

# Watch, Read, & Listen

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and occasionally eat...

## Don't rewind just Push Play

By Nicole Marshall

Living the dream is one way to put it for the uprising band **Push Play**. The band members grew up together on Long Island. CJ Baran fulfills rhythm guitarist and lead vocals; lead guitarist and occasional keyboardist is Steve Scarola; bassist is Nick DeTurrís; and drummer Derek Ries. **Push Play** released their first album, *Found*, on September 29.

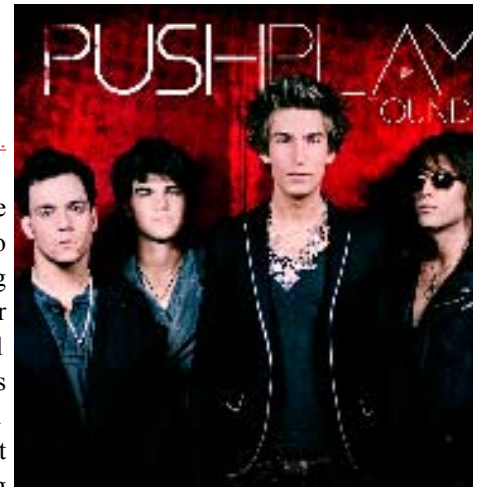
Baran and DeTurrís first met while they were all about skateboarding. Now their lives are all around music.

"He pushed me to get a bass, and that was the origin of this band coming together," DeTurrís said on their website

<http://www.pushplaysite.com>.

Scarola and Ries came into the band three years ago and the band has building on that ever since. Their tour began November 11 in North Carolina and ends December 20 in Oklahoma.

The world doesn't know what it has coming with these heartthrobs with amazing musical skill and talent. If you're interested in a band that has sweet lyrics, smooth guitar, and occasional keyboard, then buy these guys' new album and just **Push Play**.



**MIDNIGHT ROMEO:** *Push Play* released their first album, *Found*, on September 29. Popular tracks that are found on it are *Midnight Romeo* and *Away, Away*.

## A new moon arises:

# New Moon movie is close adaptation of book

by Britnie Jenkins

Tickets: \$8.00

Pop/Popcorn: \$20.00

Gas: \$25.00

Attending the Sold-Out *New Moon* Midnight Premiere: PRICELESS

*New Moon* begins with Bella Swan and Edward Cullen madly in love, but like any typical love story, trouble soon blossoms. Bella's klutziness gets the best of her at her birthday party, and she gets a paper cut while opening a card. Not such a good thing when everyone attending this birthday party is a vampire.

Edward decides that Bella being around him is too dangerous, so he leaves her. Not only does Edward break up with Bella, but he also (and the rest of his family) packs up and leaves town with the words, "It'll be as if I never existed."

Bella sinks into a heavy depression, not talking unless spoken to, and pretty much becoming a zombie. That is until she takes a trip down to the local Quilleute Indians reservation and spends some time with her friend Jacob Black, a werewolf, who begins to fill the empty hole in her

heart, creating the beginnings of one heckuva love triangle.

*The Twilight Saga: New Moon*, starring Kristen Stewart (Bella Swan), Robert Pattinson (Edward Cullen), and Taylor Lautner (Jacob Black), is the movie adaptation of the best selling book by Stephenie Meyer.

Director Christ Weitz was new to the *Twilight* phenomena, but did an excellent job of converting the book to a movie. Weitz, director of *The Golden Compass*, has a background in special effects and CGI. With the bigger budget Summit Entertainment allotted for *New Moon*, Weitz was able to use his special effects background to use.

*New Moon* was a lot more lighthearted than *Twilight* and had the audience at the theater cracking up during the entire movie.

This series was written for teenage girls, but guys can watch the movie without feeling like a teenage girl themselves.

There are plenty of action sequences and a scene where the werewolves take down one of the bad vamps. And boys:

think of how much more your girlfriend will love you if you take her to see this.

There are not enough words in the English language to describe just how utterly epic this movie is. Especially if you don't mind seeing Taylor Lautner shirtless and showing off his eight-pack abs.

One word of advice: prepare yourself for a cliff-hanger ending that'll leave you on the edge of your seat, impatient for *The Twilight Saga: Eclipse*, which will be in theaters June 30, 2010.



**READY TO GO:** Seniors Sharon Garcia, and Amanda Holt; juniors Tess Trahern, and Nicole Marshall; freshmen Nathan Jenkins, and Eric Rodriguez; and senior Britnie Jenkins prepare to enter into the movie theater. (Courtesy photo)

You've got me singin' this song:

## Disco Curtis acoustically rocks their way to Kansas

by Britnie Jenkins

For fans of The Maine, All Time Low, Fall Out Boy, or Boys Like Girls, music by the little known band **Disco Curtis** is must-have for every iTunes library. **Disco Curtis** has swept the YouTube nation and is now heading out on tour at participating Hot Topic stores around the United States.

**Disco Curtis** is a fairly young band with ages ranging from 16 to 19 years old.

Originally from Texas, the band started out with just A.J. Novak (drums) and Tanner Howe (lead vocals, guitar). The duo met in the fourth grade and later in middle school met Garrett Perales (lead guitar). That was when **Disco Curtis** first really became a band. Soon after, the trio was joined by fourth member, Brendan Barone (bass guitar, secondary vocals).

They entered and won a Battle of the Bands contest and were granted a spot at Warped Tour. That's where their career really took off.

I recently had the pleasure of attending an acoustic **Disco Curtis** concert at Towne West in Wichita.

For anyone who has never been to an acoustic concert at Hot Topic before, let me break it down for you. Hot Topic will clear out a small space for the band to set up. The band will have one or two acoustic

guitars and a couple microphones. **Disco Curtis** also has a tambourine to fill in for the lack of drums.

**Disco Curtis** played only a few songs, but after the concert portion, they held a meet and greet with their fans, who consisted of teenage girls and a few brave guys. The fans had the opportunity to buy **Disco Curtis** merchandise and get posters and CDs autographed by the band. **Disco Curtis** was also more than willing to take pictures with their fans.

After the band cleared up their space in Hot Topic, they headed to the food court, inviting any fans to hang out with them while they ate supper. They were relaxed and seemed at ease with their fans, encouraging them to ask any questions.

Some bands or singers are disappointing to see live because they aren't as good as their recordings, but **Disco Curtis**

was even better live than their recordings. The live vocals sounded great and the guitars harmonized well. The tambourine also helped in the absence of drums and enhanced the overall performance.

If you're a lover of good music, I highly recommend checking out **Disco Curtis**. You can find them on their MySpace page ([www.myspace.com/discocurtis](http://www.myspace.com/discocurtis)) or their YouTube channel ([www.youtube.com/user/DiscoCurtis](http://www.youtube.com/user/DiscoCurtis)).



**WHY DON'T YOU SURPRISE ME?** *Disco Curtis* rocks out at the Towne West Hot Topic in Wichita. After the acoustic concert the band held a meet and greet with fans. (Jenkins photo)

# Gotta love this 'American Ride

by Shelby Dawn

Toby Keith's eighteenth album, American Ride, hit stores October 6 and definitely held up to my expectations.

This 12-song album is the perfect mix of rockin', up-beat songs and soft, slow songs to tone down the attitude of the angry American.

The album starts out with his chart-climbing single "American Ride," which is an up-beat song with a catchy tune about American life as we know it today. The video to this song is a hilarious cartoon that you can find on YouTube at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cHuzRuFOFo0>

"American ride" is followed by a mixture of fast and slow songs, and concludes with a swiny tune, "Ballad of Balad," a song about a young man who joined the military right out of high school and what was really involved in this decision.

All in all, I give the album a two-thumbs up! If I had three thumbs, I would give it that! So next time you're at your local music retailer, make sure to pick up your copy of American Ride. It is also available on iTunes.