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Huang Withdraws Support from Dallas Cowboys

by Charlie Waters

In a stunning development that is still sending shockwaves all over the sports fans world, Mr. Huang has withdrawn all financial and moral support from the Dallas Cowboys.

"I cannot root for any team that hires Terrell Owens as a player. If I root for the Cowboys, I will be rooting for his success. I refuse to do that," said Huang in an official statement.

Owens, a known troublemaker and showboat, has always been an enemy of the Cowboys since the game where he celebrated two touchdowns on top of the sacred star at Texas Stadium.

Huang, a Cowboys fan since 1977, is not the only fan abandoning the team. Fan forums all over the internet have been bombarded with messages from now former Cowboy fans. The exodus has sparked a war of words between

the disgruntled fans and those who stay with the team, both of which consider themselves the true Dallas fans.

"I am still the biggest Dallas fan," said Huang. "I'm just temporarily in exile until Owens is off the team."

Kingdom's Motto Chosen by Divine Landslide Vote

by Nathaniel Bumppo

The citizens of 109 by an overwhelming majority chose "Mathematica ad nauseum" as the first ever motto of the Kingdom.

With 66% of the vote, the new motto, meaning "Mathematics to the point of sickness", left second place "Vivat rex" (meaning "Long live the king") in the dust. "Q.E.D." Mr. Huang's personal favorite came in last with 5% of the vote.

The first use of the new motto will be the adornment of the inaugural flag of 109 which is still in the design phase.

Unfortunately, progress on the flag has been slow, but the Council assures us that the pace has picked up.

An interesting fact eased the disappointment of the supporters of other mottos when it was learned that exactly 109 citizens voted that day.

"I feel better now knowing that the vote was guided by divine providence. I mean, what are the chances exactly 109 people would vote today?" said one citizen in 5th period.

Motto Voting Results:

Mathematica ad nauseum	66%
Vivat rex	14%
Mathematica defensor	8%
Ad infintum	7%
Q.E.D.	5%

Giant Turtles Spotted on West Coast

by Lewis Clark

Beachgoers on the west coast recently spotted two giant turtles

playing offshore. Marine biologists were called in to investigate. Much like whales, turtles who suffer from illness have been known to beach themselves.

The scientists concluded that the giant turtles, temporarily named Flo and Joe, were “just hanging around to see what the crazy humans were up to.”

Meanwhile, the new beach attractions have helped rescue the tourism industry in the west coast.

High Council Decides on Stupid Questions

by Bimbo Coles

In a landmark case, the High Council decided that the question: “Is the homework due tomorrow?” can be called a stupid question. However, the Council also stated that only Mr. Huang can call it a stupid question. For a student to call it a stupid question would be a direct violation of the primary rule of the Kingdom: “Respect every breathing and non-breathing thing in the classroom.”

Since the Constitution clearly states that “there are no stupid questions

in math”, the public was eager to hear how the Council would interpret the phrase. Council member #2 said: “The Council interprets the phrase ‘in math’ to refer to things pertaining to the subject of math. The question we are judging was not a math question. It was a procedural question. Since it is obvious to anyone and his mother that homework is due the next day unless otherwise stated, the question was a stupid question.”

Ask Arvid

Dear Arvid,

I’m never sure if we have to turn in HW or not. Sometimes I take my HW to the crate when we don’t have to, and then I feel like an idiot. How can I know?

Arvid: When the crate is turn over or if there is no Skill Drills, don’t turn in HW.

Dear Arvid,

I sit in the front of my column. I get distracted from Skill Drills when Mr. Huang gives me people’s HW to pass back. I’m sure this has

prevented me from getting perfect Skill Drills.

Arvid: Try this. Put all the HWs in a pile, and don’t pass any of them back until you are done with all five Skill Drills questions.

Dear Arvid,

I often forget to turn in my homework even though I do it everyday.

Arvid: Slap yourself. Then slap yourself again.

Dear Arvid,

I run out of time during tests. Between staring off into space and drawing aliens on my test paper, I just can’t seem to finish on time. Help me please!

Arvid: I’m not even going to dignify that question with an answer.

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Huang!!!
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Some Say 109 Discriminates

by Tiffany Brown

A new movement has risen in the Kingdom which could rattle 1st period and the authority of Mr. Huang.

Several leaders from periods other than 1st period have expressed the desire to have the right to be datemaster, a request that Mr. Huang has initially denied.

In fact, there is nothing in the constitution that requires the datemaster to be from 1st period. The Kingdom has always chosen a datemaster from 1st period simply to be practical. However, the non-1st period citizenry cries discrimination.

Since the issue is not addressed in the Constitution, Mr. Huang could simply open the vote for the new datemaster to all periods, but sources say he is reluctant to do that.

Student Asks Same Question for 25th Time This Year

by Hugh Novart

Bells rang out and confetti rained as a student in 7th period

asked the same question for the 25th time this year, breaking the previous record of 24.

The student, who shall remain nameless, once again asked how x squared could equal 25 when x is negative 5.

“There are always a few students every year who never fully understand this,” said Mr. Huang. “It’s just really counterintuitive until you’ve practiced it a lot. Remember, x is a box!”

Huang resorts to paper bart tests

by Marcia Brady

“I couldn’t believe my luck,” said Mr. Huang. After three separate attempts at the 7th grade BART test, 1st and 2nd period were still unable to get in.

Mr. Huang, who loathes the test, calling it another drop of poison for education courtesy of the evil NCTM, informed Longfellow of his intention to skip BART completely. He received a strong warning from the powers that be. BART is not an option.

So 1st and 2nd took the test on paper to appease them. A meeting is scheduled with the

powers that be to discuss the results of the testing.

“The sooner we get rid of BART, the better things will be,” said Mr. Huang. “I can teach twice as much material in less time than BART.”

Skill Drills Standings:

7th grade

Seungin Sohn 14
Andrew Kim 12
Lind Kim 8
Wade Zhang 8
Sungmin Sohn 7
John Yoo 7

8th grade

Nick Tobat 7
Ja Young Choi 6
Daniel Goers 3
Christine Tran 3

News & notes:

2) Jimmy Clark will represent Longfellow on the Virginia Mathcounts team at Nationals.

1) 5th and 7th periods reviewed the grammatical error *comma splice* before the writing SOL.

2) 1st and 2nd periods reviewed *future perfect* and *past perfect* tenses

3) Yellow and blue make green.

4) The capital of Burkina Faso is Ouagadougou.

