



**ELVIS WAS SIGHTED** flying to Mexico on Frontier last week. In fact, 13 replicas of The King made their way to Cabo San Lucas for a few days in the sun.

— Herald staff photo by Steve Haynes

## Elvis last seen in Cabo San Lucas

I was ready for my vacation. It's the only one I take all year.

Those who work with me will raise their eyebrows, but it's true. I travel a lot, but I always take my computer and spend half the time writing, editing or setting up special features.

This one week a year, however, we go to Mexico, to the resort in Cabo San Lucas, where we have a time share. The resort has two telephones — both at the front desk — and two televisions — both in the clubhouse.

It is impossible for me to work there. The only thing I can do is sit in the hot tub, sunbathe, eat, drink, sleep and read. It's great.

This year, the trip started off a little strangely.

Steve spent a week in North Africa, and while he was gone I got Montezuma's revenge so bad I was in the hospital for a short time. I had to check myself out of the hospital Sunday afternoon so I could drive to Denver to pick him up. We spent the night there and drove home Monday. He spent Tuesday washing his clothes and I helped put out *The Norton Telegram*. Tuesday night, we drove back to Denver so we could catch our plane Wednesday morning.

Our direct flight from Denver to San Jose — the airport for Cabo San Lucas — was full of Gringo tourists headed for fun in the sun. Among them were 13 Elvises — one dozen guys dressed in white jumpsuits and one guy in a black jumpsuit. They took up more than two rows of the aircraft.

It turned out that they were a bachelor party. I assume the guy in black was the groom. They spent three days at the same resort we did, but none of them was the real Elvis. We know this because they all got drunk and tried to sing "Hound Dog." None of them could sing. The King was probably turning over in his grave or wherever.

We have been going to Mexico for about a dozen years now, and this was only the second time it was chilly. Not cold, just chilly. But, when you pack shorts, T-shirts and swim suits, chilly can be pretty cool.



## Open Season

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Since this was the second time, we had been wise enough to toss in our jeans and a sweatshirt each. Of course, after seven days of wearing those in a place with no laundry facilities, they were pretty grungy.

Still, the hot tub was wonderful and I got a lot of reading done. We didn't walk on the beach as much as usual, but we walked around the town and watched the other tourists. None of them were as interesting as the ones back at the resort.

We didn't do much sunbathing, but we did get to watch the big cruise ships maneuver into port.

We spent one day fishing. We love to fish in Cabo, and found a couple of retired pilots to share a boat with. In years past, we have caught dorado (mahi-mahi) and tuna. Last year we didn't even catch a cold, but we had high hopes for this trip and we weren't disappointed.

After about three hours of running around on the Sea of Cortez and getting one bite of something that got away, we were slightly bored. Then we got a strike. Steve took the pole and reeled like heck, only to see the line go out faster than it had come in. Then it broke the water — a marlin, the king of sport fish.

It took Steve about 40 minutes to land a 150-180 pound fish that I es-

timated to be about five foot long. Estimate is all I could do, since we never took him out of the water. It's legal to take the marlin home, have him stuffed or have him for dinner, but it's considered better form to let them go.

The first mate spent about 10 minutes holding the fish behind the boat's wake to make sure he was breathing and swimming well before letting him go.

Over the next three hours, we caught two more marlin, allowing each to go on his way after making sure he wasn't injured by his acrobatics, the wild ride or the large hook stuck in his jaw. Each of the pilots took a turn at catching a fish and we took lots of photos.

We sailed home with three marlin flags, plus three catch-and-release flags, flying from our rigging. We were the only three-marlin boat in the harbor.

The guys said thanks for letting them catch the fish. I wasn't unhappy. I had gotten to watch the action as well as see whales, dolphins and sea lions, and I was the only one who didn't complain of shoulder and arm pain the next day.

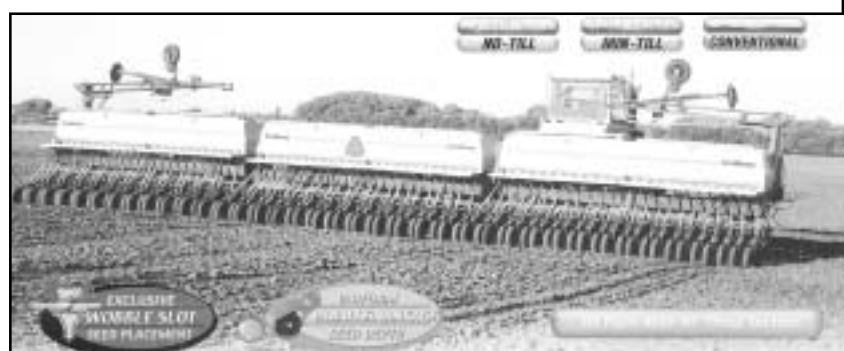
Now when Steve puts his arms their full distance apart and says it was thiiiiisss big, we've got pictures to prove it.



**A STRIPED MARLIN** came out of the water after being hooked.

— Photo by Cynthia Haynes

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All are invited to the first annual Cover Your Acres Winter Conference. Producers will be able to learn about new production techniques, talk with people who have experience with these systems, and view the latest equipment and technology which can improve their farming operation. This conference is designed to be a venue for producers, private industry, and university specialists to exchange ideas about production in the High Plains. CEU credits for CCAs will be applied for appropriate sessions.

Time	Session 1	Session 2	Session 3
8:00 - 8:30 a.m.	Registration and coffee in sponsor displays (machinery, equipment, and information from industry)		
8:30 - 8:50	Welcome		
8:55 - 9:45	Irrigated Strip-till	Crop Water Use Requirements	Cover Your Acre Results
9:50 - 10:40	Dryland Strip-till	Crop Insurance	No-till wheat research
10:45 - 11:35	Stripe Rust Management in Wheat	Barley Production	Global Positioning System
11:40 - 1:10	Meal and view displays of sponsors (machinery, equipment, and information from industry)		
1:15 - 2:05	Benefits of No-till production for summer and wheat crops	Irrigated Strip-till	Barley Production
2:10 - 3:00	No-till wheat research	Dryland Strip-till	Stripe Rust Management in Wheat
3:05 - 3:55	No-till drill performance	Sunflower Production	Crop Water Use Requirements
4:00 - 4:50	<b>Bringing It All Together</b> -No-till wheat farmer panel discussion	<b>Bringing It All Together</b> -Strip-till discussion with industry agronomists	Crop Insurance
5:00 - 7:00	Refreshment and Bull Session in equipment display area sponsored by private industry		

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