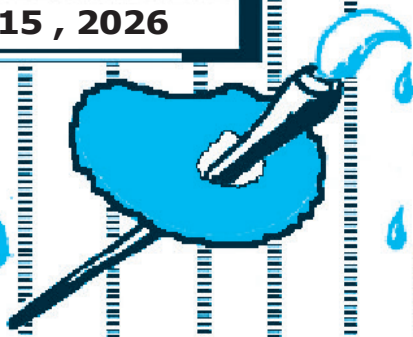




Children's Corner



Imam Zain al-Abedin (AS)

"The best key for all affairs is truth, and the best end of all affairs is faithfulness and loyalty."

The Orphan Girl of Karbala

Salaam dear young friends. Hope you are all well by the grace of Almighty Lord. How are you today? We are still clad in black and will continue to commemorate the life-inspiring death of Imam Husain (AS) till the end of Safar, the climax being Arba'een or anniversary of the traditional 40th after the epic of Ashura.

As all you know, today is the last day of the month of Muharram and tomorrow Thursday, 16th of July will be the 1st of the month of Safar.

First of Safar is a day of fresh grief, because it was the day when in 61 AH, the imprisoned womenfolk and children of the Prophet's Household were paraded as captives in Damascus before mobs unaware of their identity, while being taken to the court of the infidel Yazid ibn Mu'awiyya.

The Prophet's granddaughter, Hazrat Zainab (SA), rose to the occasion and through her eloquent sermons in the court of Damascus, unmasked Yazid's hypocrisy. Thanks to her selfless efforts and that of her nephew Imam Zain al-Abedin (AS), Islam was nurtured back to life and truth became victorious.

Hazrat Ruqa'iyya (SA) despite her tender age and in spite of the fact that she was the great-granddaughter of the Prophet of Islam, was scolded for crying for her father by the so-called Muslims, who were so heartless that they snatched her earrings, ripping apart her earlobes, which dripped with blood during the arduous journey from Iraq to Syria.

In Damascus, she was horrified at the gruesome sight of her father's head placed in a tray before the Godless Yazid, who blasphemously poked his cane at the blessed teeth of the Prophet's grandson.

Imagine their plight, especially of 3-year old Ruqa'iyya (SA), who had to witness the gory spectacle of her father's (Imam Husain (AS)) blood-soaked head presented before the tyrant in a tray, and on the 5th day after the arrival of the noble captives in Damascus, and only 25 days following the tragedy of Ashura, the little girl kissing the lips of her father and placing her tender head upon them, cried incessantly, until her soul flew to the ethereal heavens.

May God curse the Omayyad and all those dastards who, support them and emulate their barbaric ways against Muslims!

Well dear friends, for your information, the 3rd of Safar according to a narration will be the birthday of Imam Muhammad Baqer (AS), the 5th Infallible Heir of Prophet Muhammad (SAWA), who was born in Medina in 57 AH, and was present in Karbala on the Day of Ashura as a less than a 4-year boy.

He witnessed the tragic martyrdom of his grandfather, Imam Husain (AS), and in the aftermath of the heartrending tragedy was among the captives that were taken by the Omayyad hordes to the courts of the tyrants in Kufa and Damascus.

As you know, the famous Ziyarat-e Ashura that the faithful recite on the anniversary of the tragic 10th of Muharram for the Immortal Martyr of Karbala, is narrated on his authority.

So, God bless you all, see you next week.

Dangerous Animals

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SHARK
HIPPOPOTAMUS
LEOPARD
ALLIGATOR
HYENA
PYTHON
PUFFER FISH
RATTLESNAKE
BLACK MAMBA
CROCODILE
LION
SCORPION
COBRA
POLAR BEAR

RIDDLES

Dear youngsters, could you answer the following questions.

1. I have two eyes in the front and a lot of eyes on my tail. What am I?
2. I can be winding and I can be straight. I can be smooth and I can be rough. Sometimes both. I start out black but fade to brown the more I am used. My favorite colors are yellow and white, and I love stripes and dashed lines. What am I?
3. People walk in and out of me. They push and I follow. When they walk out on me, I close up and I stay waiting for the next person to walk into my life when I have a more open mind. What am I?
4. I shift around, though always slowly. I never move more than a few inches at a time. A large movement by me can kill many people. I am huge, yet unseen by humans. What am I?
5. The faster you run, the harder it is to catch me. What am I?

Answers to last week's edition:

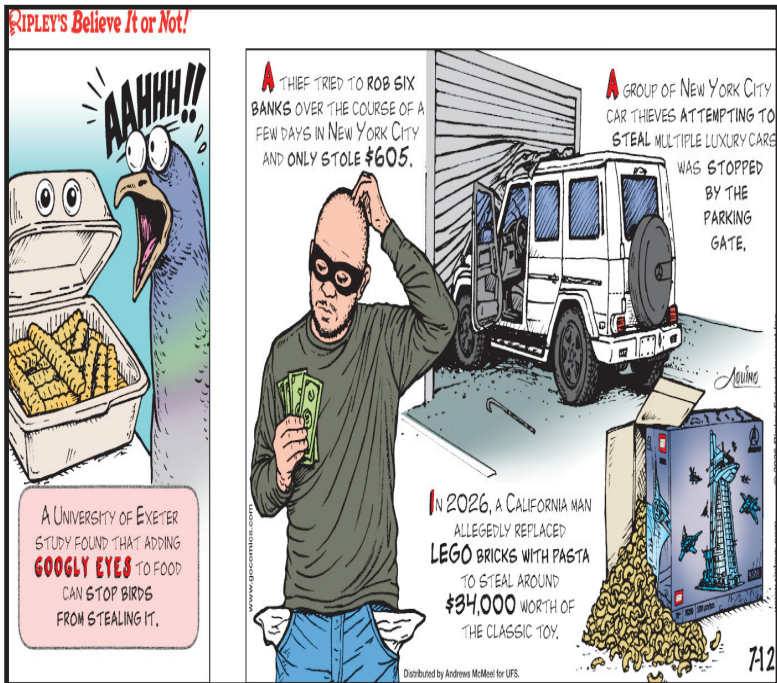
1. Squash
2. R
3. Rocking Chair
4. Scale
5. Water
6. Golf Ball

JOKES

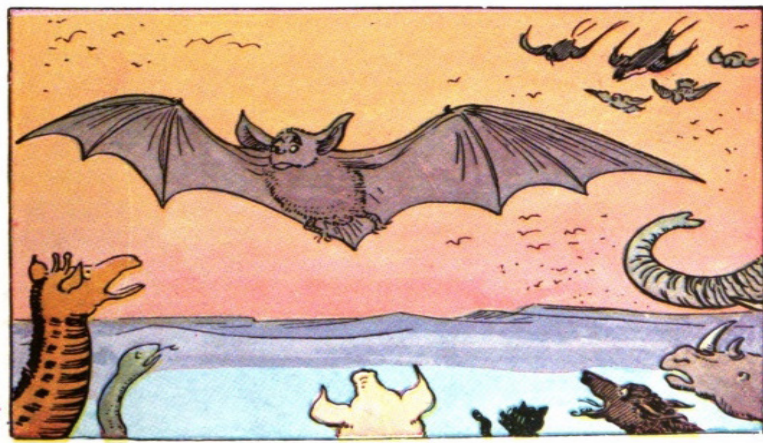
A school kid asks his teacher: "Is it true that the law of gravity keeps us on Earth?"
The teacher replied: "Yes."
The kid then asked: "What kept us before the law was passed?"

Teacher: "What is the purpose of having school?"
Student: Without school there wouldn't be a reason for holidays and summer vacation.

The world's first fully computerized airliner was ready for its maiden flight without pilots or crew. The plane taxied to the loading area automatically, its doors opened automatically, the steps came out automatically. The passengers boarded the plane and took their seats. The steps retreated automatically, the doors closed, and the airplane taxied toward the runway. "Good afternoon, ladies and gentlemen," a voice intoned. "Welcome to the debut of the world's first fully computerized airliner. Everything on this aircraft is run electronically. Just sit back and relax. Nothing can go wrong ... Nothing can go wrong...nothing can go wrong.... nothing can go wrong... nothing can go wrong..."



The Bat, the Birds, and the Beasts Fable



A great conflict was about to come off between the Birds and the Beasts. When the two armies were collected together the Bat hesitated which to join.

The Birds that passed his perch said: "Come with us"; but he said: "I am a Beast."

Later on, some Beasts who were passing underneath him looked up and said:

"Come with us"; but he said: "I am a Bird."

Luckily at the last moment peace was made, and no battle took place, so the Bat came to the Birds and wished to join in the rejoicings, but they all turned against him and he had to fly away.

He then went to the Beasts, but soon had to beat a retreat, or else they would have torn him to pieces.

"Ah," said the Bat, "I see now, He that is neither one thing nor the other has no friends."

MORAL: "He that is neither one thing nor the other has no friends."

