

Mail Promoting Aloe Vera as Alternative to Poppy

KABUL - The Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock (MAIL) on Monday said that under the alternate poppy cultivation project, it will establish 75 greenhouses in three provinces to promote cultivation of aloe vera. The Agriculture Minister Nasir Ahmad Durrani made the remarks at a gathering in Nangarhar province where he signed contracts for establishment of 75 greenhouses with community development councils, known as CDCs. Durrani said the greenhouses will be built in Nangarhar, Badghis and Farah provinces and that farmers, in addition to vegetables, will cultivate aloe vera in these greenhouses which he said is an expensive plant. He said aloe vera will be cultivated in the greenhouses as a pilot project and that a big number of farmers will cultivate aloe vera as



an alternative to poppy in the near future. Aloe vera is a plant which is used for industrial and medical purposes and also is being used in composition of energy drinks which has made it a valuable plant. "Aloe vera is an industrial, medical and commercial plant which needs less water and once it is cultivated, it will give products for up to four years," said Durrani. The minister said they are going to develop Nangarhar Canal Project and it will be changed into a state-owned corporation. "We have started initial work on Nangarhar Canal Project for its development. Also, we have bought a big machinery from Italy for the project's factory which will arrive soon," Durrani added. Nangarhar governor meanwhile said by development of the canal project, ...*(More on P4)...(8)*

Afghan Pianist Plays Music to Honor Fallen Journalists

KABUL - A student of Afghanistan National Institute of Music has composed a song in memory of Afghan journalists who have lost their lives in deadly incidents this year. Arsan Fahim, a pianist, is a student of 11th grade at the institute. The three-minute solo piano music piece has been composed in six months, Fahim said. The music was initially composed in April. He made many changes in the music after deadly bombings in Kabul which took lives of journalist, athletes and students. The goal of the changes was to bring more emotion to the music in honor of the fallen journalists and civilians. "A reporter is someone who maintains our freedom and works for the country's freedom. By killing journalists, the enemies of the country want to take our freedom," said Fahim. He said when he was 12 years old, he watched the "The Pianist" movie which was about the life of a pianist during the World War II and that the film encouraged him to join the music institute. He joined the music institute six years ago and started to learn piano.

"Through music, I can convey my message to thousands, millions and even billions of people. Even a politician does not have the power that art has," said Fahim. Fahim's piano teacher Janielle Beh said when Fahim made changes to his music in memory of the fallen journalists, he understood that Afghan boys are able to change, even a terrible incident, to an artistic piece of work. "When I first came into my studio to show me this piece that he had composed, I was very happy to listen to it when he told me what is the inspiration behind it," said Janielle. Fahim keeps pictures of the fallen journalists and according to him they are heroes of the country.

Kabul Bombings
On May 1, nine journalists were killed in a second explosion in Kabul while they were covering the first incident. The two explosions claimed the lives of 30 people. The attack, claimed by Daesh, took place in a heavily-fortified area of the city. On September 6, two TOLONews journalists were killed in a second blast while covering the first explosion. The first explosion took place inside a wrestling gym in Dasht-e-Barchi area which claimed lives of nearly 30 people, according to government report. But reports said the casualties were much high. (Tolo news)

Militants Suffer Heavy Casualties in Paktia Airstrikes

KABUL - Several militants were killed in a series of airstrikes conducted by the Afghan and coalition forces during the military operations in southeastern Paktia province of Afghanistan. The 203rd Thunder Corps of the Afghan Military in the Southeast in a statement said the airstrikes were carried out in Bakawa, Koti Khel, and Hastogan areas of Zurmat district. The statement further added that 26 militants have been killed, 3 others have sustained injuries, and two vehicles of the militants were destroyed during the operations. Taliban's military commission chief Mulalh Daud and shadow



judge of the group Mullah Ghani were among those killed, the 203rd Thunder Corps added. In the meantime, the 203rd ...*(More on P4)...(9)*

President Ghani Confers High State Medal on Gen. Aghbar

KABUL - President Mohammad Ashraf Ghani has conferred the High State Medal of Mir Masjedi Khan on former Chairman of Afghanistan Olympics Committee Gen. Zahir Aghbar. The Office of the President, ARG Palace, in a statement said a ceremony was organized in this regard in Gul Khana Palace on Monday afternoon where a presidential decree was also read by senior presidential adviser in cultural affairs Asadullah Ghazanfar. The statement further added that President Ghani also

thanked the leadership of National ...*(More on P4)...(10)*



Drone Strike Target Taliban's Red Unit Commanders in Kunar Province

ASADABAD - The coalition forces based in Afghanistan have carried out airstrikes in eastern Kunar province of Afghanistan, targeting a vehicle that was carrying commanders of the Taliban's Red Unit. The 201st Silab Corps of the Afghan Military in the East in a statement said the airstrike was carried out on Monday in the vicinity of Asmar district. The statement further added that the unmanned aerial vehicles of the coalition forces

targeted the vehicle of Taliban's Red Unit commanders in Kandara area, leaving two commanders of the group dead. The two Taliban commanders killed in the airstrike have been identified as Mohammad Yousuf adn Mullah Ayoub, the 201st Silab Corps said, adding that the vehicle was also destroyed along with several light and heavy weapons. According to 201st Silab Corps, the security forces and local ...*(More on P4)...(11)*



Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)



Move forward with your plan of attack today, Aries. There's an anxious rumble within you that's urging you to get going with a current plan. You have all the facts you need, so don't hesitate any longer. The power of the word is with you. You will be smooth, collected, and confident even in the most nerve-racking situations. Words will flow off your tongue with ease.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)



Add spark to your life today, Taurus. It could be that things are getting stale and boring. If so, consider the possibility that you simply aren't challenging yourself enough. Remember that you're responsible for lighting your own fire. You have the perfect opportunity to get something started today, so go for it. Feel free to get other people to help.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)



People are apt to try to hit you square on the head with their ideas and thoughts today, Gemini, so be ready for the onslaught of information that may come your way. There's a distinct advantage to listening to the whole spiel before you react with your own facts and emotions. The problem is that you're going to be tempted to argue instead of calmly resolve the matter.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)



Anchor yourself in practical matters before you try to prove your point to others. There's a great deal of primal energy rising within you today and searching for some sort of outlet. Be aware of overextending yourself when it comes to issues of the mind. You may be so anxious to prove your point that you end up losing sight of the reality of the situation.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)



Don't take no for an answer today, Leo. Know what you believe in and stick with it. There's a distinct advantage to holding true to your inner nature. Don't let others throw you off course with their views on how things should be done. Be confident and don't worry about taking things over the top. There's no such thing as excess today.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)



Be a pioneer thinker today, Virgo. There's a noble courage in your thoughts, so don't let this quality go to waste. You will be surprised at how cutting edge you can be when you put your mind to it. Take a walk by yourself and contemplate the next major move that you'd like to make in your life. Feel free to brainstorm bold ways to execute this plan.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)



Be aggressive and forceful when it comes to exerting your will, Libra. Let others know that you won't be a pushover. Your opinions are extremely important, and they need to be heard by the people who matter the most. Have faith that whatever you say has the power to come true, especially when you enlist the help of those around you.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)



Today may be one of those days in which you come to a four-way stop and no one knows whose turn it is. Don't sit and wait for everyone else to go first, Scorpio. If you know it's your turn, be bold and make your move. It wouldn't be a bad idea to signal others that you're going ahead. People might not be used to you taking such an aggressive role.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)



People would be foolish to challenge your thinking now, Sagittarius. The power behind your words is volatile, and you may find yourself going to extremes in order to get your point across. Be careful about making promises you can't fulfill. It could be that you're so adamant about your point of view that you make up hyperbolic situations just to get your ideas across.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)



Your old ways of thinking have carried you quite far, Capricorn, but you may now find that it's time to seek a new platform for your ideas. Look for more adventurous ways to express yourself. Break out of the old mold and try something new. Once you start in a brand new direction, there will be a great deal of support encouraging you to continue along that way.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

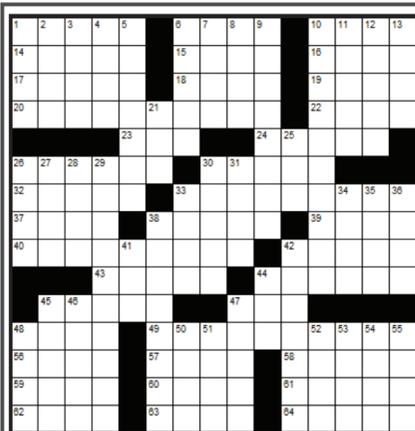


One quick phone call to a friend may turn into a long discussion about the meaning of life, Aquarius. Be conscious of the fact that there's a great deal of momentum building in your mind now. Once the dam breaks, you may soon have a giant flood on your hands. Be careful about releasing all this energy at once, even though you may not seem to have a choice.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)



It could be that you feel a bit of pressure today to start or create something that you aren't quite ready for, Pisces. There is hesitation on your part that indicates you should take it slowly and learn more of the facts before you jump into the fray. Position yourself in such a way that you take control of the situation rather than become a victim of it.



Across

- Extreme, 6. Chilled, 10. Portent, 14. Might, 15. Central area of a church, 16. Grotto, 17. Willow, 18. Relating to urine, 19. Codger, 20. Paltry, 22. Bothers
- Animal doctor, 24. An independent film company, 26. Ethically indifferent, 30. Exploded stars, 32. Drying cloth, 33. Appearing every year, 37. 1 1 1 1 38. Driller
- Lawn mower brand, 40. Lettercards, 42. Craze, 43. Fortunate, 44. Type of ointment, 45. Streamlined, 47. 2,000 pounds, 48. Not that, 49. Magazine
- Coffee dispensers, 57. "Smallest" particle, 58. Betel palm, 59. Sense, 60. Square block, 61. Abounds, 62. Askew, 63. Smooch, 64. SSSS,

Down

- Atop, 2. Fail to win, 3. Branchlet, 4. Bobbin, 5. Not departure, 6. Eskimo, 7. Anagram of "Crab", 8. Wicked, 9. Liar, 10. Not oriental, 11. New Zealand native, 12. Call forth, 13. Catches
- Solidify, 25. Indian bread, 26. At the peak of, 27. Not stereo, 28. Is indebted to
- Worriedly, 30. Geeky, 31. Mining finds, 33. Pig meat, 34. Charged particles, 35. Operatic solo, 36. Rich soil, 38. Hike
- Prompt, 42. Order, 44. Ghost's cry, 45. Termagant
- A protective covering, 47. Occasions, 48. A soft porous rock, 50. Decorative case, 51. Steals
- Angers, 53. CCCC, 54. Cap, 55. Young girl,

Yesterday's Solution

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GASC RITICULOUS
ALGOHOL REPLETE
NIBB ESSES
DELINQUENT
ALOE VALLE BUD
CLOY BASIL NARY
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SASIN RITICULOUS
TRUCKER TRKSOME
RESISTANCE AWES
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reply, rode, science

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