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Welcome

Another week has gone by and it is time once again for The Dust Devil Dispatch. Last week was bumpy on getting the news bulletin out, but this week it should go smoothly.

We still need your help. Many people have had great comments about the news bulletin, but to keep it going we need submissions from you. If you have any pictures or want to write for The Dust Devil Dispatch, let us know!!! Contact us at jay.gfeller@us.army.mil

Birthdays!

Sunday		
		SGT J. Carpenter 27
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
	SPC D. Housel SPC K. Barber 1LT J. Blaylock 28	SGT R. Nichols 30
Thursday	Friday	Saturday
PFC N. Wilcox 31	SPC W. Eller 2LT K. Young SGT J. Doss 1	SPC D. McCord SGT J. Hopper 2

Pictures



LT Henning and a few Iraqi children at the asphalt plant where HSC has been conducting missions since we arrived in Iraq.

If you would like your pictures considered for the battalion website or the Iraq Yearbook, please contact LT Linn.

Famous Quotes

Just because something doesn't do what you planned for it to do, it does not mean it is useless.

-Thomas Edison

Safety Alert

The summer season is quickly approaching and it is now time to remember a few safety things. Remember to drink plenty of water even when it's cloudy. When lifting objects, check first for snakes and other animals that may be living underneath. Never reach into a place that you cannot see. Spiders, snakes, and other animals love to live in areas like this. Remembering these things will help keep us all safe from the animals that live in our new environment.



Camel Spider found in front of HSC CP this week.
Photo by SGT Sharon Barnhart

Your body gives off enough heat in 30 minutes to bring a half gallon of water to a boil.








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Weather

From weather.com

Date		Hi/Lo	Precipitation
Sunday March, 27	 Sunny	79° / 48°	0%
Monday March, 28	 Sunny	84° / 54°	0%
Tuesday March, 29	 Sunny	86° / 59°	0%
Wednesday March, 30	 Windy	89° / 64°	0%
Thursday March, 31	 Sunny	91° / 63°	0%
Friday April, 1	 Mostly Sunny	91° / 61°	0%
Saturday April, 2	 Mostly Sunny	87° / 61°	10%

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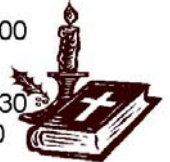
Events



Wednesday
Bible Study - 1900

Saturday
Contemporary Service - 2000

Sunday
Contemporary Service - 0830
Traditional Service - 1000



Join Us
at Sapper II Chapel
for The Purpose Driven
Life



Wednesdays
March 30 through May 11
1900-2000

Know of something going on around here? Let us post it in the bulletin. E-mail your events to jay.gfeller@us.army.mil

Editors Note

by Jay Gfeller

After many tries, the newsletter finally made it out to everyone last week. Some people have shown some concerns about not being able to download the news bulletin, however we think that it has all been cleared up for this edition.

We still need help putting this publication together each week. We want your submissions, so e-mail them to me at jay.gfeller@us.army.mil or drop them by the battalion XO office!

Many family members have signed up for the bulletin. If your family would like to receive The Dust Devil Dispatch, send me their e-mail address and I'll add them to the list!

Iron Age magazine once called Theodore Roosevelt "a drunk".
He sued, and won 6¢

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NCAA

Here is an up-to-date bracket of the NCAA Championship
 For more information on the NCAA Basketball visit NCAASports.com!!!



Classifieds

\$2.00 HAIRCUTS!

See SPC Chris Daugherty
for Details!

Tafanelli Time

On behalf of the Command Sergeant Major and myself, may all soldiers and their families have a joyful and safe Easter holiday! In doing this, remember to contact your loved one and remind them that they are in your thoughts every minute of every day. Time is going by quickly and before you know it, this will all be over. Don't lose sight of our goal to have a safe and successful mission in Iraq. Times may seem tough, but with each others help we will prevail.

LTC Lee E. Tafanelli
891st Engineer Battalion

The average cat has 24 whiskers, 12 on each side.

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The Good News

There are plenty of wells in Iraq, but the dead animals dumped there when Saddam Hussein was in power have contaminated them. There are plenty of streams in south-east Asia, but the recent tsunami polluted them with salt from the ocean.

How do you quench someone's thirst when there is plenty of water but not a drop of it is drinkable?

It's a question NASA researchers have pondered for nearly two decades, but villagers in Iraq and tsunami victims in Asia will get a taste of their answer as early as this fall — before any astronaut in space does.

The Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, Ala., has been testing a device intended for the space station that would recycle astronauts' sweat, respiration and even urine into drinking water purer than any found in a tap.

"They just breathe and exercise, urinate into the urinal and our system handles the rest," said Robyn Carrasquillo, chief of the environmental control and life support division at Marshall.

It could be two years before the water system — as large as two refrigerators — is loaded onto a shuttle to serve an American astronaut and Russian cosmonaut living in space. But smaller and simpler versions soon will be put to use on earth.

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<http://www.891engineerbattalion.com>

Free School

Harvard is offering free tuition for students that have a family income below \$40,000.

If you know anyone/family earning less than \$40K with a brilliant child near ready for college, please pass this along. Harvard's Tuition Announcement Highlights Failure of Prestigious Universities to Enroll Low-Income Students

March 1, 2004, Harvard University announced over the weekend that from now on undergraduate students from low-income families will pay no tuition. In making the announcement, Harvard's president Lawrence H. Summers said, "When only 10 percent of the students in Elite higher education come from families in lower half the income distribution, we are not doing enough."

We are not doing enough in bringing elite higher education to the lower half of the income distribution." If you know of a family earning less than \$40,000 a year with an honor student graduating from high school soon, Harvard University wants to pay the tuition. The prestigious university recently announced that from now on undergraduate students from low-income families can go to Harvard for free...no tuition and no student loans! To find out more about Harvard offering free tuition for families making less than \$40,000 a year visit Harvard's financial aid web site at:

<http://www.admissions.college.harvard.edu/hfai/>

or call the school's financial aid office at (617) 495-1581. This initiative puts severe pressure on other well-endowed colleges and universities to adopt similar measures. Some commentators believe that Harvard's announcement was made in response to Princeton University's decision six years ago to eliminate all tuition charges for families earning less than \$40,000 (adjusted annually to take inflation into account) and its subsequent decision three years later to substitute all student loans with outright grants. The Harvard announcement indicates that the Princeton plan has had some success in drawing to Princeton some of the high-achieving, low-income students who typically went to Harvard each year. The Journal of Blacks in Higher Education gathers figures from the U.S. Department of Education relating to the percentage of students at the nation's leading colleges and universities who receive federal financial assistance under the Pell Grant program for low-income students. These figures provide a good measure of the institution's relative success in enrolling students from the bottom economic sector of the nation's families.

When first introduced in 1848, the modern golf ball was called a "gutta-percha" ball.