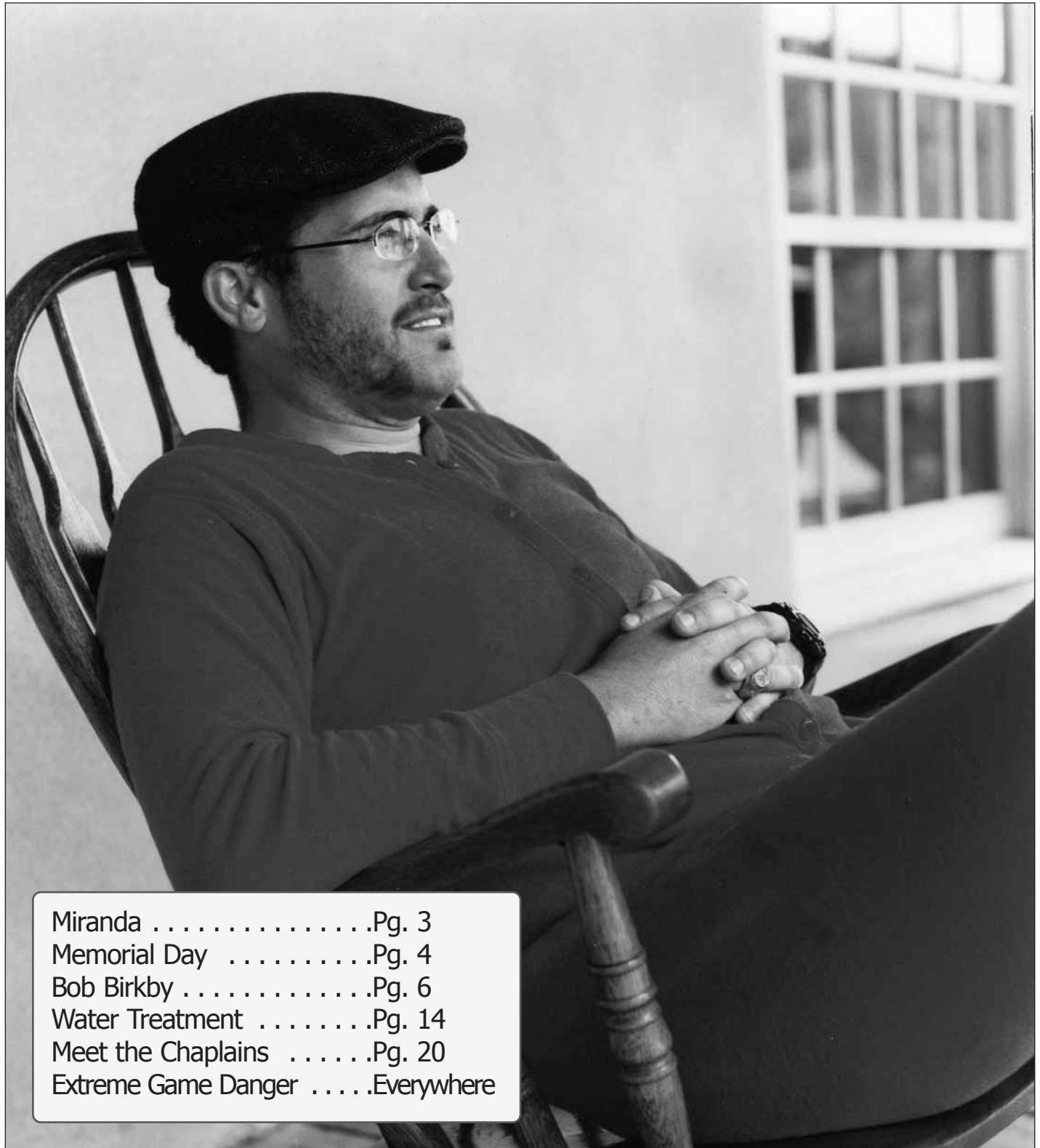


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Miles From Nowhere...

BY BENJAMIN FOOTE

Philnews Manager

"Hey man, how's it going," called a fellow staff member as we passed one another. I was on my way to the Welcome Center; Nature had called and left a message, and I was returning the call . . . the small price paid for staying hydrated.

I don't know where he was headed. In fact, I had never seen him before. I'd met a couple people who had the same shirt he did (Smurf-blue polo with an ID badge clipped to it, perhaps you've seen them around), but this particular individual was a complete stranger to me. The fact that some random person wanted to know how it was going left me puzzled.

Where I come from, you don't talk to people you don't know, and they don't talk to you. Everyone is too busy rushing to wherever their supersaturated PDA schedule tells them where they should have been five minutes ago, trying to calculate if they have time to stop at Starbucks before they continue their head-lowered bull charge through the crowd to whatever class, meeting, or appointment they needed to be at, now five and a half minutes ago.

Even if you caught someone still long enough for a friendly salutation, they probably wouldn't hear you since you are not plugged into whatever iTunes- or cellular-sponsored planet they are on.

But Philmont is different.

Philmont is more than just a chance to see wildlife. If you want to see a bear, visit your local zoo. When you return home you'll be able to grab a midnight snack from the cupboard instead of from a bag hanging from a tree.

Philmont is more than just a place to hike. If you want to walk a long way, any gym will have a treadmill or Stairmaster (many of which have settings to imitate mountains), and you can even watch TV at the same time.

Philmont is more than just a photo opportu-

nity. If you want to see picturesque scenery, every state has its national parks; every library has a book on Ansel Adams. Or, if you really want the Sangre de Cristos, toothoftimetraders.com offers a wide variety of picture postcards available for delivery directly to your doorstep.

Philmont is all these things, but more than any of them, Philmont is a community.

Although we come from different geographic, socio-economic, educational, religious, political, and social backgrounds, all of us Philmonters share a common bond.

I bet many of us got the same response I did when I told people where I would be spending my summer: "Wow, Mexico. That should be great."

I bet few of us will be retiring after cashing in our paychecks from the summer — especially after subtracting the gas money to drive home — but we have all made the decision that the financial advantages of nine to five imprisonment in an office cubicle or being a slave of the food service industry do not outweigh the physical, mental, and spiritual advantages of a(nother) summer of fresh air and breathtaking vistas in these majestic mountains.

I know that all of us who are here have chosen to be here; we have all chosen scenery over showers, adventure over air-conditioning, and life experiences over life savings. Knowing this, I encourage you to make a genuine effort to get to know your fellow staff. You may not know them when you first say 'hi' — and if they're like me they might be momentarily put off — but you will quickly learn that they are your neighbors and friends in the community we call Philmont.

On the cover:

Cons' Donnie Lunsford relaxes on the porch at Abreu during Backcountry Heritage Day.

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NPS Photographer

A Date With Miranda

BY ANGELO POMPEO

Philnews Staff

"If you tell a scout he's gonna get to shoot a gun and throw something sharp, he's not gonna turn that down." This response quickly came from Miranda's Camp Director Kyle Robinson when asked what his camp has to offer for this year's visitors to Philmont.

At Backcountry Heritage Day Miranda's colorful crew looked like a band of brothers who had been reunited after years apart. All seventy-two staff members of the interpretive camps gathered in full costume and character at Abreu on June 1st; the site for this year's Backcountry Heritage Day.

The boys from Miranda seemed to specifically enjoy the black powder rifle demonstration.

Walking down the hill from the range, the five staff members explained what goes on at their camp and just what the great camaraderie was all about.

Miranda is located at the base of Baldy and is a layover for people who are going to climb the peak the next day.

Second year Program Coordinator, Corey Pederson from Kansas City explained to me that Miranda is a "mountain man rendezvous set in 1838. All the characters are fur

traders from in and around the Taos area... except for the Frenchman who comes to barter with us."

At Miranda, campers get to try black powder shooting, where they learn proper gun safety, technique, and how to care for their firearms. Tomahawk throwing is another historical skill crews are taught and Miranda. Before the night is over, crews get to interact with the staff in a realistic series of trade talks.

"Miranda is also one of the most experienced camps on the ranch," said Robinson.



Miranda's Kyle Robinson, Corey Pederson, and Adam Jolicoeur (L to R) at Backcountry Heritage Day.

PHOTO BY ANNA DONLAN, NPS Photographer

"Everyone is at least second year. I'm in my 7th summer and Erik [Scheffer] is in his fifth. We definitely have the coolest crew."

According to the staff, even with all the gun shooting and tomahawk throwing going on, the best part of working at Miranda is still playing mountain ball. "It's kinda like baseball," said Program Coordinator Adam Jolicoeur "except it's self-pitch and you don't have to touch the bases in any particular order. It's pretty much the reason I chose to work at Miranda."

The nightly game is played in the beautiful Miranda Meadow, and is a blast every night. Jolicoeur said "We're all looking forward to another great year of mountain ball."

The combination of a spirited crew of mountain men, interpretive programs from the 1800s, and the acclaimed game of mountain ball, all situated beautifully under Baldy, ensure a worthwhile hike and a memorable summer for all visitors to Miranda, staffers and campers alike.

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Honoring Those in the Line of Duty

BY KATE SHIPLEY

PhilNews Staff

While surrounded by the majestic Sangre de Cristo Mountains under the clear blue sky, it is easy to forget the gruesome price that has been paid for liberty in the United States.

Memorial Day, a holiday filled with traditions such as barbeques and first trips to the lake, is a time to remember all the veterans that have served this country. This past Memorial Day weekend, May 27th to the 29th, over five thousand bikers gathered at the Vietnam Veterans National Memorial to honor those who served in the Vietnam War.

"There are quite a few families of vets: sons and daughters, brothers and sisters, even people who didn't have family involved, they come to show their respect," said David "Tumbleweed" Knight, president of the New Mexico Veterans Motorcycle Association, "but most of the people have been affected closely."

The memorial includes a museum, chapel and other displays. In the museum, a movie titled "Dear America" is shown, which focuses on the soldiers' letters home. The chapel is a place for reflection.



PHOTO BY STUART SINCLAIR, *NPS Manager*

The museum at the memorial also had photographs, mementos, and accounts from the war. There was a message board on which anyone could post a note for the veterans.

On the board, there were messages from veterans of the Battle of the Bulge during WWII, families of those killed in Iraq, and those who fought in Vietnam.

In addition to the permanent fixtures, the mobile Helicopter War Museum, run by the Rocky Mountain Chapter of the Vietnam Helicopter Pilots Association, was on display for the weekend. The museum features books, letter, and pictures from Vietnam.

Rick Beaver, a curator in the museum and a Vietnam veteran, said the museum shows the war from a helicopter pilot's point of view.

"Our goal is to educate," Beaver said.

Beaver was a helicopter pilot in the First Cavalry unit. His helicopter was shot down during the Tet of 1968, a month before his tour would have been over.

"A lot of our visitors are Vietnam veterans and their families, and kids whose dad died," Beaver said. Two to three thousand bikers had already been through in the first two days.

The focus of the helicopter museum is the Huey, which was the main assault helicopter during Vietnam, often used to transport troops. The museum is not complete yet, and the organization is adding new exhibits all the time.



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NPS Photographer

The mobile museum is on its third exhibition. It previously has been to the dedication of a Vietnam memorial in Atwood, Kansas, and last Veteran's Day in Greeley, Colorado. They also work with high school history programs, providing them with a veteran's firsthand account of the war.

The New Mexico Veterans Motorcycle Association used Memorial weekend as a chance to come together to reflect on their shared war experience and to help veterans and their cause.

"We are a tight-knit group. This became a tradition instantly," Knight said.

Knight and the other veterans sold specialty T-shirts and other items in a booth. They donate almost all the money raised to the memorial and other charities, such as a charity for the children of those killed in Vietnam, said Knight.

The Association also objects to a plan to make the memorial an all-inclusive veteran's memorial.

"This is a place to come to heal and reflect. It means a lot to us the way it is... there is room here for a memorial for any conflict," Knight said. Under the plan proposed by the state of New Mexico, the memorial would lose its designation as a uniquely Vietnam memorial.

Knight said the Association would be willing to use the money it raises to help fund memorials for other veterans.

Many of the riders at the memorial were participants in the Red River Rally, which converges on Red River, a town just thirty miles from the memorial. One of the participants was Brent Larson, who rode from Black Forest, Colorado.

"I feel compelled to see what a father did for his son," Larson said. He said he'd always wanted to see the memorial. He and his friends rode a total of nine hours that day so they could see it and return home the same day.

Charles Kevin Jones, a local from Ranchos de Taos, also helped honor the veterans. He has volunteered with the Veterans of Foreign Wars for ten years and aides the operations of the memorial. Originally from Parkersburg, West Virginia, Jones was a Boy Scout and went on a trek at Philmont when he was fifteen years old.

"It was twenty-something years ago. When I got home, I told my grandfather that I was going to come back to [New Mexico] to live," Jones said.

He went on to serve in the First Cavalry Division of the US Army for three and a half years, during the Iran hostage crisis, which lasted from 1979 to 1981.

"After that, I hitchhiked all the way out here, and I've been here fifteen years," Jones said.

He said it is difficult for him to talk about his experiences in the army, but that it will always be important for him to help honor the veterans.

The Vietnam Veterans National Memorial is located four miles north of Angel Fire on US-64.

The visitor center is open year-round, seven days a week. Summer hours are 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Inside the visitor center is a history of conflict display, with videos and memorabilia.

The chapel is open year-round, 24 hours a day.

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Do What You Like, Like What You Do

BY ANGELO POMPEO

Philnews Staff

On a gorgeous evening at the villa lawn, the Staff Banquet's keynote speaker Bob Birkby kept us laughing and delivered an inspiring message full of merit badge jokes and wisdom that touched lives.

The next morning he came by the news and photo office to share more of his experiences, advice, and wisdom with our staff.

He has two great passions in his life; writing and experiencing the outdoors. He has been fortunate enough to have a career that allows him to travel the world doing the things he loves.

After working at Philmont as back-country staff, conservationist, trail crew foreman, and the director of conservation, Birkby moved to Seattle. While in Philmont he learned the basics of trail building and trail surveying,

which were the essentials of the career he was about to pursue.

"There was a good market for trail work in the Northwest, and I wanted to be in the mountains, so it was a good fit," Birkby said.

In Seattle, Birkby began working with the Student Conservation Association. Working for the SCA allowed him to hike, build trail, and use other skills he learned at Philmont not only in the beautiful Northwest, but across the country as well. He moved on to work with the Mountain Guide Service whose abroad programs allowed him to travel to the wilderness of Alaska, Nepal, Russia; he even lead a trek on Mount Kilimanjaro in East Africa.

Throughout his time spent working at Philmont and across the world, he maintained his love of writing, doing lots of journaling.



PHOTO BY JOSH FEATHER

NPS Photographer

in Seattle, earning the majority of my income from trail work. I used that to support my writing," Birkby said. "My writing did not immediately flourish."

"With time, it began to even out," he said, and now the tables have completely turned. Now my writing provides my income and the hiking and trail work is my fun hobby, but it took a lot of perseverance to get to this point."

The true joy he began to find in his work came when he realized that all the time he got to spend on expeditions were a perfect source of subject matter. After discovering this, writing became easier and more enjoyable because he was simply sharing the things he loved through his writing.

After getting articles published in Boy's Life and other local magazines, he was hired by the Boy Scouts of America. Since then his publications have included the 10th and 11th editions of the Boy Scout handbook, the 3rd and 4th editions of the Scout Fieldbook, the BSA Conservation Handbook, and his book entitled *Lightly on the Land*, which is considered the bible of trail construction and maintenance.

"That's where it usually starts," he said "it's mainly about getting the words and ideas out on paper." During the time he spent working in Seattle, he began trying to get his writing published anywhere he could.

He told us that there are a finite number of rejections in the world, not only for writing, but for whatever it is you pursue.

"Once you get past these," he said, "you can begin to succeed."

He is also a strong believer in being passionate about his jobs and in continuously pursuing success.

"I spent my first six years



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Q: My tentmate leaves half-eaten food in our tent and I'm afraid of animal attacks. What should I do?

~Bear Bait in Tent City

A: We heard urine neutralizes the smell of food. You figure out the rest.

Q: Why is Mark Anderson always smiling? What's his secret?

~Aspiring Perma-smiler

A: How can you not smile with legs like those.

Q: I was in the shower and I was wondering if I should be worried about fire danger because I heard it's EVERYWHERE!

~Naked person with fears of burning

A: If you notice these burning sensations while you're in the shower again, consult the health lodge staff. You know they have creams for that kind of thing.

Q: I'm in a backpacking camp, but I don't play a musical instrument. Do you have any suggestions?

~Musically Challenged

A: Today you are a mere mortal, tomorrow you will become a GOD! First off, get yourself a tissue box, a paper towel roll, some rubber bands,

and some adhesive. Take the paper towel roll and adhere it to the north end of the tissue box lengthwise. Then wrap the rubber bands over the tissue-roll apparatus and you're golden. With a little practice, you will conquer such tonnage as the JAWS theme or Hot Cross Buns. Go get 'em tiger!

Q: I hear there's some kind of fire hazard. Where can I burn my trash?

~Evicted Oscar from Sesame Street

A: Hear this you wretched son-of-a motherless goat! What kind of sicko are you? Trash burning is an abomination! If you're looking for a place to burn your trash try your bowels.

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What's Going On Around the World...

Army Corps accepts responsibility for Katrina disaster

In a report released last Thursday, the Army Corps of Engineers accepted blame for the flooding in New Orleans and southeast Louisiana caused by Hurricane Katrina. They admitted that the hurricane protection system there was inadequate. The area's levees, floodwalls, pumps and gates were too patch-worked and weak to withstand a powerful storm. Losses would still have occurred, but would have been lessened if the systems met current technological standards, Lewis E. Link, director of the study, said. The report also acknowledged that the flood protection system will still not be sufficient if any storms hit this season.

Indonesian volcano causes evacuation of 10,000

After an earthquake killed 6,000 people near Indonesia's Mount Merapi, threat of a volcanic eruption has led to the evacuation of 10,000 residents. Mount Merapi has shown increased volcanic activity, including more frequent emissions of ash from its dome, increased lava flow, and hot gas flowing two to three miles down slope. Scientists fear that a new lava dome, about four million cubic meters in volume, may collapse and cause pyroclastic flows. A pyroclastic flow is a ground-hugging avalanche of hot ash, pumice, rock fragments and volcanic gas that rushes down the side of a volcano at several hundred miles per hour.

Debate over gay marriage ban begins in Senate

On Monday, the Senate, urged by President Bush, began debating a proposed constitutional amendment that would define marriage as a union between one man and one woman. The measure currently lacks support in the Senate, and was rejected by both the House of Representatives and Senate in 2004. The supporters of the amendment claim it will take the issue out of the control of activist and overreaching judges and reinforce traditional American values. Opponents of the measure say it will be discrimination written into the Constitution and is merely an attempt to stir up conservative support before the mid-term elections in November. Two-thirds of both the House and Senate would have to approve the amendment, as well as 38 of the 50 states.

Brangelina baby's birth a national holiday, perhaps

As the birth of Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt's baby draws near, Namibians have voted on whether or not to make the birth day a national holiday. The vote was conducted informally by a local radio station. As voting continued, it was a split 50-50. The honor is normally reserved for kings, queens and national heroes. The celebrities have stirred up a lot of media attention in the south African country. They have been living in a beachside resort shielded from the paparazzi and press by tight security.

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Putting away the doughnuts

Eating thirteen doughnuts in three minutes may seem like a hefty feat to most people, but to Walworth County Jail Training Sgt. Howard Sawyers, it's simply a matter of personal pride. He won the title of world champion doughnut-eating officer after developing a fast, new strategy. His technique is to rip the doughnut up, dunk it in water to make it soggy, and then shove it in his mouth. He won a free street-survival training seminar and a Sig Sauer .40-caliber pistol. But he says that he won't be eating doughnuts anytime soon — he's swearing them off for a year.

Yellow shirt shortage makes Thai blue

While Gap and Abercrombie & Fitch signal coolness in the United States, a yellow shirt is the status symbol in Thailand. Unfortunately for the Thai, they aren't enough to go around. The yellow shirts honor the 60th anniversary of King Bhumibol Adulyadej's accession to the throne. In addition to the shirts, elaborate celebrations have taken place, attended by two dozen heads of state and members of royal families from around the world. The government led the yellow-shirt campaign, they chose yellow because it represents the day the king was born, a Monday. Short supplies and price gouging have marred the celebration. Pressure to wear the shirts has caused guilt and shame among those who could not afford or were not able to get their hands on one.

Girl wins role as Queen of the Spelling Bee

Eighth-grader, Katharine Close, won the Scripps Spelling Bee last Thursday on national prime-time television. It took her five appearances in the competition. The word with which she won, 'ursprache,' means protolanguage. Close is the first girl to win the bee since 1999, and she won more than \$42,000 in cash and prizes. The runner-up, Finola Mei Hwa Hackett, stumbled over the word 'weltschmerz,' which means sadness over the evils of the world. The bee was featured on prime-time television for the first time in its 79-year history as a result of popular movies and even a musical that highlight spelling bees. The event had the feel of a sports event, including chants, cheering and gamblers. The competition was whittled down from 275 spellers to just one.

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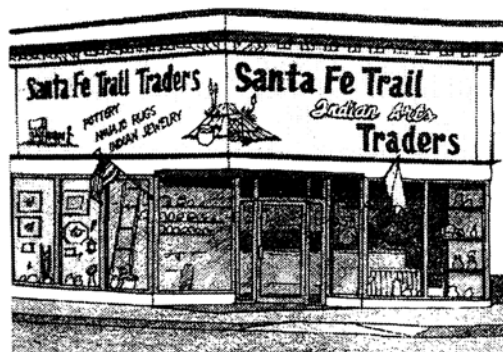
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World Cup Set to Begin

Although soccer is not the number one sport in the minds of Americans, the FIFA World Cup which begins Thursday June 9, is highly anticipated around the world. This year's tournament will be held at twelve locations across Germany including; Hamburg, Munich, and Berlin. Thirty-two teams from six continents qualified for the World Cup.

Brazil, the Defending World Cup champs, remain top ranked in this year's tournament followed by the Czech Republic, The Netherlands, and Mexico. The fifth ranked United States team will play three first round games beginning with the Czech Republic on Monday June 12. On June 17 they will face Italy, and their first round play will conclude on June 22 with a game against Ghana.

Roger Clemens Returns... Again

Earlier this week, Roger Clemens came out of retirement for the third time. He signed a one-year \$22 million contract with his hometown team the Houston Astros. This will be his third year pitching for the Astros. Last year he led the National League in earned run average, and in 2004, he won the NL Cy Young Award. Clemens is scheduled to make his 2006 debut Tuesday June 6 in a minor league game against the Indians' Class-A affiliate, the Lake County Captains.

Stanley Cup

Skating on their home ice, the Carolina Hurricanes prevailed over the Edmonton Oilers in game one of the Stanley Cup Finals with a 5-4 win. Behind the key late game saves of rookie goalie Cam Ward and four 3rd period goals, the Hurricanes rallied from 3-0 to grab the victory and take the early lead in the series.

With 31.1 seconds left, Carolina's Rod Brind'Amour, took advantage off a botched exchange between Edmonton's backup goalie and another player to score the game winning goal. The Oilers became the first No. 8 seed to win the conference title, with their win over the Anaheim Mighty Ducks, since the current playoff format began in 1994. Led by goalie Dwayne Roloson, the Oilers will attempt to continue their improbable playoff run and win their first title since 1990.

Edmonton's goalie, Dwayne Roloson, who had played every minute of the Stanley Cup playoffs, injured his right knee with just over six minutes left in the game, and will be out for the rest of the finals.

Mavericks versus Heat in NBA Finals

The Dallas Mavericks and Miami Heat will meet in the NBA finals beginning Thursday, June 8 in Dallas. As both teams are making their first trip to the Finals, NBA fans are guaran-

teed a brand new champion for the first time since 1978.

In the first round of the playoffs the Heat were matched up with the Chicago Bulls whom they defeated in six games. They defeated the New Jersey Nets in five games in the second round, and revenged last year's playoff loss to the defending Eastern Conference champion Detroit Pistons in six games.

The Mavericks defeated the Memphis Grizzlies in four first round games. Then squared off against their old rivals and defending NBA champion San Antonio Spurs. After defeating them in seven intense games, they faced the Phoenix Suns in the Western Conference Finals. In six games they defeated the Suns and put themselves in position to win their first NBA title.

The Mavericks, led by Dirk Nowitzki, will face off against Miami's one-two punch of Dwayne Wade and Shaquille O'Neal. With both teams being intent on winning their first title, the series will provide a good break from the teams fans have grown accustomed to watching the last few years.

Michelle Wie

On the morning of June 5, 16-year-old Michelle Wie was still in position to become the first woman to play in the U.S. Open. By the afternoon, after three straight bogeys, she was at 3 over and in the middle of the pack.

When it came time to make the cut, she was at a 1-over 143, which was not quite good enough for her to qualify for the tournament, but a respectable score nonetheless. At the end of the day, she was greeted by the cheers of 3,500 fans that were behind her throughout her courageous attempt.

Her next major will be in Bull Rock, Maryland just north of Baltimore, where she finished second last year. Returning to competition against the ladies, she will be among the favorites.

Duke Lacrosse

Duke University's troubled lacrosse team was reinstated Monday, and is scheduled to return for the 2007 season. This year's season was canceled in April because of an exotic dancer who told police that she had been raped by members of the team on March 13 at a team party.

They will return under a strict set of rules and close monitoring, according to campus officials. School President Richard Brodhead said he and the schools athletic officials would rethink their decision to reinstate the lacrosse team if they see any "patterns of irresponsible, individual, or team behaviors familiar from the past."

MLB Standings

American League

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	STRK
New York	34	22	.607	-	W1
Boston	33	22	.600	0.5	L1
Toronto	31	25	.554	3.0	L2
Baltimore	27	31	.466	8.0	W2
Tampa Bay	24	34	.414	11.0	W2
CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	STRK
Detroit	37	20	.649	-	L1
Chicago	34	22	.607	2.5	L1
Cleveland	28	28	.500	8.5	L1
Minnesota	25	31	.446	11.5	L2
Kansas City	14	41	.255	22.0	L1
WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	STRK
Texas	30	26	.536	-	W1
Oakland	27	30	.474	3.5	W2
Seattle	26	33	.441	5.5	W1
Los Angeles	25	32	.439	5.5	L1

National League

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	STRK
New York	34	22	.607	-	W1
Philadelphia	30	27	.526	4.5	W2
Atlanta	28	30	.483	7.0	L5
Washington	26	32	.488	9.0	W5
Florida	20	35	.364	13.5	L1
CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	STRK
St. Louis	35	22	.614	-	L1
Cincinnati	33	24	.579	2.0	W5
Houston	27	31	.466	8.5	L5
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 6/14 **Panic! At The Disco** - 7 p.m., Sunshine Theatre, Albq.
 6/18 **Chicago and Huey Lewis & the News** - 7:30 p.m., Journal Pavilion, Albq.
 6/30 **Ron White** - 8:30 p.m., Kiva Auditorium, Albq.

Colorado

- 6/10 **KS 107.5 Summer Jam/Snoop Dogg/Chris Brown/E-40/NE-YO** - 5:30 p.m. Coors Amphitheatre, Englewood
 6/13 **Ashlee Simpson** - 6 p.m., Coors Amphitheatre, Englewood
 6/15 **Latin Revolution featuring Pitbull, Luny Tunes, Julio Volito, and Guest** - 6 p.m., Red Rocks Amphitheatre, Morrison
 6/20 **Chicago and Huey Lewis & the News** - 7:30 p.m., Red Rocks Amphitheatre, Morrison
 6/23 **Widespread Panic** - 7 p.m., Red Rocks Amphitheatre, Morrison
 6/24 **Widespread Panic** - 7 p.m., Red Rocks Amphitheatre, Morrison
 6/25 **Widespread Panic** - 4 p.m., Red Rocks Amphitheatre, Morrison
 6/28 **Rob Thomas/Jewel** - 7:30 p.m., Red Rocks Amphitheatre, Morrison

LOGIC PUZZLE: The Council of Numeria

On the island of Numeria each of the natives is one of two types: Truth-Tellers who always tell the truth, or Liars who never tell the truth. The island is governed by a Council of Elders who will only answer questions that have numerical answers. In fact the only answers they give are whole numbers, either zero or positive. Furthermore, they will never give an answer greater than the current number of council members. This number can vary daily, but is never less than 4 or more than 40. Also, the Council will only answer questions whose correct answer is independent of who is asked (e.g., no questions such as "How old are you?").

One day three native students, Ann, Bob, and Cal, were given an assignment by their teacher to question the council. They each asked a question, which was answered by every council member. Afterward they reported to their teacher and made the following statements:

- (1) Ann: I asked the council how many of them were Truth-Tellers.
- (2) Bob: I asked the council how many of them were Liars.
- (3) Cal: Those statements are not both true!
- (4) Ann: All of the answers I received were different (no two equal to each other).
- (5) Bob: All of the answers I received were different (no two equal to each other).
- (6) Cal: At least two of my answers were different (not equal to each other).
- (7) Ann: The sum of my answers is a palindrome.
- (8) Bob: The sum of my answers is a palindrome.
- (9) Cal: The square root of the sum of my answers is not less than the number of council members.

What was the number of council members on that day?

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Eagle Scouts

Each week in this article, Scouting 101 will explain different parts of the Boy Scouts of America.

In 1911 Scouting's highest award was first introduced as the Wolf Award, but it was soon changed to the Eagle Award. Since that time, one million Scouts have achieved the rank of Eagle Scout.

Only four percent of boys who join a Boy Scout troop achieve the rank of Eagle Scout. However, 77% of Philmont's male staff are Eagles.

Boy Scouts must progress through the ranks of Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class, Star, and Life before they can become an Eagle.

At each level, the scout must participate in a Scoutmaster conference. The Scoutmaster helps the scout set goals and work to achieve them.

To become an Eagle, the scout completes 21 badges, 12 of which are required. The required badges teach the scout about citizenship, fitness, and first aid. The remaining nine badges are meant to foster learning in areas of the scout's personal interest.



One of the biggest elements for achieving the Eagle rank is to complete a service

project, which involves planning and leadership from the scout. This project must be beneficial to the community.

The scout must serve in at least one youth leadership position in his troop, such as patrol leader, troop bugler, quartermaster or senior patrol leader.

The Eagle Scout patch is the only Boy Scout rank that may be worn on an adult Scouter's uniform and the title of "Eagle Scout" is held for life, thus the phrase "Once an Eagle, always an Eagle."

After achieving the rank of Eagle Scout, a scout can still earn bronze, gold and silver palms for tenure in the troop and the completion of more merit badges.

Famous Eagle Scouts include astronauts Neil Armstrong and Jim Lovell, film director Stephen Spielberg, former president Gerald R. Ford, journalist Walter Cronkite, and H. Ross Perot.

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Invisible Dangers Hiding in the Water

BY ERIC STANN

PhilNews Staff

Crystal clear stream water flowing through Philmont's backcountry may be used for replenishing an empty water bottle. But now the Ranch is taking full advantage of the new technology available to combat the invisible dangers found in those waters.

Two years ago, Philmont abandoned iodine water treatments, switching to Chlorine treatments. Chlorine dioxide tablets, such as Katadyn's Micropur MP1 Water Purification Tablets, remove all microorganisms living in the water, unlike iodine, said Shawn Hostetter, Vice President of Sales for Katadyn North America.

"The big difference is that iodine does not get out cryptosporidium, which is a common protozoa," he said. "Cryptosporidium (Crypto) is as common now as giardia and is just as important."

Protozoa can also be identified as cysts. Crypto was not identified until the 1980s. In 1996, the Safe Water Drinking Act was updated to require Crypto removal from city drinking water. Therefore, all cities nationwide must test their water for crypto, and must use water purification to do so.

"Most cities now are using chlorine dioxide, just like Micropur," he said. "It's a common way to treat the water and it is the only technology that is registered by the EPA to remove all organisms."

Cities are not the only ones turning to chlorine dioxide to purify water, said Hostetter.

"It's a pretty unique product because Philmont Scout Ranch, the Boy Scouts, the US Military, and the Sierra Club have all switched away from iodine and are now using Micropur," he said. "Even the Florida State

Department of Health has Micropur on hand for hurricane and disaster relief."

Chlorine dioxide products like Micropur have a number of advantages over iodine treatments. Iodine treatments do not remove Crypto, nor do they claim to protect against viruses, said Hostetter.

HOW TO USE CHLORINE TABLETS

1. Drop one tablet into a liter of water.
2. Wait 15 minutes, then turn the bottle upside down.
3. Open up the cap slightly to bleed the threads.
4. Close the cap.
5. Wait another 15 minutes.
6. After a total of 30 minutes it is safe to drink.

"Iodine takes out bacteria and giardia, but Micropur is the only one that controls all microorganisms, all classes," he said. "Iodine doesn't kill everything. Basically iodine is old technology, but when it was used at the time it was the best known [water purifier]. Now there is better technology and there are microorganisms that weren't known before."

A very important side benefit to chlorine dioxide tablets comes from having no lingering taste, unlike iodine, said Hostetter.

"Iodine just has a bad taste, so the US Military and the Boy Scouts are happy with Micropur because people are hydrating more often," he said. "They are drinking more because their water tastes better."

Chlorine dioxide tablets such as Micropur cleanse the water by attacking the cells of the microorganisms.

"After you scoop water into your water bottle, you drop the tablet in the bottle," he said. "You will see a fizzing action, a bubbling action, because the tablet is forming chlorine dioxide gas, and that gas penetrates the cell wall of microorganisms, causing them to deactivate," he said. "So [the microorganisms] are not as harmful anymore against your body."

Water needs to be purified not because there is something wrong with the water, but because birds, animals, or anything else in the backcountry can put microorganisms in the water.

"We've learned that recently with H5N1, the avian bird flu," he said. "That's a big concern because these migratory birds are going to bring it from other countries into the US and when they get into the US they can get into humans. So the same thing is happening to these organisms that are in the water, the standard protozoa, bacteria, and viruses. One year you may not have very many but next year the levels could be really high."

Just because most of the water around here is crystal clear mountain spring water doesn't mean that it doesn't have microorganisms. Philmont does a great job of educating that to its staff and its participants.

"Philmont does one of the best jobs of anybody educating its staff and all the people who come through to always treat the water and also to use good sanitary means to make sure we don't put more contaminants in the water," he said. "Good sanitation is the second most important thing Philmont does besides treating the water on a regular basis."

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A Learning for Life Position

The executive manages the overall growth, extension, quality, program enhancement, and supervision of the Learning for Life program within a specified geographical area. They oversee a corps of adult volunteers who in turn support, train, and motivate the adult volunteer leaders delivering the Learning for Life program. Though most of the work deals with human relations, fund-raising administration and public relations are vital additional duties of your job.

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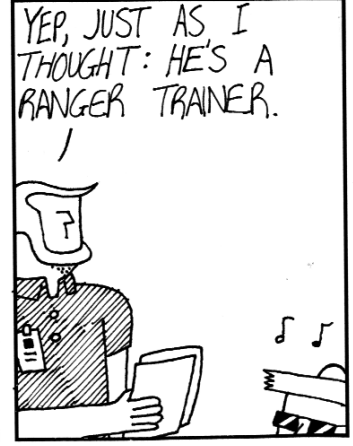
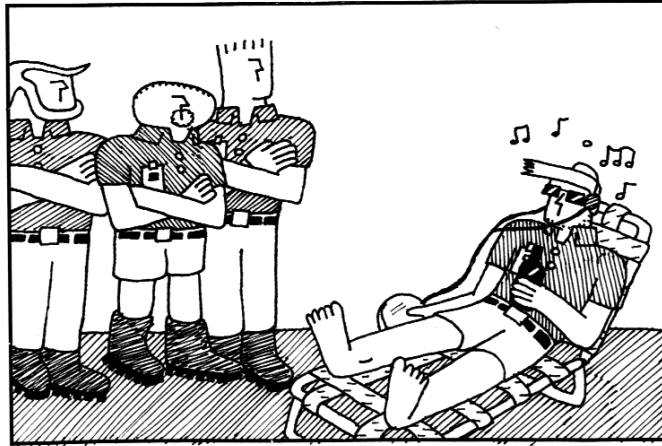
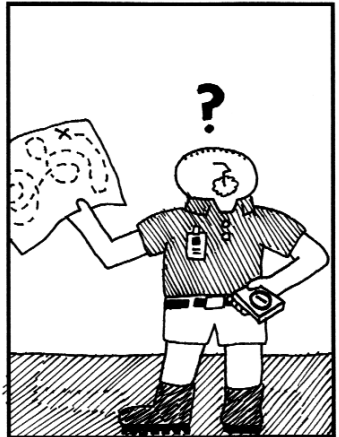
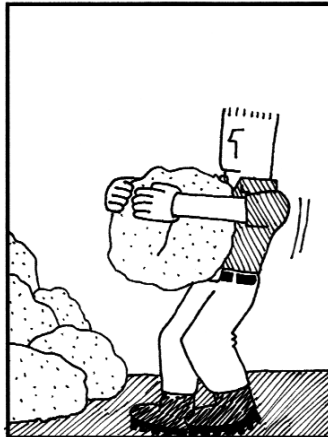
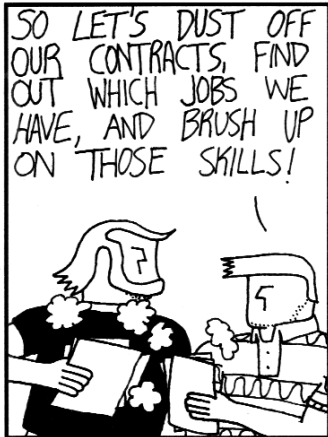
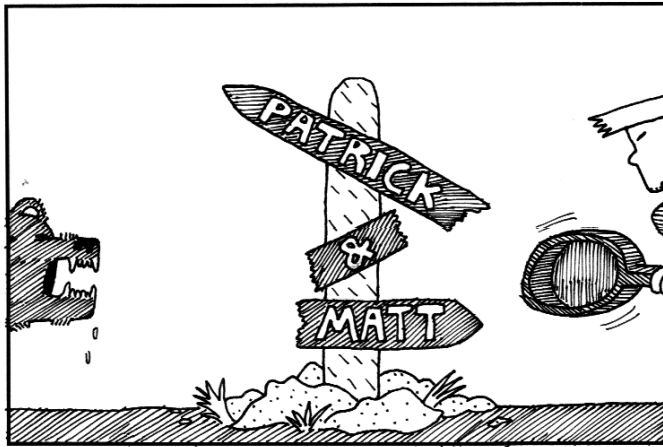
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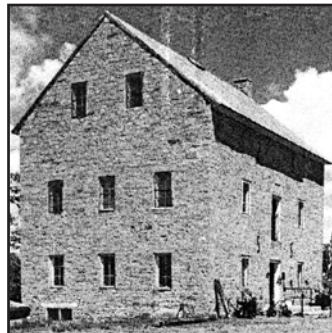


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Taken from sudokuweb.com

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Madlibs: A Letter Home

Dear family member,
 I arrived at Philmont number days ago but it seems like
 it's been number unit of time. Since getting off the
vehicle I've only slept number hours. The first night I
 found out my tent mate verb in his/her sleep. S/he is
 from U.S. State where they apparently don't know
 how to verb, and they have never heard of noun.
 All they do all day is verb adverb.
 The next morning I was verb ing to place
 to do my activity. On my way I got lost and ended up at
backcountry camp. When I got hungry I began to forage for
 food and sought shelter. All I had to eat was noun and
 the only thing to drink was liquid from the noun
 that I was carrying. I forgot my noun so I had to drink
 from the body of water and it tasted like noun. I
 soon had illness. That whole night I was verb ing
 and verb ing.
 About number O'clock in the morning, name from
department came by and found me verb ing.
 He gave me a ride in his vehicle and it took us number
 hours to get back to base camp. On the way, he gave me a bite
 of his noun and a drink of his liquid because I
 was so adjective. I was so adjective ed that he rescued
 me that I verb ed him.

When I got back I had to stay in the health lodge for number
unit of time. I finally got to go back to my tent and I was
verb ing like a noun when a(n) animal
verb ed me adverb. Back at the health lodge,
 my favorite nurse name was ready and waiting to
verb my wounds.
 Don't worry about me, though, I've finally gotten into the
 swing of things. My job is adjective and the food is
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adjective summer.
 Write back soon, name

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Meet the Chaplains



**Elder David A. Wilson
LDS Chaplain**

Chaplain Elder Wilson is serving as the LDS (Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints) Chaplain for another season in 'God's Country'.

Philmont has become his 'home away from home' when he is not home in Orem, Utah. During the time he is not at Philmont he spends his time as the Executive Officer for a non-profit organization specializing in energy efficiency and conservation issues in the construction industry throughout the Intermountain West. Also during that time he grows orchids, is a SCUBA certified Divemaster, and continues to work as the Western Region Venturing Coordinator in the Venturing Program of the BSA as well as being on various national and local committees. This year at Philmont Elder Wilson is joined by several members of his family: his wife Charlene, and his daughters Heather and Amber, who work on the Ranch. As in years past, Elder Wilson will continue to assist the CHQ Dining Hall Staff with the creation of "creative eggs" on Friday mornings as well as distributing the "Tootsie Pops" to all who ask throughout the summer.

**Seminarian Mike Bartholomew
Catholic Chaplain**

Chaplain Mike Bartholomew is serving as the Catholic Chaplain for his first season at Philmont. Hailing from Long Island, NY, he is currently studying at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington, NY. Having finished two out of five years at the Seminary



already, Bartholomew hopes to be ordained a priest in June 2009. He graduated from the University of Scranton (PA) in 2003 with a BS in International Business, minor in Spanish, and concentration in Latin American Studies. He has studied one month in Guadalajara, Mexico and five months plus a three month internship in Madrid, Spain. Last summer he studied for a month in the Dominican Republic. Since the age of 20, he has competed on the National and International Levels in Race Walk in Mexico, Spain, England, and Portugal. He is currently the youngest member of the US National Team-50K Walk at age 25 and is ranked 6th in the US for 50K Walk. In 2005, on his first US National Team-50K Walk, he was ranked 7th in the 50K and listed 15th in the 20K walk by Track & Field News.



**Chaplain Richard Davies
Protestant Chaplain**

Chaplain Richard Davies is a retired United Methodist minister who lives in the Atlanta, Georgia area. Most of his active ministry was in and around Indianapolis, Indiana. He has also worked as a college professor. He and his wife have two grown children, a son (an Eagle Scout) and a daughter. Davies has been active in scouting for many years. He is an Eagle and is Brotherhood in OA.

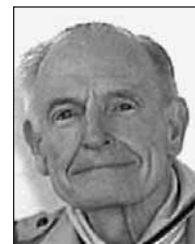
As an adult he has completed Woodbadge and has been awarded the Silver Beaver. He is currently an assistant scoutmaster, a unit commissioner, and is chair of the Religious Relationships Committee of the Atlanta Area Council. Davies has served as a summer camp chaplain and has been a chaplain at each of the last three Jamborees. He has been to Philmont twice before, first with a Council weekend program in 1996, and again as a student at the Training Center in 2002. Now he is looking forward to the challenges presented by the Philmont chaplain duties.

Chapel Services for all faiths are held every evening at 7p.m.

Rev. Msgr. John B. Brady **Catholic Chaplain**

Monsignor Brady has been a priest of the Archdiocese of Washington for 51 years. He is an Eagle Scout and has received the Silver Beaver and Silver Saint George Awards. He is a member of the advisory board of the National Catholic Committee on his vocation to the Catholic Priesthood to the Second National Jamboree at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania in 1950. He has been involved in almost all of the National Jamborees as a staff member, as a visitor, arranging for the scouts to attend, or in some other capacity. He has been a staff member of one World Jamboree and the fifth All India Jamboree in Bombay, India.

Monsignor Brady was a Scout Chaplain here at Philmont from 1960 to 1966. After 40 years, he has returned once again to his beloved Philmont Scout Ranch. He will be serving as chaplain to the Goshen Scout Camps in Goshen, Virginia for the remainder of his summer.



Jay TelRav **Jewish Chaplain**

Jay TelRav hails from West Bloomfield, Michigan and has been in constant movement since graduating from high school in 1994. He has packed up and moved 24 times! He graduated from the University of Michigan and then spent a total of three years living in Israel. He has worked for a non-profit agency in Michigan, a hospice in New Jersey, and as a student rabbi in both Vermont and Michigan. This year he will begin his fifth and final year of seminary at Hebrew Union College in New York City, before being ordained as a rabbi in May of 2007. This is Jay's second summer at Philmont and he hopes that it is the beginning of a long stay.

There will be a Jewish Chaplain at base camp every evening for worship at 7:00pm for the whole summer. You are always welcome to join the service regardless of your faith group. If you've still got questions, or just want to schmooze, stop by anytime.



Rev. Msgr. Bill Young **Catholic Chaplain**

Monsignor Bill, originally from Trenton, New Jersey, completed his theological training at the University of St. Thomas in Houston, Texas. He was ordained a priest for the archdiocese of Galveston-Houston in 1970.

In the past thirty-six years he has served in several parishes in Houston. In addition to parish work he was director of Radio and Television for the diocese for six years, and served as presenter and area board member for Marriage Encounter. He spent six years as Principal of Mount Carmel High School. Currently, Msgr. Bill is pastor of Saint Thomas More in Houston. He is also the area director for Courage in Houston.

Msgr. Bill has worked with Scouting for many years. He has had units at every parish he served. Currently he is the Diocesan Chaplain for Boy and Girl Scouting. He serves as the Spiritual Advisor to the Membership Committee of the National Catholic Committee for Scouting. He has been awarded the St. George medal from the national committee, the St. Anne award for Girl Scouting and the Knights of Columbus Christopher award for his work with Scouting. This is Msgr. Bill's fourth summer as a Chaplain at Philmont.



Philmont Grace

For Food, For Raiment,
For Life, For Opportunity,
For Friendship and Fellowship,
We Thank Thee, O Lord
Amen.

Duty to God

BY ELDER DAVID A. WILSON

LDS Chaplain

On behalf of the Chaplaincy here at Philmont let me be one of many to welcome you. Congratulations on being one of a select few that will have this great opportunity to work at the Philmont Scout Ranch this summer. This is a glorious time to be alive and to be able to experience the joy and beauty that makes up your Philmont experience.

As an introductory Chaplain message, let me introduce to you a simple concept alive in faith beliefs all around the world: "FAITH." We all need faith in one way or another. We need the strength that comes of it. We need the will to exercise it. We need the determination to practice it. My challenge this day is to encourage each of you (I include myself in this) to live lives that are cultivated with faith: faith in yourselves, faith in your associates, faith in your Church, and faith in God.

Faith in Yourself

William Shakespeare once said, "This above all: to thine own self be true, and it must follow as the night the day, thou canst not then be false to any man." We did not come into this world to fail! We all came into the world to succeed. When you look at your life so far, you will notice quickly that you have accomplished much to date. This is only the beginning. Scouting encourages you to "Do Your Best" on a regular basis. That is all that can be expected of us. You will be amazed at what might happen when 'in faith' you take that step forward. Never lose faith in yourself. Never lose faith in your capacity to do good and worthwhile things. You cannot afford to become arrogant nor conceited. Be bold, but not overbearing. You can be humble,

quiet, and forward looking, full of hope, the hope that blossoms into a strong faith in yourself as you go about your daily activities and tasks.

Faith in Your Associates

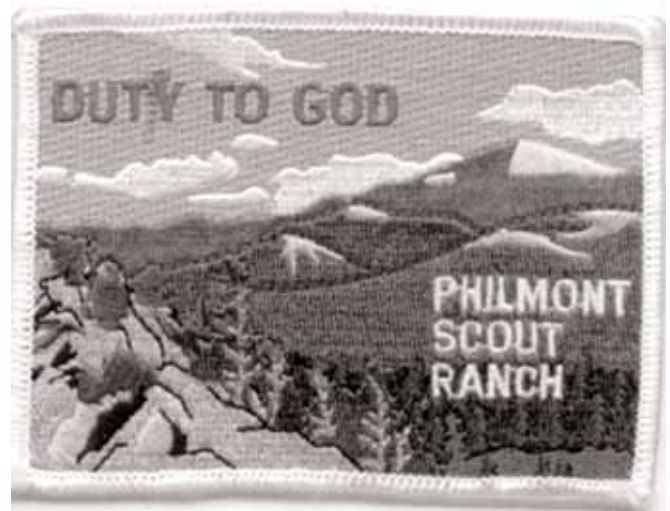
You will never be alone. In this world and especially at Philmont, we work together to accomplish things. We work with others continually in our daily pursuits. Never lose faith in the daily opportunities that come your way to lift those who are in need, to give strength to those who are weak, and to give encouragement to those who falter by the way. In the New Testament of the Bible, Paul said to the Romans, "...We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak...and not to please ourselves" (Romans 15:1 KJV). We have an obligation to assist one another and to build up each other. Keep faith with your associates. You can help them and they can help you. We have the opportunity to bless one another through our interaction with our associates all around the Ranch.

Faith in Your Church

You will do better if you remain true to your religious beliefs and continue to be true and dedicated to a worthwhile cause. Remember what it means to do your Duty to God not just in a Scouting context, but also in a daily manner. Continue to be strong in your Church. Keep faith with the glorious work(s) of your Church and build up your knowledge of it.

Faith in God

I have seen many people in my lifetime who have started out walking in the light of faith and joy. However, gradually, through various acts of their own, their arrogance, pride, and a desire for the honors of men alone, they have turned their backs on God and forsaken Him. Declared Jehovah to ancient Israel, "I am the Lord thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt have no other Gods before me" (Exodus 20:2-3 KJV). I promise you that God will not fail you. He will hear and answer your prayers. Keep faith with God, and He will never let you down. He will never turn His back upon you.



Therefore, as you begin this great experience called Philmont this summer, I leave you with this charge: while you are here at Philmont, and as you leave here later this summer for other pursuits and achievements, that you continually strive to walk with faith, with a sure and certain faith in yourself, your associates, your Church and your God.

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"The fact is, that to do anything in the world worth doing,
we must not stand back shivering and thinking of the cold and danger,
but jump in and scramble through as well as we can."

Robert Cushing

CHQ Activities Calendar

Friday	June 9	Bratwurst Barbeque	11-1 p.m.
Saturday	June 10	Scavenger Hunt	8:30 p.m.
Sunday	June 11	Ice Cream	8:30 p.m.
Monday	June 12	Blood Drive	All Day
Tuesday	June 13	Movie Night	8:30 p.m.
Wednesday	June 14	Basketball	8:30 p.m.
Thursday	June 15	Smoothies	8:30 p.m.
Friday	June 16	Card & Board Games	8:30 p.m.
Saturday	June 17	Capture the Flag & Flag Football	8:30 p.m.

PTC Evening Schedule

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Opening Program 7:30	Handicrafts 6:30 Cracker Barrel 7:30	Western Night 6:30	Movie Night 7:30	Handicrafts 6:30 Cracker Barrel 7:30	Closing Program 7:30	No events scheduled

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