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1st: Hana Vitt

3rd: Spencer Nash

4th: Ellison Soobert

5th: Sophia Powell

6th: Shaw Young

LT: Senna Keesing

DM: Eli Sporn

Ambassador: Sahana Ramesh

Wang Bloodies Own Nose for 109 T-Shirt

By Ethan Heatwole

Ever since the kingdom began sales of K109 t-shirts, the dark blue shirts have been coveted by citizens and non-citizens alike. However, no one has tried to acquire one outside of paying for it or becoming a flagbearer. No one until now.

On June 2 during the Algebra 1 SOL, a masterful plan was hatched by 3rd period citizen Jason Wang to acquire a 109 t-shirt for free.

Wang caused his own bloody nose and then

made sure to soil his own shirt, banking on Mr. Huang's generosity.

The plan worked perfectly. Wang was taken to a bathroom where Mr. Williams tended to him. Mr. Huang did in fact get a new 109 t-shirt and give it to Wang to keep. Ten dollars saved! But how did Wang make sure to have a bloody nose during his SOL?

"First I knew dehydration was key to a bloody nose, so I drank no water the day before," said

Wang. "I knew I needed some kind of nose trauma to start the bleeding, so I took my calculator and gave my nose a good strong bang with it. Everything worked just as planned."

Critics wonder if it was worth it.

"It was clever. I'll give him that," said one fellow citizen. "But he could have seriously injured himself. What good is a 109 t-shirt if you walk around the rest of your life with a crooked nose?"

Sun Forfeits Penmanship Contest

By Emily Post

The four citizens had pens in hand, waiting for instructions. Suddenly, one citizen dropped her pen and refused to continue.

For the first time in 109 history, a citizen voluntarily took herself out of the running for the end-of-year award of best penmanship. In first period, Mr. Huang nominated Priya Shah, Mehak Vardhan, Dahyun Kang, and Gloria Sun for the award, but when the four nominees were at the board,

Sun took herself out of the contest and sat down.

"This was kind of a shock," said Mr. Huang. "I believe it would have been a close vote with Gloria in it."

Sun's absence allowed Priya Shah to win the vote in a landslide. Vardhan came in second. Kang came in third. Neither Sun, her agent, her publicist or her parents could be reached for comment.

Ho Holds On for Skill Drills Cup

By Germinal Rodriguez

Jennifer Ho faltered in the 4th quarter but still held on to with the Skill Drills Cup for 2015-16.

She finished with 17 perfects, second only to Care Shoaibi for most perfects ever by a female. Lizzie Sun could not capitalize on Ho's mistakes and finished with 15. This is the first time ever that females finished 1-2 in the race for the cup.

Owen Rollins of 1st period came on strong to finish 3rd with 14 perfects while Daniel Park got 5 perfects out of 6 weeks to finish fourth.

The kingdom was able to complete 25 weeks of Skill Drills, the fewest of any year since the race for the cup began.

The decline in number of weeks means that the quest for setting a new record will be much more difficult in the years to come.

"The Powers-That-Be keep nicker and dimming us to death, taking away our full weeks from the calendar," said Mr. Huang, commissioner of the Skill Drills Cup. "One day it might be mathematically impossible to break Ardeishar's record of 21. Sometimes the PTB doesn't have a clue how their policies hurt people."

Huang's frustration emboldened 109 right-wing fanatics who favor overthrowing the PTB. Some protesters even suggested overthrowing Mr. Huang would be a first step to toppling the PTB.

Skill Drills Standings (after SD #25)

- 17: Jennifer Ho
- 15: Lizzie Sun
- 14: Owen Rollins
- 13: Daniel Park
- 12: Sahana Ramesh
- 11: Summer Wang
- 10: Alex Talamonti
- 9: Brittany Peng, Spenser Zagni
- 8: Jason Wang
- 7: Lilia Smith
- 6: Samir Chowdhury, Julia Feldhaus, Ishan Dogra, Tiffany Parise
- 5: Evelina Swigart, Heran Essayas
- 4: Nithya Chintalapati, Jongyup Kim, Ellison Soobert
- 3: Julia Kao-Sowa, Edward Yoon, Shing Gao, Chelsea Park
- 2: Priya Shah, Oscar Tidd, Eli Sporn, Skye Sunderhauf, Marian Qian, Kaan Bali, Rupa Siva, Ian Gresenz, Oviya Dass, Senna Keesing, Shintaro Ng, Nathalie Schmanske, Kelly DeMatties, Nikolas Gibson, Conner Moore
- 1: Ben Jeannot, Sophia Leyva, Max Ludwikowski, Charlie Olifer, Gloria Sun, Dahyun Kang, Hana Vitt, Ben Meyers, Riley Growhowski, Dan Kalish, Sabrina Kianni, Maya Nair, William Herbert, Jake Hockstein, Eric Misuzawa, Veda Hegde, Alex Strizek, Anish Tenepalli, Adam Kunz, Arul Nigam, Jonathan Yan, Taha Cheema, Zayan Baig, Megan Leung, Bryce Molnar, Matthew Chung

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

Dear Arvid:

If I don't have a heart, do I have to put my hand on my chest during the Pledge of Allegiance

Dear No-Heart:

Ask Mr. Huang. Some say he would definitely know.

Dear Arvid:

What do I do during the summer without Skill Drills?

Dear Owen:

You can spend your days making your own skill drills and then testing your sister and parents. While they are working, you can discover some formulas and then write a book. Then you can read your own book and write a book report on it.


