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Thank you...

2nd Q Flagbearers:

1st: Ben Jeannot

3rd: Riley Grohowski

4th: Ian Gresenz

5th: Senna Keesing

6th: Spenser Zamagni

LT: Oscar Tidd

DM: Ben Meyers

Ambassador: Sahana Ramesh

Team Rollins Wins Fantasy SD

By Richard Rauchenberg

Before states ban all types of fantasy sports, 1st period decided to get into the act with the first ever Fantasy Skill Drills League.

The brainchild of Hana Vitt and Priya Shah of 1st period, FSDL began on November 9. The captains of the six teams

each drafted two 8th graders and two 7th graders, franchising one player of their choice. Points were awarded based on how well players performed on a week's worth of Skill Drills.

All six captains selected 7th graders with their first pick (which says something

about the 8th graders). With the overall 1st pick of the draft, Team Charlie selected Daniel Kim of 6th pd. Team Will selected Lizzie Sun. Team Owen selected Jennifer Ho. Team Eli selected Brittany Peng. Team Tiffany selected Nithya Chintalapati. Team Priya selected Edward Yoon. Hana Vitt

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Park Corners Market on Pencils

By Carson Andrews

Donald Trump, the billionaire businessman has nothing on Chelsea Park. She has a virtual monopoly on pencils, and she is going to rule the world one day.

When it's quiz time, Park lines up her 24 pencils on her desk. Is she preparing for the pencil apocalypse when 23 pencils break (that's an approximate 2:1 pencil to math problem ratio)? Of course not. She is flaunting her lifetime supply of quality pencils.

Moreover, Park's horde of pointed graphite writing utensils means

she can take her horde and start selling to the highest bidder, possibly making her one of the richest pencil dealers in 109 history.

In ancient times (10 years ago), business and state were one, with Mr. Huang charging 25 cents for the use of a pencil. He later let go of that business. Citizens jumped in to fill the money-making void to begin amassing a college fund.

The market is obviously nervous with Wal-Mart and Target desperately trying to unload their pencils be-

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109 Courting Orchestra for New Treaty

By Dexter Clinkscale

In search of a new treaty, the third nation-to-nation treaty in 109 history, the kingdom is actively pursuing a treaty with the mighty Queendom of 163 Led by Queen Bomin Collins.

Although the notes from the meetings are classified, Ambassador Sahana Ramesh, an Orchestra dual citizen herself, has reportedly met with Queen Collins on at least three occasions. In the third meeting, Ramesh carried a scroll which some have guessed was a rough draft of a possible treaty.

Anonymous sources say that Mr. Huang has sought an alliance with 163 to establish trade. The caves of 209 have an abundance of minerals that 163 could use to make rosin for their bows, and 163 could in turn provide 109 with protection through an army of bow-wielding string players.

However, a small contingent of 109ers, including dual citizen band members, are skeptical of the possible alliance.

"Why orchestra over band?" one said. "Why did he go to the orchestra concert and not ours? Something is up."

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was the first 8th grader selected when Team Priya took her in the 2nd round.

Analysts say that Team Charlie and Team Will stole some gems when they drafted 8th graders Jake Pigeon and Andre Hu in the later rounds.

"How did no one draft Andre?" asked Will Wheat.

"I drafted Ben over Andre," said a moaning Charlie Olifer shaking his head in despair. Anonymous witnesses say they saw tears.

"I felt sorry for him," said one witness. "But at least he learned his lesson."

Owen Rollins ended up with the steal of quarter as Jennifer

Ho scored five perfects for his team, leading Team Owen to a total of 1211 points and first place. Team Will was second with 1148 points. Team Eli finished third with 1101.

Mr. Huang, commissioner of the league, has resorted the rosters for third quarter and assigned 8th graders to specific balanced teams that will no longer be able to franchise a player (doubling their scores). Trading, waiving and picking up 7th grade free agents are still possible on a weekly basis.

The draft of 7th graders will take place on February 10. ESPN's mock draft has the first three picks being Ho, Sun and Peng in that order.

Siva's Unexpected Faces Spread

By Robert Newhouse

Usually, when 109 citizens get wrong answers to equations, they are disappointed in failing the kingdom. That isn't the case with Rupa Siva of 5th period.

In October, Siva went to the board to present the work for the solution to a homework problem. However, even though her method was correct, her answer was not. Next to her answer was a smiley face.

"I enjoy wrong answers.," said Rupa. "They give me joy, so much joy I can't contain myself. I just have to draw a smiley face. Then I go back to my desk and dream of rainbows, butterflies and world peace."

Does that mean she is sad about correct answers?

"Yes, I am a little sad," replied Rupa. She also draws sad faces after correct answers. The more difficult the problem, the sadder the face looks.

"I love it," said one fellow 5th period citizen. "It's so deep. Right is sad. Wrong is happy."

The rest of 5th period has taken on Siva's smiley face or sad face tradition. It is now common to see other citizens drawing sad faces next to their correct answers.

Now, the question is, will this sad face movement will spread beyond the borders of 5th period?

Ho Pulling Away; Breaking Record Possible

By Bob Breunig

After the first quarter, this year's race for The Cup did not seem that exciting. Though it won't be easy, a citizen has emerged who could challenge for the amazing Ardeishar record of 21 perfects.

With a stunning 5 out of 6 perfect weeks in the 2nd quarter, Jennifer Ho of 5th period has taken a substantial lead in the race over fellow 5th pd. citizens Lizzie Sun (6 perfects) and Brittany Peng (5). Daniel Park of 6th period also has 5.

Some citizens impressed in 1st quarter but then stumbled. Owen Rollins of 1st period had three perfects in the 1st quarter but only scored one perfect 2nd

quarter, finishing with four straight heartbreaking 95's. He could have been tied with Ho.

Citizens who took a quarter to get warmed up before they got any perfects were Summer Wang, Julia Feldhaus and Lilia Smith who got 3, 2, and 2 perfects respectively.

Now that the Powers-That Be have eaten into the number of full weeks in the season, the number of total SD weeks will probably end up less than 28. That means Ho will have to score 13 perfects out of 16 weeks to have a chance of even tying Ardeishar.

Asked if she could do it, Ho simply replied, "I don't know."

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fore Park drops her prices and leaves the retail giants with dead inventory.

"I think it's genius," said one fellow 6th period citizen. "She is going to be rich like Oprah Winfrey. She's an amazing role model for me."

"I'm excited about possible jobs," said another citizen. "The bigger her company gets, the more jobs with minimum wage that are created. I can finally reach the point of 'just scraping by' and get out of utter poverty."

That excited citizen can look forward to menial work like

sharpening Park's pencils, arranging them neatly on her desk or selling pencils door-to-door.

Once her profits reach into the millions, perhaps Park will consider running for political office. As we all know, making tons of money is the best preparation for that.

On Sale

109 T-shirts \$10
109 Stickers \$0.25

Skill Drills

Standings

(after SD #12)

8: Jennifer Ho

6: Lizzie Sun

5: Brittany Peng, Daniel Park

4: Owen Rollins, Jason Wang

3: Nithya Chintalapati, Sahana Ramesh, Alex Talamonti, Ishan

Dogra, Summer Wang

2: Julia Feldhaus, Lilia Smith, Skye Sunder-

hauf, Young Suk Yoon, Kaan Bali, Rupa Siva, Chelsea Park, Spenser

Zamagni

1: Eli Sporn, Samir

Chowdhury, Evelina

Swigart, Marian Qian,

Shing Gao, Nathalie

Schmanske, Alex

Strizek, Anish

Tenepalli, Adam

Kunz, Conner Moore,

Arul Nigam, Maya

Nair, Ellison Soobert,

Senna Keesing, Shin-

taro Ng, Jonathan Yan,

Nicholas Gibson,

Ask Arvid: Answers and Solutions for An Ever-Changing World

Dear Arvid:

I was trying to find the area of a trapezoid, and I got $7/3 \pi$. What did I do wrong?

If I don't turn in HW one day, how many percentage points from my quarter grade do I lose?

Dear Triangles Aren't Circles:

Everything.

Dear 4th period citizen:

One.

Dear Arvid:

I can't find anyone with 0.66 repeating lead.

Dear Arvid:

Is it true that whining about SD problems will result in a 5/5?

Dear Bic:

Hmm...I can't either.

Dear Woe is Me:

It depends how short you are.

Dear Arvid:

M'Hammer Industries Opens in SE Corner of 209

By John Dutton

Being a champion of mom and pop stores, 109 has ejected offers from various chain stores -- McDonald's, Chipotle, Home Depot, to name a few, to open up within its borders. However, even past attempts at family-owned businesses ended up failing, until now.

In January 2016, M'Hammer Industries, led by CEO Miller Hollinger, opened for business in the SE corner of 209. M'Hammer is a blacksmithing company that specializes in weapon-making but also produces trinkets such as bracelets and necklaces. All products are made with cardboard and other non-lethal materials.

Hollinger is the same Miller Hollinger who last year led the weapon-making for 109 when 109 received threats of war from the breakaway

extremist group from 210, RASP. The other weapons makers, from last year, Eric Chen and Amanda Tang, closed up shop and went back to more peaceful activities like knitting and rescuing lost puppies. Hollinger is the only one who has continued his business, even expanding it.

In contrast to last year's business, this year's products are not free. One must pay with Hammer Credits which are minted by MH but distributed by the Chairman of the Federal Reserve, Mr. Huang himself. Hollinger has also added new features like a Super Coin Search and scheduled duels between new weapons-owners.

There is only one question that remains. Will Miller Hollinger run for political office? As we all know, running a country is exactly like running a business.