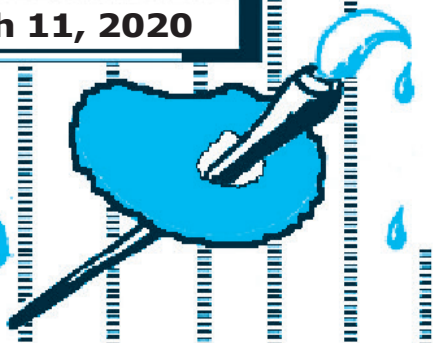


Children's Corner



The Supreme Symbol of Humanitarian Values

Salaam dear young friends, how are you today? Hope you are all fine by the Grace of Almighty Lord.

First of all we like to congratulate you on a very special occasion. Yes, you have guessed it correctly.

Two days back we celebrated the auspicious birth anniversary of the Supreme Symbol of Faith, Piety, Justice, Valour, Wisdom, Eloquence, Magnanimity and all other human virtues that we celebrated.

The person who was born in the Holy Ka'ba – the Symbolic House of the Unseen but Omnipresent Creator – needs no introduction.

If the Last and Greatest Messenger, Prophet Muhammad (SAWA), is the Best of Almighty Allah's creation, his cousin, son-in-law, and divinely-designated heir, Imam Ali ibn Abi Taleb (AS), is the next most Noblest Man that graced Planet Earth.

He was virtue personified and was hailed by the Prophet as the Barometer of Belief that draws the line between "Iman" (True Belief) and "Nefaq" (hypocrisy of those who claim to be Muslim and apparently practice many of the injunctions of Islam, but whose hearts are devoid of the essence of faith).

That is the reason the Prophet's public proclamation of Imam Ali (AS) as his vicegerent on 18th Zilhijja, 10 AH at Ghadir-Khom on the express commandment of the Lord Most High (Holy Qur'an 5:67) to a huge gathering of over 100,000 pilgrims, while returning from the Hajj, brought swift tidings from heaven of the "perfection of faith, completion of (divine) favours, and approval of Islam as religion" (Holy Qur'an 5:3).

Ever since, the true believers have continued to rally around the banner of "Wilaya" (divinely-decreed authority) of Imam Ali (AS) in every age and place, drawing inspiration from his multi-sided personality in all spheres of life as humanity makes progress by refusing to yield to pressures, threats, sanctions, oppression, and wars, even if it means offering the sacrifice of one's life for the love of God Almighty.

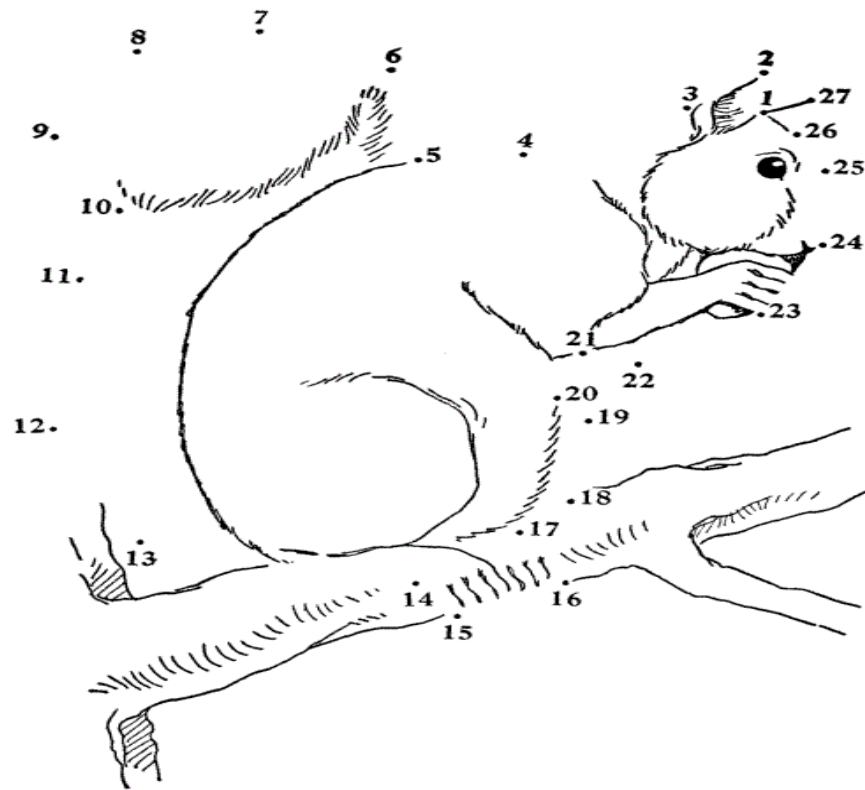
A prime example in this regard is the Islamic Republic of Iran, which strives on the brilliant path blazed out by Imam Ali (AS) to promote humanitarian values in society, undaunted by the devilish plots of its enemies.

Therefore youngsters, we ought to be thankful to the Almighty for His great blessing of making us cognizant of the merits of the Commander of the Faithful and the practical precedents he set for posterity to make proper progress, during his 63-year life, including the last four-and-a-half years of his model rule of justice.

His holy shrine in Najaf is the centre of pilgrimage for the seekers of truth from all over the world.

Well friends, as you all know, yesterday was 15th of Rajab, and here in the Islamic Republic of Iran, mourners and devotees paid their tributes to Hazrat Zainab (SA), the Heroine of Karbala, on her martyrdom anniversary, for having institutionalized, universalized, immortalized, and bequeathed to humanity the world life-inspiring mourning ceremonies for her brother Imam Husain (AS), who gave his life-blood, but refused to yield to injustice, in order to keep alive the straight and unwavering path of his grandfather Prophet Muhammad (SAWA) and Father Imam Ali (AS).

This was all for our weekly chat. Stay at home and please listen to the advices of the health authorities. Take care, see you all next week.



RIDDLES

Dear youngsters, could you answer the following questions.

- Of these things – I have two. One for me – and one for you. And when you ask about the price, I simply smile and nod twice. What am I?
- I hatch without food. What am I?
- When I get closer my tail grows longer, but when I go away my tail leads the way. What am I?
- I go through a door but never go in, and never come out. What am I?
- I cut through evil like a double edged sword, and chaos flees at my approach. Balance I single-handedly upraise, through battles fought with heart and mind, instead of with my gaze. What am I?
- Ripped from my ancestors' home, beaten and burned, I become a bloodthirsty killer. What am I?

Answers to last week's questions:

- Bed
- Apple
- Starfish
- Splinter
- Seaman
- Horseman

Send your jokes. Heard any jokes lately? Well, try and make us laugh too!

Don't hesitate! Mail it to us.

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JOKES

Teacher: Give me a sentence that starts with the letter, "T".

Student: Okay! I is the...

Teacher: Stop! Don't say 'is' after 'I'. Always put 'am' after 'I'.

Student: Okay! I am the ninth letter of the alphabet!

A woman walks into a bank and asks for a \$1,000 loan for a month long trip. The loan officer tells her "You are going to need some collateral if you want a loan."

The woman tells him "I'll leave my Rolls Royce, it's worth \$200,000."

The bank accepts the security and laughs at her for leaving such an expensive car for such a small loan.

When she comes back from her trip she goes to the bank and repays her loan plus interest, coming to \$1,020.

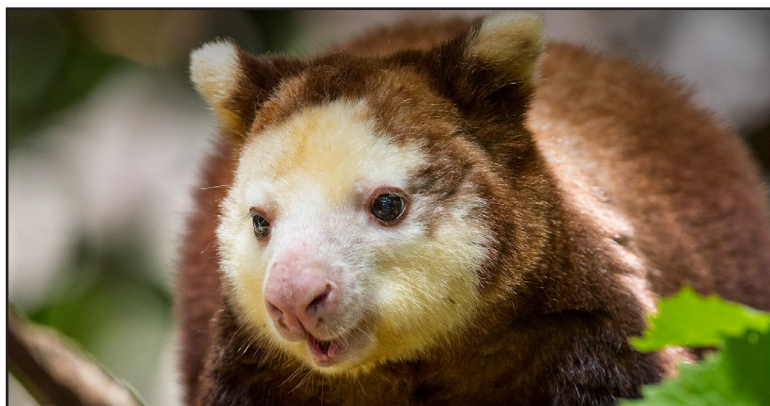
The bank manager smirks at her and asks "We know you are a millionaire, why would you get such a small loan and use such an expensive car for collateral?"

The woman looks at him and smiles "Where else can I park my car in the city for a month for only \$20?"

Imam Ali ibn Abi-Taleb (AS)

"People perish due to two things—fear of poverty and seeking of pride."

Tree Kangaroos



females 5.9 kg.

Tree-kangaroos have several adap-

tations to an arboreal life-style. Compared to terrestrial kangaroos, tree-

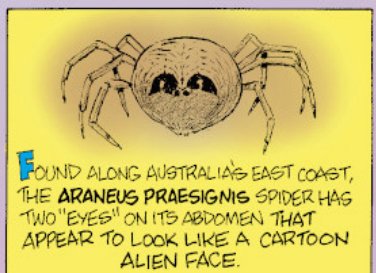
kangaroos have longer and broader hind feet with longer, curved nails. They also have a sponge-like grip on their paws and soles of their feet.

Tree-kangaroos have a much larger and pendulous tail than terrestrial kangaroos, giving them enhanced balance while moving about the trees. Locomotion on the ground is by hopping, as with true kangaroos. Like terrestrial kangaroos, tree-kangaroos do not sweat to cool their bodies, rather, they lick their forearms and allow the moisture to evaporate in an adaptive form of behavioural thermoregulation.

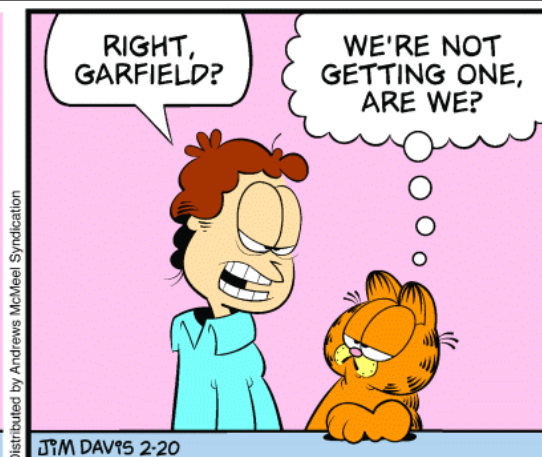
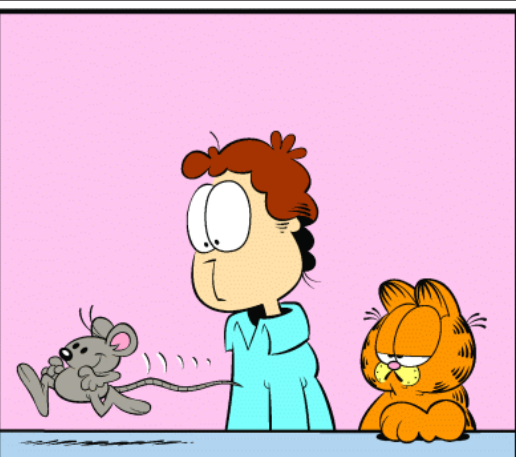
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