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THE NEWS IN BRIEF

GARDEN UPDATE

BY SAXBY WILES
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The school garden has not lost its momentum over the summer. Last spring six garden beds were built, and they are currently being planted with an array of vegetables such as tomatoes and pumpkins.

"One of the goals we have for the garden is to get science and art classes to use it this year," said Dr. Gary Schott, Upper School Science Teacher.

The garden initiative was spearheaded last spring by Dr. Schott, Ms. Joanne Mamenta, Director of Communications, and Ms. Tracy Campbell, Director of Annual Giving, along with student Sara Schott, alum '10.

"We hope to have a more concerted effort this year, and plant many more vegetables. Maybe you will see a pumpkin from the garden on display in the dining hall soon!" said Dr. Schott.

ATHLETIC BUILDING

BY KIKI BANDLOW
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The special exception for the Athletic and Wellness Center was approved by the Metro Board of Zoning Appeals in June. This approval enables Harpeth Hall to move forward with fundraising for the $18 million project.

"We hope to be able to raise money and begin construction two years from now," said Ms. Ann Teaff, Head of School. "We are very excited."

TECHNOLOGY: WINDOWS 7

BY MILLIE WERT
MULTIMEDIA EDITOR

This summer, the entire school upgraded from Windows XP to Windows 7 for PC computers. According to Mr. Allen Karns the Computer/Network Technician, the upgrade was necessary because Windows XP is becoming obsolete after nine years of use, and there were many ongoing security issues that the Bear Cave needed to solve.

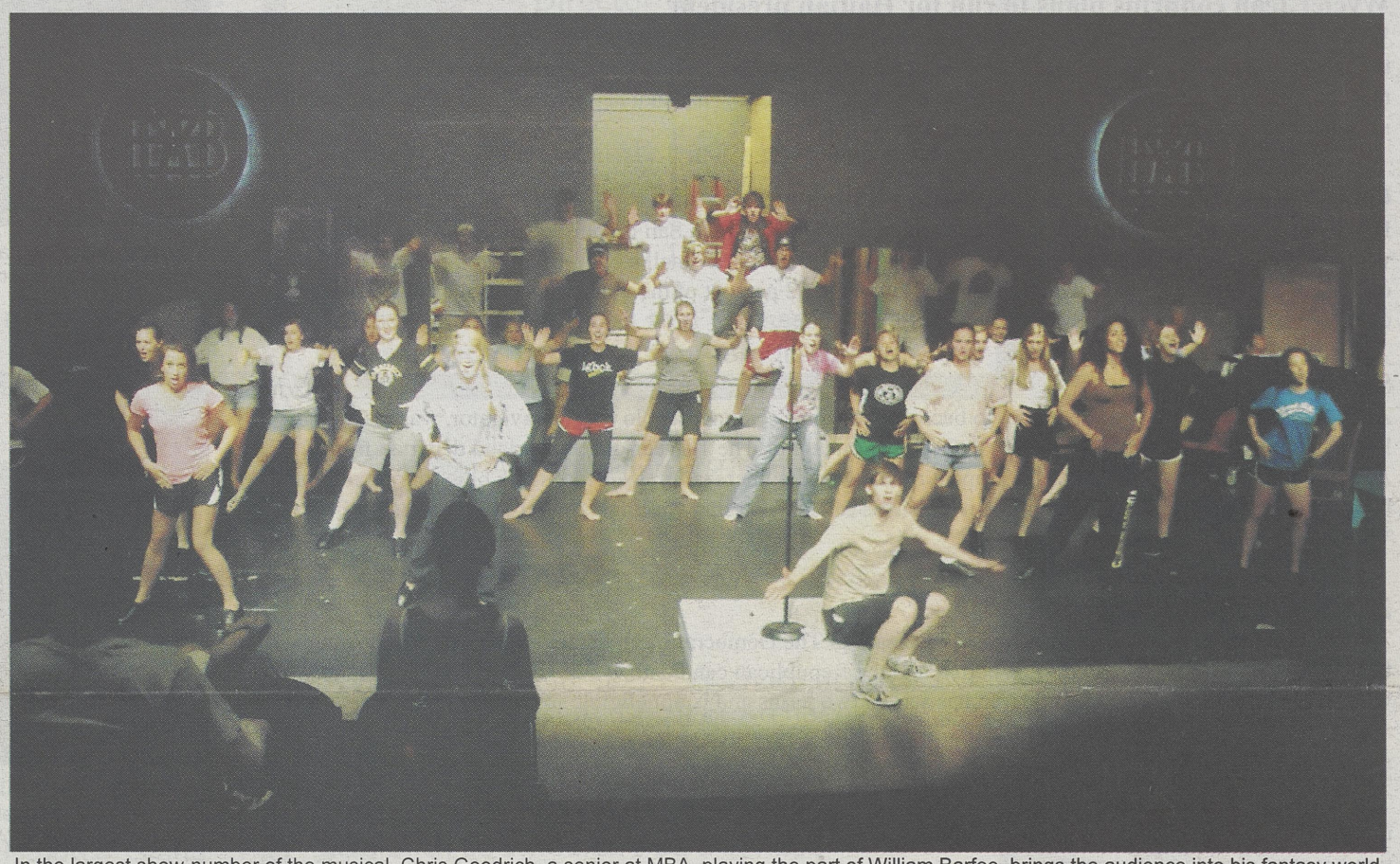
"I just think that overall, it's easier to use, and it is designed to use our resources more efficiently," Mr. Karnes said.

Windows 7 has given the operating systems a new appearance as well as many new features and programs for the students to explore.

"I like the windows tab feature," Mr. Karns said, "It allows you to scroll through windows and have a visual representation of the window."

Welcome to Putnam County

Fall musical opens next week at Montgomery Bell Academy



In the largest show-number of the musical, Chris Goodrich, a senior at MBA, playing the part of William Barfee, brings the audience into his fantasy world regarding his "Magic Foot." Barfee, one of the many unusual spellers at the bee, has an interesting spelling technique: he spells out each word by writing it out with his foot. William dreams of a world in which everyone does the same, a world in which he is normal, and he shares his fantasy with the help of the rest of the cast.

Photo by Meredith Beyer '13

BY NATALIE GIDEON
ARTS EDITOR

The cast of "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee," Harpeth Hall and Montgomery Bell Academy's 13th collaborative fall musical, has been learning songs, dances, and new vocabulary during the last weeks of summer to create a spectacular show.

The musical tells the story of a spelling bee and the idiosyncratic spellers competing against one another for the title of 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee Champion. The competitors include overachieving and multilingual Marcy (Anna Russell Thornton '12) and the precocious Olive (Jean Broadhurst '11); a girl who befriended the dictionary at a young age.

In addition to the competitors, other characters include the equally eccentric adult judges running the bee such as Rona (Annalee Muek '11), a former bee competitor and ex-convict Mitch (Abby Smith '11). The audience should also be on the lookout for some spectacular outfits.

"It's a fabulous costume show. There are hippies, ex-cons, and a whole bunch of nerds," said costume head Mary Liza Hartong '12. "Needless to say, there will be a lot of color!"

The show also gives members of the audience a chance to interact with the spelling bee competitors on stage.

"I would say that it's very different from the musicals we've done in the past because there aren't very many big numbers involving lots of people," said Anna Carro '11. "Most of the musical numbers are written just as if they were being spoken by the different characters. I think that makes it funnier. The show involves a lot of audience participation, including some of the characters actually sitting in the audience, so I think everyone will really enjoy it."

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In spite of the hard work, the cast and crew of the musical have enjoyed the time spent on the production.

"The cast of the musical, the 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee, is lively and fun," said techie Marion Cox '12. "Doing tech for the production has been a constant source of entertainment."

"Everyone has been very nice and welcoming to me," said MaryKathryn Kopp '14. "It's been a blast getting to know and working with all of the super talented members of the cast and crew."

The show will be presented at MBA from Aug. 25 to 29.

"Should you attend the musical? Can you spell y-e-s!" said Parker Davis '11.

Times of the Show

Wednesday, Aug. 25 @ 7 p.m.

Thursday, Aug. 26 @ 7 p.m.

Friday, Aug. 27 @ 4 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 28 @ 2 & 7 p.m.

Sunday, Aug. 29 @ 2 p.m.

News You May Have Missed While You Were Out . . .

BY JULIE WILSON '12 AND MADDI D'AQUILA '12
COPY EDITORS

Will The Beatles ever be on iTunes?

Yoko Ono, the widow of John Lennon, said that she, along with Sir Paul McCartney, Ringo Starr, and George Harrison's widow Olivia are "holding out" until an appropriate agreement with Apple is made. The band's surviving members have failed to make an agreement to make their hits digitally available on iTunes. "Don't hold your breath… for anything," warned Ono.

Wyclef Jean confirms plans to run for Haitian president

Wyclef Jean, the Haitian-American hip-hop artist, confirmed on Aug. 4 that he will be running for president of the recovering country of Haiti. Jean is not only admired by young Haitians, but also known as a figure able to raise national and international interest in the election. "All I know is I'm a natural leader, and I will surround myself" with top-notch policy experts, says Jean.

California's court declares Proposition 8 unconstitutional

Due to discrimination against gay men and women, a federal judge in San Francisco struck down California's voter-approved ban on same-sex marriage on Aug. 4.. This is only a small step in what is to be a long battle over the ban of Proposition 8, which passed in 2008 with 52 percent of the vote. The controversial case, however, will likely be settled in the Supreme Court in the future.

Sailor Girl

Abby Sunderland, who was attempting to become the world's youngest solo circumnavigator, was rescued by a French fishing boat in the Southern Indian Ocean in mid-June. The 16-year-old Sunderland departed from Los Angeles, Calif. on Jan. 23 and has been updating the world on her status at sea through a blog (http://soloround.blogspot.com). Two days after sending out a distress call, Sunderland was picked up from her broken sail boat, Wild Eyes.

2010 Governor Election

The election of a new governor of Tennessee is nearing. The Democratic candidate is Mike McWherter, son of former Tennessee Governor Ned McWherter, and the Republican candidate is Bill Haslam, Mayor of Knoxville. Incumbent Governor Phil Bredesen has served two terms and is not eligible for re-election.

Spain Dominates

The 2010 FIFA World Cup took place this year in South Africa from June 11 to July 11. In the final soccer match, Spain defeated the Netherlands, garnering Spain its first world title. This is the first time a European nation has won outside of its continent.



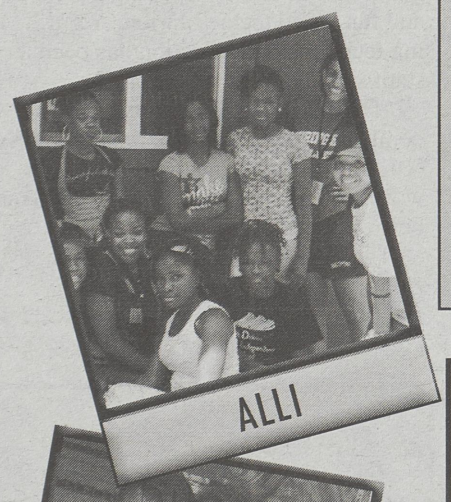
Yoko Ono suggests that the Beatles' deal with itunes will not be happening in the very near future. *Photo courtesy of Google Images.*



Wyclef Jean plans to run for the presidency of Haiti, and his running is believed to enhance interest and awareness in the country's presidential race. *Photo courtesy of Google Images.*

Summer Adventures: Students work, play, travel a

BY KELSEA BEST '11
CO- NEWS EDITOR





"This summer I worked as a dance instructor for junior high girls at Barefoot Republic Camp in Scottsville, Ky. Barefoot is a Christian camp that brings kids from all different backgrounds together to have fun and explore their talents. It was such a heartwarming experience, and I loved making new friends and having fun while I was there!" *Alli Crew'11*

"I volunteered at Baptist hospital. I worked in pre-admissions testing, where patients have tests done before they can have surgery, and in the recovery room, where patients stay right after they come out of surgery." *Maddie Shankle '12*

"This summer I worked at Sequoia as a swim coach. I also went to the Tennessee Volunteer Girls State at Lipscomb. I learned about government and met a lot of really nice girls. It was so fun!"
Eleanor Hudson '11

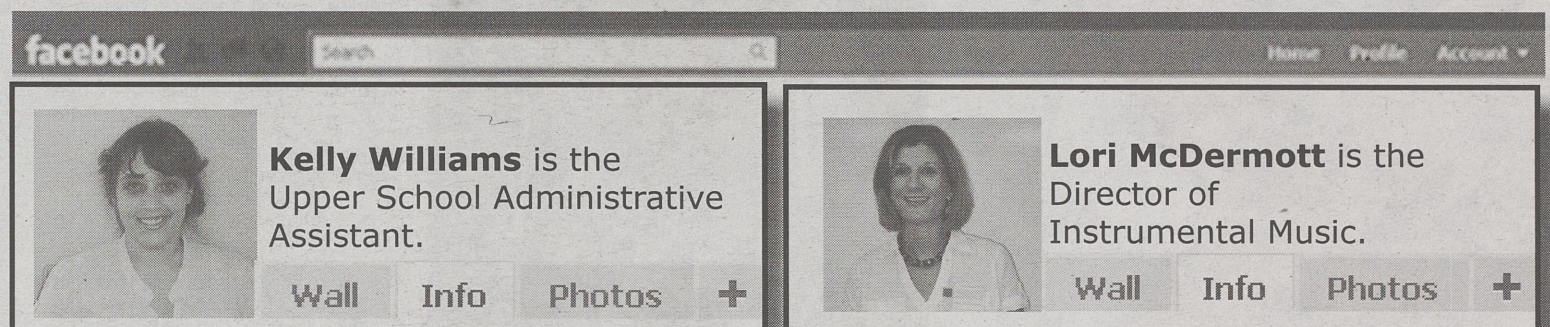
"Probably the best part of my very exciting summer was setting a world record. I played in the longest continuous soccer match. I think the final time was 42 hours, 35 minutes and nine seconds. It was a really cool opportunity, and since it was 'the community of Nashville' that played, I made tons of new contacts. I was officially the youngest player there and played at least 12 hours. It was really a fun thing to be a part of." *Claire Ramage '14*

"I went to Jordan through a program with Columbia University. We stayed in Jordan for three weeks and took class half the time and traveled the other half. We visited the Dead Sea, Petra (one of the Seven Wonders), Mount Nebo and many other places. We also camped out for three days in the desert with the Bedouins. At the end of the program, we went back to NYC and wrote a research paper. It was so fun, and I loved meeting different people!"
Meade Willis '12

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New Faculty Facebook Profiles

BY CAITLIN CASEY '12 AND TINA QIAN '12
ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR AND FEATURES EDITOR



el and make the most of their vacations

This summer I went to Spain. Traveling there alone for the first time was truly a life changing experience. I explored new and old Madrid and celebrated Spain's first World Cup victory. I tried many new foods and spoke Spanglish by the end of my trip.

Camellia Zafar '13

"This summer I went hiking for three weeks in Alaska with the National Outdoor Leadership School. I went with fourteen other kids from across the country, and it was probably the hardest thing I've ever done. We saw some bears, climbed huge mountains, and went three days without food because the planes that were delivering it got delayed because of weather. It was so much fun!"

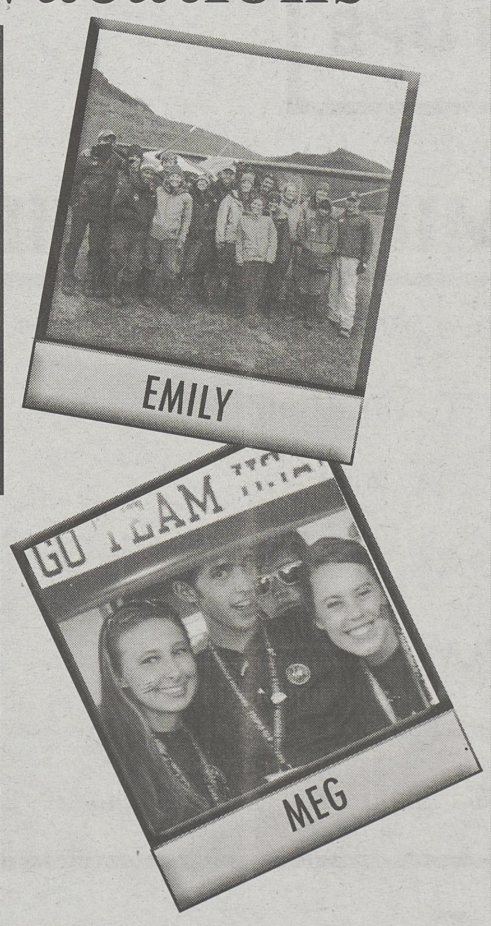
Emily Buzhardt '11

"I went to Brown University Summer School and took a course called Putting Ideas into Words. It was taught by a professor, and I stayed on campus with a roommate, which gave me a feel for college. I learned a lot about writing in college versus in high school, and at the same time I met people from all over the world. I had a great experience!"

Sara Brown '11

"This summer I went to Vienna, Austria and competed in the World Sports Festival for volleyball for Team USA as part of the People to People Sports Ambassador Program. We lost in the semifinals to Bulgaria and ended up 7th overall!"

Meg Mitchell '13



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SUMMER MOVIES

Reviews of the season's best films

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Movie Rating Legend

Not worth your time = ★
So-so = ★★
Solid = ★★★
Masterpiece = ★★★★



Photo courtesy of aatheory.com

The world of dreams never seems complex until you enter the world of "Inception". The adventure begins when Cobb (Leonardo DiCaprio) and his dream team are given the assignment of a lifetime—inception—where they must plant an idea deep in the mind of their target, Robert Fischer (Cillian Murphy). They must travel deep enough so that Fischer will eventually base all his thoughts on this sole idea, but the whole situation is not technically legal.

This is multiplex action film created by the mind of Christopher Nolan, the director of "The Dark Night" another well-made movie. Although the first half hour may create a never-ending puddle of confusion, it is worth the wait as everything is slowly pieced together. "Inception" is brilliant in every aspect. The special effects and music make this film astonishingly beautiful, and keeps you on the edge of your seat. Christopher Nolan outdid himself with this masterpiece and I give this movie a bold four out of four.

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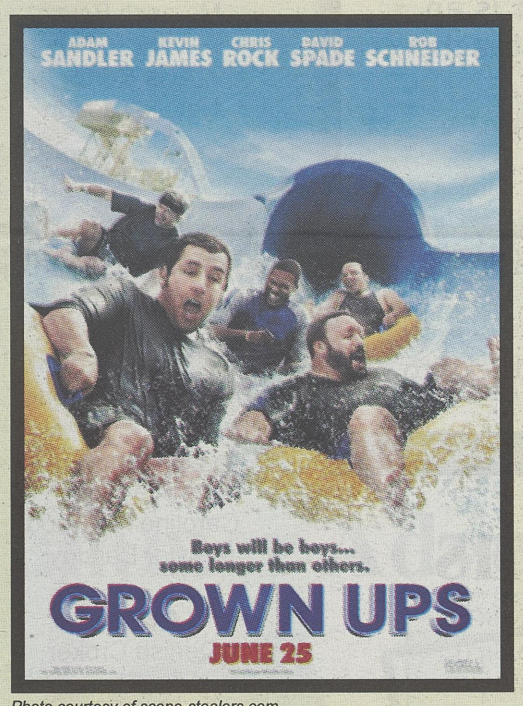


Photo courtesy of scene-stealers.com

What happens when you mix Adam Sandler, Kevin James, Chris Rock, David Spade and Rob Schneider? You get the entertaining summer flick "Grown Ups". Five friends reunite for the Fourth of July weekend after their basketball coach dies. The men bring their families to the same lake house their coach rented out to celebrate their basketball championship. In the beginning, the five grown men seem to be having more fun than their own children. But as the film progresses, the children and even the wives put away their doubts and learn to just have fun.

This is the classic summer comedy with nothing new. It is a movie you can go with your friends to see and know you will have a good laugh. It has its occasional slow scene to add drama, but other than that this is a solid movie. I give this movie a two out of four.

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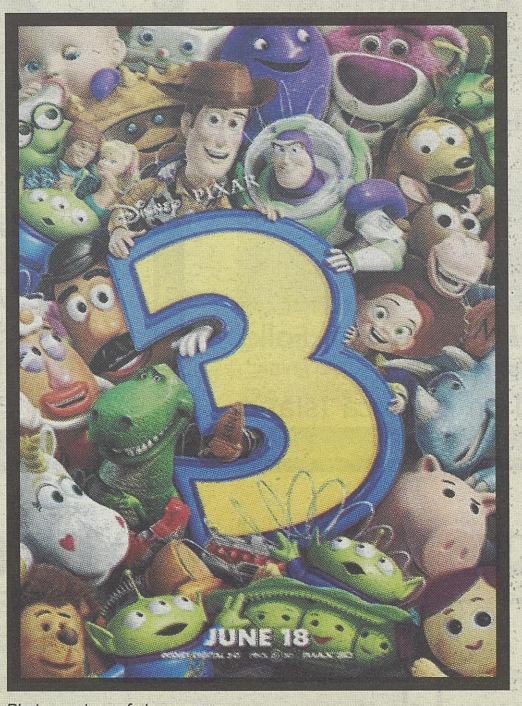


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After 11 years of wondering if Andy would ever grow up, or if Buzz (Tim Allen) and Woody (Tom Hanks) were still best friends, Pixar released "Toy Story 3". Andy is now going off to college and has decided to get rid of his toys. He wanted to only keep Woody and put the other toys in the attic, but they end up as a donation at the local daycare, Sunnyside. Woody does not want to leave his other friends, so he sneaks into the bag with the other toys and is sent off to the daycare. After meeting some mean toys and being caught up in several fights, the gang decides to try to escape.

The movie was entertaining, but I was slightly disappointed with the story line. There were times when the movie would drag, but overall, the family flick was delightful. I give this movie a three out of four.

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UPCOMING MOVIES

- *Eat, Pray, Love* (PG-13) – Aug. 13
- *The Switch* (PG-13) – Aug. 20
- *Takers* (PG-13) – Aug. 27
- *The American* (R) – Sept. 1
- *Nowhere Boy* (R) – Oct. 8
- *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows, Pt. 1* (PG-13) – Nov. 19
- *Pirates of the Caribbean 4* (PG-13) – May 20, 2011

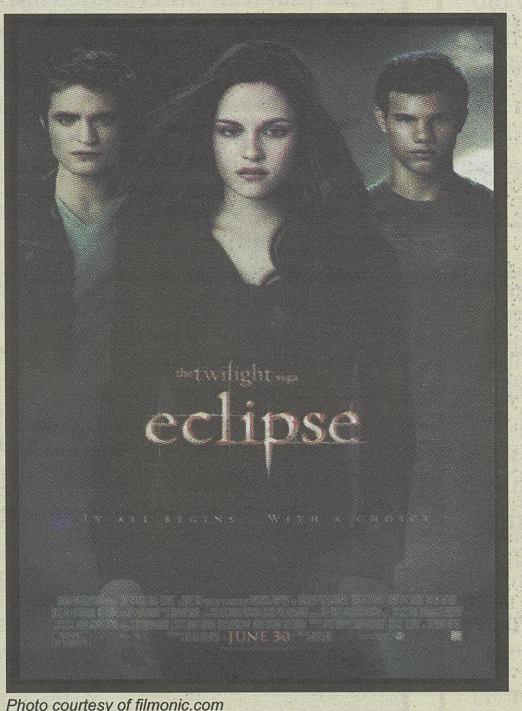


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The highly anticipated third movie of the Twilight Saga, "Eclipse", keeps viewers on the edge of their seats through all of the intense action and deep decision making. Bella Swan (Kristen Stewart) is faced with the conflict of choosing to be with either her vampire boyfriend Edward (Robert Pattinson) and take on the risk of becoming a vampire, or to be with her best friend Jacob (Taylor Lautner). "Twi-hard" fans enjoyed all of the Edward and Bella scenes, as well as when Jacob finally kissed Bella. However, according to the LA Times, the movie made $3.6 million less than the Twilight Saga's second movie "New Moon".

I chose to see the movie at midnight, so I had trouble keeping my eyes open. The movie managed to keep me entertained all the same. Out of the three movies in the saga, "Eclipse" had the best director. It was a well-made movie, but I doubt there will be any Academy Awards in the near future. I give this movie a three out of four.

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