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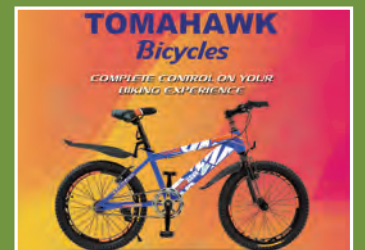


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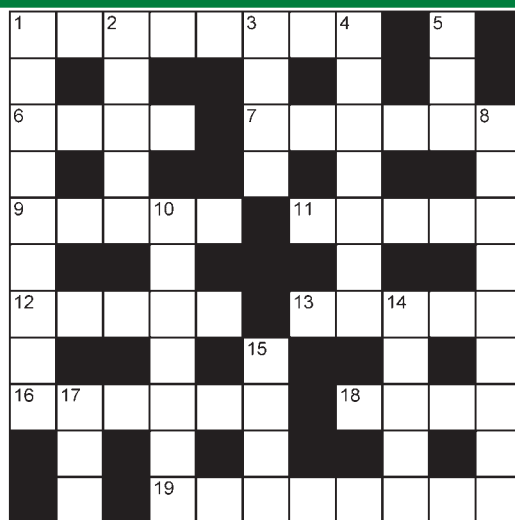
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Junior Crossword – No. 969



Across

- 1 A prickly animal
- 6 Put this on a fish hook
- 7 Changed direction
- 9 Correct
- 11 Frequently
- 12 Oak tree nut
- 13 Depart
- 16 Motor
- 18 Too
- 19 Visitors from overseas

Down

- 1 Go to sleep for the winter
- 2 Losing life
- 3 Intensely dislike
- 4 A long-necked animal
- 5 A tool for chopping wood
- 8 Very unsafe
- 10 Harp player
- 14 Book of maps
- 15 Restaurant meal list
- 17 Short sleep



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

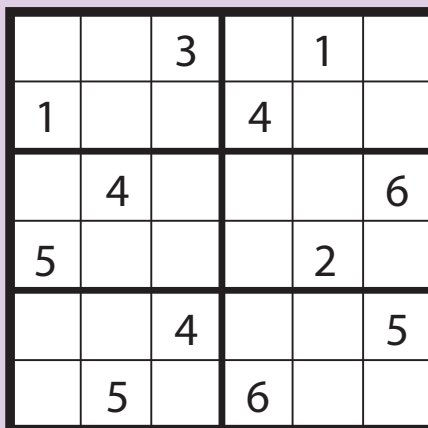
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Solution - No. 967



Shenuka Hettiarachchi,
Kelaniya

Sudoku 330



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 330 using logic and reasoning. This is a good exercise for your mind.

Solution – No. 328

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

Happy Birthday



Ruzaina Junkeer
15 years on July 9



Ahdha Abdul Malik
4 years on July 3



Abdur Rahaman Irshad
9 years on July 1

Photographs of members and non-members between 4 – 15 years, for the birthday page, should reach us at least ten days before the birthday, along with a letter from a parent giving full details.

Redwood National Park



Redwood National Park in the northwestern corner of California preserves virgin (old-growth) groves of ancient redwood (*Sequoia sempervirens*), the world's tallest tree. It also features 40 miles (64 kilometres) of scenic Pacific coastline. The park covers an area of 208 square miles (539 square kilometres) and includes land held in three state parks: Jedediah Smith Redwoods, Del Norte Coast Redwoods, and Prairie Creek Redwoods.



The Redwood National Park (and state parks) stretch along the California coast from Crescent City in the north to the town of Orick in the south. Hiking, backpacking and camping are popular in the park. The park's headquarters is at Crescent City.

The redwood is a fast-growing and long-lived species. Redwoods live to about 600 years on average but can reach up to 2,000 years old. The redwood is also the tallest of the world's trees. In 1963, a redwood called Tall Tree in the southern section of the park was measured at 367.8 feet (112.1 metres) tall and 14 feet (4 metres) in diameter. In 1994, its top died and broke off, and it lost the title of tallest tree. Since then several redwoods have been found within the park that exceed 370 feet (113 metres) in height. Commercial logging has greatly reduced the old-growth forest area.

In 1850, old-growth redwood forest covered more than 2,000,000 acres of the California coast. The northern part of that area was noticed by lumbermen and others when a gold rush brought them to the region. As they did not become rich from gold, these men decided to log the gigantic trees. The timber went to San Francisco and other places on the West Coast.

After many decades of logging, efforts were started in conservation.



In the 1920s the 'Save the Redwoods League' worked to save old-growth redwoods. Due to their efforts, a number of State Parks were formed.

Then in 1968, Redwood National Park was created. By that time nearly 90% of the original redwood trees had been logged.



The United Nations designated the parks a World Heritage Site on September 5, 1980. Other parts of the area were added on June 30, 1983.

The National Park Service (NPS) and the California Department of Parks and Recreation (CDPR) combined the management of Redwood National Park with the three Redwood State Parks in 1994.

The parks have old-growth temperate rainforests. The four parks include 45% of all remaining coast redwood forests. These total at least 38,982 acres.

These trees are the tallest and one of the biggest trees on Earth. In addition to the redwood forests, the parks protect much nature within the area.

Sea lions and harbor seals live offshore, and birds such as bald eagles, doubled-crested cormorants, and California brown pelicans glide above the ocean beaches and sea cliffs. Within the forests are Roosevelt elk, black bears, coyotes, bobcats, blacktail deer, chipmunks and squirrels.

The ecosystem of the Redwood National and State Parks (RNSP) preserves a number of threatened animal species. These include the tidewater goby, Chinook salmon, northern spotted owl and Steller's sea lion.

Native American tribes have made their home within the North Coast region since time immemorial and still maintain their cultural presence today in areas surrounding RNSP.

The parks' managers work in consultation with the tribes to ensure that their cultural practices can continue.



Sources: Britannica Kids & Kiddle

Famous Landmarks Quiz 32

Q: Name the location of Redwood National Park and the state parks included in it.

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Parrot



Naveeta Fernando (10 years)
 Ladies' College, Colombo

Trees

Mother Earth has given us many gifts. Trees are one of them. Trees are very important to all of us. Trees give us timber, food and medicine. They give us oxygen to breathe and make the earth clean and cool. Birds make their nests on the trees. Trees are very useful.

So, friends let's try to protect trees and try to plant trees in our gardens.

Ruzaiq Junkeer (11 years)
 Carey College, Colombo 8

My favourite sport

My favourite game is cricket. I play cricket with my brothers and my father also joins us on Sundays. I watch cricket matches on TV.

Cricket is an international game. It is a very interesting and popular game. Boys and girls play cricket in the city and village too. Cricket originated in England. Cricket is played as hard ball and soft ball. It is played as T10, T20, ODI and Test.

I am an all-rounder but I like to be a batsman. I hope to play for Sri Lanka some day!

Yashan Sarosh (7 years)
 Negombo South Int. School

Yesterday and Today

Now the earth is hot
 But earlier it was not
 The past, we were enjoying
 But now it is annoying
 Our Earth was fresh
 Now turned out like rotten flesh
 Now the Earth is not so clean
 But earlier it was green
 Now the people are helpless
 That's what happens when you are careless
 Now the soil, so hard and dry
 If you see it you would cry
 What happened to all the fresh water?
 We can't find any,
 without danger!
 It is not nice
 We'll need to hide like mice
 We have to save Earth,
 it is a vow
 This is the only home we have now.

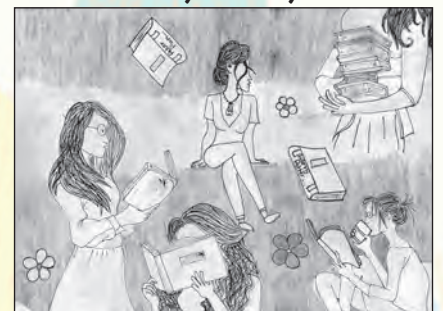
Mumudi Gajadeera (9 years)
 Horizon College Int.

Patterns and Colours



Dilunika Edirachcharige (13 years)
 Alethea Int. School

My hobby



Sajali Perera (15 years)
 Janadhipathi B. V., Nawala

My trip to Peradeniya Botanical Gardens

Amidst the COVID-19 pandemic, my family and I were able to make a visit to the Peradeniya Botanical Gardens on December 29, 2021. We made sure to note down all the names of unique flowers and trees for our games of 'boys, girls, flowers and fruits' and had fun doing so. As for animals, we saw bats, flying squirrels and a lot of monkeys. There was a grassy ground and we played run and catchers there. The most exciting part was the suspension bridge hanging over the Mahaweli River. I will never forget how I felt on the unsteady and shaking ropes.

We also learnt a lot of history. The Peradeniya Botanical Gardens was

opened in 1821 and to this day, we can see beautiful trees of different kinds there. It also has the reputation as the largest botanical garden in Sri Lanka. King Kirthi Sri Rajasinghe built the gardens. You can see trees such as the Giant Java Fig Tree and Big Bamboo, which you can hardly see anymore in Sri Lanka.

Going to the Peradeniya Botanical Gardens is something I will never forget. Though my feet were hurting from walking so much, I would really like to go again.

Hana Yusuf (11 years)
 Ladies' College, Colombo 7

Night sky



Aaminah Azmi (15 years)
 St. Paul's Girls' School, Milagiriya

My favourite Disney movie character



Elina Joseph (Grade 4)
Lyceum Int. School, Wattala

My pet

My pet is a male dog. Its name is Blackie. My father brought it. I got it on my birthday.



It is two years old. My pet is black in colour. It likes meat, juicy bones and milk. I like to play with it. My pet likes my father. I bathe it once a week. I love my pet very much. I wish my pet a long life.

Dinuli Wickramanayake (10 years)
Southlands College, Galle

My village

My village is Anguruwella. It is a small village. It is in Kegalle district and Sabaragamuwa Province. Our nearest town is Ruwanwella. There is a Masjid, Communication centre, a bookshop etc. Our village is surrounded by mountains. I love my village.

Mariyam Rushdy (Grade 5)
Royal Int. School, Kegalle

Peaceful scenery



M. Basheer Saafi (11 years)
Zahira College, Kalmunai

The Solar System

The Solar System is very big. There are galaxies, planets and black holes. There are infinite amount of planets in the Solar System but there are eight planets that we know of. They are Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus and Neptune. The largest planet in the Solar System is Jupiter and the smallest planet is Mercury. The largest galaxy in the Solar System is the Milky Way and the smallest galaxy is Segue 2.

Do you know how Black Holes are made? Black Holes are made when two big planets collide and their gravity comes out and makes a Black Hole. Black Holes are invisible. This is all I know about the Solar System. But there is still more to explore.

Senuth Rupasinghe (Grade 4)
St. Joseph Vaz College,
Wennappuwa

Sports

There are a lot of sports in the world. Doing a sport is very helpful for our health. Some sports are very dangerous but some sports are very funny. Young and old both can do sports. Sports are very important for both our mind and body.

My favourite sport is cricket. There are sports events in the world. Olympic sports event is the most important of them all.

Nethupama Wijerathne (Grade 4)
Holy Cross College, Gampaha

My home garden



Yehalie (Grade 4)
St. John Paul II English
Medium College



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Flooding



Y. Dishan Abhisek (12 years)
St. Mary's College, Kegalle

My favourite cartoon character

My favourite cartoon character is Garfield. Garfield is an American comic. Garfield cartoon was created by Jim Davis. The cartoon was published for the first time in 1976.

The main characters in the cartoon are Garfield the cat, Jon his owner and Odie the dog. There are a few regular sub characters, Liz girlfriend of Jon, Nermal a cat living in the neighbourhood, Squeak, a mouse living in Jon's house and Vito the pizza shop owner, who makes the favourite pizza and lasagna of Garfield.

Garfield is an orange, fat and lazy cat. He likes to eat pizza and lasagna mostly. Also, he never forgets his coffee in the morning. The cartoon focuses on Garfield's main

behaviour, such as laziness, over-eating, his greediness for pizza, lasagna and coffee.

Also the cartoon shows Garfield's desires such as Monday morning, healthy food and dieting. Garfield is a clever and crafty cat who can always make humans fulfill his needs.

Garfield has come to us as a comic cartoon, TV series and as a film. I love to watch Garfield and it makes me feel happy and relaxed any time.



Biwoni Moses (Primary 4)
St. Nicholas Int, College, Negombo

Nicola Sturgeon calls for a referendum next year

June 28, 2022

Nicola Sturgeon has outlined her plan for a second referendum to be held on Scottish independence.

A referendum is when adult voters are asked to vote on one particular question.

Scotland's First Minister has said she hopes to hold the referendum on October 19, 2023 asking the question: 'Should Scotland be an independent country?'

Ms Sturgeon said she would be writing to Prime Minister Boris Johnson to ask for formal consent for the vote to be held. But the path to holding the referendum is complicated and

Ms Sturgeon added independence "won't always be easy".

In Scotland, Members of the Scottish Parliament (known as MSPs) have control over certain things - like hospitals and education within Scotland.

But some powers remain with the UK government based in Westminster, including holding a referendum over independence.

Ms Sturgeon will write to Prime Minister Boris Johnson asking for permission to have a second vote on the country's future.



Scotland's First Minister Nicola Sturgeon

Did you know?

Scotland has been part of the UK for more than 300 years.

CBBC Newsround

NASA's Australia rocket launch makes history

June 27, 2022

US space agency Nasa made history on Sunday - launching a commercial rocket from a remote area of Australia for the first time.



The rocket is Nasa's first of three to blast off from the newly-constructed Arnhem Space Centre on the edge of the country's Northern Territory.

Scientists hope it will help them study how light from stars impact the chance of life on nearby planets.

Weather conditions delayed the launch for about an hour on Sunday as wind, rain and clouds arrived at the launch site.

Those who travelled to the remote site to watch the launch, saw the rocket blast off from the dusty red coloured ground, as it soared upwards for about 10 seconds, before disappearing out of view, exiting Earth's atmosphere.

Northern Territory Chief Minister Natasha Fyles hailed the launch as an "extremely proud" moment.

Arnhem Space Centre near Nhulunbuy in Australia's Northern Territory sits on the lands of the Gumatj Aboriginal people who had given their permission for the rocket launch.

"When we see the oldest living culture combining with the science of space, as we have here, it's something we can all reflect on and be very proud," the chief minister added.

CBBC Newsround

Record-breaking python captured in Florida

June 27, 2022

On June 22, 2022, the Conservancy of Southwest Florida revealed they had captured a 215-pound (98-kilo)



female Burmese python in Everglades National Park. Measuring 18 feet long (5 meters), it is the heaviest Burmese python ever caught in the state. The previous record-holder was a 185-pound (84-kilo) specimen captured in Naples, Florida, in 2021.

Further examination of the euthanized snake revealed she was carrying 122 developing eggs — the most ever found in a female python during a breeding cycle. The biologists also found evidence of an adult white-tailed deer inside the snake's stomach. The deer are an important food source for the critically endangered Florida panthers that call the Everglades home.



"The removal of female pythons plays a critical role in disrupting the breeding cycle of these apex predators that are wreaking havoc on the Everglades ecosystem and taking food sources from other native species," said Ian Bartoszek, the Conservancy's environmental science project manager. "This is the wildlife issue of our time for southern Florida."

DOGO News

June 28

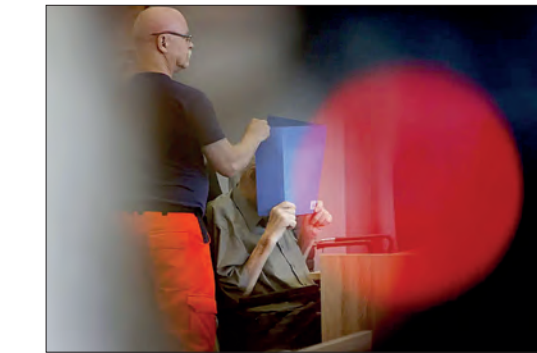
News in Pictures



San Antonio, US
Members of law enforcement investigate a tractor trailer in San Antonio Texas. According to reports, at least 46 people, believed to be migrant workers from Mexico, were found dead in the abandoned trailer. Over a dozen victims were found alive, suffering from heatstroke and taken to local hospitals



Kremenchuk, Ukraine
Firefighters rest after working all night following Russia's deadly strike on the city's shopping centre. The search for survivors continues



Brandenburg, Germany
Josef Schütz covers his face as he sits in court. The 101-year-old man has been convicted of 3,518 counts of accessory to murder for serving at the Nazis' Sachsenhausen concentration camp during the second world war. The Neuruppin regional court sentenced him to five years in prison



Bijie, China
A worker harvests mushrooms at a science and innovation park in Guizhou province

June 27

Moscow, Russia
People gather around a bonfire while celebrating Ivan Kupala, the summer solstice, near Moscow. Ivan Kupala, also called Kupala Night, is a traditional Slavic holiday that was originally celebrated on the shortest night of the year. The celebration relates to the summer solstice when nights are the shortest and includes a number of Slavic rituals including herb collecting, bonfire lighting, and bathing in the river



Medellin, Colombia
Tango dancers wait backstage for their turn during the closing event of the Medellin Tango festival



Port au Prince, Haiti
Hundreds of supporters of the Lavalas political party stage a demonstration demanding that the former president Jean-Bertrand Aristide leads a transition towards greater stability



Mittenwald, Germany
(L-R) The EU Council president's wife, Amélie Derbaudrenghien, the French president's wife, Brigitte Macron, and the British prime minister's wife, Carrie Johnson, stand together at Schloss Elmau on the sidelines of the G7 summit.



Lisbon, Portugal
Ocean Rebellion activists stage a protest in Terreiro do Paço before the UN Ocean conference opening

Source: The Guardian

Tomahawk

Quiz No. 197

Questions for the Tomahawk Quiz No. 197 are based on articles appearing in the Funday Times of June 5, 12, 19 and 26, 2022.

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. 197' seen at the top of this page and paste it on your postcard.

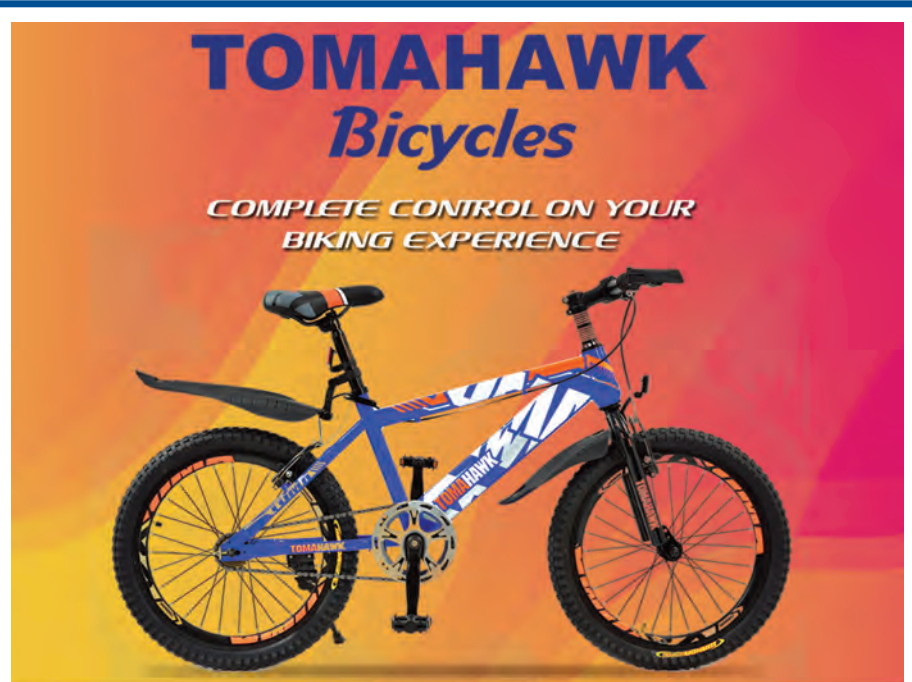
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QUESTIONS – QUIZ NO. 197

1. When is World Environment Day celebrated and what is this year's theme?
2. Name two famous landmark buildings with domes.
3. What are the three kinds of bees that can be found in a hive?
4. Name the Buddhist temple that was submerged when the Kotmale Dam was built.
5. What are the two main disciplines of canoeing in the Olympics?

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7 - 9 AGE GROUP

Solve the sums. Use the colour code and colour the picture.



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