

## DFAC keeps troops from running on empty

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**KANDAHAR**, Afghanistan – The smell of steaks and lobsters is in the air and there is a line of hungry soldiers as far as the eye can see. A group of highly skilled individuals work diligently to satisfy the masses. There is only one thing that can bring together a group this big, Saturday steak night at the Warrior Dining Facility (DFAC) on Kandahar Air Field (KAF).

There are thirty-one food service specialists in the warrior cooking crew. This crew works night and day with only two things on their mind, make it good and make it fast.

“Our job is to get the food out on time,” said Pfc. Kerry L. Arnold, 926 Headquarters and Headquarters Support, 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 6<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Regiment.

“It normally takes about a hundred people to do the job that we have thirty-one people doing. This is a very labor intensive job,” said Sgt. 1<sup>st</sup> Class Thomas D. Smith, Task Force Food Service supervisor and advisor.

“The DFAC is open 24 hours a day and seven days a week,” said Arnold. “We probably put in more hours of work than half the people

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*Spc. Kenneth R. Gomez, of the Warrior Dining Facility in Kandahar, Afghanistan prepares chicken for the evening meal.*

## MTX Audio donates to September 11<sup>th</sup> base run

Freedom Watch Staff

MTX Audio has donated a \$1,000 gift certificate to be raffled off and three banners to the Bagram Air Base September 11<sup>th</sup> perimeter run.

The donation came about through an e-mail sent by Master Sgt. August Hohl from Combined Joint Task Force 180's CJ-8, to Loyd Ivey, the owner of MTX Audio explaining the commemorative run.

Ivey's personal assistant, Teresa Stamm, then contacted Hohl two weeks ago and informed him that a box was in the mail. Hohl said that he was surprised by the generosity of the gifts.

“I've known him (Ivey) since 1989 and he's always been ready and willing to help out a good cause,” Hohl said. “Ivey

has been a staunch supporter of the military and our involvement overseas and this time he's really outdone himself.”

According to Hohl, MTX Audio started a few years after Ivey left high school in Missouri and moved to Chicago. His first job there was at a speaker factory and after few years was able to get the financing and backing to start his own company.

Now MTX Audio makes speakers for home, military, the space shuttle and various other products.

“This gift certificate will allow some lucky winner to go home and put an astounding sound system into their car or home,” Hohl said.

Hohl said he would have an MTX Audio banner above the sign up table by the clamshell the morning of the race where people can sign up to be the lucky winner.

# World News (Compiled from CNN.com)



U.S. Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld, right, attended a change of command ceremony this week at MacDill Air Force Base in Florida before leaving for the Persian Gulf region.

## Rumsfeld urges expanded Iraqi security role Thursday

BAGHDAD, Iraq – On a trip Thursday to get a glimpse of conditions in Iraq, U.S. Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld said that Iraqis need to play an increasingly active role in providing security in the war-torn country.

“The one thing everyone’s agreed upon for sure is that we simply have to keep increasing the number of Iraqis that are involved in the security side,” Rumsfeld said in Kuwait before his arrival in Iraq.

“We’re up to 50,000 or 60,000 and headed toward 100,000. We’ve got to find ways to accelerate the process.”

The defense chief said that the U.S.-led coalition will begin to rebuild the Iraqi army and that the CIA and Coalition Provisional Authority are working to develop an Iraqi intelligence service.

“There’s no question you’ve got to have an intelligence capability,” Rumsfeld said, “and the question is, how do you do it and who do you use and [with] what vetting process. So they’re thinking those things through right now.”

When he arrived in Iraq, Rumsfeld met with U.S. civilian administrator L. Paul Bremer. He’ll also see other civilian and military leaders and U.S. troops.

Bremer and Rumsfeld talked about a

variety of issues, including the country’s infrastructure. Rumsfeld also got a look at the sprawling capital from an aircraft.

The trip comes as Washington is circulating a draft U.N. resolution that would give the United Nations a greater role in Iraq’s political and economic reconstruction but would let the United States keep a dominant role in any multinational peace-keeping mission.



Thursday’s warning by the Department of Homeland Security included a laundry list of possible attack scenarios.

## Advisory: Al Qaeda planning new U.S. attacks

WASHINGTON – A Department of Homeland Security advisory issued Thursday warns that al Qaeda is working on plans to hijack airliners flying between international points that pass near or over the continental United States.

A Department of Homeland Security official said most of the flights fitting this description originate in Canada, and that U.S. officials have been working with Canada over the past month to ensure it is improving screening and other security measures.

One government official noted, however, the United States has no authority to require security measures of non-U.S. carriers whose flights originate outside the United States.

The advisory was issued because of concerns about the coming second anniversary of the September 11 attacks, a recent uptick in intelligence information, and threats to aviation that continued through the summer.

Issued to state and local authorities and the private sector, the advisory said terrorist operatives have been studying countries to determine which have the least stringent

requirements for entry. That could be a factor in their consideration of which flights would be easiest to board and take control of.

The advisory includes a laundry list of possible attack scenarios, and says al Qaeda may be researching how to disseminate diseases and toxins by contaminating water and food, or aerosolizing an agent in an enclosed space.



Early attention in the blackout probe focused on power lines owned by FirstEnergy Corp. in Eastlake, Ohio.

## FBI concerned about threat of terror-induced blackouts

WASHINGTON – The FBI found no evidence of any type of terrorism or criminal hacking in its investigation of the August power blackout in the Northeast, but the threat of such action remains a concern, the FBI’s top counterterrorism official told a House committee Thursday.

FBI Executive Assistant Director Larry Mefford said the widespread outage represented a “dry run” for what the FBI and other law enforcement agencies could face in the event terrorists were able to exploit vulnerabilities in the power grid.

The FBI established centers in several cities in the states where power was disrupted, not only to help determine whether the blackout stemmed from criminal acts, but also to help coordinate law enforcement efforts if widespread incidents of crime resulted from the electrical disruptions.

The August 14 blackout affected people in eight states and Ontario, Canada.

In morning testimony before the House Energy and Commerce Committee, the chairman of FirstEnergy, the Ohio utility company at the center of the blackout inquiry, insisted it was not solely to blame.

# Deployed troops get break on school loans

Story by K.L. Vantran  
American Forces Press Service

**WASHINGTON** – Military personnel who have been deployed or mobilized are not required to make student loan payments during their absences.

Federal regulations require lenders to postpone the student loan program payments of active duty military personnel. This applies to members of the National Guard and Ready Reserves who have been called to active duty, as well as to active duty personnel whose duty station has been changed as a result of a military mobilization.

“Many of the brave men and women serving our nation right now have put their personal lives on hold to answer the nation’s call to duty,” said U.S. Education Secretary Rod Paige in a news release earlier this year. “As they defend the freedoms we cherish, our soldiers should not have to worry about their student loan obligations and resuming their studies.”

The regulations apply to student loans made under the Federal Family Education Loan, William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan and Federal Perkins Loan programs.

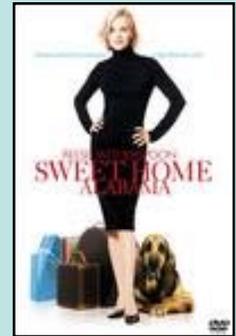
The law also requires that active duty military people who have not begun the repayment period on their loans continue to receive a grace period (generally six months) before repaying their loans. Students who were in school at the time of mobilization must also be given a reasonable period to resume school before lenders request payments.

Colleges will not be required to collect financial aid funds that now-active duty students were given to pay for books and living expenses. Additionally, Education Department officials encourage colleges and universities to either fully refund tuition and other institutional charges or give comparable credit against future charges to students forced to withdraw from school to fulfill their military obligations.

Additional information is available by calling 1-800-433-3243 or visiting the Department of Education Web site.

## Bagram Air Base MWR presents

1530Z at the Bagram Civic Center: “Sweet Home Alabama.” A young woman with a white trash background runs away from her husband in Alabama and reinvents herself as a New York socialite.



Tomorrow’s movie will be “Ballistic.”

## Local weather

### TWO-DAY REGIONAL WEATHER FORECAST:

	Today	Saturday
<b>Bagram:</b>	Scattered TSTMS H: 93F L: 63F	Scattered TSTMS H: 91F L: 61F
<b>Kandahar:</b>	Haze H: 97F L: 66F	Haze H: 95F L: 64F
<b>Kabul:</b>	Scattered TSTMS H: 93F L: 63F	Scattered TSTMS H: 91F L: 61F
<b>Uzbekistan:</b>	Clear H: 93F L: 63F	Clear H: 91F L: 61F

Weather forecast courtesy of the Bagram Combat Weather Team

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# New Zealand prepares to take over Bamian PRT

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Story by Sgt. Stephanie Hall  
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**BAMIAN**, Afghanistan – Loud hammering and drilling is heard throughout the Bamian Provincial Reconstruction Team site as the small outpost is progressively ripped apart and put back together to make room for the New Zealand team scheduled to take over Sept. 23 from the U.S. team currently in command. The U.S. Army has had a presence at the Bamian PRT since its official opening in March.

The New Zealand Defense Forces are signed up to take over the Bamian PRT for the next 12 months because “the New Zealand government saw it as a role that the NZDF could get involved in as part of the coalition forces in support of Operation Enduring Freedom,” said Maj. Sid McKissock, the New Zealand Army operations officer for the incoming team.

An advanced party of 15 New Zealand service members arrived a week ago to get the Bamian PRT ready as well as to learn the responsibilities and mission requirements from the U.S. Army team, and they’ve only had a few problems to sort out.

Because the PRT was initially built to accommodate only a 50-person element, the

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on this base,”

Arnold added. This kitchen crew works in three shifts that run throughout the day.

The DFAC serves two meals daily to the Army, Air Force, Marines, coalition troops and special guests of the base.

“We even send cooks out to the battlefield,” said Arnold.

These unsung heroes contribute more to the big picture of Task Force Warrior than most people could ever imagine.

“An army runs on an empty stomach,” said Smith. In a high stress environment, it is important to keep the spirits of the service members high.

“If the soldiers’ morale is up, then their performance goes up,” said Spc. Ervin M. Galbreath, of 10<sup>th</sup> Forward Support Bn.

New Zealand’s advance team has had to systematically make several necessary changes to the PRT site in order to get it ready for the onslaught of about 90 more New Zealanders, said McKissock. “It’s a simple fact that we need to get the infrastructure in place before we can move the main body up.”

Another hitch was that, “some people experienced some elements of altitude sickness on the drive up here, and have been over the last few days just transitioning to the environment,” said McKissock. “We were always quite aware that the environmental conditions were going to be one of the biggest threats,” and have given the people who are a “bit sick a little bit of rest and a bit of recuperation time,” he said.

Despite all this, “we’ve had a very smooth transition and have started handing over all the logistics, the administrative, and the operational parts of the mission to the (New Zealanders),” said Lt. Col. Mark T. Schnur, Bamian PRT commander for the Coalition Joint Civil Military Operations Task Force in Afghanistan.

As far as the operations within the Bamian Province, “I think it’s going to be a little bit of a baptism by fire,” said McKissock. “We still have some training to

“We want to touch each and every soldier in a positive way, so they can go and function in their job at the highest level possible,” said Staff Sgt. Eric Johnson, battalion food operations sergeant and Kandahar Dining Facility manager.

The unofficial motto of the crew is “if we don’t have enough for everyone then we don’t have enough for anyone,” said Smith. This is why the Warrior DFAC only provides two meals a day.

“We want the soldiers to understand that we have to work within the limits of manpower [and supply]. We can’t give them everything all the time,” said Smith.

The DFAC alternates meals each day and cooks are constantly striving to improve the menu.

“Since we have been here we have alternated the meal to see what the soldiers

do, but we’ve got enough experienced people to initially go out there and start doing their job.”

Although the team will change, the overall mission of the PRT will stay the same, which is to “provide security and stability, facilitate reconstruction efforts, and the ultimate goal is to extend the legitimacy and authority of the national government out into the provinces,” said Schnur.

For the next 12 months, the New Zealand team will fulfill those mission requirements as well as to ensure the “necessary support is given within Bamian so all the non-government organizations and everyone else can do their jobs,” said McKissock.

“I’m highly impressed with the New Zealand military,” said Schnur. “They’re a very professional force, they know their job, and I feel very good about handing over the mission to them,” he said.

A small U.S. team will stay on with the New Zealanders, but the rest will head out to take on new missions, said Schnur.

Schnur said that although his team will miss Bamian, they are ready to move back to Bagram for a short time and prepare to stand up a new PRT site in a new province. “I’m eager to go on to that bigger challenge,” he said.

prefer,” explained Smith.

“Any soldier that has been in the Army for longer than one deployment knows that usually you just get Meals Ready to Eat (MRE) or T-Rations,” said Smith.

MREs are a wonderful source of nutrition and a great choice when in the field, but it is a big relief to have a cooked meal, Smith added.

The crew at the warrior DFAC has the opportunity to do so much for the people on base and they try to do whatever they can.

“Our mission is to provide quality food service for the soldiers on KAF. Every soldier that leaves here should leave talking good about the DFAC,” said Smith.

On this particular Saturday, as soldiers depart the DFAC, their stomachs filled with steak and lobster, a pleasant glow of satisfaction radiates from their faces.

That glow can be attributed to the tireless efforts of the DFAC crew.



# Coalition Sports Zone

(Compiled from ESPN.com)

## Bucs' Quarles out several weeks, suffers broken forearm Thursday

ESPN – Just four days before they begin defense of their Super Bowl championship, the Tampa Bay Bucs suffered a setback Thursday, when starting middle linebacker Shelton Quarles suffered a broken left forearm in practice.



Shelton Quarles

The injury, sustained during a special teams segment of practice, will keep Quarles out for several weeks, coach Jon Gruden said. Nate Webster will step into the starting role for Monday night's season opener at Philadelphia — and likely for Quarles' entire absence.

A fourth-year veteran and consistent special teams standout, Webster will be making just the second regular-season start of his career.

As for the details of the accident, Gruden said Quarles "just fell awkwardly and broke his forearm. (It was) a freak accident."

The loss of Quarles for an indefinite period means Tampa Bay will start the season minus two of three starting linebackers from 2002. Strongside linebacker Alshermund Singleton signed with the Dallas Cowboys this spring as an unrestricted free agent. He is replaced by Ryan Nece, the son of Hall of Fame safety Ronnie Lott, but just a second-year player who participated in only eight games in '02.

Nece, who made the roster last season as an undrafted free agent, beat out veteran free agent Dwayne Rudd for the No. 1 job and will start his first game on Monday night.

A six-year veteran, Quarles is a key to the Tampa Bay "cover two" defensive scheme because of his rare pass coverage skills.

Quarles, 31, had a career-best 159 tackles in his first season in the middle. He also had two interceptions and five passes defended.

## Chiefs sign Holmes to four-year extension

ESPN – Priest Holmes is no longer the Poor Man's Marshall Faulk. The Chiefs' star running back reached a new four-year contract extension that will increase his average salary to more than \$5 million a year and give him a signing and option bonus of around \$10 million.



Priest Holmes

Holmes had threatened to walk out from Sunday's opener against the Chargers had an agreement not been reached by then, but intensive negotiations between Chiefs president Carl Peterson and Holmes' agent, Todd France, concluded Wednesday afternoon with a new deal hammered out.

The signing bonus is the most the Chiefs have ever given to a running back, and it is believed to be the second most ever given to a Chief.

Complete details of the contract were not available because of a confidentiality clause in the contract. Holmes, 29, has rushed for 3,170 yards over the past two seasons for the Chiefs and has bounced back from offseason hip surgery.

"Priest has been called the Poor Man's Marshall Faulk, but he can't be called a poor man anymore," France said. "I know ESPN the Magazine listed him as the second most underpaid athlete behind Albert Pujols of the Cardinals. Now, he's being paid among the elite running backs in football."

Holmes was in the third year of a five-year contract that paid him \$2.2 million this season.

## Roddick wins in straight sets after weather delays match Wednesday

NEW YORK — When Andy Roddick and Xavier Malisse walked out Wednesday night for their rain-delayed U.S. Open match, they wiped the soles of their shoes on a white towel placed near the entrance to the court.

It was like a welcome mat, greeting two players who actually were able to play tennis on a third straight day of showers and schedule shuffling at Flushing Meadows.

Powered by a dominating serve, the No. 4-seeded Roddick beat Malisse 6-3, 6-4, 7-6 (5) in a match that ended after midnight to reach the U.S. Open quarterfinals for the third straight year. Roddick has won 16 straight matches, the longest streak of 2003.

"I'm happy to get through. I don't have to worry about the weather tomorrow," Roddick said. "I didn't think we were going to get on the court tonight."

Roddick and Malisse started at 9:15 p.m., by which point most players had been told to head to their hotels. It was not easy to play.

"The conditions were different. The balls are a lot slower. There's fog out there, so everything goes a lot slower," Malisse said.

They played for 44 minutes before rain forced them to stop with Roddick ahead 6-3, 2-2. When they returned, they played 11 more minutes, enough time for Roddick to break to go ahead 4-3 in the second set.

### Sports on local Armed Forces Network TV

#### Saturday's schedule (AFN Sports)

- ESPNNews 0730L
- WNBA: Detroit Shock @ Connecticut Sun 0830L
- SportsCenter 1030L
- NASCAR Busch Series 1130L
- SportsCenter 1400L
- NFL Live 1500L
- MLB Arizona Diamondbacks @ San Francisco Giants 1530L
- SportsCenter 1830L
- EA Sports NFL Matchup2030L
- MLB Magazine 2100L
- MLB Boston Red Sox @ NY Yankees 2130L
- College Football: Marshall @ Tennessee 0030L

#### Sunday's schedule (AFN Sports)

- ESPNNews 0730L
- 2003 U.S. Open Tennis Championship 0830L
- SportsCenter 1030L
- 2003 U.S. Open Tennis Championship 1130L
- SportsCenter 1730L
- College Football GameDay Scoreboard 1830L
- NFL Pregame Countdown 1930L
- NFL Minnesota Vikings @ Green Bay Packers 2130L
- 2003 U.S. Open Tennis Championship 0030L

# Afghanistan Hot Topics



(Compiled by CJTF-180 Public Affairs)

## Afghan, U.S. forces seek fleeing Taliban

Story by Noor Khan

**QALAT**, Afghanistan (*The Associated Press*) – Afghan and U.S. forces scoured gorges and rugged mountain peaks in southern Zabul for suspected Taliban fleeing fighting that left scores of insurgents dead, an Afghan commander said Thursday.

While Afghan officials claimed victory, the U.S. military said the battle in Zabul's Dai Chupan district was not over.

Separately, at least 24 Pakistani military helicopters swooped in low over the tribal regions that border Afghanistan in a renewed hunt for fleeing al-Qaida and Taliban, witnesses said Thursday.

Government officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said several of the helicopters carried "foreign" forces, an apparent reference to U.S. forces.

The U.S. military earlier deployed an unknown number of special forces into Pakistan's rugged tribal regions, but their whereabouts are kept secret and they keep a low profile, largely because of the deeply conservative nature of the region.

The Dai Chupan district in Afghanistan was the site of a nine-day offensive and some of the heaviest fighting since the ouster of the ruling Taliban in late 2001.

"The operation is ongoing, we are still searching for the enemy. We are not completed in Dai Chupan," U.S. military spokesman Maj. Ralf Marino said Thursday at Bagram Air Base, north of the Afghan capital, Kabul.

The main Afghan commander in the area, Haji Saifullah Khan, said the guerrilla fighters who escaped the battlefield have scattered in small groups to save havens in neighboring provinces.

"It is not known so far whether Taliban leaders were among the dead," Khan said. "Many of the bodies were in bad shape."

Afghan troops have found the bodies of at least 124 rebels since the joint offensive by Afghan government and U.S.-led forces began early last week, Zabul Intelligence Chief Khalil Hotak said. Five Afghan government troops were killed in the fighting, he said.

Hotak's account could not be independently verified. U.S. officials have put the confirmed death toll among the insurgents at just 37, but they have not updated that figure since Monday.

Marino said Thursday that it was too early to give a death toll.

Khan said the U.S. forces laid siege to mountain caves in Larzab and Sairo Ghar mountains of Zabul province and Afghan soldiers moved in when the fighting ended.

The hostilities, triggered by a wave of Taliban attacks on Afghan officials, police and aid workers in the south and east of the country, have underscored the security problems faced by the administration of President Hamid Karzai that took power soon after the Taliban's ouster by U.S.-led forces in 2001.

While Kabul-based diplomats and Afghan officials say there is little threat to the government, the capacity of the Taliban to mass hundreds of fighters in one place has shown how precarious its control is over parts of the country.

There was no indication of who was being sought in the border area with neighboring Pakistan or whether fresh intelligence was available about fugitives in the area.

U.S. and Afghan officials repeatedly have said that fugitive al-Qaida and Taliban have taken refuge in Pakistan's tribal regions, where tribesmen have openly expressed a willingness to hide the fugitives.

Pakistan authorities also haven't dismissed the possibility that suspected terrorist mastermind Osama bin Laden might have taken refuge in the tribal regions.

**"That's cute airman, but we're not part of Star Fleet yet."**



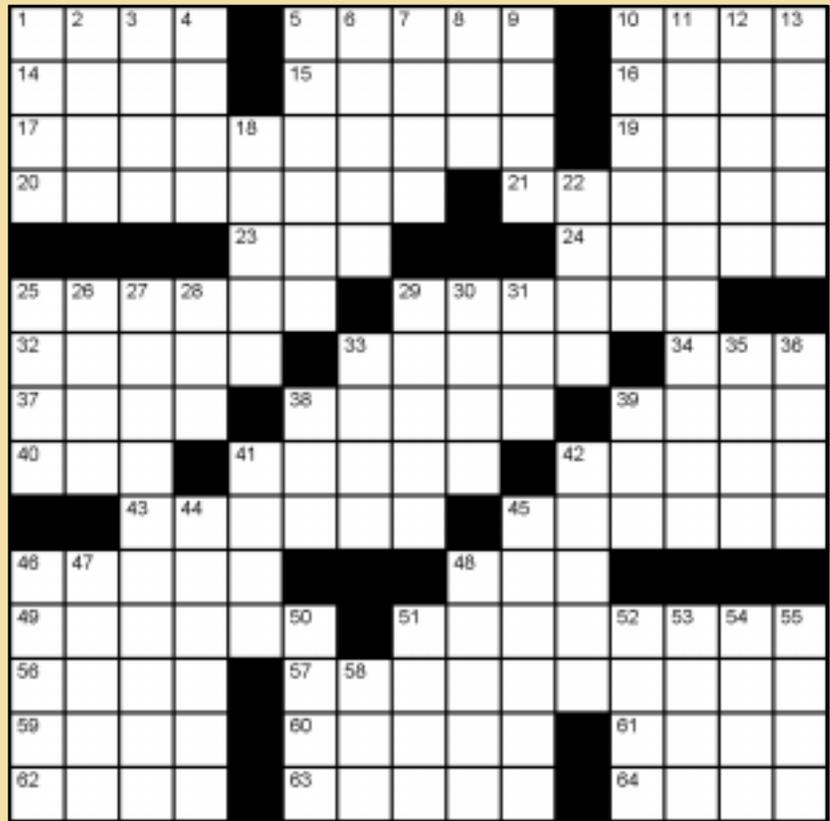
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By Kevin Kilgore

## Laugh Support

# Puzzly crossword

(Courtesy of QUIZLAND.com)



Across

- 1. Cooperstown's Aaron
- 5. Car takebacks
- 10. Herring kin
- 14. Indy's Luyendyk
- 15. Where boxers box
- 16. Ran like the dickens
- 17. Wedding dance
- 19. Steam up
- 20. Port of South Australia
- 21. Two-\_\_ (Corvette, e.g.)
- 23. "Fever" singer
- 24. "Gypsy" composer Jule
- 25. Sweater material
- 29. Volkswagen model
- 32. Worth or Bordoni
- 33. Young Montague
- 34. Bran source
- 37. Bivouac shelter
- 38. Bus rider's buy
- 39. Squeakers
- 40. Whole bunch
- 41. Assumed as fact
- 42. "Understand?"
- 43. "Old \_\_" (Disney classic)
- 45. Was in the game
- 46. Syrup source
- 48. Mexican Mrs.
- 49. Indian and Arctic
- 51. Huge woman
- 56. Litter castoff, often
- 57. Convenient
- 59. "Rule, Britannia" composer
- 60. Rudimentary seed
- 61. Printer's primary color
- 62. Produces eggs
- 63. Stun gun
- 64. Box-office total

Down

- 1. "That's a riot!"
- 2. Rangers shortstop, familiarly
- 3. "Swoosh" company
- 4. Boat's bottom
- 5. Thrusting sword
- 6. Whittle away
- 7. Toy dog, for short
- 8. Latish lunchtime
- 9. Simon \_\_
- 10. Rock layers
- 11. Pretentious
- 12. "Over the Rainbow" composer Harold
- 13. Plow maker John
- 18. Connecticut Ivy Leaguer
- 22. Old U.S. gas brand
- 25. Catcher's need
- 26. Droxie lookalike
- 27. Chicken Little's friend
- 28. Critter in a colony
- 29. Game for bluffers
- 30. "So be it"
- 31. 6-yr. term holder
- 33. Wander about
- 35. High point
- 36. Irate, with "off"
- 38. Up to, informally
- 39. \_\_ culpa
- 41. Secluded valley
- 42. Pancreas or thyroid
- 44. Tickles pink
- 45. It ends with 30-Down
- 46. Fable finale
- 47. Legend automaker
- 48. Move like a crab
- 50. Took a photo of
- 51. Bearded antelopes
- 52. Diplomat's forte
- 53. Irish New Ager
- 54. Mt. Rushmore's state
- 55. January 1 song ender
- 58. An ex of Frank

*Solutions will be posted in Saturday's Freedom Watch*