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3rd Q Flagbearers:

1st: Rebecca Hatanpaa

2nd: Hanna Boughanem

3rd: Alyssa Gorbaneva

5th: Larry Shi

6th: Reeve Adakroy

DM: Winston Chin

Ambassador: Eva Grau

Attorney General: Alyssa Gorbaneva

## K109 Ratifies New Constitution

By Coleman Astis

On April 4, Mr. Huang ratified a new Constitution of the Kingdom of 109. This is the second constitution in the history of K109.

To ratify a constitution, there must be a unanimous vote. Only Mr. Huang is allowed to vote. He voted 'yes'.

The new constitution, known as the Gorbaneva Codex, in

honor of its chief architect, Alyssa Gorbaneva, attempts to more precisely define 109 constructs and close loopholes in the original Huang Codex.

The more compartmentalized Gorbaneva Codex has articles and sections much like the Constitution of the United States. The document also allows for amendments.

Constitution scholars are now analyzing the document to see if it gives the king more power than before.

"I think Ms. Gorganeva did an excellent job," said Mr. Huang. "It's a much more convincing document than the first one."

When asked if citizens have rights yet, Mr. Huang replied simply.

"No, 109 works just fine without that."

## 109 Embassy Installed in Queendom of 163

By Ernest Givens

With little pomp or circumstance, the brand new 109 embassy of 163 was installed.

The gothic style architecture, designed by Ambassador Eva Grau, hearkens back to an age of chivalry. Smooth, solid walls and towers give way to a more elegant interior with wall-to-wall carpeting highlighted with a silver walkway down the middle to a throne. There are also several chairs with

cellos and violins nearby for entertainment.

"I like it," said Mr. Huang. "It is stately, yet homey."

"I am very proud of it," said Grau.

Mrs. Collins, Queen of 163, is very happy with the new embassy, and so far, she is very happy with her still new relationship with 109.

"Best alliance ever," she said. It is her first alliance, so that may not be saying much.

## Lai Amazed By Honking Car

By Usury Liu

On February 9, during Skill Drills, a normal sound pierced the quiet air of 2nd period, but for some reason, Brian Lai thought it was something extra special.

When a car horn went off outside, Lai jumped out of his seat and ran to the window to look outside. Like a toddler hearing a sound for the first time in his life, Lai's eyes scanned for the source of the noise. What could it be?

"It's great to see young people experience new things," said Mr. Huang. "That's what brings me joy each day."

Mr. Huang explained to Lai that the sound he was hearing was called a car horn. People honk their horn when they've had enough of waiting, but sometimes horns go off on their own.

"I remember when I heard my first car horn," said one fellow citizen of Lai. "I was fascinated. I was enthralled. I wanted to know more. So I know how Brian feels."

After a brief redirection, Lai returned to his seat with a satisfied smile on his face.

Now 2nd period is waiting to see what will happen if they hear thunder, a lawn mower or an ambulance.

## Leverett traded to 3rd Period

By Felicity Speights

In the first-ever three-way trade, Daniel Leverett of 2nd period was traded to 3rd.

3rd period sent cash and a 2nd round draft pick to Mrs. Postlethwait, and in return 2nd period received minor league prospect Hyun Jin Shin.

The trade has worked well for all parties. Leverett has three perfect SDs in 3rd quarter for a total of five. Shin doesn't have any perfects yet, but showing her potential, on four occasions, she only missed one question per week. She could have easily

had four perfects during 3rd quarter. Plus, she has a penmanship advantage over Leverett. She might be in the running for Best Penmanship.

There is much speculation as to what Ms. Postlethwait will do with the cash. Will she buy candy for her citizens? Will she buy a car? Will she save it for a rainy day? Nobody knows.

Leverett also brings creative problem-solving skills to complement 3rd period stalwarts Alyssa Gorbaneva, Derek Liu and Rohan Damani.

## Ling Makes Basket After Six Attempts

By Peter Grimes

The 5th period citizens that had the patience to wait had to wait for a long time. Evan Ling just kept missing.

Ling was trying to make a basket in the trash can with a crumpled up piece of paper from a distance of about seven feet. When he missed once, nobody thought anything of it. The second miss also did nothing. After the third miss, some fellow citizens started to pay attention. Was he missing on purpose?

Apparently not, since Ling looked increasingly disappointed at every miss. After the fifth miss, he could be heard asking

God for intervention.

"It was pretty clear that under the natural laws of physics, Evan was never going to make that shot," said one citizen bystander. "He needed supernatural aid."

Whether or not he actually received that supernatural help, no one will ever know for sure, but Evan Ling did finally make that basket on the sixth shot. He was happy now.

"There are a lot of factors to consider when shooting baskets with paper," said Mr. Huang. "There's the shape of the paper ball, your wrist action and even the breathing of the people around you. As with anything, it takes practice."

## Qi Nearing Ardeishar’s Mark

By Doogie Howser, M.D.

At the end of 3rd quarter, Mr. Huang was obliged to give a call to Adam Ardeishar, all-time Perfect Skill Drills leader (21).

“It’s a tradition, “ Mr. Huang. “If someone gets close to the record, I call the current record-holder to notify them. I don’t tell them to get out a voodoo doll out or anything.”

This time, the threat to the record is Jeanie Qi who has 16 perfects after three quarters. She was an amazing 7/7 in the 3rd quarter.

“Her consistency is impres-

sive,” said a fellow citizen.

“Adam didn’t seem to worried,” said Mr. Huang. “He knows Kill Drills is coming and 4th quarter in general has a lot of pressure.”

Doing her best to catch Qi is Alyssa Gorbaneva of 3rd period who has 12 perfects. If it weren’t for Qi, she would be receiving all the attention this year.

Eric Deeken (1st) and Alison Wan (2nd) have also been on fire as of late, scoring five perfects in 3rd quarter. It’s a shame some of these late bloomers didn’t bloom earlier in the year.

## Alliance with 200 in the Works

By Dick Van Patten

The long-awaited formal alliance between 209 and 200 may come to fruition before the end of 4th quarter.

Ambassador Eva Grau has been working behind the scenes to build the relationship. Mr. Huang and Ms. Godwin have exchanged gifts on an informal level, and Ms. Grau, an accomplished seamstress, has offered to sew a flag for 200 if they come up with a design. Attorney General Gorbaneva has determined that this act of kindness would not violate the new constitution.

Critics, however, are worried that 109’s kindness has gone too far.

“We don’t even have a treaty with them yet, and we’re making their flag for them?” asked one citizen who wished to remain anonymous.

The right-wing citizen organization, 109 First, released this statement:

“We at 109 First believe and have always believed that treaties should be initiated by others. What happened to the strong 109 that freed Tieland and defeated Mr. Calamito (aka Dr. Donut)? Where is the 109 that once was great? Any king who sacrifices 109 sovereignty for the sake of supposed good will is betraying the Kingdom of 109. ”

## Skill Drills Standings (after SD #21)

- 15: Jeanie Qi
- 12: Alyssa Gorbaneva
- 11: Alison Wan
- 10: Halasya Malladi
- 9: Eric Deeken, Alan Vladimiroff
- 8: Derek Liu, Youngmin Kwon
- 7: Maxx Yang, Rachel Trainer, Ella Park
- 6: Rohan Damani
- 5: Winston Chin, Rebecca Zhang, Zach Paikin, Brian Lai, Sarina Saran, Benoy Sen, Daniel Leverett, Sanne Wu
- 4: Emilie Kim, Valerie Li, Audrey Yin, Zak Scavotto, Jeongwoo Yoo
- 3: Nathan Cao, Abi Sastry, Avery Barnett, Dermot Molony
- 2: Matthew Xue, Sean Choi, Kevin Fan, Mike Husk, Kacy Lee, Mallika Dandamundi, Saahir Rattani
- 1: Toby Schultz, Andrew Greenberg, Colin Wang, Hanna Boughanem, Jessica Feng, Hyun Jin Shin, Nicole Chan, Max Hudson, Isabella Tian, Anjali Kesari, Blaire Zhao, Clara Hyun, Rachel Silverman, Daniel House, Nika Jorbenadze

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Answers to Questions in an Ever-Changing World \_\_\_\_\_

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