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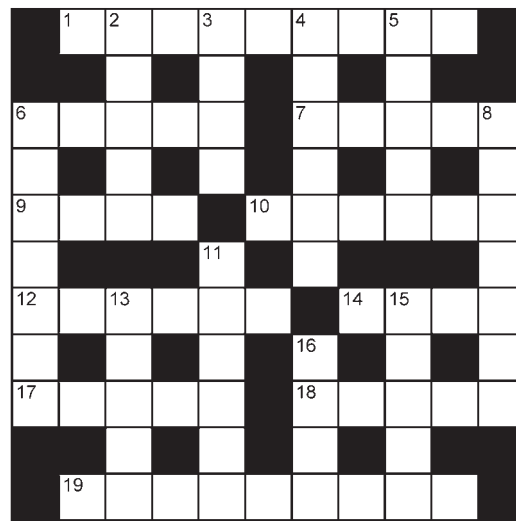


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Junior Crossword – No. 981



Across

- 1 A bad dream
- 6 Beneath
- 7 Baby sheep
- 9 Wear a hat on this
- 10 A house for a dog
- 12 A handgun
- 14 Water from the sky
- 17 This makes bread dough rise
- 18 A large bird of prey
- 19 Extremely frightened

Down

- 2 A country where Indians live
- 3 Cause pain to
- 4 Thawed
- 5 A citizen of Rome
- 6 Sad
- 8 Complete quiet
- 11 A health professional
- 13 A digging tool
- 15 Have a quarrel
- 16 Unable to hear

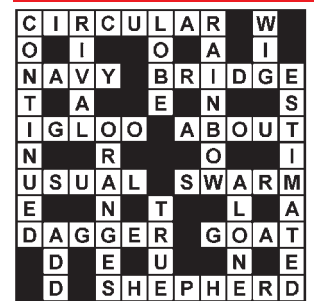
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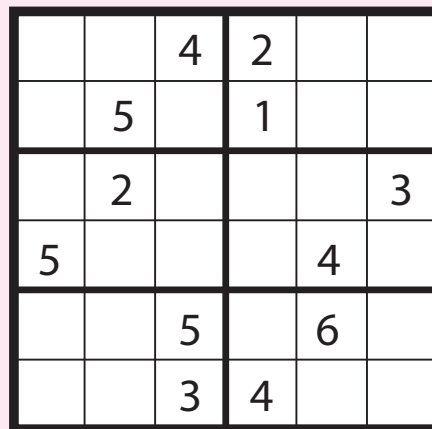


Thameem Dilshan,
Mattegoda

Solution - No 979



Sudoku
342



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.

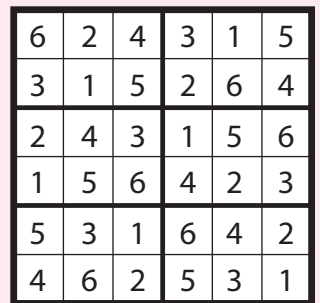
Grids

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

Solution – No. 340



Happy Birthday



Ahdha Abdul Malik
5 years on July 3



Abdur Rahman Irshad
10 years on July 1



Livini Sasanli Widhamsa
5 years on June 30

Novak Djokovic

Serbian tennis player Novak Djokovic is one of the greatest men's players in the history of tennis. Currently ranked World No. 1 in singles by the Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP), his total of 23 Grand Slam singles titles is a record for men.

Early life and career

Djokovic was born on May 22, 1987, in Belgrade, Yugoslavia (now in Serbia). He took up tennis at the age of four. He quickly ascended the junior ranks and became Europe's top-ranked 14-and-under player and later the number one 16-and-under player, before turning professional in 2003. At age 18 he entered the top 100 of the Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP).

Grand Slam Champion

At age 20, Djokovic disrupted Roger Federer and Rafael Nadal's streak of 11 consecutive majors to win his first Grand Slam at the 2008 Australian Open. He thereby became the first Serbian man to win one of tennis's four most prestigious singles championships.

By 2010, the trio of Federer, Nadal and Djokovic were referred to as the 'Big Three' among fans and commentators. In 2011, Djokovic ascended to No. 1 for the first time shortly after he defeated Rafael Nadal to capture the 2011 Wimbledon championship, winning three majors and a then-record five Masters titles. He remained the most successful player in men's tennis for the rest of the decade.

With his win over Andy Murray at the 2016 French Open, Djokovic became the eighth man in tennis history to complete a career Grand Slam by having won each of the four major tennis tournaments. He was the first man since Rod Laver in 1969 to hold those four titles simultaneously.

In July 2019 he met Federer in the Wimbledon final. The two duelled for 4 hours and 57 minutes before Djokovic halted Federer in a fifth-set tiebreaker. The match was the longest singles final in the history of Wimbledon.

A victory over Italian Matteo Berrettini in the Wimbledon final in July 2021, pushed Djokovic's number of career Grand Slam titles to 20 and tied him with Federer and Nadal for the most number of Grand Slam men's singles titles of all time. Nadal later broke the tie by winning the 2022 Australian Open.

In January 2023 with his 10th Australian Open win, Djokovic tied Nadal for most Grand Slams. At the French Open in June 2023, Djokovic claimed sole possession of the record with a victory over Casper Ruud of Norway.

Records

- Ranked World No. 1 a record total 388 weeks and finished as the year-end No. 1 a record seven times.
- All-time record of 23 Grand Slam men's singles titles, including a record ten Australian Open titles, seven Wimbledon, three French Open and three US Open titles.
- Overall, 94 singles titles, including a record 67 Big Titles, which comprises his record 23 majors, a record 38 Masters titles and a joint-record six year-end championships.
- Completed a non-calendar year Grand Slam in singles, becoming the only man in tennis history in the open era, to be the reigning champion of the four majors at once across three different surfaces.
- The only man to achieve a triple Career Grand Slam in singles by winning each of the four majors at least three times, and the only player to complete the career Golden Masters in singles by winning all nine ATP Masters tournaments, a feat he achieved twice.

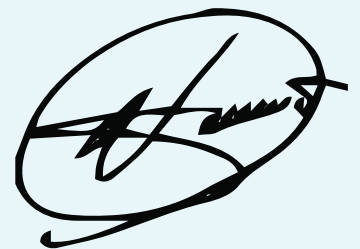


By capturing his third French Open title, Djokovic became the first men's player to have won each Grand Slam tournament at least three times.

Other achievements

Djokovic led the Serbian tennis team to its first Davis Cup title in 2010, and to the inaugural ATP Cup title in 2020. He also won the Bronze medal for Serbia at the 2008 Beijing Olympics.

An active philanthropist, Djokovic is the founder of the Novak Djokovic Foundation, committed to supporting children from disadvantaged communities. Djokovic was appointed as a UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador in 2015.



Book Day at AIS

Kids enjoyed dressing up as their favourite storybook characters and had a fun time reading their favourite storybooks to celebrate Book Day at Asian International Montessori School, Battaramulla on June 14.

Pix. by Eshan Fernando



OKIAN BeatZ - Percussion Band Competition 2023

'OKIAN BeatZ' was held at the OKI International School, Kandana auditorium on May 26, as one of the many events organized to mark the 25th Anniversary of the OKI Schools Network.

Kindergarten students of all the schools in the network staged their melodious tunes in the competition.

'OKIANBeatZ' trophy was won by the students of Kandana branch while 1st Runner-up was Wattala and 2nd Runner-up was Kaduwela.



OKI, Kandana



OKI, Wattala



OKI, Kaduwela

Tomahawk Quiz 207



Abdullah Ilham, the winner of Tomahawk Quiz 207 collected his bicycle from the Tomahawk Bicycle Mall in Bambalapitiya recently.

Tomahawk

Quiz No. 209

Questions for Tomahawk Quiz No. 209 are based on articles appearing in the Funday Times print issue and e-papers of June 4, 11, 18 and 25, 2023.

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. 209' 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 will receive a brand new

Tomahawk Mountain Bike 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.)

Closing Date: July 31, 2023

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QUESTIONS – QUIZ NO. 209

1. When is World Oceans Day commemorated and what is the theme for 2023?
2. Which landmark is considered as the birthplace of Buddhism in Sri Lanka?
3. Which species are the largest turtles on Earth? Name two hazards they face.
4. When is World Refugee Day held and what does it aim to raise awareness of?
5. Name the submersible that went missing in the North Atlantic recently.

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4 – 6 AGE GROUP

Match the similar objects.



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What is the Hajj pilgrimage?

June 27, 2023

Hajj is the annual pilgrimage made by Muslims to the holy city of Mecca in Saudi Arabia.

It takes place during the final month of the Islamic calendar (Dhu'al-Hijjah).

In 2023, Hajj starts from the evening of June 26 and continues until July 1.

Every year, millions of Muslims from across the world make the journey to Mecca.

Why do Muslims go on this pilgrimage?

Hajj is one of the five pillars of Islam. These are the five key acts that every Muslim is expected to do.

Muslims are required to make the journey to Mecca for Hajj at least once in their lifetime, if they are physically able and can afford to do so.

In addition to Hajj, the other important acts are:

1. **Shahadah** – A declaration of faith that every Muslim has to make
2. **Salat** – Muslims pray at specific times five times a day
3. **Zakat** – Those within the faith give away a portion of their income to help those in need
4. **Sawm** – Muslims fast for a month during Ramadan

Why is Mecca so important?

Mecca is the place where the Islamic religion started. It is where Prophet Muhammad was born and received the first revelations from Allah (Arabic word for God) that went on to become the Koran – the holy book read by Muslims.

The city is home to the Ka'bah, built by Prophet Abraham and his son Prophet Ishmael. Muslims pray in the direction of this sacred building, which is found



The Ka'bah is in the city of Mecca.

within the Great Mosque of Mecca. The Ka'bah is the holiest site in Islam and symbolises the oneness of God.

What happens during Hajj?

Muslims carry out a number of important rituals while they are on the pilgrimage.

Men are required to wear two sheets of white cloth, which are worn in a specific way. Women wear traditional clothing and must cover their head, but not their face. These clothes symbolise the equality of all Muslims before Allah.

During the first stage of Hajj, Muslims walk around the Ka'bah in an anti-clockwise direction seven times. This is known as 'Tawaf' and is done to show that all Muslims are equal.

The next ritual requires Muslims to run between two hills, Safa and Marwah, seven times. Muslims believe that Prophet Abraham's wife Hagar did this when she was in search of water for her infant son Ishmael.

Ishmael is believed to have struck his foot on the ground and this produced a spring of water known as Zamzam. It is common for those on the pilgrimage to take water from Zamzam with them when they go back home.

Pilgrims also travel to the plain of Arafat.

Did you know?

- Hajj is a once-in-a-lifetime activity that is a duty for those who can afford it and who haven't already performed it.
- Every year, approximately three million Muslims travel to Saudi Arabia for the Hajj.

This is where Prophet Muhammad gave his final sermon and Muslims pray to God here for forgiveness and guidance.

Muslims also stop at three pillars called Jamarat in the city of Mina. This is where pilgrims throw stones at the pillars which stand at the place where Satan is believed to have tempted Prophet Abraham.

Eid al-Adha

The festival of Eid al-Adha is celebrated during Hajj. It is the second holy festival in the year. Eid al-Adha marks Allah asking Prophet Abraham, in a dream, to sacrifice his son Ishmael as an act of obedience to Allah. Ishmael agreed to it but as Abraham was about to make the sacrifice, Allah stopped him and gave him a lamb to sacrifice instead, rewarding them for their faith.

Eid al-Adha (feast of the sacrifice) – is celebrated just over two months after Eid al-Fitr (feast of breaking fast). Eid al-Adha coincides with the end of Hajj and is an annual festival celebrated by all. It is generally considered the holier of the two festivals.

Source: CBBC Newsround



Muslims spend time praying to Allah at the plain of Arafat.

Young artist takes art world by storm

June 8, 2023

Most artists have to wait decades for their talents to be recognized. Some, like Dutch painter Van Gogh, only achieve fame after they die. But this is not the case for 11-year-old Andres Valencia from San Diego in California who has already made millions selling his contemporary paintings to art collectors. His fans include Hollywood actors Diane Keaton, Channing Tatum and Sofia Vergara.

Andres' parents are art lovers and collectors. They began exposing Andres to contemporary and modern paintings when he was just a toddler. The young boy soon began copying famous artworks with great precision.

By age six, the enterprising artist was selling his watercolour paintings to family and friends for \$20 apiece. Over time, Andres began creating large-scale canvases with a mix of oil stick, and oil and acrylic paints.



11-year-old Andres Valencia is an art prodigy.

His masterpieces were all inspired by contemporary artists like Picasso.

In December 2021, the young artist's work debuted at the annual art fair and the rest, as they say, is history. Andres' 17 Cubism-inspired paintings fetched an astounding \$1.3 million, and he has never looked back.

In 2022, the young boy held his first solo exhibition.

The 35 paintings displayed, sold for between \$50,000 and \$125,000 each. The art prodigy's work also gained international fame. One artwork auctioned for \$159,000 in

Hong Kong, while another sold for \$230,000 at a charity gala in Italy.

After hearing about Russia's attack on Ukraine, Andres created a poignant masterpiece entitled 'Invasion of Ukraine.' The artwork, which depicts the dread and terror of war, was inspired by Picasso's famous 1937 anti-war painting, Guernica. Andres sold prints of the painting on his website and donated the proceeds to a nonprofit that provides humanitarian aid to Ukraine.



'Invasion of Ukraine' by Andres helped raise money for the people of Ukraine.

LEGO sends 1,000 mini 'Astronauts' to Space

June 2, 2023

The Lego Group has successfully launched 1,000 mini figures into space. The tiny astronauts made the journey aboard roofless 3D-printed space shuttles. The lightweight vehicles were built by a team of space architects and engineers from Slovakia and the Czech Republic. The purpose of the mission was to encourage kids to follow their dreams.

"We want to show children that their dreams can reach beyond the boundaries of space," stated Iva Ambrožová, marketing director of Lego in the Czech Republic. "The Lego brand aims to inspire small builders and support them on their way to realize everything that is possible."

The toys were launched into space on three separate balloons. Each carried about 330 astronauts. The balloons propelled the space travellers to an altitude of 21 miles (34 km) before they



A successful trip to space for 1,000 Lego astronauts.



The Lego astronauts were seated in lightweight roofless shuttles.

burst. The shuttles and their passengers glided safely back to Earth with the help of parachutes. The entire ride was captured on tape by two strategically-placed cameras.

The mission went flawlessly. But it was not without challenges. The biggest one was ensuring the astronaut figures did not fall off their open-air space platforms after the balloon burst. That's because, during the early part of the descent, the

shuttles were tumbling down at speeds of up to 186 mph (300 km/h). The pace slowed down substantially once the parachutes opened.

Also, for a successful lift-off, the spacecraft and its occupants had to weigh no more than 6 pounds (2.7 kg). The team kept the load low by building the shuttles with lightweight materials like carbon fibre and 3D-printed stainless steel.

June 27

News in Pictures



Salar de Uyuni, Bolivia
▲
A young 'cholita' – a once derogatory name used to describe indigenous women from Bolivia who wear traditional dress – poses for a picture on the Uyuni salt flats, a popular tourist destination.



Lhasa, Tibet
The Potala Palace is lit up at night in Tibet autonomous region. The Chinese government says it has invested heavily in the region to boost Tibet's economy, but critics say the scale of development is a threat to its culture and environment.

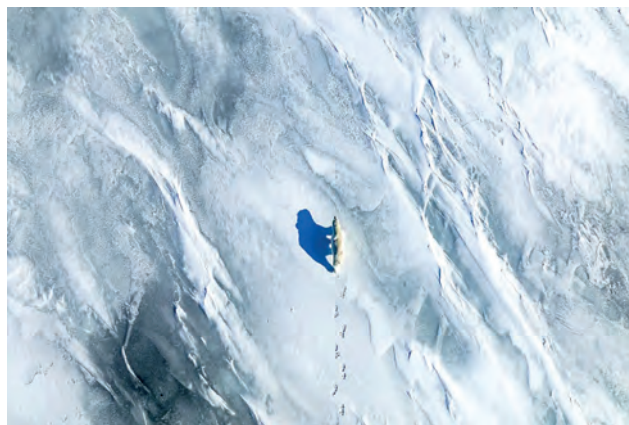


Tokyo, Japan
Masahiko Inami of the University of Tokyo wears the 'jizai arms' device at his lab during a demonstration of the technology.



June 26

Mecca, Saudi Arabia
Muslim pilgrims at the Grand Mosque



Svalbard, Norway
An award-winning drone photo of a giant male polar bear walking on thin ice. The sea ice area on Svalbard is getting smaller and smaller each year, with the area warming seven times faster than the rest of the world.



Yangon, Myanmar
▲
Illegal narcotics are burned during a ceremony to mark International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking.

June 25



Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
▲
A person dressed as the 'Mask' at a vintage car exhibition in Jacarepagua city, in the west zone of Rio.



California, USA
▲
Wild Thang, a Pekingese competing in the 2023 World's Ugliest Dog contest.



Aliaga, Philippines
▲
Devotees celebrate the feast of Saint John the Baptist while covered in banana leaves and mud.

Source : The Guardian