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"Mathematica Ad Nauseam"

## Huang Survives Assassination Attempt

Jack Ruby

On October 29, Mr. Huang survived an attack on his life from Timothy Sheridan of 1<sup>st</sup> period.

In the middle of a lecture, Sheridan flung a pencil in Mr. Huang's direction. Luckily for Mr. Huang, Sheridan has very bad aim as the projectile missed by several feet.

The authorities were not called. Instead, Mr. Huang did give Sheridan a hard stare, enough to ensure Sheridan will never attempt to assassinate him again. Up to that point, Sheridan had not given any hint that he was unhappy in 109, so this act of defiance was surprising.

This is the second attempt on Mr. Huang's life. In the spring of 2006, Maryam Kanna of 5<sup>th</sup> period tried to eliminate Mr. Huang by tripping him as he walked by her desk.

Kanna denied intending to harm Mr. Huang.

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## Neldon Appointed Keeper of the Ritual Fire

Sally Ride

On November 11, in a rare instance of governmental change, the Kingdom of 109 instituted the new office of Keeper of the Ritual Fire.

The newly appointed Keeper is the appointed Alice Neldon of 6<sup>th</sup> period. Mr. Huang chose her for her clearly apparent pyromaniac temptations.

"I thought she could put her obvious talents to good use," said Mr. Huang.

The duty of the Keeper is to do away with belongings that have been left in 109 for more than three days. However, she also has the option of returning the articles to their original owner if she is able and wishes to do so.

There is also a special prayer to be read by the Keeper during the ritual fire. The text of the prayer (which can be found on the kingdom's website) illustrates the surprisingly humble and compassionate nature of the task.

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## Final Three Murals Underway

Piet Mondrian

With great joy and sadness, 109 has begun the last three murals.

Always with rejoicing in our hearts do we praise the chosen artists as they put their hard work and love into their art. However, this year, we also watch with heavy hearts because on the horizon is that day when the Powers That Be will tear down 109 during the Renovation.

The renovation is not yet here, but it will come probably during the 2009-2010 school year. As of yet, it is not known which nations will be moved first. If lucky, 109 may not be

moved until the summer of 2010.

For now, the three artists, Leah Surratt, Mya Abousy and Polina Tamarina can sketch and paint without interference. Surratt has been chosen to produce a mural on the western wall to commemorate the gift of Pi from Octopus Land, given when Mr. Huang first arrived. Abousy was chosen to paint a sky mural on the ceiling. Tamarina, a 109 veteran of last year's 5<sup>th</sup> period, will produce the first ever mural on the exterior of 109.

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## Statistics Point to Mystical Power of Northside

Samuel Taylor Coleridge

After a series of north-side versus south-side duels, the results seem to reveal an interesting phenomenon.

In almost every duel, regardless of class period or type of math, the north-side won. Scientists have been unable to explain the results with an airtight scientific explanation. The only thing they could come up with was a lame theory about

natural light from the windows.

This uncertainty elates those to believe in the supernatural. There have always been tales of mystical forces on the north-side of 109. From the power of the North Star to the much-feared supposed trapped monster beneath the floor, the stories are plentiful and elaborate. Scientists will not give up however.

"We will find a scientific explanation," said Dr. Hogeboom. "Science can explain all phenomena." We shall see.

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## Tamarina Rescues Rectangle

Rudy Huxtable

With a boom and a crash, an opportunity for love and care arose.

When a rectangular piece of the sky fell just outside the entrance to the kingdom, Polina Tamarina just happened to be strolling by. After clearing the dust, Tamarina immediately felt compassion for the rectangle. Tyler Kim (2007-08 5<sup>th</sup>) helped Tamarina carry the rectangle home where,

like a loving mother, she nurtured it back to health with love and chicken soup. She even dressed it up in pretty colors.

Now that piece of sky is happy as a clam, protecting the heads of all citizens and guests who enter the kingdom.

For her unselfish act, Mr. Huang has dubbed Tamarina "Governess of the Sky."

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## Ask Arvid

Dear Arvid,

I desire Hussain Jaffery's power of 2 powers. If I slay him, will I get his powers?

Dear Power-monger,

No. Powers are gifts and do no transfer from person to person whether they are dead or alive. I suggest finding that special something that you can do that others cannot.

Dear Arvid,

Someone in front of me keeps making fun of my math ability. She makes me feel like a failure. I don't know what to do.

Dear Little One,

Don't cry. Help is on the way. Let me take this phone call first. Hold on.

Woops....I forgot about you. What was your problem again?

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## Huang and Cheney Trade Nations for a Day

William Harvey

For the first time in 109 history, Mr. Huang spent the entire day overseas in friendly territory.

While Mr. Huang was instructing the citizens of Tieland, Mr. Cheney was with the citizens of 109. Mr. Huang chose to give lectures on the significance of the defeat of the Spanish Armada by the English navy in 1588. Mr. Cheney designed his own skill drills for the event.

The exchange of leaders for the day is another example of the deep friendship between the two nations. The success of the day practically ensures that this will not be the only exchange.

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## Mojarrad Blesses the Multitude While Taking Test

Franklin Graham

In a dazzling display of hearing, quickness and goodwill, Sara

Mojarrad blessed 7 people during a test.

After each person sneezed, without fail and in the blink of an eye, Mojarrad hurled a transforming “Bless you” at the person, ensuring his or her health for the rest of the day.

“It was an amazing feeling,” said one citizen anonymously for fear that someone might try to steal her blessing.

“She was amazing, blessing people left and right,” said another. “I’m thinking of catching a cold on purpose so I can get in the game.”

The rest were not so lucky. “I didn’t get one,” said one teary-eyes citizen, “but something inside me said, ‘Don’t worry. Someday, you will sneeze and receive that blessing.’”

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## Skill Drills Race Heating Up

Mara Liasson

If the first two quarters are any indication, this year’s skill drill race may go down to the wire.

In a remarkable display of consistency, Ye Jin Ko (5<sup>th</sup> pd) scored perfects on each of the six skill drills in 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter, putting her in the lead with 9 for the year. Carrie Murton and Peter Steele, both of 3<sup>rd</sup>, scored perfects on 5 out of 6. Murton is tied with Edward Ko, Ashley Kim and Care Shoaibi at 8. Steele is tied with Nisha Swarup with 7.

The disappointment this year has been 6<sup>th</sup> period. After starting off the year tied for first after one quarter, Haemin Park has not scored a perfect, and no one else in 6<sup>th</sup> period has picked up the slack.

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## Skill Drills Standings

**9:** Ye Jin Ko, Care Shoaibi  
**8:** Edward Ko, Ashley Kim, Carrie Murton,  
**7:** Peter Steele, Nisha Swarup  
**6:** Hannah Pho  
**4:** Ho Joon Lee, Angela Tang, Sam Clayton  
**3:** Edwin Vargas, Mya Abousy, Sanshiro Ebata, Haemin Park, Leah Surratt, Molly Hurlbut  
**2:** Rebecca Ho  
**1:** Diana Campero, Katie Clements, Timothy Sheridan, Michael Anthony, Sarah Brooks, Robbie Hefferon, Ann Liu, Gordon Trainor, Eric Wood, Joe Downs, Alex Kohout, Patrick Mahoney, Zack Sanders

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