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Getting a grip on security

Staff Sgt. Bronco Suzuki

Pfc. Aaron DeWitt, Company C, 2nd Battalion, 69th Armor Regiment, 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, searches an Iraqi man during a patrol in the Rusafa area of Baghdad June 18.

North Babil Emergency Response Unit graduates

4TH BCT (ABN.), 25TH INF. DIV.

AL HILLA, Iraq – Eight hundred Iraqi policemen graduated from basic training today.

These 800 policemen were selected to attend the emergency response unit training and will add to the quality and adaptability of the north Babil police force. An ERU is a special Iraqi Police unit, working directly for the commander of the Babil province police, which is able to respond to any situation at a moment's notice in the northern

Babil province area.

The graduates will attend a six-week training course which will cover a variety of skills including weapons training and emergency medical care. The units will be located in Haswah, Bahbahhani, Eskan, Iskandariyah, and Musayyib.

Covering a range of special skills from weapons training, to providing emergency medical care, the ERU will become a much needed and flexible force in North Babil capable of reacting to any situation that may arise.

Tent-living: seven steps toward serenity

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I don't know about you, but when I first found out, after arriving here in Iraq, that I would be living in a tent with a couple dozen other people for an indeterminate amount of time, I thought, "This is going to be fun! Maybe even as much fun as spending 15 months trapped at the bottom of a well!"

But then I sat back, took a deep breath, coughed up a mouthful of dust (as one does here, unless one's lungs are made of steel) and reconsidered.

Living in a tent doesn't have to be a horrifying experience, I mused. All you need is the right attitude and some very simple guidelines.

Naturally, I took it upon myself to develop those guidelines, and it is in the best interest of all my fellow tent-dwellers that I now impart them.

- The first thing to take under consideration upon moving into a tent is exactly how much space you have to work with. If you are living with more than 15 other individuals, you are going to have to be prepared for the myth of Personal Space to quickly dissolve. The sooner you come to grips with the fact that you will be able to feel the breath of the persons on your right and left as they sleep, the easier it will be to suppress any urges to hold their noses shut when they snore.

- If you are fortunate enough to have six square feet or more to your name, count yourself blessed. It would behoove you, however, to make sure that your relative roominess was not caused by pushing your neighbors on either side closer together.

Ignoring this understood principle of cohabitation could inspire them to rise up against you in your absence, causing you to return from work and find that your bed and wall locker have been bonded together as a single entity. Nobody wants Siamese-twin furniture, so please think about that before carving out the Mississippi River Basin in your area.

- For the love of all that is holy, be mindful of the fact that not everybody works the same shift as you do. As I have worked both day and night shifts, I can feel everybody's pain here. The Soldiers on day shift want to revel in their normality, flooding the tent with light and vocal expressions of joy, for they get to rise with the sun and wander about soaking in its rays. The night shift workers, many of whom have not seen natural light in weeks, wish that their diurnal counterparts would become better acquainted with the concept of Indoor Voices. The solution to this is that everyone uses their own individual light source (except during specified hours when the tent lights are on) and remembers that no matter how entertaining your top-decibel conversations may be, the person sleeping five feet away is more interested in beating you with a bat than listening in.

- And then there is the alarm clock issue. It seems as though every single person in my tent wakes up at a different time, regardless of working similar hours, and we all have our own alarms. Although not everyone needs the same alarm intensity to wake up (my clock, for instance, is a brand called "Sonic Bomb" and comes with an optional bed-shaking attachment, while others can wake up to, say, the sound of

a babbling brook) or the same alarm duration ("beep ... beep beep beep beep BEEP BEEP BEEP BEEPBEEPBEEP BEEPBEEPBEEP" etc.), the combination of Loud and Long is fully capable of driving a perfectly sane, sleeping person into a state of unconscious madness. The best way to handle this is to be mindful of your snooze button (which can usually be found, even in the thickest haze of early-morning delirium, by flailing your hand around in the general direction of the beeping) and use it with the quickness. It's a skill that I myself am still mastering, and I believe it is definitely worth the effort, because I'm not really into having obscenities shouted at me within my first few waking moments.

- Do you smell bad? Do any of your possessions smell bad? Just something to think about.

- Let's say, for example, that your spouse is here with you. You want some privacy when he or she comes to visit you in your tent, so you put up curtains. That's all well and good, but the popular misconception seems to be that people who can't see you are also unable to hear you. Notice how I called this a "misconception"? That's because you are wrong.

This also goes for cell phone conversations. If you must talk to that person at that volume at that exact moment, step outside, because you are amusing no one.

- If you're like me, you may enjoy relaxing in your bed with some of your favorite movies or music. The key word here is "your." Chances are that most of your tentmates would rather not be unwilling

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IA, IPs, Allons Battalion provide medical aid to Iraqis

2ND BCT, 10TH MTN. DIV. (LI) PAO

MAHMUDIYAH, Iraq — Iraqi and Coalition Forces, with security assistance from the Iraqi police, conducted a combined medical engagement treating 423 residents in a small subvillage near Mahmudiyah, Iraq, June 28.

The residents of Hayy al Jazair sought medical treatment for a variety of ailments, including dysentery, fevers, and burns.

The majority of the medical treatment was provided by doctors and medics from the 4th Brigade, 6th Iraqi Army Division, while medical personnel from Battery A, 2nd Battalion, 15th Field Artillery Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division assisted when needed.

The clinic was held in a school building which sheltered the attendees from the 115 degree heat.

The major concern of the medical personnel was the quality of water in the area. Many residents claimed that the only reliable water source was the irrigation canals. Officials from the Iraqi and Coalition units are working with local officials to rectify the water problems.



Staff Sgt. Dennis Henry

An Iraqi army doctor disperses medicine to a mother during a combined medical engagement in Hayy al Jazair near Mahmudiyah, Iraq, June 28. The event was conducted by the Iraqi army with assistance from medics of the 2-15th FA Regt., 2nd BCT, 10th Mtn. Div. (LI). The Iraqi Police secured the area while the operation was conducted.

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participants in your viewing of “Final Destination 17: We’re Not All Dead Yet,” just as you would rather not jam along with me to Bob Dylan moaning about how the times, they are a-changin’. In other words, headphones are everybody’s friend.

These tips don’t just apply to tent people, of course. Any shelter that houses more than two people is a suitable place to put them into practice, thus effectively avoiding undue stress and impromptu acts of violence.

Please keep in mind that I’m not trying to say I’m perfect

— by no means do I consider myself the ideal tent person — but merely that I’ve thought this situation through and decided that I’d rather be part of the solution than the victim of a frenzied mob.

Combining the common goal of peaceful “home” life and the common mental capacity of, at the very least, a Speak ‘N’ Spell, I feel sure that we can all live together in semi-perfect harmony. If my suggestions don’t work, feel free to come find me and complain. I’ll probably be in my tent, polishing my bat.

Safety Thought of the Day

Hydration Systems

- Sweep the carrier with a cloth or soft brush to remove any caked-on dirt, or scrape off dirt with a dull tool. Hand-wash in cold water with mild laundry detergent only. Rinse with clean water.
- To clean the bladder, fill it with warm water and biodegradable dishwashing liquid, NSN 7930-01-418-1128. Scrub the bladder, the drinking tube, and the bite valve.
- To freshen the bladder, add two teaspoons of baking soda to a full bladder of water. Let it soak overnight, then rinse with clean water.
- Disinfect the bladder occasionally, especially if the water starts tasting funny or if you haven’t used your system in a while. Fill the bladder with water and add 2 teaspoons

of household bleach. Let it soak overnight, then rinse with clean water.

- Hang it up to dry with the cap propped open. Make sure all parts are dry before storing them in a cool, dark place.
- Sports drinks and other beverages containing sugar speed up the growth of mold and bacteria in the bladder. Beverage residue may also dry and leave electrolytes in the bladder.



HEADLINE HIGHLIGHTS

Court acquits teacher in 'retard' case

REUTERS

PALERMO, Italy — A teacher who forced a pupil to write "I am a retard" 100 times was acquitted by an Italian court on Wednesday of abuse charges.

The teacher, whose identity was withheld to protect her privacy, forced the punishment on the 12-year-old boy after he blocked a fellow pupil from going to the toilet and called him "gay" and "girly."

The parents had sought 25,000 euros (\$33,580) in damages and a public prosecutor had called for a two-month prison sentence, but the court cleared the teacher, a court source said.

The teacher said her punishment of the boy had been appropriate, particularly after a widely publicized case of an adolescent who committed suicide in Italy, apparently after receiving taunts at school about being homosexual.

Gay rights groups had called for the charges to be dropped.

"I never intended to humiliate the boy," the teacher told journalists after she was cleared.

In Italian, she made the boy write: "Io

sono deficiente," which literally means "deficient" but is more commonly used as a disparaging term meaning "moron" or "mentally retarded."

"I explained, discussing with him and his classmates, that deficient means 'lacking'. He was 'lacking' sensitivity for one of his classmates," the teacher said.

Muggers leave their own pictures behind

REUTERS

BERLIN — Two German teenagers robbed a girl but accidentally left their own pictures behind for police on a discarded mobile phone.

After stealing a 15-year-old's shoes, money and mobile phone, the two older girls gave her an old mobile phone, police in the western city of Bochum said on Wednesday. But the two 17-year-olds had forgotten the phone had their own photos, striking smiley poses, which police published online on Tuesday in an effort to find the culprits.

The two muggers turned themselves in almost simultaneously when the pictures appeared on the evening news.

"One girl was brought down by her fa-

ther after he saw her on the television," said police spokesman Frank Plewka. "Today the pictures were in the papers, so the father's phone has been ringing all day, because everyone recognized them."

Neither of the two had been in trouble with the law before.

Driver spurs police chase in cornfield

REUTERS

AMSTERDAM — A Dutch farmer watched in disbelief as a driver under the influence of cocaine drove a slalom course through his corn field, only to be joined by two police vehicles in hot pursuit, adding to the damage.

Police, backed up by a helicopter, eventually managed to corner the 35-year-old driver after he careered into a neighboring orchard and crashed into a ditch.

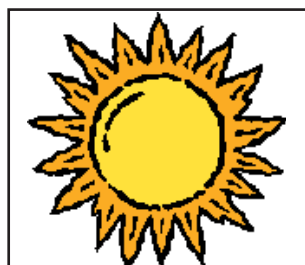
"Shoot out two tires... then the problem is solved," irate farmer Ad van Schendel told police, according to the Brabants Dagblad newspaper.

Van Schendel said he estimated the damage to his field near the southern town of Dussen last Friday at 7,000-8,000 euros.

Marne Weather Watch

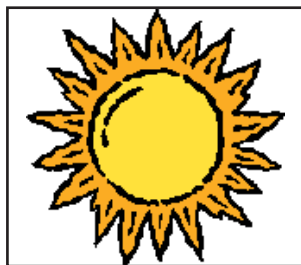
Friday, June 29

Saturday, June 30



Sunny

Low: 89F/High: 116F



Sunny

Low: 88F/High: 116F

ARABIC PHRASE OF THE DAY

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from Sudoku: The Original Brain Workout From Japan

Solution to
yesterday's
puzzle:

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