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TWILIGHT SAGA: BREAKING DAWN PART I



Edward & Bella

It seems like the days when young girls fantasized about Prince Charmings coming to sweep them off their feet are long gone and have been replaced by sparkly, slightly melodramatic vampires. Gone are the days when women of all ages desired a somewhat functional relationship; the new trend seems to be leaning toward wanting dysfunctional relationships, preferably the kind where your potential other views you as a main course meal—and I don't mean that in the dirty way either.

But alas, I digress. If you haven't seen any of the other Twilight Saga movies, allow me to bring you up to speed. Basically, Girl meets Vampire, Vampire has trouble deciding whether or not he wants to kill Girl or love her (he ends up choosing the latter); then Werewolf steps in and tries to steal Girl from Vampire, which proves to be unsuccessful because Girl and Vampire love each other far too much to ever have their love be severed by another... and that is basically where they left off.

Breaking Dawn: Part 1 continues the Twilight Saga; Edward Cullen (Robert Pattinson) and Bella Swan (Kristen Stewart) finally tie the knot, and promptly head off to their honeymoon, during which Bella discovers that she is pregnant with a half vampire, half human baby. Because the case is so rare, there isn't much anyone can do to help her deal with the excruciating pain—the baby is far too strong and her human body is not physically capable of bearing the child. The matter is further complicated when Jacob Black (Taylor Lautner) steps into the picture. Despite his natural hatred for vampires, Jacob finds it difficult to turn his back

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Kids *free* at the Maritime Museum!

Find out what all the excitement is about at the Maritime Museum of San Diego's Winter Family Day. On December 28, kids 12 & under get to make and take home a nautical craft they make themselves. A Historic Bay Cruise on San Diego Bay aboard the historic Pilot boat is available for just \$3 plus the cost of admission. And best of all, kids 12 and under get free museum admission all day! Two kids get in free with each paying adult.

Special family day activities take place Wed. Dec. 28 following the Holiday Bowl parade from 11 a.m. to 3 pm. For more information see www.sdmartime.org.



The 35th annual Candlelight Musical Presentation

The Mission Basilica San Diego de Alcala' Choir presents the 35th Annual Candlelight Presentation of Lessons and Carols at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 17-18. This year's candlelight presentation, with a theme of lessons and carols, will feature traditional and new music set around scripture readings of the season. It also includes the Mission Basilica Choir, accompanied by organist Howard McCullough, the Classic Brass, percussion ensembles, soloists, and readers, all directed by Gene Regard and performed in the Old Mission Church Building. A free will offering will be taken, and a reception is held afterward.

Actress TARYN MANNING makes a Fashion Valley appearance

Tween aspiration figure Taryn Manning made an appearance as a guest DJ for the reopening celebration of Everything But Water's Fashion Valley store. Guests had a fun time grooving to Taryn's beats while ogling bikini-clad models in the display window. Everything But Water specializes in resortware. But what is resortwear you ask? Resortwear is for women who want to stand out while on vacation at resorts such as Cancun and Mazatlan. This includes decorated swimwear as well as wraps and those over-sized hats made famous by Thurston Howell's wife Lovey on Gilligan's Island.



Extreme on the BAY *New Year's*

Levi LeValle will attempt a record-breaking jump on a snowmobile at Sea Port Village on New Year's Eve as part of Red Bull's ongoing live TV extreme stunts on ESPN. Levi will jump from the North Park at the Embarcadero Marina Park to the South Park simultaneously with motorcyclist Robbie Maddison who kick-started the series in 2007 by jumping his cycle over a football field in Vegas and then up and off the faux Arc De Triomphe the next year. Said both racers

"I'm so totally pumped!" -JK



Kensington Church Youth Group Reenacts *Las Posadas* Christmas Story

Kensington Community Church (KCC), United Church of Christ, celebrated the season with its second annual Las Posadas in Kensington Sat., Dec. 3. Put on by the church's Middle and High School Youth Group, the outdoor reenactment of the Christmas story featured a candlelit community procession with the angel, Mary, Joseph and the donkey as they were turned away by innkeepers at Kensington Café and Starbucks. Throngs followed Mary and Joseph as they walked down a luminaria-lined street to a Live Nativity and Carol Sing in front of Kensington Community Church. After the event, church members, neighbors and friends enjoyed tamales, piñatas and a petting zoo.

