

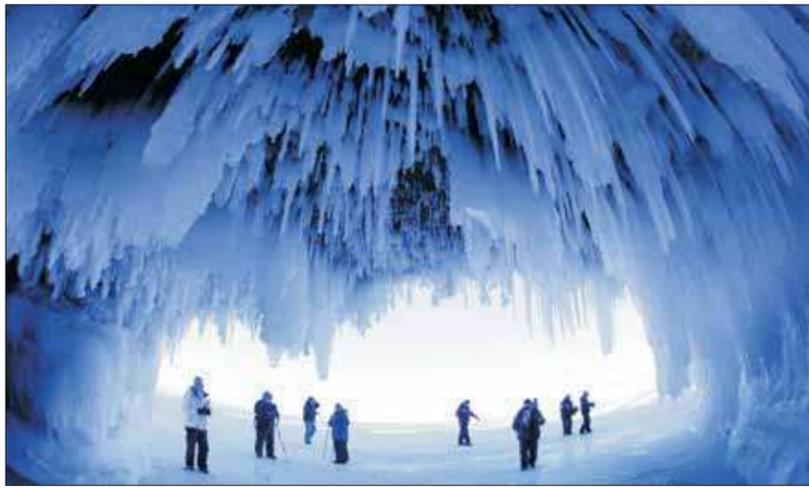
Apostle Islands ice caves lead to brisk business

BAYFIELD, Wis. (AP) — Some 4,000 sightseers are trekking to the Apostle Islands ice caves each weekend to see glistening ice caves made accessible by frozen Lake Superior. That's led to an unexpected tourism boom in otherwise hibernating villages.

A Wisconsin Public Radio report says local businesses in Cornucopia and Bayfield are generally closed for the winter. But inns and general stores are staying open to cater to the brisk business.

Mike Upthegrove runs Ehler's General Store in Cornucopia. The place usually closes until April, but he says he plans to stay open because ice-cave explorers need brats and hot drinks.

The Village Inn down the road is full and its restaurant is also busy.



CRYSTALLINE CAVES. Visitors from Japan, China, and Australia are travelling to Wisconsin to see the wonders of the Apostle Islands ice caves. Some 4,000 sightseers trek to the ice caves each weekend to see glistening ice caves made accessible by frozen Lake Superior. (AP Photo/Star Tribune, Brian Peterson)

Employee Cheryl O'Bryon calls customers from Japan, China, and Australia business "an economic miracle," with Australia.

Vietnamese gays return to Lunar New Year parade

WESTMINSTER, Calif. (AP) — After being sidelined from last year's Lunar New Year parade, gay Vietnamese Americans marched with pride in this year's event.

At least 70 people marched under the banner of gay and lesbian group Viet Rainbow of Orange County at the annual Tet parade in Little Saigon, said Hieu Nguyen, the organization's co-chair. Participants showed their Vietnamese heritage by wearing traditional dress and riding bicycles, and their sexual orientation and gender identity by carrying the rainbow flag.

"We're trying to tap into the memories and the hearts of the spectators and let them know we are Vietnamese American and we are LGBT as well," Nguyen said.

About 12,000 spectators turned out for the parade that cut straight through the heart of the county's Vietnamese immigrant enclave in Westminster. The event also featured historical performances, marching bands, school groups, and more than 30 floats.

For years, gay Vietnamese Americans marched in the city-run parade but were barred from participating in



VIET RAINBOW. Participants march in the Lunar New Year parade as part of the gay and lesbian group Viet Rainbow of Orange County in Westminster, California. At least 70 people marched under the banner of the gay and lesbian group at the annual Tet parade in Little Saigon. (AP Photo/Nick Ut)

2013 when a community group began sponsoring the event to mark the Vietnamese Lunar New Year celebration known as Tet.

After prodding from city officials and community members, the Vietnamese American Federation of Southern California reversed course for 2014.

Participants had been asked not to

carry flags representing specific organizations to keep the focus on those representing the United States and South Vietnam, said Neil Nguyen, the federation's president.

"Hopefully everybody cooperates, not only LGBT but every group so we can bring joy and fun for everybody," he said. "The Tet spirit is happiness."

South Korea's Lee wins gold in women's 500

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"I am not a star. I dislike hearing it again and again."

The biggest surprise was China's Hong Zhang, who skated the first heat with the early group, which is made up of lower-rated skaters and rarely produces a medal contender. Considered stronger in the 1,000, she posted a startling time of 37.58 to hold the lead through most of the round. She couldn't keep it up on the second run, going 0.41 slower with a more favorable lane and dropping to fourth, a tenth of a second from a medal.

To view other results of the Sochi Olympics, visit <www.sochi2014.com>.

Time running out on former sex slaves' quest

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female names given to the sex slaves hang on hooks on an outside wall.

"I am not looking for a reward. A reward is given to the needy," said Yi Ok-seon, who was kidnapped at 15. "I am asking for compensation for the Japanese who beat and stabbed me, for those who made me bleed. We came back as cripples."

AP writers Jung-yoon Choi in Seoul and Mari Yamaguchi in Tokyo contributed to this report.



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Difficulty level: Easy

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Instructions: Fill in the grid so that the digits 1 through 9 appear one time each in every row, column, and 3x3 box.

Solution to last week's puzzle

Puzzle #65247 (Hard)

All solutions available at <www.sudoku.com>.

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