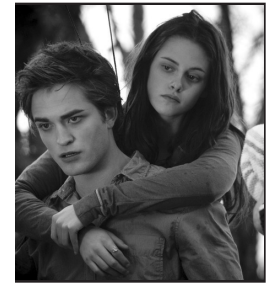




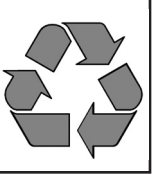
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Pan American School remembers Elena Reisner

by Sara Gonzalez
Staff Writer

Elena Reisner, 86, the wife of Sherwood Reisner, the first headmaster of Presbyterian Pan American School, passed away March 2, 2009 in Falls Church, Virginia.

She was born on June 1, 1922 in Inverness, Scotland to John A. Mackay and Jane Mackay.

Mrs. Reisner grew up in various parts of South America and Mexico until her family settled in Princeton, New Jersey, where she graduated from high school.

She received degrees in

English from Wellesley College and Columbia University.

She was married for 44 years to Mr. Reisner, who served as President for Pan Am from 1956 to 1980. He passed away in 1990.

Mrs. Reisner served as interim president for Pan Am from 1990 to 1991 and lived in Kleberg County from 1957 to 1999. She was an Elder in the First Presbyterian Church of Kingsville and taught for many years at PPAS.

“She was very helpful in telling me the concept of the school. Her teaching style and my teaching style

were basically the same. She used her experience as a very effective teaching tool,” said Roberto Moreno, Bible instructor at PPAS. “I consider Mrs. Reisner the best English teacher Pan American has had or will ever have.”

Mrs. Reisner raised her family at PPAS and worked at the school for 25 years. She was responsible for the Intensive English Program and Work Program, said Dr. James Matthews, PPAS President.

“She was the mother of Pan Am,” Matthews said.

PPAS Business Manager Carmen Gonzales has

known Mrs. Reisner since she was a student at Pan Am.

“Mrs. Reisner was my English teacher. She used to tell the girls how to behave and would teach us manners. She was like our mentor and used to have tea parties at her house for seniors. She pushed students on speaking English all the time. She was very helpful when I needed her and I could always talk to her,” Gonzales said. “She was like a grandmother to my kids and like a mother to me. I will remember her as a special friend.”

In 1997, Mrs. Reisner retired.

“Some people are good and some people are great,” Matthews said. “Elena Reisner was both. She will always be remembered.”

Mrs. Reisner is survived by her daughter and son Ruth Brock of Falls Church Virginia and James Reisner of Plano Texas, along with four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. She also leaves behind two sisters, Isobel Metzger of Princeton, New Jersey, and Ruth Russell of Columbus Ohio, and a brother, Duncan Mackay of Washington, D.C.

Youth Group donates to three charities

The youth group of Presbyterian Pan American School has requested that \$500 of the offerings received at chapel each Sunday be sent to each of the following three charities, Heifer Project International, Mission Presbytery and Pennies for Patients, on their behalf.

“They have chosen these particular ones because they all represent mission opportunities that continue to give beyond their one central gift and represent the most people touched with their gifts,” said Pan Am Pastor Josyph Andrews.

This year, the youth group consists of 40

students.

Heifer Project International is an organization that helps impoverished families worldwide through livestock and training. Heifer International works with livestock and agriculture to develop programs that alleviate hunger and poverty.

“They chose the Heifer project because the family that receives the heifer must learn how to care for it and once that heifer has her first calf, then that calf is passed on to another family and the cycle is repeated,” Pastor Josyph said.

Mission Presbytery is planning a mission trip in

July to build a church, no bigger than a three-car garage, in the village of Candelario in Guatemala for 104 church going Mayan men, women and children, who have no church to worship in. Mission Presbytery, Committee for Service and Support to the Maya Quiche and the Guatemala Partnership Team are asking for support to fund the estimated cost of \$29,000 to build the church, which will be named Divino Libertad.

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DEAN'S DESK

~Dr. Barbara Stottlemeyer



In February, Presbyterian Pan American School had its accreditation Quality Assurance Review Visit by a team from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS). The report of the QAR Team was received and a summary of their findings is included in this Dean's Desk.

The QAR Team commended the PPAS for the following strengths and accomplishments:

1. The mission of the campus shows a commitment to a shared purpose and direction and is embraced by every person on campus.

2. The "Centennial Plan," a far reaching master effort for the future growth of Presbyterian Pan American School, provides the vision and framework for expanding and re-creating the campus and fosters a culture of continuous improvement.

3. PPAS has created an environment that is grounded in spiritual and religious beliefs, yet is successful in implementing a curriculum that challenges each student to excel, in demonstrating a commitment to equity, and in celebrating an appreciation of diversity. Further, leadership and service are key components that help produce well-rounded graduates.

4. The campus has built strong partnerships with the community which enhance and broaden the instructional program by soliciting knowledge, expertise, and skills from individuals outside the school.

5. The campus is committed to keeping parents informed of their child's academic progress and aware of campus activities.

To earn accreditation, schools must demonstrate adherence to seven standards which describe the quality practices and conditions that research and best practice indicate are necessary for schools to achieve quality student performance and organizational effectiveness. In six of the seven standards, PPAS earned the overall assessment level of "Highly Functional," the highest rating possible. The assessment level of "Operational" the second highest rating was earned in one of the seven standards.

This Quality Assurance Review is an affirmation of what has been done to improve the quality of our school. While it confirms that we are headed in the right direction, it is also a challenge to continue to work on school redesign to meet the needs of the 21st Century student.

This is a very exciting time as we create curriculum that is relevant to the "net" generation and incorporates cross-curriculum units that provide meaningful connections among subject areas. As we seek to maximize each student's potential, we are reminded that some things are constant. The holistic approach to learning that addresses the academic, spiritual, social, and emotional needs of the student remains our goal. We have more knowledge and tools than ever to accomplish this. There has never been a better time to be in the educational arena. Now, more than ever, the need for the mission of Presbyterian Pan American School to continue to move forward has never been greater.

Science fair set for April 22

■ by Kate Thompson
Editor-in-Chief

The 7th annual science fair at Presbyterian Pan American School (PPAS) will take place on April 22 on campus. Chemistry and Environmental Systems students are using the scientific method to complete their projects. The students are allowed to choose any topic they wish, but must complete daily reports on progress.

"I started the science fair when I first began working here. PPAS had not had a science fair and I thought it was important for students to practice the scientific method," Dr. Olga Carranza said, Chemistry and Environmental systems teacher.

Carranza said that it is important for students to use their critical thinking and to solve problems. The students are not actually searching for a discovery, but simply experimenting and learning.

The students are split into teams and have been working on their projects for months now.

Seniors Karina Bello, Azri

Flores, Walter Flores and Elisa Godinez are testing the effects of acid rain on monuments. The students are testing the effects by having different levels of PH and testing it on marble pieces.

"We decided to do this project because both Elisa and Walter are interested in architecture," Bello said.

Another team that is hard at work at their project is Alejandro Amaro, Christian Cortes, and Griselda Duran. Their project is on the erosion of metals due to acid rain. They tested their hypothesis by placing sample metals (copper, tin, and nickel) in a cup of PH2 (acid rain) and let it erode over a five day period.

"We found that copper erodes faster than the other metals due to its activity," said Cortes, 17.

The students will win a trophy for first place and the award may help them get into college. The project will be worth 50 percent of the student's grade on their final exam. The judges have not yet been chosen for this year's fair.

JUMP, YOUTH GROUP

"The gift to the Mission Presbytery Summer Project is a portion of a gift to build a chapel in a remote village in Guatemala where there are over 100 believers with no place to worship," Pastor Josyph said.

Pennies for Patients is a program for schools nationwide to raise funds to help cure leukemia and other blood-related cancers. It is a campaign in which students of all ages are encouraged to donate spare change to The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

Pastor Josyph said the students chose Pennies for Patients because the search for a cure for Leukemia is an ongoing battle and affects so many.

"I am so very proud that the students chose to give some of their money to better the lives of others," said Ellie Perez, Pan Am Counselor. "It came from their heart and for that I am proud to be part of the PPAS family. I thank the students for being so loving."

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Math instructor named teacher of the month

■ by Hugo Aguilar
Staff Writer

Jeronimo Sotoj Jr., from Lake Jackson, has been selected as teacher of the month for March at Presbyterian Pan American School (PPAS).

"I feel very honored and grateful to receive this award, I really didn't expect it" Sotoj said.

Sotoj attended Texas A&M University-Kingsville (TAMUK) and majored in Industrial Technology (IT). Sotoj has been part of PPAS for one year, where he teaches Algebra 1 and math models. He is also a Mathematics Teaching Mentor (MTM) for the Texas Regional Collaborative (TRC).

"I love to teach math, because you use it every day in your life and mainly I love to work with numbers," Sotoj said

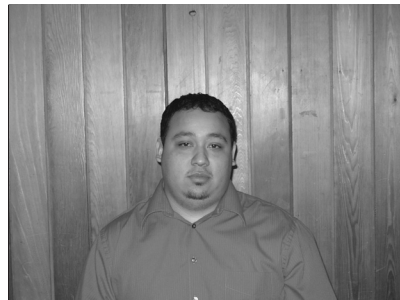
He enjoys teaching at PPAS because he loves his students and he thinks they're really good kids.

"I love it [teaching]. It really makes me feel good that I can make a difference in someone's life," Sotoj said.

He enjoys his free time by hanging out with his friends, watching sports, mostly American football, and of course, spending time with his wife.

Sotoj describes himself as a pretty laid back person who likes to have fun and enjoy his life.

"Live everyday as if it were your last and study hard, because not everybody has the same opportunity that you have."



MATH INSTRUCTOR
JERONIMO SOTOJ

Future psychologist chosen as student of the month

■ by Ismael Sandoval
Staff Writer

"Last time I was checking the newspaper and I said to myself, I have never been the Student of the Month," said a surprised Azri Flores when she knew she was, at last, The Student of the month.

This smiling 18-year-old senior of Presbyterian Pan American School still doesn't know why she was chosen. But she feels honored and proud.

Creative, imaginative, smiling and friendly are just some adjectives that come to the minds of the people who know her.

"I love to inspire others with



SENIOR AZRI FLORES

photo by Ismael Sandoval

my words, but I hate it when I disappoint them, because I am human too. I make mistakes as well," Flores said. She also added that she tries not to judge others, because you never know what they might be going through."

Her favorite class is art because she loves to paint, draw and design. And her favorite

teacher--"Ortega rocks," she said chuckling. But her favorite teacher list also has space for Dr. Olga Carranza, Chemistry teacher, and June Cress, art teacher.

Flores thinks that being at PPAS gave her the chance to discover herself and grow up. She added that the friends she made here are more like brothers and sisters.

Her ultimate goals in life are to change somebody's life, someone that needs it, and to raise her own children

Even though she doesn't know where she is attending next year for college, Flores is positive about majoring in psychology, just like her mother.

Q+A

WITH JUNIOR
JIMENA HERNANDEZ

Interview with 2008-2009 Junior Class Vice President

■ by Sheree Flores
Staff Writer

Q: Why did you get elected?

A: I think they [junior class] trust in me.

Q: What do you do as Vice President?

A: I help the Treasurer and the President see what's going on with prom and concessions to help raise some money.

Q: What goals are you trying to achieve as Vice President this year?

A: To have a good prom.

Q: What else are you involved in?

A: I am in choir and track right now.

Q: How do you feel about being Junior Class Vice President?

A: I feel proud and honored.



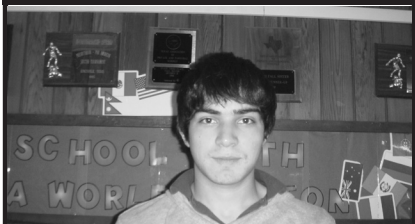
Jimena Hernandez

HOW DO



"Everytime I use water, I try to waste the least as possible, closing the faucet when I'm not using it."-Steven Moreno, Junior

YOU HELP THE



"I recycle paper and plastic bottles and I put the trash where it should go, in order to keep the environment free from pollutants.."-Daniel Villarreal, Senior

ENVIRONMENT?



"I always try to spread the word, telling the boys to pick up their trash and recycle their cans and plastic."-Rodolfo Guerrero, Senior.

Recycling affects our world's environment

Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle



by Tania Rodriguez
Staff Writer

Recycle, a word that has become very popular nowadays, a word that almost everybody has heard before but not everybody knows what it means.

Recycle as its name says and its symbol represents is a cycle consisting of three simple steps represented with three-chasing-arrows in the shape of a triangle.

Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle. These steps are also known as the "R's" of waste management.

Reduce means to make something smaller or use less that later result in a smaller amount of waste.

Source reduction is reducing waste before you purchase it, or by buying products that are not wasteful in their packaging or use.

A key element to consider when reducing is conservation which means using natural resources wisely and using less than usual in order to reduce waste.

The next step is Reuse which means to use again materials in their original form instead of throwing them away, or pass those materials on to others who could use them too.

Recycle, is the third step closing the loop; it involves processing reusable

materials that are remade into either the same products or new products.

Making new items from recycled ones also takes less energy and other resources than making products from brand new materials.

How we choose to handle waste affects our world's environment and everything that surrounds you including air, water, land, and plants.

The waste we create has to be carefully controlled to make sure that it does not harm our health and environment.

Recycling not only is important for a healthy environment, it also saves more than you imagine.

It conserves our natural resources, saving energy, clean air, clean water, landfill space and money.

You are a key player in keeping our world safe and making it a better and healthy place.

It's your decision to start practicing these three simple steps today! With very little effort you can make a BIG change.

Start being part of the change now, reducing your waste, reusing everything you can and recycling to close the loop.

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Students take educational trip to aquarium and marine institute

■ by Kate Thompson
Editor-in-Chief

On March 24, Dr. Olga Carranza and Edgar Ortega took their Environmental Systems and Marine Biology classes to the Texas State Aquarium and The University of Texas Marine Institute.

At the aquarium, the students toured the facility and attended a bird and otter show.

At the University of Texas Marine Institute the students had a guided tour of the wetlands.

They also saw many native birds and plants.

“I decided to take my students on this field trip because anyone can study wetlands, but until you experience it and walk the wetlands, they won’t truly understand,” said Carranza, Environmental Systems and Chemistry teacher.

Dr. Carranza felt lucky because the Marine Institute was so close to Kingsville and said the institute is so amazing.

“The graduate program there is



FROM LEFT, CHRISTA GOMEZ, KARINA BELLO, CARLOS CORTES, PAOLA ESCAMILLA, PAOLA HERNANDEZ AND WALTER FLORES AT THE TEXAS STATE AQUARIUM.

amazing and the research that they do there is very interesting,” Carranza said.

The students came back from the trip informed about the environment and the animals and plants living in it.

“I really enjoyed the trip. We learned a lot,” said Christa Gomez, 18-year-old senior. “Like how wetlands act as a filter for the rivers. It really helps with pollution.”

17-year-old senior Paola Escamilla said the aquarium was beautiful.

“We learned, took beautiful pictures and had a great time all at the same time,” Escamilla said.

Ortega felt satisfied with the trip because the students had the chance to observe the different species that exist in the different oceanic systems.

“Marine life is diverse, colorful and not yet fully understood. This trip served as an encouragement for some students to pursue a Marine Biology degree,” said Ortega, Marine Biology teacher.

Newspaper and yearbook places at TAPPS competition

■ by Jimena Hernandez
Staff Writer

Presbyterian Pan American School’s (PPAS) journalism department received third and fifth place for their yearbook and student newspaper at the TAPPS (Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools) academic district meet on February 25 and 26, 2009. For the yearbook category, last year’s 2008 yearbook was sent in to be judged and for newspaper, the last three newspapers of the current year were sent.

The school received certificates and ribbons in recognition for the two achievements.

“I feel very proud of our students. Competing helps our students to see and know the quality of the job they do. I am planning to compete next year, improving the students work and getting a better place,” said Dr. Stottlemeyer, Dean of Students at PPAS.

Stottlemeyer said she will also try to increase

areas of academic competitions as well as art, music, theater, etc.

“I think it was a good accomplishment. Finally, the school is getting their name out for all the hard work we have been doing,” said Kate Thompson, 17-year-old senior.

Thompson is the newspaper’s editor-in-chief. She has been on staff for three years. There are 10 other students on the newspaper staff.

“I feel all the work and effort we have done was very valuable. We have been working very hard all year long. These kinds of recognitions motivate us to improve our work, and be creative,” said Ilse Ibarra, 17-year-old junior, both on the newspaper and yearbook staff.

Ibarra has been working on the yearbook since August with her 13 classmates.

“I am very proud of the yearbook staff because even though some had been working for a year,

and some for a semester only, we all worked as a team. At the beginning it wasn’t easy, it is not what it seems. After all our hard work and dedication, we did it. I think all our hard work was worthy of that recognition,” said Josue Rivera, 18-year-old senior.

Rivera has been working a year on the yearbook. What he likes the most is to create and design new ideas and share them with his classmates, he said.

“I am very proud of the newspaper and yearbook staff,” said Desiree Gutierrez, journalism teacher/adviser. “We are a small group but work very hard to make sure we capture memories and achievements for the students and school to be proud of. This was the first year, we entered our journalism department into the TAPPS District competition and we were recognized. That says a lot and I think the students are doing a wonderful job.”

PPAS track advances to District on April 23 in Round Rock

by Paola Hernandez
Staff Writer

Presbyterian Pan American School (PPAS) boys and girls track team attended their fourth track meet of the season in Calallen on April 3 and about 25 members of the team will advance to the district meet on April 23 in Round Rock.

Sophomore Christian Ortiz, 16, placed first in long jump and 300-meter hurdles at the Calallen meet.

Melissa Lopez, senior, placed second in high jump and long jump.

The team participated

in the track meet in Ben Bolt Palito Blanco on March 28.

At this meet, there were 26 participants.

The track team participated in different areas such as 200 meter, 300 meter, 800 meter, 1000-meter relay, 1600-meter run, 300-meter hurdles, high jump, long jump, discus and shotput.

Ortiz jumped the triple jump, in which he improved by jumping 19 feet 1/2 inches. Samuel Chavez, 15 year old sophomore, ran at his

first track meet in the 800 and 400 meters race.

Melissa Lopez, 17 year old senior, improved her long jump and 300 mile hurdles at this meet.

"I was very impressed with all my team, but Ilse Ibarra and Tania Rodriguez had a lot of improvement at this track meet," said Coach Reili Cantu.

On March 14, the PPAS track team participated in their second track meet in Riviera and Junior Ilse Ibarra placed first in the 3200-meters race.

"I feel that all the



THE PPAS TRACK TEAM PARTICIPATED IN MANY EVENTS IN CALALLEN ON FRIDAY, APRIL 3.

time that I have been practicing was worth it," said Ibarra, 17. "I didn't expect to win first place, but I put all my effort and in the end, I felt proud of myself."

Cantu said that her expectations for the team are to win district and to take a significant number of athletes to the regional and state meet.

Student Council hosts ping pong, chess and pool tournament at PPAS

by Ilse Ibarra
Staff Writer

Student Council organized a ping pong, chess and pool tournament on April 4, 2009 at Presbyterian Pan American School (PPAS).

"Some students asked for the tournament and I promised since last year that I would do it again," said Student Council President Kyoung Jea Lee.

Total more than thirty students participated. The fee for each game was one dollar.

"Although this year fewer students participated, I think this is a different activity and students enjoyed it. There were also movies and concessions by juniors," Lee said.

The ping pong tournament was at the gym and fourteen students played. The winner for the first place for the second time was junior Israel Gomez and second place was junior Terry Liang.

First place winner was given ten dollars and the second three dollars.

"I was proud of myself, even though I was champion last year. I also felt nervous because this time was harder since my opponents improved," Gomez said.

The chess and pool tournament was at the boy's center. In chess four students participated. The final was between junior Veronica Vasquez and senior Josue Rivera but due to the lack of time, they were not able to finish playing.

The pool tournament was joined by sixteen players. First place was sophomore Hector Villegas, who won ten dollars.

"It was a great experience and personally I think I had the toughest games which made it even more fun to play," Villegas said.

This is the second year this tournament was held at PPAS and it is planned by the Student Council to make it a tradition.



photo by Ilse Ibarra

FROM LEFT, JUNIOR TERRY LIANG, WHO PLACED SECOND IN THE PING PONG TOURNAMENT, AND ISRAEL GOMEZ, JUNIOR, FIRST PLACE WINNER OF THE PING PONG TOURNAMENT.

Calendar

4/18-2009 Prom

4/22-Science Fair & Earth Day

4/26-Senior Class honored at
First Presbyterian Church, Kingsville

4/29-TOEFL (In House)

5/2-Senior Banquet

May 4-8-Senior Exams

May 6-Awards Assembly at 1 p.m.

May 11-14-Underclassmen Exams

May 15-Baccalaureate at 6 p.m.

May 16-Graduation at 10 a.m.

May 18-19-Teacher In Service



Happy Birthday!

Cecilia Ruiz, 4/16

Cecilia Moreno, 4/23

Alex Amaro, 4/30

Obed Garcia, 4/30

Ismael Sandoval, 4/30

Fernando Montemayor, 5/2

Jehu Avila, 5/2

Erick Moreno, 5/3

Griselda Duran, 5/7

Alberto Barron, 5/10

Ana Paola Melendez, 5/11

Hector Coronado, 5/13

Anuar Vargas, 5/16



Pennies for Patients

■ by Zian Rivera
Staff Writer

From March 5 to 30, Presbyterian Pan American School (PPAS) participated in Pennies for Patients, a nationwide campaign in which students of all ages in the United States are encouraged to donate change to the Leukemia and Lymphoma society.

The society's mission is to cure leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease and myeloma and to improve the quality of life of patients and their families. The campaign is available for kindergarten through high school students.

The students were encouraged with a video that showed the effects that this campaign has had on the lives of many children with cancer and their families.

"This is a very good society because it worries about the little kids' lives and tries to save them or at least make everything better for them," said Areli Borunda, junior. "I have been collecting pennies since the beginning of the year and when I was informed about pennies for patients, I gave all I collected because I know they needed more than me."

This is the third year in a row that PPAS has participated in the program.

"I think this helps the students because we can learn to give value to our healthy lives," Borunda said.

Ellie Perez, PPAS Counselor and Organizer of the campaign said she keeps promoting this campaign because it motivates the students to work as a team and to worry for other people that need it more.

The homeroom class that collected the most money was Dr. Olga Carranza's first period Chemistry class.

"I cooperated with this campaign because I know that our coins can change lives of many little kids with cancer," said Melissa Lopez, senior.

Easter Cantata Concert held at PPAS

■ by Olivia Pun
Staff Writer

On April 7, at 7 pm, the Annual Easter Service began in the Morris Chapel at Presbyterian Pan American School (PPAS). Dr. Stottlemeyer, Dean of Students at PPAS, welcomed the students and did an opening prayer. In her opening, she said that the Morris Chapel is located at the center of the campus to remind students that the church and God should always be the center of their lives even when they leave PPAS.

"Our hope and our prayer is that when you leave PPAS, the church will still remain as the center of your life journey," Stottlemeyer said.

About 35 choir members participated in this year's Easter Cantata. Under the conducting of Cesar Galaviz, they performed four choral pieces: Agnus Dei by Giovanni Perfolesi, Christ, We Do All Adore Thee by Theodore Dubois, A Joyful Alleluia by Gordon Young, and Shut de Do by Randy Stonehill.

"I chose these songs because they are fun and they fit with Easter. Most of them are found in the Presbyterian Library," said Galaviz, Music Director.

Among the choral pieces performed by the PPAS Choir, there was a solo sung by Galaviz, The Crucifixion by Samuel Barber. There was also a duet performed by Paul Vilchez and Reynaldo Torres in Shut de Do by Randy Stonehill.

"I think the last song [Shut de Do] was the best one. It was really fun singing it," said Areli Borunda, 16-year-old junior.

The Easter Cantata and Evening Service is a reminder to students of the story of Easter, Stottlemeyer said. Six students shared different Bible verses about the Easter story between each song performed by the PPAS Choir.

The reading of scripture ended with John 3:16, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life," read by Elisa Godinez, 18-year-old senior.

The choir also invited the whole congregation to sing several Hymnal songs. Among these songs, Amazing Grace was the most familiar and the favorite of Seo Yeon Lee.

"I really like the song Amazing Grace. I enjoyed singing this song and also enjoyed the whole performance," said Lee, 17-year-old junior.



photo by Olivia Pun

THE MORRIS CHAPEL CHOIR
PRESENTED THEIR ANNUAL EASTER
CANTATA PERFORMANCE ON APRIL
7 AT PAN AMERICAN SCHOOL.

Twilight movie released, is visually awesome

by Sheree Flores
Staff Writer

In a nutshell, the movie *Twilight* tells the story of Bella Swan (Kristen Stewart), a teen that moved from Phoenix, Arizona to Forks, Washington to live with her father. Soon she starts to fall for her mysterious classmate named Edward Cullen (Robert Pattinson), only to get the brush off every time. When he finally opens up to her, she realizes why he's not your average 17-year-old...he's a vampire.

In the first disc, be sure to watch the deleted scenes. Some of the best scenes turned out to be deleted from the movie.

If you enjoy sweet moments with Esme and Carlisle, see "She's brought him to life" when they can't help but feel loving when they see EdwardwhiskBellaoutofthebedroomwindow.

With the Journey from Page to Screen, enjoy an hour long documentary covering everything from the author Stephenie Meyer's Dream to the extreme weather conditions at La Push beach.

Check out "Vampire Baseball" and "The Final Word on the Final Battle" to see how director Catherine Hardwicke recreated these scenes without the use of a green screen.

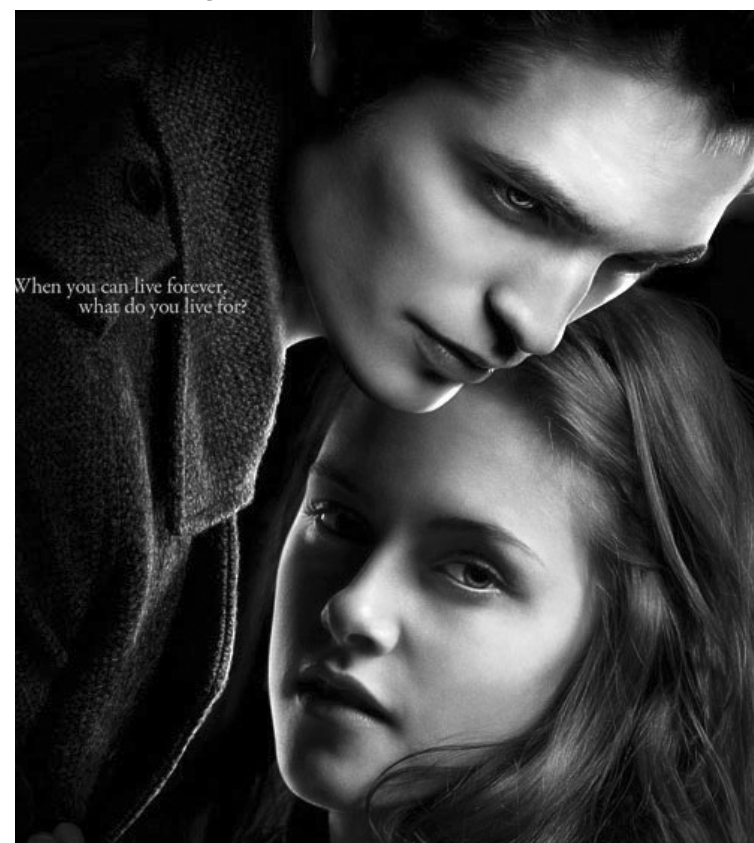
With the Comic-Con Phenomenon clip, find your inner-geek. Here's your chance to see last year's San Diego's annual comic book convention without the chaos of the 6,000 fans that were there.

The best part is watching the two lead actors fidgeting in their chairs. Stewart was very quiet, at one point Pattinson said, "I just wanted to play [Edward] because he's the hottest vampire in the world!"

Rock out to music videos from Muse, Paramore, and Linkin Park or listen to audio commentary by Hardwicke, Stewart and Pattinson.

If you have read all of the books it might have been a disappointment because it leaves you wanting more, but it is visually awesome.

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April brings movies full of comedy, drama and suspense

April 17, 2009

17 Again: Starring Zac Efron and Matthew Perry about a father whose life didn't turn out how he wanted it to and wishes he could go back to high school and change it. He wakes up one day and is seventeen again and gets the chance to rewrite his life.

Crank High Voltage: Starring Jason Statham and Amy Smart about a man who has had his nearly indestructible heart stolen and replaced with a battery-powered ticker that requires regular jolts of electricity to keep working.

State of Play: Starring Russell Crowe and Ben Affleck based on the BBC mini-series, about a team of investigative reporters working alongside a police detective to try to solve crimes.

April 24, 2009

Fighting: Starring Channing Tatum and Terrence Howard about a young counterfeiter, who is introduced to the world of underground street fighting in New York by a seasoned scam artist (Howard).

Obsessed: Starring Ali Larter and Beyonce Knowles about a successful manager, who has just received a promotion, is blissfully happy in his career and in his marriage. But a temp worker starts stalking him and all the things he's worked so hard for are placed in jeopardy.

The Soloist: Starring Jamie Foxx and Robert Downey Jr. about a Los Angeles Journalist, who befriends a homeless Julliard trained musician, while looking for a new article for the paper.