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Fun on roller skates

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Achievement

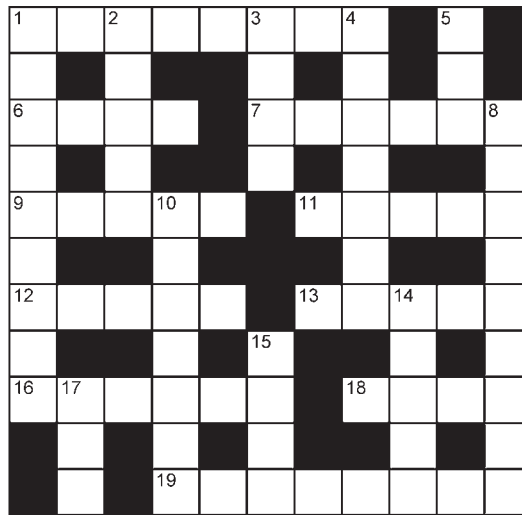


Eight-year-old A.D.D. Janudi Sehansa of M.D.H. Jayawardana Maha Vidyalaya, Battaramulla was placed first in the Level-2 female Kata event of the National Karate Virtual Kata Championship 2021 and in the Western Province Kata Championship 2021.

NOTE

Please log on to the Funday Times website on www.fundaytimes.lk or check out the Sunday Times epaper on www.sundaytimes.lk for additional pages of this week's Funday Times.

Junior Crossword – No. 964



- Across**
- 1 An annual celebration
 - 6 Not willing to work
 - 7 Captured
 - 9 Mistake
 - 11 Think the same way as someone else
 - 12 From Ireland
 - 13 Ice crystals that form in cold weather
 - 16 Worshipped
 - 18 Grape plant
 - 19 Follows tenth

- Down**
- 1 A graceful dancer
 - 2 A beard cutter
 - 3 A water-loving bird
 - 4 Of lesser age
 - 5 This is left after a fire
 - 8 The century before this one
 - 10 Watch
 - 14 This vegetable might make you cry
 - 15 Border
 - 17 Not wet

Please enter your full name, date of birth, home address, mobile number and school.



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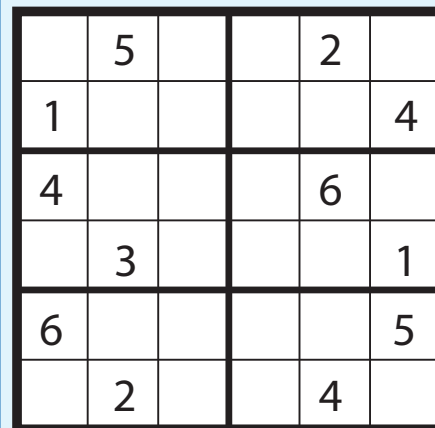


Chanuk Kotalawala,
Kaduwela

Solution - No. 962



Sudoku 325



Compiled by Peter Fernando

1. In the large square you can see three features:

Vertical columns

Six vertical columns with six small squares in each column.

Horizontal columns

Six horizontal columns with six small squares in each of them.

Grids

Six boxes or grids with six small squares in each of them.

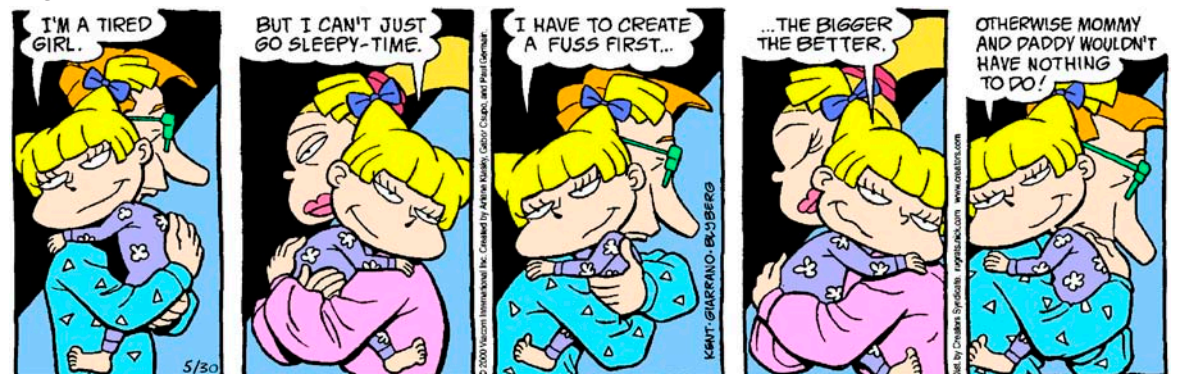
2. Insert Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 in the small squares in a way so as not to repeat the same number twice.

Now try to complete Junior Sudoku 325 using logic and reasoning. This is a good exercise for your mind.

Solution – No. 323

6	3	4	5	1	2
1	5	2	4	3	6
3	4	1	6	2	5
2	6	5	3	4	1
5	1	3	2	6	4
4	2	6	1	5	3

Rugrats



Everything has to be new!

By Manoshi de Silva

Bunny decided to replace everything in her house with new things for the New Year. "Everything old has to go and I am going to start the New Year with everything brand new. Everything about me has got to be new, for the New Year!" she said to herself while piling up her old curtains, bed sheets and dishes. As she put them all out, a few of her neighbours showed interest in them. "Can I have these curtains?" asked a porcupine. "This blanket would be ideal for me," said a deer. But Bunny was too stingy and mean. She never gave anything to anyone. So she didn't want to give away anything for free. "If you pay me with something in return, you may have these," she replied and her neighbours went away feeling sad.

The next day Bunny went and bought new things for her house. She had just enough money from her carrot farm to pay for everything. She re-arranged her whole house with the new things. When she finished all the housework, she stood back and looked around. "How nice and new everything is!" she thought. "My house looks like a new place with all the new things. What a wonderful way to start the New Year!" She danced around the house holding her skirt from the sides. But when she looked down at her clothes, she stopped.

"My frock is quite old!" she said. "I need to buy a new frock. How can I celebrate the New Year in an old frock? Everything about me has to be new, for the New Year!" Bunny rushed and looked inside her purse. There was no money left. She had spent it all on new things for the house. She checked her piggy bank. It was also empty. "What do I do?" she wondered. "I know, I'll sell my old curtains and bed sheets and with that money I'll buy a new frock. I must sell them at a very high price and get a lot of money. That way I can buy myself a really beautiful frock!"

Bunny went to her neighbours' houses. "I can sell these things for a good price. They are fairly new," she told everyone. But no one wanted to buy them. They were too old and not worth the price she wanted. "I'll take them if you give them for free," said a mongoose and Bunny got very angry and scolded him. So everyone went away without buying anything because they didn't want to get into a fight with Bunny. She had a bad temper and fought with everyone all the time.

Finally Bunny went to the village shop owned by Mr. Monkey. "I don't have any money right now. But once I get money from my carrot farm, I will pay you," she said. "All I need is a new frock. Everything about me has to be new, for the New Year!"

But Mr. Monkey didn't agree. "I am sorry, I can't give anything on credit!" he said. He didn't trust Bunny at all and knew how stingy and mean she was. "Please do it as a favour," she pleaded. But Mr. Monkey knew that she didn't help porcupine and deer, who were quite poor. So he wasn't interested in helping Bunny either and refused to give her a new frock. Bunny went away angrily, scolding Mr. Monkey for not helping her.

Bunny came back home in tears. She sat outside and cried a lot. "What is wrong?" asked a tortoise who was passing by. Bunny told him everything. "How can I celebrate the New Year in an old frock? Everything about me has to be new for the New Year!" she cried. "Well Bunny, everything about you can be new!" said the tortoise. "But you don't need a new frock for that." "What do you mean?" Bunny wanted to know. "You can become a brand new person for the New Year with new qualities. You can start by giving porcupine and deer the things they asked from you, which you no longer need. Then you can be nice to everyone, help those in need, stop fighting and become nicer.



That way everyone will discover that there is something new about you rather than just a new frock. Everyone will love and appreciate you a lot too!" The tortoise slowly walked away leaving behind Bunny who sat and thought about what he said.

On the last day of the year Bunny went and apologized and gave porcupine and deer what they had asked from her. She even distributed a few additional carrots she had with her, with a few neighbours.

Being nice felt really good. Seeing others smile and hearing them thank her felt good. Bunny never realized all this until now.

On the first day of the New Year Bunny woke up and went to her door. There was a parcel near her doorstep. When she opened it, there was a beautiful, brand new frock inside. It was from her neighbours. They had all collected money and bought it for her after hearing about what happened at Mr. Monkey's shop.

Bunny felt very happy. She wore her beautiful new frock and danced around. "It is the first day of a New Year, in a new frock and I am also a new person now!" she said, promising herself that she would be kind and helpful to everyone from this day onwards.

Tomahawk

Quiz No. 191

Questions for Tomahawk Quiz No. 191 are based on articles appearing in the Funday Times of December 5, 12, 19 and 26, 2021.

All you have to do is to find the answers to the questions given. Write the answers neatly on a postcard. Cut the strip 'Tomahawk Quiz No. 191' seen at the top of this page and paste it on your postcard. Please get your entries certified as your own work by a teacher or parent.

Two lucky winners will receive brand new Tomahawk Mountain Bikes with the compliments of Tomahawk Bicycle Mall

All Funday Times readers between 8 - 15 years are eligible to participate.

(Those who have already won a bicycle are not eligible to participate.)

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QUESTIONS – QUIZ NO. 191

1. Who were the colonial rulers of Ceylon at the time Captain Edward Henry Pedris was arrested?
2. What was the first book authored by Jane Austen? Which book is considered her most famous novel?
3. Who were the first people to visit Baby Jesus?
4. Name the architect of St. Paul's Cathedral and state one of the cathedral's most well-known features.
5. Which country donates the famous Christmas tree seen decorated in London's Trafalgar Square every year?

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Count the objects and circle the correct number.

3	1	2

5	3	6

5	6	7

3	1	2

8	7	6

9	3	4

December Santa Puzzle **WINNERS!**

- ▶ Sandasi Weerawardana, Pita-Kotte
- ▶ Stephen Fernando, Negombo
- ▶ Hiranmia Sivalingam, Trincomalee
- ▶ Ayman Rameez, Bambalapitiya

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Lake Baikal



Lake Baikal is the largest freshwater lake in the world on the basis of its volume. It is located in Southern Siberia, in Russia, exactly between the Buryat Republic on the southeast and Irkutsk Oblast on the northwest. The lake is about 397 miles long and 50 miles wide.



It is the deepest lake in the world, at 1,620 metres (5,314 feet). It is also the clearest and the oldest freshwater lake in the world estimated at being approximately 25 million years old. It was formed in an ancient rift valley. This lake contains approximately 19% of the total unfrozen freshwater reserve in the world.

In 1996, it was designated as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

The plant and animal life of Lake Baikal is varied and unique. There are more than 2,600 species, of plants and animals. More than 1,000 of these species live only in the Baikal region, including the Baikal seal. The Baikal seal is the only seal that lives in fresh water.

The golomyanka, a kind of fish, lives only in Lake Baikal.

The golomyanka gives birth to live young and is the main food of the Baikal seal.

The golomyanka fish have translucent bodies with no scales. It has been said that they decompose or melt in sunlight.

Lake Baikal also has deep-sea, or hydrothermal, vents. These vents support sponges, snails, shrimp and bacteria.

Industries along Lake Baikal include mining, shipbuilding, fishing and paper manufacturing.



Baikal seal

Pollution created by these industries is a concern for scientists and people who care about the environment.

However, there are some environmental protections in place. Several parts of the region around the lake have been set aside as nature and wildlife reserves and as national parks.

Quick Facts

- Lake Baikal's water gets completely renewed every 383 years. Its water level is at 456 metres above sea level.
- There are about 100 gas volcanoes that were found but currently there are no active ones.
- Active volcanoes can be found in the valley basin known as the Tunkinskaya Valley, which is a continuation of Baikal Rift.
- A total of 336 rivers empty into Lake Baikal. Only one flows out, which is the Upper Angara.
- There are more than 30 rocky islands in this lake including the world's second largest island in a lake, Olkhon.
- The water in the lake has exceptional clarity and sometimes you can see into the lake for a depth of more than 40 metres.
- There are many grottoes on the shores of the lake and when it freezes in winter, amazing icicles are created in those grottoes.
- This lake has also got a nickname, 'Pearl of Siberia'.
- The rift is geologically active that causes the lake to widen by approximately 0.79 inches a year.

Famous Landmarks Quiz 27

Q: Name two species of animal that live only in the Baikal region.

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A four day bank holiday will mark the Queen's 70-year reign in 2022



Lots of people look forward to the yearly bank holidays in the UK and 2022 will see an extra day off added to the calendar.

It's all because of the Queen's upcoming Platinum Jubilee which will mark her 70-year reign.

Her Majesty will have been on the throne for a record breaking seven decades on February 6, 2022, a milestone no other British monarch has reached before.

However, like the Queen's Golden and Diamond Jubilees, celebrations aren't set to take place until early June when the weather is expected to be warmer.

— *CBBC Newsround* —

Injured climber saved by dog



January 10

A dog has saved its owner by keeping him warm after he fell on a mountain in Croatia.

North, an Alaskan Malamute, curled up on top of Grga Brkic after he slipped and injured his leg.

Two other hikers went to get help when they were unable to reach Brkic.

Faithful North protected his owner for 13 hours in freezing conditions until rescuers arrived, and Brkic said North was a "real miracle".

Fire destroys shelters in Robingya refugee camp



January 12

A large fire spread rapidly through a refugee camp in Bangladesh on Sunday, destroying over 1,200 shelters. To escape the growing blaze, the refugees were forced to cut through fencing designed to keep them in the camp.

More than 5,000 people were left homeless by the fire, which swept quickly through the temporary shelters that the refugees live in.

Uganda's schools re-open after almost two years



January 11

Uganda opened its schools yesterday for the first time in nearly two years. It's the longest school shutdown of any country in the world. Though students, teachers and parents are excited for school to begin again, many students won't be returning.

Schools in Uganda closed soon after the coronavirus hit in March, 2020, and have remained closed for 83 weeks. Though schools in some areas opened again last February, they closed again in June. But now that most teachers have been vaccinated, Uganda's schools are opening once more.

— *NewsForKids* —

January 11

News in Pictures



Bogotá, Colombia
People gather to participate in the traditional Three Kings Day on January 6.



Beijing, China
Bing Dwen Dwen, the Beijing 2022 Winter Olympic mascot, and Shuey Rhon Rhon, the 2022 Beijing Winter Paralympic Games mascot are installed on a rooftop.



Lodz, Poland
A Gharial crocodile (*Tomistoma schlegelii*) named 'Kraken' swims in the Orientarium in Lodz. The reptile is 5 metres long and weighs over half a ton.

Iquique, Chile
A fire rages through the Laguna Verde camp in the hills of the city of Iquique. About 100 houses were consumed by the flames in the drought-stricken region.



Kuwait City, Kuwait
The city is blanketed under fog in a photograph taken from the al-Hamra Tower.



Murmansk, Russia
The Northern Lights streak through the sky over forest tundra in the north-west Arctic.



Kathmandu, Nepal
The former king, Gyanendra Bir Bikram Shah Dev, waves from a car during celebrations for the 300th anniversary of the birth of the founder of modern Nepal, King Prithvi Narayan Shah.

January 10



Melbourne, Australia
Members of the Serbian community march in support of Novak Djokovic, who is to be released from an immigration detention centre in Melbourne after an order by the federal circuit court. The tennis world No. 1 has been staying in a hotel-turned-detention centre after his visa was revoked upon landing in Australia because of his COVID vaccination status.



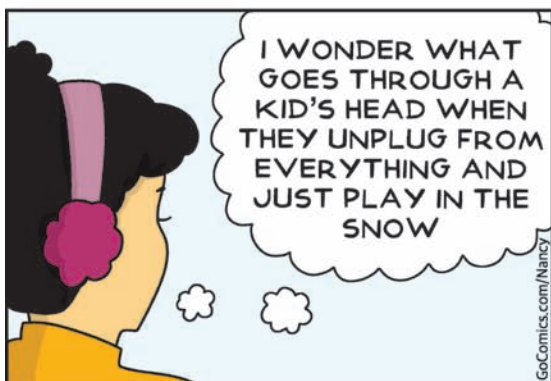
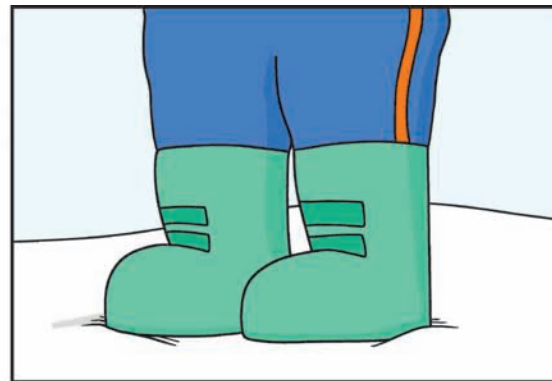
Vatican City
Pope Francis delivers what has come to be known as his 'state of the world' address to diplomats from more than 180 countries.



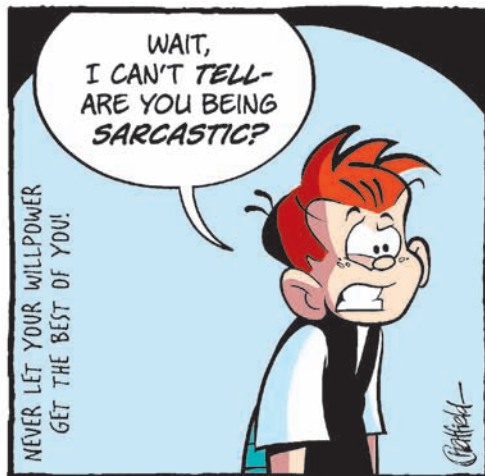
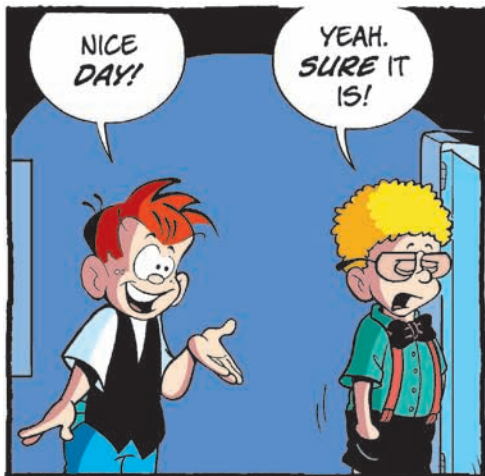
Yokohama, Japan
Women in kimonos leave a coming-of-age ceremony at Yokohama Arena. Coming of Age Day is a Japanese holiday held every January to celebrate those who have reached 20, the official age of adulthood in Japan.

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BY OLIVIA JAIMES



Ginger Meggs



Rugrats

