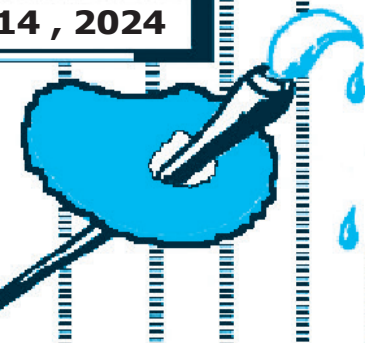


# Children's Corner



## Imam Zain al-Abedin (AS)

"Fear God and know that you will inevitably return to Him, when everyone will see his good and bad deeds right before his very eyes, he will wish for the longest period of time to separate himself from his bad deeds."

## Basking in the Blessed Birthdays

Salaam dear young friends. Heartiest congratulations to you on the auspicious blessed days of Sha'ban, the month especially associated with Prophet Muhammad (SAWA) and his Immaculate Ahl al-Bayt.

We are basking in the blessed birthdays that we celebrated over the past few days and are looking to celebrate the rest of these propitious birth anniversaries in the coming days.

As you know, the 3rd of Sha'ban that went by yesterday was the day on which the Immortal Martyr of Karbala, the Prophet's younger grandson and 3rd Infallible Heir, Imam Husain (AS), was born in Medina in 4 AH.

Today, the 4th of this month is the birthday of Valiant Standard-Bearer of Karbala, Hazrat Abu'l-Faz al-Abbas (AS), whose shrine stands like a sentinel to the shrine of Imam Husain (AS), as though he is still guarding this sacred land on which blood triumphed over swords to ensure victory for faith over falsehood.

The 5th of Sha'ban which will be tomorrow is the birth anniversary of the Survivor of the heartrending tragedy of Karbala, Imam Zain al-Abedin (AS), the son and successor of Imam Husain (AS). He graced Planet Earth in the year 38 AH, and waged a unique jihad through imprisonment and the medium of prayers and supplications to salvage Islam in those day of Omayyad and Zubayrid tyranny and deviation.

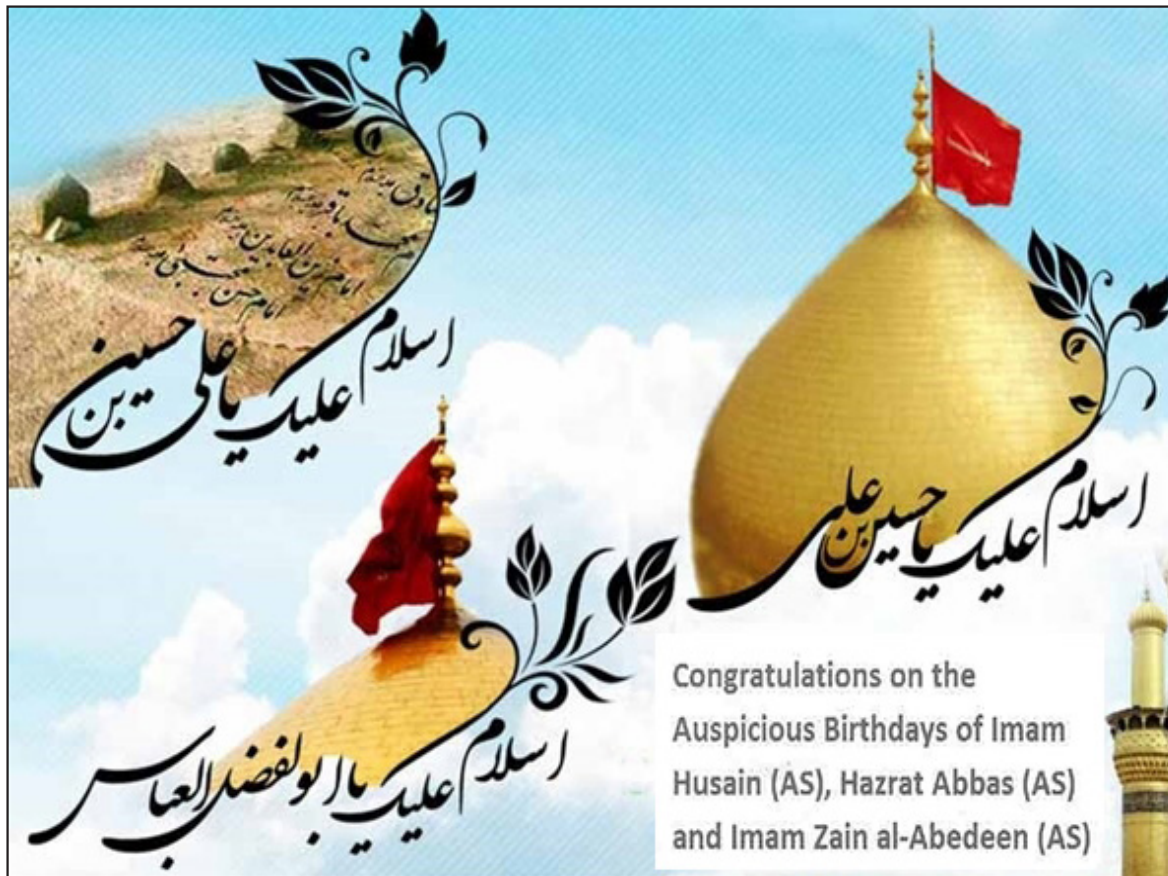
Saturday, on the 7th of Sha'ban, we would be celebrating the birthday of Hazrat Qasim, the son of Imam Hasan al-Mujtaba (AS), who on entering teenage hastened towards martyrdom in Karbala with the words death in the way of God is "sweeter than honey".

On the 11th of Sha'ban (Wednesday next week), we will be marking "Day of the Virtuous Youths" in honour of Imam Husain's (AS) son, Hazrat Ali Akbar (AS), who despite bearing a striking resemblance to his great-grandfather Prophet Muhammad (SAWA), was cruelly martyred in the prime of youth in Karbala.

The icing to the birthday cakes of Sha'ban, as usual, is indeed the 15th of this glorious month on which in the year 255 AH, Imam Mahdi (AS), the Twelfth and Last Infallible Heir of Prophet Muhammad (SAWA), opened his eyes in the city of Samarra in Iraq.

The Islamic Republic of Iran, thus celebrates mid-Sha'ban as "Day of the Oppressed" with prayers and supplications throughout the night preceding it, for the reappearance of Imam Mahdi (AS) in order to fulfill God's promise of ridding Planet Earth of all vestiges of oppression and corruption through establishment of the global government of peace, prosperity and justice - Amen.

Well dear friends, this was all for our weekly chat. Goodbye and God bless you all.



## RIDDLES

Dear youngsters, could you answer the following questions.

1. Small land in water. What am I?
2. I am the signature stroll of ducks and penguins. What am I?
3. I am a shimmering field that reaches far. Yet I have no tracks, and am crossed without paths. What am I?
4. I'm hard as a rock, and as light as a feather. I'm passed on to one another. Poor people need me, and rich people have me. What am I?
5. I fly when I'm on and float coming off. What am I?
6. I am the word that is always spelled correctly by everyone. What am I?

Answers to last week's edition:

1. Case
2. Touchdown
3. Jelly
4. Kilt
5. Belt
6. Llama

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

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## JOKES

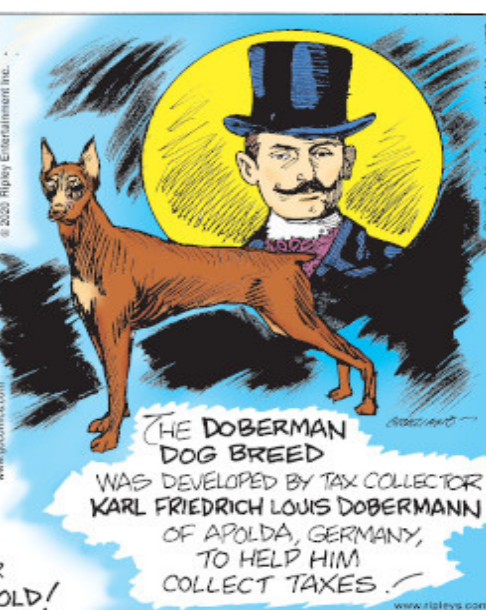
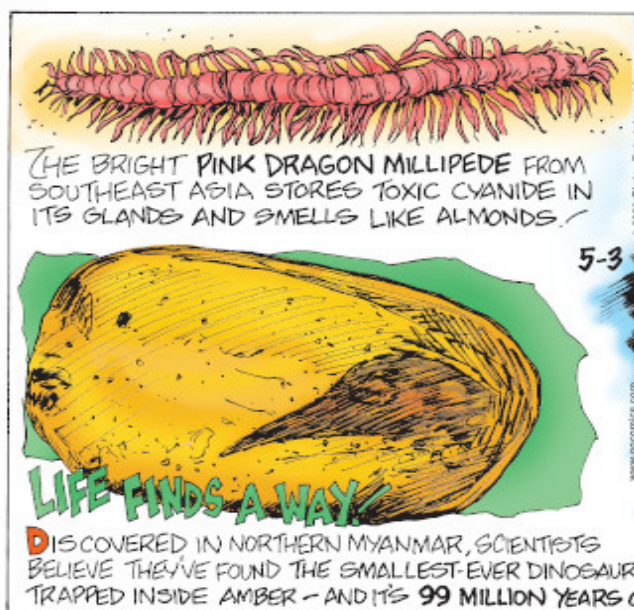
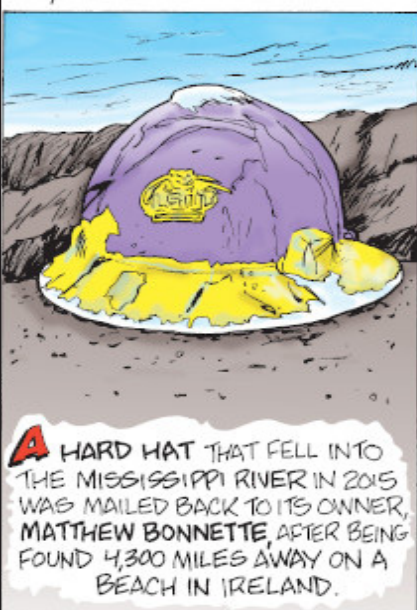
Teacher: "If I gave you 2 cats and another 2 cats and another 2, how many would you have?"  
 Johnny: "Seven."  
 Teacher: "No, listen carefully... If I gave you two cats, and another two cats and another two, how many would you have?"  
 Johnny: "Seven."  
 Teacher: "Let me put it to you differently. If I gave you two apples, and another two apples and another two, how many would you have?"  
 Johnny: "Six."  
 Teacher: "Good. Now if I gave you two cats, and another two cats and another two, how many would you have?"  
 Johnny: "Seven!"  
 Teacher: "Johnny, where in the heck do you get seven from?!"  
 Johnny: "Because I've already got a freaking cat!"

Q: Why did the banana go to the Doctor?  
 A: Because it was not peeling well

Teacher: "Which book has helped you the most in your life?"  
 Student: "My father's check book!"



## Believe It or Not!



## The Jay and the Peacock

A Jay venturing into a yard where Peacocks used to walk found there a number of feathers which had fallen from the Peacocks when they were molting.

He tied them all to his tail and strutted down towards the Peacocks.

When he came near them they soon discovered the cheat, and striding up to him pecked at him and plucked away his borrowed plumes.

So the Jay could do no better than go back to the other Jays, who had watched his behaviour from a distance; but they were equally annoyed with him, and told him: "It is not only fine feathers that make fine birds".

MORAL: "It is not only fine feathers that make fine birds"

