

Bagram upgrades hygiene facilities

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BAGRAM, Afghanistan – Troops will soon be able to say goodbye to the Force Provider shower tents and the portable chemical toilets, and say hello to the new Stratex shower and flushable toilet facilities.

The new showers are being installed in each compound in order of priority, but every compound should have them within the next couple months, said Lt. Col. David Wilkins, director of Public Works for Bagram and base facility engineer, Task Force Dragon Brigade Headquarters.

“After about four months of deliberation, the Department of the Army awarded Stratex the shower contract in November 2002,” said

Wilkins. “By late February, the first shower units were being installed.”

The first compound to receive the new showers was Task Force-44.

“Due to the nature of their mission and their emphasis on hygiene, the hospital, located in TF-44, received the showers first. The compounds next on the list were either ones with very old shower facilities or none at all,” said Wilkins.

In the weeks that followed, 25 more shower units were installed in the 264th Logistical Task Force compound, engineer’s compound, Task Force 5 and Dragon City.

According to the troop shower-priority list, the next compounds to receive the showers will be Viper City, Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force and the Marine

compound.

“In total, we ordered 67 shower units for the entire base, priced at about \$1 million,” said Wilkins. “Each shower module has six showerheads, and the number of modules allotted to each compound depends on how many soldiers reside in the compound. The ratio of showerheads to troops is about one showerhead for every 20 soldiers.”

In addition to the new shower facilities, a Stratex contract for flushable toilet units is presently under review by Brig. Gen. Benjamin Mixon, director, Combined Joint Task Force-180.

“There is currently a Stratex toilet demonstration module outside Motel 6 that is

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Malaria meds required soon

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BAGRAM, Afghanistan – “Mefloquine Mondays” are coming. Servicemembers in theater are required to start taking their malaria medication Monday.

According to Lt. Col. Edward Boland, Combined Joint Task Force-180 preventive medicine officer, 44th Medical Command, Fort Bragg, N.C., one of two medications are provided to servicemembers to prevent Malaria. The main medication is Mefloquine.

This cannot be taken if on flight status or by soldiers with a history of seizures, epilepsy, psychosis or depression.

According to Boland, less than one percent of people have problems with Mefloquine.

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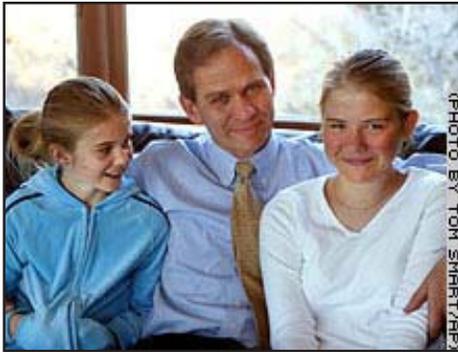


Photo by Pvt. 2 Terri Rorke

Toys for tots...

Members of the 513 Fixed Wing Marine Aircraft, Marine Corps Air Station, Yuma, Ariz., visit the village of Dawlatshahi Thursday to drop off enough toys and clothes for 3,000-4,000 people. The unit members and their families made the donations through the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve's Toys for Tots Program. The goal of the program is to deliver a message of hope to needy youngsters that will motivate them to grow into responsible, productive, patriotic citizens and community leaders.

World News (Compiled from CNN.com)



Elizabeth Smart, right, with father Ed and sister Mary Katherine at home Thursday.

Little sister's memory led to Elizabeth's discovery

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah — Initially, Salt Lake City police didn't want to act on the vague memory of 10-year-old Mary Katherine Smart. But the little girl was vindicated when her missing sister Elizabeth was found with the drifter she knew as "Emmanuel."

Elizabeth was abducted at knife point in June from the bedroom she shared with her younger sister and was found Wednesday walking the streets of Sandy, Utah, with the drifter and another woman.

"Mary Katherine — she's my hero," her beaming father, Ed Smart, said Thursday. "I cannot get over that she was inspired to come forward on Emmanuel."

Final moves for war made

WASHINGTON — As U.S. diplomats push for United Nations approval of military force to disarm Iraq, 250,000 U.S. troops are waiting for word to go to war and the Pentagon is planning for a first night of such terrifying strikes that it will encourage a quick surrender.

At Whiteman Air Force Base in Missouri, the first wave of B-2 Stealth bombers left Thursday for the Persian Gulf.

The United States has built up special facilities at an air base on the British island of Diego Garcia in the Indian Ocean to accommodate the unique needs of the B-2. That means the stealth bomber will require fewer midair refueling missions if ordered to drop bombs on Iraqi targets.

Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld

signed orders Thursday authorizing the movement of about a dozen missile-firing Navy warships from the Mediterranean into the Red Sea, U.S. military sources said.

The ships are now moving through the Suez Canal and into the Red Sea.

Judge orders Blake to trial

LOS ANGELES — A judge ruled Thursday that Robert Blake must stand trial on charges of murdering his wife, saying the actor "had the time, the opportunity and the motive to commit the shooting."

Superior Court Judge Lloyd Nash also said Blake could be released on \$1.5 million bail, news that appeared to stun the 69-year-old actor who has been jailed since April.

Blake's handyman-bodyguard, Earle Caldwell, will also be tried on a count of conspiracy in the slaying of Bonnie Lee Bakley, the judge ruled.

56 arrested in assassination

BELGRADE, Serbia — A Serbian police manhunt for the killers of Prime Minister Zoran Djindjic yielded the arrests of 56 low-ranking members of a criminal gang responsible for the assassination, the government says.

However, authorities say the snipers who pumped bullets into the reformist, pro-Western politician on Wednesday are still at large.

The government said an "organized crime syndicate, known as the Zemun Gang, "is made up of around 200 criminals, against whom police have so far brought over 300 charges for criminal acts."

Milorad Lukovic, also known as "Legija," — a former Serbian paramilitary commander — is the most prominent of those gang leaders publicly named and still being sought by Serbian authorities.

Bill proposed to allow return of U.S. vets buried in France

WASHINGTON — In another swipe at the French, a Florida congresswoman has proposed that the government pay for families who might want to bring home from France the remains of Americans who fought and died in the world wars.

"I, along with many other Americans, do not feel that the French government appreciates the sacrifices men and women in uniform have made to defend the freedom that the French enjoy today," Rep. Ginny Brown-Waite said in introducing legislation providing financial help for the reburial of veterans from the two world wars.

The legislation, which faces uncertain prospects, is the latest show of congressional frustration over French threats to veto a U.N. resolution that would open the way for U.S. military action against Iraq.

Nuclear NK 'within months'

WASHINGTON — The U.S. has announced spy flights near North Korea will resume amid warnings Pyongyang's nuclear program is much more advanced than previously thought.

Assistant Secretary of State James Kelly said North Korea could have enough weapons grade material within "months, not years" to produce nuclear weapons.

Though some members of the Bush administration — as well as the CIA — believe North Korea may already possess one or two nuclear weapons, experts had thought Pyongyang's nuclear program was still years away from creating a nuclear arsenal.

"The enriched uranium issue, which some have assumed is somewhere off in the fog of the distant future, is not," Kelly told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on Wednesday.

Indian train blast kills 10

MUMBAI, India — At least 10 people were killed in a rush-hour blast that went off in a commuter train, according to a local member of parliament.

Kirit Somaiya, speaking to CNN, said some of the dead were women as the blast went off in a compartment reserved for women — a fixture on some Mumbai trains.

Local media reports said at least 50 people were injured in the explosion on Thursday.

The train, carrying commuters home, was pulling out of Mumbai's Mulund station when the blast occurred. No group has claimed responsibility.

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fully operational and available to females,” said Wilkins. “If the contract is approved, flushable toilets will be the next improvement to come to Bagram.”

As the population on Bagram continues to grow, more shower modules will be ordered.

“This base is constantly expanding,” said Wilkins. “Our plan is presently 67 shower modules, but I’m sure that number will increase with the base population.”

Wilkins said in order for showers, flushable toilets and other luxuries to continue to come to Bagram, soldiers input is essential.

“At this stage in its existence, the base is authorized to have many more amenities reviewed for approval,” said Wilkins. “We need as much feedback from the soldiers as possible about facilities such as the new toilets so we can make informative decisions about what we want to bring to Bagram.”



Photo by Pfc. Christina Carde

The new flushable toilet modules under review for installation on Bagram have six stalls per unit equipped with running water and electricity, and will replace the portable chemical toilets.

Bagram Air Base MWR presents

1530Z at the MWR Building: “Meet the Parents.” Male nurse Greg Focker meets his girlfriend’s parents before proposing, but her suspicious father is every date’s worst nightmare.



Tomorrow’s movie will be “Spy Game.”

Local weather

TWO-DAY REGIONAL WEATHER FORECAST:

	<i>Today</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
Bagram:	<i>Scattered t-storms</i> H: 61F L: 37F	<i>Partly cloudy</i> H: 55F L: 28F
	Wind warning: Today winds may reach 35 knots or greater.	
Kandahar:	<i>Thunderstorms</i> H: 81F L: 47F	<i>Dust</i> H: 61F L: 39F
	Wind warning: Today winds may reach 50 knots or greater.	
Kabul:	<i>Thunderstorms</i> H: 59F L: 32F	<i>Mostly cloudy</i> H: 57F L: 28F
Uzbekistan:	<i>Isolated t-storms</i> H: 54F L: 44F	<i>Mostly cloudy</i> H: 51F L: 37F

Weather forecast courtesy of the Bagram Combat Weather Team

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The side-effects may include diarrhea, feeling anxious or “not like myself” and having vivid dreams. Individuals may experience other side-effects, but they are rare.

The other medication is Doxycycline, which is taken if someone experiences problems with Mefloquine. The side-effects include rash and sunburns if skin is exposed to the sun and in women it decreases the effectiveness of birth control pills and increases the chances of a yeast infection.

Doxycycline must be taken daily. If a Mefloquine dose is missed, a servicemember should take it when they remember. Missing a Mefloquine pill should not cause any problems because it stays in the blood stream longer. If a Doxycycline is missed a servicemember should continue on the next day’s pill. Doxycycline protects from day to day, said Boland.

Malaria is a tricky disease and sometimes can be overlooked and misdiagnosed.

“It is passed through mosquitoes and looks like the flu. The problem arises when a soldier leaves the theater. Here, they can be diagnosed with malaria; doctors at home will examine them and think they only have the flu. They will be misdiagnosed and have a potentially deadly disease,” said Boland.

The symptoms of Malaria include high fevers – usually cyclic and body aches. Doctors draw blood to see the organisms living in the red blood cells and diagnose the disease.

According to Boland, the disease con-



Starting monday, malaria medication will be a common weekly site for servicemembers.

tinues to progress until it overwhelms a person and they die.

“Two years ago a soldier in Africa contracted Malaria and died. Soldiers take it for granted because it is hardly ever seen in the U.S., but they need to know this is a deadly disease. Soldiers have to be responsible for themselves,” said Boland.

There are four different kinds of Malaria including plasmodium vivax, plasmodium falciparum, plasmodium ovale and plasmodium malariae.

Of these four, two are active here — vivax and falciparum. Falciparum is deadly, able to kill in three days. Vivax is not as deadly, but can lie dormant in fluid filled pockets it creates in the liver.

So far there have been approximately 10 cases of Malaria in country, according to Boland.

“Most of these soldiers weren’t taking their medication,” said Boland.

To treat these soldiers, they are given another medication called Primaquine, which begins the day they leave and is taken for 10

days.

The other Malaria medication the soldier is taking should be continued for four weeks after leaving the theater.

Taking the medication is important, but other steps must also be taken to avoid the disease.

“The most important part is not the medication. Soldiers need to treat their uniforms and wear the Army insect repellent with DEET. It is also important to wear your uniform correctly, sleeves rolled down and boots bloused. This is 90 percent of the solution,” said Boland.

Soldiers can receive the insect repellent and uniform treatments from their supply office.

Need to send mail within OEF?

The following are the APO numbers for selected sites within Operation Enduring Freedom:

- Karshi Khanabad, APO AE 09311
- Mazar E Sharif, APO AE 09318
- Bagram, APO AE 09354
- Kandahar, APO AE 09355
- Kabul, APO AE 09356

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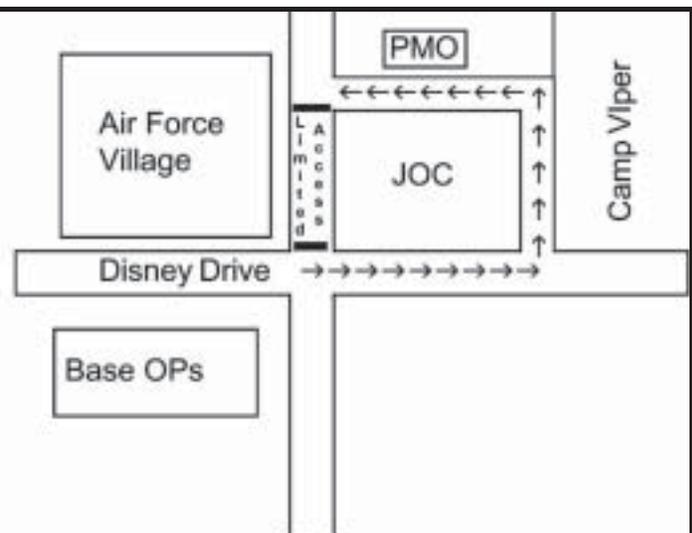
Traffic re-routes

Thursday, traffic was re-routed around the main entrance to the Joint Operations Center.

All vehicles going to the Joint Processing Readiness Center, post office, Provost Marshal’s Office or other agencies beyond the JOC must now route through Camp Viper. This also applies to vehicles and cargo coming from the flight line and service trucks.

Transportation motor pool, tactical or service vehicles needing to enter the JOC may travel through the barricade, but there will be no through traffic to any area past the JOC.

Air Force Village traffic must use the road between the PMO and JOC.





Coalition Sports Zone

(Compiled from ESPN.com)

Leaders go low on defenseless course

PALM BEACH GARDENS, Fla. — Jeff Brehaut arrived at the Honda Classic on Monday with an old driver, two wedges he didn't like and an umbrella. It wasn't exactly the bag setup he carefully laid out in his garage.

Brehaut's clubs were stolen from his California home Saturday night, leaving him scrambling to replace them before Thursday's opening round of the Honda Classic.

So far, it has been his only struggle.

Brehaut shot a 9-under 63 at the Country Club at Mirasol on Thursday, giving him a share of the lead with Justin Leonard and Notah Begay III when play was suspended because of lightning.

"I guess it would be hard to complain today," said Brehaut, a 39-year-old father of two who retained his tour card by winning the PGA's qualifying tournament in December.

Hardly anyone condemned course conditions Thursday. On a relatively short course, measuring 7,157 yards, with fast fairways, well-manicured greens and little wind — the course's only defense — 31 golfers were at least 5 under par.

Kane opens season with career-low 61

TUCSON, Ariz. — Lorie Kane shot a career-best 9-under-par 61 Thursday to take a one-shot lead in the first round of the Welch's-Fry's Championship.

Kane, among the LPGA's top 12 money-winners for six straight years, finished with five consecutive birdies to jump ahead of young pros Tonya Gill and A.J. Eathorne in the Tour's season opener.

Pat Hurst shot a 63 to tie Young Kim and Beth Bader for fourth.

Meg Mallon, Deb Richard, Marnie McGuire and Christina Kim shot 64s.

Laura Davies, who won the Australian Ladies Masters last month, and 1998 champion Helen Alfredsson were part of a 13-player cluster four shots off the pace.

Vahaly shocks Ferrero

INDIAN WELLS, Calif. — While Andy Roddick was expected to advance on Wednesday at the Pacific Life Open, fellow American Brian Vahaly — a qualifier — was not.

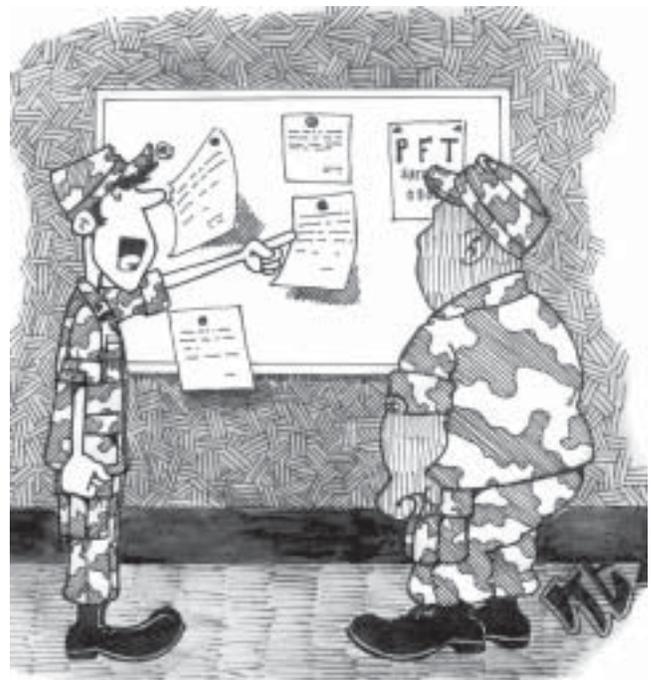
Vahaly toppled No. 3 seed Juan Carlos Ferrero 6-4, 3-6, 6-3 to reach the round of 16. Vahaly, one of the few players on the tour who finished college, entered the tournament after some withdrawals to oust the highest seed so far.

No. 4 seed Roger Federer and No. 13 Tim Henman also crashed out of the second round.

Roddick dominated with his booming serves and defeated Feliciano Lopez 6-4, 6-3.

Roddick, 20, whose serves frequently hit the mid 130-mph range and sometimes go into the 140s, won 24 of 28 points on his first serves and had seven aces against his Spanish opponent. Lopez won 14 of 21 points on his first serve.

"Hey, look, we got peace keeping duty in Detroit."



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By Kevin Kilgore

Laugh Support

Sports on local Armed Forces Network TV

Saturday's schedule (AFN Sports)

- ❖COLL BB: Michigan State vs. Purdue (tape delayed) 0200Z
- ❖Tennis: Indian Wells - Women's Semifinals (live) 0430Z
- ❖COLL BB: Utah-Air Force Winner vs. UNLV-San Diego State Winner (tape delayed) 0800Z
- ❖COLL BB: Vanderbilt-Alabama Winner vs. Kentucky (tape delayed) 1100Z
- ❖COLL BB: Tennessee vs. Auburn (tape delayed) 1300Z
- ❖COLL BB: America East Championship (live) 1630Z
- ❖COLL BB: ACC Conference Tournament - Semifinal #1(live) 1830Z

Sunday's schedule (AFN Sports)

- ❖COLL BB: SEC Conference Tournament - Semifinal #1 (tape delayed) 0000Z
- ❖COLL BB: SEC Conference Tournament - Semifinal #2 (tape delayed) 0200Z
- ❖COLL BB: WAC Championship (live) 0500Z
- ❖COLL BB: Phillips 66 Big XII Conference Tournament - Semifinal #1 (tape delayed) 0800Z
- ❖COLL BB: Phillips 66 Big XII Conference Tournament - Semifinal #2 (tape delayed) 1030Z
- ❖NBA 2Night (tape delayed) 1530Z

Losing crossword

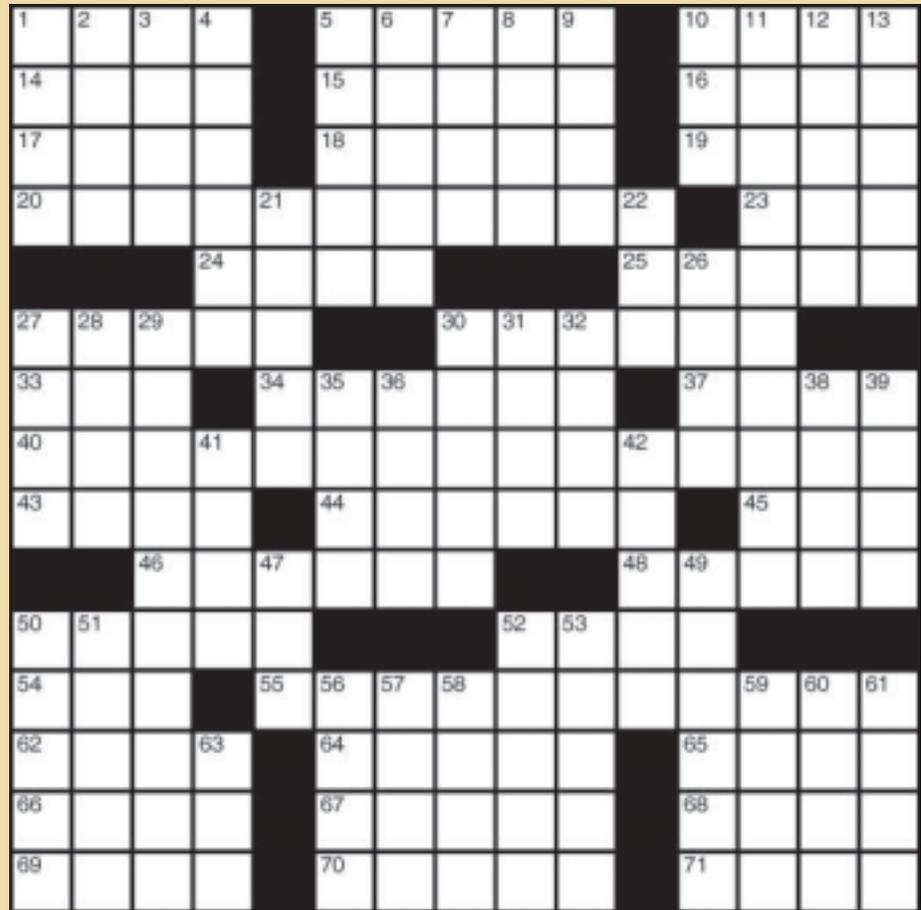
(Courtesy of QUIZLAND.com)

Across

- 1 Places to shape up
- 5 Bits of wampum
- 10 List extender
- 14 It's no crime
- 15 "Dallas" matriarch
- 16 Hardly tanned
- 17 Ice cream thickener
- 18 Burglar deterrent
- 19 Similar in nature
- 20 Lose it
- 23 Best guess: Abbr.
- 24 Sock parts
- 25 Can't help but
- 27 He ate no fat
- 30 Cyber-writes
- 33 Hugs, symbolically
- 34 Mounts the soapbox
- 37 Uses a scope
- 40 Lose it
- 43 MTV viewer, most likely
- 44 Battled the bulge
- 45 Right-angle bend
- 46 Rodent catcher
- 48 Canvas site
- 50 Tavern round, maybe
- 52 Schlemiels
- 54 JFK posting
- 55 Lose it
- 62 Tracking ability
- 64 Supermarket sections
- 65 Philosopher Hoffer
- 66 Big commotions
- 67 Boot camp routine
- 68 The Beatles' meter maid
- 69 Spyglass part
- 70 Like uncirculated air
- 71 ___-do-well

Down

- 1 Beau for a doe
- 2 Walt Kelly's possum



- 3 Iraqi, but not Iranian
- 4 Levels of society
- 5 Handy's "___ Street Blues"
- 6 ___ Island Immigration Mu seum
- 7 "What a pity"
- 8 Gossip, so to speak
- 9 Highway hauler
- 10 Pollution watchdog org.
- 11 Doesn't remain neutral
- 12 Top invitees
- 13 Slowly, on a score
- 21 "That's a ___ baloney!"
- 22 The Windy City, briefly
- 26 Shepard in space
- 27 Easily molded
- 28 Paderewski, for one
- 29 Wimbledon winner in 1964 and 1965
- 30 Old anesthetic
- 31 Cross paths
- 32 Stadium near Shea
- 35 Country mail rtes., once
- 36 Play to ___ (draw)
- 38 Srta., across the Pyrenees
- 39 Unload, in a way
- 41 ___ close to schedule
- 42 Masterful
- 47 Show to a seat, informally
- 49 To the rear, nautically
- 50 Far from fresh
- 51 Disappear gradually
- 52 A dab hand has it
- 53 Where one may 47-Down
- 56 Tags on
- 57 Hor.'s opposite
- 58 Director Kazan
- 59 Sandusky's lake
- 60 Nick's time?
- 61 Slash mark
- 63 Sigmoid shape

Solutions will be posted in Saturday's Freedom Watch