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"We are not small potatoes."

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109 thanks 2ndQ FBs:

- 1st: Siona Prasad
- 2nd: Franklyn Wang
- 4th: Alice Fontaine
- 5th: Shihao Cao
- 6th: Peter Colevas
- LT: Shihao Cao

Queen Stephanie Crowned

By Barbara Bachshur

On November 23, The Kingdom of 109 crowned Queen Stephanie, its first-ever co-ruler.

Representatives from each period, dignitaries from neighboring lands, and citizens from far away, traveled to the Lecture Hall to witness the event. Mr. Huang and Princess Stephanie entered with an entourage of two ladies-in-waiting and two flagbearers as the crowd sang "Not Small Potatoes".

"109 has surely grown since my day,"

said former assassin Timo Sheridan.

Tajin Rogers, serving as the Minister of This and That, finally proclaimed Princess Stephanie of Putnam County 109's first queen.

As he crowned himself nine years ago, Mr. Huang had the privilege of crowning his own wife. Then the two took turns drinking from a goblet of mango juice as the 109 choir sang The Mango Song.

Some citizens hope having a queen will

mean some needed changes.

"I hope having a queen will bring out the softer side of Mr. Huang," said one citizen.

The softer side could mean less work. Shortly after the coronation, Mr. Huang unusually assigned no HW to 6th period.

"Marriage is a good thing!" proclaimed Peter Colevas. Fellow citizen Sebastian Ibbarraran plans to take advantage and draft a list of similar requests to the king and queen.

Lancer Time to Become Semi-Independent

By Igor Stoichkov

In a startling move, Mr. Huang has allowed Lancer Time to start work on an initial constitution that will make LT semi-independent.

The proposed constitution

would form the Province of Lancer Time with a bicameral legislature composed of the House of Mangoes and the House of Large Potatoes. Mr. Huang would re-

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Rai Denies Wanting to Be Ardeishar

By John C. Breckenridge

Naman Rai has denied reports that being Adam Ardeishar is his goal in life.

The issue first came up in the middle of this year's Skill Drills race when fellow 6th period citizens noticed Rai's preoccupation with Adam Ardeishar's perfect SD total.

"I heard him say that he wanted to be just like Adam," said one citizen who wished to remain anonymous (he is much smaller than Rai).

Rai now denies this.

"I said I wanted to *beat* Adam, not *be* Adam," he said.

Wanting to be (or beat) the person who is in 1st place in the Skill Drills race is a common illness in 109. During the 2011-12 season, one 7th grader started dressing up like Deniz Atak and even showed up at Atak's home, claiming to be the real Deniz Atak. Atak's mother shooed him away with a broom. That citizen is now receiving treatment and the National Hospital of 109.

Becker Plans Race to Infinity

By Shani Davis

Infinity unattainable? Not if Scott Becker has anything to say about it.

Partly an attempt to upstage Longfellow's annual 5k race, Scott Becker plans to organize the "Race to Infinity" to show that one can indeed reach infinity. The ten-meter race will feature a water table half-way through for runners who need a rest. In addition to admission to the race, the registration fee will also cover a souvenir t-shirt that says "Made it to infinity!"

How can people possibly

run to infinity?

"There will be a big piece of paper with the infinity symbol on it at the finish line to *prove* that the runners ran that far," said Becker.

Some participants who aren't into running are excited about this opportunity.

"Wow, infinity is a lot closer than I thought," said Wendy Yin. "I didn't know you could reach it in ten meters. I'm not a good runner, but I think I can actually finish this race."

6th Renews Talk of Military Action

By Linda Carruthers

On February 12, citizens made the annual pilgrimage to the old 109 to remember when they came from. All the visits were peaceful until 6th period.

After Mr. Huang's obligatory speech which included a history of diplomatic attempts at returning to 109, 6th period citizens, known for being the most belligerent, immediately called for an

end to failed diplomacy and preparation for war. Mr. Huang, unprepared for such a response, tried his best to quell the violent thoughts.

"Now is not the time," he cried. The war hawks did not back down, but not all agreed with the war hawks.

"What is so great about 109?" asked Jonathan Kaplan. "This place is better. I don't see what the big deal is."

Ardeishar and Lee Tied for First

By Bill Pullman

With a two-point cushion over 2nd place Richard Wang and Naman Rai, this year’s race for the Skill Drills Cup is turning out to be a two-person race between Adam Ardeishar and Yujung Lee, both from 4th period.

Lee went 6 for 6 in the 2nd quarter to tie Ardeishar who faltered on SD 10. To add to the pressure, Lee and Ardeishar are seated next to each other for 3rd quarter. Who will be the first to break? Apparently both, since both failed to get a perfect on SD 15, the first SD of the 3rd quarter.

Richard Wang of 1st period managed 5 perfects to move into a tie for 2nd place with Na-

man Rai of 6th. However, he will need Ardeishar and Lee to slip up if he is to contend for the title. Rai and Siona Prasad who has 7 perfects both started off the year brilliantly but made key errors in 2nd quarter and may be out of the running.

Deniz Atak’s record of 19 perfects is still attainable, but the leaders will have to be flawless in the 2nd half of the year.

“They have to be perfect before Kill Drills comes,” says Skill Drill analyst Alecko Eskandarian. “You have to expect a mistake that week and probably a mistake sometime late in 4th quarter based on past statistics. They need a cushion of perfects before that happens.”

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main the provincial king with veto power.

Each year, Lancer Time, not being a true math class, has always had an independent spirit. This year, separatist Jonathan Kaplan started finding loopholes in the 109 constitution, forcing Mr. Huang to make changes to laws covering the unforgivable insult.

Loyalist Walker Haynes, ever striving to preserve the monarchy, was originally dead-set against changing

the government of Lancer Time. After Mr. Huang showed support for the idea, Haynes joined the separatists that included Frank Ding, Shihao Cao and Kaplan to help write the constitution.

Observers are not sure why Mr. Huang is considering relinquishing some power. Some think he may simply be trying to appease Kaplan to keep the peace, but could it be more? Will this movement for independence spread to other periods? Will Lancer Time eventually become fully independent? Initial reactions to Mr. Huang’s decision will tell much.

Skill Drills Standings (after SD #14)

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

Spring Trivia Night

Friday, April 25

6:30 pm

Lecture Hall

Uitz Accuses Cao of Cheating

By Alejandro Valverde

On December 3, Mia Uitz had had enough. She got up and stomped all the way to the north side of the room to Shihao Cao’s desk. She was convinced he was cheating.

“Six dots do not just line up like that!” she exclaimed.

Uitz was referring to Cao’s game on Green Globes in which he was able

to hit six globs with a single straight line shot. Meanwhile, Uitz could only manage lines that hit two or three globs. Considering the placement of the globs is supposed to be randomly generated, six in a row seemed fishy.

Cao of course denied any wrongdoing, and Uitz and other skeptics lacked the expertise to check Cao’s computer for hacking evidence.

Wang Says Farewell to Flagbearer Position

By Kate Jackson

With flair and plenty of SAT words, Franklyn Wang surprised 2nd pd. with a farewell address for the ages.

While the main point of the speech wasn’t clear, Wang did mock President

Obama’s State of the Union speech and defend fellow citizen Austin Zhang in less than two minutes.

“I didn’t get what he was talking about,” said one citizen. “Then again, I usually don’t.”

Duncan Regurgitates Answer

By William James

On December 13, Mason Duncan showed just how obedient he is to Adam Ardeishar, Becker Han, and John Lee.

Presented with a tricky equation, Mr. Huang asked him for the first step in solving it. After a confused pause and a few whispers around him, Duncan responded with: “Square both sides.”

This was the correct answer. However, Duncan had no idea why. In fact, Ardeishar, Han and Lee had fed him the answer, and he in turn spit it out.

“This is a dangerous habit,” said Mr. Huang. “What if they had fed him the wrong answer? Or worse, what if they had told him to suddenly stand up and dance? He might have done it.”

Ask Arvid

Dear Arvid:

When someone sneezes twice in a row, should I say “bless you” twice or “bless you squared”?

Dear Thinking Too Much:

I think you should say the entire phrase twice. This of course means if someone sneezes seven times, you should say the phrase seven time as well. Let me know how it goes.

Dear Arvid:

Is it ok to turn in HW during Skill Drills or right after Skill Drills?

Dear Lump:

Just do it when you arrive and then you don’t have to think about it. But if you must, yes, I have heard you can turn it in during SD or right after...unless I heard wrong. It’s possible Mr. Huang keeps a list of who turns it in late ...for a special surprise.