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Thank you....

3rd Q Flagbearers:

- 1st: Yanis-Adam Mehel
- 2nd: Colin Supik
- 3rd: Kyle Li
- 5th: Clement Ding
- 6th: Delaney Raptis

Datemasters:

- 1st: Guillermo Javierre Carmona
- 2nd: Kay Thomas

Raheb Seeks Attorney General Position

By Ivy Bailey

On March 23, Holly Raheb expressed firm interest in becoming the next Attorney General of the Kingdom of 109. There was one problem though. She didn't know what an attorney general is.

It all started with 2nd period's plan to

invade 201 across the hall. Two invasion plans have been submitted to Mr. Huang for review. The decision on which plan to accept has been delayed because of "constitutional difficulties". In short, under the 109 Constitution, Mr. Huang

feels he doesn't have the right to invade without cause. "Invading another country without cause kind of contradicts the 109 mission of protecting Longfellow," said Mr. Huang. "We run the risk of losing allies and being sanctioned."

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License Plate Mysteriously Falls

By Robbie Arnott

During Spring Break, something happened in 109 that has never happened before, and now citizens are wondering if this incident means 109 is coming to an end.

Since the beginning of K109, a Virginia license plate has hung above the front door. During Spring Break, it fell to the floor. Mr. Huang didn't think anything of it, but the more su-

perstitious are afraid it might point to something ominous approaching.

"The Dark Cloud is going to get worse," said one citizen.

"It's a new prophecy. There won't be any two turtles. It's going to be the license plate!"

The reference to the two turtles refers to the prophecy of the two turtles, signaling the end of the Kingdom of 109.

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Huang Favors Challenge Instead of Invasion

By Dave Critchley

After expressing displeasure in his own idea of invading and annexing Room 201, Mr. Huang has a new idea for annexing 201 without resorting to violence.

"I know a real attack sounds fun, but the Kingdom of 109 doesn't do that unless we are helping those who can't help themselves, like Tieland when Calamito and Morris took over," said Mr. Huang.

Mr. Huang's new idea involves K109 and 201 each choosing a champion to duel it out. The dueling activity would be chosen by the two sides.

"I like the idea of a factoring duel," said Mr. Huang. "I have a lot of talented people to choose from, and Mrs. Postlethwaite has 8th graders taking Geometry. We stand a good chance."

The proposal would be that the loser, presumably R201, would become part of the Kingdom of 109 for the rest of the 2021-22 year.

Balaji Gets Testy

By Katie Hopkins

On 3/16, Atul Kotamaraju had trouble reading the faded #1 on that day's Skill Drills. He couldn't quite make out the denominator of the fraction. That's when Dheethya Balaji got testy.

"Get eyes," she said.

Kotamaraju didn't appreciate that and briefly glared at her.

"I think perhaps Dheethya needs to get eyes," said one citizen in the back row. "Atul obviously has eyes. Ok, maybe he doesn't have the best

eyes. He wears glasses, sits in the front row, and still has trouble reading the questions. But he definitely has eyes."

Recent Skill Drills for 3rd and 5th period have looked more faded recently. One reason is that blue ink instead of black ink was used for the more recent SD sets. There is a plan to transcribe all blue ink SDs to black ink, but that plan is caught up in red tape.

Burke's Question Incites Riot

By Will Mounsey

On March 17, Aidan Burke asked an innocent question. Was the tens digit in #4 a nine or a six?

"Actually, it's a three," answered Mr. Huang, after a long pause.

Burke was incredulous. Some citizens could see how Burke misread the digit. Then Logan Shundi let out a howl of exasperation. He had already done the problem, thinking that three "3" was a "7", and now he had to start all over.

Immediately, debate raged

throughout 6th period about whether the "3" looked more like a 9, 6, or 7.

After the debate subsided a bit, Mr. Huang had another opinion:

"If anything, I could see how one could think it's an 8," he said.

6th period erupted again, as very few citizens could see the number that way. Mr. Huang later admitted he never thought it was an 8. He just wanted to see how angry the mob would get.

Gong Misses Out Twice, Raptis Rides Perfect 3rd Quarter ; More Changes to Skill Drills Cup

By Lizzie Seccombe

In a stunning turn of events, Xiwen Gong, perfect through the first two quarters, shockingly missed out in weeks #12 and #15.

In contrast, Delaney Raptis of 6th period had a perfect 3rd quarter, allowing her to take the lead in this year's Skill Drills Cup 13-11.. Yeeyung Li of 1st period was perfect 3 out of 4 weeks and is currently in 2nd place with 12.

This means Gong, the odds-on favorite after two quarters to win it all, will have to be perfect in the 4th quarter and hope Raptis and Li commit some uncharacteristic mistakes.

In addition to having fewer weeks of Skill Drills this year, K109 has decided to pull two Skill Drill traditions that have been present since the competition's inception.

Due to the abbreviated Skill Drills season, the dreaded Kill Drills and the beloved Skill Drills for the Masses (aka Skill Drills

Cooper-style) will not happen this year.

"There just isn't time to insert those two special weeks of Skill Drills," said Mr. Huang.

By tradition, 4th quarter usually includes one week of very difficult Skill Drills known as "Kill Drills" followed by one week of very easy Skill Drills, commonly known as "Skill Drills, Cooper-style" or Skill Drills for the Masses. Kill Drills is a chance for the very best to strut their stuff. The easy week is a chance for anyone and everyone to finally get that elusive first perfect SD.

Prognosticators now say the race for the Cup will end after week 19, much earlier than earlier thought.

"We are witnessing the dismantling of one of the great Longfellow and 109 traditions," said one analyst.

Perfect SDs through SD #16

14: Delaney Raptis
 13: Yeeyung Li, Michelle Lin
 12: Xiwen Gong, Kathryn Wu, Seongwoo Ju, Eric Xie
 11: Maximilien Lee, Nahyeon Ryoo, Kalan Warusa
 10: Justin Lin, Ruby Trent
 8: Luke Swigart, Daniel Vladimiroff, Daniel Choi, Ryan Qi, Jiwon Ryu
 7: Elaine Zhang, Dheethya Balaji, Kyle Li, Sophia Ren, Evan Choi
 6: Yanling Lin, Rosie Liu, Zain Marshall, Ryan Kang, Joshua Lee, Andrew Chane, Siyoon Kim, Jean Yoo
 5: Amiti Ganguly, Aarushi Kani-gicherla, Indira Melvin, Yi Min Hou
 4: Jihun Hwang, Yongwon Lee, Alex Gan, Siryn Grinbergs, Nayeon Kim
 3: Sophia Guo, Joshua Zhou, Daniel Kim, Andrew Nguyen, Austen Kimmett, Delilah Tanner
 2: Sam Emory, Tyler Jeong, Jennifer Neigel, Ryan Riggins, Samhita Som, Jiayu Chen, Sonia Qiao, Jeffrey Yin, Elisabeth Beach, Allison Cheng, Yunah Choi, Drake Galbraith, Sophia Wallace
 1: Luke Callanen, Richard Deng, Jack Franz, Arya Goswami, Siu Jeong, Jooha Kim, Yanis-Adam Mehal, Emmanuel Onyejekwe, Norris Cowdhury, Atul Kotamaraju, Boya Kou, Yael Lan, Maria Ayzavazyan, Carter Deevy, Holly Raheb, Ester Lilaj, Aidan Burke, Charlotte Chien, Daisy Lin, Aimee Liu, Jack Russo

Ask Arvid

Answers to Questions in an Ever-Confusing World

Dear Arvid:

choices for answers. How fun!

Why do desks in 209 always face the same way?

Dear Arvid:

Dear Observer:

Is it true that Mrs. Freeman had a job dropping bombs on military targets?

We are all on the same path that will end at the same place. It's better that we face the way we are going so we are prepared to face that end together.

Dear Bloodthirsty:

Dear Arvid:

Not exactly. She almost got a job writing quadratic functions for computers so that ordinance fired from planes would hit their intended targets.

Why don't we ever have multiple-choice questions on tests?

Dear Arvid:

Dear Lazy Bones:

What happens if Mr. Huang breaks a law in the 109 Constitution?

Actually, every question is a multiple-choice question. You may be thinking of questions that have only four or five choices. How boring! That's why we stick with questions with an infinite number of

Dear Curious:

And that is why we have an Attorney General.

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"The Kingdom of 109 is not the beginning and end of this universe," said F. W. de Djerk. "The universe is bigger than K109, so one must not read too much into the end of 109. The world will go on. 109 citizens will go on. Longfellow will go on. Mr. Huang will go on. The Phoss will go on. The true end is far away yet."

**Quiz Bowl —
News and Notes**

- LMS A finished 3rd at Burleigh Manor
- LMS A finished 1st at SPRING
- LMS B finished 2nd at SPRING
- This spring's 2022 MSNCT will be Longfellow's 11th appearance at the tournament. LMS has finished 2nd three times and 3rd place once in MSNCT's 11-year history.

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"Why don't we just change the Constitution?" asked Raheb.

Mr. Huang agreed that they could do that. However, an attorney general is required to approve any changes to the Constitution, and Mr. Huang did not appoint one this year. Raheb immediately started looking up what an attorney general does. However, she was reading the description of the US Attorney General, not the AG of the Kingdom of 109. Apparently, she didn't know there was a difference, and it's also not clear if she knew 109 even had a constitution.

"If she wants to be AG, she has some homework to do," said Mr. Huang.