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E D I T O R I A L

Dear fellow members,

We have already completed the first quarter of '86. Time
flies when you're having fun. I am glad the winter is over. The
weather was really mild this winter and I hope it stays like that.


Keep August 16th 1986 open. It is going to be our annual
thing- THE PICNIC. I extend the invitation to all the readers to
try to coincide their vacation on this date so that we can have a
North American Gettogether.

Helping our folks back in India has always been a Khabbar
favorite and right now it is time to help our temple in Kundapura.
It is commendable to see the amount of efforts taken by Mr. Ravi
Nayak in raising funds for this worthwhile cause and I am sure you
the readers would chip in and make it a big success.

The Education Committee of A.K.A. needs a word of praise. I
am sure their efforts will not go awaste. Active member
participation is the keyword here and I once again appeal to you
all in making their work fruitful.

Khabbar will make every effort to reach one and all of the
Konkanis in North America and your help in this area is well
appreciated.

Have a happy Tax Return and a Safe Spring.


Vasanth Bhat

Letters to the Editor

Dear Vasanth,

I am a Trustee of Sri Venkataramana Temple Kundapura and a devotee of this temple. On Aug 8th of 1985, a Mangala Prasna was put about our temple. I am happy to know that news appeared in Khabbar (Vol VIII No 4).

The devotees of Sri Venkataramana Temple Kundapura will be ever grateful to you for your kind help in giving due publicity to our temple. We are equally grateful to Mr. Ravi Nayak for organizing a drive for funds for the Temple. The temple requires about Rs 3,00,000 for urgent development.

K. Viswanath Kamath, Kagal House, Mangalore

Dear Mr. Bhat,

I am happy to receive your letter of January 15, '86 with Khabbar (Vol VIII No 4). I really enjoyed reading your magazine and was pleased to read about the news about Astamangala Prasna of our temple.

I am grateful for Mr. Ravi Nayak for having taken the trouble of fund raising efforts on our behalf and also sending all the readers a English version of Astamangala Prasna.

I am ready to prepare a handout on Yakshagana Puppet Art which is a Konkani monopoly and on "Bhutha Cult". I'll be sending it to you in the near future.

Sanjiva Prabhu, Trustee, S.V. Temple, Kundapura

Editor's reply,

Thanks for your letters. Khabbar is always ready to lend a hand to all worthwhile causes in India. I once again appeal to all readers to help Ravi Nayak in his efforts. Members can send their contributions to Ravi Nayak, 1 Deerpeth Drive, Flanders, NJ 07836 or send it directly to S.V. Temple, Kundapura.

A REAL ESTATE TIP

by

Dr. C. K. Kamath, Rupak Associates, West Chester, OH

Now is the best time to invest in Real Estate since we have seen lowest mortgage interest rates in a decade!

If you can get about 2% lower interest rate for your present mortgage, then you should try to get your home refinanced.

And when you do this, try for a 15 year mortgage rather than conventional 30 years. You will save a fortune for yourself and your family.

Hoon's Khabbar

● CONGRATULATIONS:

● GOPAL and SHANTHI PAI of Lake Marie, FL celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary by making a trip to the Tahiti Islands. Khabbar wishes the Pais all the luck in their second 25th.

● BHAMY V. SHENOY, a member of Conoco Inc's Strategic Planning Group, received the company's Community Service Award for 1985 for "work in building a better understanding between Indian immigrants and local residents". The purpose of this award is to "recognize employees for outstanding volunteer activities and to provide support to worthwhile local organization". Conoco Inc. in Houston is a subsidiary of Dupont Co.

● Dr. C.K.KAMATH, Ph.D., of Cincinnati, OH has successfully passed the Real Estate Sales Examination of the Ohio Division of Real Estate, Columbus. Dr. Kamath has already established RUPAK ASSOCIATES- to deal with all prospects of buying, developing and selling real estate. He was sponsored by Century-21 Champions, Westchester, OH. Khabbar wishes Dr. Kamath and Rupak Associates the best of luck.

● KONKANI HAPPENINGS:

● KONKANI ASSOCIATION OF MICHIGAN recently held their innaugural function in the suburbs of Detroit in February 1986. The function was well attended by about 30 families. It was heartening to note that some members came from as far as distance as 150 miles in that winter weather. The Office bearers have planned a string of activities for this year. For further information call the President, Dr. Krishna Nayak @ 313-882-2572.

● DIXIE KONKANIS got together on 11th January 1986. The Hindu Temple at Columbia, SC was the location of this third gathering of the Konkanis of the South. The function was a grand success and the credit goes to Vijaya and Suresh Prabhu, Sulochana and Narayan Shenoy, and Sharada and Ganesh Pai, all of Columbia. The next venue for the gathering is planned at Charlotte, NC and it is hoped that a few families who could not participate in Columbia will be able to do so in NC.

● AMCHIGALE SAMAJ of California bay area recently held a function. As usual, the function was a great success with variety entertainment and skits performed by members.

● KONKANI YOUTH GROUP is being planned by the youngsters of the Amchigale Samaj of bay area California. The three pioneer youths are Mahesh Nayak, Shailesh Bhat and Vivek Rao. The group has already made plans for 1986 summer and the main attraction is a hike and overnight camping in the nearby mountains.

Hoon Khabbar (cont.)

● KHABBAR'S KHABBAR

● In case you have noticed, Khabbar has moved out from the office print room to the press. This gives Khabbar a chance to put out better offset print than the regular xerox print. The newsletter can be made more attractive with photographs, etc. The need for timely payment of readers dues has to be stressed because of higher cost involved.

● A. K. A.

● The Education Committee of the American Konkani Association recently met and established the rules and bylaws of granting Loan Scholarships and send it to the Board for approval. Any of the readers willing to help for this right cause can send their contribution to The American Konkani Association, 801, N. Lincoln, Park Ridge, IL 60068.

● WEDDING BELLS

● MITHRA, daughter of Mrs and Dr Mohan Kamath of Cerritos, CA married to SUDHAKER, son of Mrs Tara Nayak of Secunderabad, in Mangalore on Sunday January 5th 1986. at Sujir C.V. Nayak Hall. Sudhaker is practising medicine in suburban Washington D.C. area and Mithra is a CPA. Khabbar wishes the newlyweds all the happiness.

● Dr SHOBHA NAYAK of Pittsburgh, PA and Dr P. NARAYAN NAYAK of Yarmouth, ME were recently married.. The couple will reside in Maine. Khabbar wishes the Nayaks all the best.

● OBITUARY

● Sri BOLA SUBRAYA KAMATH (76) died in December 1985 enroute to India. Khabbar sends heartfelt condolences to his sons, Raghav of Ridge, NY, Girish of Harvey, LA and Annappa of Merritt, B.C. and their respective families.

Dear Editor,

I am a student of computer engineering and am highly interested in Indian Philosophy.

I am sending, alongwith this letter, what I hope will be a series of articles on our religious and historical heritage. If I happen to write something controversial or overly critical or strong, I request you and the readers to forgive me with a broad mind. I sincerely hope you will print this and other articles I will be sending to you. I am trying to present to our intelligent community the modern interpretation of the very complex philosophy of Hinduism.

Vineeth Nayak(20), Westport, MA

O U R H E R I T A G E

We are the Konkans- a clan of people that in the long gone days were concentrated in the area between Kashmir and Bengal in Northern India. We are Brahmins- supposedly the guardians of a vast and highly cultured religion-Hinduism. But, over the centuries, this religion has become so diversified, muddled by foreign influence, and changed by emperors to suit their own convinience, that today it is not much more than a mass of an un-understood superstition covering a highly intellectual philosophy. As preservers of peace for our future generations here on earth, it is our duty to absorb the not-so-naive knowledge our ancient ancestors left for us.

The recorded history of India goes back several thousand years before the christian era. The ancient cities of Mohanjo Daro and Harappa were among the most advanced cities in the world of 3000 B.C. They had swimming pools, drainage systems, and grain silos. They were populated by Dravidians-highly cultured and peace-loving people. It was these people that first professed the original Hinduism. (Dravidians are dark skinned and now live in southern India). They believed in Shiva.

Shiva has been misunderstood through the millennia. The masses worship him as the father of Ganesh, the God of good luck, and see him as a semi-crazed ascetic, with long ash covered hair, wearing leopard skin clothes, living with his wife, Parvathi on Mount Kailash in the Himalayas. The Dravidians saw him differently. Shiva was an abstract idea. His idol was only symbolic of this idea. A tall man standing in a dance pose on the corpse of a demon, the locks of his hair reaching his feet. He has four arms, one holding a drum, the second a fire, the third is held in a pose of boon and the fourth is held in "Abhaya Mudra". Now let us decipher this "idol" as did the ancients.

The demon lying prone on the ground is ignorance; The man (Shiva), ultimate knowledge, the Universe itself. The drum signifies creation. The fire implies destruction. The circle of fire around Shiva signifies the continuous cycle of creation and destruction. This also goes to show that creation and destruction, good and bad, are two extremes of the same entity and not, as many believe, two separate entities. The third hand is a symbol of giving, a hand of boon. It is not only the little boons that we receive every day that this hand denotes. It is the gift of life itself, the boon of perception, without which the very universe would be non-existent for us. Finally the fourth hand is understood by all. "Abhaya" literally means "do not fear". We may be awed by all we see in the vast universe. We may not even be able to cope with the goings-on, and knowledge of our own little world. Yet, there is that confident voice in each mind that says "Do not fear. Conquer your fears and you conquer all knowledge". This is the "Abhaya Mudra".

Finally we come to the pose of dance. This is the most difficult to explain. In the traditional Bharath Natyam (a form of Indian dance), it is called the "Tandav" pose. Scientifically, we all know that the universe is in constant motion. From the smallest known particles of matter to the stars, each as big as our sun or bigger, the galaxies, which are collections of billions of stars, to clusters of galaxies, everything is in motion. The forces of gravity, and the other forces of matter that hold the universe together are constantly acting on each other to create a rhythm on which the universe dances. This is the rhythm of Shiva's dance. It has been recently discovered that matter is nothing but a steady stream of constantly flowing energy. This pattern is the rhythm on which the universe dances.

The "wife" or consort of Shiva, Parvathi, has another name, a more understandable one- Shakti. This is a synonym for energy, clearly saying that existence is an inseparable combination of energy, matter and perception.

This concept, is a concept, not a narrow minded view of god covered God "ruling over heaven and earth" but of a combination of our own existence, and that of a universe, a "God" that is knowledge itself, creation, evolution and destruction, and inseparably a part of everything we see and experience.

NEXT: THE COMING OF THE ARYANS

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Dear Sister/Brother,

I am happy to know that 'KHABBAR' issue for the last quarter of 1985, has published a write up about 'Asta Mangala Prasna' - I am sure, you have read it. May I enclose a detailed English version thereof?

The unique moments of joy and thrill experienced, during 'Astamangala Prasna', are more felt than could be expressed! We are performing Sevas/works as indicated in the Prasna, one by one, with increasing momentum.

One of the major Seva/work will be taken up soon. Srimad Sudheendra Thirtha Swamiji of Sri Kashi Mutt Samsthan has suggested the following auspicious dates:-

23.4.1986 - for commencement of renovation of Garbha Gudis of Parivara Devas.

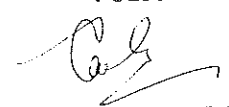
26.6.1986 - Re-installation of Parivara Devas.

The estimate for the above Seva/work is about Rs.2 to 2.5 lakhs.

It is our desire to solicit your pious participation in the above Seva/work. However, I make it very clear that I am not making this request with any commercial outlook. On the other hand, I warmly welcome any token contribution as an index of your participation and association with the science of 'Astamangala Prasna' - our rich Indian cultural heritage.

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Yours sincerely,


[K. SANJIVA PRABHU]
Trustee
Konkani Brother.

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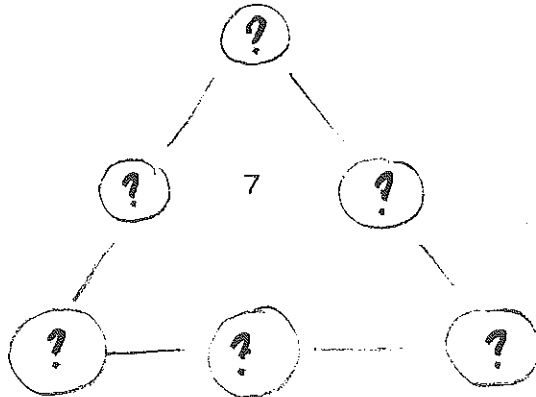
Dear Vasanthmam,

I have two math puzzles for my friends and I hope our kids have fun in solving them. Thanks.

Sanjay Pai(10), Wilton, ME

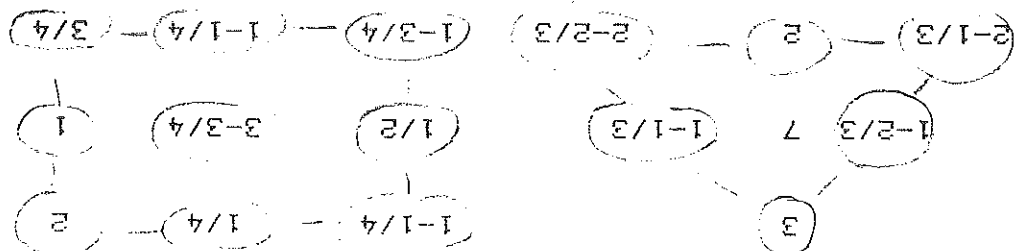
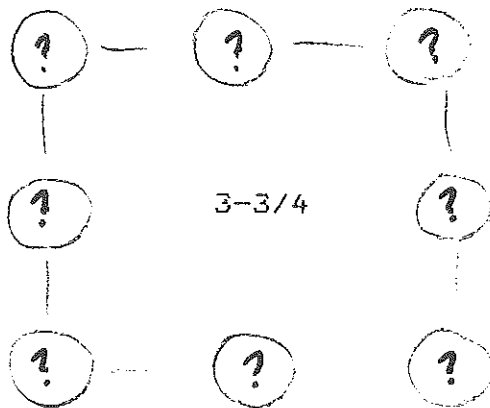
Puzzle No.1

Write $1-1/3$, $1-2/3$, 2 , $2-2/3$, and 3 in the circles so that the sum of three numbers along each side of the triangle is the number inside the triangle. Use the numbers once.



Puzzle No.2

Write eight numbers $1/4$, $1/2$, $3/4$, 1 , $1-1/4$, $1-1/2$, $1-3/4$, and 2 in the circles so that of the three numbers along each side of the square is the number inside the square. Use the numbers only once.



ANSWERS:

TEST OF APPLIED CREATIVITY

collected by
Mrs Mohini Kamath, Cerritos, CA

1. Do they have a Fourth of July in India?
2. How many birthdays does the average man have?
3. Can a man living in Winston-Salem, NC be buried west of the Mississippi River?
4. If you had a match and entered a room in which there were a kerosene lamp, an oil heater and a wood burning stove, which item would you light first?
5. Some months have 30 days, some 31; how many have 28?
6. If your doctor gave you three pills and said to take one every half hour, how long would they last?
7. A house is built so that each side has a southern exposure. If a bear were to wander by the house, what is the most likely the color of the bear?
8. How far can a dog run into the forest?
9. What is the minimum number of active baseball players on the field during any part of the inning? How many outs in an inning?
10. A farmer had 17 sheep. All but 9 died. How many does the farmer have left?
11. Take two apples from three apples and what do you have?
12. A little Indian and big Indian are walking down a path. The little Indian is the big Indian's son. The big Indian is not the little Indian's father? Who is the big Indian?
13. How much dirt may be removed from a hole that is 3' deep, 2' wide and 10' long?
14. If your bedroom were pitch dark and you needed a matching pair of socks, how many socks do you need to take out of the closet if there are 25 white and 25 black ?
15. There are 12 one-cent stamps in a dozen, but how many two-cent stamps are there in a dozen?

1. Yes 2. one 3. can't bury - living 4. match 5. all 6. 1 hour
7. white-polar bear 8. half-way 9. 10 & 6 10. nine 11. two 12.
Mother 13. can't take dirt from hole 14. three 15. twelve

ANSWERS

1985 INTERIM REPORT

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Sd/-Prabhakar Nayak
Treasurer

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• MATRIMONIAL:

• Matrimonial correspondence invited from GSB or Saraswath boys brought up or domiciled in Canada or U.S.A. for a beautiful GSB/Saraswath girl, 5' tall, 25 years, University graduate, brought up in Canada. Please call 516-744-7209 or send correspondence with photo to Mrs. Sumathi Kamath, 590 Whiskey Road, Ridge, NY 11961.

• Matrimonial correspondence invited for my friend who is a 42 year old Konkani woman, mother and widow. She is attractive, educated, very talented in music and presently working. Indian men preferred. Please send letter with photograph to: Mrs. Carol Pai, 1715 Partridge Run Road, Upper St. Clair, PA 15241.

• WANTED:

• OB-GYN, male or female to join BC/OBG, salary to early partnership, suburb of Pittsburgh, PA. Call 814-536-7344(O) or 814-255-7188(H) if interested.

• REMINDER:

• Please remit your membership dues for this year either to the Treasurer or to the Editor.

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• WANTED:

• Articles of interest are always in need to be published in the "Khabbar". Let SABHA members share your knowledge and experience. Please send your articles to:

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