

## Mesmorized by Twilight

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**Twilight**, the new movie sensation based on Stephenie Meyer's first book in her best-selling multivolume series, "The Twilight Saga," carefully adapts the awkwardness, shy nature and confused feelings of a girl falling in love with a beautiful vampire. Being the new girl in the town of Forks, Washington, Isabella (Bella) Swan, played by Kristen Stewart, has moved with her father, Charlie Swan (Billy Burke) to the rainiest and wettest place in the U.S.A., which she detests. In Forks, she meets friends at her new high school: Mike Newton (Michael Welch), Eric Yorkie (Justin Chon), Jessica Stanley (Anna Kendrick), and Angela Weber (Christian Serratos) to name a few. Like any other person in Forks, Bella notices the Cullens; the Cullens are a family of 5 adoptive children, a doctor, and his wife. They are all beautiful; pale and perfect in an inhumane way. The Cullens's true identity is revealed to Bella after she hears Jacob Black's (Taylor Lautner) Quilleute's Legends about the cold ones. The cold ones are "impossibly fast, outrageously strong, have pale and cold skin, their eyes shift colors, they possess more beauty possible and of course, they are blood-drinkers; vampires." Edward Cullen played by Robert Pattinson, catches Bella's eye and heart from the moment she catches a glimpse of him. This adaptation keeps true to the real plot of the book, which is good news for those who have read the book. The actors portray their characters with great proficiency and

prove they were made to play these beautiful and enchanting characters. The scenes are filled with combinations of mystical emotions and fierce energy that are felt from beginning to end.

Together, Carlisle Cullen (Peter Facinelli), the attractive doctor and father figure of the family, and Esme Cullen (Elizabeth Reaser), his beautiful and sweet wife, raise five children. Alice Cullen (Ashley Greene) can see the future; her partner Jasper Hale (Jackson Rathbone) can manipulate emotions; and Emmett Cullen (Kellan Kutz) is the comedian and brute force of the family. After Edward claims that Bella is the person he has been waiting for his entire life, they all accept her as their own, with the exception of Rosalie Hale (Nikki Reed). She hates Bella for an unknown reason and does not want to accept her as part of the family. Bella gets targeted by a nomadic vampire tracker named James (Cam Gigandet), who is traveling with Laurent (Edi Gathegi) and James's partner Victoria (Rachelle Lefevre). James enjoys the rush of hunting down human prey, killing it, and feeding from it. Near the end of the movie the scenes are filled with action and critical decisions that lead to shocking revelations and a satisfactory ending scene where the director, Catherine Hardwicke, hints at a probable sequel. Though the graphics were a bit cheesy, *Twilight* is filled with romance; the chemistry between the characters was breath-taking. This romantic vampire love story is dazzling and full of life; its beloved *Twilight* book would be proud of the movie earning 4 out of 5 stars.

## Parting school play a sweet sorrow

The Bolsa Grande High School Advanced Drama Class performed the production of *Romeo and Juliet Together and Alive at Last*, on Friday November 21, 2008 at 3:30 and 7:30 p.m. This performance was the first directed by the ever-versatile Ms. Variz, who studied drama in college and saw this play over the summer at the Long Beach Playhouse. Many adjectives can be used to describe this performance, but the most heard after the presentation were *hilarious, romantic, realistic* and *awesome*. It was a high school comedy that made those who saw it cheer in laughter and those who missed it sigh with regret.

Act I – a young teenage high school boy by the name of Pete (Sonny Vu), falls in love with a girl named Annabel (Emily Quisberth). The problem lies in the fact that he does not talk or encounter much of her in school. When Ed, Pete's best friend, played with outstanding humor by the unforgettable Tyson Dang, finds out about Pete's love interest, he gathers friends collectively to help Pete hook up with Annabelle. They come up with the brilliant idea of writing a shorter version of the play they are reading

in class; Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet*.

Act II – With Ed in charge of the new and "umm... not as good version" the play has more problems that he can manage. The sets are wrong, the actors are shy, forgetful and nauseous and Ed has to manage it all. With the help of "no problem" Sam played by James Tran, filling in for Lady Capulet (Stephanie Guerra) who vomits off stage, and running from lovesick and blind Betsy Hays (Cheyenne Buttasin), Tyson, I umm mean Ed, manages to get Pete and Annabelle to kiss. And boy what a kiss it was. More like four kisses instead of one. The scene where Ed teaches Pete how to kiss is hilarious. "Well you kind of scrunch your lips together and suck."

Vu Tran was also unforgettable in his role as Friar Laurence. All Vu would have to do was walk on stage with his natural flamboyance and the crowd would cheer with exuberance. Vu's performance was a cross between a Baptist preacher, a carnival barker and an energetic teenager performing for the first time. His improvising was so masterfully done the audience did not know whether it was part

of the script.

In the end the play obtained its objective for Peter had the opportunity to "scrunch up and suck" Annabel's lips so in the end he finally got his kiss. "For never was a story of more woe/ Than this of Juliet and her Romeo." "ummm...the not as good version" that is.



Emily Quisberth and Vu Tran in the spotlight.

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## Making a mark in time

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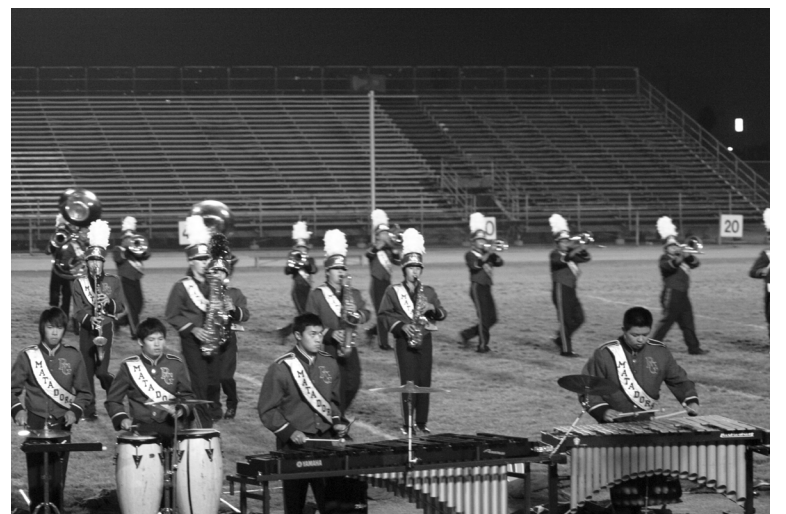
The Marching Matadors: the loud and loyal supporters of all of Bolsa Grande's football and basketball games and sometimes, the sole entertainment at these games. If this is all you have heard from them, you are severely lacking in your high school experience.

Marching band is a mixture of music and sport, requiring musical excellence while marching, not walking, all over the field forming lines and shapes that can only be seen by the audience while carrying up to 40 pounds upon one's shoulders. No, it is not your average sport. Marching band is the closest performance group to the army, requiring that every performer command total control of bodily movements, facial expression, instrumental tone, and musical quality. There is no room for slacking in any performance, with each member depending on the other for musical blend and balance and effective visual appearance.

This year's show, rightly entitled "El Matador," features a musical arrangement entirely written by John "the Band Guy" Miller, Bolsa's proud music director, and percussion arrangement by Nate Cisneros, the drum line coach who has been a proud member of drum line since he first joined his freshman year at this very school. Julie Lopez, a color guard coach and one of the most intense "gaurdos" at heart, choreographed the auxiliary effect

and visual appeal of this show. The musicality of the student members is the proud product of Mark Ha, an upcoming music major at CalState Fullerton with offers from graduate schools like UCLA and UOP for music. With this extensive board of expertise, it is no wonder that this program has brought forth an entirely original, winning show. After a losing streak of

When asked how winning first place felt, Robbie Nguyen, a junior alto saxophone player as well as the Assistant Drum Major in charge of the group, remarked, "Winning isn't good enough; we need to ANNIHILATE every other band there." Patek Ho, the freshman bass four on the bass line, responded, "It felt good to see La Quinta get nothing but a handshake



The Marching Matadors play their heart out and take home first place in four categories at the Westminster Field Show hosted at our very own Bolsa Grande Stadium.

nearly three years, the Marching Matadors have regained their illustrious fame. At the Newport Beach Field Show on October 18th, the band, color guard, and drum line each brought home first place titles for BGHS. The band took fourth place out of nine groups at the Surf City Open at Huntington Beach High School on November 1st, not to mention the Color Guard's taking Sweepstakes, the award of the highest score out of the entire competition. Things are bright for the Marching Matadors!

while we received our first place trophy." Peter Nguyen, a freshman standing at a mighty five feet tall carrying a tuba on his shoulders, exclaimed, "First place, baby!"

There's a heart in the performers on that field. Band is more than just moving music. It's about leaving it all on the field, entertaining the crowd, and getting that standing ovation coupled with a Sweepstakes trophy. The next time you go to a basketball game, make sure to give props to your band: They are playing their music for you!

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### Love in the Lunch Line

By Michelle Ha

