Man hunt marks end of season

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Daily News The hustle and bustle of tax season ended Monday, and the Goodland accounting firm of Kennedy and Coe decided to relieve the tension with a scavenger hunt for real people.

Two people burst through the doors of The Goodland Daily News about 4:30 p.m. and said they were looking for a reporter.

Kennedy and Coe staffers Rue Sowers and Barb Bedore approached the sports desk where I was working on the computer and asked if I would come with them.

"We are supposed to bring a reporter," Sowers said. "You are worth 50 points.'

I said yes. They were elated and said they would be back to collect me about 5:20 p.m

At the appointed time, Sowers came back to get me, and I joined the other prizes in the car with the excited team members, Sarah Townsend and Roberta Normandin.

Heading up Main Street, they spotted Mark Jenkins, owner of the car wash, and stopped to get his picture worth 10 points — and a token worth 5 — as the last stop before returning to the office to check in before the 5:30 p.m. deadline.

The team was excited about the items and pictures they had collected in the hour that had been given. And they were the first of the three teams to arrive.

Checking in the prizes were Sandra Trachsel, Amber Leudke, Wilma Pfhannenstiel and Michelle Shoff, the committee responsible for the lists.

Everybody seemed surprised that the team had collected a reporter, but it seemed tame compared to some of the items on the list. Besides the photo with Jenkins, the team had pictures of team members handcuffed by an on-duty police officer (20 points), kissing a cow (20), wearing a brown paper bag at the checkout at Wal-Mart (15), doing a pyramid in the Cowboy Loop parking lot (10), and hanging upside down on monkey bars (10).

value were one of the team by the sign a toilet seat (5); a daddy long legs spi-15."



On Monday, Kennedy and Coe employees celebrated the end of tax season with a scavenger hunt. Michelle Shoff (right) checked in items brought into the office by team members Barb Abbott, Angie Winter and Linda Rummel (left to right). Photo by Tom Betz/The Goodland Daily News

on I-70 that says "Welcome to Color- der (10), a cow patty (10), a garter belt ful Colorado" (40 points), and the top one, a picture of a member wearing only her birthday suit in a swimming Loop (5). pool (75 points). Another fun one was getting Danny Finley, Terry Pfannenstiel and Danny Archer at Finley Motors to do "a chorus line." (30).

points, including the 50 for the reporter team. - they had the pool picture, too.

Among the pictures with the highest to collect were a doctor's signature (5),

(5), a pair of thongs (foot wear) (15), and an empty pizza box from Cowboy

None of the teams collected everything, but two did make the trip to the state line and one team had someone in a pool.

There were refreshments and food The first team came in with 285 for everyone and prizes for the winning

"We always try to celebrate at the Among the smaller items they were end of the tax season," Trachsel said. "We celebrate on March 1 and April

China says Bush's tone has changed

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stance is that the flights are legal and that China, itself, conducts aerial reconnaissance in the region.

China's state-run media reported the talks were to continue Thursday.

The two sides laid out their positions, with Beijing still holding the U.S. side "entirely responsible" for the April 1 collision of an American spy plane and a Chinese fighter jet over the South China Sea, the staterun television reported.

The American plane is believed to remain at the Hainan island air base where it made an emergency landing after the collision. Satellite photos indicate China is examining the \$80 million aircraft's high-tech listening devices and other electronics.

The plane's 24-member crew was held for 11 days on Hainan island before being released. The talks are part of a settlement that prompted China to release the crew.

The United States and China have given conflicting accounts of the

collision. Chinese officials accused the U.S. pilot of ramming the fighter, while Washington says the nimbler Chinese jet accidentally struck the larger American plane.

China released the U.S. fliers after Washington said it regretted the incident. Some Chinese were angry that the United States was not forced to make more concessions.

The Chinese fighter pilot, Lt. Cmdr. Wang Wei, is presumed dead after China's military on Saturday called off an intensive search.

Chinese leaders have praised Wang as a "revolutionary martyr" and "guardian of the air and sea."

Two Chinese men staged a brief protest after the Americans left the Foreign Ministry talks on Wednesday.

One man held up a model of the Chinese F-8 fighter jet involved in the crash. The other held up a piece of paper that said, "There's a limit to boasting; give arrogance a rest." Guards confiscated the paper but did not detain the men.

plane's crew, U.S. officials have questioned China's version of events and criticized its handling of the incident.

The tougher line angered many in Beijing. A front-page editorial in the main Communist Party newspaper, the People's Daily, mocked the change in Bush's tone, which it said began "as soon as he learned the American crew members had touched down in Honolulu."

Military officials dominate the eight-member American team, which is headed by Deputy Undersecretary of Defense Peter F. Verga. Six members are military officers or Defense Department officials, the U.S. Embassy said.

The team includes an expert on the EP-3E and Army Brig. Gen. Neal Sealock, the U.S. Embassy military attache. Sealock was the chief contact for the spy plane crew members during their captivity.

They met with a delegation led by Lu Shimin, director-general of the Foreign Ministry's North American and Oceanic Affairs Department, and military officials.

Since the release last week of the spy

House leaders stick to no tax increase

proved spending \$6.5 million - rep-

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payments to pay for in-home services for the elderly and disabled, though not the same amounts.

The two proposals differ dramatically in the effects on individual agencies and whether they would increase taxes. The Senate plan would raise taxes for out-ofstate insurance companies by \$10 million, while House leaders stuck to their pledge not to advocate a tax increase.

Wilk acknowledged that some agencies - the Board of Regents and Department of Corrections in particular won't care for the House proposal.

Rep. Rocky Nichols, of Topeka, the ranking Democrat on the Appropriations Committee, said: "It is definitely a work in progress."

members stressed that in many case the cuts from spending already a proved for fiscal year 2002 don't me that agencies necessarily will recei less than in their current budgets.

They insisted their higher educati



proposals — which trim already ap- \$15.6 million for higher education.

But that's not the amount the Board of resented a commitment to state univer- Regents expected, and the House plan sities, community colleges and voca- would break a promise higher education tional-technical schools. That's be- officials felt legislators made when they cause their plan still includes an extra reorganized the higher education system.

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Technical college gets new president

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held leadership positions. He is very familiar with the legislative process. We believe he'll be able to step right in and continue the college's traditions.'

Clouse said college status will mean changes to the institution's class and grade structure.

ege will have to switch to a credit system — instead of only counting the amount of time a student spends in class — and change its transcripts to a format other colleges and universities will accept. The board wants to evaluate existing programs. Clouse said, to find areas where the college can expand, and is

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considering adding new programs. The technical college now has 13 programs, ranging from medical assistant to truck and tractor diesel mechanic.

programs, Clouse said, adding he'll help find it.

"The number one thing a college is always dependent upon is finances to have a lot more on his mind than the He said Goodland's technical col- support growth," he said. "I will help technical college. generate that money by seeking state financial support." Money is important, but Clouse said his philosophy is that students should be a college's number one priority.

shortly after the college opened in 1964, said he has known Clouse for more than 10 years and thinks of him as a "very capable" president.

"I feel comfortable," said Keirns, It will take money to expand or add "knowing that with Ken Clouse as president of the technical college, we will continue to move forward.'

For once, Keirns said, he's going to

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Keirns, who took over as president

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