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It's a horse at Cattle Headquarters!
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pher)

From the desk: Editor's Note

Welcome to July!

I'm not used to the fact that it is now July. By now, we've all settled into our daily and weekly routines, and when I think about it, July at Philmont means a lot of things.

It means we're almost halfway through the season and may want to consider sticking around for another season or two (see pg. 4). It means we can now hike Little Costilla (see pg. 7). It also means the Fourth of July and the annual Maverick Club Rodeo here in Cimarron.

Many Philmont staffers participate in the rodeo, and we wish them the best of luck, and a safe return to the ranch. Many of them work at Cattle Headquarters or are a part of the Horse Department. This is why, in this issue, we take you behind the scenes at Cattle Headquarters (pg. 16), where Cavalcades and Ranch Hands aren't the only things going on.

As you may know if you work at Cattle Headquarters or have ever been on a bus tour with a ranger, Philmont is a working cattle ranch according to the wishes of Waite Phillips himself. And, as you may guess, Cattle Headquarters is one of the older components of Philmont, dating back to the 1920s.

We're also providing you with a general idea of what to expect at the 85th annual Maverick Club Rodeo (see pg. 12), as well as the usual run of news and entertainment.

Next week, expect to see some Central Country coverage, as well as photos of the rodeo taken by our own photographers.

We're excited to deliver this Rodeo/Cattle Headquarters issue of The PhilNews to you. We sure hope you enjoy reading it.

Sincerely,
Chris

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

CORRECTION: A submission on pg. 26 in Issue 4 was incorrectly attributed. "Philmont 3021" is attributed to Alex "Huckleberry" Durio and Alex Moore of Dean Cow; due to a typographical error, "Adam Moore" became "Alex Moore." Additionally, the PTC calendar on pg. 32 in Issue 4 was inaccurate, as it reflected the regular PTC schedule and not the schedule for LDS Week. The correct schedule is printed on pg. 32 of this issue. The PhilNews regrets these errors, and urges readers to report other such errors that they may find in this publication.

HOME!

submission by Mark Anderson

Director of Program

Recently, I had the opportunity to visit the Crater Lake program campfire guided by staff members Mark, Brett, Peter and Bryce. It was a truly exciting, motivational event that included an emotional story about being “home.” Bryce Blankenship related his feelings of how important Philmont is – not only for participants but for staff members as well.

He related to the participants the various experi-

ences that each member of the Crater Lake Staff had had at Philmont, including treks, individual programs and numerous summers on staff. The participants were just beginning to understand the importance of a Philmont experience, but the staff truly understood it.

I was struck by the feeling, that as Philmont staff we all share, of being “home.” I would encourage each of you to enjoy every moment of your summer by sharing the many opportunities and experiences available throughout the Ranch with your Philmont Family... you are indeed “home.”

Second Season Staff Opportunities

Each year, Philmont employs a number of staff members to support Ranch operations during the fall, winter and early spring. The majority of these positions are filled by current staff members who want to stay and experience the Ranch during other seasons of the year.

The fall staff positions available include: Autumn Adventure, PTC Program and Services, Dining Hall, Trading Post, Horse Department, and Maintenance. In addition, a small number of staff members is employed to support the winter and early spring operations for Kanik, PTC and Trading Post.

If you would like to be considered for one of these staff openings, please complete a Staff Application and submit it to the Personnel Department at Camping Headquarters Office. **Applications must be submitted by Friday, July 18.** Employment offers will be made prior to Aug. 1.

The typical fall season runs from Sept. 2 through Nov. 14. The winter/spring season runs from Dec. 27 through March 31. A few positions will run through April until the start of the 2009 summer season.

Autumn Adventure is a fall program that allows a crew to plan a customized itinerary and hike the backcountry with a staff guide.

Kanik is Philmont’s cold-weather camping program, and includes ski touring, snow shelter building, snow camping, winter ecology, hiking, snowshoeing and use of winter tools and equipment.

Serving as a member of the Second Season Staff is a great opportunity to be a part of the “behind the scenes” action that makes the Philmont magic come alive. Applicants should understand that they will be expected to perform many different duties if hired for these positions.

A number of staff positions are available from Aug. 22 to 29. These positions will help to close base camp and prepare for the fall program events. The Ranch would be happy to extend a summer contract to cover this additional time. This would be a good way to earn a little more gas money for the return trip to home or college.

Please contact Steve Nelson or Barbara Garcia at Camping Headquarters for an application or for more information.

Mock SAR with Taos (Untitled) Search and Rescue

by **Doug Palmer**

Associate Director of Program

The Taos Search and Rescue team has invited Philmont staff to join in on a mock (practice) search and rescue the weekend of July 19. Last year's event was successful, with four teams participating.

If you are interested in participating and have Saturday or Sunday – or even just one of those days – off, contact Doug at the Backcountry Warehouse.

The exercise will start Saturday afternoon, and conclude Sunday by noon. There will be two separate scenarios, so if you can only come for one day, you can still participate. Staff can volunteer to serve as ground searchers, IC staff or even mountain bike or vehicle searchers, with your own personal bike or vehicle.

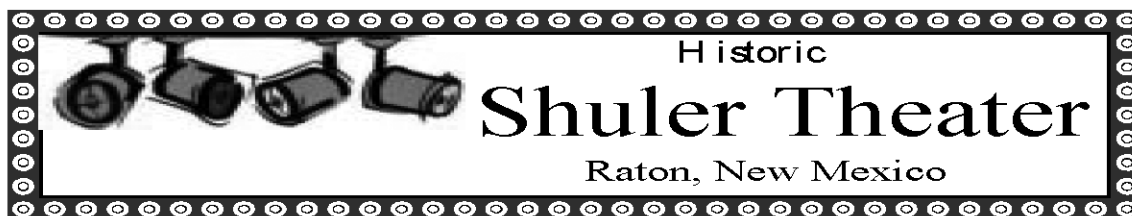
More information will be available as the scenarios are developed.

by “*Captian [sic] Nemo*”

We have not found who we are yet. That is one thing that we are still looking for. We have an idea of who we are, but we are not certain. Who are we supposed to be? Are we supposed to be who you want us to be? Or are we supposed to be ourselves? Apparently we can't be ourselves due to you wanting us to be like you. We are different; there is no denying it. There only way to keep your sanity is to see that we are different. But seeing that we are different, you will come to understand us better. We need to find out who we are ourselves. We do not need to be told who we are or who we are supposed to be. Finding out how we are is the most important thing. If we do not find out who we are ourselves, we will be lost and stuck with the mistakes of those that came before us. We need to find out what we feel.

Who are we?

We are the future.



Professional Repertory Theater

July 10, 11 - The Odd Couple

With its beginnings on Broadway, this version of the Neil Simon play, directed by Barbara Farrar, features newcomer Weldon Durham as the grouchy, sloppy Oscar and Shuler favorite, J. Michael Craig as Felix, the compulsive neat-nik.

July 12 - Dracula

Who isn't familiar with Dracula, the tale of the undead that has frightened so many audiences for so many years. Tom Evans directs the macabre show including his unusual setting with many special effects.

8:00 pm \$14 adults - \$12 seniors - \$5 students

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Philmont Scout Ranch Fire Restrictions

as of May 29, 2008 — still current

Based on the Colfax County Open Fire Ban, Philmont has implemented the following fire restrictions for the 2008 camping season:

- No smoking along trails or trail camps!
- Smoking is restricted to designated areas:
 - CHQ = Advisors Lounge or Staff Lounge Dining Fly or Staff Dining Fly between Male and Female Tent City.
 - PTC = East Tent City Pavilion.
 - Within vehicles equipped with ashtrays while on paved roads or surfaced roads only.
 - Designated area at backcountry staffed camps.
- Open fires and fireworks are prohibited. Camp stoves may be used in campsite fire rings or immediately adjacent on bare ground.
- Campfires in designated fire rings are prohibited.
- Program campfires (base and backcountry) are prohibited. Propane campfires in base camp and kerosene lanterns in the backcountry will be permitted.
- Blacksmith forges and black powder shooting at designated ranges will be permitted unless otherwise notified.

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*The Conservationist****For food, for life***

Food is a huge part of our lives. Besides being necessary for our survival, it often serves as a social tie or expression of culture for many throughout the world. It helped defeat Napoleon's army in Russia, saved democracy in West Berlin and is part of many powerful passages of the Bible.

If we turn back through the pages of history, it is easy to see the close connections many aboriginal societies maintained with the food which has allowed them to sustain a way of life unique from many other parts of the world. An excellent example of one of these societies is the Jicarilla Apache, native to New Mexico. According to the book *Wild Plants and Native Peoples of the Four Corners*, by William W. Dunmire and Gail D. Tierney, the nut of the Pinon tree served as a staple in the Jicarilla Apache diet. The pine nut is said to contain more than 3,000 calories per pound, and models a complete protein comparable to that of a steak!

Armed with this knowledge, I wandered into a grocery store in Taos looking for pine nuts, which can also serve as the prime ingredient in the Mediterranean specialty: Pesto. Sure enough, I was able to find the item I was looking for; however, on closer inspection; I soon noticed a strange message on the side of the container: "Imported from China."

I'm sure the Chinese have some wonderful tasting pine nuts, which have served as a nutritious part of their traditional diet. Despite this fact, you would be hard-pressed to find a good reason for transporting nuts no bigger than corn kernels around the world, when we can find a comparable native product in our own backyard (literally). There is a reason for this, and it has a lot to do with money; but money is no substitute for a little common sense.

Reestablishing that essential connection with food allows us not only to ensure that what we put into our bodies has been harvested in a manner consistent with our ethics, but also creates a sense of accomplishment. Eating a meal made of ingredients you or some one in your community have grown and tended creates an appreciation for the hard work that goes into bringing food to the table.

Similarly, a hunter or fisherman who consumes the meat from his or her labors will be less likely to waste this food because of the effort he or she put in to bring this meat to the table, not to mention the intimate knowledge of the living being which gave its life for our benefit.

What does this all mean? It means a concentrated effort to bring it all back home. It means strengthening our communities by putting capital back into the local area instead of a company headquartered somewhere most of us have never been.

Does this entail every one of us buying acreage and starting our own small farm? No, although this might be an option for some. Does this require us all to devote a fraction of our well-manicured lawns to the production of some basic fruits and vegetables? For many of us, this is a very real possibility, especially considering the time commonly spent caring for landscape already.

Does this mean seeking out local farmers and frequenting farmers markets where available? Yes, especially for those of us who are currently in a situation where providing for ourselves from our own labors is not an option. This means being more conscious of the impact we have as consumers, not only on the environment, but the friends and neighbors around us.

For more information on farmers markets in New Mexico, please visit the following website: <http://farmersmarketsnm.org/>

"The Conservationist" is a weekly column by Environmental Educator Chris Ives.

Farmers Markets near Cimarron**Eagle Nest**

Market season: June 20-Sept. 5
Fridays, 12-6 p.m. or sell-out
Contact: 575.377.6188

Taos

Market season: May 10 - Oct. 25
Saturdays, 8 a.m.-1 p.m.
Contact: 575.751.7575

Santa Fe

Market season: May 3-July 29
Saturdays & Tuesdays, 7 a.m.-noon
Contact: 505.983.4098

From the Ranger Department

Hiking Little Costilla Peak

During the first few days of July, many people in the greater Cimarron area look forward to the July 3 dance, the Maverick Club Rodeo and fireworks at Eagle Nest Lake. However, July 1 is also the first day that public are allowed to hike Little Costilla Peak in the Valle Vidal.

Little Costilla is 12,526 feet tall, and is slightly higher than Baldy Mountain, which is 12,441 feet. The mountain offers sweeping views of the Valle Vidal, Baldy Mountain, Philmont and southern Colorado.

Getting There

Just getting to the trailhead can be an adventure in itself. Travel north out of Cimarron to the Valle Vidal Road entrance, which is on the left side of the road. Take the Cerrososo Road, also called the Valle Road, for about an hour and a half up to the Valle. Drive slowly, under 30 miles per hour, because going any faster may mean a blown tire.

Once in the Valle Vidal you, will drive past the Whiteman Vega staff parking lot, McCrystal Campground and Ring Place. It is at least another 10 miles past Ring Place to the trailhead, with the road switch-backing up to Windy Gap and past Shuree Ponds. Park your car at the corral area on the left side of the road.

The Hike

A fence line begins from the corral on the north side of the road, and follows the ridge all the way up to the summit. This fence also marks the boundary between Colfax County and Taos County.

The hiking can be strenuous at times, as the route crosses many contour lines. The summit is above tree

line, and is just over on the Taos side of the boundary. To descend the mountain, you can retrace the fence line route back to the corral.

Another way is to drop down a steep scree slope on the east side of the mountain, then follow a valley back to the road, then walk up to the corral. Sometimes there is snow in this gully. Do not try to slide down the snow, as the slope quickly steepens and has lots of rocks.

Safety Notes

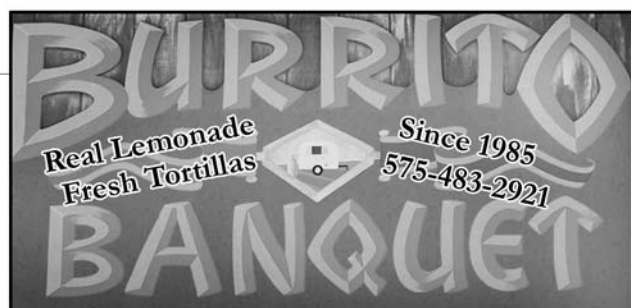
Drive carefully both to and from the mountain. Make sure the car tires are sturdy enough for the road conditions, and drive slowly to avoid a blowout.

Begin your hike early in the morning, such as 6 a.m. This is so you can get back to the car and base camp at a reasonable hour, and to avoid electrical storms on the mountain. If the weather looks threatening, turn around. Remember, a good portion of the hike is above tree line. Set a turnaround time of 1 p.m.

Bring the 10 essentials of hiking, and follow Philmont policies for hiking on days off. Bring the Valle Vidal sectional map for navigation. Remember that if you do get into trouble, help may be several hours away.

For more information about Little Costilla and the rest of the Valle Vidal Unit of the Carson National Forest, visit the official U.S.Forest Service website at www.fs.fed.us/r3/carson/index/html.

"From the Ranger Department" is a weekly column by Ranger Trainer Bill Sassani.



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Highlight on the 27,391 Reasons We Are Here*photo by Tawny Slaughter, PhilNews writer**Boots dangle from the sign that welcomes campers to Camping Headquarters.*

The coolest thing I own is a pair of dirty boots

Football players do dances, racecar drivers drink milk, Boy Scouts throw boots.

As I pulled into Camping Headquarters the other day, I had to dodge the various Boy Scouts and flying boots. Crews 618-S1 and 618-S2 were joining in a ritual done by the thousands of Scouts before them, by throwing their boots over the Philmont Scout Ranch sign.

This was the first time to Philmont for Nick (of 618-S1), who was trying very hard to get his boots to stay atop the Philmont Scout Ranch sig. When I asked him how many times it took him to get his boots over, he responded, with a smile, “Way too many.”

Nick spent a quality amount of time to make sure his boots make it to the coveted place of hanging from the sign itself, and not from the trees or other shoes. As his crew watched, he finally succeeded just as the crew’s bus was arriving to take them to the train station.

Scott of 618-S2 said his favorite part of his trek was hiking Black Mountain and getting annihilated

by hail. His fellow crew member, Miles, received the heaviest of blows from the hail with his crew members – he claiming he was hit by a golf ball-sized hailstone on his head.

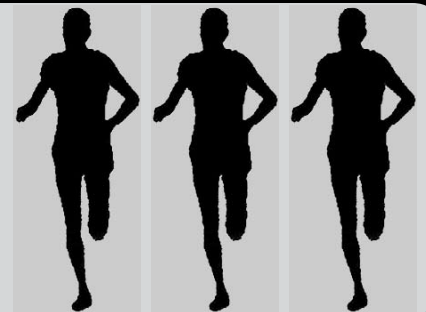
One of the most valuable lessons learned on the crew’s journey was that cleaning dishes really is important, even if it is the last day, unless you really want to have what they called “Mac and Soap” for your last meal on the trail. Apparently, the person responsible for dishes got a little excited to be done with dishes on the trail and did not rinse the dishes, thus leaving a soap-covered spoon to be used to make the “Mac and Soap” for the last meal.

As I parted ways with these Scouts finishing their journey with a victorious throwing-of-boots, I realized that what I see as a pair of dirty, gross boots just might be a trophy to others.

“Highlight on the 27,391 Reasons We Are Here” is a weekly column by PhilNews writer Tawny Slaughter.



5K run! (3.1 miles)
 Wednesday, July 9, at 5:15 p.m.
 Meet at the back of the staff lounge
 FOOD PROVIDED



Philmont & New Mexico alcohol policies

by Jennifer Peters

PhilNews writer

The 2008 Philmont Staff Guidebook states that Philmont and Double H have a “Zero Tolerance” policy. This states that “each employee will not use, or be under the influence of, alcoholic beverages on Philmont property or in uniform anywhere; not drink and drive; not assist any minor (under age 21) in obtaining alcoholic beverages; and if under age 21, will not seek, obtain or consume alcoholic beverages.”

- Employees in violation of these alcohol policies will be terminated and possibly prosecuted.
- Always, always, always safety first.
- Drinking in public is illegal in Cimarron. This offense can get you a citation and a fine. The ball-park, streets and even the sidewalks outside the St. James Hotel are public land. Consumption of alcohol is NOT permitted there.
- There will be periodic D.W.I. check points between Cimarron and Philmont this summer.
- If you plan to consume alcohol, always have a designated driver. Designated drivers receive free carbonated drinks and coffee at the St. James Hotel and Colfax Tavern Cold Beer.
- If you happen to find yourself walking back to Philmont from the St. James Hotel, bring a flashlight and walk beside the road, not on it. Doing otherwise may put you and drivers at risk.
- Possession of alcohol is strictly prohibited on Philmont property, even if it is a closed container.
- The Cimarron Marshal's Office wants everyone to “think” and keep in mind that Philmont staffers do not have to do anything silly to get the police's attention.

With help from the Cimarron Marshal's Office and the Colfax County Sheriff's Department, The PhilNews is breaking down some of New Mexico's laws to help keep you informed and out of the slammer this summer.

- Anything that impairs your driving can get you a Driving While Intoxicated (D.W.I.) ticket, whether it is prescription drugs, over the counter drugs, illegal substances or alcohol consumption. Some people may be adversely affected and unfit to drive after taking allergy medications, so always look at the warnings on medications' labels.
- The legal limit for D.W.I. is 0.08 percent blood alcohol content, which is not a very high concentration. Altitude, weight, tolerance and other factors may impair your ability to drive after consuming alcohol.
- Aggravated Driving occurs when a driver has 0.16 percent of alcohol in his/her blood or when he/she causes bodily harm to another person as a result of driving while intoxicated.
- It is illegal for any amount of alcohol to be detected in a minor, either detected by a breathalyzer or an officer who can smell alcohol on the minor's breath. A minor may receive a D.W.I. if he/she is pulled over after consuming alcohol.
- If a person over the age of 21 is in the presence of a minor who has been drinking, that person can be charged with Contributing to the Delinquency of a Minor.
- Open containers in New Mexico are defined by the broken seal of the alcohol container. Flasks are always considered open containers, even if they are empty.
- Open containers in New Mexico are to be kept out of the “Passenger Area” of all motor vehicles while in motion. The passenger area is considered the area where the driver and passengers occupy or an area that is readily accessible, including a glove compartment.
- Trunks, cargo spaces, the area behind the last upright seat and places not normally occupied by a driver or passenger are all acceptable places to have open containers.
- Most importantly, follow the New Mexico Slogan: You Drink, You Drive, You Lose.

IWTGBTP...

by Randy Saunders

Philmont Staff Association

Someday, whether you like it or not, your summer run at Philmont will come to an end. You will find a real job that doesn't allow you to take the summer off. You will "grow up," or something like that. How do you keep your Philmont fix quenched when you can't get to Philmont?

In 1973, some Philstaff – much like you but with longer hair – formed the Philmont Staff Association (PSA). Their purpose was to form a group that would be dedicated to keeping Philstuffers connected to this place in the Sangre de Cristo mountains. Today, the PSA is as committed as ever to this mission.

Over 2,300 former rangers, horsemen, conservationists, PTC group leaders, backcountry staff – okay, you get the picture – are members of the PSA. The PSA had been involved with several projects that have a lasting mark on Philmont and the Philstaff experience.

The PSA Staff Dining Hall is where you eat in base camp, thanks to the Philmont Staff Association. There is no drilling or mining in the Valle Vidal today because of the PSA's part in preserving these gov-

ernment lands. Oh, and opening soon, the Silver Sage Staff Activity Center will be a place for you to unwind in a camper-free environment. The PSA raised over \$1 million to make this vision a reality.

The PSA does more. There are camperships available for Rayado and ROCS participants. Our newest project is providing scholarships for staff like you to help pay for schooling expenses. Any Philstaff planning to return in 2009 are welcome to apply for the PSA Seasonal Staff Scholarship. Applications are available at several locations in base camp and at the PSA Office.

If you are interested in finding out more about the PSA, stop by one of the events that Activities Staff is putting on highlighting the PSA. The next one is an Ice Cream Social on July 6. We will have give-aways and information about the Seasonal Staff Scholarship program. There are a few other events later in the summer, so keep your eyes open for announcements.

Of course, you can stop by the PSA Office. We are located in the Beaubien Building at wonderful PTC. We are open seven days a week: Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. to noon and 1:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sunday, 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. (come visit with Janice). We have cool water bottles, too!

Audition to act in opening campfire!

Dear Philmont Staffers,

"Well, I knew it'd come down to fightin'!"

This line sound familiar? How about the unexpected gunshot from behind and the few dozen Scouts who jump out of their seats? If not, then you haven't been to the CHQ opening campfire. And from your favorite Activities staffers, let us tell you, you're missing out.

But this can be fixed! We're actually giving you the chance not only to see the infamous opening campfire, but actually *be* in the infamous opening campfire. Think you have what it takes to act the part of the historic Clay Allison? Lucien Maxwell? Or even... Waite Phillips? From Pueblo Indians to Spanish conquistadors, the Activities staff is searching for actors and actresses like *you*!

Apply now! Requirements: Philmont staffer, ability to memorize lines and act, but above all: a sense of humor. Drop by the Activities Office for a copy of our script; then audition for Bear, our campfire guru. Hope to see you soon – on-stage!

Love, Your Activities Staff



photo courtesy of the Kit Carson staff

The winners of the various Kit Carson Challenge events gather together at the conclusion of the Challenge.

Top row (L-R): Bill Sassani, Dennis Straits and Paul Akers

Bottom row (L-R): Bill Forester, Kyle Coppinger, Autumn, Deborah Diamond and Chris "Topher" Schaller

Kit Carson Challenge results!

The Ruffians of Rayado invited Philmont staff to come to the Kit Carson Museum at Rayado and participate in the first annual Kit Carson Challenge on June 26.

Participants could compete in six broad events throughout the afternoon. The events were tomahawk throwing, black powder marksmanship, fire-starting, dutch oven cooking (entree and/or dessert), blacksmithing and an interp contest).

The Challenge concluded with the judging of the dutch oven contest, and then food for all in attendance.

The Kit Carson staff expressed satisfaction with the turnout, and gratitude toward those — especially the Activities staff — who helped make the event a success.

Below are the results of the first annual Kit Carson Challenge.

Tomahawk Throwing

Dennis Straits (Maintenance)

Fire Starting (Bow Drill)

Bill Sassani (Ranger)

Blacksmithing

Paul Akers (Cyphers' Mine)

Black Powder Marksmanship

Chris "Topher" Schaller (Ranger)

Dutch Oven Cooking (Entree)

Kyle Coppinger (Ranger)

Interp Contest

Bill Forester (Miranda)

Fire Starting (Flint & Steel)

Dennis Straits (Maintenance)

Dutch Oven Cooking (Dessert)

Deborah Diamond (Post office)

Maverick Club Rodeo information

by Tawny Slaughter

PhilNews writer

The Fourth of July weekend has arrived at Cimarron, and there is much going on around town. The big event is the 85th annual Maverick Club Rodeo. It is the longest-running open Rodeo in the west, and includes events such as the wild horse race, roping, bull riding and wild cow milking.

The Maverick Club was started in 1922 as an organization meant for civic, social and education-

al opportunities. There were no dues and no rules. When things needed to be done in Cimarron, the Maverick Club did its best to help out.

The first Maverick Club Rodeo was held in 1923, and to this day is meant to be a community event, with members of the community organizing and participating in the various events.

Following is a list of events taking place in Cimarron, to the best of our knowledge.

Also, Eagle Nest will host its annual fireworks show over Eagle Nest Lake at dusk on July 4.

- Thursday** (July 3) Dance at the Maverick Club Rodeo Grounds, featuring Kim and the Caballeros
(8 p.m.-midnight, \$10 admission)
- Friday** (July 4) Cimarron Parade
(9 a.m., along Hwy 64 from Hwy 58 intersection to Maverick Rodeo Grounds)
Maverick Club Rodeo
(all day, starting at 10 a.m.; \$5 admission for those over the age of 5)

Rodeo Events:

Grand Entry at 10 a.m.
1st Session Bull Riding
Open Team Roping
Ranch Bronc Ride
Century Roping
Senior Barrel Race

Wild Cow Milking
Calf Roping
Cow Pony Race
Junior Barrel Race
Saddle Bronc Riding
Calf Scramble

Pole Bending
Wild Horse Race
Mixed Ribbon Roping
2nd Session Bull Riding
Slack for Team Roping

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A day at Dean Cow

by Alex "Huckleberry" Durio

Camp Director of Dean Cow

I wake up to the pungent odor of sweat and filth, hair matted, trapped in my muggy sleeping bag. I struggle to breathe through the crud in my nose. The alarm is blaring. It's 6:30. Adam stirs in his bed. He groans.

SUDDENLY, a bear and a mountain lion pounce through the windows, snarling and snapping their jaws. It seems they've teamed up this time. They're hungry and lookin' to rumble. Adam and I exchange knowing glances and put on our sunglasses.

"All right, furball, let's tussle!"

Adam tackles the cougar against the shelves. The jungle cat yelps in pain. I square off with the bear, puttin' my dukes up. We're circling each other. He lunges first. I duck and go for the eyes. The massive brown beast slumps to the floor, DEAD.

I turn to check on Adam, just in time to see him tossing the lion out the front door, hollering, "Don't let me catch you 'round these parts no more!"

The cougar, wounded and ashamed, retreats to the woods, defeated.

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The Two-Second Rule



by Joseph Palacios
Catholic Chaplain

Recently on a trip to the backcountry with Beulah, my trusty Philburban, I happened upon a crew on the road. Upon seeing a crew hiking the road, I instantly went into “Chaplain mode,” ready to explain to them the dangers of hiking the road. As I drove closer to them, however, I saw that they had two burros and were just starting up the next trail head.

I reined myself in, rolled down the window to chat with them and see how their trek was going, and said, “Two burros – how did you guys luck out?”

An advisor with the crew reacted quickly and said, “Because Philmont says we have to.”

This dismayed me a little bit, but I wished them a pleasant journey and went on my way. The encounter, however, got me thinking. Personal opinions about burros aside (I find them to be companions who are steadfast in their opinions, if not a little stubborn), the advisor’s attitude was less than the stellar “Philmont is the best place ever” mentality that we usually look for and encounter.

Moreover, I thought about how this person’s grumbling may have been affecting the attitude of his crew. We remind our chaplain’s aides about a lot of things in their meeting with us, especially about being congenial and having a positive attitude about things even when they’re tough or not exactly the way that we would like. This helps crews to make it through the ever-pandemic “Day 3” and “Leather and Gortex” syndromes.

The way this advisor reacted to this unexpected challenge could easily have affected his crew’s overall

outlook on the trek, and that could make the next several days very difficult, especially at such a high-stress place like Philmont.

I can sympathize with this advisor that I found. There are not just a few frustrating days in my work as a chaplain. We encounter unexpected and unruly situations every day, and there are many situations when the first thing that wants to come out of my mouth isn’t always very chaplain-like. But that’s when I have to remember and remind myself of verses just like this one:

“Let the words of my mouth meet with your favor, keep the thoughts of my heart before you, Lord, my rock and my redeemer.” Psalm 19:15

The author of this Psalm praises the Lord for his law, his instruction, reminding us of all that God calls us to, and how good it is to do what we are called to do, to be who we are truly called to be. Finally, he prays that God may help to keep him in line with the law and will of God. He recognizes that with the help of God, he can keep God as his focus and truly be transformed into everything that God calls him to be. What a sincere and beautiful prayer!

This requires, though, a difficult change of perspective. Lots of times, we react, and the first thing that comes to mind is the first thing out of our mouths, for better or – often times – for worse. To do what the author of this Psalm calls us to, we have to stop reacting and start responding. We have to stop flying off of the handle, and instead consider very carefully our words and actions so that we can respond in a way that is pleasing to God.

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Drive-In Movie

(because it’ll be shown in the Catholic chaplains’ car port)

Alumni and current students of Jesuit schools (high school or university) are invited to gather for Mass, munchies and a movie at the Catholic chapel on Sunday, July 6. Mass will be at 7 p.m., with *The Mission* showing afterwards at around 8:30 p.m. For further details, please see Fr. Mark Carr, S.J. or Eric “Kaiser” Wilhelm (mail room).

We meet people from many different places every day, and because of that fact, the effects of our actions are very far-reaching. Therefore, I propose that we as Phil-staff adopt the Two-Second Rule. When things get tough, and when people begin to grumble and get in our faces, let's make it a habit to stop, take two seconds and a breath to think about how to respond, and then respond. The two seconds that we take to consider how we respond to others could really make a difference in the way that participants respond to all that we have for them and what kind of journey that they have here during their time here at Philmont.

On top of that, we as a Phil-staff are tight-knit and living in close quarters. Right now is our crunch time. Right now is when it gets tough for everybody in all of our departments. Right now is when we need the Two-Second Rule more than ever!

I have never worked with a more talented and interesting group of people. Those two seconds that we take when dealing with each other could mean the difference between a making a department change or a making life-long friend.

Think about it. I'll give you a couple of seconds.

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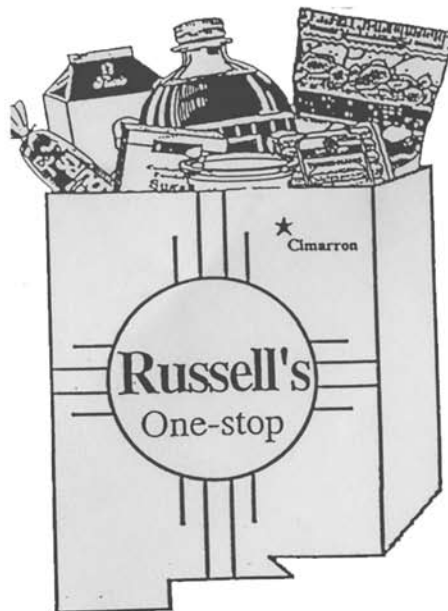


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A young Elliott "Chope" Phillips watches Heart West, Bill Howard, Rafael Zamora and Lee Phillips brand a cow in 1927 in Agua Fria Meadow.

Cattle Headquarters: helping fulfill Phillips' vision

by Jennifer Peters
PhilNews writer

Philmont Cattle Headquarters gives Scouts the opportunity to learn how to work at a livestock ranch, while fulfilling one of the wishes of Waite Phillips for Philmont Scout Ranch.

Elliott "Chope" Phillips loved ranching, and when Waite Phillips donated the land to Philmont, he wanted to give Scouts the opportunity to learn about ranch-

ing, and also develop an appreciation for it. Waite Phillips felt that the Boy Scouts of America and ranching would be important programs that could teach young men to become hard-working, and that is the reason he wanted Philmont to remain a working cattle ranch.

The Cattle Headquarters building was used by Waite Phillips for his Cattle Headquarters. The horse and cattle departments were separate departments before 1975, but still had a general superintendent and often worked together. The two departments were

combined in 1976, when the Horse Department moved into the Cattle Headquarters building from what is now Wayne Baker's Maintenance shop area.

Cattle Headquarters today

Today, Cattle Headquarters has two cowboys, a ranch foreman, a ranch superintendent, four horsemen, numerous wranglers and Ranch Hands participants.

There are eight horsemen who are in charge of the wranglers. While the horsemen stay at the same place all summer, the wranglers rotate around the ranch to learn more responsibilities.

Wranglers at Philmont handle the basic care of the horses at Philmont.

"The wranglers' responsibilities are, they get up in the morning and feed their horses, they saddle the horses that they need for that day, they doctor any horses that are sick or cut up, they shoe their own horses and just general care," Cattle Headquarters cowboy Chuck Enloe said.

The wranglers at base camp also have to keep hay and grain stocked at the camps where the horses and burros make stops throughout Philmont.

Cattle Headquarters is also responsible for making sure that backcountry camps have the supplies they need for the Cavalcade program.

Special treks operated by Cattle Headquarters

Cowboys, horsemen and wranglers continue the cowboy tradition by training Ranch Hands and taking Scouts on Cavalcades.

The Ranch Hands special program teaches youth how to become

better horsemen.

"That's our program to bring in youth that are interested in horsemanship and horses, and give them a working adventure. From the alumni of that pro-



photos by Ben Boettger, NPS Photographer

Top: Wrangler Karen Hager gives Philmont Training Center participants a few tips about horseback riding on July 1.

Above: Philmont Training Center participants prepare to go out on an afternoon horseback trip on July 1.



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Cattle Headquarters, as seen from the south, in the mid-1920s.

gram, we get some wranglers, which is kind of like the Rayado Trek gets Rangers out of that program,” Ranch Superintendent Bob Ricklefs said.

Ranch Hands participants spend 16 days at Philmont. The first eight days are spent at different horse camps, and the last set of eight days is reserved for a special cavalcade trek.

The Ranch Hands program costs about \$100 for the entire 16 days.

The Cavalcade program is a trek that is spent riding and packing horses to and from different camps, instead of hiking.

The program’s participants spend five or six days and nights on the trail, and everything that participants may need is packed on a pack horse.

Annually, there 27 Cavalcades for participants, and the treks can accommodate up to 15 people.

Four Cavalcade itineraries are going on at any one time: two that leave from the North Country, and two from the South Country.

Participants have the choice of ten different itineraries from both the North and South Countries.

The summer program for participants at the Philmont Training Center also has horse rides that leave from Cattle Headquarters.

The people at Cattle Headquarters

Over the years, the livestock department has been host to some colorful and hard-working characters. Lawrence “Boss” Sanchez, the first Horse Foreman, was one of these men. His coworkers – who included Cattle Headquarters Cowboys Rod Taylor and Chuck Enloe, Ricklefs and Ranch Foreman Ben Vargas – thought highly of him.

“Boss was unique,” said Enloe. “If there was one person to model your life after, it would be Boss. He was demanding, fair, hard-working. I learned a lot about horses from him.”

Bob Knox was another great man who worked at Cattle Headquarters, as the Ranch Superintendent. He wrote a book about his life, titled, *Growing up to Cowboy: A Memoir of the American West*.

“Bob was like a second dad,” said Vargas. “We roped together, worked cows together. He had a great sense of humor.”

The men and women of Cattle Headquarters work hard to keep the traditions that Waite Phillips started. They teach each other to become better at what they do, and they take that knowledge and share it with others. If this was Phillips’ dream, he would definitely be proud.

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What's going on around the world?

Saudi Arabia to maintain crude oil production

Saudi Arabia announced it does not expect to increase crude oil production following its June 23 announcement that it will pump an extra half million barrels a day. Saudi Oil Minister Ali al-Naimi said his country will invest \$129 billion during the next few years to expand its capacity to 12.5 million barrels a day.

Scientists fear North Pole may be ice-free this summer

The geographic North Pole may be ice-free by September due to the melting of Arctic sea ice, according to scientists at the National Snow and Ice Data Center in Colorado. "From the viewpoint of science, the North Pole is just another point in the globe, but it does have this symbolic meaning," senior research scientist Mark Serreze said in a CNN report. "There's supposed to be ice at the North Pole. The fact that we may not have any by the end of this summer could be quite a symbolic change." The ice melt is attributed to global warming.

Guatemala ministers die in crash

Guatemalan Interior Minister Vinicio Gomez and Deputy Minister Edgar Hernandez were killed in a helicopter crash north of Guatemala City on June 29. The two were en route to a regional security meeting when authorities lost radio contact with the helicopter around 1 p.m. The crash is thought to be caused by bad weather.

Mongolians protest presidential election

Mongolia president Nambaryn Enkhbayar declared a four-day state of emergency in the capital on July 2. Protesters entered the headquarters of the ruling political party, claiming fraud in last weekend's parliamentary election. Enkhbayar allowed police to use force to handle the thousands of protesters. The fraud claim originally centered on two districts in Ulan Bator that were awarded to the ruling party. Two popular members of the Civic Movement party contested these results. Protesters then called the entire election into question.

French army Chief of Staff resigns

French Army Chief of Staff General Bruno Cuche resigned on July 1, after an accidental shooting at a military open house that left 17 people wounded. French President Nicolas Sarkozy has accepted his resignation. Seventeen people, including several children, were wounded by live bullets on June 29 as a commando parachute infantry regiment demonstrated a hostage extraction exercise at a military open house in Carcassonne, France according to the military's Web site.

Final Olympics venue is complete

The "Bird's Nest" stadium, which will serve as the Olympics Games' main venue in Beijing this summer, is complete and fully operational, according to Chinese officials. The stadium is one of 37 venues constructed or refurbished for the Games.

The International Olympic Committee praised the city's preparations but is still concerned about Beijing's air quality, due to serious pollution.

Election-related turmoil in Zimbabwe

Officials at the July 1 African Union summit adopted a resolution to urge talks in Zimbabwe aimed at promoting peace and stability in the country, according to Egypt's official news agency. Robert Mugabe won re-election as Zimbabwean president in a controversial and disputed election. The Associated Press reported that Botswana's president said Robert Mugabe's government should not be recognized and that Zimbabwe should be barred from AU gatherings.

Double-amputee to attempt Olympic trials

South African Oscar Pistorius is a double-amputee sprinter who wants to compete in the summer Olympics in Beijing. Pistorius will try to qualify for the games on July 2 in Milan. He resumed training six weeks ago after a sports arbitration court overturned a lifetime ban from the Olympics; he was banned because his carbon fiber prosthetic racing blades were ruled as providing him an unfair advantage over competitors. To qualify, Pistorius will have to run his 400-meter race in under 45.55 seconds. His career best is 46.36 seconds.

What's going on around the U.S.?

U.S. Supreme Court strikes down Second Amendment violation

The U.S. Supreme Court struck down a ban on handguns that took away citizens' rights to bear arms in Washington, D.C. A 5-4 decision ruled that the ban violated the Second Amendment right to bear arms. The mayor, Adrian Fenty, said he was disappointed with the ruling, but added that he would give the police 21 days to set up a method for registering handguns.

Justice Antonin Scalia, who wrote the opinion for the majority, said the majority was sympathetic to the area's problems with guns and crime, but that banning handguns was not the answer to the problem.

Bill Gates steps down as head of Microsoft

Bill Gates has stepped down from his position at the world's largest software company after 33 years of heading Microsoft. At age 52, Gates will retire and spend more time trying to develop ways to assist the medical, biological and environmental fields through the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. Gates, who has been slowly shifting out of Microsoft, will remain as a part-time chairman-of-the-board, and will also work on occasional projects for the company. It was a teary-eyed farewell for the billionaire as over 800 employees rose to their feet to applaud him.

Protesters have lived in trees for 18 months

Protestors at the University of California-Berkeley have been sitting in the oak trees of a threatened oak grove since December 2006, in objection to the construction of a multi-million dollar athletic training facility. The city of Berkeley, residents and the California Oak Foundation have sued to stop the construction, and an injunction is in place until a clear ruling is made in the matter.

United States archbishop to be appointed to the Vatican Supreme Court

Archbishop Raymond Burke will be the first American appointed to lead the Vatican Supreme Court on Friday, July 4. Burke, who is one of the most outspoken conservative U.S. bishops, has debated with several public figures like Sheryl Crowe and Former Demo-

cratic presidential candidate John Kerry over their support of abortion rights. Burke may even be appointed to become a Cardinal since that position is usually led by a Cardinal.

Florida woman offers to sell her home and heart over the Internet

Deven Trabosh of Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., is offering to sell her house and heart over the internet. She has posted ads for her house and a relationship with her on www.eBay.com and www.Craigslist.com, although eBay removed her ad because the company does not allow the sale of relationships on its Web site.

"Marry a Princess Lost in America" is Trabosh's plea. The single mother of two daughters has received over 500 responses – none of which are serious offers – but she has received positive and negative feedback from people all over the world.

Obama and Clinton unite forces for a Democrat in the White House

Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama and former candidate Hillary Clinton joined forces against Republican presidential candidate John McCain on June 27 in Unity, N.H. This was the first time the two have shared a public stage since the Democratic primary race ended. "Unity is not only a beautiful place, as we can see; it's a beautiful feeling, isn't it?" Clinton said during her speech. Coincidentally, the town of Unity gave 107 votes to each candidate during New Hampshire's January primary.

Rising jet fuel prices compel airlines remove cities from schedules

The airline industry is cutting down on the number of flights, and adding fees to compensate for the rising jet fuel costs. Fuel costs are at an 80 percent increase since last year, while the airlines plan to cut out 10 percent of flights this summer and even more in 2009. Mid-sized cities such as Fort Lauderdale, Flor., and San Luis Obispo, Calif., are on the chopping block, while flights in larger cities such as London and Las Vegas are being pared down.

What's going on in the different states?

Alabama

Alabama is one of 12 states to receive a \$50,000 grant from the National Governors Association Center for Best Practices, to help make advancements in clean energy projects.

Alaska

Former legislator Vic Kohring waved goodbye to his constituents by a busy freeway before going to prison to serve a 42-month sentence for corruption.

Arizona

Phoenix spent \$22.4 million on June 30, to add more than 800 acres to the Sonoran Preserve.

Arkansas

Boardwalk Pipeline Partners LP is beginning a \$4.7 billion pipeline expansion project that will bring natural gas from Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas, and that will employ 1,350 people.

California

The state began the budget year on July 1, but has no budget in place.

Colorado

Effective June 30, liquor stores in Colorado are now permitted to sell alcohol on Sundays.

Connecticut

The Charter Oak Health Plan launched on June 30 as a health care plan for those who do not qualify for already-existing state programs or are not insured through employment.

Delaware

An expanding global market, record commodity prices and a decrease in the state's housing market may contribute to a better year for agriculture in Delaware.

Florida

The Florida Lottery is offering free gas for life as a second grand prize in the Summer Cash game, which will be held once a week through Aug. 26.

Georgia

Effective July 2, Georgia residents with gun permits may bring their firearms in restaurants that serve alcohol, into state parks and in public transportation vehicles.

Hawaii

Due to a \$62 million deficit, the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation is cutting jobs and reducing the recruitment of doctors.

Idaho

A new law signed by Pres. George W. Bush could extend unemployment benefits to more than 5,000 workers in the state.

Illinois

Gov. Rod Blagojevich said the federal investigation into his administration has "no impact" on how he governs the state, despite questions about corruption allegations.

Indiana

The state plans to announce a \$50 million assistance program for

farmers affected by flooding.

Iowa

Former Iowa governor Tom Vilsack may be the lead lawyer in a lawsuit against the state that objects to the statewide smoking ban that went into effect on July 1.

Kansas

Congresswoman Nancy Boyda plans to introduce legislation to replenish the federal highway fund, to avoid a \$120 million shortfall in Kansas transportation funds.

Kentucky

The state public defender's office filed a lawsuit on June 30, seeking more money to represent poor people in criminal cases.

Louisiana

More than 100 state and local government officials resigned on June 30 after a new state law required them to disclose personal financial records.

Maine

The piping plover bird population is dwindling on the southern and mid-coastal region.

Maryland

After pleading guilty to federal bribery charges, former state Sen. Thomas L. Bromwell reported to federal prison on July 1.

Massachusetts

A pack of cigarettes will cost an extra \$1 if the cigarette tax in-

crease bill is signed into law.

Michigan

State Sen. Mike Bishop announced an initiative, called "Pro-Michigan," to gather Michigan residents' ideas on ways to strengthen and revitalize the state.

Minnesota

Effective July 1, Minnesotans as young as 16 years of age may donate blood, as long as they have parental consent and do not receive compensation.

Mississippi

The state's unemployment rate in May was 6.9 percent, compared to the national unemployment rate of 5.2 percent.

Missouri

Chrysler LLC will lay off 2,400 workers in Fenton after Labor Day.

Montana

Two private conservation groups – the Nature Conservancy and the Trust for Public Land – paid \$510 million for the permanent protection of 500 square miles of forest in northwest Montana.

Nebraska

Nebraska is one of 28 states to accept federal abstinence-only funds.

Nevada

A federal judge delayed enforcement of a new sex offender law, saying he needed to consider the constitutional challenge issued by the American Civil Liberties Union.

New Hampshire

Effective July 2, the Public Service of New Hampshire electric rates for residential customers will increase by 5.7 percent.

New Jersey

Gov. Jon Corzine signed a \$32.9 billion state budget that includes large cuts, then issued an executive order to curb future spending.

New Mexico

Santa Fe police report that a state employee shot to death more than 10 years ago was the victim of a murder-for-hire plot possibly planned by his estranged wife.

New York

Gov. David Paterson gave the Port Authority 90 days to develop realistic timetables and budget estimates for completing the rebuilding at Ground Zero.

North Carolina

Republican gubernatorial candidate Pat McCrory announced his support for off-shore drilling, saying, "IF not here, then where?"

North Dakota

The state Supreme Court reinstated two felony charges against the state's former Workforce Safety and Insurance chief.

Ohio

The Libertarian party has filed a lawsuit against Ohio (and Tennessee) because the state requires more than 20,000 signatures for a minor-party to get on the ballot.

Oklahoma

The George Kaiser Family

Foundation is pledging \$25 million to Tulsa-area colleges. The money will fund faculty endowments.

Oregon

Former Oregon Department of Education employee Brent Crosson will serve two years in federal prison for stealing nearly \$1 million meant for schools.

Pennsylvania

A deal between Gov. Ed Rendell and lawmakers would double the increase in basic education funding in more than half of Pennsylvania's school districts.

Rhode Island

The Board of Governors for Higher Education approved tuition and fee increases at Rhode Island College and the Community College of Rhode Island.

South Carolina

State officials said on June 30 that five counties now face the worst level of drought conditions.

South Dakota

A state law will reduce the cap on the number of alcohol licenses cities and counties may issue.

Tennessee

AT&T Inc. will invest \$400 million in the state, to offer statewide television, Internet and phone services.

Texas

Houston mayor Bill White is considering running for governor in 2010.

Utah

Gov. Jon Huntsman, Jr., is con-

sidering a proposal that would require anyone who wants a Utah concealed-weapons permit and who lives outside the state to be trained within the state.

Vermont

The number of homeless families staying in the state's 22 shelters has risen since 2006, as well as the duration of time for which people are staying in the shelters.

Virginia

Mental health reforms prompted by the Virginia Tech shootings took effect on July 1.

Washington

State prisons are enacting slight procedural changes in order to cut down on environmental damage.

West Virginia

Former Oracle Corporation president Ray Lane was appointed on June 30 to the West Virginia University Board of Governors, which concludes the search for three new board members.

Wisconsin

Despite heavy flooding, Wisconsin farmers can expect to have knee-high corn crops by July 4.

Wyoming

Cheyenne residents Robert and Beverly Holmes have put on a display dedicated to the state's National Guard history.

All stories were gathered from <http://www.stateline.org>, a conglomerate news Web site that gathers major headlines from a variety of news sources.

What's going on in sports?

Spain wins the EURO Cup

Spain won the 2008 EURO Cup by beating Germany 1-0 in the June 29 final in Vienna. It had been 44 years since Spain had won a major championship, the last one being the European Championship in 1964. Fernando Torres scored the only goal of the 33-minute game. Spanish coach Luis Aragones stepped down from his position following the victory.

Team USA named for Olympics

The complete, official Team USA roster has been announced for basketball at the Olympics.

The three point guards are Chris Paul, Jason Kidd and Deron Williams.

The three shooting guards are Kobe Bryant, Dwyane Wade and Michael Redd.

The three small forwards are LeBron James, Carmelo Anthony and Tayshaun Prince.

The two power forwards are Chris Bosh and Carlos Boozer.

The only center on the roster is Dwight Howard. Tyson Chandler is the team's first alternate.

Mike Krzyzewski will coach the team.

Fresno State wins a National Championship

Fresno State was down 5-0 in its first elimination game in the College World Series final, but came back and won that game 19-10. It followed that victory with a 6-1 triumph the next night to win a national championship. Fresno State is the lowest-seeded team to ever win a national championship in baseball.

Williams sisters may meet in Wimbledon finals

Venus and Serena Williams may meet in the finals at Wimbledon for a third time. Both players advanced to the semi-finals in straight sets. Venus defeated Tamarine Tanasugarn 6-4, 6-3, and Serena beat Agnieszka Radwanska 6-4, 6-0. Each will have to win one more time to face each other in the final. This happened in 2002 and 2003. Serena beat her sister for the title both of those years to get her only two Wimbledon wins.

Bonds' baseball almost not in the Hall of Fame

Barry Bonds' record-breaking 756th home run ball almost did not land in the Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, N.Y. Fashion designer Marc Ecko, who purchased the ball on-line for \$752,467 in September, had offered to loan the ball to the Hall. However, all items in the Hall are on permanent display, and the Hall does not accept loaned items. After a series of back-and-forth statements between the Hall and Ecko, Ecko sent the baseball to the Hall with a letter saying the ball is now an unconditional donation.

American League

East	W	L	Pct.	GB	STRK	L10
Tampa Bay	50	32	0.61	-	Won 2	7 to 3
Boston	50	35	0.588	1.5	Lost 3	4 to 6
NY Yankees	44	39	0.53	6.5	Lost 2	4 to 6
Baltimore	41	40	0.506	8.5	Lost 2	4 to 6
Toronto	41	43	0.488	10	Won 3	6 to 4

Central	W	L	Pct.	GB	STRK	L10
Chicago Sox	47	35	0.573	-	Won 5	6 to 4
Minnesota	45	38	0.542	2.5	Lost 1	8 to 2
Detroit	42	40	0.512	5	Won 6	8 to 2
Kansas City	38	45	0.458	9.5	Won 1	7 to 3
Cleveland	37	46	0.446	10.5	Lost 3	4 to 6

West	W	L	Pct.	GB	STRK	L10
LA Angels	49	34	0.59	-	Lost 1	6 to 4
Oakland	45	37	0.549	3.5	Won 1	6 to 4
Texas	43	41	0.512	6.5	Won 2	6 to 4
Seattle	31	51	0.378	17.5	Lost 1	6 to 4

National League

East	W	L	Pct.	GB	STRK	L10
Philadelphia	44	39	0.53	-	Lost 1	2 to 8
Florida	43	39	0.524	0.5	Won 2	4 to 6
NY Mets	40	42	0.488	3.5	Lost 1	4 to 6
Atlanta	40	43	0.482	4	Lost 2	4 to 6
Washington	33	51	0.393	11.5	Lost 1	4 to 6

Central	W	L	Pct.	GB	STRK	L10
Chicago Cubs	50	33	0.602	-	Won 1	5 to 5
St. Louis	48	36	0.571	2.5	Won 3	6 to 4
Milwaukee	44	38	0.537	5.5	Lost 2	5 to 5
Houston	40	43	0.482	10	Won 3	7 to 3
Cincinnati	39	45	0.464	11.5	Won 3	6 to 4
Pittsburgh	38	44	0.463	11.5	Lost 2	4 to 6

West	W	L	Pct.	GB	STRK	L10
Arizona	42	41	0.506	-	Won 1	3 to 7
LA Dodgers	38	44	0.463	3.5	Lost 2	4 to 6
San Francisco	36	47	0.434	6	Lost 1	5 to 5
San Diego	33	51	0.393	9.5	Won 1	2 to 8
Colorado	32	51	0.386	10	Lost 8	1 to 9

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We like what you write, draw, cook, photograph and anything else that is publishable on paper.

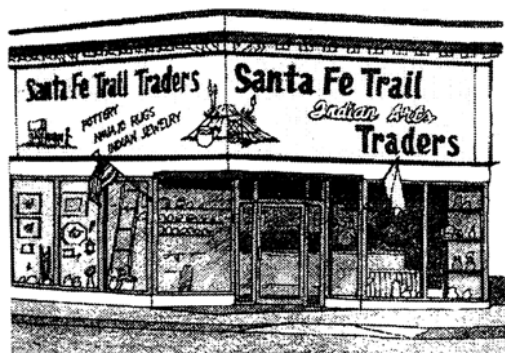
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Words of wisdom from the wranglers

The Manly Men of Crater Lake are on break for this issue, as the wranglers are instead providing their infinite wisdom/advice. The Crater boys will be back next week, so stay tuned!

Q: What's the best way to ride a horse bare-back? – *Saddle-less*

A: Don't let the bosses catch you.

Q: How much wood would a wood chuck chuck? – *Rancher Woodchuck*

A: About as much ground as a groundhog could grind if a groundhog could grind ground.

Q: Why are your belt buckles so big? – *Curious staffer*

A: Then you don't need a mess kit.

Q: What is the best rodeo event, and why? – *Wannabe rodeo junkie*

A: Bull riding... chicks dig scars. Ride bulls, break horses, meet nurses.

Q: How do you get over being saddle-sore? – *Sore staffer*

A: We cowboy up; we don't hire no charlie alphas.

Q: Are male wranglers only attracted to female male wranglers? – *Female staffer searching for a dusty man in chaps and cowboy hat*

A: Are you kidding? Have you seen our male wranglers?!

Q: The Rangers always say that Waite Phillips had a herd of zebras. Is this true, and if so, where are they kept? – *First-year staffer*

A: Where do you guys get this stuff?

Q: What's the best way to pick up a female wrangler?

– *Weak male staffer*

A: Our female wranglers have high standards, buddy. Go to another department.

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

Tell us your troubles!

The wise and compassionate men at Crater Lake are anxiously waiting to help you. I-camp your questions to the News & Photo Service to get answers and have your problems spread all over the Ranch.

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by the staff at Miner's Park?

10-Duran Duran – what's your location?

10-the Cure – medical

10-aha – equals 10-4

A – Access fund

B – Black Diamond

C – Cams

D – Dyno

E – Everest

F – Five Ten

G – Gri Gri

H – Hardwear

I – Intense

J – Joshua tree

K – King lines

L – LaSportiva

M – Metolins

N – North Face

10-flock of seagulls – what's the weather?

10-Depeche mode – what time is it?

10-Dio – Fire

10-INXS – message

10-Rush – get home fast

O – Omega

P – Petzl

Q – Quick Draw

R – Revolution

S – Scarpa

T – Trango

U – Urban Climber

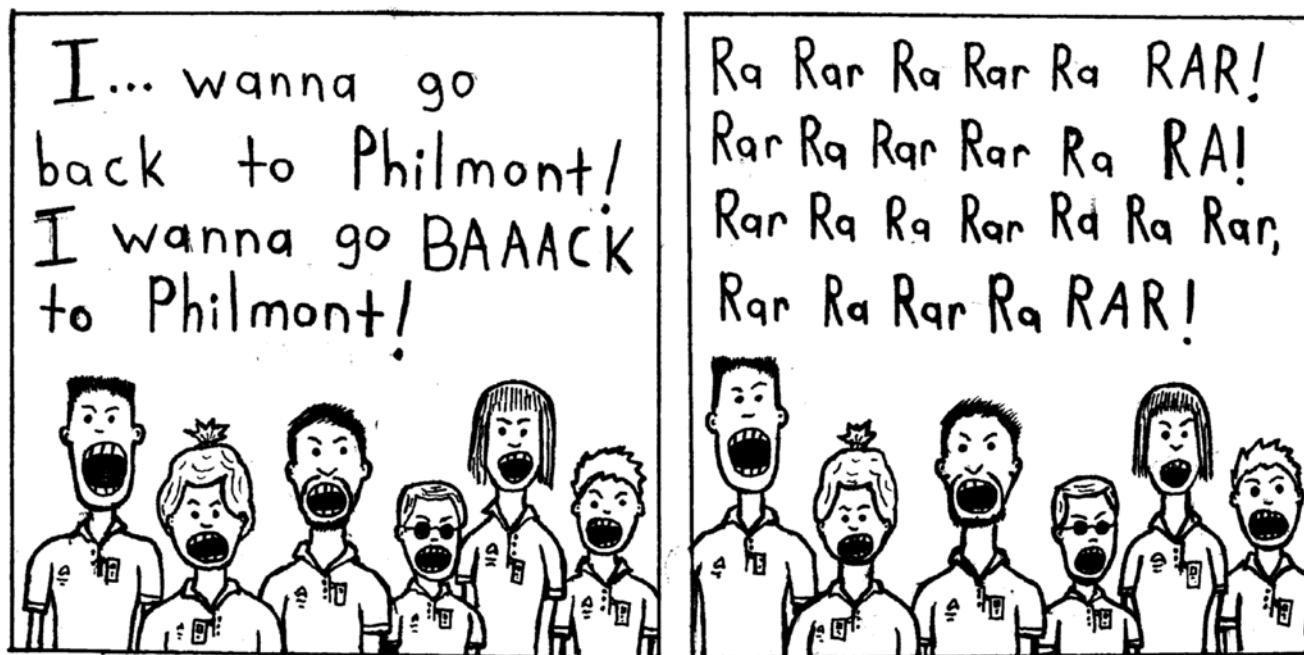
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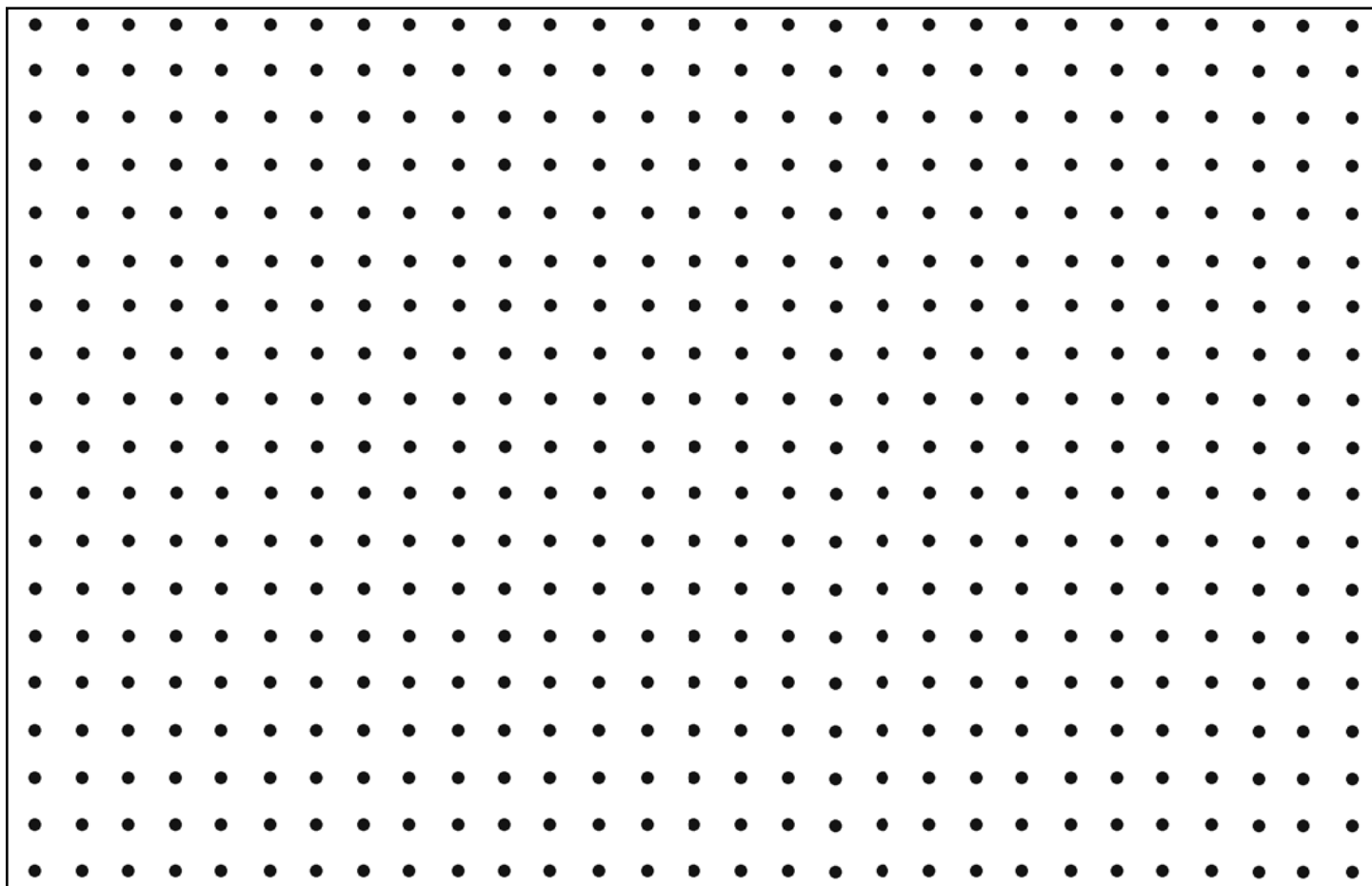
Z – Zen



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Take turns with your opponent by connecting one pair of dots with a horizontal or vertical line. Try to be the one to close each square with the fourth side. If you close a square, you get another turn. Mark the squares you make with your initials, because whoever has the most at the end wins. Good luck!





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Level: Hard

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CHQ Activities and CT Calendar

Friday (July 4)	NO PLANNED ACTIVITY
Saturday (July 5)	Basketball (8 p.m., <i>basketball courts</i>) Leave No Trace CT (6 p.m., <i>in Ranger Office</i>)
Sunday (July 6)	Ice cream (8 p.m., <i>outside staff lounge</i>) Conflict Resolution CT (6 p.m., <i>in Ranger Office</i>)
Monday (July 7)	Move night (8 p.m., <i>in Advisors' Meeting Room</i>)
Tuesday (July 8)	Brats! (11 a.m.-1 p.m., <i>outside staff lounge</i>) Conflict Resolution CT (6 p.m., <i>in Ranger Office</i>)
Wednesday (July 9)	5K Run (5 p.m., <i>starts outside staff lounge</i>)
Thursday (July 10)	Bingo (8 p.m., <i>outside staff lounge</i>)
Friday (July 11)	Beach night (8 p.m., <i>volleyball courts</i>)

PTC Evening Schedule (LDS Week)

Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Opening program 7:15 p.m.	No events <i>scheduled</i>	No events <i>scheduled</i>	Movie night 7 p.m. Cracker barrel 8:15 p.m.	Western night 5:30 p.m.	Closing program 7:30 p.m.	No events <i>scheduled</i>

CT Information

CTs (Continuing Training) are held at the Ranger Office. They are open to any staffer who wishes to attend, and are not restricted to the Ranger department.

This week, refer to the Ranger Office or the various flyers for information about specific CTs.

Don't forget!

This Friday is the Fourth of July! Cimarron will hold its annual Maverick Club Rodeo, and there will be a fireworks show at Eagle Nest near the lake.

Please do the smart thing and be safe. New Mexico alcohol policies are listed on pg. 9.

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Send us content via I-camp, at the News & Photo Service office or via e-mail (philmont-nps@netbsa.org). All content must be turned in by **Monday at 5 p.m.** in order to appear in that Friday's issue. We look forward to hearing from you!