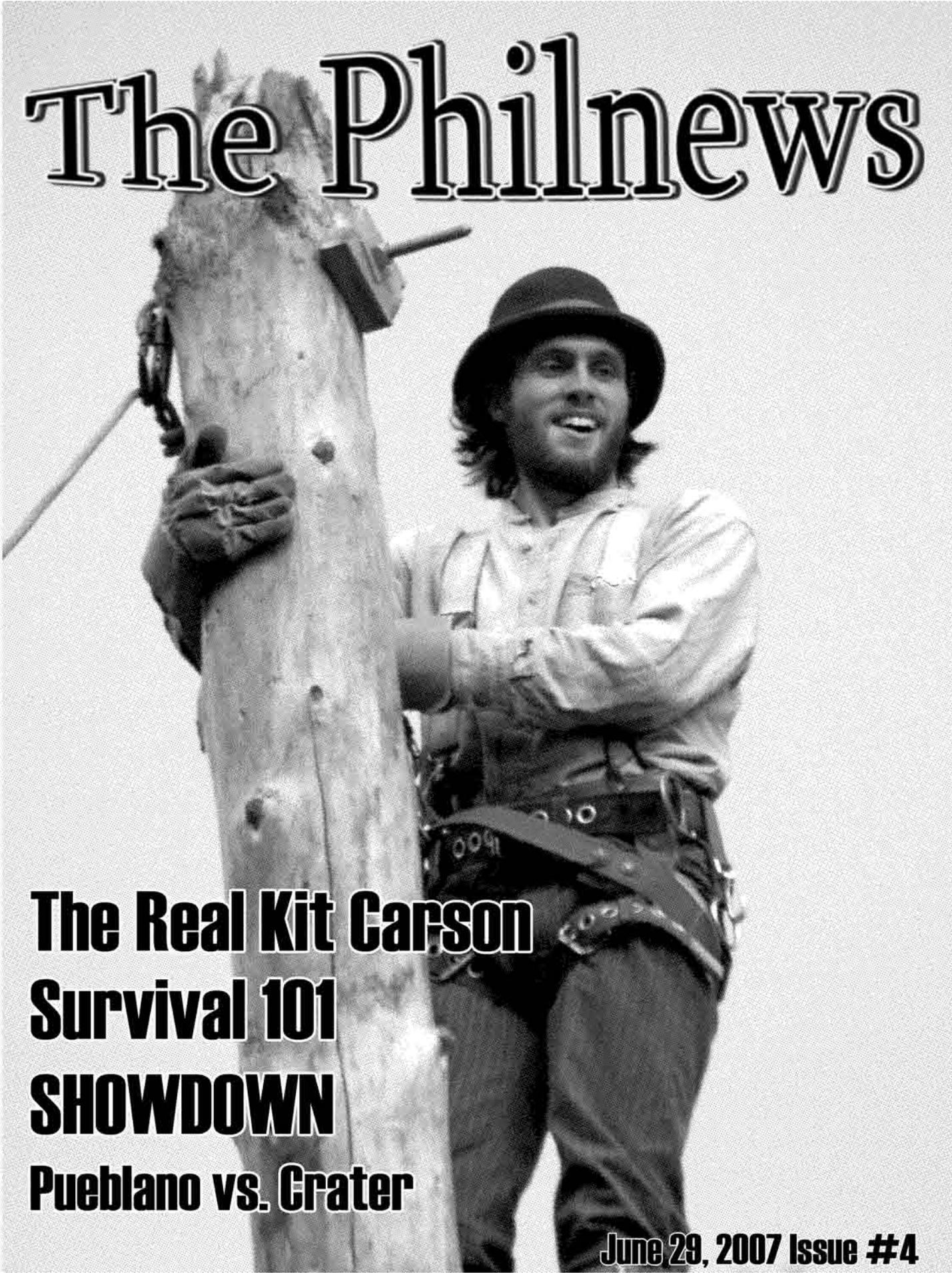


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Pueblano's CD Phil Lewis after winning the spar pole speed race.
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An Arctic Wolf peering into the cage.

Photo by: Margaret Hedderman

Open the Cage

By Margaret Hedderman, Philnews Manager

It was a muddy, misty morning. Wolf howls echoed through the trees. The cage door locked behind me. The old man with the sharp teeth howled, and out of the woods ran a single white wolf. Then another. And another. The ghostly pack drifted towards me.

I peered at them through the bars of my cell. Howling again, the old man threw red remains of former animals into the thick mud. Watching the wolves rip into their meal, I knew something was off. I was in the cage – not the wolves. Isn't it supposed to be the other way around?

This is a very diverse edition of The Philnews. At first glance, the stories really don't have that much in common – wilderness survival, NAYLE, Kit Carson, but I tell you, there is a connection.

Essentially, all three articles are about being right there in it. Kit Carson, the famous frontiersman continues to fight his controversial image – nearly 140 years after his death. Was he truly a friend to the Navajo or did he commit mass murder? And then there's Jennifer Peters' article on enduring a foodless, gearless adventure in the wild. What do you do? Where do you go? Perhaps the leadership skills learned through NAYLE can give the wherewithal to survive.

So, please, open the cage door and throw me to the wolves. I'd rather be in the thick of it than watching from the safety of a pen.

Advancing Leader skills with NAYLE

By Robert Griffin

With all the memorable and meaningful programs that come through Philmont over the course of the summer, one of the newest goes by nearly every week with little fanfare or notice.

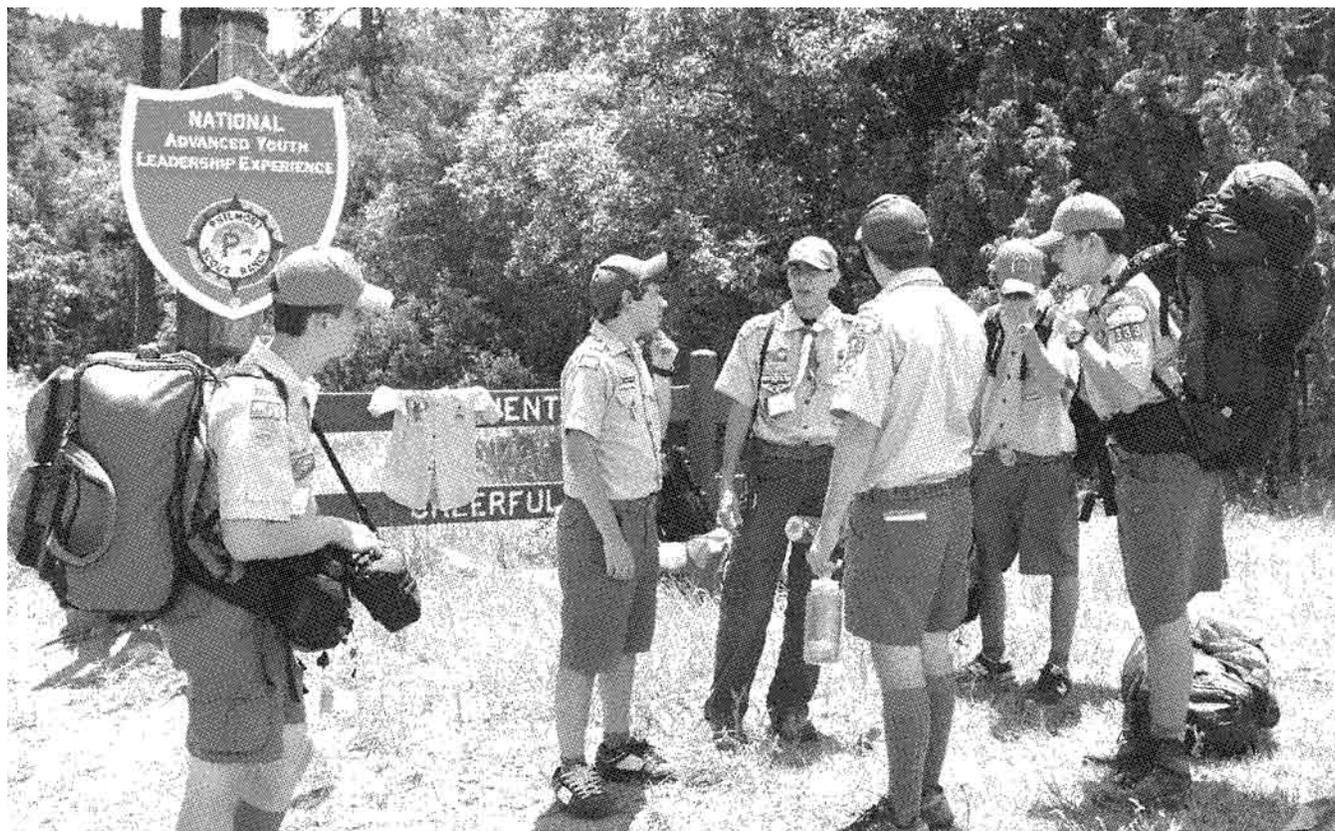
For years, Rocky Mountain Scout Camp was the site for the National Junior Leader Instructor Camp. As of last summer, however, that program has been replaced by the new National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience, or NAYLE.

The change in name also brings a completely new focus. Whereas NJLIC was focused entirely on sending boys back to teach in their council-level training courses, NAYLE strives to make a bigger influence in the youths' lives.

"We actually don't teach any additional

leadership skills here, but we really try to hone and get them to consciously use those leadership skills that they used when they went through their council course," said NAYLE Director Bob Longoria. "The objective of NAYLE is to really try and build on their eventual use of the leadership skills that they learned when they went through National Youth Leadership Training. To teach them about the concept of servant leadership, and to use Waite Phillips as the example of the consummate servant leader."

The week-long course brings 14-18 year-old Scouts from all over the country who have participated in the NYLT council-level training program to Philmont for one week. They go through a variety of events designed to help them apply the skills they've



On their way to learning leadership abilities with NAYLE, the participants gather round the front entrance to the Rocky Mountain Scout Camp. Photo by: Andrew "Axe Man" Tyler

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learned, as well as helping them have a great time.

They begin their week with a visit to the COPE course to learn teamwork skills. The NAYLE staff puts them through ten activities, which emphasize the development of leaders and the ability to work as a cohesive unit.

“They’re a pretty amazing group of kids,” said COPE staffer Steph Pirera. “It’s very unique watching a group of Scouts who are clearly leaders work as a team. Because there are all sorts of people there who know how to take charge, but they’ve also got to work together.”

The participants also go through Wilderness First Aid training, a geocaching course and search and rescue. They have fun, as well, with campfires and a Thursday evening “Iron Skillet” competition, inspired by Food Network’s “Iron Chef.” In addition to that, they spend time learning the history of Philmont. Not just that of ranch hero Phillips, but the history of the land and of youth training at the Ranch.

Longoria says they want the youth to get a deeper understanding of the Philmont backcountry experience while they are here, and says being at the High Adventure Base just makes the program that much more special.

“It adds a lot. I mean, this is Philmont,” he said. “It’s sort of the Mecca of Scouting for every Boy Scout. So, to be able to come out to this program and experience it at Philmont, that’s an extra added plus.”

Another highlight of the course is a Leave No Trace hike, where the crews go on a short backpacking trip as a trek would and learn how to make ethical choices while in the backcountry.

Facilitating the course is the staff, made up of 15-21 year old Scouts who have previously gone through the course. The staff goes through a week of training, learning how to teach the various modules of the course and learning from the COPE staff how to facilitate those events, before spending two weeks on staff. The staff, in return, participates free of charge and gets a great experience at Philmont.

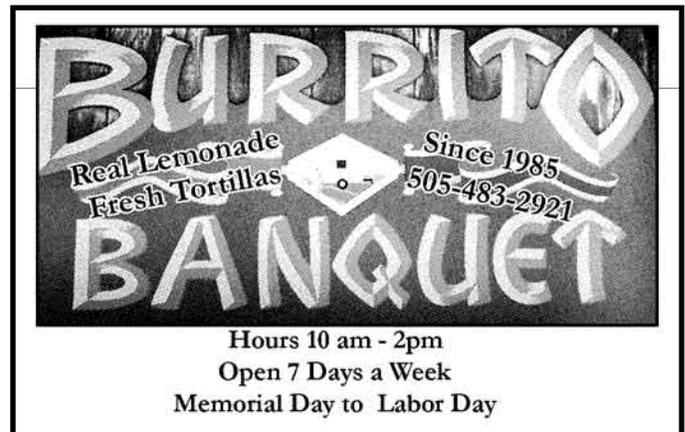
“I decided to come out on staff because I wanted to take advantage of the opportunity to give back to the Boy Scouts what it has given to me,” one staff

member said.

Every three weeks, another group of staff comes through. This summer, NAYLE will have a total of 6 courses, or three sets of staff. Next summer, they’re expected to expand to eight.

Operating with the motto “Primus Inter Pares,” or “First Among Equals,” the course leaves its participants in high spirits. The closing dinner, held at the Training Center on Friday nights, is usually accompanied with chants, songs and yells. The excitement sometimes reaches a level so loud that they are asked to keep it down so as not to disrupt the PTC’s closing ceremonies.

“I think we came out with a lot more ways to teach and lead people, back home in both our troops and our council NYLTs,” said Life Scout Dean Rowley, while his friends sang after dinner. “And I think it will make us better people, all-in-all. It was a lot of fun. We sang a lot and it was really enthusiastic. It was a great experience.”



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Fit to Survive

Lost, alone, confused? Survive off the land and live to tell the tale.

After hearing the Phil-myth about a guy that would go into the backcountry on his days off and live strictly off the land. The possibility of eating something poisonous or drinking bad water is a very intimidating thought to me and I would never go into the backcountry unprepared or alone, but I admire someone who has the wisdom and experience to rely completely on a deeper understanding of the outdoors.

I asked the Rayado Trek Coordinator Scott O'Connor and Ranger Trainer Seth Jones if it was possible to survive if you were lost in the backcountry without any food or gear. They told me it is possible to survive off the land without the proper supplies and I am sure that Man vs. Wild's survivalist, Bear Grylls, could do it if he had to, but it is not something I would recommend unless you really knew what you were doing. They gave me tips for surviving in the wild and plants that I could eat if I ever became lost.

Eating and drinking in the backcountry can be a risky endeavor for an inexperienced hiker or even for someone who has the right knowledge, but might be lost and alone.

"The main thing a hiker needs to know when they are out in the woods is not to panic under any circumstances; you make dumb decisions when you panic," said O'Connor.

If you have to drink water, drink from the source, but don't drink stagnant water. The higher in elevation the safer you'll be, but it isn't 100 percent. It is actually worse to drink bad water and get Giardia than it is to get dehydrated, according to O'Connor and Jones. Chewing on Ponderosa Pine will give you plenty of Vitamin C, which will boost your immune system. The claret cup, which has red fruit that looks like strawberries, and the dandelion bloom are edible snacks for a lost hiker.

By Jennifer Peters

If you find yourself lost in the woods you probably want to stay where you are. It is easier for Search and Rescue (SAR) to find someone when that person stays put and does not increase the search area. The first place SAR is going to look for a missing person is where they were last seen.

“You have to know yourself,” said O’Connor, “If you are certain that you can find your way back to civilization or you are injured, then you need to be able to make the decision to stay or try and get out yourself.”

Finding shelter for the night is something you may have to consider. Staying in an abandoned cabin might not be the best idea for shelter. Old cabins are a prime place to get the Hantavirus, which is spread by breathing contaminated air from rat and mouse urine. Building a shelter or finding rocks to stay under may be a safer refuge for the night.

When visiting the backcountry always remember to respect the outdoors. Hoping for the best trip possible while planning for the worst is the easiest way to survive an adventure. This beautiful resource that we are all able to enjoy today will not be here tomorrow if we do not take care of it. The procedures and guidelines that Philmont has established protect the people that love Philmont and make it a place worth loving.



A real backcountry meal - complete with bark and dandelions. Photo by: Margaret Hedderman

Don't forget:

Plan ahead and tell people where you are going.

Be prepared for the things that can not be prevented.

Hike with other people.

Philmont's 10 Essentials for Hiking.

Drink from the source, not stagnant water.

Follow streams or power lines if you are lost.

The sun rises in the East, and sets in the West.

Triangulation can help you get a bearing on your location.

84th Maverick Club Rodeo

The Cimarron Maverick Club will be putting on its annual 4th of July Rodeo again this year. Festivities begin on the third with a dance in the pavilion at the rodeo grounds beginning at 8 p.m., with Rod Taylor and the Rifters providing the music. At 8:30 on the morning of the 4th, there will be a parade through Cimarron, followed by the rodeo beginning at 10 a.m. Parking for the festivities will be on the baseball fields, which can be accessed from Highway 64. Do not park at the rodeo grounds themselves.

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7. Mike Morrow Memorial Open Team Roping
8. Cow Pony Race
9. Thike Stockton Memorial Junior Barrel Race
10. Sid Morrow Memorial Saddle Bronc Riding
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Hike of the Week - The North Fork

By Robert Griffin

If you're looking for a beautiful trail to take advantage of Philmont's exceptionally green summer this year, look no further than the long-lost North Fork trail to Cypher's Mine.

The trail provides a relatively quick way to one of the backcountry's premier camps, but was closed sometime in the mid-80s due to erosion and over-growth. During the time of closure, crews and hikers were forced to approach Cypher's from the east using the Middle Fork trail, which went to Lambert's mine before backtracking up and over the ridge that separates the two camps, making for a much longer hike.

In the late 90s, efforts were begun to rebuild the trail, and as recently as 2005, crews were being invited to hike the scenic route once again.

The best part of the hike is how easily it can be done in one day, even one afternoon. With little elevation change and a round-trip of just about 14 miles, it's not too hard to accomplish.

Begin simply at the Cito Turnaround, and take the 2.5 mile trail up to the Hunting Lodge. This part of the trail is worth the hike in its own right, offering beautiful views of Cimarroncito Reservoir and Cathedral Rock, and ending with a visit of Waite Phillips's original cabin.

From the Hunting Lodge, head west, cross the road and start down the remains of an old jeep road. The North Fork trail proper is not marked, but a little less than a mile in, shortly after the road narrows down, the trail forks. Going straight ahead will take you down the Middle Fork to Lambert's Mine. Redundantly, going north puts you on the North Fork.

What awaits you for the next three-plus miles is one of the greenest, most lush trails on the ranch. The Cimarroncito Creek runs with the trail the entire way, creating an abundance of varied plant life, with beavers and grouse being a common sight.

Unfortunately, while the creek adds beauty, it also creates the trail's problems. Moist-but-shallow soil makes fallen trees a fairly common site, and you should prepare for your feet to get just a little wet, since you'll be crossing water more than 50 times

one-way alone.

Elevation change isn't much of a worry, however, as you'll only be changing approximately 1500 feet over the four-mile trail. The hike not only gives you supreme beauty and an easy grade, but also a fantastic destination in Cypher's Mine, the favorite camp of many long-time Philmont visitors.

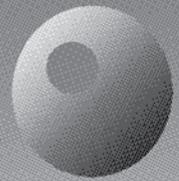
With a diverse program including gold panning, mine tours, forge work and an evening stomp, as well as a friendly and welcoming staff, you won't have any desire to head straight back. And with only about 7 downhill miles back to the turnaround, you won't have much need.

The North Fork has some difficulties, and occasionally causes some creative movement and careful foot placement. But, if you're willing to deal with a little bit of ruggedness, you'll be treated to land so lush you might think you're in the Northwest, along with two great staff camps, and a trail long kept hidden from the staff that came before you.

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Teamwork's Leap of Faith

By Robert Griffin

Virginia Massey had been up here before, and it wasn't successful.

"Ginny," as her new friends called her, had gotten nearly all the way to the top and she'd quit. This was her last chance and she was determined to make it 55 feet in the air before jumping off.

"I went up the ladder once, and I said, 'I can't do it,'" she said of the PTC COPE course's zip line. "Then other people went up, and they kept encouraging me and so I said, 'alright, I'm going to try it.'"

On her second attempt, Massey, a 65 year-old participant in the Silverados program, climbed all

the way to the top and zipped down; doing so to roaring applause. Her daughter had done the course in 2006, and, though scared for her life, she was determined to go through it during her visit this summer.

"I don't think I'll ever do it again," she said, "but it was an experience of a lifetime."

Her group of former strangers had spent the week working together on low events and playing games. The teamwork that came from those events helped the team to support each other, culminating in their helping each other to climb up the towering pole before jumping off and flying down towards the other end of the meadow through the air.

This is what COPE – which stands for Challenging Outdoor Personal Experience – does. The participants in the course have a blast, but COPE

serves so much more of a purpose than just having fun.

"The goal of it is to build teamwork," said COPE Director Danny Mengel. "You come in with a group of people who don't know one another, and by the time they leave there, they feel they've known each other for a lot longer than the three days they've been at COPE."

The course is run through the Philmont Training Center, and primarily serves the spouses in the Silverados program and the 14-21 year-olds in the Broncos program. Various staff departments go

through the cause to learn teamwork and leadership skills, as does the NAYLE program, and the older Trailblazers groups go through to participate in games and low events.

Low events are where the bulk of the program takes place. These "playground elements for adults," as called by staff member Steph Pirera, provide participants with any number of difficult goals to

reach, which they must accomplish as a team.

The point is not necessarily to "win" the event, but to work together as a team, think critically and push yourself beyond your limits. Along with a deep list of games, these allow the staff to build a foundation for what goes on at the course.

"You get them to break down their walls by causing them to remove their bubble," Mengel said



Learning teamwork at COPE.

Photo by: Chris Dunn

“And then once their bubble’s gone, you can mold them in to whatever you want.”

Forming a team can be difficult for the participants at times.

“It’s kind’ve tough at first, because we didn’t really know each other and we had to trust each other,” said Bronco Devan Blake. “But it gets easier.”

Once that team is formed and working, groups are able to take part in the courses many high events, which form a more personal experience of testing your own limitations; as well as achieving high thrills. As Massey learned, however, the team still comes in handy at these points when struggling members are looking for support.

Forming a team is also something the staff had to face together. After years of having the luxury of a staff that returned mostly intact every summer, the course has an entirely new staff for 2007. Not only have none of them worked at the course, they’d never even been to Philmont before.

Additionally, only one member of Mengel’s staff was involved in Scouting as a youth.

“So having them as adult leaders, essentially, on COPE course without that Scouting background was a little tough initially,” Mengel said. “But they’re Scouts now, there’s no doubt about it.”

While trying to form their own team, the group had to facilitate other groups coming to the course for training purposes. Additionally, they’ve been spending what free time they may have getting the course up to codes that have changed since the summer of 2006. Through the stress, however, they have formed a close-knit family able to support both participants and each other through difficult times.

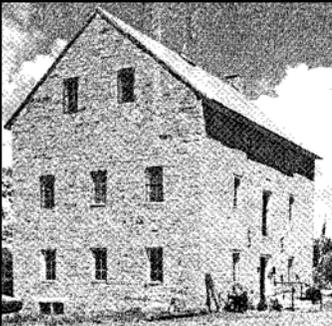
“We’ve come together really well,” Pirera said. “Our COPE director has emphasized coming together as a unit, and I think we’ve done really well with that.”

Participants have also been impressed with the staff. Each week, at closing campfire, the Silverados sing a song they have written. After singing their song (to the tune of “You Are My Sunshine”) last week, however, those who had gone through the course stayed on stage and did their own skit, poking (loving) fun at the staff who had put them through such a great week, highlighting Massey’s inspiring leap.

“I was laughing so hard I had tears coming out of my eyes,” Mengel said. “But watching [Training Center Director] Brian Gray was even more fun, because it clicked with him, that, ‘okay, they’re doing what they’re supposed to be doing.’”

It makes sense that a group charged with creating great teamwork has formed such a good team.

“The staff was wonderful,” Massey said. “Not only the staff, but all the people [there].”



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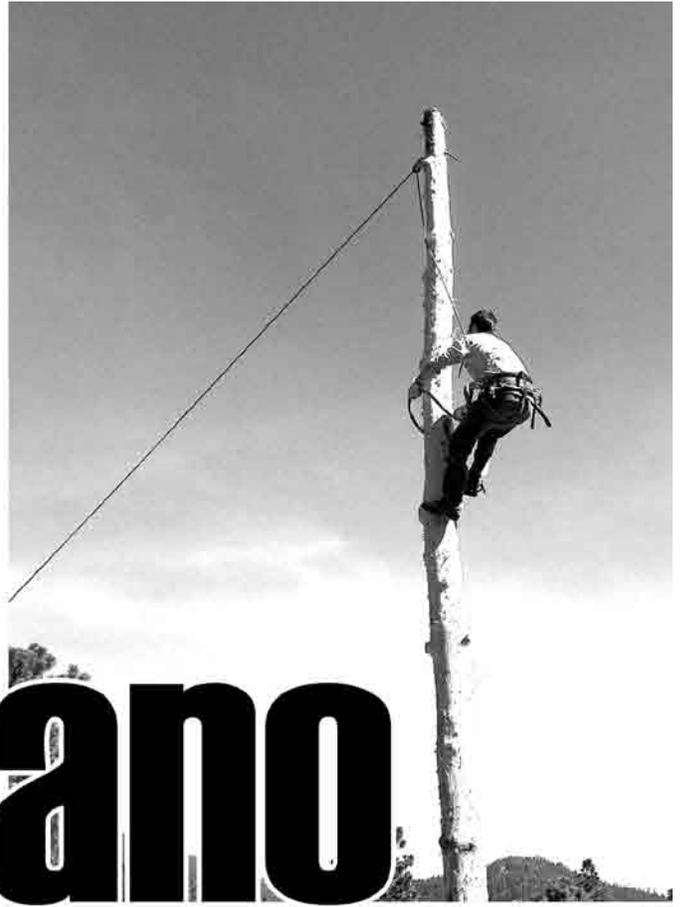
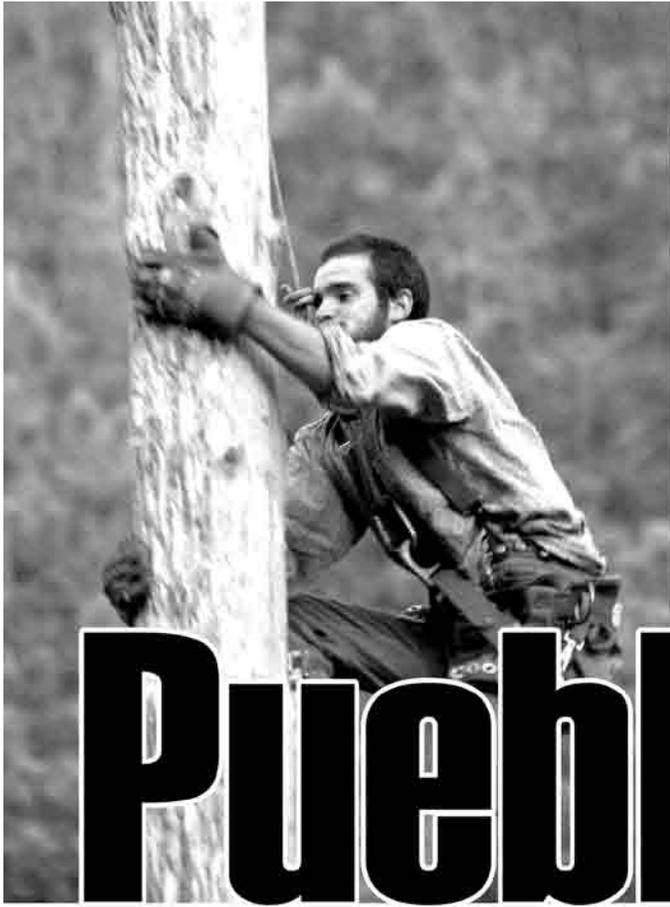
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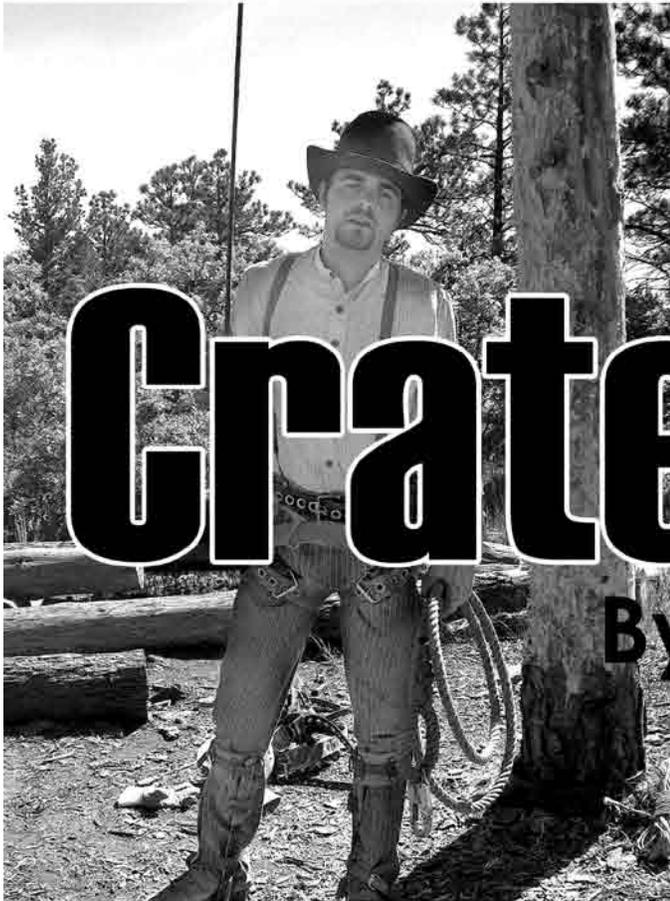
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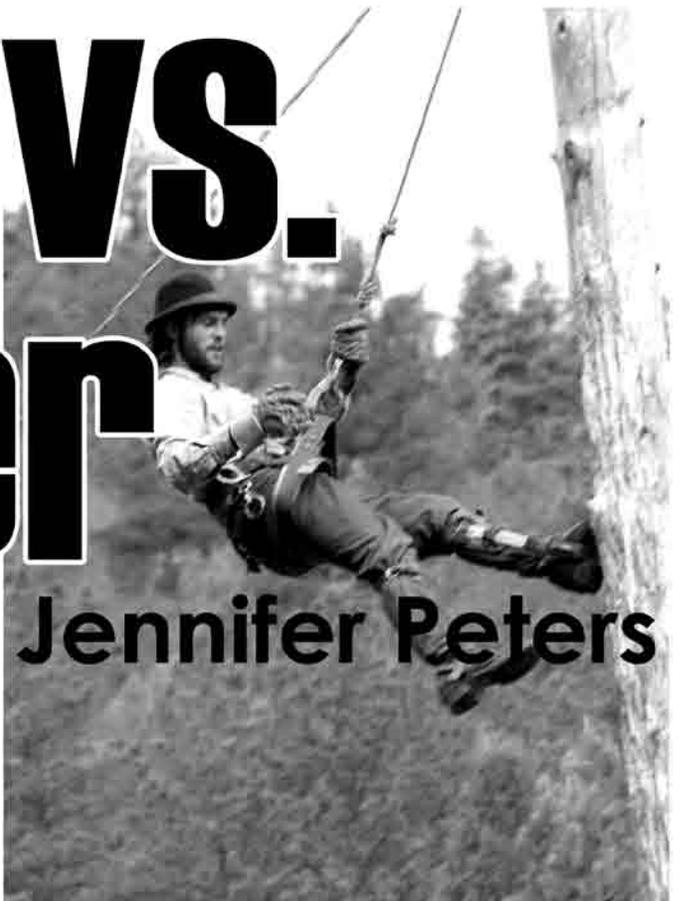


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Crater



By Jennifer Peters

Round 1

Philmont has a lot of really great camps this year and in the spirit of that, we at The Philnews have decided to find out which camps are better at individual events. We posed the question this week, "Which logging camp is the fastest at spar pole climbing?"

I visited Crater Lake and Pueblano to judge for myself, and the rest of Philmont, who has the better logging camp. Two men from each camp fought tooth and nail to win the honor of being Philmont's best and receive homemade cookies.

The Crater competitors were Zac "Moose" Tuggle, the CD, and Andrew "Doc" Balkam. Their opponents were Phil Lewis, the CD at Pueblano, and Bryce Blankenship, who started his spar pole career only three weeks ago.

The challenge was tough, because all of the contenders were strong and determined. The competition was divided into two events: the first was a speed climb- bottom to top in the shortest time and the second was an endurance test of three summits in a row.

John "Bear" Wajda acted as "donkey" on the safety rope for the Crater men and Bryce and Margaret Hedderman, The Philnews editor, acted as "donkey" for the Pueblano men. Moose started us out in the first event with a time of 8.23 seconds and "Doc" followed closely behind him with a time of 8.6 seconds, but the Pueblano men took this event with Phil coming in with a time of 7.83 seconds. Bryce took part in the second event and came in with the very impressive time of 44.53 seconds for someone who has only been climbing for less than a month. However, Moose took this event with a time of 39.4 seconds.

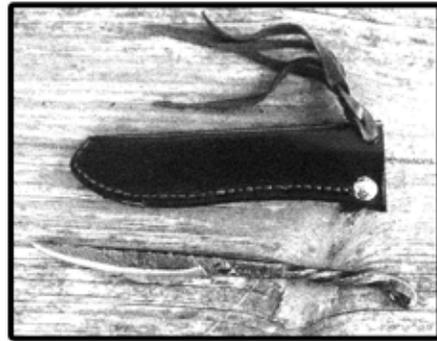
For those of you who were keeping score that was one event for each camp, so how do I judge who was the faster camp? I say we have a rematch, when all of the men can converge on one spar pole a little closer to the end of the summer. We need to have one knock down drag out battle with one champion left standing.

Opposite, Clockwise from top left: Bryce Blankenship, Andrew Balkam, Zac Tuggle, and Phil Lewis.

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Kit Carson: The Man Behind the Myth

By Jordon Shinn

Kit Carson, as he relates to Philmont, is best known for his building of Rayado, after being given the land by Lucien Maxwell in 1849. He lived there from 1850-1854, more than 80 years before Philmont was created.

On a wider scale, he was praised as a mountain man for his bravery in battle against the Indians in the unsettled West, and later criticized for his treatment of the Navaho during the Civil War. He became a living legend during his lifetime, yet never sought fame, only adventure.

Born Christopher Houston Carson on December 24, 1809, in Madison County, Kentucky, "Kit," as he was known, was the third of four brothers, having seven siblings. In 1826, he ran away from his home in Missouri where he was a saddler's apprentice.

"But taking into consideration that if I remained with him and served my apprenticeship, I would have to pass my life in work that was distasteful to me, and being anxious to travel for the purpose of seeing other countries, I concluded to joint the first party that started for the Rocky Mountains," Carson explained in his autobiography.

In short, Carson spent 16 years wandering around in the wilderness trapping beaver, before leading Colonel Fremont on three mapping expeditions of the West. During these periods of exploration, he fought many battles with Indian tribes.

"It was kill-or-be-killed. Most of the time it was self defense," 2006 Rayado C.D. Charlie Nutter said. "Indians stole their horses. They had to get them back," he said.

Later in life, he became an Indian agent for the Ute Indians in Taos in 1854, fought in the Civil War from 1861-1865, became a Brigadier General 1863, and returned to being an Indian agent after the war, until his death in 1868 from heart failure.

Although he spoke both English and a handful of Indian languages, he was illiterate. Therefore, he dictated his autobiography. Written in 1856 however, it does not cover the last ten years of his life, when he fought in the Civil War; a time that brought him much criticism.

"People have talked about him, the biographers [and such], and said he was shy," Charlie said.

"He was a humble man [who thought] 'Yeah I did all that, but it was no big deal,'" he said. "[He] never took financial advantage of his fame; never took advantage of his exploits; never puffed himself up." But Carson was not perfect.

"Mountain men were rowdy. It was a rowdy, lusty profession," Charlie said. "You got paid off for all your beaver pelts and a week later, you were out of money." And then there were the Rendezvous; rare occasions when mountain men would get together to drink and hire prostitutes.

Yet, these were his early years, and perhaps his reason for not mentioning his two Indian wives or subsequent children in his autobiography. "He finally obtained some social status [by the time he dictated his autobiography] and it wasn't appropriate to talk about his Indian wives anymore," Charlie said.

"[Then] he settled down and got himself the proper wife, and that's the one he talks about."

More than anything else, however, it was his treatment of the Navaho during the Civil War that has left a blemish on his legacy. Although he became a Brigadier General for his removal of the Navaho, his handling of the operation is still disputed today. "They (Navaho) call it the Long Walk. They're still [ticked] off about it," Charlie said. "You go out there and talk to them and they'll tell you what they think about it."

In 1863, Carson was charged with the duty of removing the Navaho nation from their homeland to Ft. Sumner, NM. Because they resisted, however, he burned their crops and villages, forcing them to

comply.

"It was in the middle of the Civil War and it was kind of an after-thought situation. And of course the Navaho didn't want to move," Charlie said. "They had been there for over 300 years. So it flat didn't work. And [besides,] they considered the land sacred," he said. "They tried to make farmers out of them." But greater obstacles arose.

"It was during the Civil War so they weren't paying much attention to this out here," Charlie said. The operation was half-hearted, and it didn't matter if the Navaho lived or died. "They screwed it up," Charlie said. "They weren't giving them the support they needed."

When compared to his orders, however, Carson's treatment of the Navaho was humane.

"Carlton (Carson's superior) hated Indians, and really would have just as soon annihilated them and killed as many as he could," Charlie said. "His orders to Carson were to basically round up as many Navaho as he could and remove them to Ft. Sumner. But the orders weren't humane; it was 'round 'em up if you could, kill if necessary.'"

So although he forced them to leave, he was only obeying orders, without killing a single Navaho.

"He got the reputation of an Indian killer, which should have been the reputation of Carlton," Charlie said. "I think he saved the Navaho." While some believe that the government wanted to remove the Navaho because their land was rich in natural resources and because they were a threat to local American towns and villages, others are still uncon-

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vinced.

"I've never figured out why the government wanted them removed. It's pretty sparse land (where they were sent)," Charlie said. "Most of the Navaho now, back in the boon-docks, raise sheep, because it's about all you can do. But they (the government) were hell-bent on moving them."

After the Civil War, Carson returned to being an Indian agent in Taos, until his death in 1868.

"They had a sort of mutual respect for each other," Charlie said. "He could be fair with them as an Indian agent," he said. "He could represent the government, but he could also represent them,"-- an ability reflected in his autobiography.

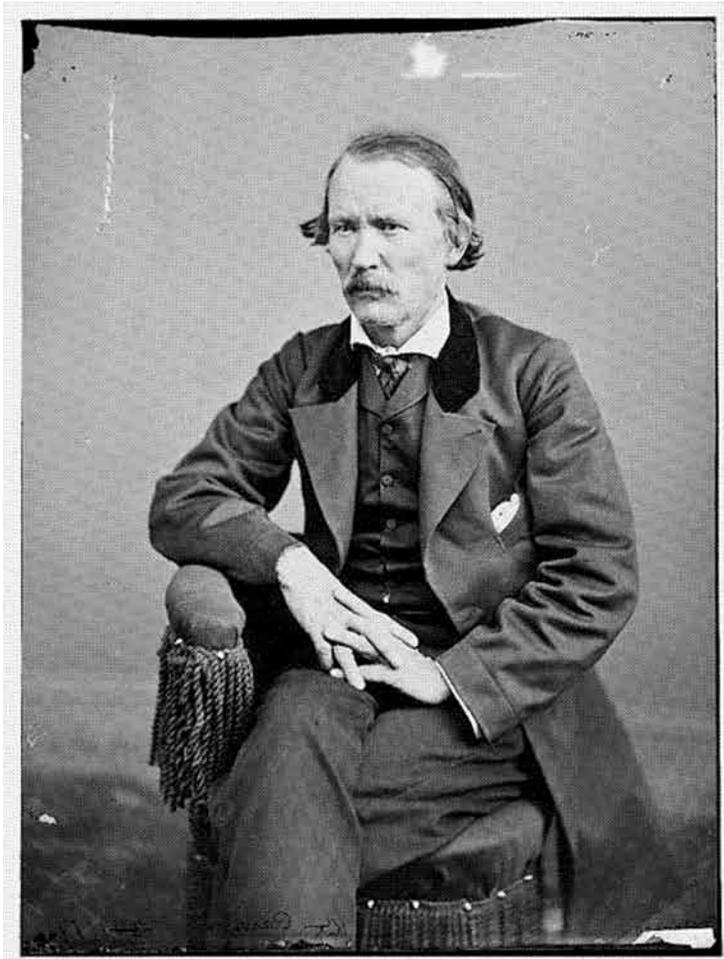
"I frequently visit the Indians, speak to them of the advantages of peace, and exert my influence to keep them satisfied with the proceedings of power placed over them," Carson said, concerning his job.

But exactly how did he view the white-man's assertion of power over the Native Americans?

"They should not be allowed to come into the settlements, for every visit an Indian makes to a town causes his more or less injury," he said at the end of his autobiography.

"I am opposed to the policy of having them come to the settlements, but as no agency buildings are allowed to be built in the Indian country, necessity compels them to come to the towns."

Perhaps he really did care.



The World News

Supreme Court Denies Challenge to Faith-Based Initiative (6/25)

The Supreme Court voted 5-4 in favor of stopping ordinary tax-payers from challenging President George W. Bush's Faith-Based Initiative. The decision blocks a lawsuit by a group of agnostics and atheists known as Freedom from Religion Foundation, which was intended to keep religious charities from being encouraged by the government to apply for federal grants.

Virus Kills Seal Pups (6/25)

An outbreak of the distemper virus has killed at least 41 Danish seal pups. A similar outbreak killed 30% of the seal population in 2002 and 60% in 1988. The virus does not threaten humans, but causes labored breathing, neurological problems and fever in seals.

Fire Ravages Lake Tahoe (6/26)

More than 460 firefighters are battling a blaze just south of Lake Tahoe, Calif. The fire has burned down at least 220 homes and torched nearly 2,500 acres of land, forcing more than 1,000 people to evacuate. Officials believe the fire, which is now 40 percent contained, is human-caused.

Germany Bans Tom Cruise (6/26)

Germany has banned the producers of a new Tom Cruise movie from filming within the country due to his alignment as a Scientologist. The German Defense Ministry said that Cruise has, "publicly professed to being a member of the Scientology cult." The film revolves around a 1944 plot to assassinate Hitler. The German government calls Scientology a commercial enterprise that pretends to be a religion.

Ground Broken on Jewish Museum (6/26)

Jewish leaders broke ground Tuesday on the construction of a Jewish history museum in the former Warsaw ghetto of Poland. Poland was home of more than 3.5 million Jews prior to the Nazi invasion and Soviet displacement in the 60s, and is now home to fewer than 50,000 Jews. The museum is intended to celebrate those who resisted the Nazis' acts of genocide. Construction is expected to take two years, opening in 2010.

Giant Penguin Discovered (6/26)

Scientists announced Tuesday they have discovered the fossilized remains of a giant penguin. The bird, being called *Icadyptes salasi*, lived in what is now modern-day Peru. At approximately five feet tall, it towers above any modern penguins, and aviary scientists are surprised to find such early, large penguins living in much warmer climates than most penguins. The animal came equipped with a large, spear-like beak and lived approximately 36 million years ago, when the earth was much warmer than it is now.

CIA Declassifies Information (6/26)

The Central Intelligence Agency declassified more than 700 pages of information from the 1970s on Tuesday. The information spans from high-scale espionage and assignment tales to simple breaking-and-entering, and entails many illegal activities. The papers began in 1973 under CIA Director James Schlesinger. His successor in 1975 was outraged by his predecessor's activities, but the papers remained classified; though several stories have long been a part of public record. Included is evidence that the CIA commonly detained Soviet defectors outside of the US, fearing them to be spies, but not wanting to violate kidnapping laws. Also entailed are a variety of assassination plots, including one headed by Robert F. Kennedy to kill Cuban President Fidel Castro.

Sports

Top South Carolina Recruit Stabbed (6/24)

18 year-old Quentin Richardson of Columbia, South Carolina, was stabbed Sunday following an altercation. Richardson, an offensive lineman and one of the Game Cocks' top incoming recruits, underwent successful surgery and is expected to be released in a few days. No charges have yet been filed concerning the event.

Bears Release Tank Johnson Following Traffic Incident (6/25)

The Chicago Bears released troubled defensive lineman Tank Johnson Monday after he was pulled over for going 40 in a 25 zone. Police described Johnson as seemingly under influence, and took a blood test. The results of the test will be available in two weeks. Johnson was recently released after serving two months in jail for violating probation on a gun violation in January. He is already suspended for the first eight games of the 2007 season.

Sosa Joins 600 Club (6/22)

Returning to baseball after sitting a year out, Texas Rangers outfielder Sammy Sosa became the fifth member of the 600 Home Run Club on Thursday. The shot came at home against Sosa's long-time team, the Chicago Cubs, on a 1-2 pitch from Jason Marquis. Marquis becomes the 364th pitcher the 38-year-old Sosa has homered off in his 18 major league seasons, and the homer helped the Rangers to a 7-3 victory. Sosa also hit his 601st home run the next day against Houston, starting an eight-run fifth inning to help the Rangers to an 11-3 win. Sosa joins Hall of Famers Hank Aaron, Babe Ruth and Willie Mays, as well as Giants outfielder Barry Bonds, in the 600 club. Reds outfielder Ken Griffey Jr. also sits just 16 home runs away from the club. No players have ever hit their 600th home run in the same season.

Barry Bonds Tracker (6/22)

Giants outfielder Barry Bonds hit the 749th homerun of his career Friday. The blast came in the eighth inning in New York off of Yankees pitcher Scott Proctor. Bonds is now just six home runs from tying Hank Aaron for the career record.

Former Pitcher Beck Dies (6/24)

Former closer Rod Beck was found dead in his Phoenix home Sunday at the age of 38. A three time National League All-Star and 1994 Rolands Relief Man of the Year, Beck played 13 seasons with four different teams; most notably the San Francisco Giants from 1991-97. Beck retired after two seasons with the San Diego Padres in 2004 and entered what sources said was rehab due to substance abuse. Beck's 286 career saves rank him No. 21 all time.

Wrestler Kills Family, Self (6/24)

WWE wrestler Chris Benoit was set to participate in a title match on Pay Per View Sunday evening, but needed to pull out due to, "family emergencies." Monday, officers discovered him, his 7-year-old son Daniel and his 43-year-old wife Nancy dead in different rooms of the family's Fayette County, Georgia, house. WWE officials had asked police to investigate the home after friends of Benoit were receiving strange text messages Sunday afternoon. Tuesday, police reported Benoit had strangled his wife and smothered his son Sunday afternoon, before hanging himself in his gym on Monday. An email from someone claiming to be a friend of Benoit's was sent to the media, saying he had received a text message from Benoit stating he had accidentally killed his wife in an altercation, then killed his son so that he could be with her in the afterlife and not have to grow up without a mother. Authorities are looking into the possibility steroids may have played a part in the murder/suicide.

Baseball Stats

As of 6/26/07

American League

East	W	L	Pct.	GB	STRK	L10
Boston	48	27	0.64		Lost 1	7--3
Toronto	38	37	0.51	10	Won 4	7--3
NY Yankees	36	37	0.49	11	Lost 2	4--6
Tamp Bay	33	41	0.45	15	Lost 1	4--6
Baltimore	32	43	0.43	16	Lost 2	3--7

Central	W	L	Pct.	GB	STRK	L10
Detroit	45	30	0.6		Lost 1	8--2
Cleveland	44	31	0.59	1	Won 1	5--5
Minnesota	38	36	0.51	6.5	Lost 1	5--5
Chicago Sox	30	42	0.42	14	Won 1	3--7
Kansas City	31	46	0.4	15	Won 2	5--5

West	W	L	Pct.	GB	STRK	L10
LA Angels	49	28	0.64		Lost 1	7--3
Seattle	40	33	0.55	7	Won 3	5--5
Oakland	39	36	0.52	9	Won 3	3--7
Texas	31	45	0.41	18	Lost 2	7--3

National League

East	W	L	Pct.	GB	STRK	L10
NY Mets	42	32	0.57		Won 4	6--4
Philadelphia	39	36	0.52	3.5	Won 1	5--5
Atlanta	39	38	0.51	4.5	Won 1	4--6
Florida	36	40	0.47	7	Lost 2	4--6
Washington	32	44	0.42	11	Lost 1	3--7

Central	W	L	Pct.	GB	STRK	L10
Milwaukee	44	32	0.58		Won 1	8--2
Chicago Cubs	36	39	0.48	7.5	Won 4	6--4
St. Louis	33	40	0.45	9.5	Lost 2	5--5
Houston	32	44	0.42	12	Lost 2	5--5
Pittsburgh	31	44	0.41	13	Lost 1	3--7
Cincinnati	29	47	0.38	15	Lost 2	3--7

West	W	L	Pct.	GB	STRK	L10
Arizona	44	33	0.57		Lost 1	7--3
LA Dodgers	43	33	0.57	0.5	Won 1	5--5
San Diego	42	33	0.56	1	Lost 2	4--6
Colorado	38	38	0.5	5.5	Lost 4	5--5

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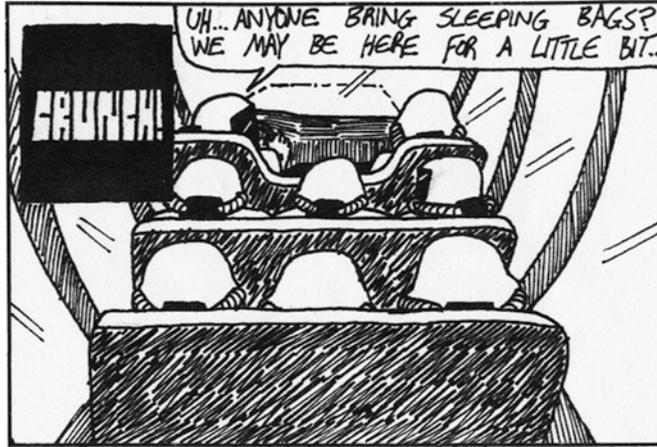
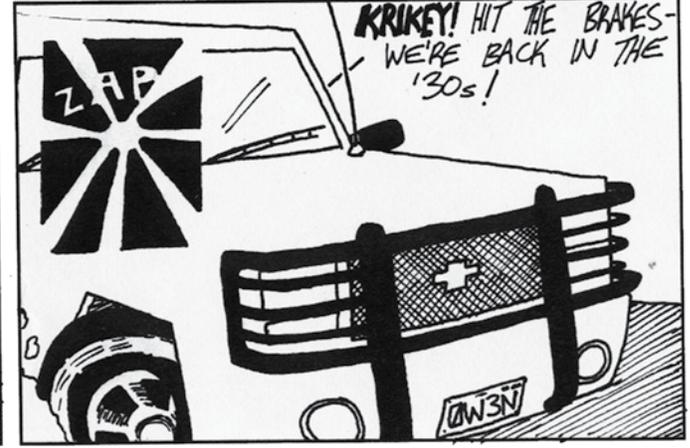
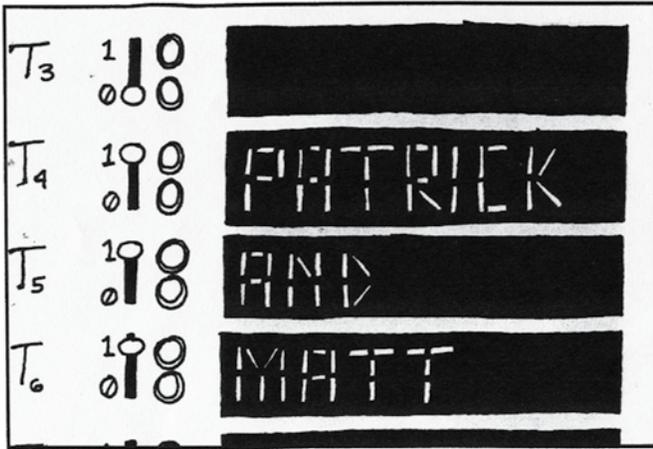
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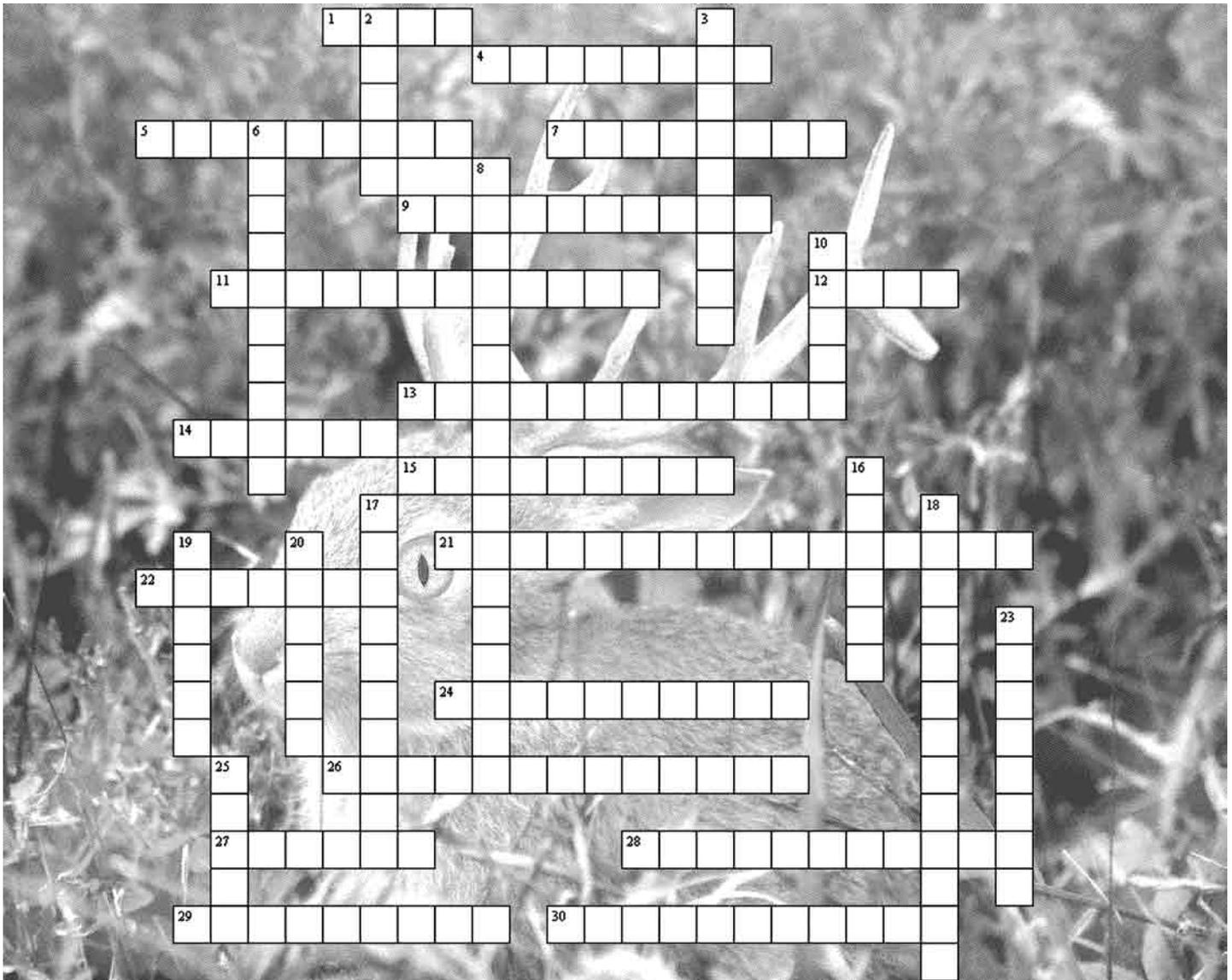
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- 1 Silver on the ____.
- 4 What most of us call Gambel Oak.
- 5 Hang up your smellables to keep this critter out of your camp site.
- 7 Philmont's most common deer is named for its ears.
- 9 The mascot of Texas Christian University
- 11 Puma, cougar or cat-a-mount also works.
- 12 Head up to the meadows of Baldy country and you're likely to find these flowers of Goo Dolls fame.
- 13 Indian Toilet Paper
- 14 When these catch dry out, they are used in south west artwork.
- 15 Our local version of these large weeds doesn't produce the tasty seeds you find in some trail meals.
- 21 The Indians used more colors than just red in their artwork, but that's the color these usually come in.
- 22 The only place you'll find one of these in New Mexico is on the Villa's painted window.
- 24 Doug's hair.
- 26 You know these tough fire survivors are female if they smell like vanilla.
- 27 Wile E. _____
- 28 These spiky, purple flowers were Eeyore's favorite treat.
- 29 The child of a jack rabbit and an antelope.
- 30 The most common form of cactus on the ranch.

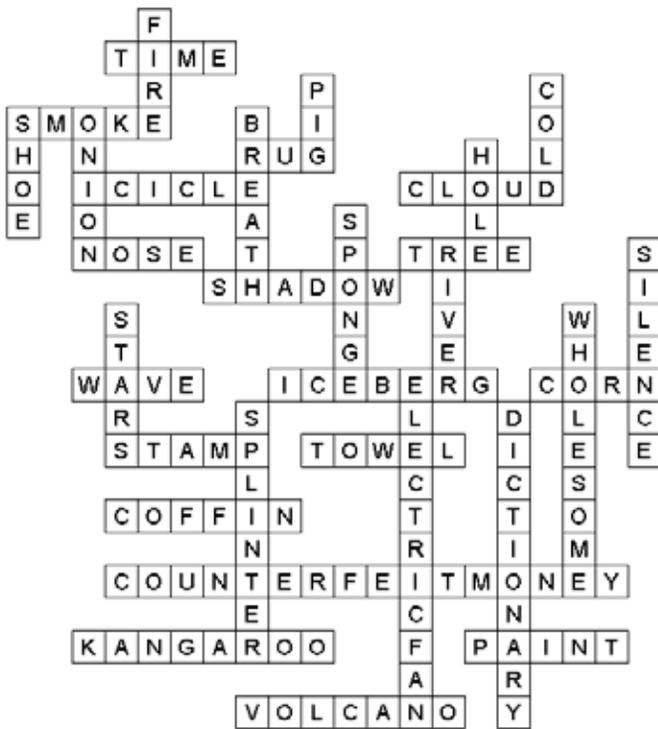
DOWN

- 2 These trees are among the largest living organisms in the world, as entire forests are often made up of one, continuous root system.
- 3 National Symbol
- 6 You can't make clothes from the bark, though the name may be misleading
- 8 The world's second fastest land mammal.
- 10 It's not actually a buffalo, but we still tend to call it that.
- 16 Robert the Feline
- 17 The most common catch in this area.
- 18 This bird's chief form of self-defense is to vomit.
- 19 Native name for Elk.
- 20 If you hear one say your name three times, you'd better write your will.
- 23 A compulsive nut hoarder.
- 25 The New Mexico state flower.

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The purpose of Sudoku is easy, though the result can be difficult to reach. Each horizontal row must have each number 1 through 9, one number in each box. Likewise, each box in each vertical row must have a number 1 through 9. Finally, each of the nine bold-bordered boxes must have each number 1 through 9. Numbers cannot repeat in any row or box. Good luck!

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Duty to God

Hello, my name is Father Steve Hoffer. This is my third summer here on staff as a Philmont Chaplain, and by the time you read this I will be back in my parish. I have served as a Catholic Chaplain from June 11-26 and you may have recognized me as Unit 55. Some of you may know me from my former life in Conservation from 1996-2000.

I am a Catholic Priest in one of the fast growing dioceses in the U.S., the Diocese of Las Vegas (no not New Mexico, Nevada). I am the Administrator of St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church in Henderson, Nevada. There are over 3,600 families in the parish and I serve with an associate pastor and a retired priest. I have been active in Scouting all my life. I am an Eagle Scout and have served in a variety of positions including scoutmaster, district chairman, chaplain, and now institutional head and chartered representative of Cub Scout Pack 540. I am a member of the Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting and the National Catholic Committee on Scouting.

Before becoming a Catholic priest, I worked for Lockheed Martin as a government contractor and taught at Community College of Southern Nevada. I taught introductory computer, remote sensing, UNIX, and geographic information systems courses. Being a college professor, I got the summers off. It was then that I worked at Philmont. While working in God's country, I felt the call to enter the seminary to become a Catholic priest. God spoke to me, and I was able to listen to his call to enter into ordained ministry in His Church. It is awesome to be back in "God's Country" and to be on staff as a Chaplain.

SPENDING TIME WITH GOD & DUTY TO GOD

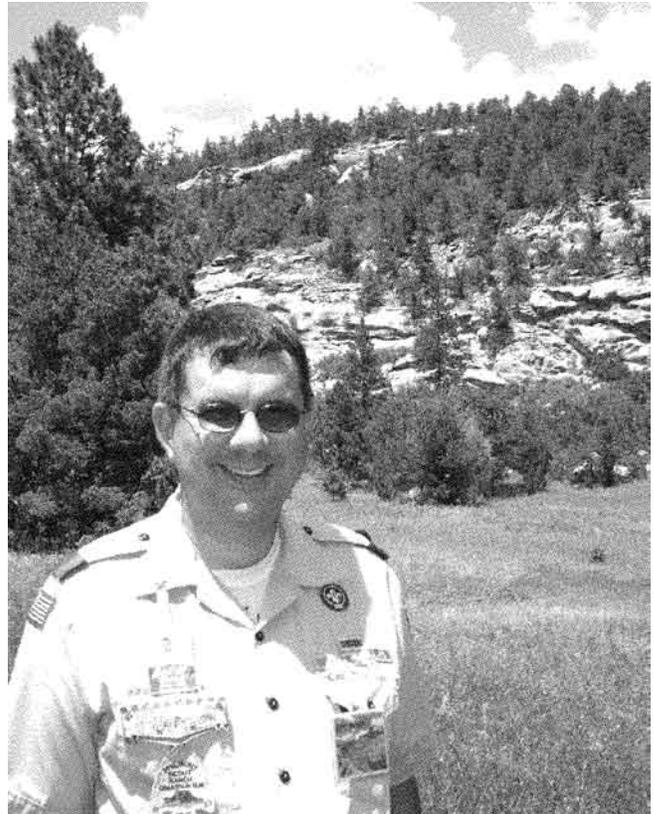
Did you know that on staff here at Philmont, we have seven Chaplains? Did you know that the Chaplains represent the Catholic, Church of Latter-Day Saints (LDS) or Mormons, Jewish, and Protestant faiths? Did you know that the Chaplains serve base camp, the back country camps, and the Philmont Training Center? Did you know that nightly we have religious services for the four major faith communities represented at Philmont from 7:00-8:00 p.m. in the Chapel

areas? Well we do and are looking forward to seeing and serving your faith needs this summer.

During this summer, you all will have the opportunity to spend some time alone thinking about what God is calling you to do. You will have the opportunity to develop your relationship with God. Lord Baden Powell said that the two bookends to the Scouting program are Duty to God and a Scout is Reverent. Everything we do in scouting and here at Philmont should have God as the center of it.

This year, for the third year, the Philmont Staff is encouraged to work on the Duty to God program. Philmont has had the Duty to God program for campers for a few years, now the staff can earn this beautiful patch. Each of you should have received the requirements during training (if not, contact any chaplain for the requirement sheet.)

The requirements are fairly simple but requires an effort on your part: (1) Attend a religious service of your choice (at CHQ or PTC) at least 2 times each month for a minimum of 6 times (If you are a staff



Chaplain Steve Hoffer on site at Dean Cow.
Photo by: Rory Chapman

at the backcountry camp, you may substitute a staff developed religious service in lieu of a base-camp service); (2) Volunteer to assist in any religious service that is offered at Philmont; (3) Participate in some kind of daily devotion, meditation, prayers, reflective journal writing, and/or personal scripture study program; (4) Obtain a copy of the Religious Emblems Brochure (available from any Chaplain) and agree to share the program with others within your Scouting influence in your home Council; and (5) Hold your own personal grace before meals.

After you have completed the requirements, bring the completed form to the Tooth of Time Trading Post to purchase the patch. The Duty to God program is more than getting a really cool patch. It is about developing a personal relationship with God.

If you will be here less than an entire summer, talk to one of the Chaplains and we will work with you to modify the requirements to fit your stay at Philmont so that you too can earn the Duty to God award.

This summer can be a life-changing experience if you let it. Spend some time with our Lord each day. Enjoy the beautiful views of Philmont. Experience the beauty of God's country. You have a unique opportunity to experience the beauty of God's creation here at Philmont, whether this is your first year on staff or your 36th season.

Every staff person who works here has been selected from the best. It is an honor to be a part of the Philmont staff. Don't waste the opportunity to experience Philmont and to experience God this summer. Ask God to guide your thoughts, words, and actions. As you spend time with the Lord, ask Him to help you decide what he is calling you to do with your life. It may be that you will remain single, or get married, or go into ministry. Maybe someday you will come back as a Philmont Chaplain. Who knows? God does!!

As Gerald Woods said: Work hard ... In all matters trust God ... do the best you can ... and let the loose end drag ... May God richly bless you this summer and fill you with his love and grace. May he draw you closer to Him and answer all of your prayers.

If there is anything any of the Chaplains can do, please feel free to contact one of the Chaplains here at Philmont. We are looking forward to meeting and working you this summer.
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Hooping with History

Submission by: Jacob Newhouse

In order to fully experience the “Hula Phenomenon” over taking Philmont, one should at least attempt to discover its vast history. So we take you on a time-warped journey some 3,000 years ago into ancient Egypt. There, a favored pastime of commoners was to take hoops made of grapevines and propel them about the ground with a stick.

Then, leave it to the Greeks to discover its potential for losing weight. That’s right health fanatics, hooping is good for you! However, in 14th century England, “hooping” was such a popular pastime that medics blamed it for heart attacks and back dislocations. “Hula hooping” didn’t get this grand association until the 18th century, when sailors who visited Hawaii noticed the connection between hula dancing and hooping.

The major break-through in the “hula-hooping” revolution occurred in 1957, when Richard Knerr and Arthur “Spud” Medlin re-invented the “hula hoop” through their famous toy company called Wham-O. They were never able to create a patent for their “re-invention,” but they were able to trademark the term “Hula Hoop” to protect their valuable toy. The rebirth of the hoop was then unleashed unto the unsuspecting population in 1958. Wham-O sold over 100 million “Hula hoops” in the first two years. The fad ran rabid for another five years before sales finally started to decline in the mid 1960s.

We bring us back to our quest to rekindle the timeless pastime of our hooping ancestors. This brief history lesson will hopefully bring us closer to a higher connection with our “hooping-selves,” and burn a brighter flame in the “Hula-Cane” that is sweeping Philmont!



Mark Anderson taking on the Hula-Hoop.
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June

29 Bratwursts, 11:30 am to 1:00 p.m.

30 Ice Cream Social, 8:00 p.m.

July

01 Volleyball Tournament, 8:00 p.m.

02 Tie-Dye Night, 8:00 p.m.

03 Bratwursts, 11:30 am to 1:00 p.m.

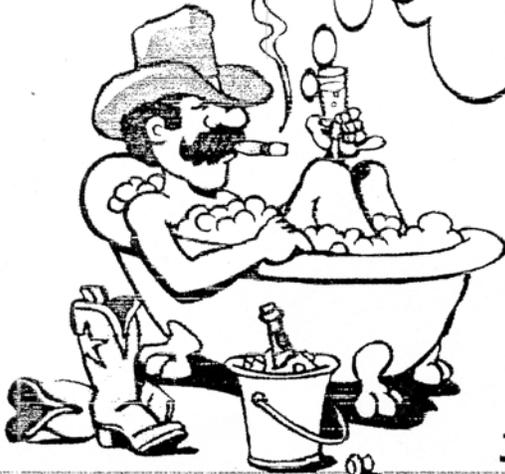
05 Movie Night, 8:00 p.m.

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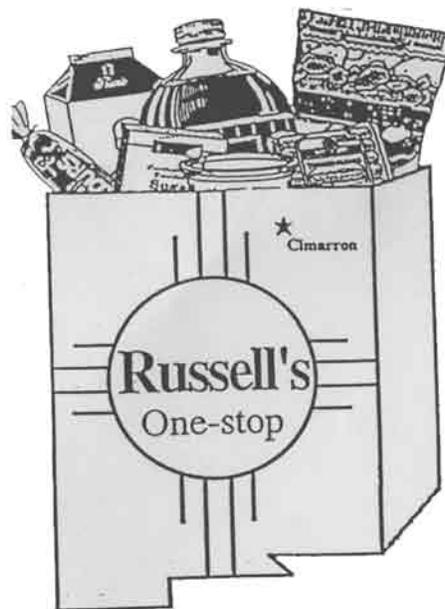
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