

2/8th Marines join the Bagram team

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BAGRAM, Afghanistan – As the quest to kill, capture and deny sanctuary to al Qaeda and Taliban militants increases in Afghanistan, so increases the number of the coalition force troops here.

Deployed to Bagram Air Base to support the efforts of Combined Joint Task Force-180, Nov. 28, the 2nd Battalion, 8th Regiment of the 2nd Marine Division officially joined the fight in a nation's plight to rid itself of an axis of evil.

"We're here to support CJTF-180 in whatever way that want us to serve," said 1st Lt. Ricardo Medal, 2nd Bn., 8th Regt. Marines Adjutant. "We are an infantry unit so we provide ground movement capability. We are another asset available (for CJTF-180 in) this region."

The unit, based out of Camp LeJeune, N.C., consists

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Taking on mountains...



Courtesy Photo

Soldiers from Company C, 2nd Battalion, 87th Infantry Regiment, 10th Mountain Division, tackle steep Afghan mountainsides in search of their objective during recent operations.

Space, missile defense essential to defense, Rumsfeld says

Story by Gerry J. Gilmore
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON – Defending America, its overseas military and its allies from ballistic missiles laden with weapons of mass destruction "is now America's highest priority," Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld noted Wednesday.

In prepared remarks provided by video feed to attendees of an Association of the United States Army-sponsored space and missile defense symposium in El Paso, Texas, Rumsfeld noted that some rogue states that sponsor terrorism "either have or are working hard to acquire nuclear, chemical or biological weapons of mass destruction and the long-range missiles necessary to deliver them."

This means, the defense secretary asserted, "we have truly entered a new age – one that may well be the most dangerous America, and the democracies of the world, have ever faced."

The U.S. military is transforming itself, Rumsfeld pointed out, to "think and fight jointly" and to develop needed capabilities to confront 21st-century threats such as global terrorism and WMDs. And, the secretary said, "The importance of space and missile defense in this endeavor cannot be overstated."

The secretary thanked Maj. Gen. Michael A. Vane, commanding general of the U.S. Army Air Defense Artillery Center at nearby Fort Bliss, noting that the general's Patriot anti-missile batteries successfully intercepted several enemy-fired ballistic missiles during Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.

The Patriot missile crews also "successfully defended vital concentrations of coalition military equipment and personnel," Rumsfeld said.

Space satellite-linked information networks, Rumsfeld pointed out, can be used to locate enemy forces and increase the accuracy of airdropped munitions.

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World News (Compiled from CNN.com)



Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao

Chinese premier promises increase of U.S. imports

NEW YORK – Wrapping up a three-day trip to the United States, Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao said China is committed to increasing imports of U.S. products to level the trade balance between the two nations.

“We have demonstrated our utmost sincerity, and we are very much ready to increase our imports from your country,” Wen told *CNN*’s Lou Dobbs in an interview to air Thursday evening.

He did add one caveat: “We hope the United States will open more to China, especially in the high-tech sector.”

President Bush has faced increasing political pressure at home over the soaring trade deficits with China, which could reach \$130 billion this year.

Wen said his five-point trade plan was well received at the White House when he presented it to Bush this week.

In the wide-ranging interview, Wen said China respects the “desire of the Taiwan people to develop and pursue democracy,” but opposes efforts by Taiwan’s leaders to “cut off Taiwan from the sacred territory of the Chinese motherland.”

And he said flatly that China opposes nuclear weapons on the Korean Peninsula.

Wen met this week with Bush and an array of U.S. officials in what he described as talks held in a “friendly, candid, cooperative and constructive atmosphere.”

He noted the two nations do not see eye-to-eye on every issue, but he said both sides must work “to remove these differences and ensure smooth development of our constructive and cooperative relationship.”



Members of the post-Saddam Iraqi army train in formation.

Coalition: Nearly half of new Iraqi army has resigned

BAGHDAD, Iraq—About 300 of 700 members of the new Iraqi army have resigned, citing unhappiness with terms, conditions and pay and with instructions of commanding officers, a representative of the U.S.-led coalition said Thursday.

“It’s a new force, and ... we face some difficulties,” the representative said.

In response to the resignations, the coalition will review the terms and conditions and compare them with other security services in Iraq — the police and Civil Defense Corps, the representative said.

The first and only battalion of the new army serves under the U.S. Army’s 4th Infantry Division.

Last month, Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld said the Pentagon and the Coalition Provisional Authority were discussing recalling some units of the former Iraqi army, which was formally dissolved in May.

The discussions followed a letter two senators sent President Bush about the “need to speed up the process by which Iraqis assume greater responsibility” for security as the coalition prepares to cede power back to Iraqis in July. The letter, from Sens. Carl Levin, D-Michigan, and Richard Lugar, R-Indiana, said the new Iraqi army, “which is being created from scratch, currently has less than 1,000 members. We cannot afford to transfer security functions to Iraqis at that slow a pace. The quicker we get the new Iraqi army in place, the more security we are likely to have and the better off Iraq will be.”



From left are Brig. Gen. Keith Kerr, Rear Adm. Alan Steinman and Brig. Gen. Virgil Richard, all retired.

Men denounce military policy

NEW YORK—Two brigadier generals and a rear admiral — all retired — disclosed that they are gay and denounced the U.S. military’s “don’t ask, don’t tell” policy in interviews with *The New York Times*.

In a story published by the newspaper Wednesday, Army Brig. Gens. Keith Kerr and Virgil Richard and Coast Guard Rear Adm. Alan Steinman said the policy effectively excludes gays from military service and forced them to deceive friends and family.

The men were the highest-ranking military officials to disclose their sexual orientation, the *Times* said.

The Servicemembers Legal Defense Network, a gay rights group that monitors military justice, made the officers available to the newspaper as part of the group’s plans to mark a decade since the policy was put in place by President Clinton on November 30, 1993.

“Because gays and lesbians are required to serve in silence and in celibacy, the policy is almost impossible to follow,” Steinman told the *Times*. “It has been effectively a ban.”

He said he did not tell his family he was gay until after he retired in 1997. Richard, who retired in 1991, said no one knew he was gay during his 32 years of military service.

“I suppressed my desires, and didn’t allow myself to be who I am because there was too much at stake,” Richard said in his interview with the newspaper.

The Servicemembers Legal Defense Network said nearly 10,000 men and women have been discharged from the military for being gay under “don’t ask, don’t tell.” The Bush administration and the Pentagon have said there are no plans to abandon the policy.

ANA surgeon general attends MSLP

Building the future of the Afghan National Army (ANA) Medical Department into a viable world partner took steps forward with the attendance of Brig. Gen. Ahmad Zia Yaftali at the Medical Strategic Leadership Program (MSLP).

"I now have a clearer strategic vision of where my department needs to go in order to medically support the ANA. The knowledge gained from my interaction with both the international and U.S. students was invaluable," said Yaftali. The MSLP is a multi-national, multi-service, post-graduate, continuing medical education program designed for foreign national medical officers. Yaftali participated in strategic and operational healthcare training to prepare him for today's challenges in joint, combined and coalition health service support operations.

Yaftali participated in the following major areas of instruction: Leadership Management, Military Medical Readiness, Host Nation/Coalition Partner Support, Health Resources Allocation Management, International Law, Media Relationships and Medical Observer Training.

The overall program was divided into three phases. The first two phases were conducted at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, from Oct. 17 to Nov. 1. Phase one, for international students only, consisted of an introduction to U.S. Army medical policy, medical observation training and tours. During this phase, Yaftali presented a comprehensive brief on the past, present, and future vision for the ANA Medical Department.

During Phase II, which consisted of five days of in residence instruction, Yaftali met with senior medical officers, both civilian and military, and participated in several strategic level healthcare presentations.

Phase III, conducted in Washington, D.C. from Nov. 1 – Nov. 9, consisted of five days of briefings and guided discussions oriented toward international medical issues. During Phase III, Yaftali met with both, Lt. Gen. Peake, U.S. Army Surgeon General, and Ambassador William Taylor, State Department Coordinator for Afghanistan. Their discussions focused on strategic operational and tactical requirements to support ANA expansion.

(Information was provided by Spc. Douglas DeMaio, OMC-A Informations Operations.)

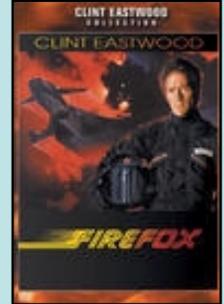
Bagram Air Base MWR presents

"Firefox"

1530Z at the MWR Building:

A pilot is sent into the Soviet Union on a mission to steal a prototype jet fighter that can be partially controlled by a neuralink.

Tomorrow's event:
"Bingo/Dance Party"



Local weather

TWO-DAY REGIONAL WEATHER FORECAST:

	Today	Saturday
Bagram:	Rain H: 50F L: 27F	Partly Cloudy H: 46F L: 23F
Kandahar:	Mostly Cloudy H: 41F L: 14F	Dusty H: 37F L: 23F
Kabul:	Rain H: 48F L: 27F	Partly Cloudy H: 45F L: 23F
Uzbekistan:	Snow H: 34F L: 24F	Mostly Cloudy H: 35F L: 24F

Weather forecast courtesy of the Bagram Combat Weather Team

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of three infantry companies, one weapons company, and a headquarters and services company.

“We bring a combat-trained, maneuver ground unit with a lot of firing power and military discipline to the CJTF-180 (campaign),” said Sgt. Maj. William Squires, of 2nd Bn., 8th Regt. Marines. “We are well trained and ready to engage any mission assigned.”

The 2nd Bn., 8th Regt. is not the first Marine unit to take part in the mission of ridding Afghanistan of a terrorist regime, Task Force-58 served here in the initial campaign of Operation Enduring Freedom; however, what does make the unit’s presence pertinent is that it is the first active duty unit here since the wages of war (September 11) began two years ago.

“We are the first active duty Marines to be in Afghanistan since the 2001 campaign,” said

Medal. “There have been Marines here supporting the CJTF-180 mission before, but they were Reservist, so this is a chance for us to establish an active duty Marine presence (in the coalition campaign) and build a relationship with the coalition forces and the people of Afghanistan.”

“This is where it all started,” said Lt. Col. Robert Petit, battalion commander of the 2nd Bn., 8th Regt. Marines as he spoke about Operation Enduring Freedom, “and this where the threat still lies, so we are excited about being here to contribute to CJTF-180 and help accomplish its mission.”

Thought the unit is excited about being in the region where the fight began, that excitement does not come from the anticipation of fighting rebel forces; it comes from having already been battle tested. “We were in Iraq from January to June conducting operations, so we bring a wealth of knowledge and experience (because) we have

already been in a combat environment,” said Petit. “We just came out of a coalition [mission] four months ago, so we bring that sense of understanding and confidence (to this campaign).”

Squires noted that 95 percent of the unit served in the Iraq campaign, so “we want to set the standards for any mission (CJTF-180) assigns us.”

Though the 2nd Bn., 8th Regt. Marines have only been in the fight for two weeks, they completely comprehend the CJTF-180 mission – a free and diplomatic Afghanistan – and are ready to undertake the mission as if it were orchestrated by themselves personally.

“We are here to win the fight and anything less than that isn’t an option; failure is not a choice,” said Petit. “No one said (the War on Terrorism) was going to be easy, but it is our call to duty and the sooner we take it to these (rebel forces) the sooner we can go home.”

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“Over the past few years we have recognized that space and information are not only enablers, but (also) core war fighting competencies,” Rumsfeld said, adding, “That realization is being validated in both Afghanistan and Iraq.”

Rumsfeld noted today’s U.S. military uses space-based assets for communications, navigation, weather, early warning, surveillance and reconnaissance purposes.

In the global war on terrorism, he continued, Joint Tactical Ground Stations provided around-the-clock warning for U.S. forces, while DoD satellite communications centers provide support for Tomahawk missile launches, and unmanned aerial vehicle reconnaissance missions. “Thanks to space,” Rumsfeld continued, “we were able to send real-time targeting and intel(ligence) information direct to Air Force attack assets.”

And, “the importance of space will only increase in the future,” Rumsfeld emphasized, citing space as “fundamental to modern warfare.” Unfettered access to space, he added, is “a vital U.S. national interest.”

The Army “is the largest user of space products and services,” Rumsfeld pointed out, noting that service is also heavily involved in the nation’s new missile defense system.

In fact, Rumsfeld noted, America’s first Ground-based Midcourse Missile Defense Brigade that was activated Oct. 16 at Peterson Air Force Base in Colorado Springs, Colo., will be manned by Army active duty and National Guard troops.

And, the secretary continued, Alaska Army National Guard soldiers from Fort Greely will constitute Alaska’s Missile Defense Space Battalion that’s slated for activation in January.

When missile defense “is no longer a dream, but a reality, the world will be a much safer place for Americans, and for all people who long for peace and freedom,” Rumsfeld concluded.

Morale high on Cole’s maiden voyage

Story by Dan Smithyman
Naval Station Rota PA

ROTA, Spain – USS Cole (DDG 67) made its first overseas port visit Dec. 9 at Naval Station Rota, Spain, on its “maiden” deployment since it was bombed in the port of Yemen, Oct. 12, 2000, and subsequent repair in Pascagoula, Miss., at an estimated cost of \$250 million.

Despite its history, crewmembers are excited at the opportunity to return to the fight against terrorism. Although few blast survivors remain assigned to Cole, Ensign James Culnen, force protection officer, said the crew is glad to be back at sea doing what the ship was designed to do.

“We’re all happy to get [the ship] out,” Culnen said. “Everybody’s looking at us, and we’re just trying to prove that we’re going to do the job like everyone else.”

Storekeeper 2nd Class(CC) Ronald Mejia, who was deployed with Inshore Boat Unit 24 to Jebel Ali, United Arab Emirates, shortly after the Cole attack, feels like he has come full circle now that he is a part of the crew. He, too, is excited to be aboard Cole.

“This is my first ship,” Mejia explained. “But I’m not the only one gung-ho about being here.”

Operations Specialist 3rd Class Justin O’Hara specifically picked orders to Cole and makes his first overseas deployment with the ship. He also appreciates the history of the ship, like many of his shipmates.

“A lot of us are excited for the people who were on here when the bombing occurred, and are now taking it back out (to sea).” O’Hara said.

“We’ve got a great amount of respect for them.”

O’Hara says it is a testament to the ship and crew for rebuilding the ship and getting back on line. He says the butterflies he feels in his stomach are due to his anticipation of his first overseas deployment and the job that lies ahead.



Coalition Sports Zone

(Compiled from SI.com)

Auburn gives Tuberville year extension

AUBURN, Ala. – Auburn coach Tommy Tuberville agreed to a one-year contract extension through the 2008 season, a few weeks after top school officials were trying to replace him.

Tuberville said he met with university president William Walker and athletic director David Housel on Monday in New York.

“It’s going to help recruiting and settle a few things down we were having problems with after going through this process,” Tuberville said Thursday at a news conference for the Music City Bowl in Nashville, Tenn.

Walker, Housel and two trustees met with Louisville coach Bobby Petrino on Nov. 20, but they backed off their coaching search after the trip became public. Tuberville earns \$1.5 million annually. His contract includes a \$3 million buyout if he decides to leave or the school fires him. The agreement also has a \$1 million contract completion bonus.

Maryland rallies in OT to upset Florida

GAINESVILLE, Fla. – Coach Gary Williams finally pushed his win total at Maryland from 299 to 300. That wasn’t the only number that will need adjusting after Wednesday night’s game.

The Terrapins helped Williams reach his milestone with a 69-68 overtime win over No. 1 Florida, handing the Gators the loss in their first game after reaching the top spot in The Associated Press’ poll.

Travis Garrison made a jumper with 18 seconds left for the winning points in a brutish, defensive, ugly game — but one that felt pretty good to Williams nonetheless.

“We haven’t been consistent, but somehow we found the toughness to go out there and play tonight,” said Williams, who improved to 300-155 in 15 seasons with the Terrapins.

Williams was stuck on 299 after a two-game losing streak that had Maryland (5-2) down in the “receiving votes” category of the latest poll. This win showed how unscientific those polls really are.

Florida, meanwhile, fell to 0-2 in its first game after moving to No. 1. Last season, the Gators (5-1) made it to the top of the poll for the first time in program history, but lost 70-55 to Kentucky in their first game.

This loss all but guaranteed there will be a new top-ranked team for the fourth straight week on Monday; the Gators joined Connecticut and Kansas as the latest to fail to hold onto No. 1.

“The yellow jersey gets passed on to someone else,” Florida coach Billy Donovan said.



Anthony Roberson sparked the Gators’ second-half comeback, but Florida let a late lead slip away in OT.



Andy Pettitte takes four World Series rings to Houston.

Pettitte signs \$31.5 million with Astros

NEW YORK – Andy Pettitte followed his heart back home to Houston, making a “gut-wrenching” decision Thursday to leave the New York Yankees and accept a \$31.5 million, three-year contract with the Astros.

After winning four World Series championships and six AL pennants in New York, Pettitte hopes his winning ways will help lead Houston to its first-ever title. And he’d like an old friend to join him — Pettitte is trying to get Roger Clemens to push back retirement and pitch for the Astros next season.

“I left him this morning. He’s still working out with me. We’ll see what happens,” Pettitte said. “I know the media’s already hit him up on that, and if I feel there’s a chance, I’ll hit him up on it, too.”

To fill Pettitte’s void, the Yankees turned their attention to Kevin Brown.

The Yankees and Dodgers agreed to the outline of a trade that would send Brown to the Yankees for right-hander Jeff Weaver, two minor leaguers and \$3 million, two baseball officials said on condition of anonymity.

Sports on local Armed Forces Network TV

Saturday’s schedule (AFN Sports)

- ❖ Pardon the Interruption (live) 2230Z, 0300L
- ❖ KIA NBA Shootaround (live) 0030Z, 0500L
- ❖ NBA: Nets @ Magic (live) 0100Z, 0530L
- ❖ NBA: Mavericks @ Lakers (live) 0330Z, 0800L
- ❖ NHL: Blackhawks @ Stars (taped) 0800Z, 1230L
- ❖ NBA: Maverucks @ Lakers (taped) 1230Z, 1700L
- ❖ COLL BB: UW-Milwaukee @ Wisconsin (live) 1700Z, 2130L
- ❖ COLL BB: Oregon vs Kansas (live) 1900Z, 2330L

Sunday’s schedule (AFN Sports)

- ❖ COLL FB: North Dakota vs Grand Valley state (live) 2100Z, 0130L
- ❖ Boxing: Night of the Undisputed - Bernard Hopkins vs William Joppy, Hasim Rahman vs John Ruiz, Zab Judah vs Jaime Rangel, Ricardo Mayorga vs Cory Spinks (live) 0100Z, 0530L
- ❖ PGA TOUR: Target World Challenge (taped) 0800Z, 1230L
- ❖ COLL BB: Marquette @ Arizona (taped) 1200Z, 1630L
- ❖ NFL: 49ers @ Bengals (live) 1800Z, 2230L

Afghanistan Hot Topics



(Compiled by CJTF-180 Public Affairs)

Civilian toll not U.S. fault, Afghans say

By Paul Watson, Times Staff Writer

KABUL, Afghanistan (Los Angeles Times) – U.S. troops were not responsible for the deaths of six children killed in an attack on a suspected Taliban hide-out, an Afghan official said Wednesday.

The children and two adults were crushed to death Friday during a mission against a large arms cache in Paktia province controlled by local Taliban commander Mullah Jalani, U.S. military spokesman Col. Bryan Hilferty told reporters Wednesday.

It was the second time in as many days that children were reported killed in U.S. assaults. 15 Afghan children have died, embarrassing interim President Hamid Karzai as he tries to build support on the eve of a crucial meeting to decide the country's new constitution.

In Friday's incident, the wall of a house collapsed when U.S. ground forces and warplanes attacked a compound, crushing six children and two adults, Hilferty said. The bodies were discovered the next day during a search, he added.

"We don't know what caused the wall to collapse because, although we fired on the compound, there were secondary and tertiary explosions," Hilferty said.

Afghan officials said U.S. troops were blameless.

"I think this incident happened because of the explosives that were kept in that house and I think there were many other weapons in that house," Faiz Mohammed Zalan, foreign affairs spokesman for Paktia's governor, said in an interview.

Zalan said U.S. warplanes attacked the compound in the village of Kosween, in Paktia's Sayed Karam district northwest of Gardez, but not the house where the children died.

"This house was not bombed by U.S. planes because the U.S. planes targeted another house where the Taliban were supposed to be. But they had already left that house," Zalan said by satellite phone from Gardez, the provincial capital.

Three boys and three girls died in the incident, which occurred during a raid that began about 2 a.m., Zalan said.

"On Saturday, the governor and the Americans are going to see the area and apologize for what has happened there," Zalan said. "They said that they might even pay money to the family of those who died."

"There were five people arrested during the whole operation, but they were innocent, so they were released the next day," he said. Among the arms discovered in the compound were rockets, artillery and land mines, Hilferty said.

"We try very hard not to kill anyone. We would prefer to capture the terrorists rather than kill them," the U.S. military spokesman said. "But in this incident, if noncombatants surround themselves with thousands of weapons and hundreds of rounds of ammunition and howitzers and mortars in a compound known to

be used by a terrorist, we are not completely responsible for the consequences."

About 2,000 U.S. and Afghan troops launched Operation Avalanche on Dec. 2 to root out Taliban guerrillas and their allies from the al Qaeda terrorist network and Gulbuddin Hekmatyar's Hizb-i-Islami, or Islamic Party faction, before winter.

The U.S. military called it the largest operation since the U.S.-led war against the Taliban regime two years ago.

On Saturday, an A-10 antitank jet killed nine Afghan children in the village of Hutala, in Ghazni province south of Kabul, in what was meant to be an attack on Taliban militant Mullah Wazir. U.S. officials had said the attack also killed Wazir, but have backed away from that claim.

U.S. Ambassador Zalmay Khalilzad said Tuesday that it was unclear whether a man killed in the Hutala assault was Wazir. Villagers and local Afghan officials say Wazir escaped.

In interviews here several weeks ago, senior officials in the interim government said Karzai has been pressing U.S. military commanders for more than a year to modify their tactics to end a string of mistaken attacks on civilians.

Zalan said U.S. forces in his region did the right thing after a mistaken bombing killed civilians last year in Zormat, southeast of Gardez. U.S. commanders set up an Afghan National Army camp in the area to improve coordination with local officials, said Zalan, who could not recall the death toll from the earlier incident.

"To prevent such mistakes, the Americans should always speak with government officials, like the governor and others," Zalan added.



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By Kevin Kilgore

Laugh Support

Slippery crossword

(Courtesy of QUIZLAND.com)

ACROSS

- 1 "You ___ for it!"
- 6 People to hang with
- 10 Gulp from a flask
- 14 Give up, as a right
- 15 Nobelist Wiesel
- 16 Outfielder's call
- 17 "It's ___ the Game"
- 18 Oscar winner Kedrova
- 19 Algerian port
- 20 California game fish
- 22 Smallville family name
- 23 Itar-___ (news agency)
- 24 Stage whispers
- 26 Lawn sign
- 30 Black, to bards
- 31 Rebuke to Brutus
- 32 Popular auction site
- 35 Leering sort
- 39 Slaughter in baseball
- 40 Big band horns
- 42 Explorer Vasco da ___
- 43 Suit part
- 45 Fly swatter material
- 46 Knot or watt
- 47 Screen vamp Theda
- 49 Elaborately decorated
- 51 Say nay to
- 54 Brand of mower
- 56 Publican's stock
- 57 Football on TV, say
- 63 Prefix meaning "many"
- 64 James ___ Carter
- 65 Comic Fields
- 66 Twiddling one's thumbs
- 67 "There's more ..."
- 68 Overact
- 69 Burn slightly
- 70 Former ring champ Spinks
- 71 Japanese noodles

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- 1 "Begone!"
- 2 Shopper's lure
- 3 "___ the ump!"
- 4 Up to no good
- 5 Stand for
- 6 Trapper's haul
- 7 Name on a "wanted" poster, maybe
- 8 Caron title role
- 9 Aquanaut's workplace
- 10 Piece of indisputable evidence
- 11 Jittery from caffeine
- 12 Lacking sense
- 13 Rest room sign
- 21 Slogs along the surf
- 25 U.S./Canada's ___ Canals
- 26 Trickle out
- 27 Sicilian spewer
- 28 School founded by Henry VI
- 29 Household picker-upper
- 30 Storm centers
- 33 The Crimson Tide, familiarly
- 34 Firefighter's need
- 36 Turner or Cantrell
- 37 Send out
- 38 Give stars to
- 41 Electrical problem
- 44 Airline to Stockholm
- 48 Close again
- 50 Baseball yearbook listing
- 51 "Analyze This" director Harold
- 52 Artfully dodge
- 53 Guy, informally
- 54 Bit of statuary
- 55 Synthetic fiber
- 58 Far from ruddy
- 59 Deep sleep
- 60 Proton's place
- 61 Construction area
- 62 Many a new driver

Solutions will be posted in Saturday's Freedom Watch