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On the prowl



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An Iraqi army soldier and a U.S. Soldier with 1st Battalion, 30th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, prepare to clear a building in Arab Jabour during Operation Marne Torch, a joint sweeping operation effort to halt the movement of weapons and explosives into Baghdad.

Armor, Infantry join forces to treat patients

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PATROL BASE BATAAN — One of the many benefits of Gen. David Petraeus' "hugging" strategy — living close to the Iraqi people — is that U.S. and Iraqi troops can help care for the civilians in their areas.

Soldiers of 4th Battalion, 31st Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division (Light

Infantry) out of Fort Drum, N.Y., treated more than 90 residents of a small village outside Patrol Base Bataan, Iraq, southwest of Baghdad July 11.

The Soldiers were aided by Company B, 2nd Battalion, 69th Armored Regiment, 3rd Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division out of Fort Stewart, Ga., and the 478th Civil Affairs Company out of Miami.

The combined medical engagement began at 8 a.m. and brought many resi-

dents suffering from ailments ranging from gastrointestinal to respiratory problems.

About a third of the patients were military-aged males, said Capt. Chris Sanchez, a native of Los Angeles and the battalion's civil-military operations officer.

The reason many residents reported upset stomachs was probably related to

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Soldiers make Army a family tradition

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CAMP STRIKER — Their mocking and sparring in the dining facility is sometimes fierce, but the love between them is apparent.

It's not the bond between Soldiers that's forged in the heat of combat — it's rarer, here in Iraq. First Sgt. Ricardo Riostirado and Pvt. Bryan Rios are father and son, and lucky enough to be working practically next door to each other, although in different units.

Riostirado, a native of Humacao, Puerto Rico, who serves with 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry) out of Fort Drum, N.Y.

His son, Rios, works with Troop D, 3rd Squadron, 17th Cavalry Regiment, 10th Aviation Brigade, also out of Fort Drum.

The Army wasn't what Riostirado wanted for his middle child. His eldest daughter, Tonya, is in college, and his youngest is only 3.

"He enlisted while I was at the National Training Center," he said. The 2nd BCT spent six weeks at the Fort Irwin, Calif., facility in March and April 2005. When Riostirado got back, his wife said that Rios had something to tell him.

It didn't take any words at all — he just slid the pink copies of his contract across the table.

"I thought he'd just done the first steps," Riostirado said. "But he'd done it all, even had a date to ship out, raised his hand in front of the flag."

Riostirado was less than pleased, he said, because military service, especially in wartime, can be tough on a Soldier.

"After 15 years of seeing me busting my butt, I know he knew better than to follow along — but he did, all the way to Iraq," he said, laughing. He admitted, though, that he's extremely proud of his son.

"I didn't want to get stuck in (my hometown) Sandy Creek, N.Y., looking for opportunities," Rios said. "I wanted to do something like helicopter maintenance. I already knew about the Army, pretty much knew what to expect, and I knew that if I was lost and needed help, I had someone who would know."

His father serving as a first sergeant with the 2nd Brigade Special Troops Battalion, 2nd BCT, at the time of his enlistment didn't hurt matters, he said; Riostirado helped get Rios assigned to Fort Drum. Of course, he takes flak for it as well.



Spc. Chris McCann

First Sgt. Ricardo Riostirado (right) has a laugh with his son, Pvt. Bryan Rios (left), in front of his office at Camp Striker July 11.

"They tease me — I started getting mail here right away, because he gave me the address right away," Rios said. "And people say 'Oh, you were home-schooled for (advanced individual training).' But it's all in fun."

Riostirado is scheduled to return to the United States in November; Rios's unit just arrived in Iraq. Their tours will overlap by about four months, so the 15-month deployments

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2nd Lt. James Bertolino

Young Iraqi children receive candy and toys from a 2-69 Armor Soldier at a combined medical operation July 11.

MEDICAL: *Armor, Inf. team up*

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the water, medics said. The village is in a very rural area, where most people depend on irrigation canals for their water.

Sanchez said he hopes to be able to bring portable water filters into the village until water treatment facilities can be repaired.

About half of the patients were children, as parents brought them in to be seen for fevers, colds and other maladies.

Although many people have chronic illnesses that can't be treated by the traveling clinics — which medics find frustrating — they were able to significantly help one elderly Iraqi man.

"We gave him a wheelchair," said Sanchez. "Previously, he had to be carried almost everywhere. I think we made his day with that."

At the end of the operation Sanchez said the engagement was a success.

"Overall, it was a good day for the Iraqis in need of basic medical care," Sanchez said. "It was a smaller area, with no real access to health care. This combined medical engagement made a big impact."

FAMILY: *Father, son reunite at Camp Striker during Iraq deployment*

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won't be as long a separation as most Soldiers and their parents face.

They are close, as fathers and sons often are.

"I was a single parent," Riostirado said, pointing at his son. "I raised this thing!"

Rios grudgingly confessed to visiting his father's office every Wednesday when he gets free time.

"He just comes over, the next thing I know he's in my office saying 'Hello!'" Riostirado said, mocking him gently.

"Yeah, I just show up," Rios said. "If he's busy, I just wait."

They hunt together — deer, turkey

and duck — when at Fort Drum, and argue over whose choice of music is better.

"I listen to country music, and he doesn't," Rios said.

"I like Godsmack and Disturbed," countered Riostirado. "It's a family tradition for one of us to start something, and the other has to keep up."

Having his dad around is a help, he added.

"It doesn't seem so far from home and lonely," Rios said of the situation. A deployment to Iraq — especially the first — can be tough. "It really teaches you not to take things for granted, when you get over here."

Rios is a gifted mechanic, and com-

pletely rebuilt a vehicle the last time Riostirado was in Iraq, his father said.

"He could get a job anywhere, with the talent he has for it," Riostirado said. Rios is not sure if he'll make the Army a career like his father has, but loves the work he's doing and says it will give him more experience, no matter what he chooses to do later.

But Rios's service is far from bad, Riostirado said.

"It's a mixture of feelings — pride on one side, fear on the other. Everywhere I go, people have only good things to say about him. Fear, because look where we are. It's not what I want for him, but he's a man, and he decided. And I'm terribly proud of him."

Safety Thought of the Day

Concertina Wire

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Headline Highlights

Bathroom singers; Iraq bank theft; bomb jokes

TV wants bathroom singers

NEW DELHI (Reuters) — An Indian television channel is looking out for good singers in the one place that has escaped the prying eyes of reality TV — the bathroom.

"Bathroom Singer," a new singing contest on the Filmy entertainment channel, will zero in on an untrained performer who's good at singing in the shower and can enthrall viewers.

"We are looking for a combination of voice and a certain flavor. For example, the exuberance and energy with which people sing in their bathrooms," said Shailesh Kapoor, Filmy's content and marketing head, said Wednesday.

Contestants, who have to be 18 years and above, will exercise their vocal cords in a studio set that replicates a bathroom with tiled walls, showers and taps, but will not appear undressed.

"As the show progresses, there will be specific themes and situations which ask for a certain kind of costume," Kapoor said, without giving details.

It was not clear whether the competition would eventually require participants to sing under a running shower.

Auditions start later this month with the show set to go on air in late August.

Unlike the many youth-oriented reality shows that have become very popular on Indian channels, the creators of "Bathroom Singer" also hope to attract older contestants.

"Age is a huge barrier in other reality TV singing contests," said Kapoor. "But we are not looking for a profes-

sional singer — just someone very, very entertaining. That person can be a 50-year-old."

The winner of the show, determined jointly by a jury and the audience, will walk away with 2.5 million rupees (\$62,000) in prize money.

Baghdad thieves steal \$300K

BAGHDAD (Reuters) — Thieves have stolen nearly \$300 million from a bank in Baghdad, police and a bank official said Thursday, in what is probably one of the biggest thefts in Iraq since the 2003 war to topple Saddam Hussein.

Police said the thieves were three guards who worked at the private Dar Es Salaam bank in Baghdad's Karrada district. They said that when bank employees arrived for work on Wednesday they found the front door open and the money gone.

The guards, who normally slept at the bank, had also disappeared, they said. An official at the bank said about \$300 million in U.S. dollars had been stolen, as well as 220 million Iraqi dinars (\$176,000). He declined to give further details.

Police said the Interior Ministry and the Finance Ministry had set up a committee to investigate the theft.

It was not immediately clear why the bank had so much cash on hand, but Karrada is a key commercial district in Baghdad.

Ever since the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq, most transactions have been conducted in cash because of limited facili-

ties to transfer money through banks or other financial institutions.

Canadians can now mention bombs, guns at airports

OTTAWA (Reuters) — Air travelers in Canada who make comments about bombs and guns will from now on only be arrested if it is clear they are making a serious threat, officials said on Wednesday. The Canadian Air Transport Safety Authority, trying to clamp down on screeners who alert police every time they hear alarming words, has issued a bulletin urging staff to show more discretion.

A person who announces "You better look through my suitcase carefully, because there's a bomb in there", "I am going to set fire to this airplane with this blowtorch" or "The man in seat 32F has a machine gun" will still be arrested.

But someone who remarks "Your hockey team is going to get bombed (badly beaten) tonight," "Hi Jack!" or "You don't need to frisk me, I'm not carrying a weapon" will first be warned about their behavior.

Brigitte Caron, a spokeswoman for the authority, compared the new system to handing out yellow warning cards in soccer. A player can receive one yellow card and still stay in the game.

"Sometimes it's just a joke and the person will say 'I'm sorry, I was upset'," she said.

In recent years more than 100 passengers have been arrested for making threatening remarks in Canadian airports, she added.

Sudoku

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6				1			2	

from Sudoku: The Original Brain Workout From Japan

Solution to yesterday's puzzle:

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2	6	5	3	8	9	9	7	1
7	3	8	6	1	4	4	5	2
8	7	1	9	6	2	3	4	5
9	4	6	1	5	3	8	2	7
5	2	3	4	7	8	1	9	6

ARABIC PHRASE OF THE DAY

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