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“Mathematica Ad Nauseam”

## Mr. Huang Goes after Calamito

Bernard Hinault

To atone for betraying Officer Morris, Mr. Cheney and Mr. Bradford, Mr. Huang will be leaving for one year to find the evil Mr. Calamito (aka Dr. Donut) and bring him to justice.

Calamito used laced donuts to put Officer Morris under his spell. After Morris was freed by the trio’s scientific breakthrough remedy, Calamito, using Mr. Huang’s ambitions against him, convinced him to help Calamito put everyone under the power of the One Donut Ring. When Mr. Huang came to his senses, Calamito got away. Mr. Huang has pledged to find him.

Mr. Huang’s absence means that there will be significant changes next year. In his place, a council of seven 8<sup>th</sup> grade citizens will watch over the 109ers who will be in exile (the Powers-That-Be have decreed that citizens may not

inhabit 109 while Mr. Huang is away).

Mr. Huang passed the 109 flag to ally Mr. Cheney and Tieland for safekeeping. However, Mr. Huang’s absence does not prevent 109ers from processing with the flag on special occasions.

Naturally, some traditions will not take place next year. Some of the traditions that will be suspended:

- Skill Drills
- 109 awards
- 109 Rest days
- Datemaster
- Flagbearers
- The 109 Times

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## Heptumvirate to Protect 109ers in Exile Next Year

Jaime Moreno

Drawing from all three 7<sup>th</sup> grade periods, Mr. Huang called on seven citizens to serve in his place as the Heptumvirate next year.

Jonathan Leidenheimer and Timothy Sheridan (1<sup>st</sup>), Mya Abousy and Carrie

Murton (3<sup>rd</sup>) and Leah Surratt, Hayley Wenk and Joe Downs (5<sup>th</sup>) will be charged with watching over 109 citizens while Mr. Huang searches for the evil Mr. Calamito.

The Heptumvirate does not have absolute power. Instead, any powers they possess can only be given by Mr. Huang. Decision-making will be a subordinated function closely monitored by Mr. Huang. The Heptumvirate will mainly be the eyes and ears for Mr. Huang whose presence next year will be extremely limited. The most important duty for the Heptumvirate will be watching over the murals of 109 and protecting the flag since the Powers-That-Be have declared that 109 will remain uninhabited until Mr. Huang’s return. The Heptumvirate will also act as security for the well-being of all 109 citizens.

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## Monster Blockaded

Steve Largent

109 construction workers finally put 109 citizens at ease when the hole leading to the underground monster's lair was sealed off.

Elated 109 citizens cheered the decision for protecting 109 over studying the monster for the sake of science. 109 had been considering sending a scientific commando team into the tunnels to study the monster.

Not all 109ers are happy though. Dr. Jonathan Leidenheimer was banking on his research of the monster to write a new bestselling book.

"From what I have observed of the creature, we were not in any real danger," said Leidenheimer. "I believe we could have kept it at peace with Fig Newtons."

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## Determinant Party Grows; Substitution Dwindles

Dominic Moceanu

Growth in the Determinant Party this year may break the stranglehold that the Linear Combination (aka Add/Subtract) Party has had in the 109 linear system-solving political arena for years.

Coinciding with a drop in the Substitution Party, the DP actually broke 25% in some periods.

Also of note was a slight growth in the fringe Guess and Check Party led by charismatic leaders Max Adler, Brad Rosenblum and Patrick Mahoney.

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## Ask Arvid

**Dear Arvid,**

The new Skill Drills answer sheet doesn't have a line to write the Skill Drills # on it. Why? I am vexed. I am terribly vexed.

**Dear OCD,**

You're what? Can't you use plain English? You're not a Shakespearean character. You're a 12-year-old taking Skill Drills.

**Dear Arvid,**

I don't understand Idiot Tables.

**Dear Einstein,**

I'm speechless. Is there any hope for this generation?

**Dear Arvid,**

What do I do next year without 109?

**Dear Hussain,**

109 may not be here next year, but it will live on in the citizens. It will live on in your heart. If you want 109 to live on, make it happen. If that's not enough, you could always spontaneously run down the hallways singing the 109 Fight Song.

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## Surratt Copies Swarup

Roscoe Tanner

On May 12, just a few minutes after Nisha Swarup had asked Mr. Huang for a band aid to treat a paper cut, Leah Surratt asked for the same thing. Rumors started flying". Is Leah Surratt a copy cat? Does she have her own identity? Does she worship Swarup?

"I haven't seen copy cat behavior," said Mr. Huang. "What happened today was a coincidence. It was not the behavior of a girl who is insecure and only finds solace in being someone other than herself." Or was it?

## Shoaibi Ties Skill Drill Record

Se Ri Pak

The record that many said would never be broken was nearly broken this year. In fact, Care Shoaibi came so close that no one dares to call the Skill Drill record unbreakable anymore.

By adding 5 more perfects in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter, Shoaibi tied Seungin Sohn and Han Kim. However, some will ask how she squandered a golden opportunity. With three weeks to go, Shoaibi already had 17 perfects. Carrie Murton of 3<sup>rd</sup> had 15 and was within reach of the record.

But both faltered in the last three weeks. Murton didn't get another perfect and

Shoaibi missed out on weeks 28 and 29. She pulled through on week 30, the very last week, to tie the record.

Some will argue that Shoaibi is the best ever because both Han Kim and Seungin Sohn set their records in a span of 32 weeks. Therefore, Shoaibi's perfection percentage is higher.

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## Skill Drills Standings

**18:** Care Shoaibi  
**15:** Carrie Murton  
**14:** Nisha Swarup  
**13:** Hannah Pho, Yejin Ko, Ashley Kim  
**11:** Ho Joon Lee  
**10:** Edward Ko  
**9:** Angela Tang, Sam Clayton, Peter Steele  
**8:** Molly Hurlbut  
**7:** Edwin Vargas, Alex Kohout  
**6:** Timothy Sheridan, Anna Tursi, Leah Surratt  
**5:** Mya Abousy

**4:** Jane Kim, Ryan Glasenapp, Haemin Park

**3:** Sanshiro Ebata, Nowell Boardman

**2:** Emma Gee, Rebecca Ho, Hussain Jaffery, Kyle Alexander, Michael Anthony, Robbie Hefferon, Jake Huber, Sindhura Kolachana, Alex LeFloch, Ann Liu, Max Adler, Kaylyn Buford, Megumi Chen, Ben Epstein, Eric Hsu, Martha Fulp-Eickstadt

**1:** Abi Anderson, Diana Campero, Katie Clements, Bobby Collins, Bo Gilbertson, Nick Heo, Jonathan Leidenheimer, Sara Mojarrad, Vanessa Strahan, Zhen Wang, Mijue Kwon, Fuller Overby, Sarah Brooks, Eamon Collins, Tom Endean, Mike Gannon, Brain Henderson, Alexander Karimi, Andy Lindsay, Brad Rosenblum, Amelia Sugianto, Gordon Trainor, Eric Wood, Joe Downs, Caroline Mannon, Hayley Wenk, Claudia Yang, John DiNucci, Ben Macke, Patrick Mahoney, Miranda Matheny, Elisabeth Merten, Melanie Norton, Zack Sanders, Muna Sigdel, Ramzi Sobhani, Vincent Neri

Dear Heptumvirate,

Watch over 109 and your fellow citizens with honor and vigilance.

- Mr. Huang

THANK YOU, CITIZENS OF 109,  
FOR HONORING ME  
WITH YOUR PRESENCE.  
YOU ARE NOT SMALL POTATOES.

- MR. HUANG