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Hoax Revealed...

PLO Tricks New York Times

First Annual Public Menorah Lighting In Las Vegas — 3-5 P.M. — December 24 — University Of Nevada — East Courtyard, Moyer Student Union



Chanukah in the year 5750 will be highlighted by an event unprecedented in the history of Nevada. Welcoming the third night of Chanukah, the 27th day of Kislev (December 24) just after sunset, we will celebrate the lighting of the third Chanukah light on the 15-foot Menorah, on the campus of the University of Nevada — Las Vegas. The celebration will take place from 3-5 p.m., in the east courtyard of the Moyer Student Union Building.

The kindling of Chanukah lights on these giant Menorahs has become traditional throughout the United States and around the world, under the guidance and leadership of the Chabad Lubavitch project, "Let There Be Light". In ceremonies

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Yahrzeits Tonight At Beth Sholom

Friday, Dec. 22, 1989 Lena Burger Hattie Werksman Rudolph Golden Esther Dvorak Herman Bock Etta Vinik Ellie Basso Janice Zirin Solomon Rosenberg Herman Rubin **Gustav Daniel Golding** Norman Rofey Louis Spiegel Morris A. Carr Saul Kaufman **David Sirotta** Samuel Goldman Bertha Adler

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Prestigious N. Y. Newspaper Refuses To Admit Mistake

By Bertram Korn, Jr.

How is it possible that the **New York Times** published a front-page story based on PLO disinformation, and then, when the fraud was exposed, refused to apologize or even admit its mistake?

That is the question **Times** readers and members of the political and diplomatic communities should be asking themselves following the spectacular fraud of November 28, when a front-page **Times** feature announced that "moderate" PLO officials had persuaded the Libyan dictator, Muammar Qaddafi, to arrest Palestinian terrorist leader Abu Nidal. The story was refuted the very next day, when the Associated Press reported that Abu Nidal was, in fact, dying of cancer in a Libyan hospital.

The **Times** report relied exclusively on unnamed PLO officials in Tunis and "Arab diplomats" in Paris. The **Times**' decision to go ahead with the story as a front-page feature would indicate that **Times** editors considered the PLO a reliable source. That decision resulted in a new story that left readers of the **Times** with the impression that the PLO is helping to lead the international war against terrorism.

A **Times** reader would practically have needed a microscope to learn that the PLO's version of (Continued on page 11)

Ted Quillin — Goodwill Industries "Humanitarian Of The Year"



(L-R) Governor Bob Miller congratulating Goodwill Industries "Humanitarian of the Year" — Ted Quillin

Governor Bob Miller hosting the Western Governors Association Conference at The Mirage, excused himself from that meeting for a short time to make a special surprise appearance for Good-

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TELL TALES

"One Man Plus The Truth Constitutes A Majority"

To Our Christian Friends

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(In this Era of Ecumenism we bring you the following column prepared in 1961 and reprinted annually in the Chanukah Edition.)

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa.

And there are Christmas trees, too!

No one asked but an innoculous wire service story datelined Vatican City and printed in the local press may have caused some concern among our neighbors.

The story quotes a Vatican weekly newspaper saying Santa Claus represents a "monstrous substitution" for the Christ child and "offends the faith."

The editorial in L'Osservatore delle Domenica also assailed the Christmas tree as "an attempt to substitute for the crib...and a certain sense of naturalism and paganism."

The objection apparently stems from the general public's acceptance of St. Nick and the tree as indicative of the holiday to the gradual exclusion of the true religious conception, the Nativity.

A strict religious interpretation of the Holy Day should unquestionably be total reverence and complete compliance with the Holy Writ. Those devout souls among us always have and will continue to adhere to the rigid theological celebration of the occasion and no amount of persuasion (it attempted) could dissuade them.

But Christmas Day with no distraction from all the solemnity it stands for, has, through the centuries grown, expanded, magnified into a spirit of Christmas. What started as a one-day observance is now a weeks-long holiday. What began with personal greetings of cheer from one to another is now the exchange of hundreds of millions of cards expressing joy. What commenced as an occasion for the discreet dispensation of charity for the less fortunate has developed into the indescriminate giving and receiving of gifts. The once simple recreation of one's version of the Crib had developed into addenda like trees, holly wreaths, tinsel and lights.

An occasion that was originally celebrated by just those of the Christian faith, now finds other sects, religions and beliefs looking forward to and

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