, played by Steve Carell and Tina Fey, in the latest comedy flick "Date Night."

Feeling more like roommates instead of a couple, the Fosters decide to go out on a passionate date to remind themselves of the reasons they got married in the first place and end up in a series of mishaps and complications making this date one they'll never forget.

Tina Fey and Steve Carell are masters at comedy, the person who decided to cast them together should have thought of it sooner, they are a match made in comedy heaven.

This movie will have you laughing from beginning to end, one witty joke after the other.

Also, this movie does an excellent job in portraying

the reality many couples face after years of marriage.

Many married couples today, after a period of time, feel they are drifting apart and that distance causes divorces.

This movie shows that with a little effort marriages can be saved.

Alongside Carell and Fey, this movie has a cast of comedic cameos that no doubt will steal a laugh from their audience. Characters like Taste and Whippit played by James Franco (Pineapple Express) and Mila Kunis (Forgetting Sarah Marshall), give this film some flavor.

From his comedic debut in the "40 Year Old Virgin" Carell has put himself at the top of the comedy hall of fame right next to my all time favorites Jim Carrey and Adam Sandler.

A comedy movie with a slight detour into the action/ thriller genre this film finds away to combine two genres with nothing in common and make it into a hilarious action packed movie that you don't want to miss.

This one is a winner.

## Movie picks

- ★ Outstanding
- Worthy effort
- ▼ So-so
- A bomb

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		Local critic	Chicago Tribune	Los Angeles Times	Miami Herald	Philadelphia Inquirer	Minneapolis Star Tribune	Seattle Times
Clash of the Titans	PG 13	▼		●	▼	▼	■	▼
Date Night	PG 13	★	▼	▼	▼	■	▼	■
Diary of a Wimpy Kid	PG	■	●		▼	▼	■	▼
Green Zone	R	-	▼	■	▼	▼	▼	▼
Hot Tub Time Machine	R	■	■	■	▼	▼	■	●
How to Train Your Dragon	PG	★	★	■	■	■	★	■
The Last Song	PG	★	▼		●	■	▼	
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# Emotions run high at The Masters

By Joe Juliano  
The Philadelphia Inquirer

AUGUSTA, Ga. — Nothing was going to stop Phil Mickelson in the final round of the Masters. Nothing was going to interfere with his goal of embracing his wife in a special, emotional victory hug behind the 18th green. Highlighted by the shot of the tournament, Mickelson birdied four of his last seven holes to win his third green jacket, and definitely his most significant one.



Tim Dominick, The State / MCT Campus  
Phil Mickelson celebrates at Augusta.



Brant Sanderlin, Atlanta Journal-Constitution / MCT Campus  
Amy Mickelson congratulates her husband on his third Masters win.

Mickelson, became the eighth player in history to win three Masters, but his real reward came as he approached his wife while walking off 18. Amy Mickelson was diagnosed last May with breast cancer, and her trip to Augusta was the first time she had accompanied her husband to a tournament city since then. As tears welled in their eyes, the couple shared a lengthy embrace, a few kisses, and another hug before Mickelson proceeded to sign his scorecard. “It’s been an emotional year,” he said, “I’m very proud of my wife and the fight and the struggle she’s been through. To feel this kind of jubilation is incredible.” Mickelson said he wasn’t sure if his wife, who had been following the tournament from home, would make the trip from their

rented home to the Augusta National Golf Club. “This is something that we’ll look back on the rest of our lives,” he said. To make sure of the moment, Mickelson, 39, found a way to consistently wiggle out of trouble. The lefthander hooked three consecutive tee shots, at the 9th, 10th, and 11th holes, into the woods on the right but walked off with pars all three times. Mickelson went up by three after a 2-putt birdie at No. 15. He walked up 18 to thunderous applause and put a ribbon on his victory by knocking down a 10-foot birdie putt. Then, the hug. “I don’t normally shed tears over wins,” he said. “When Amy and I hugged off 18, that was a very emotional moment for us.” —MCT Campus



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Orlando Titans Goalie makes a save during Saturday's game. The Titans lost 17-7 against Washington Stealth.

## Orlando Titans are down but not out

By Jolene Krause  
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ORLANDO — The Orlando Titans could not hold their own against the Washington Stealth on April 10 at Amway Arena. The Titans encountered a blunder by losing 17-7 to the Stealth. Orlando's record is now 8-5 while heading into their next game on the 16th against the Buffalo Bandits.

Both Western and Eastern conference leaders brought sticks and all to the field but the Stealth's offense surpassed the Titan's impeccable defense

early in the game.

Although Orlando continued to persevere and kept up with the fight, the closest they came to catching up with Washington was in the later end of the second half when Ryan Boyle and Casey Powell tried to save the team from failure with two goals consecutively. Forward, Chad Thompson also shot his 5th goal of the season Saturday night.

Regretfully, the Titans attempted to use their goalie, Matt Vinc to create a 'man up advantage' by pulling him off his post. This left Washington

Stealth defense player Kyle Sorensen to rack in a open shot at Orlando's goalie-less net right as the buzzer rang heading into halftime, with a score of 9-4, leaving the Titans trailing by 5 at the half.

Washington maintained their lead against Orlando throughout the second half. The Titans made an effort to come back but only successfully executed 18 of their second half shots in 3 goals.

Washington continued the persecution by adding 5 more goals to their already leading score within the final period.

## Duke may get rematch with Butler

By Ken Tysiac  
McClatchy Newspapers

Butler, which fell one half-court shot shy of upsetting Duke in the NCAA championship game Monday night, might get another crack at the Blue Devils next season.

About a month ago, Butler was one of many schools approached by event organizers at The Meadowlands in East

Rutherford, N.J., for a neutral-site game against the Blue Devils, according to Duke senior associate athletics director Mike Cragg.

Cragg said Butler is one of several schools still interested in the meeting, and event organizers approached them again this week about scheduling Duke.

Butler coach Brad Stevens told The Associated Press on

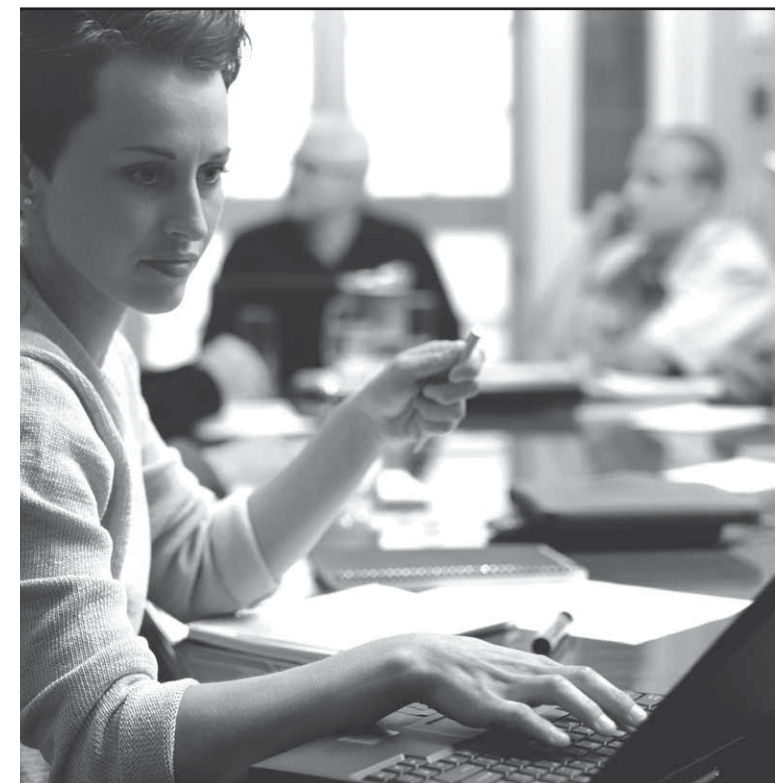
Friday that the schools are talking about dates to see if they can work out a rematch.

Butler, the underdog from the Horizon League, was edged by the Blue Devils, 61-59, in Monday's thriller.

Duke escaped with the win when Butler forward Gordon Hayward's halfcourt shot at the buzzer hit the backboard and rim before falling out.

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