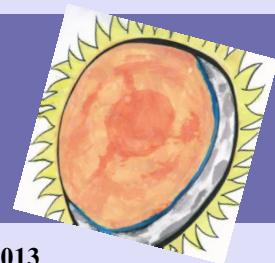


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Illuminating News by East-West Students



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Rachel Carson Playground Adds Comfort

By Xin Lin

Friday, April 5 marked a special day for the enjoyers of Rachel Carson Playground. School staff and New York City Council members joined in a ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate the addition of a comfort station equipped with a bathroom. The new bathroom was made possible by the City Council who gave \$1 million to fund the project. Parks Commissioner, Dorothy Lewandowski, introduced several key speakers such as City Controller, John Liu, Council Member Peter Koo, Community Board Seven's Parks Chair, Kim Ohanian, and John Henry Byas, President of the University Park Tenants Council. The ceremony began with introductions, which then led to a performance from the IS 237 chorus members. They sang their very own rendition of the "Star-Spangled Banner" and "A Thousand Years" (originally performed by Christina Perri). They also led the Pledge of Alliance. Special mention was given to the East-West Color Guard. John Liu reminded us of his name, numerous times while introducing the bathroom. He noted how he would always be told, "I've got to go to the John," or "I've got to go to the loo (liu)." He even reminded us that because he represented Flushing, and could never escape the bathroom puns that accompany his name and career. Peter Koo reiterated the importance of a working bathroom, and John Henry Byas was awarded a Golden Toilet Paper Roll for his advocacy for a bathroom in the park. The Ribbon was later cut and the complimentary flush was given to City Controller John Liu.



From left to right; Ishaque Bakshi, Edwin Bishop, Justin Chow, Michelle Chin, Lorin Cheung, Yi Yan, and Jimmy Park



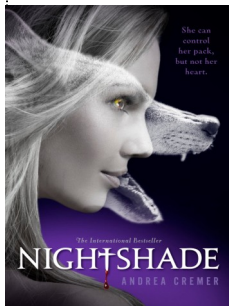
Parks Commissioner, Dorothy Lewandowski introducing City Commissioner, John Liu

Nightshade: Thoughts on the Trilogy by Andrea Cremer

By Anaya Phoenix

Calla is the leader wolf of the *Nighshades*, one of the two wolf packs in town. Her destiny has always been to mate with Ren, the leader of the Bane pack and has spent much of her life preparing for mating. Calla and Ren have never been close, but since the date of their wedding is quickly approaching, they both try and make an effort to get to know one another. They start hanging out after school and realize they have more than just a destiny together; they have a magnetic attraction. Soon after on a routine patrol in Nightshade territory, Calla saves a young hiker-named Shay, from a bear attack by turning into a human right before his eyes. Calla doesn't know why she broke the rules for him, but she wants to forget it ever happened but Shay isn't ready to let her go. He soon pushes his way in and becomes a bigger part of her life than she ever could have imagined. He makes her feel and experience things she's never done before. Calla now realizes that she can become someone other than who she is being forced to be. Calla has her hands full. Does she stay with Ren and learn to love

him? Or does she risk the loss of her pack and everything she's ever known for Shay? And just who is Shay, and where did he come from? Did I mention the Witches War that Calla soon has to face? *The Nightshade Series* is great from the start because it instantly engages the reader. I refused to put it down, each chapter more compelling than the next. I highly recommend this book to any student interested in romance and action.



East-West Writes About Civil Rights

By Devin Council

An essay contest was held in order to commemorate the new Civil Rights Wall located directly in front of our very own Principal Sherman's office. The question? "What does Civil Rights mean to you?" The answers from our contest winners Yuxiong Jiang and Lorin Cheung blew our faculty away. Equipped with prize iTunes gift cards; they won the respect and praise of the student body and faculty. They were even awarded the privilege of accompanying Councilman Kou, Yuh-lin Niou (Chief of Staff to Ron Kim), and Laurence Singer in the ribbon cutting ceremony. Our guests and winners all took a part in cutting the ceremonial ribbon which opened up our Civil Rights Wall. After the event State Assembly Member Nily Rozic, and Rob Kim granted the school with an award recognizing the continuing struggle for the civil rights of all Americans.



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

"My best friend, since elementary school, just came out to me as gay. Now that we are in middle school, I feel our friendship is at risk. This friend has always helped me through all of my problems. But, I don't want other kids thinking I'm gay too because we still hang out together. Do I lose the best friend because of peer pressure or do I show this friend the same loyalty I have received?"



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East-West Artists' Showcase

Edited by Wiley Gao



Above: "Pao Nae" by Kevin Vazcones, Grade 10; Right: "Fantasy World" by Casey Macedo, Grade 7

McCulloch v. Maryland: A Recounting of Events That Brings Up Questions Today

By Sanford Lu

On February 22, 1819, James William McCulloch (head of the Baltimore Branch of the Second Bank of the United States) went to the Supreme Court over a law that had been passed. This law stated that any out-of-state bank was to pay a tax on all paper money issued. Although the law was not worded so that it was specifically targeting the bank, it was interpreted so by the Court. Maryland argued that the law was unconstitutional because the Constitution never specifically stated that the federal government could charter a central bank. McCulloch argued that the government could due to the Necessary and Proper Clause and that Maryland was unconstitutionally interfering with congressional powers. The Court unanimously ruled in favor of McCulloch.

However, in ruling in McCulloch's favor, the Court ignored the 10th Amendment of the Constitution. The 10th Amendment states that any power not delegated to the federal government by the Constitution is reserved for either the states or the people. Furthermore, the US Constitution never stated that chartering a central bank was permitted. Therefore, the Bank was unconstitutional and Maryland was not interfering with congressional powers because chartering a central bank wasn't a power outlined in the Constitution. Thus, the Supreme Court failed to consider every clause and amendment of the Constitution in their ruling.

In addition, the Necessary and Proper Clause was interpreted far too loosely. Yes, the clause states that any bill Congress deems necessary can pass. However, the clause only permits said bill to pass if it is "necessary", to carry out the powers stated in Article One of the Constitution. Is a central bank necessary for taxing, borrowing, and raising revenue in general? Well...no. Therefore, it is logical to question whether the Bank, whose descendant is the Federal Reserve, is constitutional. By relation, it is also logical to question whether the Federal Reserve is constitutional. Therefore, the Supreme Court ruled incorrectly.

Kevin Ware May Not Be Vital to Victory

By Rahul Shivnani

On April 1, during the NCAA Men's Basketball tournament, Louisville guard Kevin Ware suffered a terrible injury. Midway through the game as he was playing, he fell so hard his bone actually came out from his leg. He was taken to the hospital after this very serious injury and is currently relying on a rod which stabilized his injured tibia and will support his body weight. The college sophomore is expected to fully recover. Despite this blow to the Louisville team, they ended up winning the NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament. This was not an expected victory for a team that was missing one of their best players at the time.

East-West Clowns Around

By Bijan Zavieh

On Thursday, February 21, the East-West community introduced East West Clown Tour. Students had the privilege of watching amazing clowns from NYC and Japan perform. The clowns did everything from funny skits to acrobatic juggling. The Japanese clowns were named Nuts, Shanti, Tapi, Tommy, and Kasuki. They excelled at juggling and flipping. The crowd cheered, laughed, and smiled through the whole performance. The NYC clowns were named Muggsy, Toto, Zabo and the host of the EWCT, Cido the Clown. The clowns performance included stilt walking, magic tricks and spinning plates while they sauntered across the stage. The whole event was wonderful and indeed impressive. East-West would love another visit from Cido and his friends. Special thanks is given to the Parent Teacher Association and the East-West staff for making this event possible.

Kaichō wa Maid-sama: A review from an anime guru

By Sequoya Fahie

Over the summer, I've ventured into the world of anime, specifically into the romance and comedy genre. I soon stumbled upon *Kaichō wa Maid-sama!* The series is about a student-body President named Misaki. Misaki secretly works in a café so as not to tarnish her reputation at school as respectable president. However when her identity is exposed to the school's golden boy (and pervert) Usui, her life is turned upside down. Along with this drama Misaki must deal with the pressures of being the first female president of her school on top of the usual pressure of working in the hectic Maid Café. Along with its humor, female students of East-West may particularly enjoy this; Misaki is a strong female character with a strong work ethic and an independent spirit.

