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Hunting for hidden 'treasure'

Geocaching is
a fun way to
explore nature

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Nine-year-old Karson Hinrichs seemed like he was looking for a needle in a sagebrush in the vast desert hills near Bonneville Point, east of Boise.

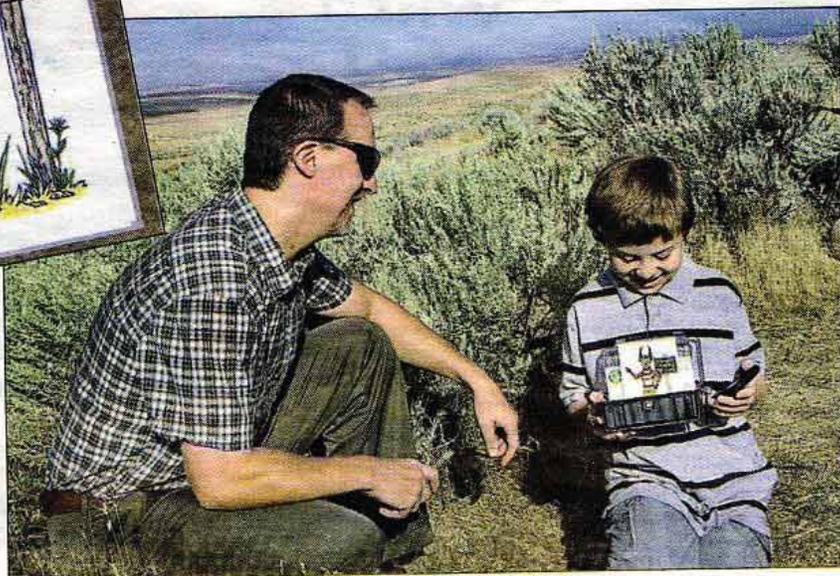
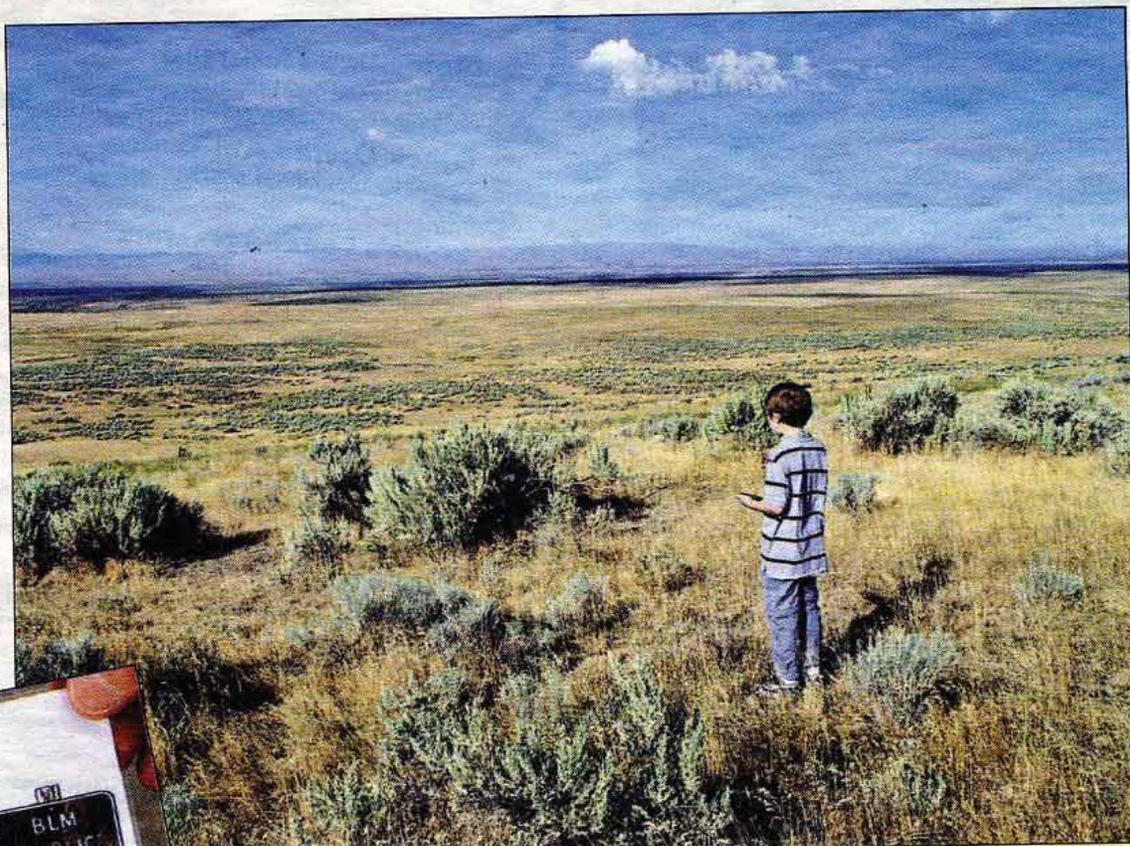
Actually, he knew exactly what he was doing carrying his cell-phone-equipped GPS.

"It's about 12 feet away," Karson said, picking up his pace. "Here it is."

Karson and his family were geocaching on U.S. Bureau of Land Management terrain and participating in the agency's new geocaching program, which was introduced in late August.

Geocaching is an outdoor adventure game in which participants use a global positioning system to find caches hidden in the mountains, deserts, forests and practically anywhere.

When the caches or containers, called geocaches, are found, geo-



Above: There's a lot of terrain out there, but Karson Hinrichs is determined with his GPS to zero in on a BLM geocache near Bonneville Point east of Boise.

Left: Karson and his dad, Kurt Hinrichs, check out a BLM geocache they found in sagebrush near Bonneville Point.

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