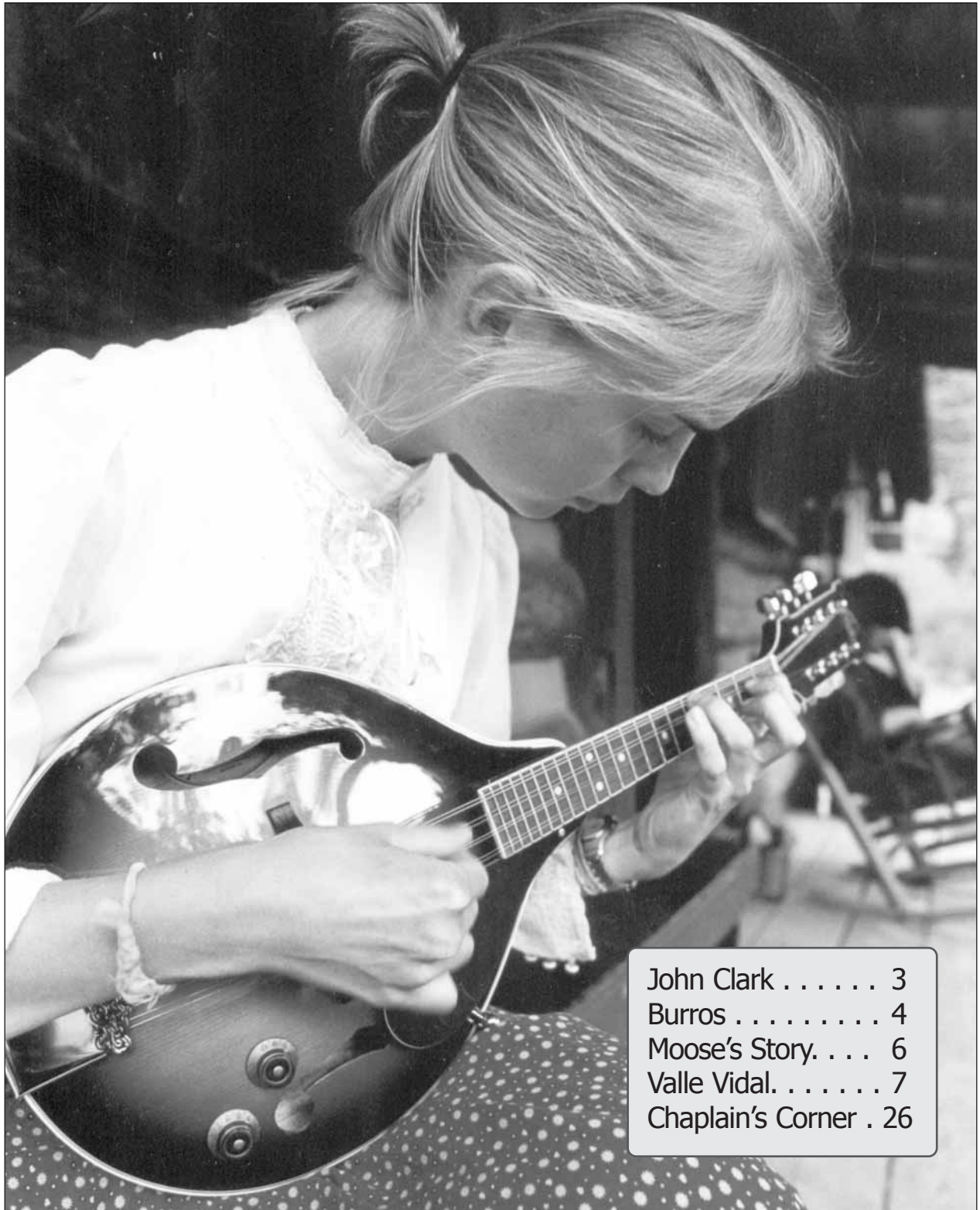


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# Miles From Nowhere...

By BENJAMIN FOOTE  
*Philnews Manager*

As children, many of us learned The Rain Song: "Rain, rain, go away. Come again another day. Little Johnny wants to play. Rain, rain, go away."

Back in the "real" world of "normal" life, rain ruins everything. Rainy weather is "bad", weather without rain is "good" or "nice" weather.

When the skies open up, a phalanx of umbrellas are erected against it as people scurry from one bit of cover to the next like rodents trying to evade a predator.

Rain delays our baseball games, cancels our picnics, and ruins our parades.

This summer in particular has helped us to realize that rain is treated very differently out here in God's Country.

The Mesa Rivera Fire, and other, smaller fires on and near the Ranch, has given a concrete form to the warning of Extreme Fire Danger . . . Everywhere.

Instead of thinking of the drought conditions of the region in terms of relative humidity and moisture content percentage, the fires of this summer have depicted the lack of rain in terms of dollars spent, gallons of water used, and acres burned.

While vast clouds of smoke and flames lighting the night sky are dramatic illustrations of Philmont's need for rain, there have been many others around the Ranch.

The grass in most places is lifeless and brown, and the wildflowers that usually decorate Philmont's hills and meadows are much harder to find.

Think also of the herd of green water buffaloes deployed to graze in the backcountry and Valle Vidal, or the numerous radio calls reporting that creek after backcoun-

try creek was "slowed to a trickle."

There is no denying it — Philmont needs the rain.

But the rain should be a matter of more than just necessity.

Summer rain- and thunderstorms are one of the most notable natural events to be enjoyed at Philmont.

There is suspense in watching the clouds form, grow, darken, and approach from the horizon.

There is music in the crescendo of sprinkling, tip-tapping and pounding the tin roofs and tree leaves of Philmont's landscape.

There is power in the flash of lightning and the crash of thunder — a reminder of the relative helplessness and frailty of the human race.

And there is relief in knowing that the rains have come, providing plants, animals, Scouts and staff with precious water.

It is one of Nature's most popular audio, visual, olfactory and tactile presentations.

So when the rains of Philmont come, there is no need to cancel your picnic or parade. Enjoy it, watch it, and even sing in it. And then ask it to come again another day.

**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:**

Selly Canyon's Sarah Groth strums the mandolin at Hunting Lodge. She worked there while the Valle Vidal was closed.

PHOTO BY CHRIS DUNN

*NPS Photographer*

# John Clark: The brains behind the business

BY ANGELO POMPEO

*PhilNews Staff*

Behind all the beauty and majesty of Philmont and the journeys and stories of the people who get to experience it, there is a business side of the operation. It is one of the largest businesses in Northern New Mexico and it takes a great team effort to keep it thriving.

No one knows this better than Philmont's Comptroller, John Clark.

"I wear a lot of hats out here," said Clark, Philmont's Unit 4. "I'm the Human Resource Director for the full time staff, so I am responsible for their insurance, benefits, and job description. I act as the CFO (Chief Financial Officer), and I handle financials for the Northern Tier, and the Sea Base as well as Philmont."

Before coming to Philmont, Clark slowly worked his way up the Scouting ladder. For 29 years he served as a District Executive, Field Director, Assistant Scout Executive, and a Scout Executive in and around Abilene, Texas.

Before that, he worked with the park service, the Army Corp of Engineers, the Arkansas Department of Parks and Tourism, the US Forest Service, and received his degree in Recreation and Park Administration. He came on several treks to Philmont as an advisor, most recently in 1998.

"With the background I had, I could not think of a better place than Philmont to come work," said Clark. "There is no place that I know has a greater impact on young lives.

Clark is now the guiding hand behind Philmont's yearly \$15.9 million operating budget, and \$1.5 million capital budget. He also works directly with the more than 1,000 vendors Philmont deals with.



Photo by Chris Dunn, NPS Photographer

In the off-season, Clark meets with the "Super 8," members of the Ranch Committee to plan out where all the money will go.

"Mark comes to me with plans he has for Camping, and Brian brings ideas for the Training Center, and each department has a list of what they would like to have for the next year," said Clark.

He then looks over everyone's wants, needs and plans for the summer and has to tell the directors and department heads what part of their plans are going to fit in the budget and what parts they cannot afford. Once the budget plan is decided on, it is sent off to the National Executive Board for approval.

"The financial aspect is a constantly moving target," said Clark. "Philmont has ups and downs like any other business. There is major responsibility in this planning and there

are financial and personnel issues we have to deal with everyday.

"The joke around here is that I'm the conscience of the ranch, and Keith [Galloway] says my job is to make sure he doesn't go to jail."

Although most of his work is done behind the scenes, Clark does play a vital role at Philmont that often goes unnoticed. But recognition is not the top priority for Clark.

"The best part for me is just being part of a team that makes a difference in the lives of scouts and scouters," he said.



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# Burr-ific at Black Mountain

BY ERIC STANN  
*Philnews Staff*

Stonewall Jackson and Jefferson Davis died many years ago but they live on at Philmont.

The Black Mountain Camp staff named their two burros after these two southern gentlemen because they portray themselves as Union soldiers in the American Civil War.

Burros serve a vital purpose at Black Mountain Camp: connecting the past to the present.

Located in a narrow canyon below Black Mountain, the camp sits 800 feet below the nearest road, and it takes a two mile hike to get up there. In this situation, the staff must work harder to receive their weekly ration of food, mail or any other gear from Philmont.

But have no fear, the Black Mountain burros come to the rescue.

Every Friday a different staff member from Black Mountain makes the five-hour round trip hike with Stonewall and Jefferson up the winding switchbacks from their camp to Black Mountain Turnoff, the nearest road or Beaubien to pick up their weekly commissary order.

“We try to leave as early as possible in the day so we can try and meet them [the commissary truck],” said Program Counselor Paul “Doc” Imhof, the surgeon at Black Mountain Camp. “It’s kind of nice because it’s like having a half day off.”

Most of the perishable food such as milk and the meats come frozen to Black Mountain, because without electricity the camp does not have a refrigerator to store that food. At the camp the food “stays kind of frozen” in ice-filled coolers placed in a cold hole, Imhof said.



**The Black Mountain burros carry food, mail, coal, and any other gear that needs to be taken down to Black Mountain Camp.**

PHOTO BY ANDREW SINCLAIR, *NPS Videographer*

This system only works because the food is kept for just a week. The staff doesn’t order chicken because it spoils quickly, and everything else they order that has a similar effect is eaten early in the week.

Food is not the only item Stonewall and Jefferson carry down to Black Mountain Camp. At any time the camp needs coal from the box located up on at Black Mountain Turnoff, the staff will take the two burros for the transportation.

Black Mountain burros will carry anything from the road down to the camp, except for things that cannot fit on their backs, such as a stovepipe for the cabin’s wood-burning stove, or the black powder, said Imhof.

“We don’t want to use them for carrying black powder so they don’t blow up,” Imhof jokes.

When they are not being used, Stonewall and Jefferson spend their days tied up in the yard of the cabin,

munching grass. Dinnertime for the staff is also dinnertime for the burros, which are fed their nightly ration of feed. Then they are put to bed every night in a pen downstream from the camp.

It’s not too much of a hassle being two miles from the nearest road, which requires burros to carry food and most of the supplies into camp, said Imhof.

“I think it’s great,” he said. “We can keep up the illusion that we’re in the past because we have no road nearby.”

When the staff at Black Mountain scattered at the start of the summer this year, they did not have Stonewall and Jefferson, so each of them had to carry large, cumbersome things, such as propane tanks, two miles down to their camp. The addition of the two burros alleviates the burden on the staff, said Imhof.

“I’m grateful we have them because the job would be tougher without them,” he said.

# The Moose is Loose

By KATE SHIPLEY  
*Philnews Staff*

Loggers don't keep secrets. Part of it is the camaraderie, part is the close quarters, and the rest is those red union suits.

The prince of the union suit, Zachary "The Moose" Tuggle, likes wearing his for three reasons.

"It's possibly the greatest outfit ever. You're wearing underwear, but you're totally covered. It's got a butt flap, and I can sleep in it," Moose said.

Moose wears his union suit all summer (except when it's too hot) and at least once a week at the University of Montana, where he is studying Political Science and History.

He chooses Philmont over summer school every time. This is his first summer working at Pueblano, but his third at Philmont. He has worked in Services and as a PC at Crater Lake.

"He's like a pup... he's got all that energy," Dom Alesandrini, fellow Pueblano PC, said.

Working as a logger has always been an aspiration of Moose's. From the loggerball to campfire to interpretative life, Moose is living the dream here and back home in Montana.



The Moose mentally prepares for Pueblano's nightly game of loggerball.

PHOTO BY KATE SHIPLEY, *Philnews Staff*

taught himself to play the mandolin on a slow Friday night in Missoula. He also plays a mean washboard.

"I get to dress up every day, play instruments, play loggerball and use sharp things... who doesn't want to do that?" Moose asked.

Moose loves interpretive living so much, he thinks everyone should be doing it.

"The conservation staff should use interpretive tools, like wooden wheelbarrows," Moose said.

He not only wears his own interpretive outfits at home, but he also is attempting to start a loggerball league at UM.

Moose is Pueblano's catcher and has a .295 batting average in loggerball this season.

Moose knew he wanted to work at Pueblano, so he

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**Best Radio Voice:** Anne Marie Kauffman, Fish Camp

**Most Talkative:** Jillian Forestiere, Head of Dean

**Most Likely to Take Over for Ted Nugent:** Sam Leckron, Apache Springs

**Most Closely Resembles Santa:** Jon Connor, French Henry

**Best Hair:** Kyle Robinson, Miranda

**Most Likely to work at MacDonald's Just for the Free Oil:** Clayton Kimmi, Dean Cow

**Biggest Frat Boy:** Karl Gyorfy, Dean Cow

**Most Likely to Quit and Follow Phish Around (if they get back together):** Phil Kuestner, Cimarroncito

**Best Female Nickname:** Lucy "Big Head Short Legs" Scott, Cimarroncito

**Best Male Nickname:** Drew "Stinky" Menasco, Crater Lake

**Most Likely to Shower Everyday:** Andy Borek, Miner's Park

**Most Likely to Work for an NGO:** Kristina Tuck, Miner's Park

**Most Likely to Move to Kentucky to continue Homesteading:** Todd Behum, Crooked Creek

**Best Singing Voice:** Tony Elsmore, Ute Gulch

**Most Likely to Become President of PETA:** Lizzi Neely, Hunting Lodge

**Best Guy to Watch a Sunrise with:** Nick Vrbancic, Sawmill

**Best Eyebrows:** Kate Helbig, Abreu

**Most Unlikely to do a SAR:** Warren Baker, Carson Meadows

**Worst Weatherman:** Steve Kreil, Ring Place

**Most Likely to Become Unit 2:** Thomas Barnett, Urraca

**Best Legs:** Matt Hartman, Whiteman Vega

**Most Likely to Follow Ani DeFranco on Tour:** Catherine Hangen, Ring Place

**Biggest Sweetheart:** Ashley Pagnotta, Rich Cabins

**Most Likely to Become President:** Derek Walden, Clarks Fork

**Best Musical Talent:** Gordon McKinnie, Ponil

**Most Likely to Become Unit 41 Alpha:** Patty Davis, Pueblano

**Most Likely to Become the new Unit 101:** Dan Akins, Baldy Town

**Most Likely to Become NRA President:** Ross Robinson, Harlan

**Best Eyes:** Phil Lewis, Cypher's Mine

**Best Facial Hair:** Corey Pederson, Clear Creek

**Most Likely to Fall off the Face of the Earth:** Howie Dotterweich, (formerly) Clear Creek

**Most Likely to Own a Pasta Company:** Seth Mangini, Black Mountain

**Most Likely to Kill a Bear Bare-handed:** Ian Olesnevich, Phillip's Junction

**Teacher's Pet:** Bucko Cowden, Beaubien

**Most Mysterious:** Ron La Curan, Zastrow

**Least Likely to Use the Radio:** Charlie Nutter, Kit Carson

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# PSA works to protect the Valle Vidal

By MARK STINNETT & CHARLES BAYLESS  
*PSA Valle Vidal Task Force Co-Chairs*

Opponents of coal bed methane gas drilling in the Valle Vidal got a huge boost July 24 when the U.S. House of Representatives passed H.R. 3817, "The Valle Vidal Protection Act of 2005."

The bill, introduced last September by Rep. Tom Udall (D-NM), exempts the Valle Vidal from federal laws that would permit drilling or mining operations. The bill now goes to the Senate for consideration.

The House Resources Committee approved the bill unanimously on June 21 after another friend of Philmont, Rep. Heather Wilson (R-NM), agreed to cosponsor it. It was scheduled to come to the House floor for debate on July 24, with a recorded vote to be taken in the evening. However, Rep. Greg Walden (R-OR), an Eagle Scout, moved that a voice vote be taken instead. The bill passed!

The El Paso Corporation, which is currently drilling for coal bed methane gas on the Vermejo Park Ranch north of the Valle Vidal, applied to the Forest Service to open the eastern 40,000 acres of the Valle for gas exploration. Before that request can be considered, Carson National Forest officials must amend their Forest Plan to include management objectives for the Valle, which were never formally added to the plan after it was donated to the public in 1982.

The Forest Service is expected to release a Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Forest Plan Amendment in September. Once the amendment is approved, the service will begin consideration of El Paso's request, a process that will take a couple of years.

The Philmont Staff Association has adopted a formal position opposing the opening of the Valle Vidal to oil and gas drilling.

Over the past two years, we have been working diligently (sometimes visibly, sometimes not) to preserve this beautiful resource. Some of our efforts to date:

- The PSA submitted a formal position statement to the Forest Service endorsing most of the proposed forest plan amendment for the Valle, but opposing drilling activities there. We maintain contact with Carson officials and will continue to play a role in this process.

- The PSA initiated a campaign among its members and Scouters from around the country to submit comments to the Forest Service. Many of the 54,000+ comments submitted came from PSA members and friends of Philmont.

- The PSA supported an initiative by New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson to have all of the waters in the Valle Vidal designated as "Outstanding Natural Resource Waters," which would protect them from any degradation in water quality. When members of the New Mexico Water Quality Control Commission sat down last December for a public hearing on the proposal, the top item on their stack of materials was a position statement from the PSA.

- The chair of the PSA's Valle Vidal Task Force met in Washington with Congressman Udall and his legislative aide to express our support for his bill and make Congress aware of our position. Our endorsement has since been used to secure support from other House members for this bill. PSA members have also worked to let their own Congresspersons know of our support for this measure.

- The association's president, Ed Pease, a former Congressperson, worked extensively behind the scenes last week with other members of the House to get Udall's bill to a floor vote.

- The PSA has established its own Valle Vidal Task Force to work on several fronts to prevent coal bed methane drilling. Our

task force members have expertise in law, government, environmental issues, energy, oil field engineering, and range management, as well as connections to local and national government and, importantly, current Philmont staff. We have a team of experts ready to analyze and comment on the Forest Service's Draft EIS for the forest plan amendment when it comes out this fall.

And our efforts are definitely being noticed. The Washington Post reported in a front-page story on July 25 that "in the case of the Valle Vidal, two of the groups fighting hardest to preserve it are hunters, who vie for a once-in-a-lifetime permit to shoot elk here, and devotees of the Philmont Scout Ranch, which is next to the Valle Vidal and brings 3,000 Boy Scouts to hike there each year."

Perhaps the most telling tribute to the value of our organization's position comes in the statement Rep. Udall made on the House floor during debate on his bill: "The Valle Vidal is also a unique place for the Boy Scouts of America who have for decades come from all over the country to the adjacent Philmont Scout Ranch, the national high adventure base of the Boy Scouts of America."

"That is why the Philmont Staff Association, a non-profit organization of more than 2,200 current and former members of the staff of the Ranch, has publicly stated that the Valle Vidal should be maintained as a wilderness experience, free from the impact of coal bed methane development."

The passage of Udall's bill is a major step forward for preservation of the Valle Vidal, but it is only one step. The PSA's Valle Vidal Task Force will continue at work in the weeks ahead to push for passage of the Udall bill in the Senate, and to review and respond to the Forest Service's Draft Environmental Impact Statement for its proposed forest plan amendment for the Valle Vidal.

## Leaving Early?

*“If I leave earlier than my contracted last day, does it hurt my chances of getting hired next year?”*

Yes, it very well may hurt your chances of being rehired, depending on the reason for your early departure and whether or not you followed Philmont’s procedures. If you must leave earlier than specified in your Terms of Seasonal Employment, you must provide written documentation from your school or employer. *Early Leave Requests* must be submitted by July 31 for consideration. Legitimate reasons for an early departure include: education, dormitory responsibility, school activity or job.

Any staff member who wishes to depart Philmont before August 10 is required to write a letter of resignation to accompany the *Early Leave Request* form. Such requests may jeopardize chances for re-employment, job choices, or recommendations, depending on the reasons given. Because the person you rode out here with is leaving early is not necessarily a valid reason for you to leave early. There are over 1,000 staff currently employed at Philmont and they come from all parts of the country...so look into sharing a ride with some one else or check into the availability of public transportation through our Logistics staff before you request an early leave. *Early Leave Request* forms are available through the personnel office at Camping Headquarters.

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# Phil-History, Phil-Magic

By J. GLENN CUMMINGS

*Museum Staff*

In the summer of 1927, Waite and Genevieve Phillips and their children Helen Jane and Elliott, "Chope" Phillips, were enjoying the newly completed Villa Philmonte. They had already hosted family and friends in their magnificent new Villa on the plains.

Sometime that spring Waite was contacted by a friend about bringing a rather famous person to the Ranch, Vice President Charles G. Dawes.

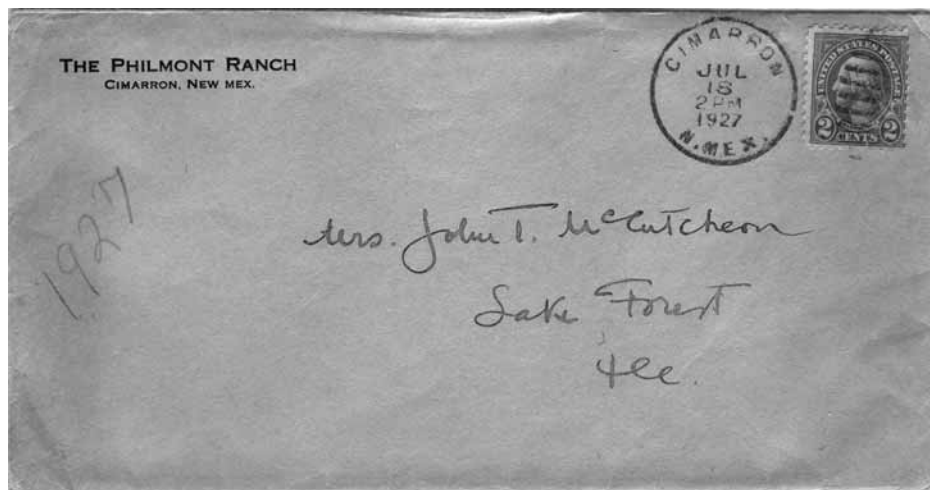
Dawes was elected Vice President with President Coolidge in 1924. He won a Pulitzer for his work on the Reparations of Germany after World War I. Dawes was a trim and vigorous man. His trademark was a pipe he smoked upside-down.

Some of the guests with the Dawes Party were his wife Carol, son Danna, Kenneth Roberts and Ben Ames Williams, both prominent writers, and John T. McCutcheon, a well known cartoonist for the Chicago Tribune.

This story is recorded in great detail with a tongue-in-cheek "Easterners go west and rough it" style by Kenneth Roberts in a long article in the December 10, 1927 Saturday Evening Post. It is a fascinating recap of wonderful good times spent at Rayado Lodge and Villa Philmonte.

Recently the magic of that time again surfaced. While at the Ranch, John McCutcheon wrote a letter using Philmont Ranch Stationery, to his wife. The letter is addressed:

Mrs. John T. McCutcheon  
Lake Forrest, Ill.



The McCutcheon envelope is now on display at the Seton Museum

PHOTO PROVIDED BY GLENN CUMMINGS, *Museum Staff*

The postage was 2 cents and the postmark was Cimarron, NM, July 18, 1927 at 2:00 p.m.

What is the magic you ask? Well, earlier this summer, someone saw that envelope for sale on eBay and bought it and sent it to Jason Schubert, Director of Philmont Museums. That person recognized the significance and wanted to share it with the "many", much as Waite and Genevieve Phillips shared Philmont with the "many".

The envelope is on display – come on over to the Museum and enjoy the long absent artifact which returned after 79 years!

You may also enjoy the current exhibits of early Philmont History, the display of Navajo Blankets, The Ernest T. Seton Library, and a

fine Photo Gallery featuring the Santa Fe Trail.

May the magic of Philmont continue — we can hope someday the letter will surface and return to Philmont!

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# What's Going On Around the World...

## Rice makes surprise visit to Lebanon; proposes plan

In a surprise visit to Beirut Monday, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice met with Lebanon Prime Minister Fuad Saniora and Lebanon's parliament speaker Nabih Berri, who has close ties to Hezbollah. During the meeting Rice praised Saniora for his courage in struggling to contain the fighting between the Hezbollah militia and Israel. Saniora told Rice he was glad to have her in Lebanon, adding that his government was looking to put an end to the war "that is being inflicted on Lebanon." Rice also met with Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert in Jerusalem on Tuesday, vowing at the start of the meeting that it's time for "a new Middle East." Afterwards Olmert vowed to continue the offensive against Hezbollah, despite pleas by the Lebanese government for an immediate cease-fire.

Rice also proposed a peace plan Tuesday that would call up two international military forces to help the Lebanese government stabilize the situation in southern Lebanon. The plan specifically calls for an international force of up to 10,000 Turkish and Egyptian troops under the direction of a NATO or UN commander following a cease-fire. Another international force of up to 30,000 troops would then be used to help the Lebanese government retake control of Lebanon. Rice presented the plan on Monday to Lebanese officials and on Tuesday to Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert. Sources close to the negotiations say the plan is just an outline and that so far neither side has agreed to it.

## Israel takes control of Hezbollah "terror capital"

After heavy fighting throughout the fourteenth straight day in southern Lebanon, the Israeli military took over Bint Jbeil Tuesday evening, an area the Israeli military considers as a Hezbollah rocket-launching site and Hezbollah's "terror capital." The Israeli Defense Forces (IDF) consider Bint Jbeil an important weapons storage area for the Hezbollah, with rockets and missiles stored in tunnels, bunkers, and caves around the area. Israeli troops have been pushing into southern Lebanon in a bid to reduce the capability of Hezbollah to fire rockets on northern Israel.

In other news, an Israeli airstrike hit a United Nations observation post in southern Lebanon late Tuesday night, killing four U.N. observers, the U.N. Interim Force (UNIFIL) in Lebanon said. A rescue team sent by UNIFIL was still trying to clear rubble from the area early Wednesday morning. Previously at least 14 incidents of firing close to the post occurred since Tuesday afternoon, UNIFIL reported.

## Humanitarian aid arrives in Lebanon; Israel opens routes

The White House announced Monday that President Bush ordered helicopters and ships to provide humanitarian aid

supplies to Lebanon. On Tuesday a top White House aide traveling with Secretary of State Rice told reporters that the United States had pledged \$30 million for those supplies. That same day the first shipments of aid supplies arrived by ship and helicopter to Beirut. Also on Tuesday Israeli officials agreed to open ground routes for the transfer of international aid assistance from Israel to Lebanon. They also agreed to allow airplanes to land at Beirut's airport with advanced warning. Aid workers plan to run convoys of up to 100 trucks which will carry ten tons of aid supplies each.

## American Bar Association censures Bush

The American Bar Association said Sunday that President Bush is violating the Constitution by claiming he has the power to disregard selected provisions of bills that he signs. The bipartisan 11-member panel submitted a comprehensive report saying that Bush used those "signing statements" far more than the presidents before him, which raises constitutional objections to more than 800 provisions in more than 100 laws. The panel said Bush's "signing statements" are the equivalent of a line-item veto, denying Congress the power to override the veto. In conclusion, the panel said that by attaching those signing statements to the legislation, Bush is sidestepping his constitutional duty to sign a bill, veto it, or take no action. Bush argues that his signing statements block parts of bills that are unconstitutional and endanger national security. ABA President Michael Greco, commenting on the issue, said, "that non-veto hamstring Congress because Congress cannot respond to a signing statement." Greco also added that the practice "is harming the separation of powers."

Also on Monday Republican Senator Arlen Specter, the Chairman of the Judiciary Committee, announced that he would draft a bill by the end of this week that will give Congress to power to have judicial review of Bush's signing statements, basically allowing Congress to sue the President in federal court.



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The highest gasoline price in 25 years for the United States was recorded on July 21, when the average retail price topped \$3 a gallon. On that day, the national average for self-serve, regular, unleaded gas was \$3.0150 per gallon, according to the latest nationwide Lundberg survey of about 7,000 gas stations released Sunday. It was a rise of almost two cents per gallon from two weeks ago. Prices are unlikely to go higher, because demand is not growing and probably shrinking, said survey author Trilby Lundberg. The highest gasoline price was found in San Diego, California at an average of \$3.28 per gallon, and the lowest gasoline price was found in Charleston, South Carolina at an average of \$2.77 per gallon.

**Saddam's trial resumes without former leader**

Saddam Hussein's trial resumed without him Monday, while he was in a hospital on a feeding tube after a 16 day hunger strike. Defense lawyers boycotted the session, protesting that the court has refused to meet their demands for a fair trial. The case is nearing a verdict that could lead to Saddam's hanging. Saddam was not scheduled to appear in court until Wednesday, his attorney said. His attorney also said that the ex-president's health was unstable so that is why they took him to the hospital. His condition was not life-threatening, a spokesman for U.S. Detention Command said. Saddam and three others have refused any food since dinner on July 7 to protest the trial procedures and the security for their defense attorneys, three of which have been slain already.

**Newly crowned Miss Universe collapses on-stage**

During a post-pageant news conference Sunday night in Los Angeles, the newly crowned Miss Universe was rushed off-stage after collapsing. The 18-year old winner, Zuleyka Rivera Mendoza, attended the pageant's Coronation Ball after recovering from her collapse, according to guests including Donald Trump, the co-owner of the Miss Universe Organization. The youngest of five finalists, Mendoza appeared radiant after she was announced as the winner, but was leaning on some assistants and her face fell onto her chest before collapsing into their arms. While being rushed offstage, the announcer called for a nurse to come to the stage. Within a minute it was announced that Mendoza would be fine and that she had just fainted.

**WTO global trade talks collapse**

After nearly five years of on and off haggling, global free trade talks collapsed Monday, and it could take years to resume them, World Trade Organization (WTO) officials said. After major trading powers failed in a last-ditch effort to overcome differences in reforming world farm trade, the WTO's Doha Development Agenda was suspended. The decision was

expected to be announced late Monday, said Indian Commerce and Industry Minister Kamal Nath. Late Sunday, Nath warned the parties — the United States, the European Union, Brazil, Australia, Japan and India — that the talks would cease if there was not a quick end to the deadlock. But after 14 hours of debate between the six countries, no agreement was reached. Diplomats from all countries, however, were determined to resume and finish the talks, even though they could not say when or how that would happen.

**California feels the triple-digit heat**

After a record day of electricity usage for the state of California, a "Stage 2" power emergency was declared Monday by the California Independent System Operator (Cal ISO). The stage calls for various business to reduce their power usage in exchange for lower rates. Cal ISO transmits about 80 percent of California's power supply. With temperatures reaching 115 degrees Monday and no relief in sight till midweek, they fear they may have to start rolling blackouts. California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger also ordered state agencies to reduce their power use by 25 percent by turning off unnecessary equipment, and urged local governments to do the same. The emergency was downgraded that night to a "Stage 1" which relieved those businesses that agreed to reduce their power during the day. Meanwhile, authorities were investigating at least 29 possible heat-related deaths related to this current heat wave.

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## More World News!

### **I-65 Highway sniper creates havoc, suspect arrested**

Two pickup trucks traveling southbound along Interstate 65 near Seymour, Indiana early Sunday were targeted by a sniper, who killed one person and injured a second, police said. The first shot occurred shortly after midnight and struck the first pickup, killing one of its two passengers, police said. At about the same time, a second shot occurred, grazing the head of a passenger in another pickup heading the same direction along the highway. About two hours later, two more vehicles were struck by bullets on another four-lane highway about 100 miles away from the first two incidents, but there was no immediate connection between the cases. No one was injured in those incidents. Police closed a 14-mile stretch of Interstate 65 for about eight hours after the initial shootings. Part of the only direct route from Chicago to Florida, Interstate 65 is always heavily traveled at all hours of the day, police said. Electronic highway signs around the state warned motorists to report suspicious overpass activity. Indiana Governor Mitch Daniels placed the Indiana National Guard on standby to help with the investigation where needed.

On Tuesday afternoon a 17-year-old teenager was being held as a suspect in connection with the shootings. The teenager, Zachariah Blanton, faces preliminary charges of murder, attempted murder, and criminal recklessness, according to prosecutor Stephen Pierson. State police also found a rifle they believe was used in the shootings, Pierson added. A judge said he had found probable cause to issue an arrest warrant for Blanton. The teenager came to the attention of authorities through a call to the State Police Task Force Hotline, a local television station reported. Authorities consider all of the shootings to be linked.

### **Parts of St. Louis still without power after storm**

More than 200,000 customers in the St. Louis area remained without electricity Monday. This number was down from five days ago after two severe thunderstorms battered the region and initially left more than 500,000 without power. The outages began last Wednesday when high winds swept through the area, topping down trees and billboards and littering downtown streets with broken glass. Among the hardest hit areas were downtown St. Louis and the northern suburbs.

About 300 Missouri National Guard troops were dispatched to St. Louis to help clear storm debris from neighborhoods and assist with local firefighters in checking on the health of sick or elderly residents. Also United Way and Red Cross volunteers ran cooling stations for people left without air conditioning due to the power outage. President Bush declared a state of emergency for six Missouri counties Friday, which allowed FEMA to assist with cleanup and

relief work. The power company Ameren Corp. said Monday that 90 percent of those without power could have their lights restored by Tuesday, with the rest expected to be restored by Wednesday.

### **How much would you pay for a date with Jessica Biel?**

A Denver auction to raise money for an injured teenager by promising a date with Jessica Biel has raised at least \$44,000. Jeanne Lee, organizer for the event called "Mollypalooza," said the winning \$30,000 bid came from a man who requested anonymity. The auction was for a lunch date set for August 18, when Biel is in Denver to receive a humanitarian award.

The idea for the date was thought up by Biel, said her father, Jonathan Biel. Biel promises that she will be a "cheap date." The money will go to help cover medical expenses for Molly Bloom, Lee said. Bloom was run over and then dragged about 38 feet by a Hummer stretch limousine on May 13. The limousine driver faces a misdemeanor charge of careless driving resulting in serious bodily injury. The date gives Biel, the former "7th Heaven" star and Esquire's "Sexiest Woman Alive," the opportunity to create some buzz to provide some support for the teenager's situation, said Jonathan



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Biel. Bloom is undergoing rehabilitation at a local Denver hospital.

#### Motorcycles new horse for Tibetan yak herders

An area of the Qinghai Province in western China is turning into motorcycle country. At the Doulong Store in Madoi, China, which specializes in supplies for the yak herders, motorcycles are now for sale. The owner says that he sells about 20 to 30 of them a year. The herders are buying them out of necessity, because most of the time they are cheaper than a horse. Chinese made motorcycles cost about \$600, and a used model can even be bought for \$50. The trend began a few years ago because herders live in tents and have to move their herds of yaks and sheep between winter and summer grazing pastures. Motorcycles are faster than horses, which allows them to travel quickly into the nearby towns to buy supplies as well as herd their sheep and yaks.

#### Microsoft's Zune cuts cords from portable MP3s

Microsoft confirmed Friday that it will introduce its own MP3 music device later this year. Few details were offered other than the device, named Zune, will have a Wi-Fi connection. The software giant doesn't even know how that wireless connection will be used on the Zune, but is cur-

rently considering seven or eight "scenarios," said Microsoft general manager Chris Stephenson. Microsoft is not the first company to look at a wireless feature for portable music players, but they could gain a competitive advantage over Apple and the rest of the market if they can become the first big-name company to offer such a device. However, analysts say that Apple's rivals are already struggling to compete with the simplicity of Apple's iPod. It's unclear how much attention Microsoft will put into this program, analysts also said.

#### Fisherman speared by 800 pound marlin

A fisherman is recovering from surgery after being speared in the chest and knocked into the Atlantic Ocean Saturday by an 800 pound blue marlin off Bermuda's coast while competing in a fishing tournament. Ian Card was in stable condition in a Bermuda hospital Monday while recovering from a wound his doctor said could have been fatal. Card and his father had just hooked the fish when it suddenly jumped out of the water and impaled Card just below the collarbone, the resulting force sending him into the Atlantic Ocean. The father then cut the line while the Card managed to struggle free of the fish.

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**American Floyd Landis takes the Tour de France**

For the eighth year in a row, the road to Paris ends with an American wearing the yellow jersey. According to Race Director Jean Marie LeBlanc, Floyd Landis completed one of the most memorable come from behind wins in the modern history of the Tour. After cracking in mountainous Stage 16 and falling behind by more than eight minutes, he rebounded the very next day to pull within 30 seconds of Spain's Oscar Pereiro. Being this close allowed Landis to simply outpace Pereiro in the final time trial on Saturday, regaining the lead. Sunday he rolled through Paris and held off Pereiro and all other contenders to win his first Tour. With a margin of just 57 seconds, Landis' win became the sixth closest race in Tour history. Making the win even more impressive was the fact that Landis has had to battle an arthritic hip which he will have surgically repaired in the fall. The way the race was won brought back the drama and tension that had been lost in Armstrong's seven years of dominance. He joins three time winner Greg LeMond and Lance Armstrong as the only Americans to win the world's most prestigious bike race.

**100 yard touchdown pass wins football game**

With time for just one play remaining, the Winnepeg Blue Bombers threw, from in front of their end zone, to 13-year veteran Milt Stegall who split two defensive backs at the Winnepeg 40 yard line then sprinted the rest of the way to the end zone. Time then expired and Winnepeg had stunned the Edmington Eskimos and ended a 5 game losing streak.

**Minor league game takes 26 innings**

In one of the longest games in the history of professional baseball last Thursday, the Oneonta Tigers beat Brooklyn 6-1 in a Class A minor-league game. A run scoring single by Deik Scram in the 26 inning put the Tigers up for good. In a game that took six hours, 40 minutes to complete, the two teams combined for 34 hits and seven errors against a total of 15 pitchers. Danny Cummins of Brooklyn, the Class A affiliate for the New York Mets, doubled in a run in the first inning to give Brooklyn the lead, but Oneonta's Ryan Strieby sacrifice groundout tied it in the fourth inning. The longest professional baseball game occurred in 1981 when the triple-A Pawtucket Red Sox beat the Rochester Red Wings 3-2 in 33 innings. The longest major league game occurred in 1920, when the Boston Braves tied the Brooklyn Dodgers 1-1 in 26 innings.

**Tiger Woods wins first Major since Father's death**

Sunday's British Open victory was Tiger's 11th major win, tying him for second all-time to Jack Nicklaus' 18, but it was the first he could not share with his Father Earl. After he tapped in the final putt on 18, sealing the victory, he had trouble containing emotions; sadness and satisfaction. Wood's finished at 18-under 270, beating resilient second place finisher Chris Dimarco. When Dimarco pulled to within one stroke of Woods, on the final day, he once again demonstrated his focus and determination as he promptly made birdies on the next three holes to put him away for good. It is his third British Open win, and the first play since Tom Watson in 1982 to win golf's oldest championship in consecutive years. Though Woods stayed focused through-

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out the tournament, he admitted afterward that he missed his Dad dearly, but knew that he would have been proud.

### USA Basketball team in tryout mode

Legendary Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski is begging a three year project this summer to return the USA Basketball team to the Olympic dominance it has known in the past. After last year's disappointing performance in Greece, the country's best NBA players are already preparing for the 2008 Olympics in Beijing where they will try to reclaim the Gold. Right now, 22 players in Las Vegas learning coach Krzyzewski's new system. 18 of those players are vying for a spot on the team that will be traveling China and Korea next month to play preparatory games for the Olympics. The only problem is that only fifteen players will be taken on the trip and only 12 will be suiting up for action. Most of the players that are representing the United States are NBA superstars who haven't had to try out for anything in a very long time, if ever. The players know team chemistry is important, but know that fierce competition is inevitable for those want to make the trip. The situation is elevating the normally laid back summer workouts to a strenuous level more suitable to one of Krzyzewski's preseason Duke practices. Coach Krzyzewski knows that getting the team to take these workout seriously is a key to their future success, and right now he definitely seems to be accomplishing that task.

## MLB Standings

### American League

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10
Boston	60	38	.612	-	7-3
NY Yankees	57	40	.588	2.5	6-4
Toronto	55	44	.556	5.5	6-4
Baltimore	45	55	.450	16.0	4-6
Tampa Bay	41	59	.410	20.0	2-8
CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	L10
Detroit	67	32	.677	-	7-3
Chicago Sox	59	39	.602	7.5	2-8
Minnesota	57	41	.582	9.5	9-1
Cleveland	43	55	.439	23.5	2-8
Kansas City	34	64	.347	32.5	3-7
WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10
LA Angels	51	48	.515	-	7-3
Oakland	51	48	.515	-	5-5
Texas	51	49	.510	0.5	4-6
Seattle	48	51	.485	3.0	5-5

### National League

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10
NY Mets	59	41	.590	-	5-5
Atlanta	47	52	.475	11.5	7-3
Florida	46	52	.469	12.0	7-3
Philadelphia	44	52	.458	13.0	5-5
Washington	44	56	.440	15.0	6-4
CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	L10
St. Louis	56	42	.571	-	7-3
Cincinnati	52	47	.525	4.5	7-3
Milwaukee	48	52	.480	9.0	4-6
Houston	47	52	.475	9.5	4-6
Chi Cubs	39	60	.394	17.5	5-5
Pittsburgh	35	66	.347	22.5	4-6
WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10
San Diego	52	47	.525	-	4-6
Arizona	50	48	.510	1.5	7-3
San Francisco	51	49	.510	1.5	5-5
Colorado	47	51	.480	4.5	3-7
LA Dodgers	47	53	.470	5.5	1-9

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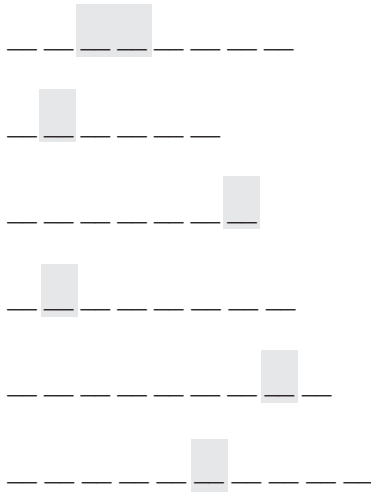
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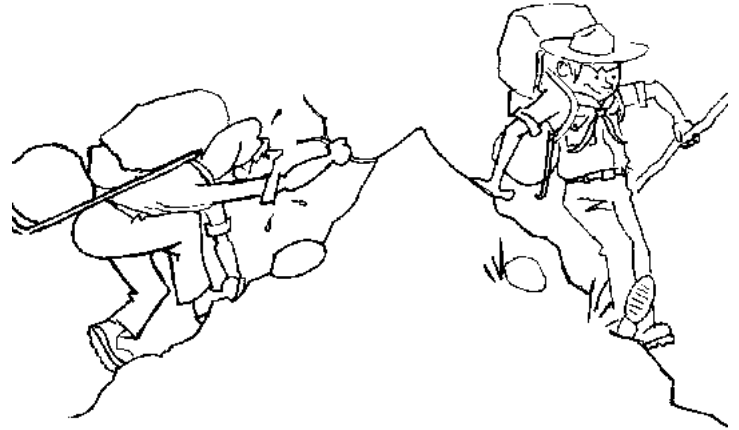
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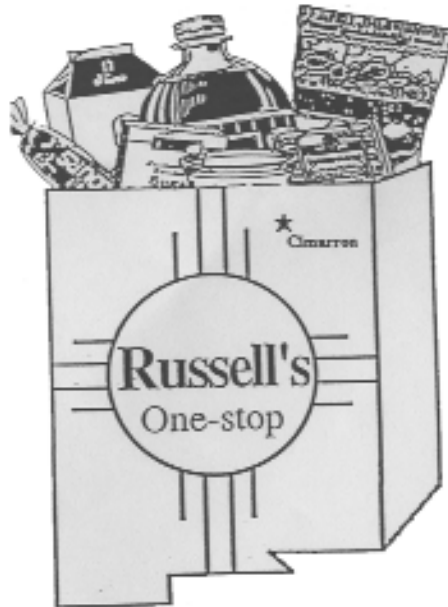


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 7/31 **Steely Dan / Michael McDonald** - 7:30 p.m., Red Rocks Amphitheatre, Morrison  
 8/02 **Soul2Soul II with Tim McGraw and Faith Hill** - 7:30 p.m., Pepsi Center, Denver  
 8/06 **Death Cab for Cutie** - 8 p.m., Filmore Auditorium, Denver  
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 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

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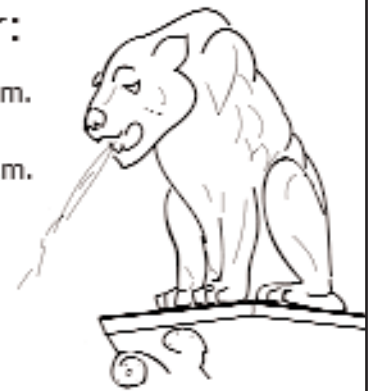
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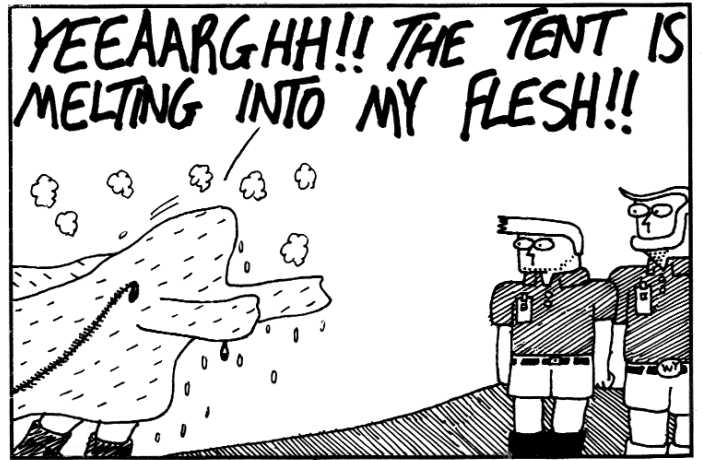
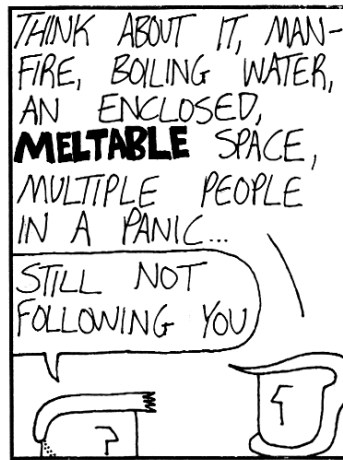
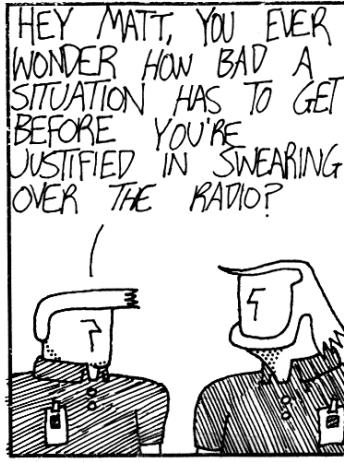
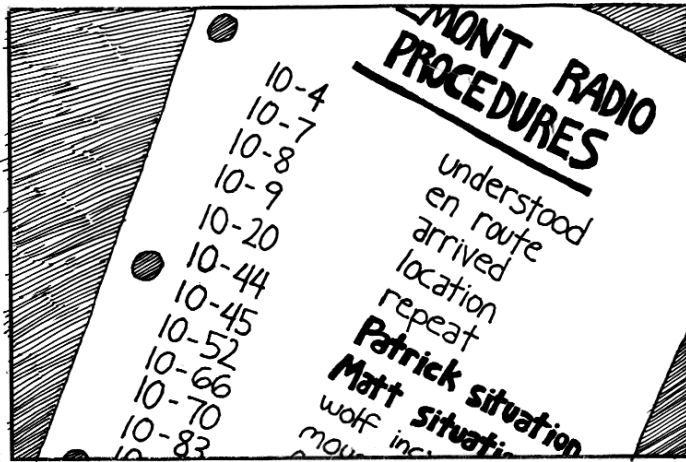
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**Philmont Photo Contest 2006  
Entry Form**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Department: \_\_\_\_\_

Photo Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Category (Circle One):

- Landscape
- Animal Wildlife
- Staff Activity
- Sunrise & Sunset
- Humor (no vulgarity)
- Digital Creations
- Storms & Rainbows
- Plant Wildlife
- Camper Activity
- Double H
- Black & White

**(One entry per category)**

*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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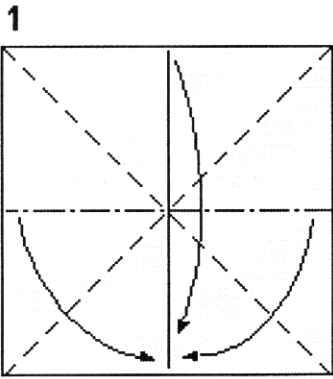
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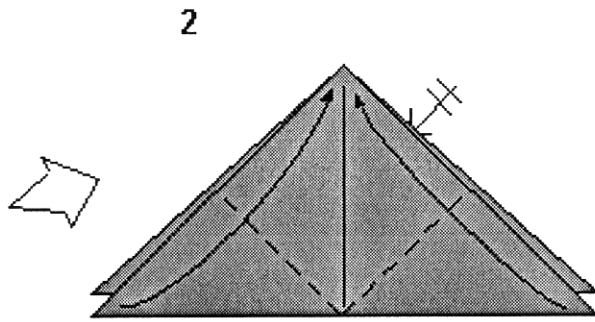
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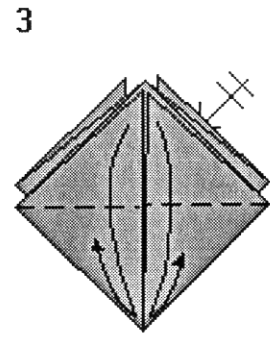
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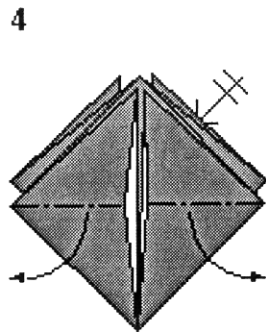
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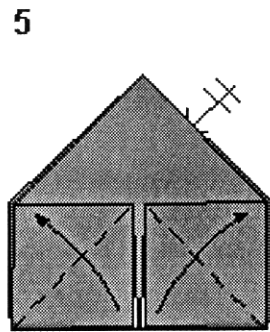
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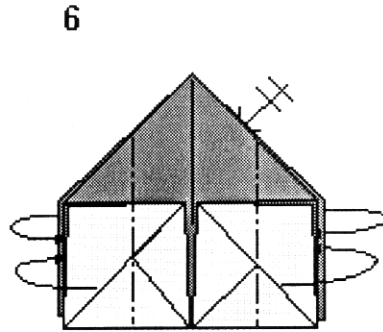
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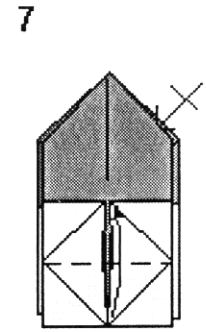
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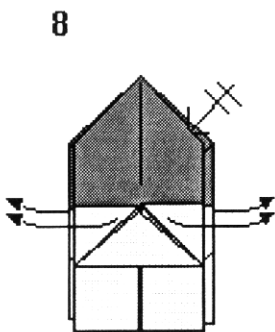
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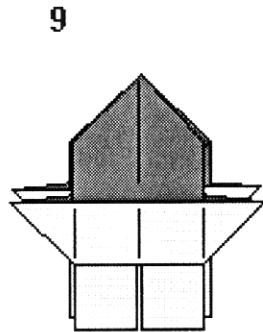
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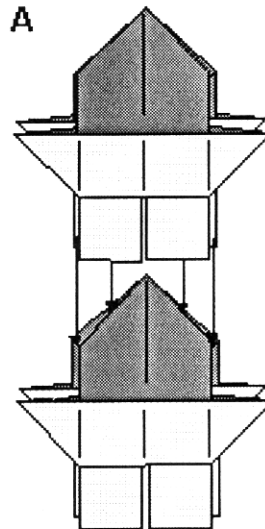
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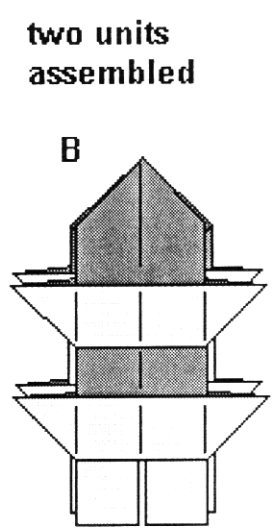
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### Assembly



slide top unit into lower unit, flaps tuck into pockets in lower unit



two units assembled

two units assembled



# Roving Outdoor Conservation School (ROCS)

*Please inform your brothers, sisters, troops and venture crews at home.*


The Roving Outdoor Conservation School (ROCS) program is a 21-day trek for Scouts and Venturers that are between the ages of sixteen and twenty-one. They will participate in an extensive environmental education program and various conservation projects throughout the backcountry. Lessons include:

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Insects	Land Management	Mammals	Philmont Land Use History
Range Management	Reptiles and Amphibians	Soil Science	Weather
Wildlife Management			

The program cost is only \$370. The Scouts will hike approximately 150 miles throughout the entire Ranch and into the Valle Vidal National Forest. Conservation projects will be done in different locations. Projects include trail building, streambed management and meadow encroachment. There are five sessions this summer and openings are still available for each. Treks are not coed but there are sessions available for both genders. There are four male sessions and one female session. Dates for the male crews are 6/17, 7/8, and 7/15; the date for the female crew is 7/22. Shuttles from Denver, Albuquerque, and Raton are available if needed.

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

For more information, contact Justin Hougham. ADC ROCS ([rhougaham@wsu.edu](mailto:rhougaham@wsu.edu)) or Kevin Clegg, ROCS Coordinator ([kclegg@nmu.edu](mailto:kclegg@nmu.edu)).



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# Good Deeds — Service to All

BY ELDER DAVID WILSON  
*LDS Chaplain*

A young adult once recounted in a religious service an experience of having provided humanitarian service to residents of a leprosy colony in India.

Among the people she met was a woman who had lost both hands to Hansen's disease; she had been reading a book, which lay open in front of her. The young woman said that, as she started to leave, she asked the afflicted woman if there was anything she could do for her that day. The woman asked the young visitor if she would turn the page for her.

This account demonstrated the importance of service, and the fact that no act of service is too small to be of benefit to someone else. Until she met the woman with no hands, the young humanitarian probably never thought that service could consist of an act as simple as turning a page in a book.

Millions of acts of service are performed everyday, some heroic and others seemingly mundane.

Sometimes we hardly notice what or when we have done something to help others; such as a when staffer here at Philmont who recently told a close acquaintance thanks for all that she had done to help her during her stay here at Philmont.

The recipient of this comment was a bit puzzled; she could not for the life of her recall doing anything special or out of the ordinary for this individual.

"You have always had something kind or complimentary to say to me," the first staffer told her. "Your smile and cheery attitude brightens my day. I truly feel better after talking and briefly visiting with you."

As with the page turner mentioned above, the young staffer who received this comment never thought of service coming in such little acts of kindness as simply having a smile and a heart-felt, "Good Morning."

The PhilNews is not large enough to contain the list of good deeds and small acts of kindness and service that occur daily around the Ranch. Some are heroic and extraordinary, while others are routine and seemingly mundane.

Without doubt, we can all find ways to do follow that Scouting Slogan, "Do a Good Turn Daily." Additionally, I am sure that each of our respective religious beliefs never intends that compassion, kindness and charity should be demonstrated by a select few individuals alone.

Certainly, as part of our doing our own personal, "Duty to God," we are all expected to exercise these characteristics and behaviors on a daily basis, much to the edification of all around us.

Nearly everywhere we look we can find something we can do to strengthen and provide service to others, as well as find evidence of good done by others.

Our deeds always ought to be numbered among those that enable people all around us to say that there is much that is right about the young people today. Opportunities to serve one another abound.

As we go about our daily activities around the Ranch this summer, I ask that we all strive to be able to give an affirmative answer to this simple question contained in a sacred hymn of the LDS Church, "Have I Done any Good in the World Today?"



Have I done any good in the world today?  
Have I helped anyone in need?  
Have I cheered up the sad and made someone feel glad?  
If not, I have failed indeed.  
Has anyone's burden been lighter today because I was willing to share?  
Have the sick and the weary been helped on their way?  
When they needed my help was I there?  
Have I done any good in the world today?  
Then wake up and do something more than dream of your mansion above.  
Doing good is a pleasure, a joy beyond measure, a blessing of duty and love.

There are chances for work all around right now, opportunities right in our way. Do not let them pass by, saying, "Sometime I'll try." Go and do something today.  
'Tis noble of man to work and to give; love's labor has merit alone.  
Only he who does something helps others to live.  
To God each good work will be known.

**Catholic, Jewish, LDS and Protestant services are held every night at 7 p.m.**

## Father Gordon Gross Protestant Chaplain

It's great to be back at Philmont! For my wife Evelyn and I, this highlight of our year is second only to seeing the kids and grandkids, wherever they have scattered to. (All 20 members of our immediate family were able to gather for a week in Las Vegas in May. Who said miracles don't happen anymore?)

Hey, retirement is great! It lets you do what you want to do — when you want to. So, after spending two weeks in a remote area of Ukraine this summer on a mission, we got a short break and went to another place where outdoor “plumbing” is popular. (Never take flush toilets for granted... I know; I'm preaching to the choir in the hills of Philmont.)

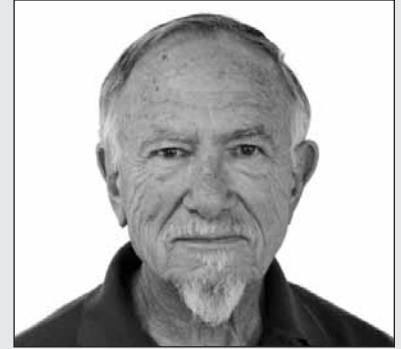
We did three vacation Bible schools in each of four remote villages in central Ukraine. Visualize “Fiddler on the Roof” — still horse drawn carts, etc. The kids were the focus. By the way, don't try to “do” Ukraine without a translator! Their alphabet of 34 letters doesn't correspond to ours in any fashion, and hardly anybody speaks English.

Evelyn, who is also here with me at Philmont, and I retired from a Lutheran church in Montana and moved to Salida, CO, about four hours away from here. Salida lies right at the start of the Sangre de Cristo Mountain Range that ends in Santa Fe. It's the longest sub range in North America. Philmont rests on a spur of that mighty string of peaks.

We had five kids (one son died of cancer), plus seven grandkids, and one great-grandson. Our children grew up in Houston, Memphis, Nebraska, Kansas and Colorado, where I served parishes for 41 years before

retiring for the last eight years.

We like to travel and have managed to reach much of the US, including Alaska and Hawaii, as well as Mexico, Canada, Spain, Italy, Greece, Germany, Austria, Switzerland, France, Czech Republic, Holland, Belgium, Luxembourg, Lichtenstein, Russia, Norway, Finland, Denmark, Sweden, Japan, Thailand, and Myanmar (Burma). We also enjoyed the Virgin Islands (St. Thomas and St. John).



One thought: humans are part physical, part mental, and part spiritual. I encourage you to take care of all three (the last one very commonly gets neglected). If there is any way that I can be of help to you, feel free to stop by till the end of the season. Meanwhile, let's just enjoy our challenges at Philmont together! God bless...G

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~John Muir

### CHQ Activities Calendar

Friday	July 28	Volleyball	8:00 p.m.
Saturday	July 29	Drive-in Movie	8:00 p.m.
Sunday	July 30	Ultimate Frisbee	8:00 p.m.
Monday	July 31	Ping Pong	8:00 p.m.
Tuesday	August 1	Movie Night	8:00 p.m.
Wednesday	August 2	Flea Market	8 - 9:30 p.m.
Thursday	August 3	Bratwurst Barbeque	11 - 1:00 p.m.
Friday	August 4	Movie Night	8:00 p.m.
Saturday	August 5	5K Run	Late Afternoon

### PTC Evening Schedule

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Opening Program 8:15	Handicrafts 6:30 Cracker Barrel 7:00	Western Night 6:30	Movie Night 7:30	Handicrafts 6:30 Cracker Barrel 7:00	Closing Program 7:30	No events scheduled

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