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Miles From Nowhere...

BY BENJAMIN FOOTE

Philnews Manager

Last week I mentioned in passing God's Country — Philmont — is, in some ways, a desert. I know I've been pretty good this summer about not going off on literary escapades into religion or theology (which is what I study), but I think this notion begs investigation and development.

[I apologize in advance to those who follow non-Abrahamic faiths if I seem to not acknowledge or cater to your religious preferences.]

Initially, the idea that God's Country is a desert struck me as strange. Why isn't God's Country something along the lines of the Garden of Eden?

Why doesn't God's Country have a landscape of lush vegetation adorned with tropical flowers, and a soundtrack of tumbling waterfalls and twittering birds . . . or at least something more than the classic single desert island palm tree?

Snapping out of my mental vacation to tropical paradise, I started remembering all the Biblical celebrities who had important religious experiences in the desert. Moses and the Israelites went on their 40-year spiritual adventure hiking through the Sinai desert. The Synoptic Gospels tell of Jesus' 40-day wilderness retreat, where his faith was tested by the devil and, presumably, strengthened. Muhammad received his first vision in the Cave of Hira — in the mountainous wilderness outside the city of Mecca — which kicked off the religion of Islam.

So it seems that, after all, the desert is the place with the best reception for theistic spiritual communications.

How, then, does Philmont fit in?

It seems that here in the Ranch, we have the best of both climatological worlds. In meteorological terms, we had, until recently, the (lack of) rainfall of a desert. In ecological

terms, we have an extraordinary amount of plant and animal biodiversity; we even have the occasional waterfall.

The desert as a prime spiritual location, then, is perhaps a mistranslation, or even a misrepresentation for what many of us at Philmont have discovered to be a more accurate term: the wilderness.

But when it comes down to it, I think the search for faith in God — be it Adonai, Jesus, Allah, Brahman, etc. — begins with humility. Submitting to a higher power, or a wider or taller or deeper one, is about acknowledging that there are many things in this world, and presumably beyond, that are much bigger than you. The landscape of the "real" world is populated with steel, glass, plastic and concrete monuments to our own human achievements — technological and otherwise.

Here at Philmont — the wilderness, the fertile soil of the agriculture of spirituality — the majestic mountains, the towering storm clouds in a seemingly endless sky, and the infinite number of stars all serve as reminders of how trivial we are.

But more subtly and perhaps more importantly, the innumerable, perfectly balanced systems and circles of life and death and rebirth show us, not that we are unimportant, but that we are an important part of something infinitely larger than our species, or than ourselves.

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.

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The shoes of Philmont march to New York City

BY ERIC STANN
PhilNews Staff

Philmont will be represented soon in a New York City clothing closet.

Philmont extends its reach across the United States this fall when hiking boots left over the Welcome Sign here at Philmont are donated to the Clothing Closet at the Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion in New York City.

Every Monday for the last 17 years, a soup kitchen at the Hebrew Union College serves 70 to 100 homeless people a hot meal. Focusing on the dignity of the guests, the seminary students who run the program serve them in a restaurant setting. They cover the tables with nice table cloths, offer a coat check, and have someone play background music on a piano during the meal. Nearby New York University law students also come by to offer the guests free legal advice.

After the meal, the guests can pick out needed clothing items for free at the Clothing Closet, a spare closet next to the dining room, or get their current clothing mended by a seamstress who donates her services. Among all the clothing items offered, which include nice suits for interviews, they are always short on men's shoes.

This summer Jewish Chaplain Jay TelRav worked with Director of Program Mark Anderson and CHQ Maintenance Department Ranger Wayne Baker to take the hiking boots off the Welcome Sign and donate them to the Clothing Closet.

In the past, when Philmont periodically took down the shoes off the welcome sign, the Ranch would send them to Goodwill in Albuquerque. This year, TelRav wondered where the shoes go when they dangle too low off the sign, and told Anderson that he had an idea for the shoes this year.



This box of shoes is one of at least three that will be shipped to the Clothing Closet at the Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion in New York City.

PHOTO BY KATE SHIPLEY, *PhilNews Staff*

"It's a good thing to do," Anderson said. "We do a lot of community work."

Then TelRav talked to Baker, and that day the CHQ Maintenance Department, which is in charge of taking down the shoes off the sign, took the shoes down with a bucket truck, boxed them up in three big boxes, and took them over to TelRav.

"Jay had noticed the shoes on the Welcome Sign and wondered if he could 'harvest them' because he would like to see them go to the homeless in New York," Baker said.

After the collection is complete, Philmont will ship the shoes to the Clothing Closet and pay for the shipping expenses.

"I really do like that this is a win-win situ-

ation for everybody," TelRav said. "It gives Philmont and the Boy Scouts the opportunity to connect back to where I live, which is the furthest place culturally from the Ranch. The Scouts can continue their tradition of throwing their boots over the welcome sign, the Ranch is working toward Tikkun Olam (repairing the world), and the homeless benefit from the goodwill of the Boy Scouts."

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Greenwood Canyon Trail: Trail-way to Heaven

BY KATE SHIPLEY
Philnews Staff

There's good news for the accident-prone here at Philmont: the Greenwood Canyon Trail is now open, thanks to the Order of the Arrow Trail Crew, or OATC.

Work started on the trail in 2003 and although it is not completely finished, it is open and ready to go. It leads hikers from Copper Park Camp on the north side of Mt. Baldy to Greenwood Canyon in the Valle Vidal.

The trail replaces what was essentially a path straight down the ridge and had become the scene of many injuries over the past few years.

The level of danger on that trail made this project the priority for the ranch.

"The Greenwood Canyon Trail was one that had a priority because the previous

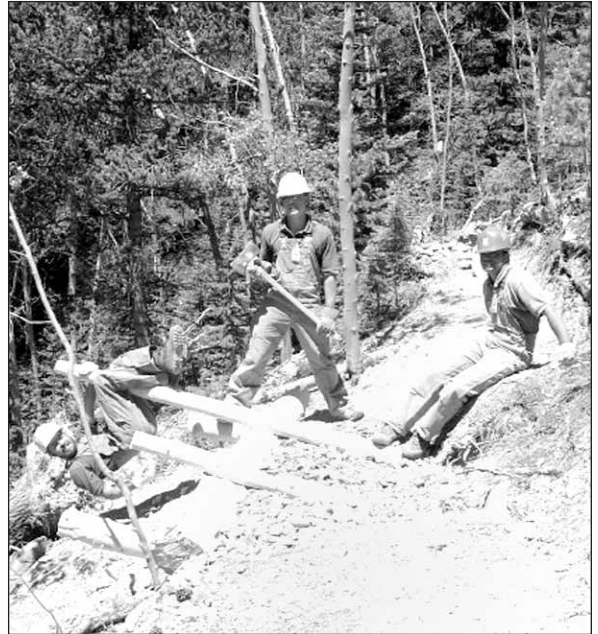
trail was simply a flag line down the mountain. The safety issue was there," Mark Anderson, Director of Program, said.

About 500 participants have worked on this trail from 2003 until now, and a little finishing work will be done next summer.

This year, approximately 120 participants worked on the trail through the OATC program, since the National OA Council shortened this year's season at Philmont. More participants were able to come in normal years, when OATC runs all summer.

The crews are led by foremen like Tim A. Collver, who has seen the progress of the trail from start to finish. He was a participant in the last crew to work on the Black Horse Trail, OATC's last project, and the first to start on Greenwood Canyon Trail in '03.

To him, working on a trail is being a piece of history.



Matt Griffis, Joey Dworak and Stephen Austria work on the Greenwood Canyon Trail.


PHOTO COURTESY OF MATT GRIFFIS, OATC

"When you look at the side of Baldy, you can see old trails that aren't on the map, and our trail will always be there, even when there aren't any maps," Collver said.

Although he worked at Crater Lake in '05 before returning to the foreman's life in '06, he still feels a special connection to the area. His favorite spot at Philmont is on top of the ridge of Greenwood Canyon.


"It's the most beautiful place at Philmont," Collver said.

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2006 PSA Reunion and Annual Meeting

BY ERIC STANN
Philnews Staff

One year after the 2005 National Scout Jamboree, the Philmont Staff Association returns to a more traditional format for their PSA Reunion and Annual Meeting, which is being held today through Sunday at the Philmont Training Center and Rocky Mountain Scout Camp.

Approximately 100 people will show up for the three day event, which has been held annually since 1973. The three main events will occur on Saturday, starting with the annual meeting at the PTC Assembly Hall. After the meeting a silent auction will occur, followed by the Rabbi Zeke Memorial Porch Talk Service at the PTC Chapel. Former Protestant Chaplain Tom Shanklin will lead the non-denominational service. Concluding the day's

events will be a campfire at Rocky Mountain Scout Camp.

The PSA is celebrating the 20th anniversary of the PSA Trek with a five night, six day adventure in the Philmont backcountry that ends today. The 24 people taking part in this event this year span 38 years of Philmont history. The oldest participant is a 1961 staff member and the is youngest a 1999 staff member.

About a dozen people will remain at Philmont for three days after the reunion and annual meeting to participate in two service projects. They will help finish trailbuilding on the PTC Urraca Trail and the Stockade Trail.

Any current staff members are encouraged to participate in any of the events during the reunion.

PSA Annual Reunion Schedule — August 5

2:30 p.m. — Annual Meeting, PTC Assembly Hall

4:00 - 5:30 p.m. — Silent Auction, PTC Classroom

7:00 p.m. — Zeke Porch Talk Service, PTC Chapel

8:00 p.m. — Campfire, Rocky Mountain Scout Camp

The "Front Porch Conversation"

BY REV. JOHN L. TOPOLEWSKI
PSA Member

The Rev. Thomas L. Shanklin, Director of the Painted Bear, a rental and retreat center in East Lempster, has been invited to lead the inaugural seminar on intolerance and diversity at the Philmont Scout Ranch in Cimarron, New Mexico, on Saturday, August 5, 2006. The "Front Porch Conversation" will be held during the annual reunion of Philmont Staff.

The presentation is made possible by an endowment from the family and friends of Rabbi Elijah Ezekiel "Zeke" Palnick, who served as Jewish Chaplain at Philmont from 1968 until his death in 2005. Rabbi Zeke was active in the Civil Rights movement as he led synagogue congregations in both Tuscaloosa, Alabama, and Little

Rock, Arkansas. A Peace Pole in front of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Newport, NH memorializes his civil rights work.

Rev. Shanklin first met Rabbi Zeke when he served as Protestant Chaplain Coordinator at Philmont in 1971 and 1972. They remained in close contact, and he participated in Rabbi Palnick's memorial service in Iowa City, Iowa, last year.

Philmont is the property of the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America and is the largest National Scout camp in the world. Twenty-one thousand campers are accommodated each summer as they experience high adventure. There is a staff of almost a thousand to meet their needs. The camp covers 210 square miles and 136,000 acres.



Coordinating Protestant Chaplain Thomas L. Shanklin, left, stands next to Jewish Chaplain Rabbi Zeke Palnick in this 1971 photo.

PHOTO PROVIDED BY PSA

Rev. Shanklin will address a number of themes dear to Rabbi Zeke's and his own ministries, confronting injustice, prejudice, intolerance and supporting religious, cultural and racial diversity.

Cito Cons team has all-around impact

BY ANGELO POMPEO
Philnews Staff

The conservation team stationed at Cimarroncito is cutting down trees for the second straight summer. They are also a part of the reason Philmont is in the running for a national conservation grant.

The two don't seem to go together, but the clearing of trees in the meadows near Cito is actually very beneficial to the area. It replaces a natural process according to Conservationist Katharine Kallal.

"There hasn't been a fire here in 120 years," said Kallal. "By suppressing it for so long, meadow encroachment has taken place" said Kallal.

The problem with the trees overtaking the meadows is that they are draining the underground watershed that flows from Cito's camp down into the Cito Reservoir.

"A medium size Juniper draws about 50 gallons from the watershed per day. And a full grown Ponderosa uses up to 60 gallons," said Kallal. "In a drought like this, we need as much water as possible to reach the reservoir so it can supply Cimarron."

Crews that pass through Cito assist with the project. First they are given a talk on conservation, meadow encroachment, and the tools they will be using. For the next three hours they gather, chop, trim, cut or stack pieces of the fallen trees.

The work the Scouts do at Cito completes the conservation project requirement of the Philmont trek, allowing them to receive their Arrowhead patches.

This is the second full summer the project has been going on, and it will continue into next summer.



Katharine Kallal, Conservationist, helps advisors with their conservation project at Cimarroncito. They cut the small branches off the fallen tree.

PHOTO BY ANGELO POMPEO, *PhilNews Staff*

"The part I love most is getting to see the immediate impact you're making," said Kallal. "As soon as a tree falls, you can see how much of the ground is now able to get sunlight."

Once the meadows are opened up, plants and grasses that cannot grow under the canopy of the forest are able to thrive.

"All kinds of animals need these meadows. They are a feeding ground and breeding ground for bears, 'mini bears,' turkey, and mountain lions," said Kallal.

By the time it is finished, all trees except the very mature ones will be cleared from the area. By doing so the team will also be creating a natural fire break.

"Because the forest fires spread from treetop to treetop, they have nowhere to go when they

come to a meadow," said Kallal. Piles of chopped, stacked wood can now be seen around the Cito area, but they will not be staying there very long. Much of the wood dispersed throughout back country camps to be used in their stoves and at campfires.

"The rest will be given away. I mean it's wood we don't need and by giving it away, we can really help a lot of people out," said Kallal. "There will be a week in the fall when year-round employees of the Ranch can come in and haul out all the wood they want. I love how all the work we do ties together and helps out in so many ways."

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The people on the bus say 'Thanks, thanks, thanks'

By KATE SHIPLEY
Philnews Staff

Every day at Philmont is the same and during each of those days, buses roll in and out of the Welcome Center, with bus drivers behind the wheel, making sure that everyone gets where they need to go.

The bus drivers that lug campers and staff around Philmont are getting their due on August 8th this summer.

On that day, at the Welcome Center, the bus drivers will get a special treat.

About a dozen drivers operate the Philmont buses, which leave approximately 18 to 20 times a day.

"There are buses that go to the train, that go to town, that go to the turn-



Marilyn Withers poses in front of the bus she drives for Philmont.

PHOTO BY KATE SHIPLEY, *PhilNews Staff*

around points," Mike Reisinger, Transportation Manager, said.

1134 people were transported in the morning alone.

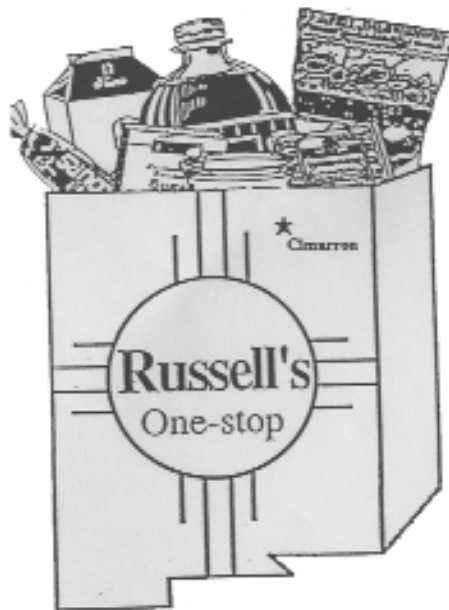
Reisinger said that on the busiest day of the summer, July 28th, a total of

They also provide three buses a day to Cimarron and two a day to Rayado.

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Insidious loss of Philmont property to colonization by the vast (75 sq. mi.) Principality of Liechtenstein

Three decades ago a firm bond of friendship was formed between myself and Ernst Walch of Liechtenstein during two summers served at Muskingum Valley Scout Reservation in Coshocton, Ohio where he was an international counselor and I the Assistant Field Sports Director and archery ace (a.k.a. Robin Hood). That friendship has persisted and deepened over the years, as we both share that special zaniness that is a rarity in addition to that amorphous something that holds two people in bond to one another as true friends.

During Ernst's tenure at MVSR, he colonized the entire pool complex for Liechtenstein. I, in my turn, created the American Colonial Forest in Liechtenstein during the 1981 LaSola, the 50th Anniversary of Scouting in Liechtenstein (one tree standing in six square feet bounded by posts displaying the US flag!) This summer I brought the Liechtenstein flag to display in or on my tent, but the staff declared the porch would be the most proper place to be so adorned.

Thus it came to be that, inevitably, the porch swing at Clark's Fork became, by right of conquest and decree, the colonial possession of Liechtenstein! The swing now displays a branded board declaring it to be the "Liechtenstein Colonial Porch Swing," the flag proudly draped against the cabin wall behind it. Signage reminds inhabitants that they must behave accordingly and pay tribute into a can attached to the railing upon penalty of death.

Yesterday I received by post a document from Liechtenstein's Foreign Secretary (the post we term in the US as Secretary of State, currently held by Condoleezza Rice). This document, on official ministry letterhead, makes several declarations.

One declaration confirms my appointment as "Ambassador Plenipotentiary and Omnipotent of the Sovereign Principality of Liechtenstein at Philmont Scout Ranch and Worldwide and as Chief Commander of the legendary Liechtenstein Colonial Forces, etc., etc."

I am further instructed to "exert jurisdiction over, aggrandize, expand, defend, and represent ... all colonies and territories ... with all might, power and force at your own pleasure and as you may deem fit ... (etc.)." The declaratory document is signed by the Foreign Minister who is, of course, my good and true friend, Ernst Joseph Walch.

This very day I intend, document in hand, to go forth with power and authority (plus a cap gun) to the place known as Hunting Lodge, plant the royal flag and declare that building as a further colonial possession. Yea, at this time I believe that, based on the proportion of colonial possessions to the land mass of the master nation, Liechtenstein is the leading colonial power worldwide.

During my next break a copy of this authoritative document shall be delivered to "Unit One" that he shall be fully informed of the peril to and changed afoot at Philmont Scout Ranch!

BY CHEF LARRY REAMS, *Clark's Fork*

Recipes from Chef Larry:

Buttermilk Pancakes

Mix:

2 C. all-purpose unbleached flour
2 Tbsp. sugar
4 tsp. baking powder
1 tsp. baking soda
1 tsp. salt

Combine:

20 oz. buttermilk
2 whole eggs
¼ C. oil

Mix together liquid and dry ingredients.

Melt butter in skillet. Use ¼ cup batter per pancake.

Imitation Maple Syrup

Combine in saucepan:

2 C. packed brown sugar
1 C. sugar
2 C. water
1 ½ tsp. maple flavoring
¼ tsp. salt

Bring to a boil. Lower heat and simmer 10 minutes.

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and roasted
½ C. soy nuts, roasted
1 C. corn, roasted
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Chef Larry

The Stuff Legends Are Made Of: The Phil-5k

Come one, come all to the millionth annual 5k run! On August 9th, runners from all over this great ranch will come together and demonstrate their will to start (by showing up at the staff lounge at 4:45), their enthusiasm to continue (on a lovely route that winds around PTC and up towards cattle headquarters), and of course, regardless of temporary obstacles, the persistence to complete (at the finish line at the staff lounge). This monumental event kicks off at 5:00, so fans should feel free to come out and cheer on their favorite contestants in all four categories: males 21 and under, females 21 and under, males 22 and over, and females 22 and over. The winners in each category will be immortalized in a bronze statue that will be erected on the Villa lawn (pending permission) and receive a gift certificate to the Tooth of Time Trading Company (the Trading Post). Don't miss it!

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What's Going On Around the World...

Israel-Lebanon crisis enters fourth week

The Lebanon crisis in the Middle East entered its fourth week on Wednesday. In more than three weeks of fighting, nearly 750 people-most of them Lebanese civilians-have been killed, according to Lebanon's health minister. Israel claims to have killed 300-400 Hezbollah militants, while Hezbollah claims 43; 51 Israelis, including 18 civilians, have been killed. The crisis has also displaced tens of thousands of civilians.

On Sunday, an Israeli air strike on the southern Lebanese village of Qana killed at least 56 civilians, including 34 children. Israel called the incident a "tragic accident" but maintained that Hezbollah had been firing rockets from Qana - during the conflict, Hezbollah has been firing up to 150 rockets a day at Israel. Following the incident, Israel declared a 48-hour cessation of air attacks over southern Lebanon to facilitate investigation and relief efforts.

The Qana attack has given new urgency to international ceasefire efforts. The UN Security Council released a statement deploring the loss of life of the Qana attack, but the statement did not contain a call for an immediate ceasefire. Although France, China, Jordan, Egypt, the European Union, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and UN Secretary General Kofi Annan, the United States is seeking a "long-lasting and sustainable" ceasefire, which will take more time to develop; on Sunday Lebanese Prime Minister Fuad Siniora canceled talks with Condoleezza Rice in Beirut.. Israel said its forces need 10 to 14 more days to achieve its objectives of eliminating Hezbollah's rocket-launching capabilities - Israel claims to have destroyed two thirds of Hezbollah's rockets - and creating a buffer zone for international troops. The Israeli security cabinet voted unanimously on Tuesday to broaden the scope of the ground offensive, setting a new goal of pushing militants back to the Litani River, 18 miles north of the Lebanon-Israeli border.

On Tuesday, Senior Iranian cleric Ayatollah Ahmad Jannati called for Muslim nations to send weapons to Hezbollah. Also, last Thursday, Al-Qaeda deputy Ayman al-Zawahiri warned that Al-Qaeda will respond to attacks on Muslims in Gaza and Lebanon.

Castro temporarily sidelined

Fidel Castro temporarily handed over power to his brother Raul Castro Monday night while the Cuban leader undergoes intestinal surgery. It is the first time the communist leader has ceded control over Cuba in 47 years. Castro's secretary, Carlos Valenciaga, read a letter from Castro on Cuban television announcing that the Cuban leader had said that stress forced him into surgery and that he would be bedridden for several weeks after the operation. Raul Castro

is the first vice president of the country and designated successor to his older brother. The armed forces and leadership of the Communist Party now become under his power, the statement also read.

The celebrations that erupted into the streets of Little Havana in Miami grew into speculation Tuesday about the state of Castro's health and what would happen should he die. That area is home to more than 800,000 Cuban-Americans, making it the largest growing part of the Hispanic population in Florida. Cheering crowds and honking cars filled the streets into the early hours of Tuesday morning, prompting the mayor of Miami-Dade County to ask residents to show some restraint. County officials also raised their Emergency Operation Center levels to a level 2 status, which activates the rumor control hot line. White House took a more measured approach to the announcement. "The White House is monitoring the situation. We cannot speculate on Fidel Castro's health," said White House spokesman Peter Watkins. "We continue to work for the day of Cuba's freedom." The announcement of Castro's surgery comes weeks after a US government report calling for the US to have assistance in Cuba in the weeks following the communist leader's death to support a move toward democracy in that country.

UN issues nuclear deadline for Iran

The United Nations Security Council passed a resolution Monday giving Iran until August 31 to suspend its uranium enrichment program or face the threat of economic and diplomatic sanctions. On Tuesday Iran President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad rejected the resolution, saying Iran would not give in to threats from the United Nations and instead insisted Tehran would persevere its nuclear program. Due to Chinese and Russian demands, the resolution, which passed by a vote of 14-1, is a watered down version of earlier drafts. Drafted by Britain, France and Germany with U.S. backing, the resolution, which in earlier drafts made the threat of sanctions immediate, now essentially requires the Security Council to hold more discussions before it considers sanctions. Only Qatar, which represents the Arab states on the council, cast the one dissenting vote. It follows a July 12 agreement by those four countries plus Russia and China to refer Iran to the Security Council for not responding to the incentives package. Last week Tehran said they would reply to the incentives package on August 22, but the Security Council decided to go ahead with the resolution. The resolution calls for the U.N. nuclear watchdog Atomic Energy Agency to report back by August 31 on Iran's compliance with the resolution. If Iran does not comply, the council will move to adopt political and economic sanctions on Iran, the resolution stated.

Mel Gibson arrested on DUI charge

Actor Mel Gibson was arrested Friday for driving with a blood alcohol level of 0.12. California's legal limit is 0.08. He was pulled over for going 87 mph in a 45 mph zone. Two reports of the arrest are said to exist. One that says the arrest was "without incident," while the other claims Gibson threw out unprintable anti-Semitic and sexist slurs and threatened a deputy. Gibson apologized for his remarks and behavior on Saturday, saying, "I acted like a person completely out of control when I was arrested, and said things that I do not believe to be true and which are despicable. I am deeply ashamed of everything I said, and I apologize to anyone who I have offended." On Tuesday, Gibson apologized again, saying "I am not an anti-Semite," and offered to "meet with leaders in the Jewish community, with whom I can have a one on one discussion to discern the appropriate path for healing. Gibson entered rehab on Monday, his publicist said. James Mee, the Los Angeles County sheriff's deputy who arrested Gibson and is also Jewish, said that he considered it to be a routine arrest and that he didn't take seriously any of the comments Gibson made. Meanwhile, ABC also announced Monday that it had cancelled a planned miniseries about the Holocaust that it was developing with Gibson's Icon Productions, saying "it has been nearly two years and we have yet to see the first draft of a script, we have decided to no longer peruse this project with Icon." Network spokesman Kevin Brockman declined to comment on whether the network's decision was influenced by Gibson's arrest.

Key Republican breaks with Bush over Mideast crisis

Nebraska Senator Chuck Hagel, a leading Republican senator on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, broke ranks with Bush administration policy Monday when he called for an immediate cease-fire in the Mideast. Hagel, in a speech to the Senate, said, "The sickening slaughter on both sides must end and it must end now. President Bush must call for an immediate cease fire. This madness must stop." Hagel also said that the refusal threatens to isolate the US and Israel and harm chances of achieving long-term peace in the region. Hagel called for Bush to name "a statesman of global stature" to be his personal envoy to the region. He also called for Bush to open direct talks with Iran and Syria, which are both Hezbollah's backers. Finally, Hagel urged the administration to revive the Beirut Declaration of 2002, under which Arab countries would have recognized Israel's right to exist.

The Bush administration refuses to call for Israel to stop their attacks on Lebanon, and instead joins Israel in saying that all Hezbollah fighters should be pushed back from the Israel-Lebanon border. Bush was speaking in Florida Monday and the White House had no immediate reaction to

Hagel's comments. Only few members of Congress have broken ranks with Bush over his handling of the Israel-Hezbollah conflict.

Don't kill Harry Potter, authors urge

John Irving and Stephen King, two of America's top authors, pleaded to J.K. Rowling on Tuesday not to kill Harry Potter in the final book of the wizardly series. Speaking at a joint news conference before a charity reading by the three prominent writers at New York's Radio City Music Hall, Irving said "my fingers are crossed for Harry." King had confidence that Rowling would be "fair" to her hero. King also added, "I don't want him to go over the Reichenbach Falls," in a reference to Arthur Conan Doyle's effort to kill off fictional detective Sherlock Homes. Conan Doyle later resurrected Holmes due to pressure from fans.

Rowling is working on the seventh and last book of the Harry Potter series in which she has said two characters will die. Making no promises, Rowling said she is well into the process of writing the book and feels that she "can resolve the story now and its fun in a way it wasn't before because finally I've reached my resolution, and I think some people will loathe it and some people will love it, but that's how it should be." After being asked at the news conference about the wisdom of killing off fictional characters, Rowling said she didn't enjoy killing off the major character that died in book six but said that the series demanded the hero go on alone. Rowling also noted that Irving killed off many more characters than she had, saying "when fans accuse me of sadism, which doesn't happen that often, I feel I'm toughening them up to go on and read John and Stephen's books. I think they've got to be toughened up somehow. It's a cruel literary world out there."

North Korea rips South Korea over satellite

North Korea said Tuesday that South Korea's recent launch of a scientific satellite was a provocative act that gives it no option but to build up its "invisible war deterrent." North Korea believes the satellite can also spy on the secretive country. South Korea sent the 2,000 pound Arirang-2 satellite into orbit on Friday primarily for making high resolution geographical pictures of the earth, but it also has the possibility for tracking North Korea military movements as well. Meanwhile on Tuesday a military official confirmed that North and South Korean troops exchanged fire across their heavily fortified border for the first time in over a year. On Monday night two shots were fired by North Korean troops at a South Korean guard post near the Demilitarized Zone, and South Korean troops returned with six shots, the official said. No one was injured in the incident. One of the North Korean shots hit the guard post, causing the South Korean troops to return fire. The last time the two countries

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exchanged shots along the Demilitarized Zone was in October 2005, when North Korea fired a shot at a South Korean guard post and gunfire was returned.

Waitress discovers familiar face in customer's ID

Checking to see if a customer was legally old enough to drink, a waitress in Westlake, Ohio looked down last week to see her own stolen driver's license. After the encounter, the 22-year old waitress, whose name was not released, called police saying that she had been handed her own stolen driver's license by a woman trying to prove she was 21. The woman fled the Moosehead Saloon after becoming suspicious of the delay, but her companion provided her name. Maria Bergan, of Lakewood, Ohio, was charged Sunday night with identity theft and receiving stolen property after being arrested at her home in the greater Cleveland area. The waitress told police she had lost her wallet on July 9 at a bar in Lakewood.

Russia downplays oil leak warning

An oil pipeline leak in western Russia threatened environmental damage, Russia's Natural Resources Ministry said Monday, but backed off that statement after the pipeline's operator said the spill was far smaller and claimed it had already been cleaned up. The Ministry initially said the spill, which occurred Saturday near the border with Ukraine and Belarus, affected a four square mile area and had contaminated water sources. But several hours later the Ministry retracted the statement saying the experts were, "not disposed to call the accident...an ecological catastrophe." The 2,500 mile Druzhba pipeline transports more than 1.2 million barrels of oil a day. An official from the state pipeline operator said the spill only affected a 4,000 square foot area and that the consequences had already been cleaned up. Oil spills occur frequently along Russia's pipeline network, including smaller accidents of several hundred tons that occurs every two to three months, the head of Greenpeace Russia's energy department said.

Blair, Arnold plan global warming pact

British Prime Minister Tony Blair and California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger plan Monday to lay the groundwork for a new trans-Atlantic market in carbon dioxide emissions. The move could help California cut carbon dioxide and greenhouse gas emissions. President Bush has rejected the idea of ordering such cuts. The plan aims to fix a price on carbon pollution by setting overall caps for carbon and rewarding businesses that find a profitable way to minimize their carbon emissions. Europe has the only mandatory carbon trading program in the world. Created in conjunction with the 1997 Kyoto Protocol Treaty, the program caps the amount of carbon dioxide that can be released from power plants and factories in more than two dozen countries. Companies can trade rights to pollute directly with each other as long as the cap is met. Although the US is one of the few nations that hasn't signed the treaty, some states are already developing regional cap-and-trade programs.

Golfer grabs double ace

An insurance agent playing in a weekend golf tournament followed up his first hole-in-one with another one a day later on the same hole using the same club. Danny Leake, 53, aced the sixth hole of Rawls Course in Lubbock, Texas, Saturday with a 5-iron from 174 yards out. He did the same thing on the same hole with the same club in Sunday's final round from 178 yards out. "I've never even heard of such a thing," said Jack North, managing director of the Rawls Course, while commenting on Leake's feat.

Governor apologizes for racial comment

Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney apologized Monday for calling the Big Dig construction project a "tar baby," saying he didn't know anyone would be offended by the term. In a speech to Iowa Republicans Saturday, Romney told the crowd, "The best thing politically would be to stay as far away from that tar baby as I can," in referring to the political risk he incurred in



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taking control of the project after a fatal ceiling collapse. Black leaders were outraged at his use of the term, which dates back to the 19th century and used as a derogatory term for a black person. It has come to be known as a way to describe a sticky mess. Eric Fehnstrom, Romney's spokesman, said the governor was describing a "sticky situation."

Iranian dies after hunger strike

Akbar Mohammadi died in jail after a hunger strike demanding his release. Mohammadi, an Iranian student leader, was arrested after a clash between students and security forces at Tehran University in 1999. Mohammadi was released last year and was recently re-imprisoned. He was originally sentenced to death, but his sentence was commuted to fifteen years.

Vacationers help beached migrants

On a beach on Spain's Canary Islands, sunbathers raced to help 88 African migrants whose boat ran aground. The vacationers gave them food, blankets, water and whatever first aid they could provide until the police and the Red Cross arrived. The boat was the last of three that landed, carrying a total of 205 African migrants, including women and children.

Top Islamic fundraiser freed after two years

Abdel-Jabbar Hamdan was released from a federal detention center on Monday after being arrested on immigration charges in July 2004 as the federal government charged that his Texas-based charity Holy Land Foundation funneled millions to the Palestinian group Hamas. Hamdan was not charged with terrorism but was convicted of overstaying a student visa purchased 27 years ago and ordered to be deported. Hamdan requested to be released on bond while he fought the immigration charge, but was denied for the past two years until U.S. District Judge Terry Hatter ordered him to be freed last week.

Vietnam, Venezuela form partnership

Hugo Chavez, the president of Venezuela, said he wants to work more closely with Vietnam in his fight against American imperialism. Chavez visited Vietnam, and the two countries signed agreements to work together in oil, gas, mining and agriculture. Chavez praised Vietnam for its fight against America in the 1960s and 1970s. On the other hand, Vietnam is concerned about working with the US government rather than against it. Over the past 15 years, they have tried to build good relations with leaders in Washington. The US Congress will soon hold a vote to decide Vietnam's membership in the World Trade Organization. President Chavez also visited Russia, Belarus and Iran.

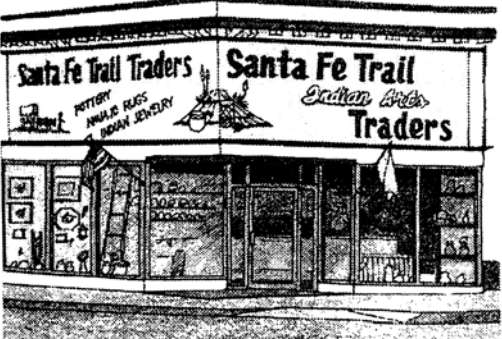
Wildfires stretch crews to limit, first time since 2003

The National Interagency Fire Center raised its response level over the past weekend to the highest threat level, a move made when nearly all available crews and resources are committed to fighting fires. For the first time since 2003, federal land management agencies are being asked to make more of their employees available to fight wildfires. The increased threat level allows federal firefighting coordinators to summon additional federal employees, military and foreign fire crews to fight the fires if necessary. More than 24,000 firefighters were working on wildfires across the western United States on Monday, including 58 large fires of 500 acres or more.

New 'Batman' names new Joker

Christian Bale, the star of "Batman Begins," will continue his role as Bruce Wayne/Batman in a sequel titled, "The Dark Knight." The Christopher Nolan sequel, which pits Batman against the Joker, is set to be released in early 2007. Oscar-nominated actor Heath Ledger will assume the role of the Joker as he resurrects the character memorably played in 1989 by Jack Nicholson in Tim Burton's "Batman." A critical commercial hit, "Batman Begins" relaunched the Warner Bros. franchise.

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Tour de France victory overshadowed by doping allegations

Floyd Landis' Tour de France win is in jeopardy. After his remarkable comeback in stage 17 of the Tour, after his charge through the Alps, his urine sample tested positive for abnormally high levels of testosterone. Tests showed that some of the excess testosterone was synthetic, making his claim that the test results were the result of his body's natural metabolism, and not steroids, hard to believe. Landis' ratio of testosterone to epitestosterone was more than twice the limit of 4:1.

Many other Tour favorites were banned from the race before it started due to doping allegations and now the new American champ may be falling victim to the same shameful actions that have plagued his sport in recent years.

Another sample of Landis' urine is currently being tested. The results will not only determine if Landis lied to the public about the legitimacy of his win, but it will also determine whether or not he will get to keep his title. If the tests come back free of steroid and doping evidence, Landis' will be cleared, and his dignity will be restored. If not, the 2006 Tour de France title would be stripped from Landis and given to Spain's Oscar Periero. Landis would not only lose favor in the eyes of many Americans, but he would also be suspended from racing and redeeming himself for the next two years.

MLB trade deadline- more talk than transaction

Once all the trade talk stopped, and Andruw Jones, Brad Lidge, Roy Oswalt, Scott Proctor, Alex Rodriguez, Jason Schmidt, Miguel Tejada, Dontrelle Willis, and Alfonso Soriano were all remaining with their current teams, baseball fans realized that the trading deadline was surrounded by much more talk than action.

The biggest trade that did occur surprisingly involved the New York Yankees. They received last year's Home Run Derby champion, and very productive long-time Phillies outfielder Bobby Abreu and starting pitcher Cory Lidle in exchange for five minor league prospects. The deal relieved

the Phillies of the \$22 million dollars Abreu will be receiving over the next year. For the Phillies, the move made sense because it freed up salary room for them to rebuild next year.

Another trade sent aging Hall of Fame pitcher Greg Maddux to the Dodgers. They also acquired 2nd baseman Julio Lugo from the Devil Rays, proving that they are not giving up on the playoffs even though they've gone 4-13 since the All-Star break.

The league's best team, the Detroit Tigers, added another steady stick to their already powerful line-up. They picked up Sean Casey from the Pirates, a career .300 hitter and a quality first baseman.

The St. Louis Cardinals improved their infield as they acquired second baseman Ronnie Belliard from the Cleveland Indians for Hector Luna. Belliard should be a good fit at second base as the Cards' try to hold off the Cincinnati Reds and win the division.

New fitness invention-the cordless jump-rope

For those that are clumsy or just plain lazy, but still want to make it seem like their trying to get in shape, cordless jump-rope has been invented. It is the creation of 52 year old Lester Clancy from Mansfield, Ohio. The weights inside the jump-rope handles simulate the motion and feel of having a

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rope. Holding these handles, you jump over the pretend rope, and if you're really lazy, you can pretend to jump over the pretend rope. The inventor backs his invention by saying "If you are still jumping, you're still using your legs as well as your arms, and getting the cardiovascular workout. You just don't have to worry about tripping on the rope." He also said it is good for mental institutions and prisons where rope is a suicide risk. In case you are wondering and you would rather use high-tech handles instead of toilet papers, sticks, or a couple of Nalgene bottles, the new fitness wonder product is available www.patentlysilly.com.

Zidane's World Cup head-butt inspires no. 1 song

A day after France's loss in the World Cup Championship, three associates of a small French record label penned the tune *Coup de Boule*, French for "head-butt." They emailed the reggae style song to about 50 friends, and the song quickly invaded the net. It's catchy chorus "Zidane, il a tape" (Zidane, hit the man) serves as a descent cure for their post defeat blues. On July 20, the tune was No. 2 in the French charts, selling 17,000 copies. More than 75,000 have been sold in the last 10 days and the tune has been downloaded more than 110,000 times. It is now No. 1 on the country's charts and is the country's best selling ring tone. The company is already preparing Spanish, Japanese, and even Italian versions of the song.

MLB Standings

American League

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10
NY Yankees	62	41	.602	-	7-3
Boston	63	42	.600	-	4-6
Toronto	57	49	.538	6.5	3-7
Baltimore	49	59	.454	15.5	5-5
Tampa Bay	44	63	.411	20.0	4-6
CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	L10
Detroit	71	35	.670	-	6-4
Chicago Sox	63	42	.600	7.5	7-3
Minnesota	61	44	.581	9.5	6-4
Cleveland	46	59	.438	24.5	4-6
Kansas City	37	69	.349	34.0	3-7
WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10
Oakland	56	51	.523	-	5-5
LA Angels	55	51	.519	0.5	7-3
Texas	53	54	.495	3.0	3-7
Seattle	52	54	.491	3.5	7-3

National League

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10
NY Mets	63	42	.600	-	6-4
Philadelphia	50	55	.476	13.0	6-4
Florida	50	56	.472	13.5	6-4
Atlanta	49	56	.467	14.0	4-6
Washington	48	59	.449	16.0	7-3
CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	L10
St. Louis	58	47	.552	-	5-5
Cincinnati	55	51	.519	3.5	5-5
Milwaukee	51	56	.477	8.0	5-5
Houston	50	56	.472	8.5	4-6
Chi Cubs	44	62	.415	14.5	7-3
Pittsburgh	40	67	.347	19.0	5-5
WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10
San Diego	55	51	.519	-	5-5
Arizona	54	52	.509	1.0	5-5
Colorado	51	55	.481	4.0	6-4
LA Dodgers	51	55	.481	4.0	4-6
San Francisco	51	56	.477	4.5	1-9

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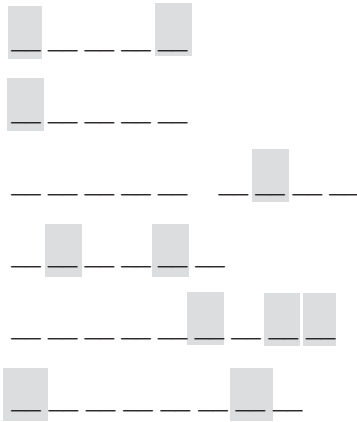


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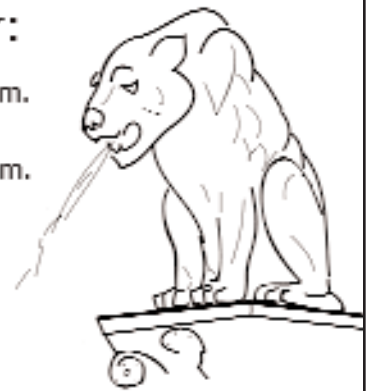
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- 8/09 **Nickelback** - 8 p.m., Coors Amphitheatre, Englewood
- 8/15 **Family Values Tour 2006 / KBPI Infest with Korn, Deftones, and more** - 4:30 p.m., Coors Amphitheatre, Englewood
- 8/15 **Def Leppard / Journey** - 7:30 p.m., Red Rocks Amphitheatre, 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

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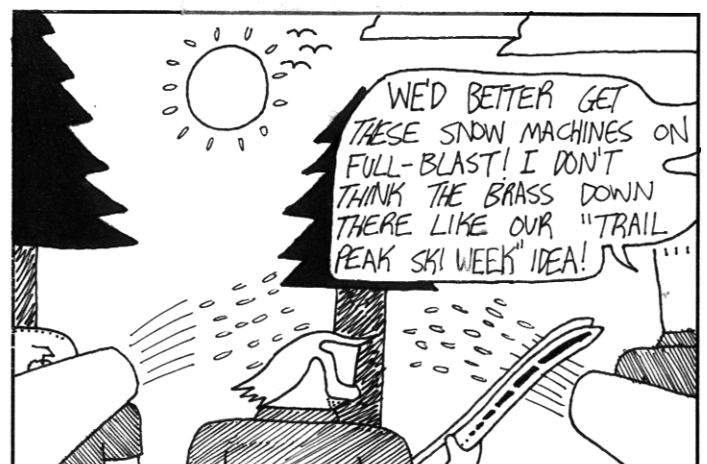
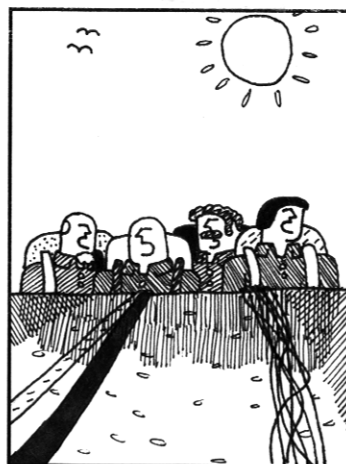
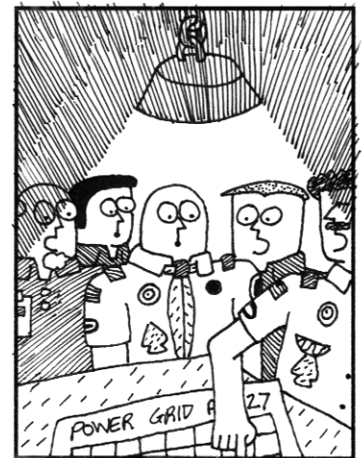
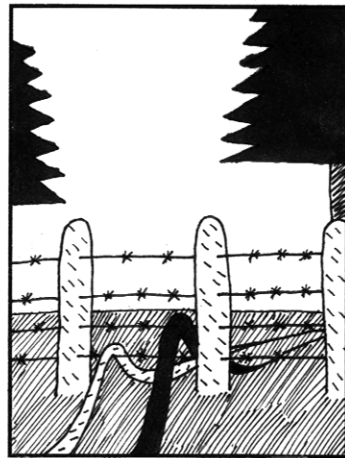
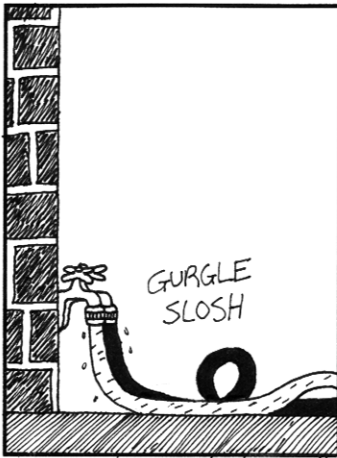
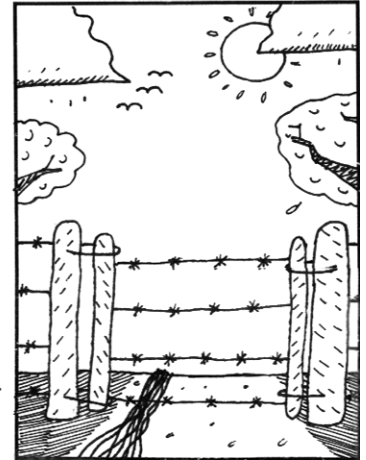
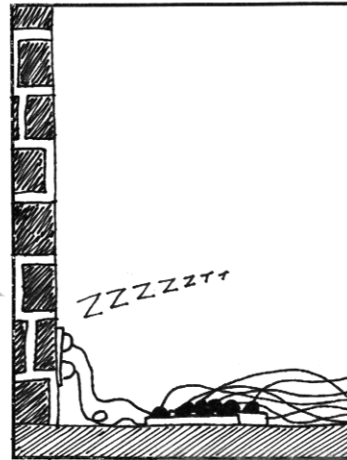
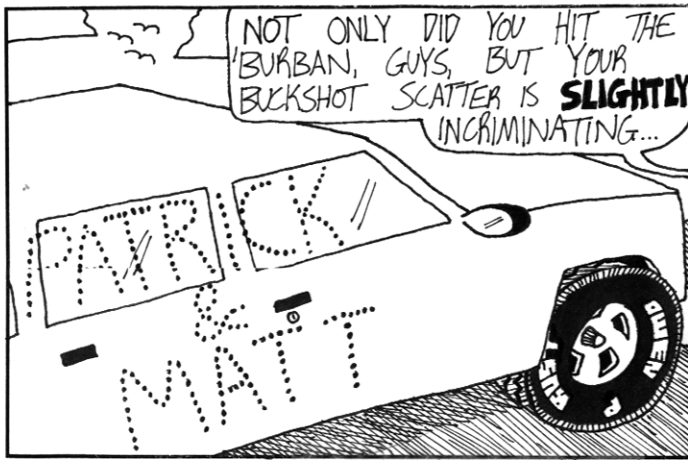
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Fire Policy Update: Crew Campfires

With the continued rainfall throughout Philmont Scout Ranch, beginning Wednesday, August 2, 2006 **CREW CAMPFIRES** will be permitted in campsites on Philmont Scout Ranch property in established fire rings.

Rangers will continue to instruct and demonstrate the correct way to build a fire. **Backcountry staff** must review the process during porch talks and advisors coffee. **It is critical that all crews understand and follow the process!**

Please use the following procedures with all campfires:

- ~Use established fire rings.
- ~Clear all burnable material at least 10 feet around the fire ring
- ~Keep campfires small. Use only sticks from the ground that can be broken by hand. They should be no thicker than a person's forearm or longer than from that person's elbow to middle finger. **Do not** climb trees to break branches.
- ~Keep a pot of water nearby for suppression as long as the fire is burning.
- ~**Never leave a campfire unattended for any reason!**
- ~Burn all wood and coals to ash. At least 30 minutes before you plan to put the fire out, stop adding wood and push the unburned sticks into the fire to allow them to burn to ash.
- ~Be certain the fire is "cold out" before going to bed or leaving the campsite. Pour water on the fire and stir coals and ash with a stick. Repeat this process as necessary.
- ~Before leaving the campsite **scrape all coals and ash in a pile, crunching the unburned coals and breaking them into small pieces. Put all material into a meal bag and carry with you along the trail for 30 minutes or about one half mile. Scatter the ashes 100 feet from the trail.**
- ~Stick an unburned stick into the ground in the center of the fire ring when you have completed cleaning out the fire ring.

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Requirements

1. **Must complete the application and the rest of the requirements by August 21. In the application the selection committee is specifically looking at the two short answer essays and the recommendation from the applicant's current Philmont manager.**
2. **Must be a current PSA member. If the applicant is not a member, please see the information on page 17 of the *PhilNews*.**
3. **Must be a current 2006 Philmont staff member.**
4. **Must turn in a 2007 Philmont Staff Application before leaving the Ranch for the summer.**
5. **The selection committee meets September 15–17 to make the decisions.**
6. **The scholarship goes directly to the educational institution, usually in October.**
7. **If the applicant is working in the backcountry, he or she can I-camp the PSA to request an application.**
8. **Previous winners can apply if they meet all the above requirements.**

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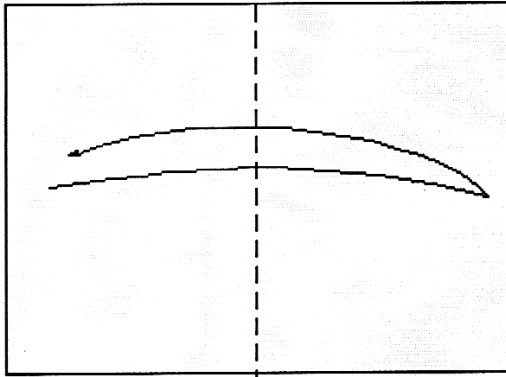
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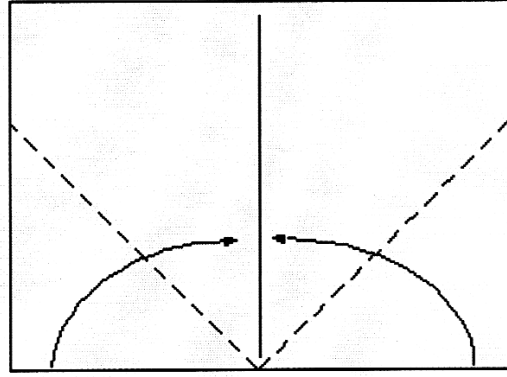
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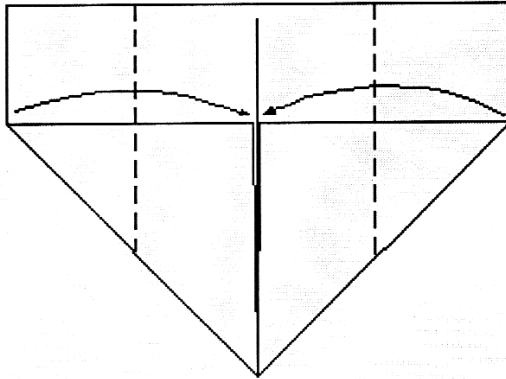
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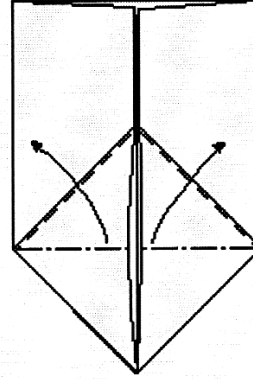
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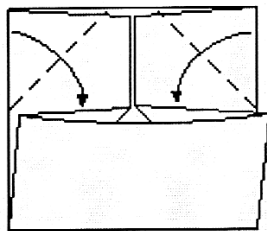
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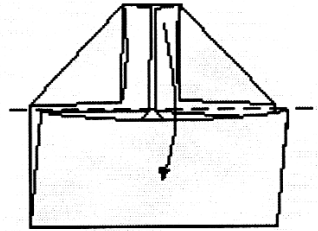
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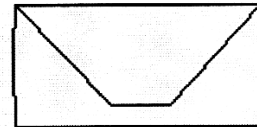
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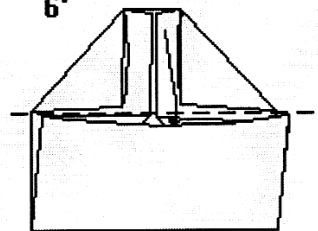
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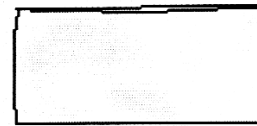
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Where are you going?

BY FATHER RAYMOND L. FECTEAU
Catholic Chaplain

I was not very excited about going to my first National Jamboree at Fort A.P. Hill last summer.

A good friend was supposed to go with me but at the last minute his plans changed. So I would be going alone, sleeping on a cot in a hot tent with a half dozen strangers while venturing in areas I had never been before. I did not want to be there, but as a Scout Chaplain, I was asked to be there.

After I checked in and got my housing assignment, I drove to Camp Mahone where Headquarters Chaplains were staying. While I was wrestling to get that last leg of my cot to fit, another Chaplain quickly said, "I'll get the stick." Working together we got it done.

Although I am Roman Catholic and he is Mennonite, we soon learned that we had many things in common. We became such good friends that the other Chaplains believed we were friends before the Jamboree. (We still keep in touch and get together as often as we can. In fact, I am encouraging him to apply next summer to serve as a Chaplain at Philmont.)

Early in the week, four adult men were tragically killed in an accident. All Headquarters Chaplains were called to the scene to minister to the Scouts and leaders of the two troops involved.

Military personnel voluntarily turned over one of their barracks. The Scouts and adult leaders were provided an air-conditioned shelter, beds, food and drink, toiletries, showers, and phones to call home. The Scout Chaplains remained there throughout the night.

That night the base's Army Chaplain visited the barrack. He did not mention his name, his rank or his denomination, but simply said, "I am an Eagle Scout. I speak to many young soldiers who have to deal with death. I know that, as Scouts, you can get through this. You need to do only one thing: love one another."

Midweek, several hundred Jamboree participants were overcome by the extreme heat, and were brought to the



base hospital at Camp Wilcox for emergency medical treatment. Again, the Scout Chaplains were called. When I thanked one of the military personnel for all they were doing, I got a response I didn't expect.

The Coast Guard Medic said, "No, we all want to thank the Boy Scouts. This is the first time ever that our five military branches have worked in a joint operation to handle a mass casualty. We have learned that we can work together efficiently and successfully."

At the 2005 National Jamboree I learned the most valuable life lesson: God knows where and when we are needed.

I try to remember that fact when, either here or at home, I am asked to do something I don't want to do or go somewhere I do not want to go. I may think I know what I want, but God knows what I need.



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Father Don Hummel Catholic Chaplain

Father Don Hummel is retiring for his 15th consecutive year as a Catholic Chaplain at Philmont. He first trekked "God's Country in 1972 (long before he was a priest) and has been captivated by the unique spiritual power and presence that are Philmont!

After three years as a high school teacher and graduate student in Psychology & Counseling, he entered the seminary in his home archdiocese of Newark, NJ and was ordained a priest in May of 1978. He has served in urban and suburban parishes and also as a high school Chaplain/Campus Minister in three additional high schools. Subsequently he served as Pastor of a large suburban parish (2500 families, church, school, convent --- with nuns!) in Scotch Plains, New Jersey. He currently serves as Director of Ongoing Formation and Continuing Education of Priests for the Archdiocese of Newark.

Fr. Don has earned two Master's Degrees and a Doctorate as well as certifications in Pastoral Psychotherapy, Pastoral Addictions and Thanatology. He also has served as a Law Enforcement Chaplain for several local, county, Emergency Response, SWAT and State Police agencies. He has worked with the Drug Enforcement Agency and is a Certified Master Police Chaplain and Instructor. He has also served with Fire Service and EMS agencies for Critical Incident and Post-Traumatic Stress.

Fr. Don is a "lifer" in Scouting - 48 years since being a Cub! He has held just about every adult leadership

position (except Cubmaster). He is an Eagle Scout (1965), Vigil (OA) Distinguished Eagle Scout (1999) and holds four Woodbadge beads. He is also the recipient of numerous adult recognitions including the Silver Beaver, Silver Antelope and Silver Buffalo. He has also received several adult religious awards including St. George and Silver St. George (Roman Catholic) and Shofar (Jewish). He has also served on staff for National Camping School and four National Jamborees. He is on the Executive Board of the Northeast Region, BSA and two local councils.



Fr. Don is known in some Scouting circles by some noteworthy nicknames including "The Singing Bear" and "El Magnifico." (There are a plethora of stories there!) He considers himself richly blessed with numerous Scouting friendships across the USA and around the world. His Scouting experiences have contributed to his decision to become - and remain - a Catholic priest. While he could count numerous titles the one he values most is **PHILMONT CHAPLAIN!**

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Friday	August 4	Board Games	8:00 p.m.
Saturday	August 5	Movie Night	8:00 p.m.
Sunday	August 6	Cards	8:00 p.m.
Monday	August 7	Volleyball	8:00 p.m.
Tuesday	August 8	Movie Night	8:00 p.m.
Wednesday	August 9	Ping Pong	8:00 p.m.
Thursday	August 10	Ice Cream	8:00 p.m.
Friday	August 11	Ultimate Frisbee	8:00 p.m.

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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