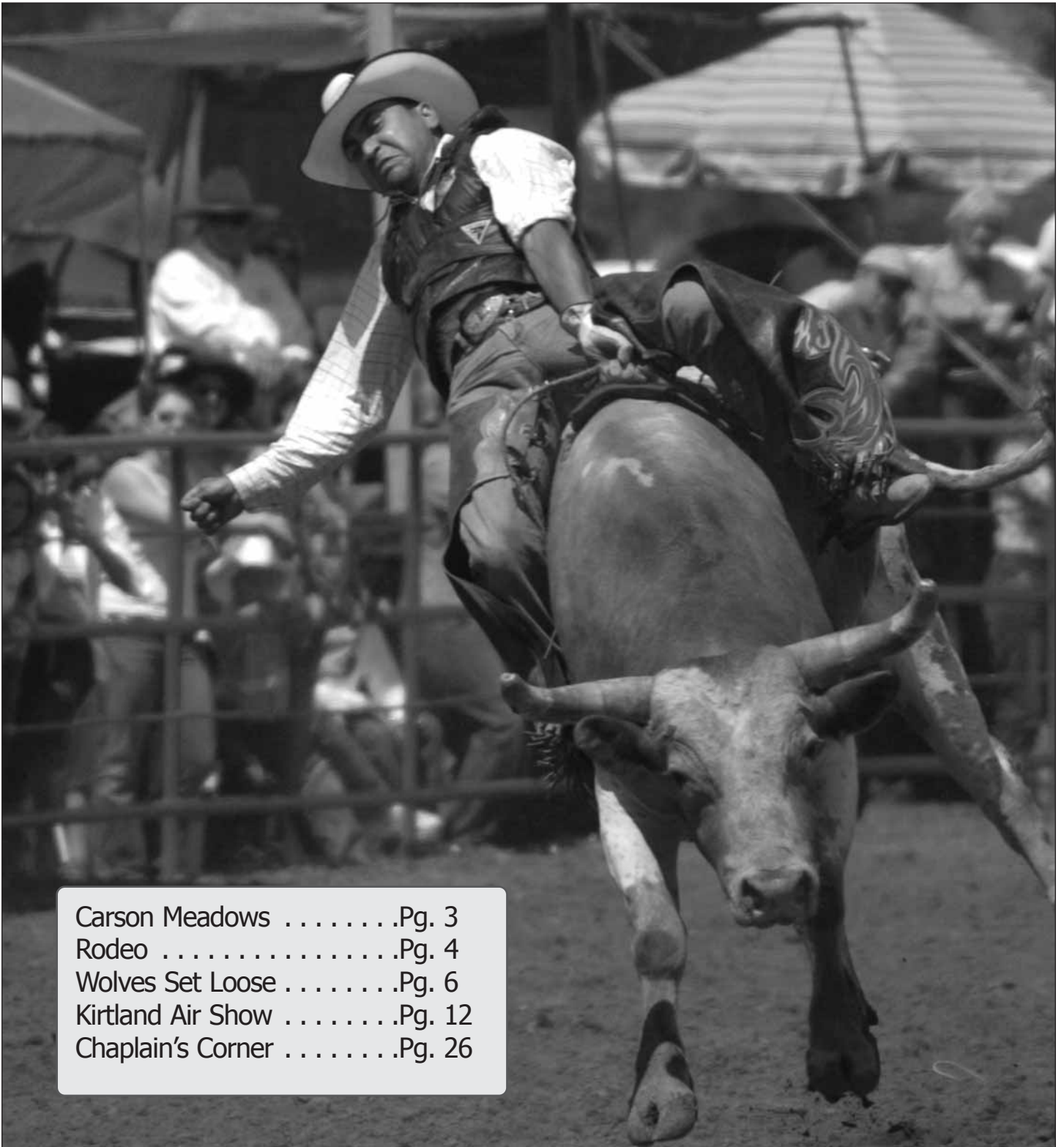


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Miles From Nowhere...

BY BENJAMIN FOOTE
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Given all the red, white and blue revelry of the past few days, I've been thinking a fair amount about this country whose 230th birthday we just celebrated.

I do not mean to suggest that the United States of America is not a magnificent country, but there have been occasions where people—both domestically and abroad—have idealized our land.

All of us, or our ancestors, who chose to come to this land did so seeking a better life. Whether by Ice Age land bridge, bath tub raft, first-class airplane or on foot, people have flocked to this land for generations. Some arrived here following the herds of animals they hunted; others came in search economic opportunities or political freedoms. Since before America was America, people have been drawn to our shores and borders by the so-called American Dream: the promise of a better life.

Arriving in the Land of the Free and the Home of the Brave, many immigrants—both past and present—find that America's streets are not paved with gold, and sometimes not even paved at all. America Online discs and restaurant toothpicks aside, many discover that not much in life, in the United States or elsewhere, is free.

But while the romanticized dreams of some get disappointed, many others find prosperity, success and happiness. Our streets may not be literally paved with gold, as the saying goes, but this country retains its reputation as a Land of Opportunity.

Similarly, Philmont has been hailed such things as "God's Country" and "Scouting Paradise."

While these titles imply the idealization discussed above, the nuanced reality is that Philmont is also a Land of Opportunity.

Hiking a trek or working as staff at Philmont are not easy feats. Regardless of the program or staff position, Philmont can at times be physically, emotionally, and spiritually taxing.

But that is the very magic of Philmont. Challenges reveal character; hardships provide opportunities for maturity and growth.

Philmont is not Scouting Paradise because it is a lush, green oasis where we sit on lawn chairs and sip tropical beverages with multicolored miniature umbrellas. Rather, it is a paradise because the rocks, wind, rain, dirt and heat provide the fertile soil in which abilities are measured, determination is tested, and—after a week, a trek, or a summer—better, stronger people emerge.

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:
Bull-riding was the culminating event of the 83rd Maverick Club Fourth of July Rodeo
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Life's a SAR at Carson Meadows

BY ERIC STANN
PhilNews Staff

The camp boasting one of the best views of the Tooth of Time teaches crews a vital backcountry skill.

Carson Meadows gives crews the experience of participating in a Search and Rescue starting from the big porch of their two-year-old cabin.

Rescuers can search for a missing person either actively or passively. A passive search consists of finding the person without looking for him or her — usually by gathering facts about the person by talking to those who know them best. An active search involves dogs, aircraft, or people on foot or ATV. Those on the ground search for the person by walking around and using a voice or sound sweep.

When actively searching there are seven points of direction the rescuer must use in looking for the missing person: forward, back, right, left, up, down, and all around.

Missing people normally follow the path of least resistance. Hikers and hunters can be harder to find, however, because they often follow a different path. Hunters focus on an animal, not on their map and compass, and therefore become disoriented. Hikers are overconfident, making them similarly hard to find, said Amber Landress, Program Counselor.

“Hikers think they know everything — especially those that have hiked for a couple of years,” she said. “They are not going to go the path of least resistance; instead they will go up to a high place to be able to see everything.”

The basics of a SAR come down to who is the leader of the Incident Command Post. A search is conducted successfully only if there is one central command, said Landress.



Program Counselor Amber Landress teaches a crew how to plot coordinates on a map using a grid reader.

PHOTO BY ERIC STANN, *PhilNews Staff*

“Searches will have one person back at base, looking at the map and coordinating everything,” she said.

While at Carson Meadows, crews perform a hasty search for their ranger or one of the members of the camp’s staff.

To find that person, the crews must use a journal left behind by the “missing” person, who in the journal is a co-worker that ran off into the woods because he or she doesn’t want to be at Philmont anymore. The journal contains five potential destinations with corresponding GPS coordinates.

The staff teaches the crews how to use a GPS, as well as how to plot the given coordinates on a map with a grid reader. Each crew member gets a chance to learn how to use a grid reader, and the staff checks back with the group after they are finished to make sure they did it correctly.

A crew is split up into two teams and searches for the person by dividing up the

clues and the coordinates that they were assigned. The teams are linked to each other as well as Incident Command through walkie-talkies. Incident Command, which is covered by a staff member, keeps up on the process of the two teams as well as informs the groups of the clues in case they forgot. Each group follows the GPS to each destination, or clue, to see if the subject is somewhere in that area.

Once the crew finds the subject, they return to the cabin, where the crew is debriefed and asked what they liked or disliked about the program, so the staff can make it better for future crews.

A well coordinated search is vital because it is a race against time, said Landress.

“If you do not find the person within 12 hours, the survival rate of that person decreases by ten percent in every hour after that,” she said.

The 83rd Maverick Club Rodeo

BY KATE SHIPLEY
Philnews Staff

In perhaps the most exciting week of sports this summer, the FIFA World Cup, the Tour de France, the Wimbledon and most importantly, the Cimarron Maverick Rodeo have kept Philmont staffers on the edge of their seat, or saddle, as the case may be.

Although the finals of the World Cup and Wimbledon are yet to be played, results are in for this year's rodeo, and Kenny Whetham is the champion.

The parade started at 8:30 a.m. and went through Cimarron to the Maverick Club Rodeo grounds. Fourteen events were held through the day.

Around 3 p.m., after several hours of solid rodeo fun, a storm rolled and turned the whole event wet and muddy, but the crowds stayed put to see who would be the bull riding winner.

Through rain and injury, the competition continued, except when it came to the Century Team Roping. In that category, no team made a time, and they all left when the storm hit in the afternoon.

But Kenny Whetham endured a kick in the stomach during the wild horse race and still took the biggest belt buckle. He won the bull riding competition and also awarded the All-around prize.

ALL-AROUND: Kenny Whetham

BULL RIDING: Kenny Whetham

MIXED RIBBON ROPING: Casey McGlaun

WILD HORSE RACE: James Sexton, Wayne Weeks and Bill Frake

JUNIOR POLE BENDING: Mary Archuleta

SADDLE BRONC: Luke Rush

COW PONY RACE: Kacie Deines

JUNIOR BARRELS: Sage Vincent

CALF ROPING: Garrett Baker

WILD COW MILKING: James Sexton, Wayne Weeks and Chris Grover

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RANCH BRONC RIDING: Andrew McEwen

TEAM ROPING: Justin Price and Jory Richardson

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Wolves let loose in Barker Wildlife Area

BY ANGELO POMPEO
Philnews Staff

For years residents of northern New Mexico have debated the reintroduction of wolves to the area. Last week, an unofficial and illegal releasing of two light-colored wolves occurred in the Elliot Barker State Wildlife Area just north of Philmont.

Although the Mexican Wolf is native to the area, they were hunted out in the mid-20th Century. It is unknown what species of wolf now roams free in the Barker.

While no one has been bothered by the wolves thus far, two rangers and one crew reported seeing them on the way to Rich Cabins, a staffed camp just north of the Elliot Barker.

“When they saw the wolves they were lying down, which means they’re com-

fortable enough not to be running away,” said Ranch superintendent Bob Ricklefs.

A witness observed an unidentified man from Santa Fe dropping off the wolves that he reportedly did not want to keep or put down. The man drove up past Ponil and set the blonde wolves or wolf hybrids free. According to Ricklefs, the man probably raised the wolves and then realized how expensive or difficult it would be to keep them.

Over the years it has become popular or stylish to keep wild animals as pets. Usually bought as cute cubs or puppies, the animals eventually grow into dangerous creatures. The owners rarely have the experience or means to care for the animals.

“The wolves are a danger to the animals in the area as well as to crews that

have to pass through the area as part of their trek, because they have probably grown accustomed to being around people,” Ricklefs said.

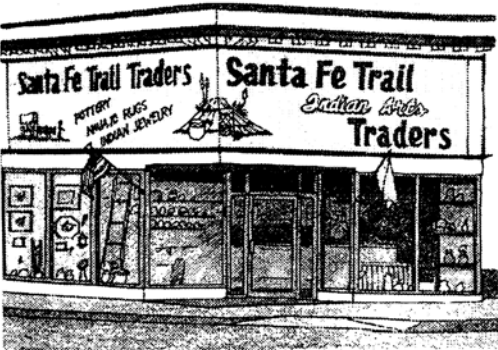
“If someone sees the wolves they should stay together, and make lots of noise and treat it like a mountain lion. They also need to report it as soon as they can,” said John Van Dreese, Philmont’s Associate Director of Program.

There are no plans to send anyone to try to locate and retrieve the animals because they have such a great roaming capability and there is no way to locate them.

“They could be back in Santa Fe by now for all we know,” he said.

Until more is learned about the situation, people are advised to be aware of the animals and use caution.

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What's Going On Around the World...

Israel rejects militants' deadline on prisoners

On Monday Israel rejected an ultimatum from Palestinian militants for the release of Palestinian prisoners in return for their missing soldier. Israel is also holding Syria accountable for the soldier's safety since the Hamas militants involved in the kidnapping are based in Damascus, said Israeli Prime Minister Amir Peretz. The militants' statement set a July 4 deadline for Israel to begin releasing the prisoners or suffering consequences. Specific consequences were not mentioned in the statement, which was released by the military wing of the ruling Hamas party, the Popular Resistance Committees, and the Army of Islam. Israeli Army Chief of Staff Dan Halutz said Israel would do all it can to bring about the soldier's release, but will not surrender to an ultimatum. Meanwhile, Israel continued their attacks Monday on Gaza. Three Palestinian gunmen were shot dead in southern Gaza by Israeli troops after they approached the forces in an apparent attempt to detonate explosive belts.

Iran given deadline on nuclear crisis

Western countries have set a July 12 deadline for Iran to suspend its uranium enrichment program and agree to talks or face the threat of U.N. Security Council sanctions. Diplomats also added that Russia and China were very close to supporting the West on this U.N. Security Council action if Iran refuses a six-nation power package of incentives. The announcement comes just two days before a key Iran-European Union meeting meant to make it clear to Iran that time is running out. Iranian officials have expressed that they will not respond to the incentive to talk before mid-August, which the diplomats describe as an attempt to stall negotiations till after the July 15-17 summit of the Group of Eight industrialized nations. After this meeting in St. Petersburg, the pressure on Russia to stand with the West on Iran will be weakened, said one of the diplomats. Iran argues that it has the right to nuclear technology to generate power under the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty, but the international world is increasingly concerned that Iran wants to use the enriched uranium in the core of nuclear warheads.

New Jersey begins statewide shutdown

More than half the New Jersey work force was off the job and the rest of those might not get paid this week as the state government shutdown began. New Jersey Governor Jon Corzine imposed the shutdown after state lawmakers missed the July 1 deadline to adopt a new state budget. The Senate planned to meet Monday but no

Assembly meetings were scheduled. The state courts, lottery sales, and road construction were among the first casualties of the state shutdown. Casinos and race tracks were expected to close Wednesday if to budget is made by then. Both require state monitoring. State parks, beaches, and historic sites were expected to close by Wednesday as well. About 45,000 state employees are out of work, except for those deemed essential, such as state police. If the shutdown drags on, Corzine said more state funded services will be forced to close.

North Korea threatens U.S. with nuclear war

The Korean Central News Agency reported Monday that the country would respond to a pre-emptive U.S. military attack with a nuclear strike and eventually nuclear war. The threat, which is often voiced by state-controlled media, comes amid the testing of seven missiles, including one long-range Taepodong-2 rocket, which believed to be capable of reaching the West Coast of the United States. Surrounding nations, including Japan and China, have condemned the tests; the U.S. has called for North Korea to return to six-party negotiations with the United States and five nations surrounding North Korea. The U.S. is also pushing for U.N. Security Council action against North Korea. Pyongyang has demanded a non-aggression treaty with Washington before any further steps are taken.

Presidential ballot recount expected in Mexico

Felipe Calderon said Monday that his 400,000 vote advantage sealed his presidential victory, but electoral officials said they were preparing for a manual recount of every ballot beginning Wednesday. A preliminary count gave Calderon the victory with only one percentage point, making the vote Mexico's closest race ever. Officials said they would not declare a victor until the manual recount is completed. Rival and runner-up

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Subway crash kills 34 in Spain

At least 34 people died in a subway crash in Valencia, Spain, on Monday. Two cars derailed, sending them crashing into the side of the tunnel. Officials were quick to rule out terrorism, saying that high speed and a collapsing train wheel were the leading causes of the crash. About 22 other people were injured and more than 150 were led to safety. The accident comes days before Pope Benedict XVI visits Valencia, and preparations were being made for thousands to use the city's public transport network at that time.

Indian Ocean tsunami warning system ready

A tsunami warning system covering the Indian Ocean is now ready, the U.N. reports. The system will allow the whole region to receive and distribute tsunami warnings. It is comprised on 26 national tsunami information centers receiving information from 25 new seismographic stations and three deep-sea sensors. The development comes 18 months after the devastating tsunami in December 2004 killed more than 200,000 people in the region. However, Koichiro Matsuura, director-general of the UN's scientific and cultural organization, said that the system would only work if there was an open and free exchange of information between the region's nations.

First train completes journey from China to Tibet

After a two-day, 710 mile journey, the first train from China arrived in the Tibetan capital, Lhasa. The world's highest rail line uses high-tech engineering to stabilize the tracks over permafrost and uses pumped oxygen to help passengers cope with the high altitude. The windows have also been outfitted with ultra-violet filters to keep out the sun's glare. Some of the passengers were affected by the altitude, and had to attach oxygen tubes to their noses. Critics fear China will use the rail line to assert its control over the region, and say that the rail line threatens both the delicate Himalayan environment and ancient Tibetan culture. The Dalai Lama, says that the rail line itself is not a cause for concern for the Tibetan people, but how it will be used.

Large asteroid passes closely by Earth

A huge asteroid passed about 269,000 miles from the surface of the Earth early Monday. Discovered in 2004, 2004 XP14 is estimated to be about a half-mile wide, based on its brightness. Early Monday it was expected to

be visible as a small moving dot to amateur sky watchers with good telescopes, with its closest approach over the U.S. West Coast. Scientists expect 2004 XP14 will have ten more close encounters with Earth over the next century, none of which pose a threat to the planet.

Heavily pregnant shark surprises scientists

A likely world record hammerhead shark caught in May off the coast of Florida weighed 1,280 pounds because it was pregnant with a total of 55 pups - the most scientists have ever seen. The shark was given to Mote Marine Laboratory, where scientists said last Thursday that the pups were just a few days from birth. Dr. Robert Hueter, director for the Mote Center for Shark Research, said even though he was thankful that the fisherman donated the shark, he was saddened to see so many unborn pups inside. The International Game Fish Association is expected to announce in late July if the 14.5 foot shark is a record catch on rod and reel.

Judge bars use of sonar during U.S. war exercises in Hawaii

A temporary restraining order was issued Monday barring the Navy from using a type of sonar that allegedly is harmful to marine animals. The order, written by U.S. District Judge Florence-Marie Cooper, comes three days after the Navy was granted a six-month exception by the Defense Department to use the "mid-frequency active sonar." Environmental groups had sued the Navy to stop the sonar use during war games, which begin this week. Judge Cooper sided with the plaintiffs, saying they "have shown a possibility that [the sonar] will kill, injure, and disturb many marine species, including marine mammals, in waters surrounding the Hawaiian Islands."

Enron founder dies

Kenneth Lay, 64, founder of Enron, died Wednesday of a heart attack. Last May, he was found guilty of 10 counts of fraud and conspiracy related to the collapse of Enron. At the time of his death, he was awaiting sentencing. He was admitted to Aspen Valley Hospital in Aspen, Colorado with a massive coronary and was pronounced dead two hours later. Lay started Enron, an energy company that grew to become the seventh largest company in the nation, which collapsed due to an accounting scandal.

Colonial Williamsburg creates podcast for visitors

Colonial Williamsburg, Virginia, is creating free weekly audio programs that people can listen on their computers or portable MP3 players. The idea for the programs is to

Wimbledon

For the first time in 95 years, no Americans reached Wimbledon's quarterfinals. On the men's side, American favorite and third ranked player in the world Andy Roddick was eliminated in Round 3 by Britain's Andy Murray. The elimination of sixth ranked Venus Williams by Jelena Jankovic (Serbia and Montenegro) in round 3, along with an injury to sister Serena Williams which kept her out of this year's tournament, marks the first time since 1999 that there will not be a Williams in the finals at Wimbledon. America's last standing player was Shenay Perry who lost 10 straight games to Elena Dementieva after being tied 2-2 in the first set. By noon on the first day of the second week of the tournament, all American participants were eliminated. Players still remaining in the field include Jarkko Nieminen, Lleyton Hewitt, second seeded Rafael Nada who defeated Andre Agassi in round 3, and the world's top ranked player Roger Federer. Federer is the only person left in the tournament yet to drop a single set as he attempts to win his fourth Wimbledon title in a row. The women have not experienced the upsets that have characterized the men's tournament. The top four seeded women- Amelie Mauresmo, Kim Clijsters, Justine Henin-Hardenne, and Maria Sharapova, respectively- are still battling for the title.

Tour de France

The story at the Tour, tragically, has not been of George Hincapie, the American surprise who wore the yellow jersey after the second day, although he had lost it by the third. It's no longer even focused on finding out who will become the heir to Armstrong's throne. Unfortunately, the story has been about Tour favorites Ivan Basso and Jan Ullrich along with seven other cyclists being banned from competing in the race this year due to steroid allegations and a blood doping scandal; problems that have plagued the sport of cycling almost constantly over the past few years. No official details on the removal of the riders have been released, but the mystery and suspected doping have filled fans heads with question marks about the real quality of the riders and has taken away some of the interest and support that normally make the Tour a world class race. Police claim to have found evidence of human growth hormone, testosterone patches, and anabolic steroids used by Basso. Blood doping, which has been suspected of both Basso and Ullrich, is the use of blood transfusions to increase their red blood cell count. This results in more oxygen in the blood, which provides the riders more endurance, strength and stamina.

NBA Draft

In a draft that was expected to be one of the most unpredictable in history, teams still could not make up their minds even after the picks were made. Six first-round selections

were traded on draft day including four of the top ten picks. With the first pick in the draft, the Toronto Raptors took Andrea Bargnani the twenty year old Italian seven-footer, with a smooth and versatile inside-outside game. The Chicago Bulls took LaMarcus Aldridge (U of Texas) with the number two pick, but ended up trading him to Portland for young, explosive Tyrus Thomas of LSU who was taken by Portland with the number four pick. At three, the Charlotte Bobcats selected the highly touted scoring machine, Adam Morrison (Gonzaga). Duke Senior Shelden Williams was selected by the Atlanta Hawks at the number five pick. Another proven senior, Brandon Roy (Washington), was taken by Minnesota with the number six pick. Roy was also acquired by Portland through a trade, they finished the draft with four first round players after in the aftermath of their three trades. The Boston Celtics chose Randy Foye (Villanova) with the seventh overall pick, but traded him to Portland. Portland sent him to Minnesota in their acquisition of the afore mentioned Brandon Roy. Rudy Gay became the first of a remarkable five players selected from the University of Connecticut when the Houston Rockets picked him at number eight, he was then traded to the Memphis Grizzlies. The Golden State Warriors stuck with their number nine pick; Patrick O'Bryant (Bradley). Mouhmed Sene from Senegal rounded out the top ten as he was taken by the Seattle Superonics. Duke's sensational shooting guard J.J Reddick was taken by the Orlando Magic with the number eleven pick.

MLB All-Stars Starters Announced

American League

C: Ivan Rodriguez, DET
 1B: David Ortiz, BOS
 2B: Mark Loretta, BOS
 SS: Derek Jeter, NYY
 3B: Alex Rodriguez, NYY
 OF: Manny Ramirez, BOS
 OF: Vladimir Guerrero, LAA
 OF: Ichiro Suzuki, SEA

National League

C: Paul Lo Duca, NYM
 1B: Albert Pujols, STL
 2B: Chase Utley, PHI
 SS: Jose Reyes, NYM
 3B: David Wright, NYM
 OF: Jason Bay, PIT
 OF: Carlos Beltran, NYM
 OF: Alfonso Soriano, WAS

One notable selection to this year's All-Star Game, which will be held on July 11 in Pittsburg, is the Cardinal's Albert Pujols. He missed seventeen games due to injury and is still tied for the league lead in home runs; he received more votes than anyone in the National League. Manny Ramirez of the Boston Red Sox received the most votes in the American League. The New York Mets and the Chicago White Sox each led their league by having six players selected to the All-Star teams. Ichiro Suzuki was selected to the All-Star team for the sixth time in the six years he has been in the league; he currently has more hits on the season than he did at this point last year when he broke the record

for most hits in a season. Ivan Rodriguez, leader of the surprise Detroit Tigers who have the best record in the league after several years of sub-.500 baseball, was selected to his 11th All-Star game; a record for catchers. Keep in mind that the league who wins the All-Star Game will now have home field advantage in the World Series.

World Cup

In the quarterfinals Germany beat Argentina in a 4-2 shootout after the game ended 1-1. Italy commandingly beat Ukraine 3-0. Portugal and England ended two overtimes deadlocked at 0-0 before Portugal's amazing goalie Alexandre Ricardo helped them to the upset in the 3-1 shootout win. Portugal was impressive, but France pulled off the biggest upset of the Cup thus far with a 1-0 win over the top ranked tournament favorite Brazilian team to make it an all-European semi-finals.

In the Semi's the fiery Italians shocked the the hometown Germans in the second overtime, less than two minutes before heading to a shootout, with a left footed strike by Fabio Grosso. Less than a minute later, with Germany moving all players to the front, the Italians got a breakaway and Alessandro Del Piero knocked in another goal to put the Germans away. Italy will be awaiting France in the finals after they defeated Portugal in the semi-finals 1-0 on a penalty kick by Zinedine Zidane in the 33rd minute. In the finals, on Sunday July 9 at noon, the Italians will go for their fourth World Cup, and France will try to win their second in the past three World Cups.

Nathan's Hot Dog Eating Contest

Takeru Kobayashi of Japan who weighs 160 pounds, is beginning to make record setting performances a habit. On Brooklyn's seashore at the original Nathan's Famous hot dog stand he captured the coveted Yellow Mustard Belt for the sixth year in a row. He devoured an incredible—or sickening—53 3/4 hot dogs in just 12 minutes, that is one hot dog every 13 seconds. It edged out his old record of 53 1/2. He has now set the world record four times. The first came in 2001 when he ate 50, doubling the previous world record of 25. He is know for his unique style of dipping each bun in a soft drink before consumption, which seems to make the buns dissolve and go down easier, then eating the hot dog by itself. The most surprising part of the day may have been that Kobayashi did not run away with the title as he normally does. In fact, until there were 3 minutes left in the competition he trailed American Joey Chestnut, who started out shoving in two hot dogs at a time until he “hit a wall” late in the competition when Kobayashi surpassed him. He still ended up with a very impressive 52; a new American record. After the competition, Kobayashi, through a translator, said he promised to return next year and conquer even more hot dogs.

MLB Standings

American League

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10
Boston	50	31	.617	-	7-3
NY Yankees	46	35	.568	4.0	5-5
Toronto	47	36	.566	4.0	7-3
Baltimore	39	46	.459	13.0	5-5
Tampa Bay	37	47	.440	14.5	5—5
CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	L10
Detroit	56	28	.667		7-3
Chicago Sox	54	29	.651	1.5	6-4
Minnesota	46	36	.561	9.0	9-1
Cleveland	39	43	.476	16.0	7-3
Kansas City	28	54	.341	27.0	6—4
WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10
Oakland	44	39	.530		4-6
Texas	42	42	.500	2.5	2-8
Seattle	42	43	.494	3.0	6-4
LA Angels	39	44	.470	5.0	6—4

National League

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10
NY Mets	49	34	.590		3-7
Philadelphia	38	44	.463	10.5	3-7
Florida	35	45	.438	12.5	4-6
Washington	37	48	.435	13.0	5-5
Atlanta	36	48	.429	13.5	5—5
CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	L10
St. Louis	45	37	.549		3-7
Cincinnati	44	40	.524	2.0	4-6
Houston	42	42	.500	4.0	5-5
Milwaukee	42	43	.494	4.5	5-5
Chi Cubs	30	53	.361	15.5	2-8
Pittsburgh	29	56	.341	17.5	3—7
WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10
Colorado	43	40	.518		7—3
LA Dodgers	43	40	.518		5—5
San Diego	43	40	.518		4-6
San Francisco	43	41	.512	0.5	6-4
Arizona	40	44	.476	3.5	4-6

Backstage pass with the USAF Thunderbirds

BY ERIC STANN
Philnews Staff

Thunder erupts over the Sandia Mountains, but it's not the result of an oncoming storm.

The U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds Demonstration Squadron took flight over the skies of Albuquerque last weekend as the highlight event of the 2006 Kirtland Air Show on July 1, which celebrated the 300 birthday of Albuquerque, NM. They ended a day of aerial demonstrations of many different military aircraft.

However the six Thunderbird pilots would not get off the ground without the team's support personnel. This Air Combat Unit's support personnel consists of four support officers, four civilians, and approximately 120 Active-duty, Air National Guard and Reserve enlisted personnel.

A Thunderbirds crew chief is responsible for the overall performance and maintenance performance of the aircraft, said Staff Sergeant Bradford C. Bowen, who served as a Thunderbirds crew chief from 2000 to 2003, and also came up through the ranks of Cub Scouts and made it to the rank of Star Scout in Boy Scouts.

"The crew chief is also the guy that gives the airplane the final look over right before the aircraft takes off and flies in the show," he said. "If anything breaks on the airplane, during the show or after the show, it's the crew chief's job to replace those parts."

A total of 33 crew chiefs made up the squadron, and two are assigned to each of the eight Thunderbirds airplanes for both the day shift and the night shift. Only six of the eight pilots are demonstration pilots. Of the remaining two, the seventh pilot serves as an opera-



The six Thunderbirds fly in formation past the crowd at the 2006 Kirtland Air Show in Albuquerque on July 1.

PHOTO BY ERIC STANN, *PhilNews Staff*

tions officer and the eighth pilot flies to each demonstration site in advance to ensure all arrangements are complete and then narrates the demonstration during the air show.

The day of the demonstration, the crew chiefs spend most of the day preparing the Thunderbirds for flight.

"In the morning they take off all the covers off the airplane, do a walk around inspection, and then prepare to run the aircraft," Bowen said. "Then two hours prior to the actual air demonstration they run the airplanes for ten minutes.

During the run the crew chiefs will bring up all the flight control computers and built in control systems to ensure that everything is running smoothly, said Bowen.

"What they want to do is eliminate any kind of problems so that when the pilots get in the airplane they know for sure that they don't have any prob-

lems," he said. "After the run they clean up the airplane and get it ready for the show."

Six crew chiefs, the head personnel assigned to each airplane, and six specialists stand in front of the show at the communications trailer at show center. The communications trailer allows the safety observer and the personnel on the ground to be able to get in contact with the pilots especially in case of an emergency. Communication is reached through four radios that are monitored at all times, said Bowen.

"If there was a safety issue, such as an aircraft not associated with the Thunderbirds flew into the airfield box and penetrated that airspace, the aircraft would then go into a holding pattern," he said. "We would notify them from the communications trailer saying, 'Hey, there is an intruder in the box, go into a holding pattern until we can clear the box.' Then once it's cleared they can resume the show."

Becoming a part of the U.S. Air Force

Thunderbirds Demonstration Squadron is a competitive process. Each applicant has to compile a package which includes the person's enlisted performance reports from the previous five years - with perfect scores for each - a picture and letters of recommendation written by both their peers and their squadron commander.

"If there is an opening in the particular career area you applied for the package goes through the strictest review by the folks you'll be working with, the supervisors you will be working for, and ultimately it goes through the commander," he said. "The commander, the pilot who wears the number one on his uniform, ultimately decides who gets in and who doesn't."

Before becoming a crew chief with the Thunderbirds, Bowen worked as an F-15 Strike Eagle crew chief in the 391st Fighting Squadron at Mountain Home Air Force Base in Idaho. About four months after applying, Bowen was selected for the position of a crew chief



The communications trailer at show center is manned by 12 Thunderbirds support personnel who are in contact with the pilots at all times during the show.

PHOTO BY ERIC STANN, *PhilNews Staff*

and moved to the home of the Thunderbirds, Nellis Air Force Base in Las Vegas, Nevada, to serve his three-year term.

"We go back to working on grey airplanes or black airplanes and finish our careers, or finish out our assignments, or retire."

Enlisted personnel serve a three to four year term, but pilots only serve two years. After their term, the personnel return to the regular Air Force, said Bowen.

Bowen said he had a great time as a crew chief for the Thunderbirds and that it was a thrill. Back in the "Grey World" he currently serves as an F-117 Stealth Fighter crew chief at Holloman Air Force Base in New Mexico.

"We like to refer to it as the 'Grey World' because we work on aircraft that are not shiny nor red, white and blue," he said.

"It's the best job you could ever possibly want," he said. "It's also nice to work with people who are highly motivated and who are excited to be there, and who don't mind working 12 hours a day."



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Except that day we rode twelve crews.

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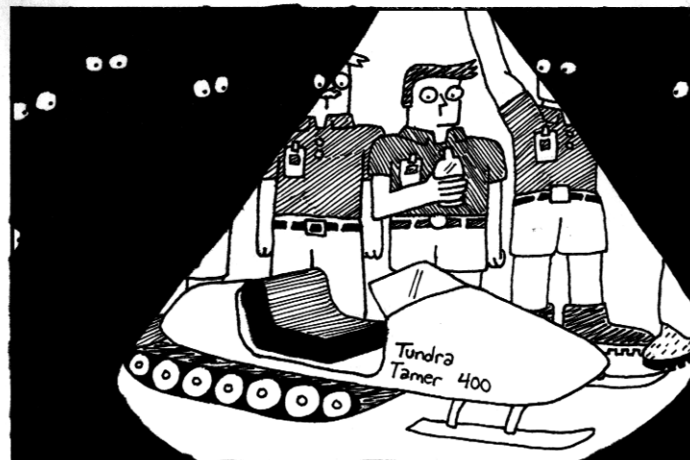
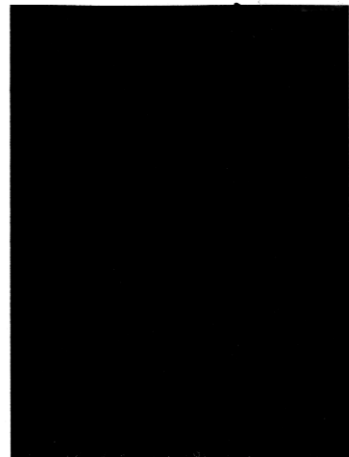
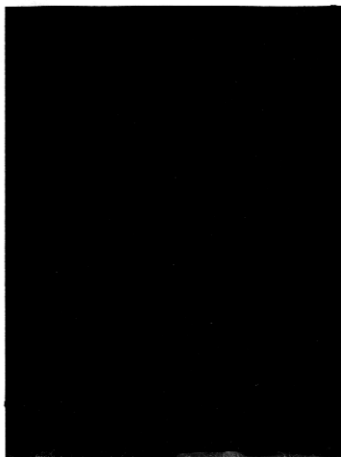
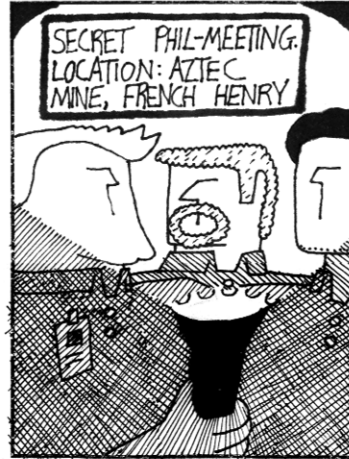
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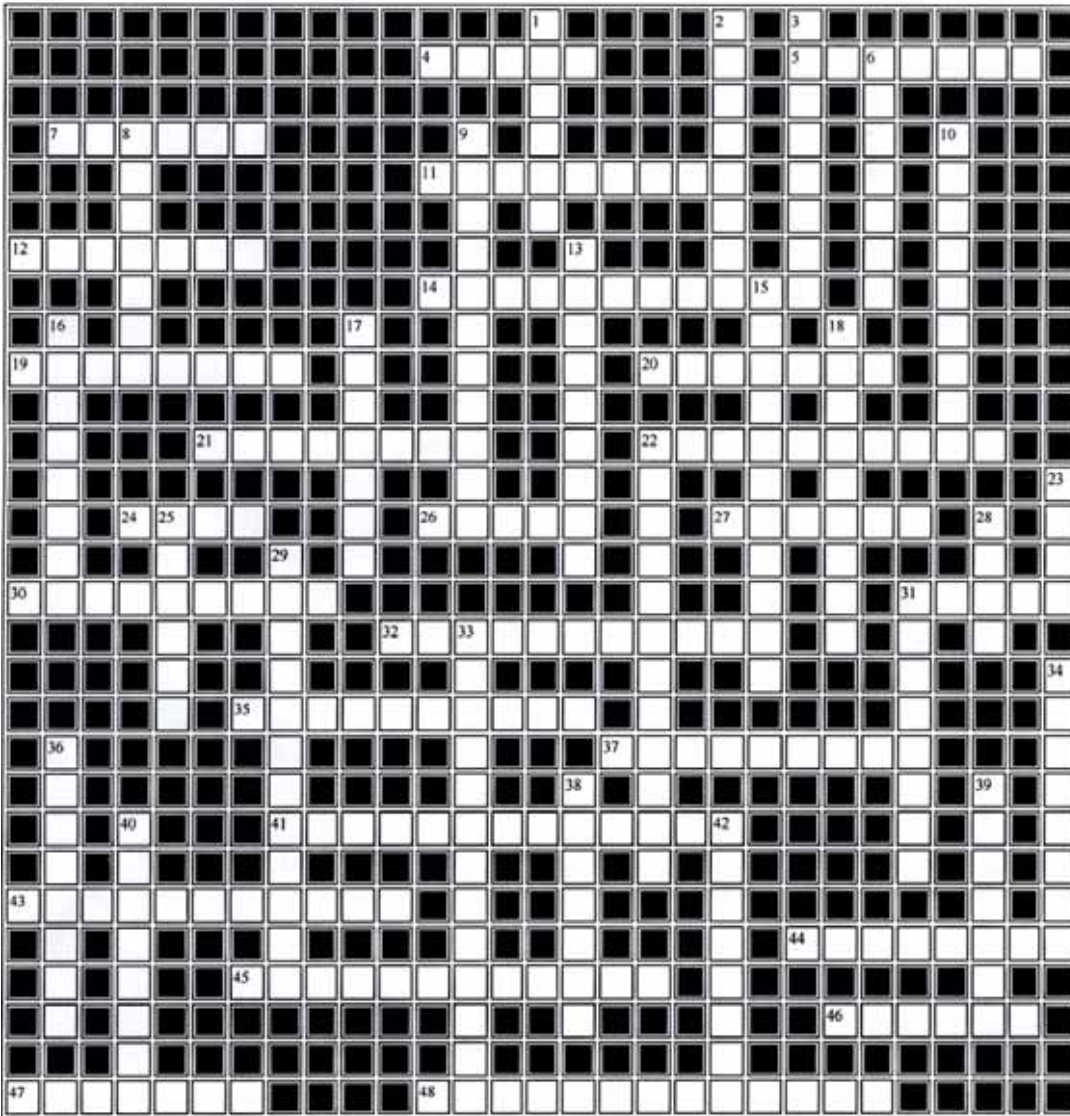
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2. once called "The Great American Desert"
3. home of the US Naval Academy
6. the 48th state
8. once claimed by both New Hampshire and New York
9. home of 82 miles of mapped passages in the Wind Caves
10. has the highest state capital
13. the car theft capital of the world
15. Bismarck is the capital
16. the ladybug is the official state bug
17. more space shuttles launch from this state than any other
18. this state has 154 lakes named Long Lake and 201 lakes named Mud Lake
22. the northernmost southern state and the southernmost northern state
23. spelled backwards is 'oiho'
25. has more ghost towns than any other state
28. name comes from Ute Indians, meaning people of the mountains

Across

4. less than half the size of Alaska
5. home of Rosa Parks
7. they have one slot machine for every six people
11. "Come as you are, leave different"
12. the first state to give women the right to vote
14. never ratified Prohibition
19. home of that one big horse race
20. it's on my mind
21. means "colorful" in Spanish
22. churns out a bunch of apples
24. only state to start with two vowels

26. the only one-syllable state
27. home to the deepest hand-dug well
30. has the most bordering states
31. home of Hell's Canyon, the deepest gorge in America
32. 144 newspapers are published in this state
35. the governor of this state hates 'girly men'
37. known for cheese
41. home of the first battle of the Civil War
43. location of the first human lung transplant
44. Tahlequah, in this state, is the capital

29. the first colony to declare independence from England
31. home of Lincoln's log cabin
33. has the oldest state university in the US
34. _____ is for Lovers
36. the car capital of the world
38. has an average population of 6 people per square mile
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40. state animal is the mule
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Colorado

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

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7/22 **O.A.R. / Jack's Mannequin** - 7:30 p.m., CityLights Pavilion, Denver

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

7/23 **Widespread Panic** - 4 p.m., Winter Park Resort, Winter Park

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

8/02 **Soul2Soul II with Tim McGraw and Faith Hill** - 7:30 p.m., Pepsi Center, Denver

8/06 **Death Cab for Cutie** - 8 p.m., Fillmore Auditorium, Denver

8/07 **Death Cab for Cutie** - 8 p.m., Fillmore Auditorium, Denver

8/09 **Nickelback** - 8 p.m., Coors Amphitheatre, Englewood

8/15 **Family Values Tour 2006 / KBPI Infest with Korn, Deftones, and more** - 4:30 p.m., Coors Amphitheatre, Englewood

8/15 **Def Leppard / Journey** - 7:30 p.m., Red Rocks Amphitheatre, Morrison

8/18 **Red Hot Chili Peppers and the Mars Volta** - 7:30 p.m., Pepsi Center, Denver

8/26 **Trapt and Seether** - 8 p.m., Colorado State Fair, Pueblo

8/28 **Earth, Wind & Fire** - 7:30 p.m., CityLights Pavilion, Denver

Sudoku

The sudoku puzzle starts with some of the 81 squares already containing a number. These numbers are called "givens". The goal of the game is simply to fill the puzzle so that every row, column and region contains the digits 1 through 9. Therefore each number from 1 to 9 only appears once in each of the 3 "directions" (row, column, region). It's that simple. *Taken from sudokuweb.com*

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Last week's answer

2	3	5	8	1	7	9	4	6
9	4	8	6	5	2	1	7	3
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3	7	9	4	8	5	2	6	1
8	2	1	9	6	3	4	5	7
6	5	4	7	2	1	8	3	9
7	1	2	5	3	8	6	9	4
5	9	3	1	4	6	7	8	2
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Applications are available in the Conservation office, 505-376-2281 x249, or the Welcome Center.

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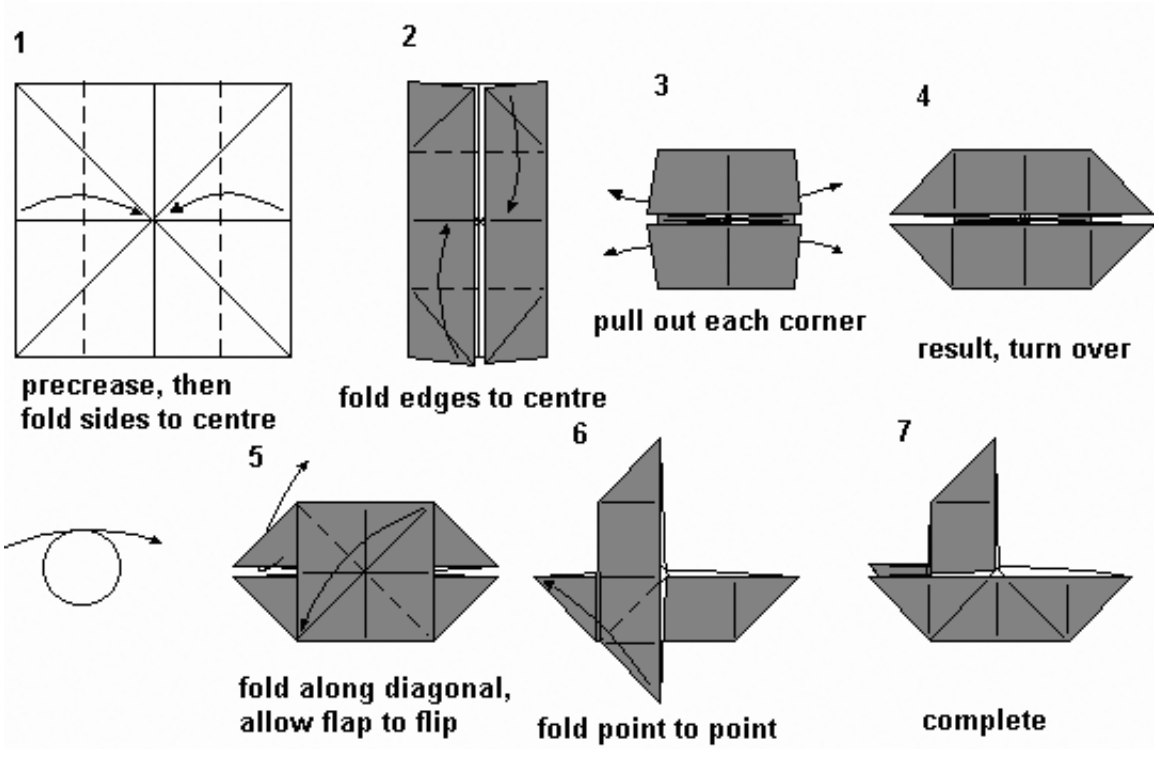
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However, for staff, the price of being in "God's Country" is often a stressful personal life. Staff at Philmont live for an extended time in close proximity with other people, working with them, eating with them and sharing living space with them. Even when we really, really like these people, this extended close association can lead to stress and hostility.

Two things that can help are "forgiveness" and "appreciation." Forgive the other person's mistakes and express verbal appreciation for the other person's good qualities.

Maybe you know someone in an orchestra, whether it is a school, community, or professional orchestra. Maybe you play in an orchestra.

If so, you can appreciate a story about Pablo Casals, a great performer on the cello, perhaps the greatest cellist who ever lived.

Cellist Gregor Piatigorsky wrote in his autobiography about his dream, when he was a young man, of hearing Casals play. (The story was re-told in the Reader's Digest in 1967.)

Finally he met Casals, but Casals wouldn't play. Instead Casals wanted to hear Piatigorsky play a duet with Rudolf Serkin. Both of these younger men were very nervous and played badly.



Then he said, "Didn't you play this fingering? It was novel to me-it was good. And here, didn't you attack that passage with up-bow, like this?" He went through Schumann and Bach, emphasizing all he liked that Pitigorsky had done.

In spite of this, Casals applauded, shouting, "Bravo! Wonderful!" Pitigorsky thought that the master must be making fun of them.

Years later, Pitigorsky met Casals again, had dinner with him, and they played some music together. Pitigorsky felt comfortable enough with Casals to tell him how, at their first meeting, he felt Casals had mocked him.

Casals was upset at this accusation, and he played a phrase from the music Pitigorsky had performed at that first meeting.

"And for the rest," he said passionately, "leave it up to the ignorant and stupid, who judge by counting only the faults. I can be grateful, and so must you be, for even one note, one wonderful phrase."

This attitude works for us at Philmont. We all have brought personal talents and gifts to this place which we call "God's Country." Let's not be "ignorant and stupid" with one another, "counting only the faults." Let's appreciate each other's talents and gifts, shouting, "Bravo! Wonderful!"

All chapel services are held every night at 7 p.m.

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Father Gerard Gentleman Catholic Chaplain

Father Gerard is an Eagle Scout from Long Island, New York.

He attended the State University of New York College at Fredonia where he received a BFA in Theatre Arts Performance. Upon his graduation from college, Fr. Gerard spent a year working in theatres in Corning New York and New York City. He attended the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington, NY where he earned a Masters of Divinity and Masters of Arts in Theology.

Fr. Gerard was ordained a priest in June of 1997 for the Diocese of Rockville Centre where he serves as the Diocesan Catholic Scout chaplain. He has received the Bronze Pelican in recognition of his work with Catholic Scouting on Long Island. He has served as the associate pastor of St. Kilian parish in Farmingdale, NY.

His current full time ministry is chaplain of Holy Trinity Diocesan High School in Hicksville NY. He works with the school's 1700 students in the classroom, on retreat days,

at prayer services and in pastoral counseling. Each summer he enjoys bringing Holy Trinity students to Nazareth Farm in Salem West Virginia where they participate in home repair and community building.



Fr. Gerard first served as a Philmont chaplain in 1996 as a seminarian. That summer on his 27th birthday a tornado formed as he was visiting Harlan. The tornado did significant damage to the town of Cimarron and remains as one of his most memorable days in Philmont. As a priest, Fr Gerard has returned to serve as a Philmont Chaplain in 2001, 2002, 2005 and 2006. In 2004, Fr. Gerard hiked as an advisor on the National Catholic Committee on Scouting's, St. George Trek. This summer he will again hike as an advisor in addition to serving as the Director of Program for the St. George Trek.

The St. George Trek

BY FATHER GERARD GENTLEMAN
Catholic Chaplain

Named for the patron saint of Catholic Scouting, the St. George Trek is the National Catholic Committee on Scouting's biannual high adventure leadership program at Philmont Scout Ranch. This special trek is designed to deepen a young person's understanding of his or her Christian vocation, nourish the Scout's spirituality and develop organizational and relational skills for leadership. The trek brings Catholic high school youth from around the country together with two bishops, seven priests, two religious sisters and four seminarians for eleven days of backpacking on the trail. The participants have been selected by their local Catholic committees because they have demonstrated leadership potential, received religious emblems, and have been involve in church, school and community activities. Participants will be asked to carry this meaningful experience home with them and become effective peer leaders in their home diocese.

This year's St. George participants will gather together on July 11th at the Madonna Retreat house in Albuquerque.

There they will assemble their crews, work on team building skills, participate in workshops on Christian leadership and introduce the religious themes of the trek. They will begin their trek at Philmont on July 13th. The six crews of boys and one crew of girls will have their own unique itineraries; however, all seven crews will rendezvous at Cimarroncito on July 17th and 18th where they reflect on the themes of morality, values, spirituality, faith, Christian leadership and vocation awareness. During this time they will participate in special prayer services and a sunrise mass.

At the conclusion of the trek they will return to the retreat house in Albuquerque where they will celebrate mass with the Archbishop of Santa Fe and enjoy a barbeque hosted by the Diocese of Santa Fe's Catholic Committee on Scouting.

The Catholic Committee on Scouting is very grateful to all of the Philmont staff for making this trek possible and especially ranch management, logistics, ranger leadership, health lodge, chaplains and the backcountry staffs for their extra efforts. We look forward to seeing you on the trail.

As the poet said, 'Only God can make a tree' -- probably because it's so hard to figure out how to get the bark on.
~Woody Allen

CHQ Activities Calendar

Friday	July 7	Float Night	8:00 p.m.
Saturday	July 8	Movie Night	8:00 p.m.
Sunday	July 9	Frisbee	8:00 p.m.
Monday	July 10	Tie dye	8:00 p.m.
Tuesday	July 11	Movie Night	8:00 p.m.
Wednesday	July 12	Ice Cream	8:00 p.m.
Thursday	July 13	Volleyball	8:00 p.m.
Friday	July 14	Bratwurst	11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

PTC Evening Schedule

Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Opening Program 7:15	No events scheduled	Family Night	Handicrafts 6:30 Movie Night 7:15 Cracker Barrel 7:30	Buffalo BBQ 5:30 Western Dancing 7:00	Closing Program 7:15	No events scheduled

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