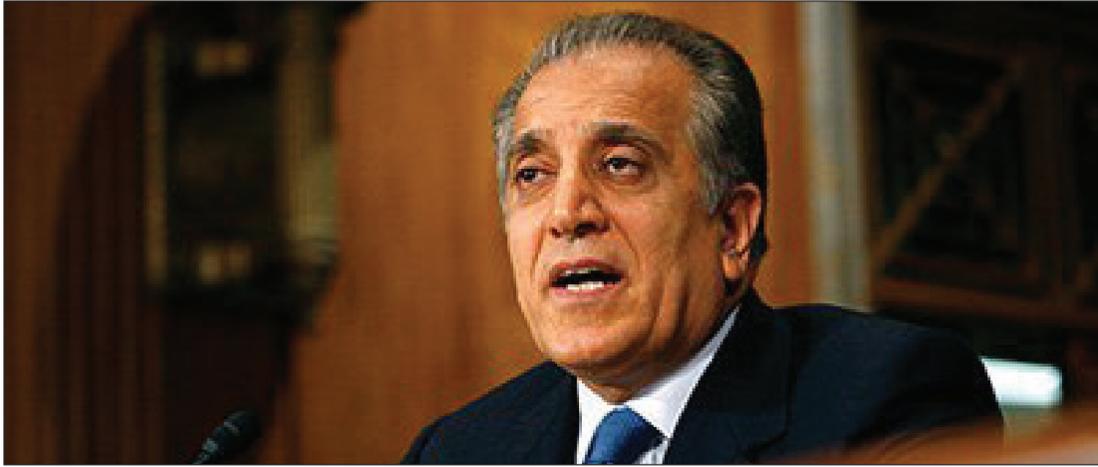


'Khalilzad to Visit Afghanistan, Pakistan, Other Countries in Support of Afghan Peace

KABUL - The Special Representative for Afghanistan Reconciliation Ambassador Zalmay Khalilzad will visit Afghanistan, Pakistan, and some other countries in support of the Afghan reconciliation process. The U.S. Department of State in a statement said "Special Representative for Afghanistan Reconciliation Ambassador Zalmay Khalilzad will lead an interagency delegation to Afghanistan, Pakistan, the United Arab Emirates, Qatar, and Saudi Arabia from October 4-14." The statement further added that Special Representative Khalilzad's mission is to coordinate and lead U.S. efforts to bring the Taliban to the negotiating table. "He will do so in close coordination with the Afghan government and other stakeholders, exploring how best to reach a negotiated set-



tlement to the conflict," the statement added. According to the U.S. State Department, the trip is his first visit following his appointment as Special Representative and reflects the Administration's intent to support, facilitate, and participate in a peace process in Afghanistan. (KP)

Four Civilians Killed in Kandahar Airstrike

KANDAHAR - At least four people were killed in an airstrike and eight others wounded in Maroof district in Kandahar province, local officials confirmed. Taliban attacked Khogyani and Ishaqzai villages in Maroof district on Thursday night but were faced with government forces' resistance, the media office of the provincial governor said in a statement. He said the Afghan National Police force members asked for air support and Taliban had hidden in people's houses and therefore civilian casualties happened in the airstrike. The statement confirms the death of three women and a child in the airstrike. The statement said seven women and a child were wounded in the attack. Meanwhile, the statement said that eight Taliban including three Pakistani nationals were killed in the airstrike. (Tolo news)

INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB) ICB	
Procurement Entities	Ministry Of Finance (MoF)
Funded By	Government of Afghanistan
Item Description	Provision of one million eight hundred thousand wire for the goods of internal transit property for Directorate General of Customs
Ref. No	NPA/MOF/97/G-2262/ICB
Bid Security	All bids shall be accompanied by a Bid-Security in amount: 65,000.00 USD (Sixty-five thousand USD)
Deadline for Bid Submission	Bids must be delivered to the address below in Kabul Office at or before 10:00 Hrs. Afghanistan Local Time on 14, November 2018. <i>Electronic bidding shall not be permitted. Late bids will be rejected.</i>
Address for Bid Submission	For Bid Submission Purposes only , the Purchaser's address is: Attention: Mr. Aziz Ahmad Obaidi, Procurement Manager. Address: Administrative Office of the President, National Procurement Authority, Procurement Facilitation Directorate, Floor 2nd Geodesy building. City: Kabul City, District 2 Country: Afghanistan Telephone: +93 (0) 202147556 Electronic mail address: aziz.obaidi@aop.gov.af copy to: hussain.ali@aop.gov.af , n.wahedi@aop.gov.af , nawid.naziri@aop.gov.af , ghayoor.zahoor@mof.gov.af .
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CSO Says Biometric Devices Can Record Duplicate Votes

KABUL - The Central Statistics Organization (CSO) which is responsible for the biometric system for the Independent Election Commission said Thursday that the devices are flawed as they can record duplicate votes. The CSO said as each vote is recorded by the device, a slip will be printed and pasted on to the back of ballot papers. They said the slips printed for duplicated votes will be marked as such but that this does not necessarily mean these votes won't be counted. Each slip will have its own serial



number but it will be up to the IEC officials as to whether they discard the duplicate votes or whether they add them to the total. ...*(More on P4)...(11)*

US Service Member Killed in Combat in Southern Afghanistan

PENTAGON - The U.S. service member killed Thursday in southern Afghanistan was conducting combat operations against Taliban forces, a defense official told VOA. International forces in the country had announced earlier in the day, without providing details, that one American service member had been killed in action. A press release said the death was "under investigation." Speaking to Pentagon reporters Thursday from U.S. Central Command headquarters in Tampa,



Florida, Army Gen. Joseph Votel, who oversees military operations across the ...*(More on P4)...(12)*

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

A minor accident might take place at home today, Aries, but don't worry. It will ultimately provoke more laughter than harm. You will want the place to look great, Aries, because a close friend or lover could come to visit. An intimate conversation or passionate encounter is indicated. Curb the temptation to indulge in too much food or drink.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

An unexpected package could arrive, possibly shipped from far away. The circumstances could be rather strange. Friends or relatives that you might not expect could suddenly show up, and you could spend a frantic hour or two organizing an impromptu party. This can be very gratifying, Taurus, but don't wear yourself out.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

Today you might strategize ways to make a little extra money to prepare to move ahead with your life and ambitions. This might be in conjunction with your significant other or some close friends. Trips to the mall might result in impulse purchases, as gifts or perhaps for yourself. In the evening, plan some time alone with your partner or get out and look for one if you're single.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

Your naturally passionate nature should be more aroused than usual today. The festive atmosphere around you gives rise to warm, intimate feelings that bring friends and couples closer together. Cancer, so prepare for some good times out and excitement in the home tonight. Optimism and enthusiasm should fill the air. You will feel secure and comfortable yet crackling with ardor. Go for it!

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

An intense card, email, or phone call could come from a sibling or other relative today. Perhaps this is a good chance to patch up an old quarrel with this person, but don't be tempted to start another! Emotions are running high now, Leo, and it wouldn't take much to set someone off. You might want to go out and do a little shopping, but be careful. Traffic could be bad.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

A proposed visit to a friend's may have to be delayed, and this might worry you. It will be necessary to make a special effort to get almost anything done today, Virgo. You could have some urgent chores to complete, but the streets and stores may be full of impatient people. Relax, breathe deeply, and summon every bit of energy you have. You don't want to put anything off now.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

A love relationship could take on a higher and more spiritual aspect during this period, creating a desire for your souls to bond. The planetary atmosphere brings you closer together, and you may experience a closer sense of intimacy. You two might spend time with mutual friends today, enjoying yourselves, but at the same time anxious to be alone.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

The planetary energy might find you responding to a sudden sense of inspiration that arouses your creativity. You may feel an unexpected urge to write, paint, draw, or compose some music. You may want to sequester yourself, which could cause some problems with friends and family members who want to be with you. Don't ignore this impetus, Scorpio.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

You've been very busy, professionally and socially, and now you're probably longing for a romantic encounter. If you're currently involved, you should schedule some time alone with the special person in your life. If you aren't involved, don't be surprised if someone new appears on the scene. You could fall in love at first sight or an old friend could suddenly look different to you. Make sure you look your best!

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

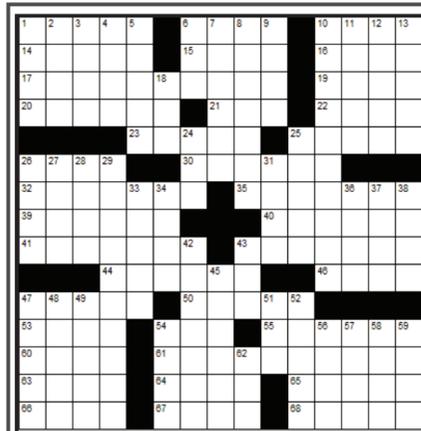
You're likely to want to spend some time alone with your partner today, Capricorn, but with the current planetary influences at play, either you or your honey's career concerns could get in the way. An unexpected opportunity needs to be explored right away, so you might not be able to spend any time together now.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

There may be a great tension between you and someone older today, Aquarius. Perhaps there's someone who's adopting a sort of "parent knows best" personality that's starting to annoy you. Take a breather. Realize that this person isn't being critical or judgmental but just giving you advice. You should open your eyes and understand that this advice could be very useful.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

There's apt to be a comfortable feeling about today that should make you feel quite secure and nurtured, Pisces. Perhaps you're feeling protected by a strong force, maybe an internal one, that's reminding you that as long as you stay within the lines, everything will be fine. There's a familiarity to things that will make it easy for you to navigate any rough waters.



Across

- Skin layer, 6. Soft drink, 10. Angers, 14. Encore, 15. Relating to urine, 16. Ark builder
- Tantrum, 19. Medical breakthrough, 20. Inuit, 21. Half of a pair, 22. Leer at, 23. Ancient Roman magistrate, 25. Thorax, 26. End __, 30. Save, 32. Go backwards, 35. Dreamlike, 39. Bangle, 40. Mountain range, 41. Fickle, 43. Wrench (British), 44. Statement, 46. Heavy, durable furniture wood, 47. Territories, 50. Backsides, 53. Absent Without Leave, 54. Bamboozle, 55. Agile, 60. Headquarters, 61. Offensive, 63. Anagram of "Seek", 64. Brother of Jacob, 65. Corridors, 66. Not more, 67. Expunge
- Filched,

Down

- Small freshwater fish, 2. Prima donna problems, 3. Relative status, 4. Short skirt, 5. Japanese cartoon art, 6. Slice, 7. American songbird, 8. Queen of the jungle?, 9. Skin disease
- Unable to express yourself, 11. French for "Red", 12. Noblemen, 13. Piece of paper
- Detachable container, 24. Fury, 25. Papal court, 26. Desire, 27. Clairvoyant
- Always, 29. In spite of everything, 31. Astrological transition point, 33. Charges per unit
- Breaststroke, 36. Sea eagle, 37. Region, 38. Frolic
42. Paint the town red, 43. Calypso offshoot, 45. Available to lease, 47. Tag, 48. Not asleep, 49. Snouts, 51. Ribonucleic acid, 52. Suspires, 54. College girl, 56. Food from animals, 57. Western tie

Yesterday's Solution

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