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Will 109 Declare War?

by George Foster Dulles

The Council is currently deliberating a motion to declare war.

In September, a nation, whose name the Council has yet to reveal, purposely moved Knowledge Master Club posters from their wall locations without asking for permission.

Mr. Huang considers this an insult to the sovereignty of 109 and a clear affront to the code of cooperation among Longfellow nations.

The Council has notified allies, especially those geographically closest to the offending nation. All reports indicate that all allies are ready to assist in case of war.

Archeologists Uncover Ancient Tree

by Heinrich Schliemann

In September, 109 archeologists uncovered

an old tree beyond the northern outer limits of the kingdom.

The tree bore markings of a pre-109 civilization, but carbon dating tests proved inconclusive. Until now, it was believed that 109 had been uninhabited before Mr. Huang landed on its shores. The Powers-That-Be gave no hint of a previously viable civilization; this discovery has changed the history books.

The markings indicated that this tree was once marked for destruction by the Powers-That-Be until the Queen of the Universe and her people saved it. Apparently, they were successful, but who is the Queen of the Universe? She must have been someone of great power and stature to stand up to the Powers and earn that title.

The Council has sent historians to the older lands of Longfellow to gather more information about this unknown queen.

Treece Fails Zolghadar

by Nathaniel Bumpo

“You know what was at stake!” shouted Zolghadar.

Treece just ignored the rantings and ravings of the crazed lunatic.

Shayan Zolghadar of 5th period claims he was promised 5 extra credit points if Adam Treece received a 100 on a quiz. The points were to be payment for tutoring he gave Treece. Since Treece did not receive a 100, Zolghadar was up in arms.

“I guess Shayan isn’t the master tutor he thought he was,” said Mr. Huang.

Mr. Huang Indifferent to Cowboy Success

by Ricky Ticky Tavi

Last spring, when Mr. Huang declared he was withdrawing all moral and monetary support

from the Dallas Cowboys, many thought he was joking. How could a fan of over 20 years go cold turkey like that over the acquisition of one player?

Well, it can happen, and it has.

When the Cowboys defeated their arch-nemesis Washington in week two of the regular season, doctors were dispatched to Mr. Huang to measure his joy. The joy-meter attached to his heart indicated that on a scale of 1 to 10, his joy was only a 2. Joy-meters don't lie.

Apparently, Mr. Huang just didn't care anymore.

His dislike for the Redskins is still present, but its intensity has waned. His level of joy after the Redskins lost to the winless Titans only registered a 5 on the joy-meter.

Mr. Huang has said that he will restore his support for the Cowboys if they get rid of Terrell Owens, but will he really be able to forgive his team?

Ask Arvid

Dear Arvid,

Sometimes Mr. Huang doesn't put his hand on

his heart during the pledge of allegiance. This disturbs me. Why does he do that?

Dear Percepto,

Mr. Huang doesn't have a heart. Don't you know that by now? You can't put your hand over something that isn't there.

Dear Arvid,

Sometimes I forget to turn in homework, and lose 5 points each time. What can I do to help me remember?

Dear Forgetful,

Assign one person in class to slap you when you walk in the door to remind you to turn it in. I would also assign an alternate slapper in case the first person is absent that day. This Pavlovian solution will surely solve your problem.

Dear Arvid,

I can't flick my pen like Mr. Huang. It looks so magical. How do I do it?

Dear Deprived,

Before I tell you the secrets to the flicking of

the pen, you must go home and eat more rice.

New 109 website hits 1000

by Mata Hari

Turning away from his characteristic anti-technology tendencies, Mr. Huang launched the kingdom's first ever website this fall.

Employing the services of the webmaster from the Science Land of 142, the kingdom uses the internet to promote its mission of preserving the culture of traditional mathematics. The site contains the history of the kingdom, pictures of its citizens, a list of perfect skill drills winners, flag bearers, date masters, and 109 merchandise as well as other tasty bits of information.

On October 24, the site reached the milestone of 1000 visits. But is the kingdom giving in to technology by pursuing this path of self-promotion?

"Time will tell," said one council member, "but as of now, we see it as necessary to get the message of the kingdom out. In the old days, people would have used the fastest form of

communication possible like a fast horseman carrying letters. We're doing the same thing."

Neglected Window Attacks Mr. V

by Jonas Salk

Longfellow is an old building. It hasn't been renovated since the 60s. Like people who become agitated and feisty and neglected, fixtures and furniture develop an antagonistic attitude toward people, the agents of neglect. Sometimes the inanimate become violent. That is why teachers at Longfellow are trained to soothingly talk to the fixtures and furniture before we use them. "Soothe before you use" is our motto.

However, fixtures, and especially windows, are unpredictable. On October 25, Mr. V. approached one of his oldest windows when all of a sudden it shattered and attacked him. Shards of glass flew directly at him and his students. As a good teacher should, he thought of his students first, deflecting every piece with the Tae Kwon Do he learned

from Mr. Williams and the Shaolin kung fu he learned from Mr. Huang. While shooing his students out of harm's way, he brushed aside every piece except for one that slashed his wrist. The students were safe, but Mr. V was left gushing blood.

Allies, including Williams, Postlethwait, Miller and Huang came to his aid. They called 911, and took him to a hospital. Like a manly man he took the pain, refusing the anesthetic while he received two stitches. He only cried a little bit.

NCTM Claims to Swing Toward Traditional Math

by Herman Hesse

NCTM, proponent of fuzzy math, has been singing a different tune lately. Or are they?

Their latest list of math objectives reflects a newfound interest in going back to the basics in math in the early grades.

However, the kingdom is skeptical. While Mr. Huang and the Council would welcome a genuine shift in NCTM's thinking,

they remain guarded in their reception of the news. Could NCTM be paying lip service to the traditionalists to keep them quiet?

Only time and results will tell if NCTM is truly ready to get back to teaching real math.

Skill Drills Standings

7th grade

Amit Nayak	2
Tom Cresce	1
Alice Ju	1
Kristina Hu	1

8th grade

So Hyeun Chun	5
Greg Mascialino	4
Robin Hinson	3
Brian Lichliter	3
Brian Roy	3
Asli Uyanik	3
Danielle Cho	2
Rayn Epreman	2
Sei Young Hwang	2
Collin Juba	2
Sarah Kelley	2
Julia Kim	2
Robby Koch	2
Hitoshi Koshiya	2
Chae Won Lee	2
Graham Lobel	2
Ashley Yun	2
Sarah Anderson	1
Vanessa Csapo	1
Xung Do	1
Mario Fidalgo	1
Gobind Ghai	1
Min Wook Lee	1
Hannah Mayberry	1
Nuha Naqvi	1
Andrea Omonte	1
Nolen Ramminger	1
Zach Sirlin	1
Andrey Tretyak	1
Lansing Veeder	1
Greg Weiss	1
Elaine Wu	1

