

# hey, twilight fans!

by Madison McEvoy

The Twilight saga continues with a second movie from the book new moon. From watching Twilight, Bella Swan (Kristen Stewart) and Edward Cullen (Robert Pattinson), critics feel that New Moon will be the hit movie for the winter. Reading the book New Moon and watching the movie trailers on YouTube upset me because I am a big Rob Pattinson fan. A unique relationship transpires between were wolf Jacob and mortal Bella. The Cullen Tran-Atlantic trip does not keep Edward out of the picture or Forks, Washington. There has been a rumor that Rachelle Lefevre, who plays Victoria in Twilight, will not be in New Moon, but that's a lie. Rachelle Lefevre (Victoria) will be in New Moon but not in the third movie Eclipse due to a contract disagreement. There will be some new and old faces on

the big screen. Jacob (Taylor Lautner) will be staring in the film as the werewolf that takes care of Bella in her time away from Edward. From watching the extended movie trailer for New Moon who is directed by Chris Weitz and I can't wait to see this film! This Vampire trilogy might have a surprising ending or not, but I'm sure something in the movie (which is coming out November 20, 2009) will blow your mind. "New Moon is going to be a huge step up for this franchise," said Kyle Coley, junior.



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## what not to watch to watch on tv

by Dani Colona

I've noticed people like making top ten stuff lists, so me, being the antithesis of most things mainstream, have decided to make a list of television shows you must avoid at all cost's

1. Jon and Kate Plus Eight – Seriously, now that Jon and Kate aren't together anymore, what's the point? It's Jon and Kate Divided by Eight now. Not to be a nerd, but Jon Gosselin's girlfriend was right when she said TLC was the "Lying Channel."
2. 18 Kids and Counting – Oh, the horror of watching two dotting parents raising 18 kids. Especially the episode where they go to New York and are completely in awe of the big city! Maybe if they had a little less of the "Oh my gosh, we live in the middle of nowhere!" vibe, the show would be just a little bit more interesting. Just a little.
3. Any of those dating reality shows on VH1 – I can't stand watching these people get all worked up over just one person who probably isn't even interested in them. Then there's the people who watch the shows, then come to school and recount the ENTIRE EPISODE to their friends. At least call each other during the show or something, and save us the agony.
4. Anything that involves Brett Michaels – The man is amazing, yes, but we don't need another Rock of Love.
5. Hannah Montana – I think this one's a no-brainer. If you're watching this for Billy Ray Cyrus, like me, then you need an intervention. If you're watching this for Miley, then you should stop reading this.
6. Drop Dead Diva – Yeah, the commercials made it look like it had a sweet little plot, what with the superficial blonde becoming the complete opposite, but I watched one episode. It wasn't all that great. The stories are kind of pointless, and it's kind of like a children's story... if you can't follow the plot, then you have problems. "It seems like a very silly plot, I don't think I could get hooked," says Paige Tinney, sophomore.
7. True Blood – It's dramatic. It's a show. It's the same as any other TV show that came out with vampires after Twilight became the next big thing. Vampires are okay in moderation, my friends. Not in half-hour episode marathons on HBO when all you want to watch is the Dark Knight after it.
8. 10 Things I Hate About You – ABC Family's new television show is some kind of rip-off of the Heath Ledger movie, which was a modern revelation of Shakespeare's The Taming of the Shrew. And it's not all that great, with the basic "I'm a teenager in high school and my life sucks" storyline.
9. Toddlers and Tiaras – You like watching toddlers in pageants? Good for you! Most of America would have to disagree. Those poor children... if my mother did that, you wouldn't be reading this article. Consider yourselves lucky. Brenna Schmidt, freshman, says, "That's just wrong. Besides, who wants their three year olds to look plastic?"
10. Say Yes to the Dress – These women get really worked up over these dresses. Now, I know getting married is a big, big deal, but honestly? Why try to get yourself on TV by complaining about the price of the dress you're going to forever pledge your love in?

The one TV show we all need to watch? Glee officially premiered on September 9th. Personally... we need a glee club. "I think that Glee is on of the best new shows of the yearh. It makes me jump out of my seat and start singing along," said Brenna Schmidt, freshman.

## 9, protector of the future

by Kenny Bush

On the memorable date of September 9, 2009, an animated movie by the name of "9" hit theaters all across the country. Despite the simplicity of the movie's title, it seems to hold a vast and complex storyline. "9" started out as a ten-minute, animated short which was created by Shane Acker in 2004. Now, with the help of Tim Burton, Shane Acker brings his animation to the silver screen with a full-length movie. The movie apparently begins after mankind has fallen to its own creations: Machines. Before he could be wiped out, a scientist carries out a last-minute experiment by giving the "spark of life" to nine rag dolls that he had created. These rag dolls then embark on a journey to challenge the now machine-ruled world and save what little life remains on Earth, even as they are being tracked and hunted by the very ones they are seeking to put a stop to.

Turning back to the movie-trailer, at first glance it almost looked to me like some sort of video game, but when a familiar song suddenly erupted out of the speakers, it caught my interest right away and I could not help but be awed by it. Though the trailer is short, like all movie-trailers are, it's very appealing in terms of epic content and it gives you an idea of what happens in the movie and what has happened to create its dreary and post-apocalypse setting. Cities lay in ruins, buildings in rubble, country sides are devastated and even the skies are forbidding. What I have always found interesting about movies like these is that what people think will happen once mankind becomes extinct, especially after being stomped into the ground by their own creations.

By the looks of things, this movie is action-packed and it's definitely action-packed enough to earn it a PG-13 rating. It completely captured my imagination by its incredible animation, fantastic character design, stunning effects, cool-looking action sequences, and interesting story. "It seemed like it would be a completely different movie from what the poster showed," says Andrew Salamone, a sophomore in Pen Argyl High school, "it looks cool." There are many voice actors listed, such as Martin Landau, Crispin Glover, Christopher Plummer, Jennifer Connelly, John C. Reilly, and to my surprise, Elijah Wood, and lastly the trailer is provided by Focus Features. All in all, the movie looks fantastic and I definitely want to see it, and I would recommend it to anyone else.