

Work on Paktika Township Scheme for Teachers Launched

KHOST CITY - construction work to develop a township scheme for teachers has been kicked-off in Sharan, the capital of south-eastern Paktika province, which would help resolve problems of teachers' community to great extent.

Deputy Governor Attaullah Fazli told Pajhwok Afghan News foundation stone for constructing the project had been laid, which would be built on 250 acres of land.

The township, he said was being developed close to the capital city,



which would have all facilities. All legal formalities with regard to the project had been finalized and the fund would be allocated from the government budget, he added.

Director education Kochi Zazai said that 1,000 teachers would be given plots in the new residential scheme.

"As the construction process is started, we want to hire professional teachers because we are facing with shortage of qualified teaching staff," he added.

(Pajhwok)

Parwan Billboards Portray CEO as President



CHARIKAR - Though the unity government agreement was seen an end to all problems and differences between President Ashraf Ghani and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Abdullah Abdullah, yet pictures of CEO on billboards depict him as "the president of Afghanistan" in Charikar, the capital of central Parwan province.

When the 1st round of presidential election did not produce a clear winner, a runoff was called on June 14. Ashraf Ghani emerged victorious, but Abdullah refused to accept defeat and warned of forming a parallel government. His supporters then started publishing photos of Abdullah reading: "The president of Afghanistan."

After months of dialogue and mediation by foreigners, both the leaders

agreed to form a unity government. Ashraf Ghani took oath as president of Afghanistan and Abdullah as CEO. But Abdullah is still claimed to be the president of Afghanistan in pictures on billboards installed in Pul-i-Lashmak locality of Charikar. Lutfullah, a resident of the locality, said the billboards now should be removed as they showed how weak the government was.

University teacher Prof. Abdul Rab Bahadur said Abdullah had accepted the new post of CEO under the unity government deal, hence displaying such photos was unlawful. Acting Governor Abdul Basir Salangi said the photos had been installed by some local commanders. He said the issue had been shared with the CEO office, but the billboards remained. (Pajhwok)

8 ANA Soldiers Dead in Helmand Fighting

LASHKARGAH - At least eight Afghan National Army (ANA) soldiers were killed, four others wounded and two were taken hostage when Taliban fighters attacked ANA check post on Wednesday night in Musa Qala district of southern Helmand province, an official said.

Mohammad Sharif, the district chief, told Pajhwok Af-



ghan news rebels mounted attack on ANA check posts and the battle lasted for four hours.

Eight ANA soldiers were killed, four others were wounded and two others were taken as hostage, he said, adding that casualties had been also inflicted on militants but he had no exact figure. Lt. Col. Mohammad Rasool, spokesman of the 215th ANA military corps, also confirmed the attack on security check post....

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4 Rebels, Civilian Dead in Badghis Airstrike



QALA-E-NAW - Four militants and a civilian were killed in an airstrike after insurgents stormed a security check post in the Qadis district of western Badghis province on Friday, an official said.

Baha-ud-din Qadsi, provincial council head, told Pajhwok Afghan News that Taliban attacked the check post, which was repulsed by security forces started airstrike from helicopter. Two other rebels were also wounded in the air assault. Taliban took refuge with a nearby shepherd who was also killed in the airstrike, Qadsi said, adding that militants fled the area. Meanwhile, Abdul Aziz Baig, deputy head of provincial council, said that Mohammad Hashim, district chief, was not happy with the appointment of...

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Paktia AGO Director Gunned Down

KABUL - Unidentified gunmen gunned down director of Attorney general Office (AGO) of southeastern Paktia province in an attack in capital Kabul on Thursday evening, an official said on Friday.

Brig. Gen. Humayun Aini, chief of 119 police of Interior Ministry, told Pajhwok Afghan News that Najib Sultan-zoyi, AGO of director of Paktia, succumbed to injuries on his way to hospital. The gunmen, he said fled the scene after committing the crime.



He said that investigations into the killing had been launched and police started raids to nab the killers. In a message posted on Taliban's website, the insurgent group claimed credit for the official's killing and said that two Taliban attacked Sultan who died on the spot. Taliban dubbed the slain person as a "cruel man." It is worth mentioning, that a dozen of AGO employees were killed in suicide attacks during the last two weeks in Kabul. (Pajhwok)

Civilians Among 7 Dead in Kandahar Violence

KANDAHAR CITY - Seven persons, including civilians, have been killed and five others wounded in two different security incidents in southern Kandahar province, police spokesman said on Friday.

Zia Durrani told Pajhwok Afghan News two civilians were killed and three others wounded when their car they were travelling in struck a roadside bomb in the Atta Muhammad camp...

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Youth Killed in Kabul, 3 Suspects Detained

KABUL - Police arrested three persons in connection with the killing of a youth in capital Kabul on Thursday, an official said. Brig. Gen. Humayun Aini, the 119 police helpline chief at the Ministry of Interior, told Pajhwok Afghan News the murder took place in the afternoon in Ashiqan wa Arifan area in the jurisdiction of the fourth police district. A gunman shot dead the youth and escaped.

(Pajhwok)

Food Items, Petrol Prices up in Kabul

KABUL - Following devaluation of afghani currency against foreign currency, prices of flour, sugar, ghee and rice have edged up in capital Kabul, market sources said on Thursday.

Moneychanger Ahmad Shah told Pajhwok Afghan News one US dollar was bought at 59.35 afs and the exchange rate of 1,000 Pakistani

A Mother in Quandary Finally Gets Her New-Born Girl Back

MAZAR-I-SHARIF - After giving birth to a girl baby, an enraged husband forced his wife to hand her over to the shrine's helper in Mazar-i-Sharif, the capital of northern Balkh province, the woman said on Friday.

"My 27-year-old husband, Khair Jan, forced me to get the new-born girl baby out of the home and I had to hand her over to Imam Din, a helper at the shrine in Mazar-i-Sharif, but conditionally I asked the shrine's helper to give me the baby back whenever I demanded her back," she narrated the story to Pajhwok Afghan News.

The couple got married four years ago and it was their second child, with the first one was a male baby who died soon after his birth and since then her husband wanted a boy instead.

The birth of a girl baby made Jan furious who was born two days before but her helpless wife could not dare to...

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Rupee 575 afs. Last Thursday, the rate of one US dollar stood at 59.35 afs. Ahmad Shah said a reduction in circulation of dollars to market by central bank, reduced international assistance to Afghanistan, political and security challenges in the country...

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17 Alleged Militants Dead in N. Waziristan Airstrike

KABUL - In an aerial raid in North Waziristan's Shawal area, close to Afghan border, by security forces Friday, at least 17 suspected militants were killed with their three hideouts destroyed, Pakistani media reports.

Pakistan's Express Tribune while quoting officials re-

ports that after receiving news of the whereabouts of militants, jets were prepared to conduct the aerial raid. As a result of the raid, conducted earlier this morning, around 17 suspected militants were killed and three of their hideouts destroyed. As per the ongoing operations

Zarb-e-Azb and Khyber-I search operations are carried out frequently in attempts to eradicate terrorism from the country. Last month, sources alleged that Operation Zarb-e-Azb might expand to Balochistan to fight Baloch insurgents. (Pajhwok)

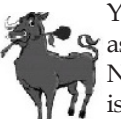
Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)



You have a romantic plan in mind that includes someone you love, but he or she might not be all that cooperative when it comes to manifesting your dream. Although you're tempted to use the art of persuasion, there's no need to push your agenda today. The first step is to observe your changing emotions without feeling like you must act on every whim.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)



You are likely to learn a lesson in compassion as gentle Venus harmonizes with ethereal Neptune. However, this kind of dreamy idealism doesn't come naturally for you Bulls since you prefer to play it safe in the real world. Widening your perspective and opening your heart won't place you in any real danger while the practical Taurus Moon is here to keep you grounded.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)



Someone you admire may become your close friend, but first you must be willing to engage him or her in a way that moves beyond the superficial. Others won't likely accept your charm as a substitute for a real heartfelt connection, so don't let your nonchalant attitude distract you from sharing your hopes and dreams. Instead of laughing the moment off, enjoy the beauty of the emotional support that is available to you.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)



Life seems so lovely when you get to sit back and soak in the admiration of others. You must also speak up if you expect someone to know what you really want. You might be longing to express your desires but you need to be more comfortable before you reveal anything. If you're feeling emotionally insecure now, you could clam up and slip away before anyone notices your retreat.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)



You may be swept off your feet and could even fall in love at first sight. However, the entire romance might occur only within your imagination. You're hesitant to share your feelings with anyone else now because you can't see anything positive coming from revealing your fantasies. Give yourself permission to explore your desires now, whether or not you express any of them out loud.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)



You can't maintain your typical rational perspective because you're busy daydreaming about a perfect romance. You are also struggling to put your desires into words. Unfortunately, interactions with others seem too shallow now to allow you to express the depth of your feelings. Nevertheless, don't give up before you even try. Convey your message by whatever means possible; the right person will understand your point perfectly.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)



It's a good omen when your friends ask you to do the same things you've been talking about doing for a long time. You have a lovely opportunity to extend the influence of your magic. You are running on a creative high now, especially if others appreciate your artistic talent and aesthetic eye. Do whatever is necessary to motivate yourself into action while the cosmic momentum is pulling for you.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)



Your basic nature normally prevents you from evading intensity and sidestepping unpleasant issues; however, you're tempted to keep everything light and easy. You see great potential everywhere you look, and you don't want to mess with your current positive path. Remember, your suppressed feelings can be expressed in a gentle manner that's constructive instead of destructive.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)



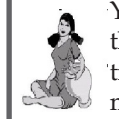
You're walking on the sunny side of the street today and everything seems to sparkle with magic. However, it's all too easy to get lost in a fantasy now, especially if it offers you some of the emotional security you seek. As much as you want to be loved, your need for adventure may stir up uncertainties about your current relationship situation. The more you ignore your concerns, the more intense they become.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)



You don't like the idea of letting down your guard. You are drawn to explore a potentially positive experience, but you feel safer when you play within the formal rules of engagement. Unfortunately, your current dilemma won't be solved by flipping a coin and making a simple all-or-nothing choice now. Carefully observe when you clench your jaw, contract your muscles or hold your breath.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

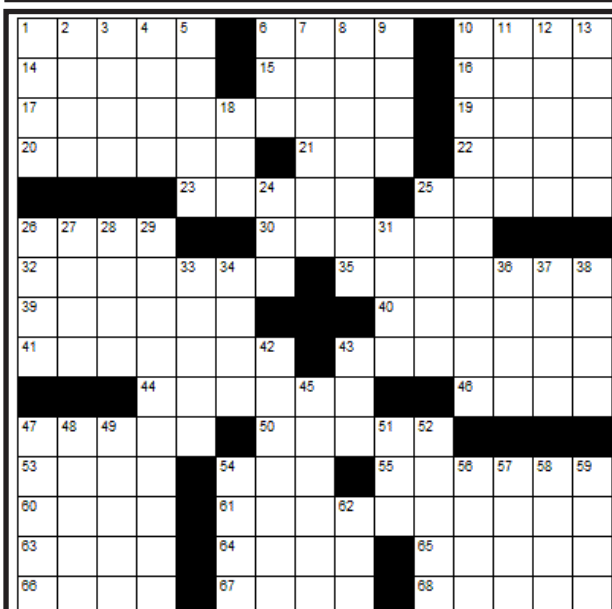


You want to surround yourself with the finer things in life today, but it's tough to find the time to pursue pleasure when you still have so many chores to do. Thankfully, you have sufficient energy to do your work; however, your unexpressed desires still could get in the way. Unfortunately, the more you try to concentrate, the more insistent your fantasies become.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)



You might consider pursuing a romantic relationship now, in reality or within your fantasies. Or, you may be passionate about your current involvement in a creative endeavor. Don't worry about what others think because they are busy trying to navigate their way through the planetary haze. You, on the other hand, can see things as you wish them to be, rather than how they are today.



Across

1. Flat circular plates, 6. Eyebrow shape, 10. Hireling, 14. Not cool, 15. Man, 16. Sea eagle, 17. Interdependence of living organisms, 19. Ascend, 20. Skin pattern, 21. Belief, 22. Frozen, 23. A fermented beverage from rye, 25. Arguments, 26. Scottish hillside, 30. Sew, 32. Designate, 35. Long-legged spotted cat, 39. Mysterious, 40. Infuriate, 41. A movement downward, 43. A canvas shoe, 44. Deep blue, 46. Not more, 47. Cereal grass, 50. Tag, 53. Stop, 54. A high alpine meadow, 55. Reddish brown, 60. Decorative case, 61. Bigger than a teaspoon, 63. Start over, 64. Leer at, 65. Turning point, 66. Biblical garden, 67. A fitting reward (archaic), 68. Skims

Down

1. A song for 2, 2. Ancient Peruvian, 3. Fired a weapon, 4. A man's skirt, 5. Secret agent (slang), 6. French for "Friend", 7. Bigot, 8. Definitive, 9. Steering mechanism for a vessel, 10. The outer area, 11. Genus of health, 12. Beginning, 13. Requires, 18. Governor (abbrev.), 24. Request, 25. Display, 26. Tiny sphere, 27. Unusual, 28. Circle fragments, 29. Gauntiness, 31. Not now, 33. Concerning (archaic), 34. Cleave, 36. Give and ____, 37. How old we are, 38. Not his, 42. Cultivated land, 43. Weep, 45. Take a chance, 47. What place?, 48. Despised, 49. Avoid, 51. East southeast, 52. Speech defects, 54. "Smallest" particle, 56. Sweeping story, 57. Exploded star, 58. Midday, 59. Picnic insects, 62. Directed

Yesterday's Solution

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AURA NATARA ANOIA
STATIONARY RUNG
HOG NOTRE LINGO
ASISTE SOUND
DEY STARGAZE
BEGET KNIFE TON
AXES KLIONS FENO
TAIN OEBUG REAFES
SMOKEPOT TAU
CIENTS TARNISH
ODITTS HERBS NIE
ODODO SHILITUDE
ELAN SNIPER ORAL
SOLLE EGRET PENS

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