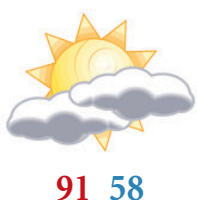


**TODAY'S QUICK 'CAST**  
Very warm, with isolated thunderstorms  
**TOMORROW**  
More thunderstorms.  
High of 87; low of 58.  
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**BUSINESS, C3**  
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Man sells NASA invention



**LIFE, C1**  
**BAG LADIES**  
Sisters find, refurbish, sell an array of funky retro purses



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## IN THE NEWS

### World economy on the rebound

WASHINGTON — Turnabouts in European and Asian economies, along with recent gains in the U.S., are raising hopes that the worldwide recession is drawing to a close. That's not to say the coast is clear.

The brightening outlook in Europe and Asia and the improvement in U.S. credit markets and indicators reflect heavy government stimulus spending. Many analysts question whether the top economies can sustain recoveries after stimulus measures and easy-credit policies have run their course — and in the absence of significant new consumer spending, especially among Americans.

"It's not clear that these economies can continue to move forward without stimulus," said Mark Zandi, chief economist for Moody's Economy.com.

MORE BUSINESS, C3



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Dr. Luis Obando prepares to perform a root canal on Bill Jones of Texas in San Jose, Costa Rica.

### Health insurers explore savings in overseas care

As Washington searches for ways to tame the country's escalating health-care costs, more insurers are offering networks of surgeons and dentists in places like India and Costa Rica, where costs can be as much as 80 percent less than in America. Until recently, most Americans traveling abroad for cheaper non-emergency medical care were either uninsured or wealthy. But the profile of medical tourists is changing. Now they are more likely to be people covered by private insurers, which are looking to keep costs from spiraling out of control.

FULL STORY, D1

### Two charter schools start class Monday

Two charter schools in the St. Vrain Valley School District will begin classes Monday. Carbon Valley Academy at 4040 Coriolis Way, Frederick, and Imagine Charter School at Firestone, 5753 Twilight Ave., Firestone, start the school year this week. Twin Peaks Charter Academy, 340 S. Sunset St., and Flagstaff Academy, 2040 Miller Drive, both in Longmont, will begin the school year Wednesday. Both schools are in new locations in the city. St. Vrain Community Montessori School, 1055 Delaware Ave., Longmont, will start its first year of classes Aug. 31.

Times-Call staff and wire reports

## No more clunkers

### Longmont dealerships wrap up trade-in program

By Scott Rochat  
Longmont Times-Call

LONGMONT — If you were planning on getting some cash for that clunker, better call your dealer first.

As of the end of Saturday,

several Longmont car dealers had closed out the popular "cash for clunkers" program. That gives them time to get the paperwork in to Washington before the feds' 5 p.m. Monday deadline.

"We figured we had a good

run, so we'll get everything in and be ahead of the mad rush," said sales manager Marty Sadlo of Frontier Honda, whose lot moved 75 vehicles as part of the program before ending its

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Courtesy Mazda manager Kelly Frank displays his dealership's "cash for clunkers" paperwork Saturday.

## Grow local; sell local



Lewis Geyer/Times-Call

Will Baca tills soil to plant red beets on Mike Gilliland's organic farm Aug. 13. The farm plans to sell its produce in the Boulder and new Longmont Sunflower Markets.

By Rachel Carter  
Longmont Times-Call

LONGMONT — Mike Gilliland first tried farming about 20 years ago. Turns out, farming is hard.

He recounted how an impending frost forced him to pick squash at 3 a.m. with only headlights to illuminate the emergency harvest.

"We kind of made a half-hearted attempt at farming and found

### Sunflower Farmers Market CEO also is a Sunflower farmer

out it was a lot harder than I thought," Gilliland said with a laugh.

But he's ready to give it another go.

The founder and chief executive

officer of Sunflower Farmers Market stood in the middle of his new farm last week, watching several workers plow the field and tend to the vegetables — produce he plans to sell in his Boulder and soon-to-be-built Longmont stores.

Last fall, Gilliland bought 40 acres on 63rd Street west of Longmont, just 4 miles north of the land he tried farming nearly 20

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## Tour de Cure hits the bikes for diabetes

By Scott Rochat  
Longmont Times-Call

LONGMONT — The sun was barely up and the diabetes riders were already out.

"This way we're done before it's totally the heat of the day," a grinning Mari Ruddy of Denver said as she readied her bicycle at about 5:45 a.m. at the Boulder County Fairgrounds. "It's kind of exciting to start this early."

All together, more than 2,200 cyclists would take part in Saturday's Tour de Cure Colorado, the annual fundraiser for the American Dia-



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The 2009 Paralympics World Championship cycling team leads off the 32 mile route of the 2009 Tour de Cure at the Boulder County Fairgrounds on Saturday.

betes Association. Last year's run raised about \$690,000; this year's was closing in on \$800,000 by race day.

With follow-up fundraising in

September, event chairman David Munoz said, the event might even hit its \$1 million goal — no small

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## Girl's ear bit at park

By Scott Rochat  
Longmont Times-Call

LONGMONT — A 13-year-old had a piece of her right ear bitten off Friday night while struggling with an older girl in Carr Park.

Longmont police said they are still investigating the case and that no arrests have been made. The incident happened a little after 7:30 p.m.

According to the mother of the 13-year-old, her daughter and son were walking home when four other kids approached them. She said one

Please see **EAR** on A6

## Greenway trail will connect to Sandstone

By Rachel Carter  
Longmont Times-Call

LONGMONT — Crews installed a 150-foot pedestrian bridge Thursday over the St. Vrain River to connect the St. Vrain Greenway trail to Sandstone Ranch.

"This is the big connection we've all been waiting for to Sandstone," said Paula Fitzgerald, Longmont's parks and open space project manager.

Workers brought in the three bridge sections on trucks Wednesday night, then began moving them into position along the river banks early Thursday morning. By midday, crews were lifting them into place with a crane.

But even with the bridge in place, the new stretch of the greenway trail won't open until early December, Fitzgerald said. The new section of greenway trail starts where

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A portion of the 150-foot pedestrian bridge spanning the St. Vrain River at Sandstone Ranch Park is lifted into place Thursday.

# GREENWAY: Connection

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the trail now ends — just west of 119th Street — and will run a rough course along the river for 2½ miles to the east.

Already, crews have built an underpass at 119th Street and are building another to duck under County Line Road, Fitzgerald said.

None of the money for the \$1.4 million project is coming from the city's general fund.

The city has a \$500,000 grant from Great Outdoors Colorado and is getting some money (as much as \$300,000, or half the cost of building a box culvert at County Line Road) from the Boulder County transportation sales tax.

The rest is from Longmont's share of state lottery dollars, Fitzgerald said —

which is good, given the city's current budget struggles.

"It really helps to have a separate pot of money," she said.

The new section of trail won't open to the public until crews complete construction, which likely will be in early December, Fitzgerald said.

She said the city's master plan ultimately calls for extending the trail east to the city's old landfill — Longmont's first open space purchase, known as Boulder Creek Estates, near Weld County Road 7.

On the other side of the city, the trail will eventually extend west past Airport Road. From there, Boulder County plans to build a connection to Lyons, Fitzgerald said.

# FARMER: Wants to give tours, teach

From A1

On the new property, he will grow vegetables and fruit and harvest honey. He also envisions people taking classes in organic farming or school children taking tours, and everyone learning something new.

"It will be a cool learning farm, a demonstration farm," he said.

Gilliland's property also is certified organic, a certification that wasn't terribly difficult to get because the land hasn't been farmed in decades, he said.

This year, only 2 acres are planted with tomatoes, carrots, onions, radishes and basil.

"We're really doing a huge variety this year, not because it's practical, but to see what thrives there," Gilliland said.

Next year, he and his farm manager plan to plow under another 10 acres and plant watermelon, squash, corn and pumpkins. This

fall, crews will build a greenhouse to grow seedlings to plant next spring.

He also has about 40 fruit trees in a small orchard that will bear pears, plums and apricots.

The farm also has two sheep — Olive and Iris — and beehives that Gilliland bought a few months ago. (He picked up the hives himself, driving back with, oh, about 10,000 bees in his car.)

There is an outbuilding that will become the packing shed where workers will clean and pack produce to take to the Boulder and Longmont stores.

Much like at roadside produce stands, Gilliland wants to set up tables in the Boulder and Longmont Sunflower stores to sell his local, organic produce. Even the honey.

"We're never going to make a lot of money out here, but it's a tie-in to the stores," he said. "We want to kind of feature it and show that we get our hands dirty."

Eventually, Gilliland hopes to also have solar panels and wind turbines generating power on the property.

Although Sunflower has several stores in Arizona, New Mexico, Nevada, Texas and Utah, the Colorado stores are special to Gilliland, a longtime local who co-founded Wild Oats in Boulder in the 1980s before



Lewis Geyer/Times-Call

Mike Gilliland's farm will be selling its organic produce in the Boulder and new Longmont Sunflower Farmers Markets.

starting Sunflower Farmers Markets in 2002.

"Colorado people are hip to what we're doing," he said.

But with the retail and financial markets hampering development, Gilliland was a little worried that the Longmont store — to be built just north of Home Depot on Hover Street — might not happen.

He recently got confirmation from the developer, National Real Estate Services, that crews will break ground in October, he said. The company submitted the grading and site engineering plans to the city last month, according to Rich Gebele, a principal and broker with National Real Estate Services.

Gilliland expects to open the Longmont store early

next summer.

The Fairgrounds Marketplace development (it's across the street from the Boulder County Fairgrounds) will be built in two phases.

The first phase of construction will include 50,000 square feet; about 26,000 square feet will be for the Sunflower store, according to Matthew Henrichs with CB Richard Ellis. So, Henrichs said, the project still has room for more tenants.

The second phase will include about 180,000 square feet for retail stores and restaurants, but the timing of the second phase depends on when tenants sign up for the project, Gebele has said.

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Numerous voices are griping about the government being in control of this company or that. The choice was government or gone. Is that what the whiners prefer? Gone? What's so appealing about the year 1931 anyway? None of the complainers can even remember that year.

**Government-run health care**

Just a thought: If government-run health-care programs are so great, then why is Medicare running out of money, No. 1? And No. 2, why do Medicare recipients need to have supplemental insurance just to pay for their medical procedures? Is it because Medicare doesn't cover

everything?

**Social Security and Medicare**

Gosh, I didn't know that Social Security and Medicare were in the U.S. Constitution. It must be so, because I'll just bet the gentleman pictured on the front page Friday collects one or both of these programs.



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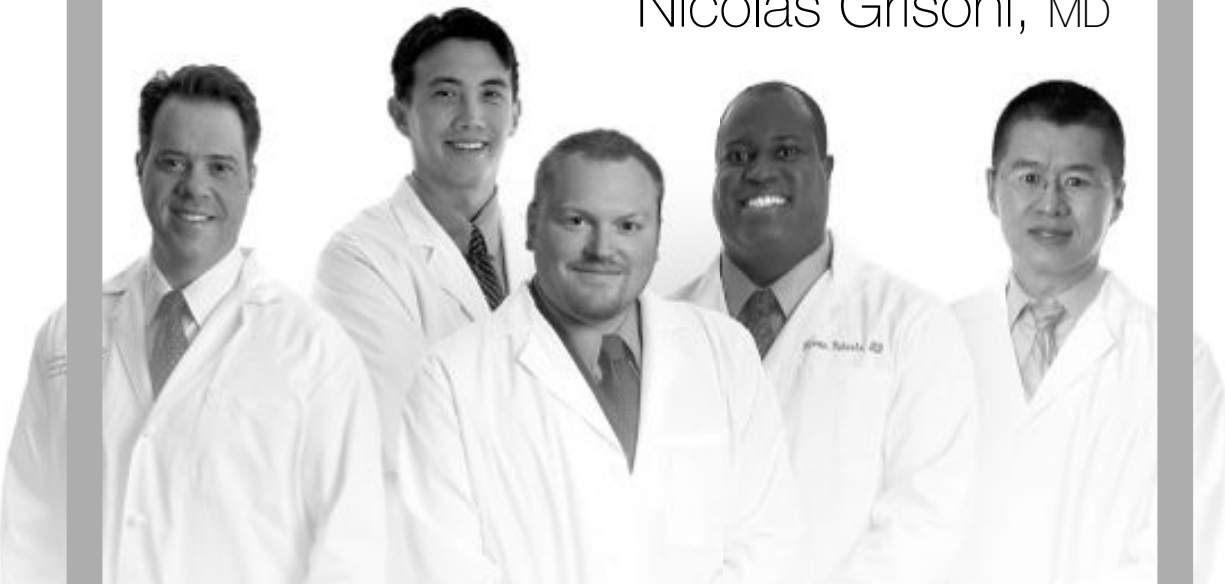
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