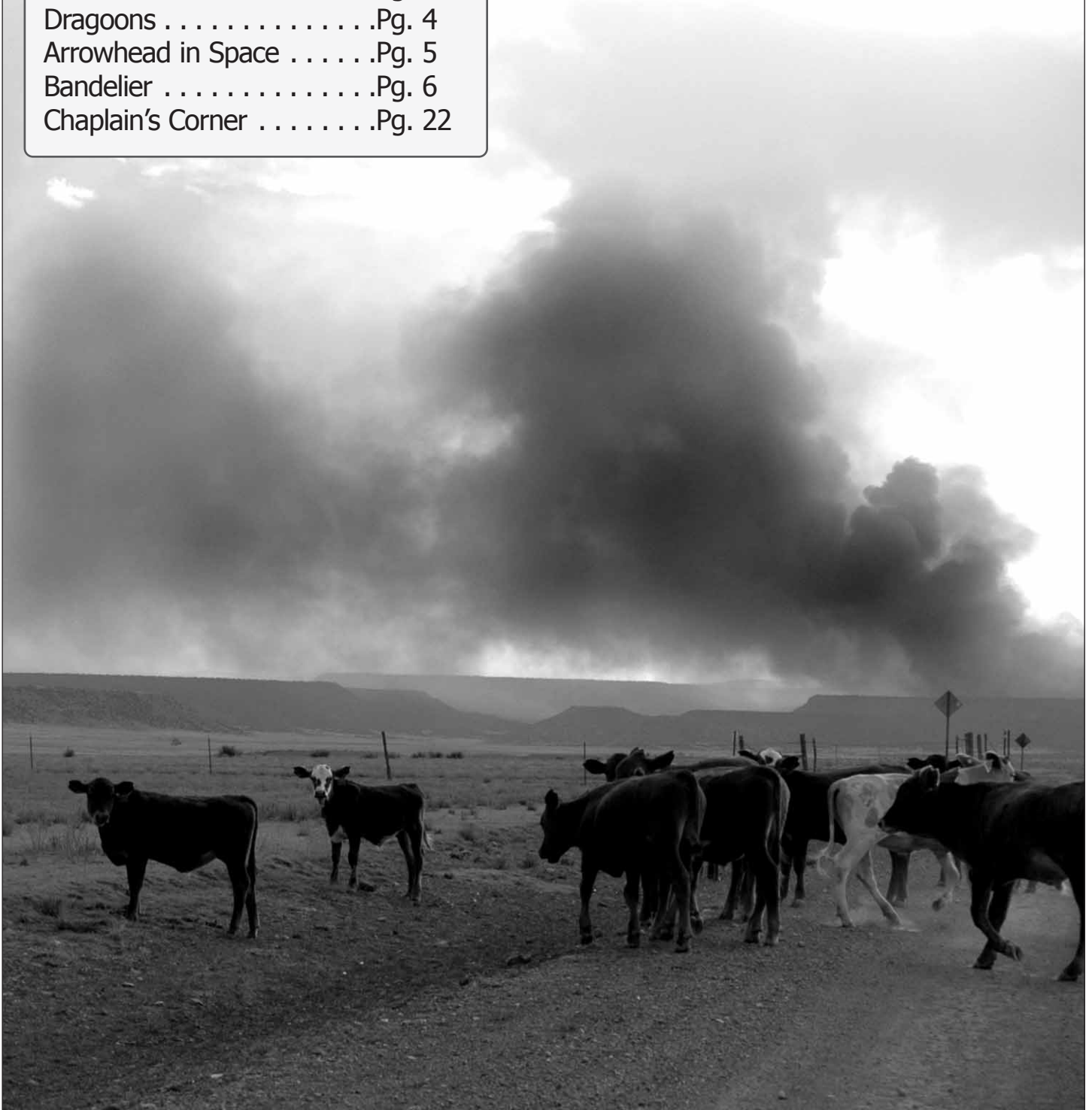


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Miles From Nowhere...

BY BENJAMIN FOOTE

Philnews Manager

I don't know about you, but I think this whole drought business has gone far enough.

I can deal with extreme fire danger everywhere.

The tension and urgency of it gives my life the feel of an action movie. I now go through my days constantly on the look out for unnecessarily large explosions or gangs of fire-thugs who only attack one at a time instead of en masse.

I can deal with propane stoves at interp camps, turning off the water to lather up, and even the evacuation of the beloved South Country.

But when the Villa's pristine carpet of green, grassy goodness is in danger, that's where I draw the line! Every scout deserves to look out from the Tooth of Time and see the unmistakable patch of green that is the Villa Lawn, a lush, velvety memorial to Waite Phillips' wealth and generosity.

But how to bring on the rain?

Philmont's Chaplains would be proud to know that my first instinct was to turn to the Bible. I thought that perhaps the story of Noah and his floating petting zoo held some clue to saving the Ranch from certain waterless doom. Unfortunately, a little research shot down this plan faster than a minibear at Sawmill: Noah's flood was catalyzed by God's anger at a world consumed by rampant vice and sin—not a viable option here at Philmont.

With no plan, the Villa Lawn growing crispier by the minute, everything seemed to be going wrong at the worst possible time: a classic case of Murphy's Law.

Wait a minute, that's it! I thought. Murphy's Law is responsible for more rain than the water cycle, prayer, and X-

Men's Storm combined! In this vein, I propose the following measures to save our Ranch.

- If you have a car, wash it. Then leave the windows rolled down.
- Wash your clothes and then hang them out to dry.
- Have a parade.
- Better yet, have a staff banquet.
- Tell Ponil, Beaubien and Clark's Fork to leave out all the good saddles.
- Instruct all the Rangers on the trail to sleep without tents.
- And most importantly, leave your rain gear at home when you go hiking. Take Gor-Tex nowhere!

The time to act is now! If we all pitch in, even just a little bit, Murphy will have no choice but to douse Philmont with a deluge of semi-biblical proportions. Then the good old days of charred baked goods, fifteen minute showers, and extreme fire danger only somewhere will return. And, most importantly, the Villa Lawn will be green forever more!

Please be aware that the views expressed in this column do not necessarily represent those of PhilNews, Philmont Scout Ranch, or the Boy Scouts of America.

On the cover:

Cows cross State Highway 569 in front of the rising smoke of the Rivera Mesa.

PHOTO BY JOSH FEATHER

NPS Photographer

Rivera Mesa fire threatens Philmont

BY KATE SHIPLEY

PhilNews Staff

Ominous smoke may be rising in the south, but the traditions of Philmont are continuing as they have for the past 68 years.

Officials predict total containment of the Rivera Fire by June 27th, which means that the hottest parts of the fire would be put out, and the risk of spot fires and blowups would be eliminated.

On Sunday, a "10-70" team was formed to deal with the situation. They have dealt with safety, logistical and other issues related to the emergency response.

The 10-70 team hopes that after containment the backcountry will reopen immediately.

"We still want to deliver the magic of Philmont. Kids dream about coming to this place," Mark Anderson, Director of Program, said Tuesday.

The Rivera Mesa fire, which began Sunday, has grown to within three miles of Philmont, but it is being diligently fought by firefighters from all over New Mexico.

By Monday there were two Philmont fire engines, two Raton fire engines, one engine from Cimarron, and one from Miami fighting the blaze.

The fire was started by a lightning strike and is burning through pinion pine, juniper, ponderosa pine and grass. It has grown to more than 10,000 acres.

Logistics began re-routing crews out of the south country and into the central and north regions. Since then, all crews have been moved north out of the area closest to the fire.

After the campers were moved out, the removal of staff began. The staffs of Carson Meadows, Abreu, Apache Springs, Zastrow and Fish Camp were all evacuated by Tuesday. Two teams of rangers swept the southern trails to make sure no crew was south of Beaubien.

On Monday, the situation was upgraded to a Level II fire, which relates to the size of the fire. As a result of this classification, over 500 personnel have been deployed. Water drops, made by helicopters and tankers, have also been used to quell the flames.

The populations of both Philmont and the village of Miami are endangered by the fire. Typically, firefighters follow the flame from behind, but in an effort to protect Philmont, they are attacking it from the front.

Air support dropped 40,000 gallons of retardant and 25,000 gallons of water on Tuesday alone. As of Wednesday, the weather report favored Philmont, predicting cooler temperatures and small chances of rain.

Since Philmont has roughly 5,000 residents during the summer, and many structures, New Mexico is applying for aid from FEMA to combat the blaze.



Mark Anderson explains the developing situation to the 10-70 team.

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New resources are arriving daily. They are staged at night and put in action the next morning.

Meanwhile, preparations for any potential evacuations continue at base camp. The plan to make sub-camps for anyone forced to leave the backcountry are now ready. Facilities has portable toilets and water buffaloes standing by.

Staff has been strictly prohibited from hiking in the South Country. Anywhere south of Mt. Phillips and Tooth Ridge is off-limits.

Trip planning has been moved from the Logistics building to the Advisor's Meeting Room.

Logistics is also beginning to update a fire strategy for the Valle Vidal, because of severe drought, but optimism is the prevailing mood.

"We may be ready to reopen in a day or so," Anderson said.



History comes alive at Philmont Museum

BY ANGELO POMPEO

Philnews Staff

"We are living history, we research the past and educate people," said Dennis Chappell, one of the Dragoons visiting Rayado last week from the 12th-16th.

Chappell and four other adults and four high school students from Pueblo, Denver, and Conifer, Colorado explained the role of the Dragoons in and around the Rayado area, and their impact on American history. The group also included topographical engineers who would have visited this area during the Santa Fe Trail days.

Dragoon is a European term that refers to a mounted calvary of American soldiers who "stayed right here in these Rayado cabins in 1850 and '51," Chappell said.

Their primary weapon was a shortened musket often referred to as a dragon, from which the name is derived. "They could ride in, with all types of weapons and equipment, then dismount and fight the battle," he said. "They could do it all."

"The map makers came later," Chappell added, "but they no doubt would have been here to inform travelers on the Santa Fe Trail as to what the terrain was like."

"It's important for the scouts to learn that this spot was the crossroads of history until about 1859 and what happened out here in the West changed the face of America. It made it into what it is today," Chappell said.

During their five days in Rayado, the group explained to crews that the Dragoons were stationed here because of conflict with local Indians between the Mexican and Civil Wars.

They showed crews the weapons the Dragoons used including sabers, a Hall's Carbine gun, and a cannon that



Dragoons clean the cannon after a day of living history demonstrations.

PHOTO BY MARGARET HEDDERMAN, NPS Photographer

they proceeded to fire off into the meadow behind the museum. This always seemed to be the most enjoyable part of the demonstration for the crews.

The topographical engineers taught the crews to make maps of the area the way they were made in the 1850s and explained to them the importance of this skill.

"There were only 33 topographical engineers ever, and they had an enormous impact on America when they mapped the Santa Fe Trail area, and the plant and animal species that were out here."

The group is very experienced and enthusiastic about what they do.

"Our group just has a common interest in history, and we love to share this information, so we get together every year to do this," Chappell said, "This is my thirteenth year, but they've been coming out here for eighteen, so I guess I missed out on the first five."

"But we love coming out to Philmont," he said. "The best part about coming out here is...well...everything. It's beautiful, fun, and we get to deal with the scouts who are the best people around."

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Philmont arrowhead patch travels to space

By ERIC STANN

Philnews Staff

To space and back, a piece of Philmont travels the farthest distance ever.

The space shuttle Discovery launches the STS-121 crew for a twelve day mis-



STS-21 Mission Specialist Michael Fossum in a NASA T-38 trainer jet.

PHOTO PROVIDED BY NASA

sion on July 1 to the International Space Station. On board Astronaut and Eagle Scout Michael Fossum, a former Philmont participant, carries a Philmont arrowhead patch.

A few summers ago, Fossum met Philmont General Manager Keith Gallaway on Baldy Mountain. After his trek, Fossum sent Gallaway his astronaut picture, writing on the back of the picture that if there was anything he could do for Gallaway, please feel free to contact him.

When NASA granted Fossum his first opportunity to head into space as Mission Specialist for STS-121, Gallaway made two requests.

The first request Gallaway asked Fossum is to take a Philmont arrowhead patch with him on his next trip to space.

Fossum honors that request on July 1.

Next summer, Fossum honors the second request.

Fossum visits Philmont next year as the staff banquet keynote speaker. The Philmont patch that traveled into space will accompany him, and he will present that patch to the staff. The patch then goes on display at the Seton Museum.

When Fossum steps to that podium, he joins a group of distinguished guests such as U.S. Congressman Ed Pease, an Eagle Scout, and Jim Whittaker, the first American to summit Mount Everest.

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Beautiful country, ancient civilization meet

By ERIC STANN

Philnews Staff

Pristine canyons and breathtaking views are a norm in this area of New Mexico, and nestled inside Frijoles Canyon are the remnants of an ancient civilization, part of Bandelier National Monument.

In this time of extreme fire danger throughout New Mexico, all of Bandelier's trails remain open, unlike in the national park areas around Albuquerque.

Located three hours southwest of Philmont in the Jemez Mountains, Bandelier offers a look at cliff dwellings from the Ancestral Pueblo people and has 70 miles of trails within its 33,750 acres.

The paved 1.2 mile Main Loop Trail offers a close up look at the remnants



Cliff dwellings from the ancestral Pueblo people are part of the appeal of Bandelier National Monument. PHOTO PROVIDED BY THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

of the dwellings as well as a chance to climb ladders into some of them.

feet off the floor of the canyon.

The Falls Trail

For those with more time and those that want to do a little hiking, Bandelier offers many trails. A popular day hike is the Falls Trail, which follows Frijoles Creek as it descends 700 feet to the banks of the Rio Grande River past the Upper and Lower Falls.

A trail guide is available for \$1.50 at the Visitor Center and allows the hiker to learn more about the area around the trail.

Beginning from the Backpacker Parking Lot, the Falls Trail starts with a gradual descent through a lush canopy of trees, making it hard to remember that this park is still in dry, arid New Mexico.

As the trail bends around a corner the landscape and the weather drastically change. Ahead at the end of the narrow canyon are the muddy waters of the Rio Grande. Here the canyon becomes deeper and the trail becomes narrower with steep drop-offs, starting with the 80 foot

A trail guide is available for purchase from the Visitor Center for only \$1, and provides excellent information about the cliff dwellings. Otherwise, there are no written explanations along the trail about what the visitor is looking at.

Half a mile above the Main Loop Trail in Frijoles Canyon is the Alcove House (formerly known as Ceremonial Cave). The Alcove House is a cliff dwelling reached only by a 140 foot climb on four wooden ladders. It is definitely worth the climb. Not only does it offer a great view of Frijoles Canyon, but visitors also have the chance of climbing down into a reconstructed kiva, or ceremonial room, located 140

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drop by Upper Frijoles Falls from the heart of an ancient maar volcano.

Just below Upper Frijoles Falls on the canyon walls one can see layers of volcanic rock. At this point in the trail the visitor is standing in the mouth of the maar volcano, which spews lava through water such as a steam, lake, or underground aquifer. The volcanic deposits, as well as the surface of the volcano, are visible on the walls of the canyon today.

A quarter of a mile downstream from Upper Frijoles Falls, the canyon becomes 40 feet deeper with the Lower Frijoles Falls, in which the water falls over a ledge of basalt rock.

Beyond this point visitors have the option of hiking all the way down to the banks of the Rio Grande River. However, due to the possibility of high water in that area, the trail has been abandoned by the park service. It is very overgrown but offers a spectacular view of the Rio Grande and the Frijoles Canyon.

Other Options

After a \$12.00 per vehicle entrance fee, visitors are welcome to explore as much of the park as he or she wants. The entrance fee is also good for up to seven days.

The Falls Trail is not the only hiking

trail available in Bandelier. Many areas in Bandelier are accessible by day hikes, but backpacking is also allowed after obtaining a wilderness permit from the visitor center. The terrain throughout Bandelier is rugged with steep canyons, and the possibility of finding remote archeological sites and petroglyphs entice the well-prepared hikers.

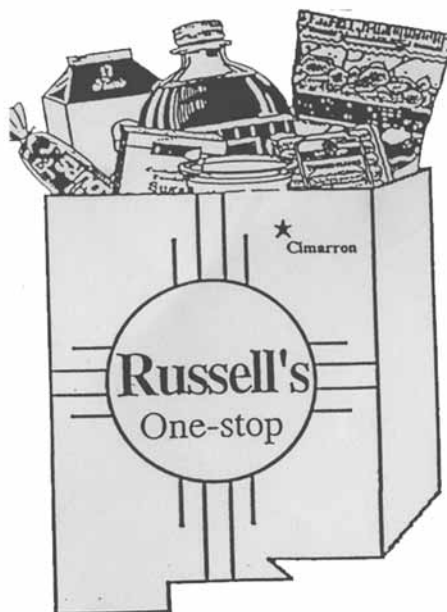
Bandelier National Monument is full of historical and cultural experiences as well as the beautiful New Mexico landscape. Whether you love being outdoors and hiking around new places or learning about an ancient culture, Bandelier National Monument easily fulfills expectations.

The Manly Men of Pueblano are off doing manly things, and therefore are unable answer your most unmanly questions. Please continue to send questions, as they will be back next week to entertain your unmanliness.

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What's Going On Around the World...

Woman comes home to find bear

In West Vancouver, British Columbia, on Thursday, a woman came home to find a bear eating oatmeal out of a ceramic food container in her kitchen. The bear apparently entered through an open sliding glass door. Three police officers were sent to the scene, but couldn't get the bear to budge, so they let it finish its meal. Bears in the northern parts of Vancouver have been coming out of hibernation later than usual because of a heavier winter snowpack, but as hungry as ever.

Hope for future of giant panda

Research suggests that fear of the giant being on the brink of extinction could be unjustified. In the journal *Current Biology*, scientists suggest that populations of the giant pandas have been underestimated and the possibility of as many as 3,000 pandas remain in the wild. Once inhabiting much of China, the panda now is found only in the forested mountainous areas of the country. This and the animal's elusive and wary nature has made it difficult to make accurate censuses. So, researchers in China and the UK have tried out a new hi-tech method based on analyzing DNA from panda droppings. The results from this new method suggest that about 66 pandas live in the Wanglang Nature Reserve, which is more than twice as many as recorded in 1998. The basis of those findings also suggests that an estimation of as many as 2,500 to 3,000 giant pandas still live in China.

First woman elected to lead American Episcopalians

Nevada Bishop Katherine Jefferts Schori became the first woman in the global Anglican community to be elected to lead a church when she was picked to be the presiding bishop of the Episcopal Church, on Sunday. The choice of Jefferts Schori may worsen and even splinter the difficult relations between the American denomination and its global community. Only two other Anglican providences - New Zealand and Canada - have female bishops. Episcopal bishops elected Jefferts Schori on the fifth ballot with 95 votes. The remaining 93 votes were split between the rest of the field - six candidates, all men.

Space shuttle cleared for launch on July 1

Discovery, the second space shuttle flight since the *Columbia* disaster is a go, NASA said, after two days of intense debate. The debate was over concerns of the potential risk of foam debris posed by 34 insulated ice frost ramps along *Discovery*'s external tank. The rationale for keeping the flight going was, that while foam debris damage may hinder the shuttle's availability to re-enter the Earth's atmosphere, the shuttle will still be able to reach orbit. STS-121, lead by astronaut Steven Lindsey, will launch at 3:48 p.m. ET on July 1. The 13 day

flight, which includes two spacewalks, will serve as a test flight for shuttle fuel tank changes, orbiter inspection, repair techniques, as well as delivering vital supplies to the space station. It comes almost one year since the first post-*Columbia* mission also aboard *Discovery*. Over that past year, engineers have redesigned the shuttle's tank to eliminate the piece of foam that fell during the launch last year but did not hit *Discovery*.

Soldiers charged with killing prisoners

Three soldiers from the 101st Airborne Division, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, were charged Monday with the murder of three Iraqi prisoners in May. The three have been identified as Staff Sgt. Raymond L. Girouard, Pfc. Corey Claggett and Spc. William B. Hunsacker. The charges include murder, attempted murder and conspiracy in connection with the deaths. Also the three were accused of obstructing justice and threatening to kill a fellow soldier if he talked about the incident. On May 9, during an operation in the Salaheddin province near Tharthar Canal, the incident occurred near a chemical plant. In pretrial custody, the soldiers are awaiting a hearing that will determine if there is enough evidence for a court-martial. If accused, under the Uniform Code of Military Justice, they could face sentences ranging from five years in prison for threatening a witness to a possible death sentence for the murder charge.

Guard troops ordered to New Orleans

Acting on Mayor Ray Nagin's request, Louisiana Governor Kathleen Blanco will send National Guard troops and state police to patrol New Orleans streets, she said Monday. This decision stems from a bloody weekend in New Orleans, where five teenagers in an SUV were shot and killed. The incident was the city's deadliest in at least 11 years. This is the first time since Hurricane Katrina that the Guard has been called into law enforcement duty.

Houston swamped by torrential rain

As much as 10.5 inches of rain dropped over Houston Monday by the end of morning rush hour, flooding homes and highways in that area. Texas Governor Rick Perry ordered the Texas Army National Guard to the flooded areas of Houston. No deaths were reported, but major roads such as Interstate 10 were flooded and vehicles were stalled. Houston firefighters answered about 500 calls from people who were stranded by the deep water and needed rescuing.

Kidnapped U.S. soldiers found dead, mutilated

The mutilated and booby-trapped bodies of two U.S. soldiers that went missing after a Friday attack on a traffic control

checkpoint were found Monday night after a tip from Iraqi civilians led officials there. Sources said the two men suffered severe trauma. The bodies had also been desecrated, and visual identification was impossible. Not only were the bodies booby-trapped, but homemade bombs lined the road leading to the victims in an apparent effort to complicate recovery efforts. It took twelve hours to clear the area of the bombs. The Mujahideen Shura Council claimed responsibility for the attack on a web site, but the claim cannot be independently verified. DNA testing identified the two as Pfc. Thomas Lowell Tucker, 25, of Madras, Oregon, and Pfc. Kristian Menchaca, 23, of Houston, Texas. They were members of the 1st Battalion, 502nd Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade, 101st Airborne Division out of Fort Campbell, Kentucky.

Wildfires ablaze in southwest United States

In Sedona, Arizona - 90 miles north of Phoenix - a wildfire has spread quickly into 1,100 acres. The fire has forced evacuation of about 400 homes and businesses in the scenic Oak Creek Canyon and about 100 more homes on the north side of Sedona. Authorities believe the blaze was started in a camp used by transients.

In New Mexico, three fires started by lightning burned 24,000 acres in Gila National Forest. In southern Colorado, about 150 miles south of Denver, a wildfire grew to more than 500 acres Monday, forcing voluntary evacuations of 246 homes in the area. Nationwide, wildfires have burned more than 3.1 million acres so far.

Bush warns Iran on nuclear deal

President Bush, addressing graduates of the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy on Monday, warned Iran that it will face tougher sanctions if it rejects an offer to freeze nuclear work and return to talks. A rejection, Bush says, will force action before the U.N. Security Council, more isolation, and stronger sanctions. Iran, he says, has had weeks rather than months to respond to the talks offer. Bush accused Iran and its leaders of sponsoring terrorism, denying human rights to its people, and threatening the existence of Israel. The comments come three days after the Iranian President said that the plan designed to persuade Iran to suspend uranium enrichment was a "step forward" and that his country would "carefully consider" the plan. Iran insists that its nuclear program is only for peaceful purposes.

American Heart Association sets limit on trans fat

In new guidelines released Monday, the American Heart Association has become the first major health group in the United States to urge a specific limit of trans fats in the diet - less than one percent of total calories. The guidelines, for healthy Americans age two and older, were made by a panel of specialists in nutrition and heart disease. But Americans

don't need to count calories - the experts say that all people need to do is try getting into the habit of cooking with healthier oils and balancing calories consumed and calories burned through exercise.

U.N. warns Somalia war could spread

A regional conflict could ensue following the takeover of Somalia's capital by Islamic militias unless the international community resolves Somalia's civil war. Francois Lonseny Fall, the top U.N. envoy to Somalia, urged the international community, including the neighboring countries, to take more action on the issue. The Islamic Courts Union (ICU) captured Mogadishu and Ethiopia has moved troops toward the border to intervene with this group if they move on Baidoa, the seat of Somalia's transitional government. This transitional government is U.N. backed, but wields little power. The last functioning government in the country collapsed in 1991. The ICU has accused Ethiopia of entering Somalia with their troops, but reports say that Ethiopia is only moving its forces closer to the border with Somalia because the ICU is coming closer to that frontier. The Islamic Courts Union is a militia that backs the imposition of strict Islamic law in Somalia. It seized control this month from a coalition of secular warlords. The U.N. officials are trying to learn more about the ICU leaders and are concerned the increased fighting could create a new humanitarian crisis in Somalia. The United States is concerned that the country could become a haven for al-Qaeda.

Gates to end daily role at Microsoft

Microsoft's Bill Gates announced that he will end his day-to-day duties by July 2008, allowing him to spend more time on the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, his charity dedicated to world health and education. After he steps down he will continue to serve as Microsoft's chairman and advise on key development projects. Beginning now is the transition period, which will take two years to make sure it goes smoothly, said Microsoft. The move did not come as a huge shock to the rest of the company.

Japan gets key victory in whaling industry

The annual International Whaling Commission (IWC) meeting in Nevis backed a resolution calling for the eventual return of commercial whaling by a majority of only one vote. Japan considers the outcome "historic" but this does not lift the 1986 ban, which still protects the endangered species. An overturn of the ban would need support from three-quarters of the commission. Japan and other pro-whaling nations want the IWC to move away from conservation and toward managing whale population numbers. Tokyo believes that the whale numbers have raised enough for the allowance of hunting of certain species. Japan and Iceland currently kill whales under an IWC ruling which allows killing whales for "scientific research."

Carolina Hurricanes win first Stanley Cup

In their second trip to the Stanley Cup Finals, the Carolina Hurricanes beat the Edmonton Oilers 3-1 in Game 7 Monday night to win their first NHL championship. For Hurricanes Captain Ron Brind'Amour, Glen Wesley, Doug Weight, Bret Hadican and Ray Whitney, it had been a total of 78 seasons of being in the league without winning the cup. In front of 19,000 standing fans in Raleigh, North Carolina, Aaron Ward and Frantisek Kaberle scored for the Hurricanes. Aaron Ward's goal was a slap shot that skidded through half a dozen players in front of the net before going through the legs of Oilers goalie Jussi Markkanen. It was the Hurricanes' first goal in 95:01 since the second period of Game 5. Kaberle made it 2-0 in favor of Carolina by making a slap shot over Markkanen. The Oilers Fernando Pisani gave Edmonton some life when he scored his playoff leading 14th goal, knocking in a loose puck, just over a minute into the third period to bring the score to 2-1. But Carolina's Justin Williams finished off the Oilers after scoring an open-net goal with 1:01 remaining in the game due to an error by Edmonton defenseman Chris Pronger. Pronger gave up the puck in the Carolina zone, then helplessly dove to block Williams shot but to no avail. Cam Ward, the 22-year-old rookie goalie, won the Conn Smythe Trophy as the most valuable player in the playoffs. Ward wasn't Carolina's number one goalie going into the playoffs, but was promoted when Martin Gerber struggled against Montreal in the opening round. After going down 3-1 in the series, Edmonton, the first eighth-seeded team to reach the finals under the current format, rebounded with a win in Carolina in Game 5 and a blowout at home in Game 6 to force Monday night's Game 7. The Oilers were in the finals for the first time since 1990, when they won their fifth cup in seven years. With the loss, Edmonton failed to bring the Stanley Cup back to Canadian soil for the first time since Montreal won in 1993. The Hurricanes made up for a 2002 Stanley Cup loss to the Detroit Red Wings, and Now Raleigh is celebrating and each player is figuring out just what he will on his day with the cup

Miami wins first NBA title

While fellow 2003 draftmates LeBron James and Carmelo Anthony could only sit at home and watch, Dwayne Wade led his Miami Heat to their first title in only his third year in the league. He was named the Finals MVP for finishing with the third highest scoring average in NBA Finals history at 34.7 ppg. He also became only the fourth player ever to have four consecutive games with at least 35 points in the finals. He finished game 6 with 36 points and again put his team on top in another close game, as the Heat pulled out their fourth win in a row, 95-92, to win the series. Although Shaquille O'Neal only contributed nine points to the game six effort, the win put him second among active players with four championships. As for the Mavericks, they are still reeling and looking to place blame

for what had been the greatest season in franchise history. After dominating the first two games in the series, they now have to feel the heartbreak of losing four in a row, including a game 3 loss in which they led by 13 points with less than seven minutes left in the game; a win that would have given them a commanding 3-0 series lead. To top things off, Maverick owner was fined \$250,000 for several "acts of misconduct" following the 101-100 game 5 overtime loss. He reportedly went onto the court to express his discontent directly to official Joe DeRosa then screamed at NBA Commissioner David Stern and other NBA officials in the stands, and used profanity during a postgame session with reporters.

United States ties Italy 1-1

The United States soccer team tied Italy 1-1 on Saturday, earning an important point in the 2006 World Cup. In front of 46,000 fans in Fritz-Walter Stadium, Italy went up 1-0 in the 21st minute with a goal by Alberto Gilardino, whose header from a penalty kick beat the United States goalkeeper Kasey Keller. But four minutes later, in an uncharacteristic Italian defensive move, Italy's Christian Zaccardo scored on his own goal when trying to defend on the United States Clint Dempsey's cross, allowing the United States to tie the game at one apiece. A minute later the game looked even worse for the Italians when Daniele De Rossi received a red card for a clear elbow on Brian McBride. The Americans squandered two opportunities to take the lead before halftime with missed shots by Dempsey and Bobby Convey. In the second half, the Italians came out kicking after an early red card sent American Eddie Pope to the locker room to join fellow American Pablo Mastroeni, who received a red card in the last minute of the first half. The Italians had two narrow misses early from Pirlo and Bocanegra, and the United States survived another attack later on by Perrota. The United States had a chance to take the lead in the 65th minute with a goal by Beasley, which was disallowed for being offsides. The Italians tried a couple more shots on Kasey Keller, but were denied on every attempt. Time just ran out for Italy as the United States held for the tie.

Woods misses first major championship cut

Tiger Woods missed his first cut in a major championship since becoming a professional in 1996. At the Winged Foot Golf Club in New York, Woods shot 76 on both of the first two days of the tournament, putting his two-day total of 152 twelve over par and out of the U.S. Open. Woods missed 21 of 28 fairways for the tournament and hit only eight of 18 greens in regulation on Friday. On a better note, gilvy became the first Australian to win the U.S. Open in 25 years

Notre Dame football player signs with Chicago Cubs

Notre Dame Fighting Irish wide receiver Jeff Samardzija, a

fifth round MLB draft pick, agreed to a five-year contract with the Chicago Cubs worth up to \$7.25 million. Samardzija will join the Bosie Hawks, an advanced rookie club of the Northwest League, once the deal is approved by the commissioner's office. He will still be able to play at Notre Dame in the fall and his plan is to play professional baseball and football after graduating Notre Dame. He is also a possible first round draft choice in the NFL Draft. Samardzija, a native of Valparaiso, Indiana, caught a record 15 touchdown passes for the Irish last fall and then went 8-2 with a 4.33 ERA in 15 starts for the baseball team.

College World Series-games played

Game 1 - Clemson 8, Georgia Tech 4
 Game 2 - North Carolina 7, Cal State Fullerton 5 (13 in.)
 Game 3 - Rice 6, Georgia 4
 Game 4 - Miami 11, Oregon State 1
 Game 5 - Cal State Fullerton 7, Georgia Tech 5
 Game 6 - North Carolina 2, Clemson 0
 Game 7 - Oregon State 5, Georgia 3
 Game 8 - Rice 3, Miami 2

There are four playoff games left to play and the best-of-three championship series will begin June 24.

MLB Standings

American League

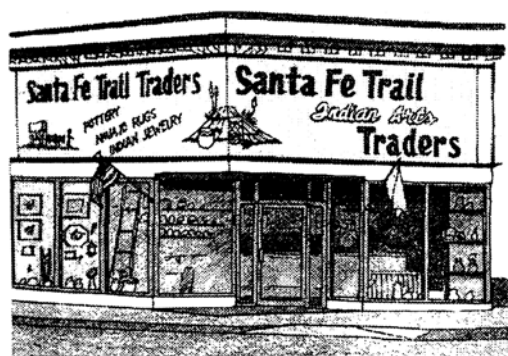
EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	STRK
Boston	41	28	.594	-	W5
NY Yankees	39	30	.565	2	W1
Toronto	38	32	.543	3.5	W1
Baltimore	32	40	.444	10.5	L2
Tampa Bay	30	41	.423	12	W1
CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	STRK
Detroit	48	24	.667	-	W6
Chicago Sox	45	25	.643	2	W5
Minnesota	35	34	.507	11.5	W8
Cleveland	32	38	.457	15	W1
Kansas City	20	49	.290	26.5	W2
WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	STRK
Oakland	38	33	.535	-	L2
Texas	38	33	.535	-	L1
Seattle	34	37	.486	3.5	W4
LA Angels	31	40	.437	7	L3

National League

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	STRK
NY Mets	44	26	.629	-	W1
Philadelphia	35	35	.493	9.5	L1
Florida	30	40	.448	12.5	W9
Washington	32	37	.438	13.5	L2
Atlanta	30	40	.423	14.5	L8
CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	STRK
St. Louis	42	27	.609	-	L1
Cincinnati	38	33	.535	5	L1
Houston	36	35	.507	7	L2
Milwaukee	36	37	.486	8.5	L2
Chi Cubs	27	43	.386	15.5	L1
Pittsburgh	26	46	.361	17.5	L6
WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	STRK
San Diego	37	33	.529	-	W2
LA Angels	36	34	.514	1	L4
Arizona	36	35	.507	1.5	L1
Colorado	36	35	.507	1.5	W2
San Francisco	36	35	.507	1.5	W2

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Longtime Philmont participant honored at campfire

By ERIC STANN

Philnews Staff

A son recognized a longtime Philmont participant dear to his heart.

At the Opening Campfire Sunday night, David Kessinger recognized his father Boyd Kessinger. Over the past 30 years, Boyd, who is in his late 70s, has trekked Philmont approximately 20 times.

This week, the Kessingers, father, son, and all four grandsons, are sharing the experience of Philmont as part of crew 618-R-1. As Boyd explores Philmont for this year, he knows it will be his last.

The Westmoreland Fayette Council, in Western Pennsylvania, is the home of the Kessingers. Boyd has been active in that council for the past 30 years as either a scoutmaster or the chair of the council's high adventure committee and Order of the

Arrow lodge. He has also served as either an adult crew leader or council contingent leader on treks at Philmont. Through all that dedication to Scouting Boyd has exposed over 200 scouts and leaders to the Philmont experience.

David presented to his father a replica of the mile post marker used on their local trail as a way to train Scouts in their area on attending Philmont. Winding through the mountains of the Laurel Highlands in western Pennsylvania, Boyd completed the 70 mile trail in its entirety after he turned 70.

The replica has the year they started training for their first trek until the present and is engraved with the Philmont horse and cattle brands on both sides. A simple statement of "A walk to



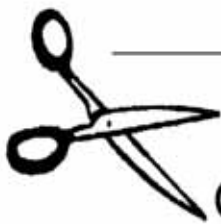
Boyd Kessinger receives a replica mile post marker from his son David Kessinger.

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remember" is also engraved at the base.

For David, the Scouts that have been influenced by his father have truly been on a walk to remember.

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Gretchen Sammus (F) Rancher and great-graughter of Teresa Chase

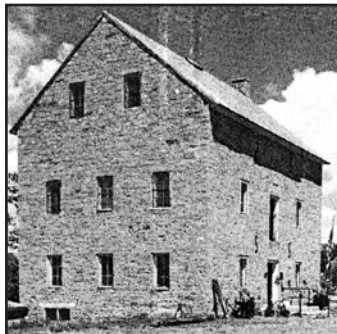
Waite Phillips (M) Businessman and benefactor of Philmont

Old Scout (M) 1930s Boy Scout, meets participants and Welcome Center, takes roll call, and leads them to campfire bowl. (No memorization necessary for this part)

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6/30 **Ron White** - 8:30 p.m., Kiva Auditorium, Albq.

7/03 **Counting Crows and Goo Goo Dolls** - 7 p.m.,
Journal Pavilion, Albq.

7/04 **Ozzfest 2006** - 11 a.m., Journal Pavilion, Albq.

Colorado

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

7/02 **Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers/Pearl Jam**
- 7:30 p.m., Pepsi Center, Denver

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7/05 **Disturbed** - 6 p.m., Coors Amphitheatre,
Englewood

7/05 **Counting Crows and Goo Goo Dolls** - 7:30
p.m., Red Rocks Amphitheatre, Morrison

7/11 **A.F.I.** - 7:30 p.m., Fillmore Auditorium, Denver

7/16 **Poison** - 6:30 p.m., Coors Amphitheatre,
Englewood

7/17 **Crosby, Stills, Nash, and Young** - 8 p.m., Red
Rocks Amphitheatre, Morrison

7/18 **Crosby, Stills, Nash, and Young** - 8 p.m., Red
Rocks Amphitheatre, Morrison

7/22 **Panic! At the Disco** - 8 p.m., Fillmore
Auditorium, Denver

7/25 **Rascal Flatts** - 7 p.m., Coors Amphitheatre,
Englewood

7/28 **311** - 7 p.m., Red Rocks Amphitheatre,
Morrison

7/29 **Ween/Flaming Lips** - 7 p.m., Red Rocks
Amphitheatre, Morrison

7/31 **Steely Dan/Michael McDonald** - 7:30 p.m.,
Red Rocks Amphitheatre, Morrison

Word Jumble

Unscramble these Backcountry camps to complete the quote.

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August 5

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Exhibit Reception

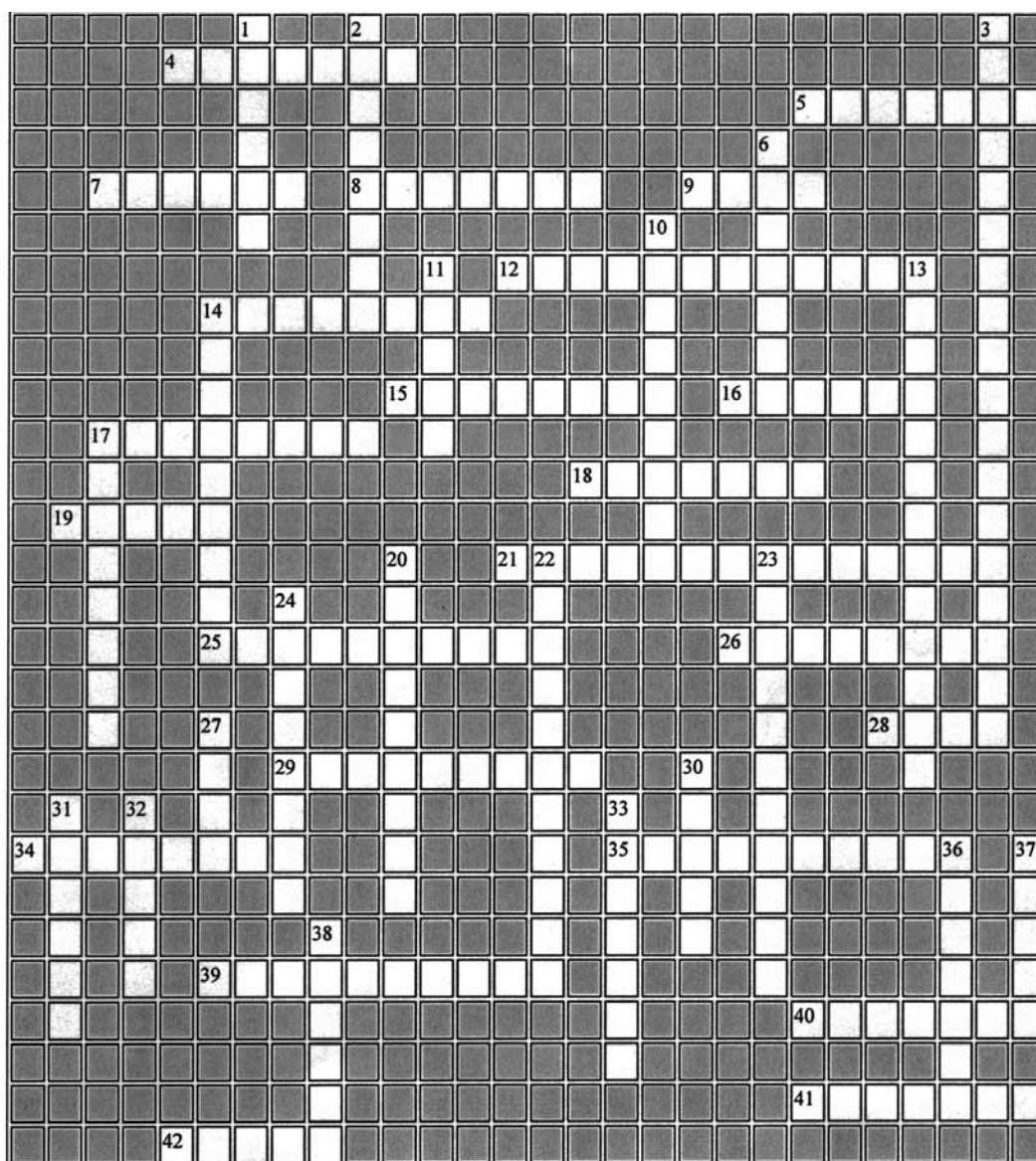
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4. mounted infantry
5. meadow crasher, to a bear
7. "Save some for the ____!"
8. rain shortage
9. good old raisins and peanuts
12. PTC cowboy party
14. totin' stick
15. young'uns hangout
16. mental, physical, and spiritual challenge
17. source of happiness
18. burro packing, horse-

- back riding, or gold panning
19. starting point of 2002 fire
21. impertinent youth
25. place to go
26. songs to the light of the lantern
28. _____ Pizza Out Back
29. delicious cookies
34. hungry genius rodents
35. South Country procedure
39. Stanley Cup winner
40. sometimes these are few and far between

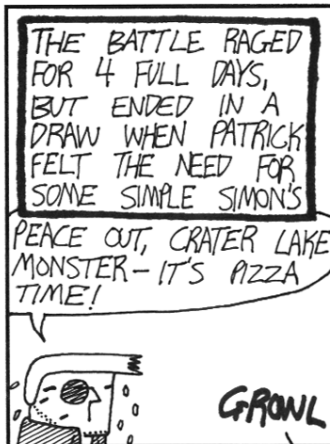
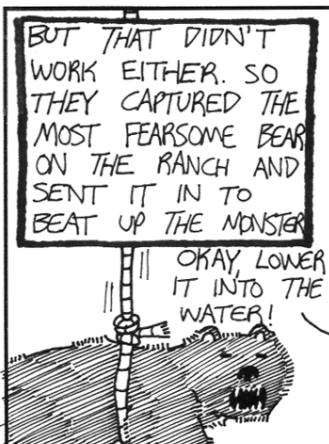
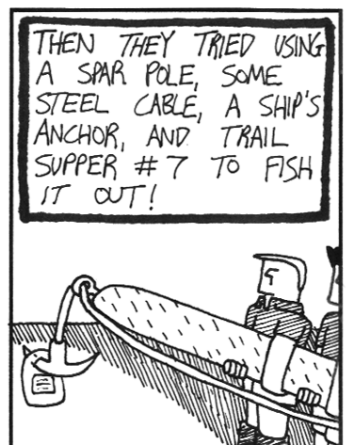
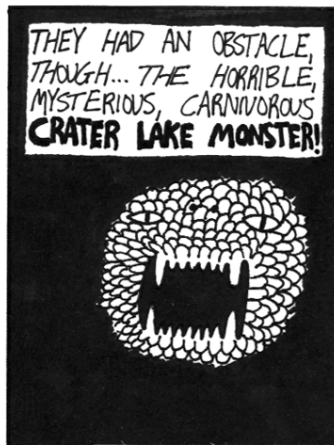
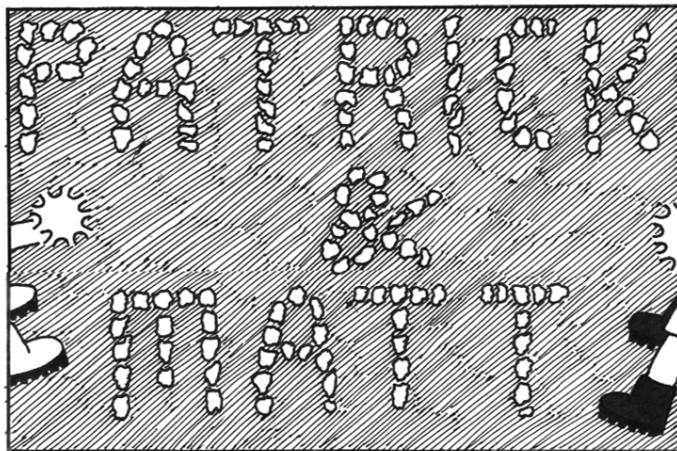
41. Rod Taylor's band

42. _____ Peak

Down

1. crew guides
2. soccer tournament
3. wrangler hangout
6. crunchy breakfast food
10. registration's favorite character
11. like email, but slower
13. _____ engineers
14. historic cultural site in central NM
17. soccer, to everyone else

20. banned cooking method
22. place to make belts, dreamcatchers, and more
23. smurf hangout
27. proper length for a shower, in min.
30. where the Philmont patch is going
31. fire site
32. Tooth _____
33. location of soccer frenzy
36. water container
37. state with most Phil-staffers
38. number one soccer team



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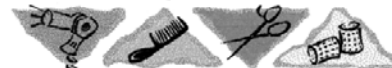
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2			8	1			4	6
			6			1		
1		7					2	
						2	6	1
	2		9		3		5	
6	5	4						
	1					6		4
		3			6			
4	8			7	9			5

Last week's answer

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

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Humor (no vulgarity) Black & White
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Bring or send your photos to the **Activities Office**. Each photo must be labeled with your name, department and the category in which you are entering it.

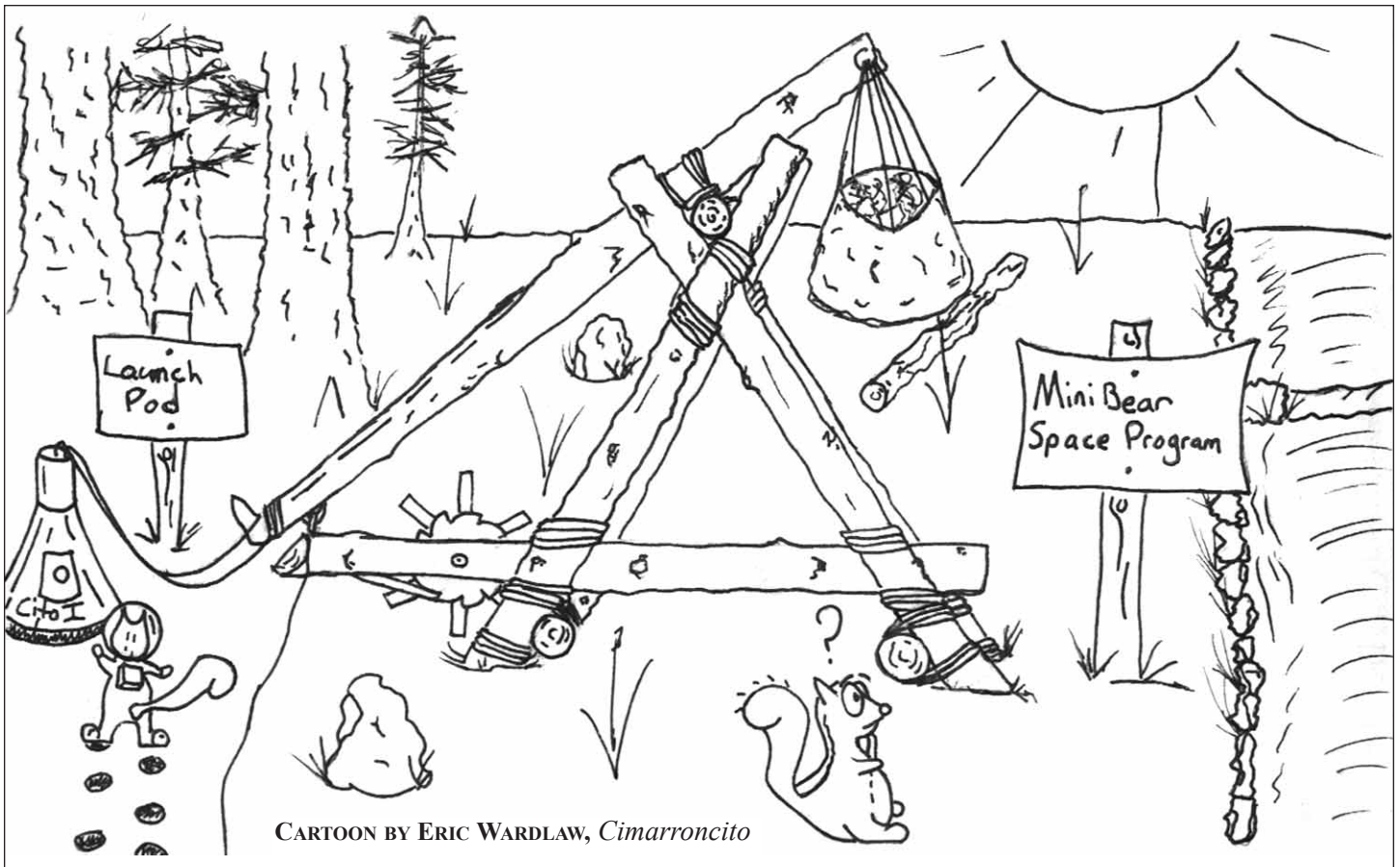
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Unit 2: I am so much better than you. Unit 2 clear.

[*and so on and so forth, until:*]

Unit 40: Break. Unit 40 to Unit 41.

Unit 41: This is Unit 41, go ahead.

Unit 40: I am so much better than you. . .

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Dirty Business

By MONSIGNOR BILL YOUNG

Catholic Chaplain

Whenever I come to Philmont I am reminded of the story of the scientist who didn't pray for twenty year, until one day when he succeeded in a life long experiment. He looked up and said to the heavens, "Well God, with all due respect, we won't be needing you much any more!"

He was surprised when a voice came down to him, "O, really? Why is that?"

The scientist answered, "Well, by taking some dirt and applying a bit of electricity and chemicals, we can create life, as it were, out of nothing."

"That sounds very interesting," said the voice from on High. "Could you show me?" And so the scientist bent down to pick up some of that dirt!

The voice from on high said, "Wait a second! Get your own dirt!"

It's amazing what God can do with dirt. Our lawns grow on it. Our crops need it for survival. We sleep on it, pitch our tents on it, lay on it to watch the sunrise, sunset, moon and stars. Often it cools our feet or puts out fire. After the fire or storm, the dirt provides a new home for seeds and new life.

So from this perspective, dirt looks pretty good, but we tend to look at dirt only from the negative and forget that flowers need dirt. Look at what God has done with dirt; look at the beautiful mountains, valleys, and plains around us. Through the formation of our earth God has designed a world that has great beauty.

Each of us needs to develop and deepen our appreciation for what may seem less than ourself. The movie star is not much good without someone to edit the film, add the sound, write the script, and get the food. It takes a lot of people to make a film. Not all of them are stars. But the stars need all those others.

The same thing is true at Philmont. There are many people who make this ranch a success. I want to salute those who work in housekeeping, camping services, food services, the Post Office and other areas that don't always get the attention they deserve.

These are the women and men who serve without a lot of thanks. They do their work without much appreciation or recognition. They are important to the success of Philmont and we shouldn't forget these unsung workers.

A beautiful mosaic is made from thousands of little pieces. From afar we can see the magnificent design, the stirring



figures or scenes. Yet if we were to get close, the grand design is not seen. We see lots and lots of little pieces that don't make much sense standing by themselves. It is only when we step back to see the totality of the design that it presents its beauty.

Philmont is a place of beauty. The danger is when we look at the "big" picture, or the "big" parts. All the parts make up the beauty. But it is not a tame beauty. There are dangers. People can get hurt. We can fall victim to jealousy or superiority. Both happen when we lose perspective.

Perhaps we should all think of ourselves as some of the "dirt" of Philmont. God did a lot with a bit of dirt. Imagine what God can do with you and me.

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Applications are available in the Conservation office, 505-376-2281 x249, or the Welcome Center.

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CHQ Activities Calendar

Friday	June 23	Basketball	8:30 p.m.
Saturday	June 24	Movie Night	8:30 p.m.
Sunday	June 25	Ping Pong Tournament	8:30 p.m.
Monday	June 26	Ice Cream	8:30 p.m.
Tuesday	June 27	Bratwurst Barbeque	11-1 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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