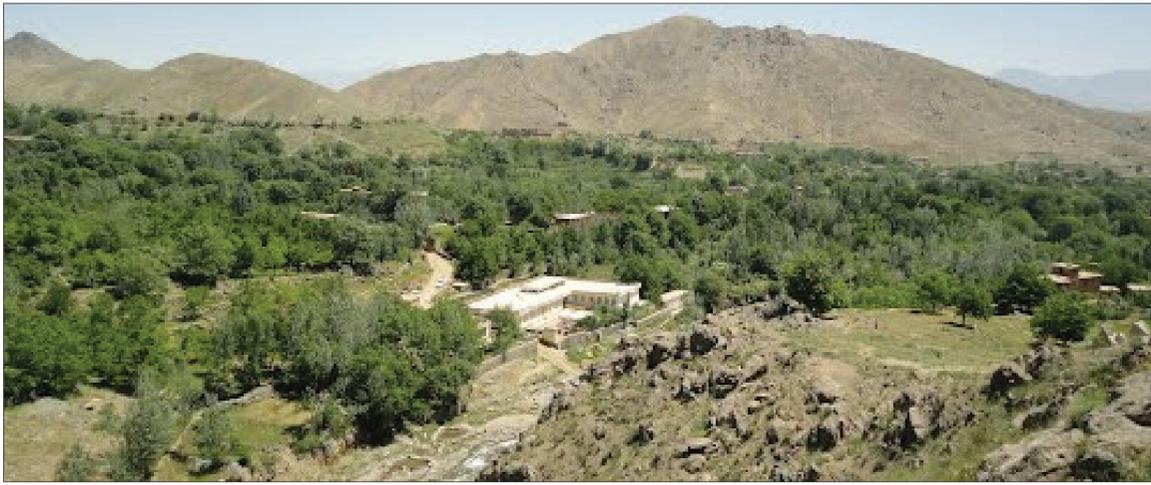


Thousands Storm Pistachio Jungles in Samangan

AIBAK - Thousands of people have illegally started harvesting pistachio nuts from government forests in northern Samangan province before reaching maturity, an official said.

The pistachio jungles in Samangan are protected by local councils in coordination with the provincial agriculture and livestock department until the fruit ripens in early August. After a specific period, people start collecting pistachios from jungles.

Mohammad Asif Qasimi, forests manager at the Samangan agriculture and livestock department, said around 10,000 people from different areas of the province had gathered around pistachio jungles over the past 10 days stormed the trees on Friday night. ...*(More on P4)...(15)*



8-Year-Old Girl Sexually Attacked by Ghazni Shopkeeper

GHAZNI CITY - Police in southern Ghazni province have arrested a man for sexually attacking an eight years old girl, an official said on Sunday.

Acting police chief Col. Mustafa Mayar told Pajhwok Afghan News the man, a shopkeeper, was accused of sexually assaulting a minor girl. He said the girl had come to the shop to buy a pen and notebook. "The assailant is 64-year-old and after medical examination, it was proved that he had forced sex with the girl," added Mayar.

However, the accused denied the charge, calling it a conspiracy against him. "I have a young wife, with whom I haven't had sex over the past four years because my erectile dysfunction." He offered to undergo a medical check-up to prove his claim.

On the other hand, the girl said she had gone to the shop to buy scholastic materials. After falling unconscious, she did not know what had happened to her. Police said the accused was being investigated. (Pajhwok)

5 of a Family Killed, 5 Injured in Uruzgan Airstrike

TIRINKOT - Five civilians have been killed and five others wounded as a result of an airstrike in Tirinkot, the capital of central Uruzgan province, resident and hospital sources said on Sunday.

Ezzatullah, an inhabitant of the area, told Pajhwok Afghan News the airstrike was carried out in the Muradabad area of the city on Saturday evening. But he was unaware who conducted the raid.

He said five members of a family, including a woman and children, were killed and three others belonging to another family injured during the bombardment.

Tirinkot Civil Hospital Director Dr. Ziaur Rahman, said five injured people had been brought to the hospital. ...*(More on P4)...(19)*



'Skate Girls of Kabul' to Make Middle East Debut in Qatar

KABUL - A portrait exhibition about Afghan girls who have taken up skateboarding will make its regional premiere in Qatar this week.

The Skate Girls of Kabul series was taken by award-winning photographer Jessica Fulford-Dobson in 2013. It debuts at the QM Gallery (Building 10) in Katara Cultural Village on Thursday, July 20.

The exhibition is based on the story of Skateistan, a local charity that set up skate parks for kids in Afghanistan. There, it is taboo for girls to ride bikes, but not necessarily skateboards.

Dobson, who released a book of the photos in 2015, writes in her forward:

"It's hard not to think of Afghan girls skateboarding as a remarkable and quirky clash of cultures. But when you see these girls in their beautiful, bright, flowing clothes tearing around the skate park, often yelping and shrieking with ...*(More on P4)...(16)*

3 Militants Killed, 5 Injured in Laghman Clashes

JALALABAD - Three Taliban insurgents have been killed and five others wounded in separate clashes in eastern Laghman province, a statement from 201 Sibal Military Corps said Sunday.

According to the statement a clash between Afghan forces and rebels was erupted in Pul-e-Jogee area in the limits of Mehtarlam city, the provincial capital late on Saturday.

It said two militants were killed and five others wounded. Elsewhere in the province, a Taliban fighter was killed during a firefight on the outskirts of Alingar district. Three motorcycles belonging to rebels were also seized by security forces during the two incidents. Security forces and civilians suffered no casualties. (Pajhwok)

7 Killed as Taliban, Daesh Fighters

SHIBERGHAN - At least seven rebels have been killed during a clash between Taliban and Daesh, or so-called Islamic State (IS), militants in the Qush Tepa district of northwestern Jawzjan province, an official said on Sunday.

The firefight erupted after Daesh rebels killed a Taliban insurgent on Friday, the governor's spokesman, Mohammad Raza Ghafoori, told Pajhwok Afghan News four Daesh.

In Sunday's fight, three Taliban were killed and a Daesh rebel injured. He said the Taliban left the area after Daesh fighters captured 10 of their motorcycles and nine weapons.

The security situation returned to normal after militants from both groups left the area. Taj Mohammad, a resident of Chakana village, claimed seeing the bodies of three Taliban militants. Civilians suffered no casualties.

"The fighters of Taliban commanders Qari Sunatullah and Qari Ghani attacked Daesh militants in this area. The clash continued for about eight hours. The situation became tense after key Taliban member Qari Aman was killed," he added.

Aman was killed by Daesh militants in Darzab district 15 days ago. But Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid said he was unaware of the clash. (Pajhwok)

16 Taliban Join Peace Process in Herat, Badghis

HERAT CITY - A 16-member militant group, led by Haji Abdul Ghafoor, has joined the peace process in western Herat and northwestern Badghis provinces, officials said on Sunday. Jalani Farhad, the governor's spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News the insurgents had long been involved in activities against the government in the Dar-i-Takht area of Cheshat district.



The group also turned in nine Kalashnikovs and a rocket. One member of the group, who did not want to be named, admitted to involvement in disruptive ...*(More on P4)...(17)*

13 Rebels Slain, 19 Hurt in Faryab Clashes

MAIMANA - At least 13 militants have been killed and 19 others wounded during separate clashes with security forces in northwestern Faryab province, officials said on Sunday.

The governor's spokesman, Ahmad Javed Baidar, told Pajhwok Afghan News hundreds of rebels attacked security forces and uprising group members on Maimana-Andkhoy Highway in Sahraee Qalah area of Khwaja Sabezposh district on Saturday night. He said seven Taliban were



killed and 15 others wounded in retaliatory firing by security forces. Some other insurgents managed to escape. Elsewhere, militants ...*(More on P4)...(18)*

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)



You are extra careful in everything you do today, trying to keep your hot temper under control while preparing for sudden breakage. Paradoxically, you may try to anticipate the unexpected, but it's tricky to know exactly when and where the volatility might suddenly be released. No matter how anxious you feel now, there are no logical reasons to change everything

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)



Your true colors shine when you stubbornly honor your own natural rhythms. Unfortunately, as you finally begin to roll out your plan, everything you do seems out of place, getting you off to a slow start. However, the heavens are rattling your cage today, checking to see how aware you are of any improvements that are overdue.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)



It appears as if you're digging around in the secret fantasy world of wizards and witches, but you're actually in a rut and just crave a bit of excitement. However, you can see through surface appearances now, while something continues to percolate deep within your own subconscious. Or, perhaps, someone is playing some sort of cloak-and-dagger game with you.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)



Obviously, it's always wise to listen to your feelings, but today there's an additional level of concern. You're operating under the influence of impulsive Mars and crazy Uranus, making your actions impossible for anyone to predict. It may sound like fun to agitate a strange situation that isn't even yours -- until you are entangled and can't break loose.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)



Although your life could be coasting along smoothly these days, unexpected challenges test your resolve today. It's crucial to remain open to the feedback that you receive from the current circumstances. Be ready to quickly change direction if your plans begin to unravel. Nevertheless, it could be too soon to head off toward your new destination.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)



A rare bout with restlessness pushes you right to the edge of change, without going over. Climbing out on a limb captures your imagination now, regardless of how much you usually like to stick to solid ground. However, you still must make adjustments today, especially wherever you feel stifled or held back. But you may have to step outside of the logical realms, for it's possible to be analytically correct while still missing what's really important.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)



Just as you think every pitch is falling right into the zone, someone from work might throw you a curve ball. You may be angered by their actions today, but you still need to deal with the consequences the best you can. Nevertheless, avoid getting hooked into complex situations that go beyond your immediate concerns.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)



Predicting how the events of the day will play out is impossible today, even if your agenda is set in stone. No matter what, keep your attention focused on the road ahead at all times. Don't get lazy and allow yourself to be distracted by the lightning show on the horizon now, especially if it's not your storm to chase.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)



An intriguing situation may be developing now and you haven't a clue where the current circumstances will take you. But oddly enough, you are more grounded than many of your friends and associates these days. Nevertheless, there's a nervous feeling taking root in a dark corner of your mind. Explore your unexpressed emotions and push some of them out into the light. Breathe deeply to reconnect with your center. Your pent-up energy can act

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)



You might feel as if you're at the end of your rope today, and you're unwilling to put up with someone's broken promises or erratic actions any longer. Honestly, once you awaken to the truth, your entire perspective transforms and you cannot pretend everything is okay. However, you realize that you're not going to change anyone's behavior but your own.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

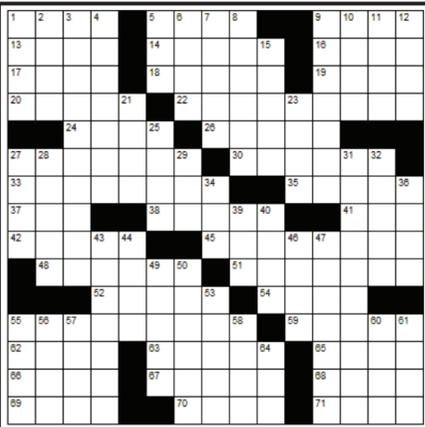


Activities at work demand your total mental bandwidth now, yet they also bring you increased pleasure. Warrior Mars provokes your high-strung planet Uranus today, possibly turning your life inside out. Thankfully, your non-conformist ways are more rigid than most people realize. Nevertheless, a sudden change to your daily schedule is a major distraction while your need for freedom conflicts

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)



Letting go of an attachment that you still hold close creates a surprising rush of adrenaline, even if it hurts a bit in the process. Nevertheless, you may be quick to logically defend your plan against an unexpected attack today. This noisy confrontation is exacerbated because you think symbolically, yet must communicate verbally. Intellectual analysis won't get you through this dilemma now.



Across

1. Ho-hum, 5. After-bath powder, 9. Mongrel, 13. Sexual assault, 14. Lengthways, 16. District, 17. Dwarf buffalo, 18. Sesame seed, 19. Hazard, 20. "Beau ___", 22. Cause extensive destruction, 24. Defrost, 26. Fish broth, 27. Venture to say, 30. Insect wounds, 33. Miscarriage, 35. Daughter of a sibling, 37. Dip lightly, 38. Weave diagonal lines into, 41. Crimson, 42. Fall color, 45. Browning bread, 48. Custodian, 51. Measure in a lab, 52. Last, 54. Jacket, 55. Something that is inferred, 59. Filaments, 62. All excited, 63. Follow as a result, 65. Heap, 66. Fail to win, 67. Stinks, 68. Stigma, 69. Anagram of "Sees", 70. To endure (archaic), 71. Feudal worker,

Down

1. Boast, 2. Alley, 3. Punctuation mark, 4. Common Old World heath, 5. Bar bill, 6. Cut down, 7. Delineated, 8. Tent fabric, 9. Cocktail, 10. Murres, 11. Exam, 12. Give and ____, 15. Not the most, 21. Where the sun rises, 23. Tibia, 25. Pause, 27. Carpenter's groove, 28. By surprise, 29. Ouch!, 31. Medical science of the elderly, 32. Smell, 34. Louse-to-be, 36. Border, 39. A parcel of land, 40. Nonderical, 43. Asylum seeker, 44. Sweeping story, 46. Put away, 47. Gallivant, 49. Go in, 50. Showered, 53. Unsuccessful person, 55. Broad valley, 56. Prima donna problems, 57. Sleep in a convenient place, 58. Microwave (slang), 60. Distinctive flair, 61. Arid, 64. East southeast,

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