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"Mathematica Ad Nauseam"

109 Says: "No 109 t-shirts for Non-citizens"

John Locke

For only the second time in 109 history, Mr. Huang has allowed a binding nationwide vote, and the people agreed with their king.

In keeping with Mr. Huang's personal opinion, a strong majority of 109 citizens voted to disallow sales of 109 t-shirts to non-109 citizens.

The issue came to the forefront when James Eagle of the Land of 114 wished to purchase a shirt. This was the first request of its kind.

The vote was not unanimous. 1st period voted yes but wanted a higher price for non-citizens. Both 3rd and 5th periods voted no in landslides. 6th period voted no 17-12 and held the most heated debate.

"We can't discriminate," said Maddie Ball, a member of the Nice Party. She favored higher-priced shirts for non-citizens.

Jake McCarron, a member of the Not-So-Nice Party shot back: "If you want a higher price, that IS discrimination. You can't play both sides of the fence. You either discriminate all the way or you don't discriminate at all."

Some members of the High Council argued that the whole issue is moot since shirts have been seen selling on the black market and dishonorable citizens have sold their own shirts to make a profit.

The decision stands, but a larger issue may be brewing. There is talk that Mr. Huang's decision to hold a vote was really an excuse to practice democracy. Perhaps he is getting ready to finally declare 109 a democracy or at least a republic and abdicate his throne.

Monster Poses No Threat

Tippy Hedron

After months of research, the 109 Area

51 Institute has determined that the underground moisture that has been seeping through the northern floor is secretion from a child-eating monster.

Dr. Jonathan Leidenheimer has run numerous tests on the air, ground and secretions.

"All signs point to a carnivorous being with a preference for humans between the ages of 6 and 13," he said.

However, 109 has not lost a single citizen or visitor to this monster. Naysayers poo-pooed the theory until Leidenheimer discovered a tunnel running from Longfellow to the neighboring land of Haycock, a land teeming with tasty innocent boys and girls.

"Apparently, after meals, the creature chooses to rest under Longfellow," Leidenheimer continued. As long as there is a healthy supply of food at Haycock, 109 and the rest of Longfellow are safe.

Parker Invents New Math

Harpo Marx

Deep and profound. There are few other words to describe what amazed citizens all over 4th period are calling the new math discovered by Parker Won.

On Feb. 5, by pure accident, Won stumbled across a new way to add. He had to add $2009+1$ and he got 3000. People gasped. Flags waved. Bells rang. People ran into the streets rejoicing. Their brains were now freed from the prison created by centuries-old properties and laws set down by some of the most intelligent people in history. Aristotle? Archimedes? Pythagoras? Leibniz? Newton? Pascal? Euler? Gauss? Weil? We now know they are idiots and morons next to Won.

“He has freed my mind,” said Brian Shi, an ardent follower of the Korean guru now being called Mathbuster. “I was thinking of joining a commune in the Himalayas, but now I can just sit at home and meditate on this new math and receive even greater spiritual benefit.

Rat Home Houses Pet Rat

Barbara Silvernale

The new architectural wonder in the north windows of 109 is not modern art. It is actually a functioning home for Kat the Rat, the temporary pet of 109.

Currently, Arsalan Atta is the caretaker of the house. He makes sure the structure is steady so that Kat does not get smushed. The design of the house changes several times a week as Atta applies his creativity to add some sparkle to the dwelling.

Kat is short for Catherine of Aragon who was the first of Henry VIII's six wives. Their marriage was annulled because the Vatican would not grant a divorce. As a result, of Henry's defiance and other political differences that festered between England and the Vatican, The Church of England split from the Roman Catholic Church, and Henry became its head. That church is now known as the Anglican Church.

As of yet, no one has seen Kat, but never fear,

she will make an appearance.

Two Wrongs Might Make a Right

Gilda Radner

On Feb. 26, Ben Epstein of 5th period showed that two wrongs make a right. Mr. Huang was skeptical. However, three more sightings have been reported, and scientists are now scratching their heads.

First, Epstein made two errors simplifying an expression when he incorrectly created two negatives out of thin air. The final expression was positive, so he ended correctly.

About a week later, Elena Kagan made two errors simplifying an algebraic fraction and ended up with the correct answer. Alex Kohout and Leah Surratt did the same soon afterward.

These events have occurred with expressions, equations and even truth tables, so they span a variety of math topics. However, for scientists to take this phenomenon seriously, it cannot simply occur in

one period or nation. It has to cross geographic lines.

Ask Arvid

Dear Arvid,

How can I be happy like the Happy Girl on the announcements? I need to be happy.

Dear You're OK,

Believe me. You don't need to be that happy.

Dear Arvid,

What happens if I sneeze during the minute of silence?

Dear Troublemaker,

Well, your germs go flying everywhere. You end up infecting anywhere from 6-12 people in less than 10 seconds. Technically, you are responsible for any meds or doctor's visits they have to pay for. However, if you hold your sneeze until after the minute of silence, none of this will happen.

Plurality Votes to Sing to Sobhani

Aimee Mann

On Mar. 12, a plurality in 6th period voted to sing happy birthday to Ramzi Sobhani, so they did.

Huang allowed the singing, even though a

majority did not vote yes. A majority would entail more than 50% of the population voting a certain way.

More citizens voted yes than no. However, since a number of apathetic souls abstained, a majority was not reached. They shall remain nameless.

Pho on Fire, Shoaibi Stretches Lead

George Michael

With the Skill Drills season's 3rd quarter over, it looks like Care Shoaibi is the one to beat this year. She will have to remain consistent in the 4th quarter to stay clear of Hannah Pho and Carrie Murton.

Pho is on fire this quarter with 5 perfects out of 7. Murton has been consistent this quarter as well, scoring 3. At one time, she was tied with Shoaibi before faltering the last two weeks. They are both 2 behind Shoaibi who has 13. Ashley Kim and Nisha Swarup have 10 and lie in 3rd place with slumping Ye Jin Ko. Others who have joined

the race for 3rd place with strong a 3rd quarter: Molly Hurlbut, Ho Joon Lee, Angela Tang, Timothy Sheridan, Anna Tursi, and Alex Kohout.

On Jan. 25, by getting a long overdue perfect, Maddie Ball restored honor to 6th period. Nowell Boardman made it two weeks in a row. In the 21st week, Martha Fulp-Eickstadt scored another one.

Skill Drills Standings

13: Care Shoaibi
11: Carrie Murton, Hannah Pho
10: Ashley Kim, Ye Jin Ko, Nisha Swarup
8: Edward Ko
7: Peter Steele, Ho Joon Lee, Angela Tang, Molly Hurlbut
6: Sam Clayton
4: Alex Kohout, Leah Surratt, Timothy Sheridan, Anna Tursi, Edwin Vargas
3: Jane Kim, Mya Abousy, Sanshiro Ebata, Haemin Park,
2: Rebecca Ho
1: Diana Campero, Katie Clements, Michael Anthony, Sarah Brooks, Robbie Hefferon, Ann Liu, Gordon Trainor, Eric Wood, Joe Downs, Patrick Mahoney, Zack Sanders, Kaylyn Buford, Megumi Chen, Ben Epstein, Claudia Yang, Alex LeFloch, Mike Gannon, Jake Huber, Amelia Sugianto, Hussain Jaffery, Sara Mojarrad, Fuller Overby, Maddie Ball, Nowell Boardman, Martha Fulp-Eickstadt

Kingdom of 109 T-shirts!!!

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