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1st: Zain Mirza  
2nd: John Godwin  
3rd: Brandon Torng  
4th: Tayae Rogers  
5th: Brandon Ou  
LT: Jenica Fichadia  
DM: Andrew Swenson

3rd Quarter Flagbearers:  
1st: Zain Zahir  
2nd: Ishaan Kathuria  
3rd: Sunho Oh  
4th: Zach Anderson  
5th: Katharine Walker  
LT: Yasemin Akin  
DM: Kristen Waagner

## R.A.S.P. Pulls Back

By Michael Andretti

After weeks of hawkish messages and bravado from the upstart R.A.S.P., it seems the 210 paramilitary has decided to err on the side of caution.

Several messages touting 210's superiority over K109 led 109 to prepare for battle for the second time in

its history. R.A.S.P specifically demanded admission of subordination and monetary payment to avoid all out war.

In addition, R.A.S.P. planted spies within 109, prompting 109 to respond in like manner, marking the first

time 109 has ever infiltrated another country.

Finally, Mr. Huang agreed in principle to a Challenge 24 competition between the two countries. As the details were being discussed, 109 prepared for the possible commencement of hostilities and sought aid from allies.

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## Weapons Manufacturers Flourishing

By Al Unser, Sr.

One thing is for sure. The threat of war makes weapons manufacturers happy. Miller Hollinger, Ashley Zhang, and Eric Chen can all attest to that.

Business is booming in spite of the R.A.S.P. pull back. After Hollinger's company began mass producing bows and arrows, swords and bazookas, Zhang and Chen followed suit.

Zhang and Chen's weapons cost a bit more since they put a little

more time into their products. Their weapons are sturdier, though some have complained that Chen's swords are too bulky and therefore harder to conceal.

Hollinger weapons are still the go-to weapons of choice because they are readily available and quite creative.

Zhang's weapons are visually appealing, but some wonder how well they will hold up in an actual fight.

## 5th period Not Happy with Surprise Sub

By Bobby Rahal

On February 4, Mr. Gorgia, still undergoing rehabilitation for being evil, subbed for Mr. Huang. This is the first time since the One Donut Crisis that Mr. Gorgia has subbed, and 5th period took some precautions.

Ambassador Caitlin Cunningham, very well-read in 109 history, demanded that Mr. Gorgia sign a document that acknowledged his evil past and ensured that he not perform any evil acts in 109. Mr. Gorgia chose not to sign.

"We must have written assurance that Mr. Gorgia is not still evil," said Cunningham. "You saw the documentary. He still wears those sunglasses and laughs. It is my job to ensure the safety of 109."

Cunningham is now drafting a letter to be signed by Mr. Gorgia that protects 109 from future harm while Mr. Gorgia is on probation. Meanwhile, a conservative protectionist faction within 5th period is also requesting that Mr. Gorgia be banned from ever subbing again.

"I will consider having Mr. Gorgia sign the document," said Mr. Huang. "But there might come a time when we want someone like Mr. Gorgia on our side."

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Since that point in time, R.A.S.P. has sent no messages to 109 concerning war. Rumors of spying have dimmed. Plans for a math competition have been scrapped.

Still, the Department of Homeland Security is on high alert., and K109 has been working on readying its army and planning possible evacuation routes for civilians in case things get bad. Allies have been contacted, and have agreed to take on refugees if necessary.

"I don't think it would come to that," said Mr. Huang. "We are well prepared."

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## Abedi Could Be An Empath

By Johnny Rutherford

On Nov. 7, Mr. Huang hit his foot on his desk, and now scientists are wondering if Parsa Abedi has alien DNA.

No pain-uttering sound came from Mr. Huang's lips, but a faint cry could be heard from the mouth of Abedi.

"Oww," he said.

Everyone including Mr. Huang turned to him in amazement. Even Abedi surprised himself. He had no idea he could feel other people's pain.

"It was so natural, I didn't even notice I did it," he said.

The Center for Supposed Supernatural Ability is now studying Abedi.

"We are testing him thoroughly," said Dr. Evan Glazer. "Once we isolate what makes him tick, this could be a breakthrough in the pain management industry."

Meanwhile, 109 is trying to keep the news relatively quiet. If word gets out that a 109 citizen is an empath, others might come seeking healing. Things could get out of hand.

"If he can take my pain, and it's free, why not?" said one citizen whose hand hurts from taking too many notes. "Parsa, heal me!"

It is important to note that Mr. Huang still felt the pain in his foot, so empathic ability does not necessarily mean healing abilities.

## Gong and Song Open Up Lead; Record Out of Reach

By A.J. Foyt

Now that breaking Adam Ardeishar's record of 21 perfects is mathematically unreachable, the question is who will be Skill Drills champion this year. Joshua Gong or Wonsup Song?

The pair opened up a two-perfect lead on Jonathan Tseng and Theo Ma, the only two who have a realistic shot at catching either of them. Justin Feng has 7, and a host of others sit at 5.

Tseng, Song and Gong all scored four perfects this quarter which prevented Tseng from gaining ground. James Veccia,

Justin Feng, and Tiffany Parise all scored three, but Veccia and Parise are out of the running. At the end of 2nd quarter, Theo Ma was tied with Gong, but Ma disappointingly scored only two perfects third quarter. The tough luck prize goes to Andrew Li who scored 95/100 on five of the six Skill Drills this quarter.

Considering that 4th quarter traditionally has the least number of Skill Drill weeks of the four quarters, Ardeishar's record is safe. Even Skill Drills for the Masses will not help Gong and Song reach 21.

## 2nd Quarter Datemaster Absence Leads to Chaos

By Gabrielle Carteris

The board read Monday 12-1-14. However, it really wasn't, and everyone was lost. Despite Mr. Huang's insistence that it was Tuesday 12-2-14, the well-trained 109 citizens pointed to the board where absent Alex Surratt had written the date...the day before.

To make things worse, the day was Tuesday, the first day of Skill Drills. A good portion of citizens refused to do them, claiming it was Monday.

"I was taught to go by the date box, and the date box says it's Monday!" said one angry citizen

stamping his foot.

A group of boys were discussing the Monday Night Football game from the night before but immediately stopped when they realized the date meant the game couldn't have happened yet.

"It was weird," one of them said. "I was talking about a game that had not happened yet. It was like I could see into the future."

"This shows how important the datemaster is," said Mr. Huang. "Without it, we're lost."

## Skill Drills Standings (after SD #19)

11: Joshua Gong, Wonsup Song

10: Justin Feng

9: Jonathan Tseng, Theo Ma

5: Seowon Choi, Zain Mirza, Haemin Moon, Brandon Tornig

4: Bilen Essayas, Alex Kao-Sowa, Yurim Kim, Sean Wei, Tiffany Parise, James Veccia

3: Mark Hamilton, Parsa Abedi

2: Cathy Liang, Tiara Allard, Andrew Li, Brandon Ou, Alex Jian, Ethan Li, Amanda Tang, Jillian Keiholtz, Shalomi Nimesh, Rosalie Jiang, Sherrie Feng, Andre Hu, Braeden Meikle, Angeli Mittal

1: George Janke, Deniz Nemli, Alex Surratt, Kristen Waagner, Joyce Yang, Stephanie Bi, Nicholas Bishop, Sophia Kianni, Yujin Kim, Jane Lee, Sowmya Natarajan, Surya Venkatesan, Emily Gaw, Catherine Choo, Sean Hutchinson, Keni McBee, Rachel Nguyen, Ava Rotonondo, Alex Swers, Tayae Rogers, Kevin Lu, Eric Chen, Jenica Fichadia, Brian Hu, Elise Kalhor, Ben Meyers, Charles Olifer, Eli Sporn, Heather Fitzsimmons, Owen Nguyen

## Ask Arvid

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Dear Arvid:

I keep mistaking threes for fives, and that causes me to get wrong answers. How do I stop this?

Dear Blind as a Bat:

If you are confronted with a problem with threes or fives in it, be on high alert. Ask a neighbor what it says. In the meantime, it would be wise to get your eyes checked.

Dear Arvid:

I keep forgetting to turn in my homework on time. If I turn it in late, there is no telling when I will get it back. Help me.

Dear Sticky Hands:

Here is a fool-proof system. Every day when you come to class, have someone next to you

slap you in the face and yell: "Turn in your homework!"

Dear Arvid:

I keep forgetting to bring a pencil to class.

Dear Sumerian-Disser:

Remember to bring a pencil. Duh.

Dear Arvid:

Whenever I go to the board, the marker doesn't work. I don't want to go to the board anymore.

Dear Deflated:

Do not despair. At least one of the markers always works. Keep the faith!

## Suspicious Activity Near One Donut Site

By Roger Penske

109 investigators are now scouring the site of the One Donut for evidence of trespassing. The initial theories is that RASP has been digging around for the One Donut.

The One Donut was buried years ago when Mr. Huang defeated Dr. Donut and his accomplice Mr. Gorgia. Officer Morris buried the magical donut in the field. It has been untouched since then.

Hungry for power, and not being able to muster their own, RASP has been on a world-wide search for magical powers from artifacts no matter their origin. After failing to located

the Ark of the Covenant, rumors circulated that they turned attention to the One Donut.

"There is evidence of people having visited the site," said Jeff Saturday of 109 Investigations. "However, there is no evidence that anything was dug up."

The Office of 109 denies reports that RASP has contacted K 109 and informed them that they have found the One Donut.

"That's preposterous," said one spokesperson. "The Powers-That-Be monitor magical activity in the area. Any movement of the One Donut would be immediately detected by them."