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The Bells of Hiroshima -- in Los Alamos [8]

Fargo, N.D. -- **Peace Pole rededicated in memory of Hiroshima** [9]The handcrafted Peace Pole located outside Nativity Catholic Church here has a message in four different languages engraved on its sides, each carrying the same translation: ?May Peace Prevail on Earth.?

New claims of sexual abuse at the hands of Roman Catholic clergy are coming **from the Blackfeet Indian reservation, bringing to at least 280 the total number of plaintiffs** [10]in two lawsuits seeking damages from the diocese that oversees western Montana.

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