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Fun making kites

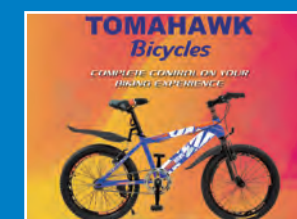
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Full Name (including Surname),

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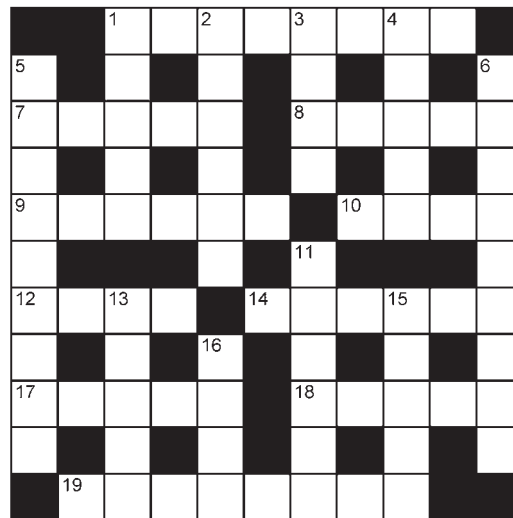


Vimeth Kaluthanthri
13 years on August 12

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Junior Crossword – No. 970



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

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Across

- 1 Watched
- 7 A sung musical drama
- 8 Ship's load
- 9 This is always in your mouth
- 10 A jumping green animal
- 12 Overtake
- 14 Mother or father
- 17 Fabric
- 18 A fruit
- 19 Completely

Down

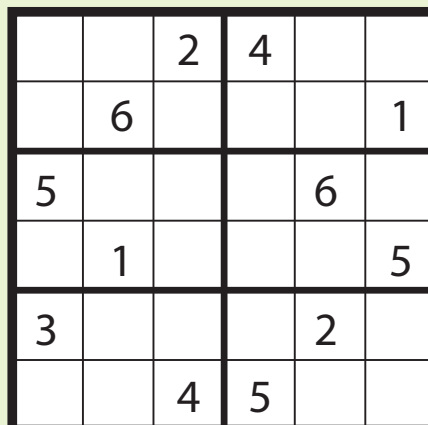
- 1 Sea
- 2 A sculpted figure
- 3 Wealthy
- 4 Mistake
- 5 A tooth cleaner made of wood
- 6 Not remembered
- 11 A royal residence
- 13 Eat soup with this
- 15 Vacant
- 16 A person from Thailand

Solution - No. 968



Sanula Jayasena,
Wadduwa

Sudoku 331



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 grid

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

Solution – No. 329

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

KIDS IN COLOUR

Kids in Colour together with Reeves Art Competition is conducted monthly. A topic is given for each month. Three winners from three age groups will be selected. Winners will be announced on the second Sunday of each month and all winners will receive an attractive gift pack from Reeves.

Please note that all paintings should be certified by a teacher or parent, refer page 2 for further details.

All paintings should be on A4 size paper. Please write Reeves Art Competition at the back of your entry, together with your name, date of birth, address, telephone no., and school.

Topic - Flying Kites
Closing Date : August 31, 2022

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Lamaya

By Vineetha Gunasekera

"....And," Dilshi's grandfather had continued, one Poya night long years ago, "You must always do your duty, and not demand your rights if you want to be loved and respected throughout your life. Do you understand me, *Lamayo*?" Yes, *Seeya*," she had eagerly replied, "just like *Thaththi* does, when he plays Ludo with me, though he'd much rather have a nap on a Sunday afternoon!"

Now she was a newly married housewife, unable to afford an adult servant. Circumstances forced her to have a little girl of 9 years to help her with the chores. The child came from a poor family of four siblings, whose widowed mother could hardly provide them with even one proper meal, let alone send them to school.

Dilshi saw to it that the little girl was well fed. She also allowed her to sleep early, because she had to get up at dawn to help with the cooking. She made the child work hard; she couldn't help it. There was the baby to mind, clothes to wash, meals to prepare, groceries to carry home and a garden to look after. Two things were taboo. Drawing water from the well and ironing clothes. Dilshi and her husband shared these dangerous tasks.

Often, she heard the wise words of her grandfather echoing in her mind. Dilshi decided that she must do her duty by this child servant, because unfortunately conditions had so

arranged themselves that the child's rights were all but gone.

Dilshi called her "*Lamaya*" and sometimes "*Lamayo*" in exasperation, and also in affection, for she was fond of this bright and alert little girl. With the decent meals she was eating, the child became pretty. Her hair was always neatly tied with a coloured ribbon and kept scrupulously clean. Her patched clothes were somehow mixed and matched cleverly, so as to be pleasing. She was also given a nightie. Her underwear was washed daily during her bath. She slept in the baby's room (on a mat, replaced yearly), so that she could also benefit from the mosquito repellent device.

Whenever Lamaya was annoying, she was roundly scolded but not struck. Dilshi made it a point never to hit her, but yelled till she was hoarse, to vent her frustrations. Her husband always reminded her that Lamaya was only a Lamaya, and naturally preferred to play than work!

Dilshi saved a bit of her housekeeping and bought each month, a cheap toy and a storybook for her servant. On Sunday afternoons she taught her the 3 Rs; reading, (w)riting and (a)rithmetic; also to sew fancy stitches. Every evening, Lamaya joined the family in religious rites and worship.

When Lamaya attained age, Dilshi did all the rituals and even got down the child's mother for the celebrations.

In her new frock, shoes and glittering hairband a photo was taken, with her smiling broadly wearing the shiny gold earstuds Dilshi had gifted her. From then on, in addition to her daily housework, she was taught some serious sewing, pattern cutting and hand embroidery, so that eventually she could earn her living as a seamstress. Dilshi's target was to buy an electric sewing machine when Lamaya reached her 18th birthday.

When that great day dawned, the machine was presented to her, with permission from Dilshi to get back to the village for good - Lamaya was shocked into tears.

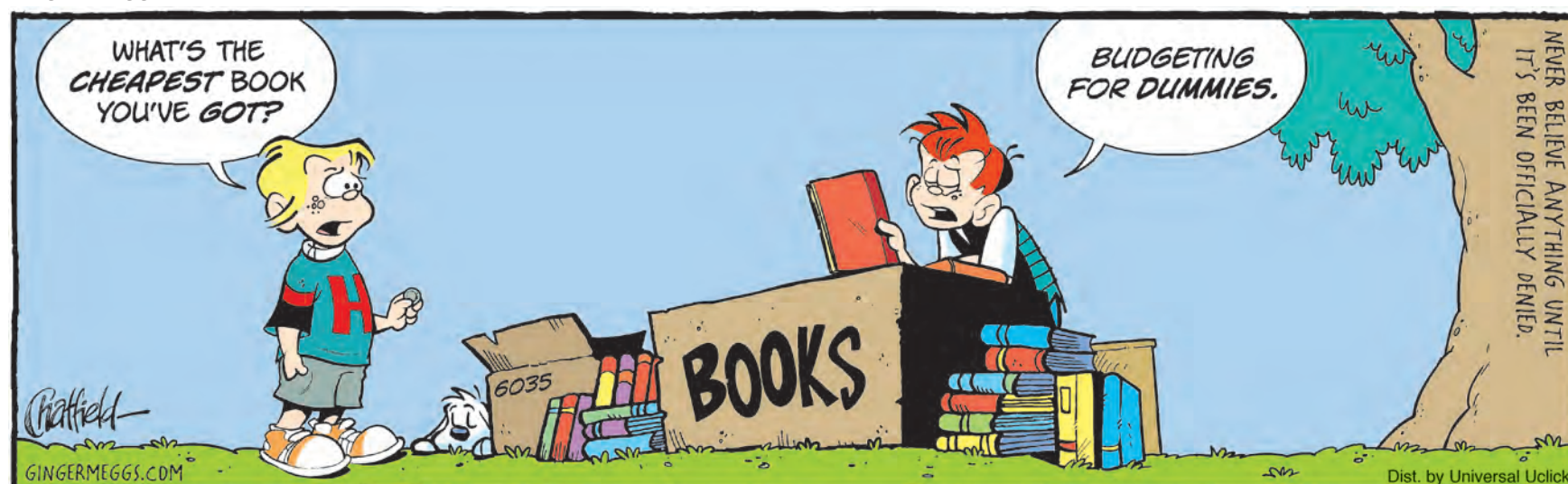
"I will never leave you *Nona*," she said. "I love you and respect you, and will stay with you forever! I only want to send my earnings to my poor mother, so she can live without hunger, but as for me, you are my second mother and my home is with you. *Nona*, I will always be here to serve you!"

She touched Dilshi's feet in obeisance; also her husband's. She hugged their daughter, who now was the same age as Lamaya was, when she first came to work.

Dilshi's eyes overflowed with tears of gratitude, for Lamaya's words of gratitude, while her grandfather's wise words echoed in her happy mind.

She had a new goal now; to collect something for Lamaya's dowry and find her a decent husband.

Ginger Meggs



Tomahawk

Quiz
No.198

Questions for the Tomahawk Quiz No. 198 are based on articles appearing in the Funday Times of July 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31, 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. 198' 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.

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

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

Closing Date: August 31, 2022

Tomahawk Quiz No. 197

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QUESTIONS – QUIZ NO. 198

1. Name the world's tallest tree and two places where it is grown?
2. Which is the world's largest water lily?
3. What was Dr. Thomas Barnado well known for?
4. Name three ways of cultivating your food in a home garden.
5. Where is Sora Bora Wewa located?



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7 - 9 AGE GROUP

ANIMAL
WORD SEARCH

Circle words in the puzzle below

E	L	E	P	H	A	N	T	P
S	G	M	E	K	O	A	L	A
L	I	O	N	N	C	L	A	N
B	R	N	F	U	D	H	N	D
E	A	K	O	R	W	O	T	A
A	F	E	M	U	I	A	G	E
R	F	Y	C	H	E	R	D	Y
Z	E	B	R	A	D	E	E	R
P	I	N	T	I	G	E	R	W

dog	monkey	emu	deer
tiger	lion	zebra	koala
elephant	panda	bear	giraffe



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Usain Bolt

Usain Bolt is widely considered to be the greatest sprinter in world history. He is currently the fastest person (based on the 100 m) who ever lived. He holds the world records for both the 100 m and 200 m. He also shares the 4 x 100m relay world record with Jamaican teammates Yohan Blake, Nesta Carter and Michael Frater.

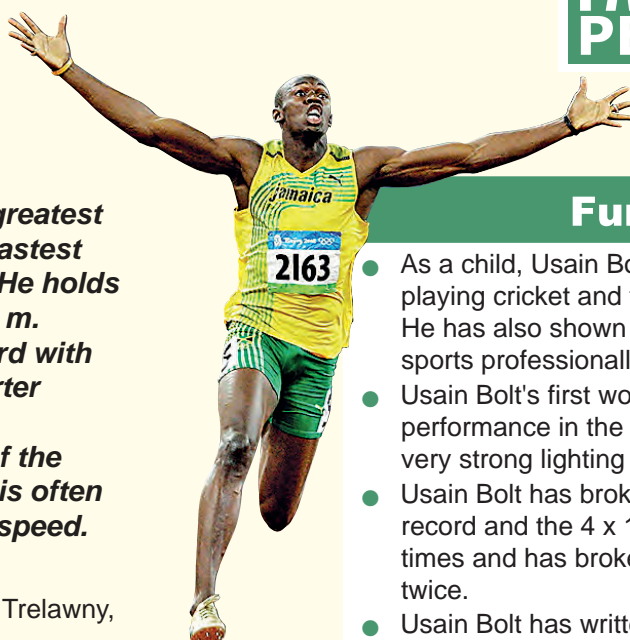
His surname, or last name, is very fitting of the world's fastest man because the word "bolt" is often associated with lightning, which symbolizes speed.

Growing up?

Usain St. Leo Bolt was born on August 21, 1986 in Trelawny, Jamaica. He grew up loving and appreciating sports. In high school, he decided to shift his focus from cricket to track and field. He captured numerous championships, gold medals and world records at the junior track and field level which caught the attention of the rest of the world.

Rise to fame

Although the beginning of his professional career was plagued with injuries, Usain Bolt still managed to compete and even contend in most competitions. The turning point of his career was when he broke the 200 m Jamaican record with a time of 19.75 seconds. He soon went on to break the 100 m world record with a time of 9.72 seconds.



Fun Facts

- As a child, Usain Bolt showed an interest in playing cricket and football (in America 'soccer'). He has also shown an interest in playing both sports professionally today.
- Usain Bolt's first world record breaking performance in the 100 m was preceded by a very strong lightning storm.
- Usain Bolt has broken both the 100 m world record and the 4 x 100 m world record three times and has broken the 200 m world record twice.
- Usain Bolt has written three autobiographies.
- Usain Bolt partnered with a mobile gaming company to make his own themed mobile game simply called Bolt! in which players control him and fight pirates.
- At the Beijing 2008 Olympics, during the final seconds of the 100 m event, Usain Bolt slowed down considerably to start celebrating his inevitable gold medal finish, unaware that he was on pace for approximately a 9.55 second 100 m time. One of his shoes was also untied.



Gold Medals and World Records

World Records

- 100 m world record - 9.58 seconds
- 200 m world record - 19.19 seconds
- 4 x 100 m relay world record - 36.84 seconds

Gold Medals

- Eight Olympic Gold Medals
- Eleven World Championship Gold Medals
- One World Junior Championship Gold Medal



At the Olympics

Usain Bolt's career is defined by his performances at the Olympics. At the Beijing 2008 Olympics, he broke his previous world best time in the 100 m with a time of 9.69 seconds as well as he broke the 200 m world record with a time of 19.30 seconds.

London 2012 Olympics

Usain Bolt successfully defended his titles in the 100 m with a time of 9.63 seconds and 200 m, as well as breaking the 4 x 100 m relay world record with Jamaican teammates Yohan Blake, Nesta Carter and Michael Frater with a time of 36.84 seconds.

Usain Bolt is the only athlete to win the Olympic gold medal in the 100 m and 200 m sprints in three consecutive Olympic games.



New species of ancient European panda identified

August 2, 2022

Scientists have discovered a new species of the giant panda, which would have lived 4.5 million years ago!

They think it would be the “last known” and “most evolved” panda species in Europe.

A fossil of a tooth found in wetlands in Bulgaria in the 1970s was key to the discovery, with the team able to use them to identify they had come from a type of panda.

Their findings were published in the *Journal of Vertebrate Paleontology*, which looks into the study of cells and science, as well as ancient life — from dinosaurs to prehistoric plants and animals.

One of the co-authors of the study Dr. Spassov said it had taken him a long time to realise that this was an unknown fossil giant panda.

He said: “This discovery shows how little we still know about ancient nature and demonstrates also that historic discoveries in palaeontology can lead to unexpected results, even today.”

How different would ancient pandas have been to the ones we see today?

The prehistoric panda is not a direct ancestor of the giant pandas you’ll be used to seeing, but it is a very close relative.

There are also a few differences between this ancient European panda and giant pandas today.

According to the study, the European panda wouldn’t have survived on bamboo alone but rather ate a more varied diet of softer plants.

The fossil records and the parts of the teeth uncovered from this period suggest they wouldn’t have had strong enough teeth to crush the woody stems.

Their diet may also have been influenced by those of other animals living in similar areas at the time, as they competed for food sources.

Dr. Spassov said: “The likely competition with other species, especially carnivores and presumably



This is what an artist thinks the prehistoric panda may have looked like.

other bears, explains the closer food specialisation of giant pandas to vegetable food in humid forest conditions.”

From looking at their teeth, the team think the ancient panda would have been the same size or a little smaller than giant pandas.

They say the species may have become extinct due to dramatic climate change events, which would have massively changed the terrain and surrounding environment.

CBBC Newsround

Mischievous Walrus Freya causes chaos in Norway

July 29, 2022

Freya, a 1,300-pound (589 kg) walrus, has been on an epic adventure since leaving her home in the Arctic Ocean in 2019. Over the past three years, the juvenile female has visited the coasts of Sweden, Denmark, England, Germany, the Netherlands and the Shetland Islands.

Freya, who is identified by her small tusks, white scar on her right nostril, and previous injury on her flipper, has now arrived in Norway.

The walrus was first spotted in the waters of the small coastal town of Kragerø in mid-July 2022, where she became an instant celebrity. After spending a few days relaxing aboard the docked leisure vessels, Freya headed over to Oslo’s Frognerkilen Bay.

Since her arrival, the mischievous animal has been seen chasing a duck and attacking a swan.

However, the hefty walrus spends most of her day resting on one of the many small boats docked at the bay. While not having access to their boats is frustrating for owners, even more so is the fact that the vessels often end up getting destroyed due to Freya’s weight. Local officials have tried to persuade Freya to rest on a custom wooden dock they built. But the walrus seems to prefer private vessels.

Local animal experts initially considered attempting to move Freya safely back to her home in the Arctic Circle. However, after seeing how well she is doing, they have decided to leave the walrus alone.

“She is doing well, feeding, resting and seems to be in good condition,” Norway’s Directorate of Fisheries said on July 25, 2022.



Freya resting on a Royal Netherlands Navy submarine

But they are also warning the crowds of people rushing to catch a glimpse of Freya to do so from a distance — both for the sake of the animal’s wellbeing and their own safety.

The officials say, “A walrus is not normally a danger to humans as long as you keep a safe distance. But if it is disturbed by humans and doesn’t get the rest it needs, it may feel threatened and attack.”

DOGO News

August 2

News in Pictures



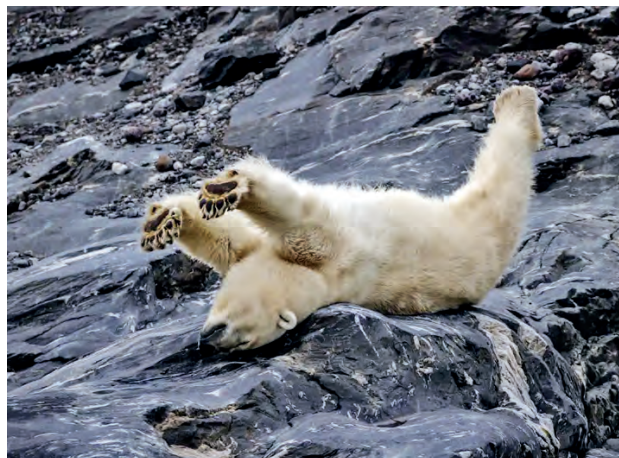
Geneva, Switzerland

French highliner Nathan Paulin walks on a slackline from Bains des Pâquis to plage des Eaux-Vives on Swiss National Day.



Pirojpur, Bangladesh

Farmers are particularly affected by climate change because of flooding every year, and the affected regions have started creating floating gardens with organic material where vegetables can be grown.



Svalbard Islands, Norway

A polar bear is observed during the expedition of a Turkish scientific research team in the Arctic Ocean as many animals in the Arctic region faced the danger of extinction.

Singapore

Artist Patricia Piccinini speaks during the press presentation of her exhibition. 'Patricia Piccinini: We are Connected' features unique and bizarre hyper-realistic sculptures of animal-human hybrids.



Namakwekwe, Uganda

Villagers try to pull up a minibus from the Nabuyonga River. Fourteen bodies were retrieved from the vehicle that was caught in a flash flood.



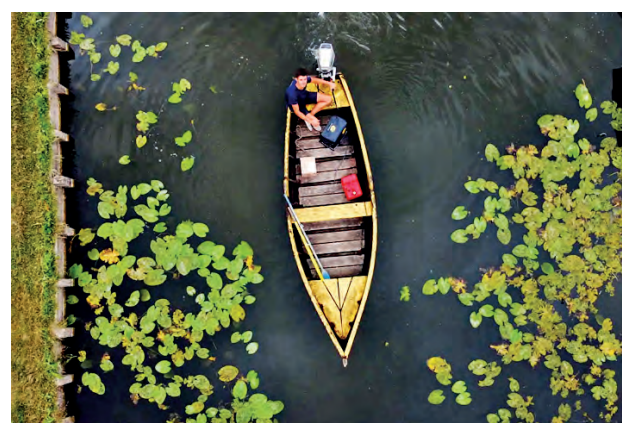
Edinburgh, UK

The Black Blues Brothers show off some tricks at Dean Village in Edinburgh as they prepare for their show at the Assembly Rooms during the Edinburgh festival fringe.



London, England

Larry, a domestic cat serving as chief mouser to the Cabinet Office, poses outside Number 10 Downing Street. The railings outside the property are adorned with England flags to celebrate the Euro 2022 victory of the women's football team.



Salperwick, France

A postal worker distributes letters and parcels by boat to residents in the Marais Audomarois.



Denpasar, Indonesia

A boy runs at the Bali kite festival on Mertasari beach.

Source : The Guardian