

THE ECLIPSE

Illuminating News by East-West Students



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We've Got Spirit, Yes We Do!

East-West Does Spirit Week
By Zobia Jamal

February 4 marked the kickoff of East-West's annual Spirit Week, a student government held event in which the entire community gets a chance to show their school enthusiasm and pride. Monday was "Sports Day." Teachers and other faculty members along with students represented their favorite sports teams. Tuesday was "Blast from the Past." We spanned nearly 200 years of history that day, beginning with Mr. Sherman's Abraham Lincoln costume. Wednesday was "Comicon." Students dressed up as their favorite superheroes. Ms. Panday really saved the day with her Green Hornet attire. Thursday was "Dress for Success." Lawyers, doctors, you name it, we had it. Friday, was "Nerd Day." Mr. Seo's *Rubik's Cube* necklace really was the icing on the cake that day. Thanks to the student government and our administrators for allowing the community to show their creative sides.



The senior class will look back on this week with happiness and nostalgia.

Federalists or Anti-Federalists?

By Kayla Fermin

In Mr. Oppenheim's 701 Social Studies class, students held a debate between the Federalists and the Anti-Federalists. Federalists support having a strong national government. Anti-Federalists don't believe in a strong national government. I supported the side of the Anti-Federalists because I believe having a weak central government will bring the people together, allowing them to fight for their own rights.

Federalists in my class asked Anti-Federalists questions such as "If there isn't a central government, *wouldn't the currency of each state be different? How would we trade with one another, if at all?*" The simple answer is that just because the currency is different in each state does not mean that we cannot trade with one another. In fact, it may make it more interesting and fruitful to trade with different currencies. The Anti-Federalists had a follow-up question: "*What would you do if the government turned against you and turned our citizens into slaves?*" The Federalists at first seemed stumped. After a few minutes, they came to the conclusion that they would form a separate army to fight the army responsible for enforcing slavery.

Though both sides presented a good deal of valid points, the Anti-Federalists claimed the victory this time. Our team printed out the Bill of Rights and used evidence within the document to bring together all our earlier points. The undecided representatives, or jurors, claimed that the sole reason they chose the Anti-Federalists as the official winners of the debate was because we used evidence from the Bill of Rights to justify our argument. Thank you to all the teachers of East-West for making us skilled debaters that know real argument requires relevant proof.

Meteor strike in Russia

By Raymond Goss

On Friday, February 15, an astonishing event occurred. In Russia, a meteorite broke into fragments causing great confusion and hysteria among the public. The meteor injured thousands, shattering windows and destroying property.

As the meteor broke into fragments it created a loud sound wave which is what caused most of the destruction to people's property. Astronomers in Russia say that they believe that there will be no more meteors in the region for a long time. A series of video streams and news events have resulted from this astonishing natural occurrence. Get on your laptops, phones, tab-



A photograph taken by a Russian taxi cab driver of the meteor flying across the sky



Mr. Diaz and **The Veiled Dragon** have joined forces! Send responses to Mr. Diaz at cdiaz@ewsis.org:

"There is someone in my class that I really like but I'm not sure if this person feels the same way about me. We are always getting into arguments about school stuff but I figure at least I'm not being ignored by this person. What can I do to have less arguments and more positive conversations? Like I said, I really, really like this person."

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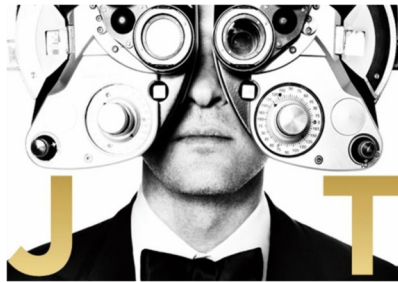
After searching the East-West community for artistic talent, *The Eclipse* brings you Mengxin Gao



No Practice Needed: The 20/20 Experience

By Keana Saunders

Guess who's back? Justin Timberlake! Although his new album, *The 20/20 Experience* hasn't reached stores yet, it is available for pre-order. This is *THE* most anticipated album of the year. Period. He recently performed his song *Suit and Tie Ft Jay-Z* at the 2013 Grammys. The crowd went wild. The song's high number of first-week plays made Billboard history, giving Timberlake the record for the highest-debating song by a male artist. He is cuter than ever and his voice, if possible, is even stronger! The *20/20* experience will definitely be number one on the billboard charts. Look for it in stores and online soon.



Video Game Reviews: *NBA 2K13*

By Rahul Shivnani

NBA 2K13 is arguably the best NBA game out so far. In this game, there are a lot of new features, some new controls, really up-to-date graphics, and modern rosters.

Some of the new features that are in the game are that the "My Player" shoots the ball more realistically in the sense that the formation of the shots and speed is more like real life. Also, when you play exhibition games, you earn coins and you use the coins to update skills. The prices to update the skills are reasonably priced.

The game also contains new "events." In the *NBA 2K13 Dynasty Edition*, players can participate in the NBA All Star Weekend. The weekends host lots of different events including the Rising Stars Challenge (rookies against sophomores), the Dunk Competition, and the Three Point Challenge.

Besides the new features and NBA All Star Weekend, there are also new controls. The new controls, like the new features, make the game more realistic. Instead of using R2 to do a crossover or a trick, players move around the RS analog/button. This makes it more realistic because if players want to perform a crossover, they can move the analog side to side. If a player wants to do a spin, he/she can just spin around the analog.

So with all the new features, the NBA All Star Weekend, the new controls, the updated roster, and the game itself, *NBA 2K13* is may very well be named the "Game of the Year" by various players' magazines.

Back to the NBA All Stars

By Rahul Shivnani

This year's *NBA All Star Game* took place on Sunday, February 17 in Houston, Texas. Sports gurus agree the teams were very well picked. Both teams tried their best to build up momentum to claim the victory. Blake Griffin and LeBron James started off with a lot of dunks. Chris Paul even tried to dribble a ball under Chris Bosh's legs. In the end, it was the West on top of the East winning 143-138, a very close match. Chris Paul was the MVP with a total of 15 amazing assists. The real basketball enthusiasts also can't forget about Neyo's great pre-game performance. It's not always about what goes on during court-time. It's who you are before and after the game. Neyo showed his true colors that day. Basketball fans everywhere look forward to another all star match-up.

Leprechauns! A Tribute to the History Behind the Magic

By Xin Lin

The very first depictions of leprechauns did not sport the bright green outfits we associate with leprechauns today; instead they wore red coats, with linings of gold. Some reports state that they also have red hats that could render them invisible and allow them to travel at great speeds. They were primarily known as forest fairies; they had short beards and bottomed out at about three feet in height. When they weren't fairy-ing they could be caught riding sheep and mending shoes. It was not until the 1993 movie, *Leprechaun*, that leprechauns were depicted as something to be feared. Through the help of Hollywood and general media, Leprechauns have become who they are today: cereal-hoarding, tiny green men.

Real leprechauns are actually very mischievous. They run around hiding things, and are generally considered to be an annoyance to human beings. It is said that leprechauns live in a very secluded spot that is hard to find. No one knows where exactly they came from. The prevailing theory is that they came from land under the sea and settled in Ireland. The earliest sighting of the leprechaun dates back to the 8th century.

The only known way to catch a leprechaun is to go to the end of a rainbow and kidnap him from his home. Spotting a leprechaun or catching a leprechaun is known to bring riches to any individual. Legends say that if you can catch a leprechaun, he grants three wishes. The problem with leprechauns is that they are difficult to catch and they can be extremely slippery; they will lie and cheat to get out of doing something they do not wish to do. Humans are going to have to get more clever to snatch the proverbial pot of gold from our green friends.



Disney Wrecks It

Wreck It Ralph: A Movie Review

By Sequoya Fahie

For as long as I can remember, I have been a Disney girl. From *The Little Mermaid*, to modern fairy tales like *The Princess and the Frog*, Disney is able to wow its audience with valuable lessons and a hint of comedy along the way. Last year, Disney released a new film "Wreck it Ralph". This movie entertains viewers' imaginations of what happens once the arcade closes.

The story follows Ralph otherwise known as "Wreck it Ralph" a character that plays the villain in the game "Fix it Felix Jr." Ralph is ostracized from the *Nicelanders* (who aren't really that nice) because of who he is (and really, think about this for a moment who hasn't felt isolated or alone at times). He sets out on a journey, game jumping to new games known as Hero's Duty and Sugar Rush to win a medal and some respect from the *Nicelanders*. Throughout the journey he tries to prove everyone that he is more than just the "bad guy" by trying to be the "good guy." Along with its comical moments and notable game avatars (like Pac-Man and Sonic the Hedgehog), the movie comes with many messages. One message that deeply touched me was you can be no one but yourself. *Wreck it Ralph* was nominated for the Golden Globe, the Academy Award for Best Animated Feature, and won the Annie Award for Best Animated Feature.