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Kingdom of 109 to Be Forced Out!

by Della Diaspora

After months of rumors, the Powers-That-Be revealed a renovation plan that will shake up the Lands of Longfellow in about two years.

To the north and west, the lands will be extended considerably, but some of the existing lands will be seized by the Powers for their own use. This includes 109, 111 and 113.

What will happen to the citizens of 109 and its king?

"They will have to move," said a spokesperson for the Powers.

Needless to say, Mister Huang is broken-hearted over the news. The Powers gave him this land, and now they will take it away.

"I feel especially bad for my citizens because I always envisioned 109 to be a home for 109ers to visit after they move on. Plus, what will happen to the beautiful art?"

Not surprisingly, a resistance movement has already begun. In the far away land of TJ where many former citizens reside, there is already a Facebook army whose purpose is to save 109. McLean High has a similar group.

If resistance fails, and Mister Huang has to settle elsewhere, will he simply take the name 109 to wherever he goes or rename his new kingdom?

"It's the inside that counts," he said, "but you have to admit, there is something about the name Kingdom of 109."

Cough Stirs Debate

by Louis Braille

When a student in 5th period coughed in early April, who knew a new chapter in human history would be written?

"Why don't we say something when people cough like we do when someone sneezes?" someone asked.

"I've always wondered that too," said Hannah Mayberry who obviously has a lot of

time on her hands to think.

So began the discussion for the rest of the day and week. It was decided that there needed to be an encouraging phrase for the coughers of the world.

Mister Huang accepted nominees for the phrase, and the winning phrase was: "Word." Losing phrases included "Straight out of Compton" and "Cough it up."

The Kingdom plans to send letters to world leaders to announce the new phrase. Very soon, people will be hearing "Mot," "Zi," and "Palabra" all over the world when people cough.

Sister's Photo Inspires Godla to First Perfect SD

by Michael Wilbon

Blood is thicker than water, but apparently, it can also inspire through photographic images.

On May 4, Brian Godla of 5th period

notched his first perfect SD of the year, and it was a photo that helped.

Just before Friday's last SD of the week, Mr. Huang showed Brian a photo of his sister Shelby, a citizen in the nomadic days, pointing to her name when she herself got a perfect Skill Drill.

"That really got me pumped," said Godla.

"I knew it would work," said Mr. Huang. "It just goes to show that when we do something in the name of someone else, it will be doubly blessed."

Since the miracle, citizens looking for inspiration have been desperately scrambling to find pictures of older siblings who got perfect Skill Drills. However, some temporarily forgot that their siblings never resided on 109, and others realized that they didn't even have siblings.

Kingdom Finally Establishes Agriculture

by Emile Zola

The Kingdom of 109 has finally evolved from a hunting/gathering

economy to an agricultural one.

Andy Fisher of 5th period built the first ever farm on 109. The main crop is wheat, but there are plans for fields of soybean, corn and alfalfa.

In addition, domesticated animals will include giraffes, horses, cute little terriers and cows.

Why has 109 deemed it necessary to farm when its people have been content to hunt, fish and gather mangos for sustenance?

Throughout history civilizations have graduated from hunting and gathering to agriculture in order to give its people more time for leisure. While the food is growing, the people have time to advance society by building, inventing, and writing poetry and music.

Global warming proponents are not so happy though. They claim that the gases produced by the flatulence of increased numbers of farm animals, namely cows, will greatly contribute to the rise in the temperature of the earth's atmosphere.

Ask Arvid

Dear Arvid:

There are so many rules in the Lands of Longfellow. They say the rules are there to protect us. I'm scared now. Are we in the 'hood?

Dear Precious One:

Don't be scared, little one. We aren't in the 'hood. We just like to think we are. It makes life exciting for people who are bored.

SKILL DRILLS

7th Grade

8: Kristina Hu
6: Robbie Clark, Alex Dalzell
5: Kevin Au, Zach Moser
4: Michelle Lee
2: Tom Cresce, Amit Nayak, Zayd Farah
1: Alice Ju, Woojae Kim, Katherine Sheridan, John Polzer, Eric Leimkuhler, Catherine Ayres, Keith Boylan, Thomas Van Wazer

8th Grade

10: Hitoshi Koshiya
9: Mario Fidalgo, Greg Mascialino, Chae Won Lee
8: Sohyeun Chun, Robin Hinson, Brian Roy, Julia Kim
7: Sarah Kelley
6: Sei Young Hwang, Elaine Wu
5: Collin Juba
4: Asli Uyanik, Andrey Tretyak, Greg Weiss, Robby Koch, Yuriko Salmon, Min Wook Lee, Graham Lobel, Brian Lichliter, Xuan Do, Ashley Yun, Andrea Omonte
3: Sean Kim, Vanessa Csapo
2: Rayn Epreman, Zach Sirlin, Jay Williams, Nuha Naqvi
1: Hannah Mayberry, Nolen Ramminger, Brian Godla