# **Opening up the hog line**

Ben and Jerry have been fishing buddies for years. Jerry invites Ben to join him and a co-worker for a day in a hog line on Oregon's Willamette River. Ben had heard pretty wild stories about incidents related to those crowded lines of boaters, stricken with "springer fever."

This would be a new angling experience. In his wildest dreams, Ben couldn't have imagined what was ahead.

Jerry assures Ben his buddy, Marv, is an experienced boater having logged numerous hours in said hog lines.

Mary is in his late 60s, early 70s. A pleasant sort with those steely, blue, gunfighter eyes. His craft is a heavy, deep Veehull with a 200hp V6 power plant. He has years of experience boating ocean and rivers.

They are easing across the Willamette before first light. Marv expertly drops the



heavy river anchor some 100 feet upriver from the dark forms of anchored boats in a

Jerry feeds out anchor rope, Mary expertly backs the boat into a small opening between two boats. Jerry is impressed.

Lines are set out and the threesome settle back to enjoy a cup of coffee, relax, and wait for a biter to come along. More boats arrive and squeeze into the line until 2/3 of the river is covered.

"Catching" is slow as is typical of springer fishing. Suddenly, Ben's rod pumps wildly toward the river surface. "Fish ON."

Mary releases from the anchor rope and float. The current and powerful fish pull them downstream. After a lengthy battle, covering 200 yards or so, a mint-bright, 22-pounder comes to the net. They are off to a great start.

They motor back upriver, to move into their spot, to find a huge, burly guy-smoking a big cigar-in an old wooden boat, sitting in their spot. As they draw near, he stands up and yells, "Leave this hog line, you don't get back in."

Those gunfighter turned to ice in a matter of

Mary moves the boat in close. He wants to make sure the guy understands him. "I'm going down there about 100 yards, and turn these 200



Friends Ben and Jerry recently went fishing in a hog line on the Willamette River for the first

horses loose. Come back up here, you're still in my spot, I'm going to cut that piece of crap you're standing in, in half." Marv drops back a few yards and gives her full throttle, sending a rooster tail of water 30 feet in the air. About 100 yards downstream he does a sharp U-turn and opens up the throttle.

The bow of the big aluminum craft slices the heavy river current like a surgeon's

After Hillsboro scored the

scalpel. Ben and Jerry are frantically trying to climb into life jackets and brace for impact.

Thirty yards from the hog line, and there is a spot wide enough to accommodate a small oceanliner.

Ben hooks up to the float and they settle back into the spot, lines are set again. River current bubbling past boats is the only sound in the air. Anglers on each side have conveniently found maintenance

Riley had two hits each. Hills-

boro's Billy Endris hit the only

home run, a solo shot in the

ning pitcher in relief. Rain de-

the third inning drove in Billy

Kendry Melo was the win-

that needs to be done on their

No one wants to engage the cold stare of those steel

Ben never tried fishing a hog line again. Seems he read an Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife report that anglers spend 99 hours fishing for each springer landed. Figures he spent at least 99 hours out there on that cold April day.

Endris, who had doubled. The

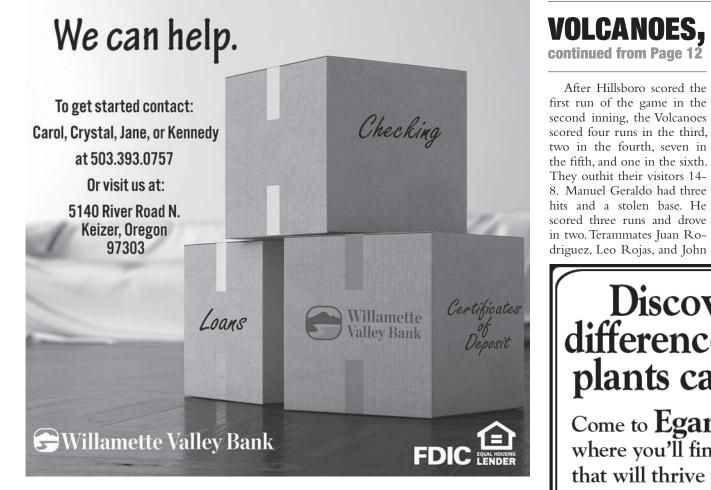
Volcanoes tied the score in that inning as Ashford Fulmer,

who had walked, came home

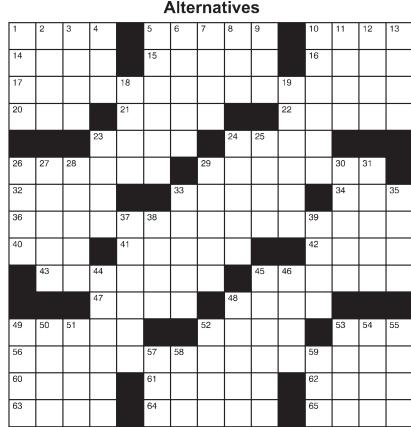
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fielder Billy Embris.

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#### layed the start of the game by The Volcanoes' big inning about an hour and a half. was the six-run fifth. They had June 19: Volcanoes 11, five hits, including doubles by Kevin Rivera and Chase Hillsboro 2

Salem-Keizer bats stayed Compton. The Hops helped their hosts with two errors hot, giving the Volcanoes a series win in their first home and two wild pitches. stand of the year. Hillsboro Cesar Yanez was the winscored the first run as a single ning pitcher in relief of Raffi by Marcus Wilson in the top of Vizcaino

### June 20: Volcanoes 7, Boise 2

A Volcano victory in the first road game of the season gave Salem-Keizer a threegame winning streak.

The game was tied 1-1 until the eighth inning, when the Volcanoes scored six runs. Three one-out singles and a double by John Riley brought Manuel Geraldo and Juan Rodriguez home. A wild pitch scored Zack Bowers, and Gustavo Cabrera was hit by a pitch. Riley scored as Ashton Fulmer reached first base on an error. Kevin Rivera doubled Cabrera and Fulmer home.

Starter Melvin Adon allowed only one run, which was unearned, in his six innings. Caleb Simpson pitched the next two innings to get the win. Rayan Hernandez pitched the ninth.

### June 21: Boise 4, Volcanoes 2

The host Hawks evened the series, letting Salem-Keizer catch up with for a 2-2 score in the middle of the third inning but scoring the remaining two runs of the game.

The last score was a basesempty home run by Boise's Bobby Stahel in the eighth inning. Each club had eight hits, but the Hawks put theirs together better.

