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Thank you....

4th Q Flagbearers

DM: Katherine Zhang

Ambassador: Faraz
Mirza

Attorney General:
Karina Bhatt

Neema is #1; Appeal Gives Him 24th Perfect SD

By Sookie St. James

After a bit of a con-
troversy, Tanmay
Neema finally broke
Michelle Kang's rec-
ord of 23 perfect Skill
Drills with his 24th
after 26 weeks.

For the last few
weeks, Mr. Huang
tried to trip up Neema
with little tricks such
planting extraneous
solutions, variables in
the denominator and
missing terms in arith-
metic series. None of

the them worked. His
last trick backfired.

On Friday of Week
26, he wrote a new
composite function
designed to make eve-
ryone think there were
three answers instead
of two.

At first, Mr. Huang
thought he was suc-
cessful when he saw
Neema's three an-
swers. 109ers were
shocked when they
didn't see Neema's

name on the perfect
board for #24. However,
Neema's third answer
wasn't the extraneous
answer Mr. Huang was
expecting. Neema ap-
proached Mr. Huang to
explain the reason for
HIS third answer. After
explaining his thought
process involving com-
plex numbers and irre-
versible steps, Mr. Huang
was convinced that
Neema's third answer
did in fact satisfy the

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AG Bhatt Calls Rug Useless; Riot Ensues

By Helen Encino

While explaining the details of
the 109 auction, AG Karina Bhatt
called Ralph the Rug "useless".
Carmen Henick and Kyra Ma-
comber, renewed calls for her im-
peachment.

The annual auction's proceeds
go to charity, but someone sug-
gested that some of the money be
used for a vacuum cleaner for
Ralph. Bhatt immediately balked
and criticized 109 for getting Ralph

in the first place, receiving boos and
calls for her to step down as AG.

Mr. Huang had to bring in security
to protect Bhatt as she was showered
with insults and tomatoes. Eventual-
ly, she had to be escorted from 109
while Mr. Huang calmed down the
crowd. This is the not first time
Bhatt has criticized Ralph, but her
opposition to Ralph seemed to strike
a particularly sensitive nerve on this
day.

Hancock's Nose Rattles 4th Period

By Toolie Gertz

On May 28, 4th period's Test #11 was interrupted by Hugh Hancock's nose.

While taking his logic test, Hancock got up to blow his nose, and what transpired was a rumble that on a smaller scale resembled Mt. St. Helens, Vesuvius and even the legendary Krakatoa.

The vibrations reverberated all over 4th Period and beyond. Many paused while taking their test.

"I've never heard anything like that before," said one fellow citizen. "I looked up, but the sky wasn't falling so I kept going."

"I thought it was my stomach because I didn't eat breakfast," said another. "But then I saw Hugh had just blown his nose and I was like 'woah!'"

Vibrations reached the Matharchy of 200. Mr. Huang received a call from Goddess Godwin who asked what happened. The Matharchy offered help if K109 needed assistance in rescue or salvage efforts.

"I'm just proud that not one citizen claimed that they needed a retake on the test due to Hugh's nose," said Mr. Huang. "Everyone refocused immediately. That's the mark of a true 109 citizen. They keep their eyes on the prize."

Arvid Wants Raise, Refuses to Answer Queries

By Becky Auerbraun

For the second time in the history of 109's only government-sanctioned publication, the Ask Arvid column is absent.

The first time was due to Arvid being on vacation. This time, Arvid is on strike, refusing to answer reader letters until he gets a raise.

"I am underpaid," said Arvid, whose column has been one of the most popular parts of the 109 Times for years.

"I like the way he answers questions," said one citizen. "He's to the point, and he's got this snippiness that reminds me

of Mr. Huang."

"Arvid has been a loyal employee of the 109 Times for years," said Mr. Huang. "We would love to work something out and keep him, but if we can't, we will search for a new writer for that piece of the publication."

Since employees including Arvid and the other writers of the 109 Times are not 109 citizens (all work on the 109 Times is outsourced), they may not appeal to the throne or the judiciary if they feel their privileges have been taken.

Final Exam Gives Chasse Nightmare

By Sia Jamm

Most 109 citizens deal with the anxiety of final exam preparation with increased practice and time studying.

However, in Jack Chasse's case, his fear of the looming final exam worried him to the point that a math nightmare terrorized him on the night of June 3.

"In my dream, these numbers were after me and I had to ask my mom for help," said Chasse. "I've never been so terrified in a dream."

After Mr. Huang asked if he wet the bed, he at first said "only a little bit", but then later denied it.

Over the years, citizens have complained about having number nightmares, commonly known as numerincubus. It commonly for several nights leading up to tests and in rare cases, continues for several nights after the tests are over.

There is no cure, but it's symptoms can be mitigated through drinking lots of water, studying at a slow pace and taking bubble baths. Not sleeping at all also prevents the onset of nightmares.

Asked if he felt guilty of causing Chasse's nightmares, Mr. Huang replied: "No."

Neema Appeals to Break Kang’s Record

By Heather O’Dwyer

function and put Neema’s name on the board for the 24th time. Immediately, debate began on who was better, Kang or Neema.

“Tanmay is #1 for sure, but if you want to analyze their abilities, they are practically the same,” said Mr. Huang. “Their knowledge and ability is neck and neck.”

They were a contrast in styles though. Kang was known for using all 7 minutes to go over all five questions after answering them. She never relaxed just in case she missed something.

Neema answered very quickly and after a quick check, moved on to other things. Both styles resulted in flawless performances.

“I think Tanmay’s thoughts were a little deeper and quicker,” said Mr. Huang. “But sometimes that gets him into trouble.”

Mr. Huiang was referring the question on the last day from which Neema got three answers.

“I think I over-thought it,” said Neema after realizing how Mr. Huang did not design it for three answers. Luckily, Neema’s out-of-left-field answer came from a realm Mr. Huang hadn’t considered

Pashai’s Geography Knowledge Fails to Impress

By Carly Boyd

On May 31, it wasn’t necessary to know the capital of Guatemala to answer #8 on the fifth Final Exam Review to answer the question correctly, but Maya Pashai of 3rd period did know, and she definitely let everyone know that she knew.

There was much discussion over what the capital was. Pashai told several fellow citizens it was Guatemala City, but some did not believe her even though there are some nearby countries whose capitals follow the same capital city nomenclature.

Once Mr. Huang read out the answers to the true-false exercise and revealed that Guatemala

City is in fact the capital of Guatemala.

“Hah!” she exclaimed with gusto, making sure all of her doubters heard her loud and clear.

“Ok, she was right, but she didn’t have to rub it in my face,” said one of her neighbors. “If you can’t win with grace, I don’t care if you win at all.”

“I don’t think it’s that impressive,” said another. “Guatemala isn’t that far away. Tell me the capital of Burkina Faso and I’ll be impressed.”

“I’m kind of impressed,” said another. “I mean how often is the capital of a country the same as the name of the country.

Skill Drills Standings

(after SD #26)

- 24: Tanmay Neema
- 17: Raka Adakroy
- 12: Catherine Jeon, Angeline Zhao, Tristan DeVictor
- 10: Marina Lin, Samuel Li
- 8: Chae Kim, Teddy Winston, Isabella Cai, Khoi Dinh, Rex Allard
- 7: Ryan Chun, Kyle Nguyen, Simrin Chowdhury, Brian Kim
- 6: Clara Marks, Jiwoo Hwang, Jaiden Khemani, Ronit Kapur, Hannah Lin
- 5: Oliver Wang, Lucas Tao, Colin Park, Nico Christofferson
- 4: Kayla Park, Daniel Qiu, Sasha Dubasov
- 3: Emma Chen, Aashi Dugar, Sophia Lin, Jamie Hosken, Katherine Zhang, Gloria Bao, Aiden Cheong
- 2: Victoria Zhang, John Paul Gonsalves, Ally Chen, Punav Khetarpl, Saira Uttamchandani, Phong Lam, Kyra Macomber, Lawrence Yang, Grace Liu, Ryan Soong, Katie Wang
- 1: Sandra Cheng, Nina Garces, Levana Gu, Adithya Somashakkar, Chris Ding, Aman Khera, Suzanne Vazquez, Maya Hamandi, Joanna Ni, Megan Zhang, Dean Park, Luca Hinton, Joshua Morgan, Maya Pashai, Peter Ketende, Sinead Molony, Jay Sequiera, Alexandre Stephant, Shaan Vyas

Ask Arvid _____

Answers to Questions in an Ever-Confusing World _____

*** Arvid is "on vacation".