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"We are not small potatoes."

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109 thanks 3rd Q Flagbearers:

1st: Kimberly Han

2nd: Frank Ding

4th: Mason Duncan

5th: Robert Hamilton

6th: Rafael Perez

LT: Rafael Perez

Datemaster:

Lauren Grohowski

New LT Government Does Little

By Louis Napp

Now that the new Lancer Time bicameral legislature has been in place for over two months, one would expect the quality of Lancer Time life to have improved. As it turns out, not much has changed.

Once the members of the House of Mangoes and House of Large Potatoes

were elected (which in itself took over a week to complete), both houses started discussing new laws that could be passed. However, nothing of note has been passed.

The new members of the House of Mangoes are: Shihao Cao, Frank Ding, Asia Kurtalic. House of Large Po-

tatoes: Jack Donovan, Jonathan Kaplan, Jana Kral.

"If the recipients of power don't accomplish anything, has the monarch actually relinquished anything?" asked Mr. Huang.

"More government leads to less efficiency. That is why a ruling body of one works and democracy produces chaos."

Yin Repeats as Pi Champion, Sun Wins P-1

By Bobby Winston

Wendy Yin prevailed in the 2014 Longfellow Pi Contest, joining Will Mannon as the only two-time champions.

In the days leading up to the contest, most analysts considered 2014 to be a two-person race between Yin and 7th grader Adam Ardeishar who was

rumored to know over 500 digits. Yin, who won 2013 with 510, was expected to exceed that this year, but sources close to her confirmed that her improvement over last year was not substantial.

With the 7th graders going first, the crowd got to see Arde-

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Deng Mistaken for Intruder

By Eliot Ness

On March 18, Jason came in with a new haircut and was subsequently marked absent.

His long silky locks gone, Deng was rendered unrecognizable to the naked eye. Only microscopes or magnifying glasses could reveal the truth: that Deng was not a spy from a neighboring nation but actually himself, Jason Deng, citizen of 109. Unfortunately, no microscopes or magnifying glasses were on hand at first.

Mr. Huang, also duped, decided to call the intruder New Boy. 1st period treated him as a normal citizen.

"In 109, we treat outsiders with the same dignity as we treat ourselves," said Mr. Huang. "New Boy has a brain, and two legs and two arms just like we do. Why should we treat him any differently?"

Even though New Boy had the same mannerisms as Deng, such as acting unprepared when asked a question, Mr. Huang did not recognize Deng until a magnifying glass was finally presented to him.

Jensen Attracted to Light

By Gary Larsen

At around 12:10 each day, Austin Jensen is fascinated. That is the time when the light above the white board flickers on; class is over for Austin.

"He just enters another world," said Maria McHugo. "If he had wings, he would probably levitate toward the light and get zapped like a mosquito."

"I can't help it," said Jensen. "I love the light. I live in the light. There is so much darkness in the world. We need the light."

A quick perusal of the news confirms that there is much darkness in the world. Perhaps Jensen is on to something.

"Normally I would chastise a citizen for not paying attention," said Mr. Huang. "But how can I chastise someone who loves the world and wants to spread the light?"

Mr. Huang has not said anything to Jensen about the source of the light, most likely a polluting power plant.

1st Period Apparently Blind

By Annie Sullivan

At the beginning of each 1st period, Mr. Huang has to be careful not to step on any citizens. The reason? Skill Drills.

Apparently, half of 1st period is blind because as soon as Skill Drills starts, throngs flock to the floor just in front of the board to read the five problems.

"I can understand people like Lauren, Joel and Siona coming to the front because

they sit in the back," said Mr. Huang. "But Matthew? He's in the second row!"

Calls to Lee's parents confirm that his eyesight is very poor.

"He almos brinded himself with own chopstick," said his mother. "Ever since, we make him wear face shield and eat with spoon."

Other blind students include Susan Suh and Richard Wang.

Ardeishar Takes the Lead

By Eddie Arcaro

Using trademark accuracy, Adam Ardeishar of 4th period broke last quarter's tie with fellow citizen Yujung Lee and opened up a two-perfects lead. With less than ten weeks to go, Lee may not be able to catch him.

Lee had taken a one perfect lead in Week 16, but Ardeishar aced 18, 19 and 20, taking advantage of key mistakes by Lee.

Meanwhile, Siona Prasad of 1st seems to have awoken from her slumber with per-

fects in weeks 19 and 20. Richard Wang, not having registered a single perfect all quarter, has fallen out of contention.

Eric Sun (5th) and Lauren Grohowski (1st) both made strides with three perfects apiece, but they look to have only a small chance at challenging for 3rd place.

With one quarter to go and Kill Drills still to come, 54 out of 109's 102 citizens (about 53%) this year have at least one perfect Skill Drill.

(Yin Wins Pi Contest, continued from page 1)

Ardeishar do his thing before seeing Yin who, as defending champion, had the privilege of going last. Ardeishar managed to recite approximately 500 digits. Yin seemed to do approximately the same. However, the final scores revealed that Ardeishar had made an error on digit #281, giving Yin, who recited 550, the clear victory. Williams Sun was 3rd with 166 digits.

"I dedicate this to my sister," said a tearful Yin, whose sister Jennifer was the Pi champion in 2010.

Saroja Erabelli's record 1020, set in 2011, still stands.

Immediately following the Pi Contest, 109 hosted the first-ever P-1 Contest. In this contest, all participants in unison recite: "P1, P2, P3 ..." until one makes an error, laughs or decides the contest is a waste of time (which it is). Those with the best shot at winning are people who: 1) can count 2) have strong determination and 3) don't mind wasting time. The inaugural winner of the Longfellow P-1 Contest was William Sun with a score of P-235.

The next day, Yin and Sun had the privilege of carrying the All-purpose trophy.

Skill Drills Standings (after SD #20)

- 13: Adam Ardeishar
- 11: Yujung Lee
- 10: Siona Prasad, Naman Rai
- 8: Richard Wang
- 7: Eric Sun
- 6: Ethan Wood-Thomas
- 5: Lauren Grohowski, Shihao Cao
- 4: Rishil Mysore
- 3: Alice Fontaine, Peter Lee, Lora Zhou, Bilen Essayas, Rachel Sohn, Grace Li, John Lee, Praveen Vinayak
- 2: Genevieve Deeken, Lauren Grohowski, Asia Kurtalic, Joel Lee, Alex Ton, Yurim Kim, John Lee, Praveen Vinayak, Thea Wang, Deniz Nemli, Jack Beckner, John Wu, Nicole Owens, Seungmin Shin, Joyce Yang, Alex Yang, Will Hammond, Eric Lee, Lynn Nguyen, Robert Hamilton, Ariane Richard
- 1: Andrew Kim, Jonathan Li, Ian Ghasemian, Stephanie Manning, Isabella Swigart, Brian Collins, Sebastian Ibarra-ran, Khang Le, Grace Chung, Alex Surratt, Emily Simons, Andrew Swenson, Ellen Chen, Jack Donovan, Andrew Liao

Spring Trivia Night

Friday, April 25

6:30 pm

Lecture Hall

Ask Arvid

*Arvid is on paid leave in an undisclosed location searching for a heretofore unnamed missing piece of an undated device of unknown origin or purpose. Also, he has a cold.