

Security a job for ‘Afghan hounds’

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BAGRAM, Afghanistan — They travel all over the world, from the United States to Egypt to Kosovo, working side by side with troops, searching trucks, buildings and people for narcotics and explosives. These Canines are the lifelines for military safety and they are here, at Bagram Air Field, protecting the coalition forces and the surrounding area from threats of terrorism.

Each day, there are working dogs at the gate and their mission is to keep explosive devices from entering base. These dogs are called on for various missions from a tremendously wide spectrum, said Sgt. Jon Lockhart, explosive dog handler and previous Kennel Master.

At one point, the dogs were searching the bags of personnel in the newly established Afghan National Army during health and welfare missions, said Lockhart.

Establishing a dedicated working dog takes hours of hard work and the selection process is a lengthy one.

Hand picked, these working dogs un-



Sgt. Lawrence Gilbert and Sgt. Jon Lockhart, Explosive dog handlers at the base kennel, work together to perform patrol training with dog, Johnny. The training is designed to encourage aggressive behavior in the dogs.

dergo several tests before being chosen to join the U.S. military. They will train with their handlers for 45 days before they are tested again to see if the work the dogs do, not only helps catch perpetrators, but also helps to detour people from committing crimes and prevents troops from using contraband, said

Lockhart. “It helps troops keep their head on the main mission.”

Even after being initiated into the trade, the handler-dog duo will have to continuously train to be on top of their game and to

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Combating stress, CSC offers relief

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BAGRAM, Afghanistan — Everyone feels it at some point. Being in a combat environment, in a foreign land with none of the creature comforts of home, missing friends and family, or just not getting enough sleep are all stressors that can become combat stress. How it’s dealt with determines whether the outcome

is constructive or harmful to you.

The combat stress command team provides counseling, one-on-one groups or classes, said Capt. John Weeden, 452nd Combat Support Hospital. Whether the patient is command referred, chaplain referred or just comes in, the combat stress clinic is open to anyone needing their services, added Weeden.

Weeden said that recently, the combat stress clinic has seen an increase in numbers because of the increase in deployments and

redeployments. “Units are changing out, soldiers are leaving, soldiers are arriving, and all of this can cause stress.”

When soldiers are in need of intervention because of combat stress, they can receive official or unofficial referrals, said Weeden. The official referral reflects the command referral or the chaplain referral. “There’s the paperwork that the unit has to fill out, and we would

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World News (Compiled from CNN.com)



Iraqis watch television in Baghdad on Thursday as the provisional authority displays photos the United States released as evidence of the deaths of Uday and Qusay Hussein.

U.S. releases photos said to show Saddam sons' bodies

BAGHDAD, Iraq — The provisional authority in Iraq has released photographs Thursday it said were of Saddam Hussein's sons Uday and Qusay, aimed at convincing skeptical Iraqis that they were killed in a raid by U.S. troops.

The pictures, said to have been taken after the brothers died in a firefight with U.S. troops Tuesday in Mosul, show grim images of the heads and upper torsos of the sons, their faces heavily bearded.

An image identified as that of Uday is seen with his head shaved and with black marks on his face and head. Qusay's purported image reveals wounds apparently received in the gunbattle and missile attack in which the two men died.

The U.S. government intentionally released the photographs on CD-ROM through the provisional authority in Baghdad because the U.S. military has traditionally been reluctant to release images of slain combatants. The Bush administration complained loudly when images of American dead were broadcast on Arab television networks during the war with Iraq.

The CD also includes X-rays said to show wounds Uday Hussein suffered in a 1996 assassination attempt. Those X-rays helped U.S. forces confirm his identity, ac-

ording to Lt. Gen. Ricardo Sanchez, the commander of U.S. ground forces in Iraq.

Navy Secretary nominee dies

WASHINGTON — New Mexico oilman Colin R. McMillan, nominated by President Bush to be Navy secretary, has died, the Pentagon said Thursday.

Bush submitted McMillan's nomination to the Senate in May to fill a post left vacant since January, when Gordon England left to become deputy secretary of the new Homeland Security Department. Hansford T. Johnson has served as acting secretary since February 7.

A Pentagon spokesman, speaking on condition of anonymity, confirmed McMillan's death but had no details of when or where he died.

McMillan, 67 at the time of his nomination in May, lived in Roswell, New Mexico. He ran Permian Exploration Corp., and was chairman of Bush's New Mexico presidential campaign in 2000.

He was nominated at a time of upheaval in the military's top ranks. Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld had just fired Army Secretary Thomas White.

McMillan served in the Marine Corps from 1957-72 and was an assistant defense secretary in the early 1990s.



Bush, speaking in Philadelphia Thursday, addressed the rationale for going to war in Iraq.

Bush voices theme on Iraq

WASHINGTON — The Bush White House made a concerted effort Thursday to rebut those questioning the case for war in Iraq, and all but ignored the criticism in a new report suggesting intelligence lapses before the September 11, 2001, terror attacks.

President Bush, speaking in Philadelphia, said the deaths of Saddam Hussein's two eldest sons was proof the former Iraqi regime would never return to power.

He also addressed the rationale for going to war in the first place.

"In Iraq, a dictator was arming to threaten the peace, and he defied the demands of the world," the president said. "He didn't just defy the demands of the United States, he defied the demands of the United Nations Security Council — not once but many times."



U.S. soldiers guard a bridge in Baghdad on Thursday.

U.S. soldiers killed in ambush

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Three U.S. soldiers were killed Thursday in northern Iraq when small-arms fire and rocket-propelled grenades ambushed their convoy, according to the U.S. military.

The soldiers from the 101st Airborne Division were traveling into Qayyarah, a town about 40 miles south of Mosul, when they were attacked about 2:30 a.m., military officials said.

Soldiers secured the ambush site and found two rocket-propelled grenades and an AK-47 assault rifle, according to U.S. Central Command.

Since President Bush declared an end to major combat in Iraq on May 1, 44 U.S. troops have died from hostile fire, including Thursday's fatalities. Another 57 have died in accidents and what the Pentagon calls "nonhostile" incidents.

ANA to introduce new Medical Program

KABUL, Afghanistan – As the Afghan National Army (ANA) continues to grow, so do the demands of sustainment and training.

With over 4,500 soldiers now serving on active duty in the ANA's Central Corps, the challenge of providing quality medical treatment, training, and facilities is becoming increasingly complex.

To meet this challenge, the U.S. Army Medical Command (MEDCOM) and Afghanistan's Armed Forces Academy of Medical Sciences are developing a medical training program for the ANA medical companies.

The first of three Mobile Training Teams (MTT) is scheduled to arrive in August to work with their ANA medical counterparts and Coalition Embedded Trainers to finalize the medical instruction for the combat medics and medical company.

The initial stages of this process began in early this summer. Nearly 40 qualified ANA soldiers will, after completing a comprehensive 10 week training program, serve as the first ANA medical company staff. This training will include instruction in areas such as trauma management, disease treatment, and field evacuation and is scheduled to begin at the Kabul Military Training Center (KMTC) in August. Additionally, the MTT will have the capability to provide advanced medical instruction for up to 60 additional medics.

One very important benefit of service in the ANA is that of government provided medical care for the soldiers serving on active duty. The ANA soldiers will soon receive quality medical treatment while in garrison from newly renovated/constructed and equipped medical facilities at the Palace, KMTC, and Pol-e-Charki military installations, with the first scheduled to open in August.

The creation of the medical training program will provide yet another, critical professional capability to the ANA and, ultimately, to the professional skill set of the soldiers that make up this growing army.

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1530Z at the MWR Building:
"Board Games and Music." An assortment of games and enjoyable music for everyone.

Tomorrow MWR will offer a R & B party. Hear the latest tunes from the hottest artist in R & B.

Local weather

TWO-DAY REGIONAL WEATHER FORECAST:

	<i>Today</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
Bagram:	<i>Mostly clear</i> H: 99F L: 66F	<i>Mostly clear</i> H: 99F L: 68F
Kandahar:	<i>Dusty</i> H: 102F L: 86F	<i>Dusty</i> H: 102F L: 86F
Kabul:	<i>Haze</i> H: 99F L: 64F	<i>Haze</i> H: 97F L: 64F
Uzbekistan:	<i>Sunny</i> H: 95F L: 58F	<i>Sunny</i> H: 97F L: 66F

Weather forecast courtesy of the Bagram Combat Weather Team

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prep for their yearly exam.

“The dogs are definitely being utilized and they work really hard,” said Staff Sgt. Michael Kwiatkowski, Kennel Master. “They’re always training or working.”

Kwiatkowski said that training is a continuous process, one that is never completed. Not only do you want to maintain your dog’s skills, but you also want to become better as a team, he said.

“These guys are always training and coming up with new ideas,” Kwiatkowski said. “Even though we have a standard to get here, everyone continues to train, because our lives are in our dogs hands.”

“Everything we put into that dog is going to help us out,” he added.

The hard work is worth it, said Lockhart who believes his unique military occupation is one of the best jobs in the military.

“I just like working day in and day out with the dogs,” he said. “It’s not something that a lot of soldiers get to see.”

The handlers work constantly with the dogs, making them aggressive and mission oriented. One type of training is called Patrol training, Lockhart said.

“What we try to do (in this training) is get the dog to be more aggressive in his bite, so when the dog actually bites, he won’t let

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have to turn in a report to that commander or first sergeant,” he said. The work we do with the soldiers is the same as an unofficial referral. “It’s the paperwork that goes with it that makes it official,” said Weeden. The therapy is the same for both.

The unofficial referral, by which the majority of the people come, means that the clinic doesn’t have to disclose what’s going on. “Some patients have escorts from their commanders or first sergeants and they are seen under the table, in a sense,” said Weeden. “That way, we can still help the soldier.” An update is given to a supervisor with the soldier’s permission. “That way, we can take care of business,” he said. “It’s unofficial, so they can open up and tell us anything, and we can address the problem. Soldiers like it that way better.”

Weeden said that soldiers come to the clinic for every reason, whether it’s using alcohol or drugs, sexual encounters, work problems or not showing respect to the military rules and regulations. He said that these acts are sometimes symptoms of combat stress. “We all experience combat stress; it’s just at various levels,” said Weeden. “When the soldier crosses a certain level and needs intervention, then we see those soldiers.”

For some, combat stress flares because of extended deployment here. The clinic sees a lot of combat stress rise when soldiers are “supposed to go home at three month or six months, and they get extended for a year,” he said. “Also, home front issues – Dear John letters, Red Cross letters – are too often common,” said Weeden.

Combat stress crosses the line when you have a sense of hopelessness, and you feel like giving up, said Weeden. “There’s (severe) depression and war anxiety where you can’t eat and can’t sleep, memory loss and fatigue. Actually vomiting versus nausea are

go.”

Raps, or bite sleeves, are used during this training to protect the handler from the dog’s tough bite. Another handler, during the training exercise, uses a tie out, or budgie cord, and as the dog bites down on the rap, the handler will pull the dog back with the tie out, strengthening his bite.

But, all the hard work and long hours eventually get to the dogs and their searching process begins to slow down, said Kwiatkowski. After an average of eight years, the dogs ‘retire’ and are adopted out to loving families where they can enjoy the rest of their lives.

Lockhart and his dog were here when the base first opened, but after nine years in the service, this tour may be his dog’s last.

“He’s probably going to retire when we get back to our home station,” said Lockhart.

Kwiatkowski is on his sixth dog right now and though it’s a sad moment when the dogs leave, Kwiatkowski said the handlers are happy for their hard working dogs when the time comes to say goodbye to their companions.

“In a way you feel good for the dog because he served his time and it’s time for him to ETS (Estimated Time of Separation),” said Kwiatkowski. “It’s good for the dogs to retire and get a break because they work really hard.”

the more severe signs. A lot of what the clinic does to relieve the stress is through stress management, anger management or addressing the problem that is causing that combat stress,” said Weeden. “We take them out of that stressful environment, give them a chance to relax, catch up on their sleep, eat, drink, get their energy back up. It kind of resets the receptors, mentally, and they’re good to go back again.”

One of the more common stressors that affect a lot of people is sleep deprivation. “You’re working and working and working, and that’ll knock you down in a couple of days if you don’t get your sleep,” said Weeden. “We’re just human beings. We need that sleep”. Another stressor is being dehydrated. “That one is common, especially in this environment,” he said. “Simple things like that you have to really watch for here.

The clinic offers many options for soldiers who come in feeling down. “We organize card nights as a stress reliever,” said Weeden.

“Nothing beats some cards, something cold to drink, something sweet to eat, where you can relax a little bit and get away from the hustle and bustle,” he said.

“We’re really flexible,” said Weeden. “If someone comes in and needs something, we try to accommodate them according to our mission and the Army regulations. In my opinion, it’s the weak people who try to deal with it on their own,” he said. “If you need something fixed, call a repairman; don’t try to fix it yourself.”

Weeden said that if you can’t make it to the clinic, then at least talk with someone. “Talking has a therapeutic quality to it,” he said. “It’s just that the clinic highlights that quality and throws in some treatments. “But, if you have a confidant, a good friend, a battle buddy, a boyfriend, a girlfriend, someone back home who you can talk to, then that’s therapy at a certain level.”



Coalition Sports Zone

(Compiled from ESPN.com)



The U.S. Postal team helped protect Lance Armstrong, left, during Thursday's stage.

Knaven wins stage; Armstrong still holds lead

BORDEAUX, France — Lance Armstrong finished 28th in the flat 17th stage of the Tour de France on Thursday, maintaining his overall lead and saving his strength for a crucial upcoming time trial.

Servais Knaven won the 112-mile stage in 3 hours, 54 minutes,

23 seconds.

Armstrong's plan on Thursday was to stay safe. He accomplished that goal and was led to the line by his U.S. Postal Service teammates.

Armstrong, trying for a record-tying fifth straight Tour win, finished in a group of riders that included Jan Ullrich, his closest rival.

By finishing with the same time as Ullrich, Armstrong preserved his 67-second lead over the 29-year-old German with just three days of racing remaining.

The flat stage from Dax to Bordeaux, the wine capital of southwestern France, offered few chances for Armstrong to extend his lead or Ullrich to make up time.

The racers were content to hang back while a group of 10 riders, including Knaven, broke away in the first kilometer.

Both Armstrong and Ullrich are fixing their attention on Saturday's individual time trial, when they will race against the clock.

Ullrich, the 1997 Tour champion, is hoping for a repeat of his crushing defeat of Armstrong in a time trial last Friday, when he trimmed 96 seconds off Armstrong's overall lead and set the stage for a close final week of racing.

Armstrong, who was battling dehydration in that time trial, has never lost the last time trial at the Tour since his first win in 1999. He said Wednesday he had no intention of doing so now.

Armstrong's mood has been more buoyant since his dramatic stage victory Monday in the Pyrenees, when he recovered from a fall and powered past Ullrich to build on his previously narrow overall lead.

Sports on local Armed Forces Network TV

Saturday's schedule (AFN Sports)

- ESPN X Games Preview 0430L
- PGA Tour Greater Hartford Open 0500L
- ESPN Around the Horn 0600L
- ESPN Pardon the Interruption 0630L
- SportsCenter 0700L
- MLB Minnesota Twins @ Cleveland Indians 0800L
- MLB Los Angeles Dodgers @ Arizona Diamondbacks 1100L
- ESPNNews 1400L
- Action Sports 1430L
- SportsCenter 1500L
- 2003 Tour de France 1600L
- Baseball Tonight 1830L
- SportsCenter 1900L
- MLB Oakland Athletics @ Anaheim Angels 2000L
- Baseball Tonight 2100L
- ESPN Pardon the Interruption 2300L
- SportsCenter 0000L
- Baseball Tonight 0100L
- MLB Chicago Cubs @ Houston Astros 0200L

Sunday's schedule (AFN Sports)

- ESPNNews 0500L
- 2003 Tour de France 0530L
- ESPNNews 0800L
- Tennis RCA Championship 0830L
- ESPNNews 1030L
- Boxing Fernando Vargas vs Fitz Vanderpool 1045L
- Baseball Tonight 1300L
- SportsCenter 1500L
- NASCAR Bush Series 1730L
- SportsCenter 2000L
- PGA Tour: Greater Hartford Open 2100L
- MLB San Diego Padres @ San Francisco Giants 1630L
- SportsCenter 0000L
- Baseball Tonight 0130L
- Motorcycle German Grand Prix 0200L
- Tennis RCA Championship 0300L



Waco auto dealer disputes father's story

FORT WORTH, Texas — As Baylor basketball officials investigate whether the university may have violated NCAA rules regarding missing center Patrick Dennehy, conflicting stories have surfaced regarding the source of the down payment for a sport utility vehicle Dennehy purchased while at Baylor.

According to the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram*, a close friend of Dennehy's reportedly said that the player told her after a spring 2002 recruiting trip to Baylor that the school might buy him a sport utility vehicle if he agreed to transfer and give up his scholarship last season.

Adriana Gallegos, who dated Dennehy after they met nearly three years ago at the University of New Mexico and has remained good friends with him, said in Thursday's paper that Dennehy returned to Albuquerque, N.M., happy and boasting that Baylor was "going to hook me up better than UNM."

"I'm going to get probably like a nice SUV," Gallegos, 22, said Dennehy told her.

"I didn't think much of it because I've heard so many stories of good athletes getting hooked up," she said. "I just assumed he was going to be pretty well taken care of."

Gallegos' account helps support Dennehy's biological father's claims in Wednesday's *Dallas Morning News* that a Baylor coach helped his son with a down payment on the vehicle. Patrick W. Dennehy, Sr. told the newspaper that his son's girlfriend, Jessica De La Rosa, told him that the younger Dennehy had received between \$1,200 and \$1,800 from a Baylor coach as part of the down payment on the vehicle — a violation of NCAA rules.

Those accounts, however, were contradicted Thursday in the *Waco Tribune*. West auto dealer Jerrel Bolton told the paper that one of Dennehy's girlfriends — not a Baylor coach — gave Dennehy the balance of a \$2,000 down payment to buy the vehicle.

"I know that story is wrong," Bolton said of Dennehy's father's account in the *Dallas Morning News*. "I have the damn proof right here on my desk to show you."



Barry Bonds doesn't need any presents, he creates his own.

Giants' win streak reaches eight

SAN FRANCISCO — Barry Bonds threw himself quite a birthday bash.

Bonds led off the bottom of the ninth inning with his 646th career homer only moments after making a spectacular, run-saving throw to give the San Francisco Giants their eighth straight win, 3-2 over the Arizona Diamondbacks on Thursday.

Playing on his 39th birthday, the star left fielder threw out Craig Counsell at the plate in the top of the ninth, sending fans at Pacific Bell Park into a frenzy.

Then, it got even more crazy. Bonds followed with his major league-leading 33rd homer, giving him a San Francisco record 470 to pass Willie McCovey (469).

The crowd of 42,666 remained standing for several minutes, chanting "Barry! Barry!" and Bonds stepped out of the dugout and waved.

It was Bonds' seventh career game-ending homer, but he didn't stick around to celebrate. He rushed off to a hospital to visit his father, Bobby, who has lung cancer.

Kobe gives wife ring after admitting adultery

ESPN — Just days after admitting to millions of people that he cheated on his wife, Kobe Bryant has reportedly spent millions on a gift for her.

The Lakers star called what he did adultery. You can call what he bought his wife, Vanessa, whatever you want: damage control or sincere apology attempt.

According to the *New York Post*, *People Magazine* will be on the newsstands Friday with a report that Kobe has purchased a \$4 million eight-carat, purple diamond ring for his wife.

"They looked very happy together," Raffi, the man who made the ring, told *People* after the couple picked it up Monday at an exclusive jewelry boutique in Santa Monica, Calif. Raffi also made the couple's wedding rings two years ago, according to *People*. The new bauble was specially commissioned two weeks ago.

Bryant was charged Friday with a single count of felony sexual assault against a 19-year-old woman at an exclusive spa where he was staying when he came to Colorado for knee surgery. If convicted, he faces four years to life in prison or 20 years to life on probation, and a fine of up to \$750,000.

At Friday's news conference, Kobe defended himself against the assault charge, but admitted to committing adultery with the accuser. Vanessa Bryant was at her husband's side during the news conference and released a statement.

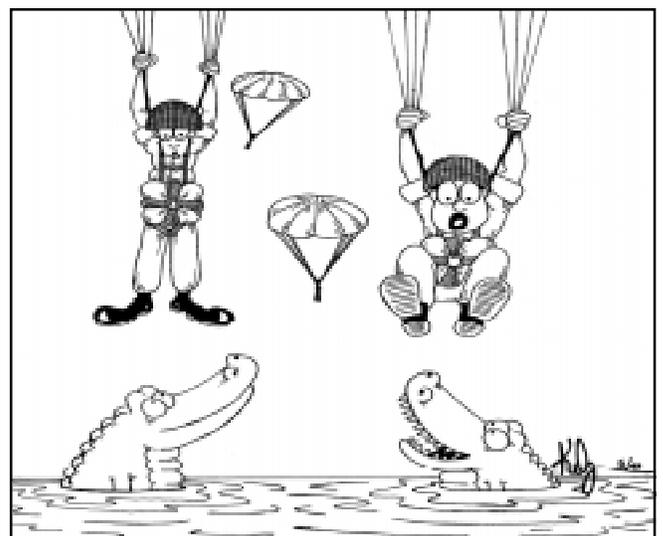
"He is a loving and kind husband and father," she said in the statement. "I believe in his innocence. Because I know him to be innocent, I will stand by him and we will face this together."

U.S. loses to penalty kick

MIAMI — The United States was three or four minutes from beating Brazil for only the second time.

But then the Brazilians eliminated the defending champions from the CONCACAF Gold Cup, tying the game in the 89th minute and beating the Americans 2-1 Wednesday night on Diego's penalty kick in the 10th minute of overtime.

"Mmm, airborne hors d'oeuvres, my favorite."



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By Kevin Kilgore

Laugh Support

Silent crossword

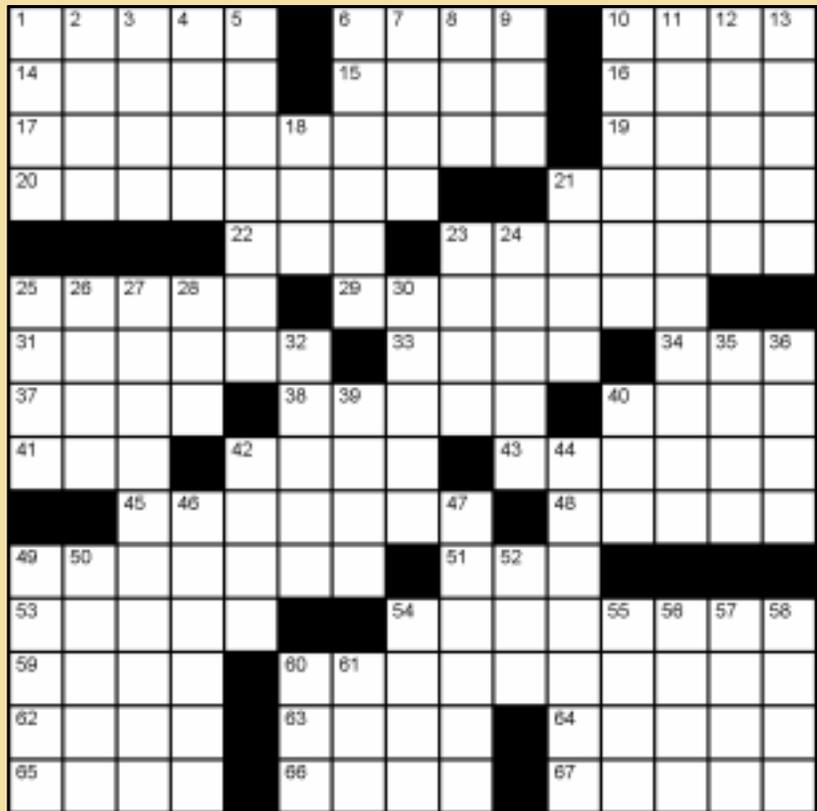
(Courtesy of QUIZLAND.com)

Across

- 1. Sexologist Hite
- 6. Long stride
- 10. Knocks for a loop
- 14. Ireland's De Valera
- 15. GI truant
- 16. Long, hard trip
- 17. Squeeze the moisture out of musical instrument?
- 19. Actress Garr
- 20. Having stripes
- 21. Musical Count
- 22. Some toothpaste
- 23. Looked forward to
- 25. Use a divining rod
- 29. Grassy plain
- 31. Use sandpaper on
- 33. Canal feature
- 34. Scott Joplin piece
- 37. Perfume holder
- 38. Manhattan or Rob Roy
- 40. Brazilian soccer star
- 41. "You bet!"
- 42. Not "fer"
- 43. Get hold of
- 45. Places for Band-Aids
- 48. Dreadlocked one, for short
- 49. Some goats or cats
- 51. China's Zhou En-__
- 53. "Carmen" or "Aida"
- 54. Climbing vine
- 59. Stadium level
- 60. Part of the first airplane?
- 62. Division word
- 63. Inauguration Day highlight
- 64. Potted plant's place
- 65. Suffix with song or slug
- 66. Greeley's direction
- 67. Snaky shapes

Down

- 1. Uses a Singer
- 2. "Blue Moon" lyricist Lorenz



- 3. Abu Dhabi dignitary
- 4. Rice-A-__
- 5. About to be married
- 6. Mailing stickers
- 7. Had creditors
- 8. D.C. insider
- 9. Right-angle bend
- 10. Accomplish
- 11. Places for forcible takeovers?
- 12. Frightfully strange
- 13. Schussed, e.g.
- 18. Packed it away
- 21. Place with a drive-thru window, perhaps
- 23. Stratford's on it
- 24. Eccentric
- 25. __ Jones's locker
- 26. Village Voice bestowal
- 27. Aluminum foil, freezer paper, etc.?
- 28. Erie Canal mule
- 30. Roomy dress
- 32. Ventriloquist Bergen
- 35. Touched down
- 36. Actress Rowlands
- 39. Saws with the grain
- 40. After-hours school gp.
- 42. Diva's delivery
- 44. Easy to snap
- 46. Dangler on a stick
- 47. Slender in build
- 49. Recurring theme
- 50. Speak one's mind
- 52. Blonde shade
- 54. Mental faculties
- 55. Rams' mates
- 56. Unburdens
- 57. "Picnic" playwright
- 58. Gets ripe
- 60. "Holy smokes!"
- 61. __ Dawn Chong

Solutions will be posted in Saturday's Freedom Watch