

Senior Marines stop briefly at Bagram

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BAGRAM, Afghanistan — The 33rd Commandant of the Marine Corps, Gen. Michael Hagee, and the 14th Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps, Sgt. Maj. Alford McMichael visited Bagram Thursday as part of a whirlwind tour to visit deployed Marines around the world.

“The people at home feel safe because of you,” said Hagee to the Marines at camp Teufel-Hunden. “This is not just a deployment. This is an expeditionary mission, and we are an expeditionary force. That means we do it and we do it right.”

Hagee and McMichael visited with the Marines after brief operational updates from Lt. Gen Dan McNeil, Combined Joint

Task Force-180 commanding general and Command Sgt. Maj, Steven England, CJTF-180 sergeant major.

Both leaders motivation and inspiration to the Marines was evident from the volume of their warcries when they were speaking.

“He is really keeping us going,” said Sgt. Angel Escobar, VMA 513 Marine Wing Support

Squadron-373, Miramar Air Station, Yuma, Ariz.

“It’s great to see leaders who want to talk to us and shake our hands. Most don’t care enough.”

During their speeches, both leaders addressed the future missions of the Marine Corps in today’s world of possible wars.

“It’s not going to be easy,”

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New Red Cross team ready to serve

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BAGRAM, Afghanistan – The new Red Cross team has arrived and they are ready to do their job. Whether it’s alerting a servicemember about a crisis at home, or giving away free stuff, they love to help troops and are happy to be here.

The team of two arrived in late January, and will be here for the next three months. They said helping servicemembers gives them a sense of satisfaction and they love doing it.

“I have been with the Red Cross for a total of seven years,” said Ronald O’Brien, assistant Red Cross station manager. “The first two years I was a volunteer and I have been on the payroll for five.”

After years of military service, O’Brien said helping soldiers gave him a sense of accomplishment. Also, all of the moving around wasn’t new to him.

“I was in the Marine Corps for 14 years and in the Army for another 12. I retired from Fort Campbell, Ky., in 1981,” said O’Brien. “In 1995, life was boring so I decided to join the Red Cross and help the troops.”

“This is my third deployment with the Red Cross,” said O’Brien. “I’ve been to Kosovo where I visited with different units, and Egypt where it never rained and the flies were horrendous. I went to Cairo and saw the pyramids though, so that was

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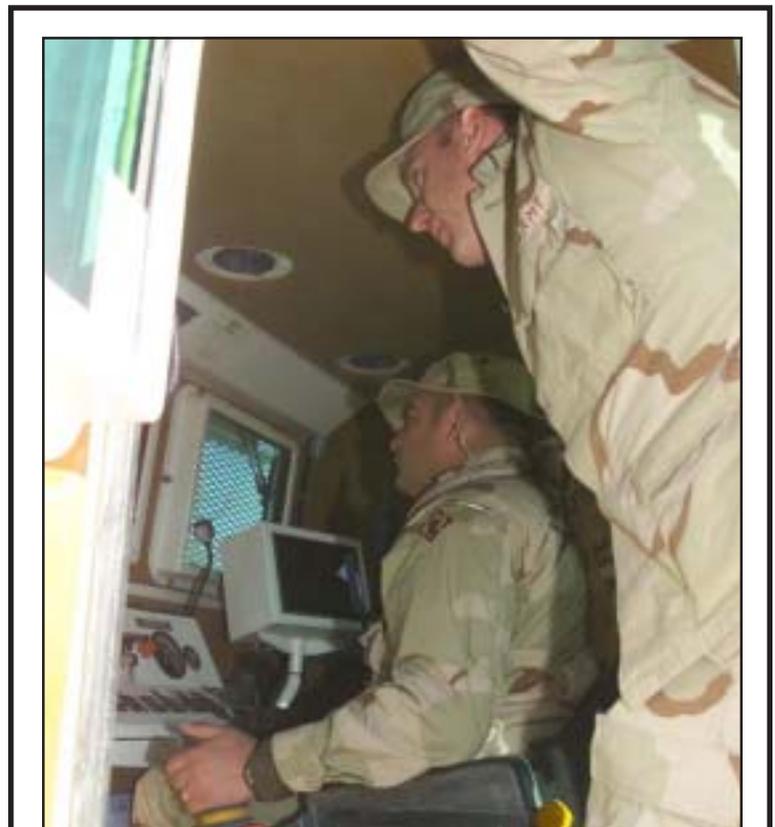
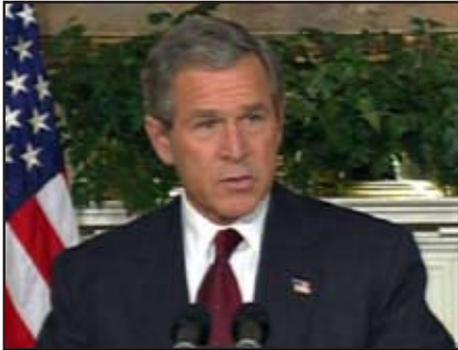


Photo by Pfc. Debralee P. Crankshaw

Mine clearing...

Cpl. Bryan Allen, Hydrema operator, 769th Engineer Battalion instructs Staff Sgt. Michael Arroyo, squad leader, light equipment platoon, Company C, 27th Engineer Battalion, Fort Bragg, N.C., how to operate the Hydrema, a vehicle that sets off mines with flailing chains. The 27th is completing their in-country mine clearing/awareness training. They began Saturday and will finish today by visiting a known minefield.

World News (Compiled from CNN.com)



President Bush accused Saddam Hussein Thursday of authorizing field commanders to use chemical weapons.

Bush to U.N.: We will not wait

WASHINGTON — Alleging that Saddam Hussein has authorized the use of chemical weapons in the event of a war, President Bush Thursday challenged the United Nations to back its words with actions in the face what he labelled Iraqi defiance and mockery of the U.N. resolution calling for it to disarm.

“We have sources that tell us that Saddam Hussein recently authorized Iraqi field commanders to use chemical weapons, the very weapons the dictator tells the world he does not have,” Bush said.

“We will not wait to see what terrorists or terrorist states could do with chemical, biological, radiological or nuclear weapons,” Bush said.

The day after Secretary of State Colin Powell’s presentation to the U.N. Security Council cataloguing what the U.S. calls a sustained attempt by Iraq to evade and deceive U.N. weapons inspectors, Bush repeated many of the charges Powell made linking Iraq to terrorist groups and possessing weapons of mass destruction.

“The Iraqi regime’s violations of Security Council resolutions are evident and they continue to this hour. The regime has never accounted for a vast arsenal of deadly, biological and chemical weapons.....to the contrary, the regime is pursuing an elaborate campaign to conceal it’s weapons materials and to hide or intimidate key experts and scientists, all in direct defiance of Security Council 1441,” Bush said in a televised statement from the White House.

European terror suspects got al-Qaida training, sources say

PARIS — Two senior al-Qaida figures helped train the people now suspected of planning chemical and biological attacks in France and the United Kingdom, European intelligence and judicial sources tell CNN.

One of those figures is Abu Musab al Zarqawi, the man singled out by President Bush as a link between the terrorist group and Iraq.

The other is Abu Khabab whose voice has been identified by intelligence sources as the man on a videotape showing al-Qaida operatives performing chemical weapons experiments on dogs.

The information comes after a recent wave of arrests in France, the United Kingdom, Italy and Spain that investigators say helped uncover several cells of Islamic terrorists who had the material to make chemical and biological weapons. And, investigators say, the terrorists were apparently ready to use them.

Among the common links between some of the men who were arrested: They trained at a camp in the Caucasus region, particularly the Pankisi Gorge of Georgia and in nearby Chechnya, according to investigators.

Officials are concerned the area has become a new base of operations for terrorist groups.

“They are coming from the same region, most of them are Algerian, trained [in] the same place, in some camps in Afghanistan, and at the same time in Georgia in the Pankisi Gorge. They have the same trainers,” said Gilles Leclair, who coordinates anti-terrorism efforts for the French Interior Ministry.

Key launch pics not in focus

CNN — Launch photos that could have shed light on what brought about the loss of the space shuttle Columbia and its crew will not help the investigation because they are too blurry, according to NASA.

“It’s a disappointment that the camera with the very best [launch] view turned out to be out of focus,” shuttle flight manager Ron Dittmore said Thursday. “We’ve tried to look at alternate camera views, but we know we’re not going to get the best view that we could have.”

The shuttle, with seven astronauts onboard, broke up over Texas during a re-entry attempt on Saturday, shortly after experiencing high heat and air resistance on its left side and wing.

Black History Month

February is Black History Month. In light of all the accomplishments made by African-Americans, every day this month the *Freedom Watch* will highlight an individual.

Emmett W. Chappelle, *biochemist*

Born: 10/25/25 **Birthplace:** Phoenix, Ariz.

Emmett W. Chappelle earned a bachelor’s degree from the University of California in 1950, and from 1950 to 1953 he served as an instructor of biochemistry at Meharry Medical College in Nashville, Tennessee. Chappelle earned a master’s degree from the University of Washington in 1954. From 1955 to 1958, he was a research associate at Stanford University, and from 1958 to 1963 he became scientist and biochemist for the Research Institute of Advanced Studies at Stanford University. Between 1963 and 1966, Chappelle served as a biochemist for Hazelton Laboratories, then as an exobiologist and astrochemist. He went to work as a biochemist for the division of Research Center for Space Exploration before joining the National Aeronautics and Space Administration as a remote sensing scientist in 1977. Among Chappelle’s discoveries is a method (developed with Grace Picciolo) of instantly detecting bacteria in water, which led to improved diagnoses of urinary tract infections.

Rumsfeld to visit Italy, Germany

By Jim Garamone
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WASHINGTON — Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld will leave today for Europe to consult with allies and meet American troops, DoD officials announced Thursday.

The secretary will stop in Rome and Aviano Air Base, Italy, and Munich, Germany. He's scheduled to return Sunday.

"Italy has been a key ally in the global war on terrorism and has also been a strong supporter of U.S. efforts more broadly — including ... taking a leadership role in the recent letter in support of the U.S. position on Iraq," a senior defense official said on background. "The Italian government understands the need to keep up the pressure on Iraq in the context of where we are today."

The secretary will meet with Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi and Defense Minister Antonio Martino. "In addition to Iraq, they will focus on Italian contributions to the global war on terrorism," the official said. Italy is scheduled to deploy a 1,000-man brigade to Afghanistan in March.

After Rome, the secretary will travel to Aviano to hold a town hall meeting. He will speak to service members, family members and Italian allies.

The last stop is Munich, where Rumsfeld will be the lead speaker at Europe's premier security conference, the Munich Conference on Security Policy, also called the Wehrkunde Conference. He is to speak on the role of NATO in the security environment, and also weapons of mass destruction and the problem of Iraq.

The Wehrkunde Conference attracts wide ranges of senior officials from Europe, North America, the Indian sub-continent and Asia. Rumsfeld will use the conference to meet with Russian Defense Minister Sergei Ivanov and with German Defense Minister Peter Struck. Other bilateral meetings are possible.

Bagram Air Base MWR presents

1530Z at the MWR Building: "Austin Powers in Goldmember." Dr. Evil and Mini-Me have somehow escaped from a maximum security prison and the duo team up with Goldmember. Their particular scheme requires a large amount of time-travel, and kidnapping Austin Powers' father, England's master spy, Nigel Powers.



Tomorrow's movie will be "Vertical Limit."

Local weather

TWO-DAY REGIONAL WEATHER REPORT:

	<i>Today</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
Bagram:	<i>Dust</i> H: 46F L: 26F	<i>Mostly sunny</i> H: 54F L: 23F
Kandahar:	<i>Sunny</i> H: 68F L: 41F	<i>Mostly sunny</i> H: 61F L: 37F
Kabul:	<i>Haze</i> H: 46F L: 21F	<i>Fog</i> H: 50F L: 19F
Uzbekistan:	<i>Mostly cloudy</i> H: 45F L: 35F	<i>Partly cloudy</i> H: 49F L: 29F

Weather forecast courtesy of the Bagram Combat Weather Team

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Above: Gen. Michael Hagee, commandant of the Marine Corps talks to Marines during his visit to Bagram Thursday.

Left: Hagee and Sgt. Maj. Alford McMichael, sergeant major of the Marine Corps meet with Lt. Col. James Dixon, commanding officer VMA 513, Miramar Air Station, Yuma, Ariz. and Sgt. Maj. Daniel Jackson, squadron sergeant major, Miramar Air Station, Yuma, Ariz.

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said McMichael. "We are going to be busy, but as Marines I know we can handle it."

Not going into too much detail about the future, Hagee and McMichael instilled their confidence in the Marines here as well as those who are at home and those who are elsewhere.

After meeting with the group, they wandered the "clamshell" addressing individual Marines and posing for the occasional photo.

Due to the inclement weather, the visit was shortened, but Hagee had nothing but good things to say.

"All in all, these Marines look great," Hagee said. "They are doing great things for the U.S. here and they are representing the Marine Corps well."



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a good experience."

Cecilia Baize, team leader, has also had her share of military experience and seeing the world. As a result, she has made a career out of helping servicemembers.

"I have been with the Red Cross for 16 years and have traveled all over," said Baize. "What I like best about going to all these different places is how many people I run into that I know from different posts and even from my hometown."

Traveling has also been a way of life for Baize.

"When my husband was in the military, I worked for the Red Cross in the Philippines, Bosnia, about five different bases state-side and now in Okinawa, Japan," said Baize. "I really don't like to travel a lot, but I love interacting with soldiers. Field deployments such as these give me a chance to really do my job instead of just supervising like I do back at home station."

Even though Baize spent the majority of her career as a Red Cross worker, she reserved some time to accomplish her own goals.

"In 1990, I took some time off to get my degree in sociology and criminal justice," said Baize. "I went right back to Red Cross work in 1995 on the Mobile Staff and have been there ever since."

During the next three months, O'Brien and Baize hope to help the troops as much as they can with their family issues and with morale.



Photo by Pfc. Christina Carde

Cecilia Baize, team leader for the Bagram Red Cross Center, has a casual conversation with Maj. Kent Weir, Coalition-Joint Civil Military Operations Task Force. Baize has been with the Red Cross for 16 years and says she loves interacting with soldiers.

Baize said soldiers can come by anytime even if there is no reason.

"We've been told we have the best coffee in the camp," said Baize. "If nothing else, the soldiers owe it to themselves to grab a cup."

Baize had a few final words from the new team to the troops.

"Troops, the goodies are rolling back in so stop by, say hi, and have some coffee and a cookie on us."



Coalition Sports Zone

(Compiled from ESPN.com)

Woods returns to links

ESPN — It's time for Tiger Woods to get back to work.



Woods says his surgically repaired knee is ready for the PGA Tour.

Woods, who spent the last two months recovering from knee surgery, will end the longest layoff of his career next week when he returns to the PGA Tour in San Diego.

"Things are progressing nicely, and I will officially enter the Buick Invitational on Thursday," Woods said on his Website.

In a conference call last week, Woods reported no pain in his left knee. He played 18 holes for the first time Tuesday with his father and shot 66.

"The real test comes next week at Torrey Pines," he said.

"That's when I will find out how the knee holds up in competition and what, if any, effect walking the course has on it," he added.

The Buick Invitational is a good spot for him to return.

Along with having an endorsement deal

with Buick, Woods won the tournament in 1999 and has never finished worse than fifth.

Ashe's activism helped mold the future

ESPN — When a statue of native son Arthur Ashe was proposed in Richmond, Va., there was a blaze of controversy — as there was so often in his life.

The city's Monument Avenue already was populated by memorials to the heroes of the Confederacy, including Robert E. Lee, J.E.B. Stuart and Stonewall Jackson. A number of good old citizens objected to the idea of placing an African-American tennis player — who died of AIDS-related pneumonia — in that setting.

In the end, a striking 12-foot bronze statue, set on a 44-ton granite base, was unveiled July 10, 1996, the day Ashe would have turned 53.

The statue depicts Ashe in tennis warm-ups and sneakers, holding



Ashe used his fame to help fight racism and injustice.

books in one hand and tennis rackets in the other. Four children gaze up at him and there is this inscription from the Bible: "Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us."

Sports on local Armed Forces Network TV

Saturday's schedule (AFN

Sports)

- ❖ 2003 Davis Cup (tape delayed) 0000Z
- ❖ ESPNWS (live) 0400Z
- ❖ NFL Magazine (live) 0500Z
- ❖ SportsCenter (live) 0600Z
- ❖ Friday Night Fights, Emanuel Augustus vs. Omar Weis (tape delayed) 0800Z
- ❖ Around the Horn (tape delayed) 1230Z
- ❖ SportsCenter (tape delayed) 1300Z
- ❖ NHL Phoenix Coyotes @ Anaheim Mighty Ducks (tape delayed) 1400Z
- ❖ Action Sports (tape delayed) 1500Z
- ❖ USA Soccer: Argentina @ USA (live) 1700Z
- ❖ COLL BB: Wisconsin @ Northwestern (live) 1900Z

Sunday's schedule (AFN

Sports)

- ❖ NASCAR Winston Cup Series: Budweiser Shootout (live) 0100Z
- ❖ COLL BB: Kentucky @ Ole Miss (tape delayed) 0300Z
- ❖ Inside the NBA: TNT Salutes Michael Jordan (tape delayed) 0600Z
- ❖ AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am: Third Round (tape delayed) 0800Z
- ❖ SportsCenter (tape delayed) 1100Z
- ❖ COLL BB: Texas @ Texas A&M (tape delayed) 1200Z
- ❖ NBA 2Night (tape delayed) 1530Z
- ❖ SportsCenter (live) 1600Z
- ❖ PBA Days Inn Open (live) 1830Z
- ❖ 2003 Davis Cup: USA vs. Croatia (live) 1900Z

"I'd like a mocha with cinnamon sprinkles."



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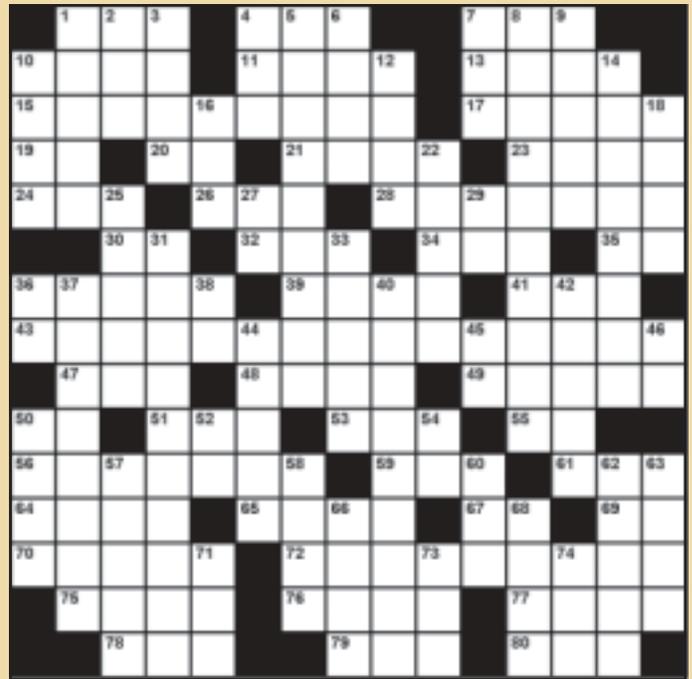
Laugh Support

Muhammad Ali crossword

(Courtesy of infoplease.com)

Across

1. * “___ the Greatest!” - Muhammad Ali
 4. * Sports org.
 7. High mountain
 10. Stake in poker
 11. Traditional knowledge (bkwds.)
 13. Certain sound units
 15. * Ali’s strategy in the ring
 17. * Trainer (Angelo Dundee to Muhammad Ali)
 19. * .tats gnixoB
 20. * State (for short) where Cassius Marcellus Clay Jr. (Muhammad Ali) was born on January 17th, 1942
 21. * Q. “What is the first name of Mr. Norton, the fighter Muhammad had three bouts with?” A. “It’s ___ think.”
 23. ”noma” eht tuohtiw ,tsaot nisiaR no ymmuY s’tI
 24. Twitch
 26. Barn animal
 28. * The match at #67A was originally scheduled ___ ___ 25th, ’74 bout, but was moved to Oct. 30 because of an injury sustained by George Foreman in the ring during training (See #80A for a Related Clue)
 30. Acronym of the first part of the Bible
 32. Sketch comedy show on TV
 34. * One of Ali’s nicknames: The Louisville ___
 35. * After his announcement that he had joined #22D, Muhammad Ali said this: “I know where I’m going and I know the truth and I don’t have to be what you want ___ to be. I’m free to be what I want.”
 36. * A94# ta eivom eht rof noitaripsni eht eb ot dias si 5791 ni ilA htiw tuob a ni sdnur 51 lla tnew ohw rexob sihT :renpeW .rM
 39. * Actress (who is married to #27D in real life) who portrays Muhammad’s first wife Sonji in the biographical movie “Ali” (2001)
 41. House climber
 43. * Ali’s legendary bout against Smokin’ Joe Frazier, with The
 47. Dreadful! _ _ _ -o-c-i-o-u-s!
 48. ffo deppohc “sy” eht htiw ,reveroF
 49. * 6791 fo eivom gnixoB
 50. Stumbling Sound in a Speech
 51. * Mo. in which Ali entered the ring for his last professional fight (In 1981 — against Trevor Berbick)
 53. Interjections of satisfaction
 55. One of the continents, briefly
 56. * Before becoming a professional boxer, Larry Holmes was a boxer Muhammad Ali ___ with when training
 59. Little kid
 61. * Locale of Kinshasa, Zaire (abbr. & bkws. —See #67A)
 64. Study of Chinese civilization, culture and language, without the “logy”
 65. Obi, for one
 67. * “When ___ Were Kings” (1996)
 69. F-f-frigid w-w-without t-t-the “Co”
 70. * “?yadot elycy ___ ot tnaw uoy oD” :gniniart gnirud rexoB a ot diaS
 72. * Actor (bkws.) who plays Howard Cosell in “Ali” (2001)
 75. * Ms. Gaye [Actress (and daughter of the late, great Marvin Gaye) who plays Muhammad’s second wife Belinda in “Ali” (2001)]
 76. Kind of chieftain
 77. trebliG .sM
 78. Certain measurements, for short
 79. Metal-bearing mineral
 80. * Boxer’s eye injury
- ## Down
1. * Japanese professional wrestler who Ali was matched up against in a show event, in 1976: Antonio ___
 2. (8791) “___ yellaV repraH”
 3. Humble in manner
 4. * In 1986, Muhammad ___ his current wife Lonnie
 5. * A bout with the boxer at #21A in 1973 left Ali with a what?
 6. Deal
 7. * TV network where Howard Cosell worked
 8. * In a split decision, Ali lost his title to ___ on February 15th, 1978 in



- Las Vegas, but regained it from him just a few months later in New Orleans in a unanimous decision
9. * In 1960, Muhammad was reluctant to travel to Rome in a what?
10. delpirt nehW ,eivom raW
12. Ms. Horne
14. * noisivid thgiewyvaeH thgiL eht ni ladeM dloG eht now (yalC suissaC sa nwonk neht) ilA ,0691 fo ___ emoR eht tA
16. Sailor’s reply
18. tnirpmi ylraeLc
22. * After his victory at #58D, the new World Heavyweight title holder announced that he had joined the Nation of ___
25. * In 1971, the United States Supreme ___ reversed Muhammad Ali’s conviction on violating the Selective Service Act.
27. * He (Initials) portrays The Champ in “Ali” (2001)
29. Type of sloth
31. * In his Amateur career, Ali earned his spot on the United States team by winning his qualifying bout with a technical knockout in the ___
33. * Muhammad’s daughter who has followed in her father’s footsteps to become a great boxer
36. Ms. Oslin the Country Singer
37. * In his professional career, Muhammad Ali was the World Heavyweight ___ three separate times
38. Atomic #17
40. * A boxing blow can be made with one ...but it’s backwards?
42. Man of the Cloth
44. * Parts on Boxing shoes
45. * “!reizarF eoJ yortsed annog m’I tuB / ___ ezama dna kcohs thgim sihT” :1791 ,ht8 hcrAm fo tuob sih erofeb ilA yb meop a morf traP
46. nuS eht fo doG
50. Beatles song: “Back in the ___”
52. TV drama
54. Word before “Be It!”
57. Bug
58. * February 25th, 1964: Historic ___ in sports when Cassius Clay won the World Heavyweight title in a bout against rival, Sonny Liston
60. * During a bout in the ring, there is one Referee and ___ Boxers
62. * “___ like a Butterfly, Sting like a Bee”
63. Noun modifiers (abbr.)
66. Sort of Shmuck
68. Bat’s dwelling ...but it’s backwards?
71. Varlet, minus the “cal”
73. Wrath
74. Vase ...but it’s flipped around?

* Questions dealing with Mohammad Ali’s career or life.

Solutions will be posted in Saturday’s Freedom Watch