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Thank you....

4th Q Flagbearers:

1st: Emma Cox

2nd: Sam Osguthorpe

3rd: Eli Rakowski

6th: Christina Karaky

7th: Derek Liu

DM: Laura Zhang

Ambassador: Audrey

Czarnecki

Attorney General: Alys-

sa Gorbaneva

....and all 109 citizens!

Valentina Crowned Princess of 109

By Jacob Wolfinger

On May 24, in the presence of dozens of citizens, both old and new, Valentina Nicole was crowned Princess of 109, the second child in the royal family.

The 109 citizens in attendance showered her with oohs and aahs when Queen Stephanie carried her into Room 209 and dutifully proclaimed her "not small pota-

toes" after Minister of This and That Rachel Trainer placed the pink crown, donated by the Matharchy of 200, on her head.

After the crowning, attendees enjoyed meeting Princess Valentina in person and eating a yellow cake with blue lettering and multi-colored flowers on it.

The ceremony began with the royal family

standing at the door of 209. Both the king and queen wore ceremonial crowns and Prince Kieran held the king's ceremonial staff.

As the minister led the royal family to the center of the room, the people sang "O Tasty Mango." Then the Minister Trainer asked the royal family four questions as the family faced each of the four cardinal directions. The questions evoked memo-

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K109 Raises \$340 for Charity

By Charles Stanton

On June 11 and 12, the Kingdom of 109 held its annual charity auction to raise funds for the Longfellow Love Program.

As usual, citizens overpaid for specialty items such as signed dollar bills and 109 memorabilia. Also as usual, they overpaid for things like clothes, spiral notebooks and things made out of cardboard.

"It's ok," said one citizen. "It's

for charity, and I got the money."

Some traditionally auctioned items were not present however. No bubble wrap was auctioned, and not every period had the chance to bid on pieces of the original 109 walls.

"We're starting to run out of pieces of 109," said Mr. Huang. "We have now auctioned the smaller pieces, and I want to keep the larger ones in the kingdom's boundaries."

Cox and Stafford Attempt to Finish Mural

By Catherine Pike

For years, the southern wall's ocean mural has been unfinished due to a previous artist's over-ambitious plans. This year, it was almost finished.

Emma Cox and Praha Stafford of the their own volition came to finish some of the sea creatures near the southeast corner, namely an angel fish and some sand dollars. They had already been sketched and partially painted years before.

"It bothered us seeing them only partially done," said Cox.

Unfortunately, they are still partially done. The sand dollars are done, but the angel fish remains unfinished.

"It took longer than expected," said Stafford.

"That's the way with all projects," said Mr. Huang. "Especially if you try to do a good job. It's going to take longer than you think. Plus, you have to allow time for set up and cleanup."

The good thing is that Cox and Stafford have all of next year to finish the job.

It has been two years since K109 has commissioned a large mural project on the scale of the western wall or southern seas, so the Kingdom is due for another one.

Mr. Huang Grants Citizenship to Dozens

By Lavina Murphy

On June 30, in a surprise move that even the Queen of 109 and the attorney general did not know would happen, Mr. Huang gave temporary citizenship to dozens of non-109 citizens.

At the conclusion of his keynote address to inductees to the 2018 class of the National Junior Honor Society at Longfellow, Mr. Huang granted one night's citizenship to everyone in the room including parents and teachers. The citizenship lasted until everyone woke up the next morning.

"I've never felt as big of a potato as I do tonight," said one

happy parent getting into his car.

Even Mrs. Kihm of the Powers-That-Be, with whom K109 has a love-hate relationship due to 109's exile from 109 since 2011, became a citizen.

"I wanted everyone, even Mrs. Kihm, to feel significant at least for one night," said Mr. Huang.

In the days that followed, Mr. Huang and AG Alyssa Gorbaneva scoured the 109 Constitution to make sure Mr. Huang didn't break any laws.

"He should have told me he was going to do this," said Gorbaneva. "But thankfully in the end, we determined no laws were broken."

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ries of 109 history that the royal family intends to prolong, protect and preserve.

"It was a great honor," said Trainer. "I wasn't here for the coronation of Prince Kieran, but I'm glad I was here for the second royal child."

Trainer also had the privilege of blessing Princess Valentina with the 109 flag and placing the pink crown on her head.

"We were happy and honored to make Princess Valentina's crown," said Ms. Godwin, Goddess of 200.

After the crowning, Mr. Huang cut the celebratory cake into very small pieces. The pieces were distributed in hierar-

chical fashion, first to the royal family, then to Minister Trainer, Attorney General Gorbaneva, Ambassador Czarnecki, current flagbearers, current datemaster, former flagbearers and datemasters, former ambassadors, all other citizens, and finally non-citizens.

"The way we distributed the cake was simply to keep order," said Mr. Huang. "I wasn't saying anything about citizens outranking others."

The entire celebration was filmed by former citizen Josh Leong, now a professional film director, and the 10-minute documentary short is available for viewing.

Kang Sets “Unbreakable” Record

By Luke Halloran

Michelle Kang completed the most amazing year in Skill Drills Cup history by notching her 23rd week of perfect Skill Drills in Week 26.

After setting his new record, the humble Kang simply said: “Oh, ok. Thank you.”

Max Wang of 2nd period finished second with 18, three behind the previous record of 21 set by Adam Ardeishar. Behind a strong

second half of the year, Hyunjae Chung of 6th period finished third with 17. Ziyao David Wei faded to 4th in the last quarter.

“I don’t think the citizens realize how difficult Michelle’s achievement was,” said Mr. Huang. “Mathematically, I know someone could break it one day, but I’m just going to say that this record is un-

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K109 Continues Dream of Returning to 109

By Eleanor Eddy

On March 13, the Kingdom of 109 continued its annual tradition known as the 109 March.

The March led by Mr. Huang takes citizens around Longfellow and stops at three locations of special significance to 109.

First, they stop at the Northern Fields where K109 defeated the zombie army of Tieland led by the evil Mr. Calamito and Officer Morris.

“We stop here to remember the sacrifice of those who put their life on the line,” said Mr. Huang. “We also remember the greater purpose of 109.”

The 2nd stop is where 109 was

relocated for one year after being exiled from 109. The living conditions were harsh, but that generation of 109 citizens managed to preserve 109 and all its traditions for future generations.

The third and final stop is a visit to where the original 109 was.

“We stop here to remember where we came from and to remind the current occupants that one day, either through diplomatic means or by force, we will return,” announced Mr. Huang.

At each location, the citizens sang a rousing rendition of the national anthem.

Skill Drills Standings (after SD #26)

- 23: Michelle Kang
- 18: Max Wang
- 17: Hyunjae Chung
- 16: Ziyao Wei
- 12: Ramya Reddy
- 11: Bethanie Hackett
- 10: Tim Johanson, Ellie Chen
- 9: Alina Chen
- 8: Kristina Knauss
- 7: Shi-Woo Yoo, Ritika Rohatgi, Noah Chin
- 6: Brian Du, Vayun Malik, Kaiden Wu, Aditi Shukla
- 5: Logan Pinkston-Sayers, Laura Zhang, Max Vitt, Rahul Naik, Elaine Liu
- 4: Seonghyun Park, Lianhao Li, Odessa Zhang, Elliott Lee, Yejun Lee
- 3: Antigone Stark, Jackson Baldrate, Rhea Chanda, Grace Guan, Ram Reddy, Eric Zhang, Vihaan Mathur, Keenan Powell
- 2: Winston Gan, Vivian Shen, Russell Karlin, Eujin Lee, Justin Murri, Victoria Wang, Nidhi Sathyanarayanan, Emma Yang, Emma Cassayre, Daniel Ahn
- 1: Thomas Ham, Peter Hinckley, Derek Li, Ameer Moutaouakil, Nathan Kulp, Cooper Carlson, Evie Johnston, Yewon Choi, Eli Rakowski, Daniel Yoon, Alexander Bills, Sabrina Berry, Shin Matsumoto, Audrey Czarnecki, Tejini Holovanahali, Rashad Amirullah, Neel Rajesh, Shin Matsumoto, Zaylie Tamashiro

Ask Arvid

Answers to Questions in an Ever-Changing World

Dear Arvid:

Why do some people slam the door so hard when they go to the bathroom during a test? Don't they realize I am trying to concentrate?

Dear Paurav:

I know. Some people have no shame. They finish tests super fast without checking, turn it in and slam the door as they go into the hall. I don't have an explanation except to say they might be small potatoes.

Dear Arvid:

Why hasn't there ever been a most improved award for A2Trig?

Dear Wondering:

That tradition started long ago. The Triggers of that year weren't mature enough to handle the presence of that award. The tradition has stuck since then just because. Perhaps we should consider having it now.

Dear Arvid:

Will there ever be an office of deputy date-master for days when the datemaster is absent?

Dear Curious:

There have certainly been times when we have needed a backup datemaster. We should lobby for one.

OPINION

By Laura Zhang and Aline Chen, 1st period

After weeks of unfair treatment, Alina Chen and Laura Zhang (that's us) vow to get back at the King of 109.

Mr. Huang started giving us a hard time when he never picked us to share solutions on the board. We derived a theory that he did this because we were too short for Mr. Huang, but it is his fault for intentionally putting us in the back of the room. He sabotaged us for being short!

During a fire drill on Friday the 13th, we almost got lost during a fire drill because we couldn't see Mr. Huang. If it weren't for the 109 flag, we would have been lost

permanently. Mr. Huang doesn't care about short people. Kanye, come to our aid!

It's not just us either. Max Wang from 2nd period once was prevented from writing a solution on the board because the number of the problem was written too high on the board. His choices were limited to the lower situated problems.

"You can't reach that one," said Mr. Huang dispassionately.

No matter what Mr. Huang says, he is treating us munchkins unfairly. We are 109 citizens too. Someone has to put a stop to it. The revolution has begun. Munchkins of the world, unite!