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1st: Mark Karam

2nd: Tanner Coerr

3rd: Jaiden Khemani

4th: Tanmay Neema

7th: Jean Lavigne Du Cadet

DM: Katherine Zhang

Ambassador: Faraz Mirza

Attorney General: Karina Bhatt

Rug Coalition Successful

By Carol Collier

Some citizens just miss the good old days of Story Time and Morning Meeting in preschool and elementary school. The Rug Coalition led by Carmen Henick and Kyra Macomber of 3rd Period successfully convinced Mr. Huang to get a rug for 109.

The rug, named Ralph by Macomber, was placed near the front of the room on

April 12. Other than being just an eye-catcher, Ralph the Rug is slated to be a meeting place for things like Story Time, Morning Meeting or Show and Tell.

"If it's Story Time, can we hear selections from the Communist Manifesto?" Timo Brown.

Funds for the rug came from donations from 109 citizens as

well as non-109 citizens.

At first, Mr. Huang was hesitant but changed his mind after Henick and Macomber showed him some rug samples. Henick, who *really* misses her early years of school, favored rugs with letters and numbers on it whereas Macomber gravitated toward more complex themes. Both agreed that the rug had to have some red to match the existing red undertones (whatever

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Mr. Huang Relinquishes Power for One Week

By Josephine Umana

After ruling Mr. Huang's recent unpopular "textbook tax" on some 7th Period citizens unconstitutional, Attorney General Karina Bhatt took the extra step of punishing the king in an unprecedented manner.

In her decision, Bhatt stated that Mr. Huang's violation of Amendment 1 would result in not just the immediate repeal of the "textbook tax" but the relinquishing of Mr.

Huang's executive, legislative and judicial powers for one week. Those powers will now conveniently fall to the Attorney General Bhatt and Ambassador Faraz Mirza.

The "textbook tax" applied to 7th Period citizens who were also members of Lancer Time. The tax was actually a 25 cent rental fee on Algebra 2 books during LT only. It was announced on Blackboard on April

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109 Power Shift?

By Robert Perez

The office of the king insists that the monarchy is as strong as ever, but the public has begun to wonder if we are witnessing a shift in power before our very eyes.

“While AG Bhatt’s interpretation of Amendment 1 was a bit liberal in my opinion, I can certainly see the logic in her conclusion,” said Mr. Huang.

Mr. Huang managed to agree and disagree with Bhatt’s decision in the same sentence. A small minority of 109ers are not so happy with Bhatt’s decision.

“I’m going to talk to Karina about the flaws in her logic,” said Anahi Hernani Vidal.

Others are starting to wonder about Mr. Huang’s abilities. Why didn’t Mr. Huang change the Constitution, as is his right, before implementing the “textbook tax” or simply fire Bhatt? Perhaps he is setting 109 up for sweeping changes once he returns to power on Tuesday, April 30.

Or, perhaps Mr. Huang doesn’t know the Constitution as well as we think, even though he approved every word of it, and even wrote most of it himself.

“If he doesn’t know the Constitution well, that’s disconcerting,” said one citizen. “If he knew he might be breaking the law and did it anyway, that’s much worse.”

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that means) in 209,

“It’s not just a rug,” said Henick. “It’s a movement. A movement toward a better time, a time of innocence...and cupcakes and pajama days.”

Some citizens, like Jiwoo Hwang, want to hear stories about the history of 109. Others, like Attorney General Karina Bhatt, just shake their heads and want to move on to the math lessons.

“I don’t think Karina has a good attitude about the rug,” said one 3rd Period citizen. “I think she should be impeached.”

Bhatt has the full support of Mr. Huang, and the AG cannot be impeached because the hold-

er of the office is appointed, not elected. Only Mr. Huang can decide to replace the AG.

Others took a more philanthropist approach to the money raised for the rug.

“We raised so much money in just one week,” said one citizen. “We could have put it to better use like feeding the hungry. I hear the citizens of the Matharchy of 200 are really poor and destitute. I mean, look at their flag. It’s so small and flimsy.”

On the rug’s first day, Jiwoo Hwang, AJ Sachwitz, and Henick sat on the rug for Skill Drills, but Henick was so excited that she sat with her back to the wall before realizing she had to turn around to see the Skill Drills questions.

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11 as a fundraiser for a new flagpole and flag stand. Citizens were not enthused and chose not doing homework during LT. The effect of the tax on citizen behavior raised the eyebrows of the Attorney General. According to Amendment 1, passed just last year:

“No law may be put in place if it prevents 109 citizens from pursuing or expressing mathematics.”

Bhatt argued that the fee itself created undue stress on the citizens who were trying to do their homework.

Without argument, Mr. Huang accepted the initial order to repeal the tax, but then Bhatt came out with the surprising

decision to punish the king for violating the Constitution with the temporary loss of powers.

Bhatt had to quickly write a revision of the Constitution to allow for transfer of temporary powers. The new Article 1 Section 5 reads:

“Any time that the monarch is unable to perform his duties, the attorney general and ambassador of the Kingdom of 109 should take up the legislative, executive, and judicial parts of the kingdom. The ambassador deals with any legislative and executive duties concerning foreign affairs, while the attorney general deals with issues within the kingdom.”

Mr. Huang’s week as simply figurehead monarch began on Tuesday, April 23 at 7:13 am.

Neema's Perfect 3rd Quarter Pads Lead

By John Lee

The Neema train rolls on without a hitch. Tanmay Neema of 4th Period had a perfect 3rd quarter to up his total to 18, putting him only five away from tying Michelle Kang's record of 23.

Raka Adakroy, Catherine Jeon, Angeline Zhao and Ryan Chun, all doing their best to close the gap, had a strong 3rd quarter with six perfects each, but catching Neema is close to mathematically impossible with only 5-6 weeks of Skill Drills remaining. Chun, taking three quarters to finally warm up, is

celebrating his first six perfects of the year, all in the 3rd quarter.

Tristan DeVictor and Kyle Nguyen were in third place in the 3rd quarter with five perfects each. Nguyen took three weeks worth in one day just before the makeup deadline passed and got 10s on each one.

"I don't know if that gives someone an advantage or disadvantage," said Mr. Huang. "We have to do some research on that."

Now the focus turns to the upcoming Kill Drills and Skill Drills for the Masses.

Wei Teaches 4th Period

By David Rostker

On April 11, 4th Period was visited by three 109ers from 210, and the results were electrifying.

Michelle Kang, Max Wang and David Wei were homeless for a period, so Mr. Huang gladly took them in. Since in Mr. Huang's opinion, Wei was the best explainer from last year, he had Wei explain the homework problems from the night before.

Without a misstep, Wei deftly explained every nook and cranny of every requested problem, leading Mr. Huang to wonder about the possibilities.

"I could leave David in charge, and every period would

do just fine," he said. "I could go take a nap somewhere."

The problem is that the Powers-That-Be are not allowed to employ 12-year-olds, so Wei would have to work essentially as slave labor. That didn't seem to matter to the citizens who benefitted from his math professor-like explanations.

"He's really short, but who cares," said one citizen. "He's amazing. I couldn't actually tell if he was being really helpful or being really condescending, but I don't care. I understand everything now!"

Skill Drills Standings

(after SD #20)

18: Tanmay Neema
 13: Raka Adakroy
 11: Catherine Jeon
 9: Marina Lin, Angeline Zhao
 8: Tristan DeVictor, Samuel Li
 7: Chae Kim
 6: Clara Marks, Ryan Chun, Kyle Nguyen, Teddy Winston, Simrin Chowdhury, Jiwoo Hwang, Brian Kim
 5: Isabella Cai, Khoi Dinh, Rex Allard, Jaiden Khemani, Ronit Kapur, Oliver Wang
 4: Lucas Tao, Colin Park, Hannah Lin, Nico Christofferson, Kayla Park
 3: Emma Chen, Aashi Dugar, Daniel Qiu, Danielle Cheong
 2: Sophia Lin, Victoria Zhang, John Paul Gonsalves, Ally Chen, Jamie Hosken, Punav Khetarpl, Katherine Zhang, Saira Uttamchandani, Victoria Zhang, Sasha Dubasov, Phong Lam, Kyra Macomber, Gloria Bao, Aiden Cheong, Lawrence Yang
 1: Sandra Cheng, Nina Garces, Levana Gu, Adithya Somashakkar, Chris Ding, Aman Khera, Suzanne Vazquez, Maya Hamandi, Grace Liu, Joanna Ni, Megan Zhang, Dean Park, Luca Hinton, Joshua Morgan, Maya Pashai, Peter Ketende, Sinead Molony, Jay Sequiera, Ryan Soong, Alexandre Stephant

Ask Arvid

Answers to Questions in an Ever-Confusing World

Dear Arvid:

It's really annoying to have to turn around every time I want to talk to my friend while Mr. Huang is talking. Do you think it would be ok for my desk to be turned around permanently so I don't have to strain my back?

Dear Talker:

You know, I don't think that's a good idea. In fact, I think it's dangerous. What if, while you are talking to your friend, Mr. Huang hurls an eraser at you? If it hits you in the head, you're in the hospital. If it misses, your friend or a stranger might be in the hospital. Plus, people will start teasing: "You were *erased* by Mr. Huang!" It's just not worth it.

Dear Arvid:

My neighbor to the left always leans to his right when he is taking a test. I have a hard time seeing his answers. Do you have any advice?

Dear Eyes:

I think it actually takes less energy and creates less stress to gradually learn concepts than to do something reprehensible during a test out of panic.

Dear Arvid:

It really bothers me when some people stick their pinky out when they write with those markers on the board. I'm afraid that pinky is going to snap off. Can something be done?

Dear Nervous:

Pray for that pinky.

Dear Arvid:

Why is it bad to be fickle?

Dear Little Miss Fickle:

If you are too fickle, other people will quit their jobs, tear their hair out or possibly injure you. In other words, society might fall apart. Do you want to be responsible for that?