

"Hiatt"

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and plenty of chances to use and misuse the language.

A host family is an essential part of an immersion experience. The son of my family, Tono Fernandez, met me at the school in a taxi and took me back to his family's lovely home on Avenida Marco Capaz.

Tono's mother, Aurora, is an elementary school teacher; his father, Antonio, is a former teacher who runs a small store nearby. Tono studies economics and English at a university in Cuzco.

Tono provided one of the highlights of the trip when he introduced me to corpias. These minivans are cheaper than taxis (about half a sol or less than 20 cents). They operate like a bus system, only with school children and business people vacuum-packed inside. I once counted 25 people in one combi.

The family served fresh bread, juice and coffee or hot tea for breakfast, and fresh vegetables, chicken, rice and pasta dishes for lunch, the main meal, and dinner. One notable Peruvian specialty is ceviche, a white fish served with onion, celery, cilantro, potatoes, and lettuce.

The night of the presidential election in the United States, Antonio invited me to watch election coverage on CNN channels in English and Spanish. The ensuing voting debacle in Florida, along with a scandal in the Peruvian govern-

ment that would soon oust President Fujimori, made for lively conversation at mealtime.

Peruvians generally were surprised that voting isn't mandatory in the United States (as it is in Peru) and that the military can vote (theirs can't). But just by reading headlines in the United States and Peru, it was hard to tell which was the third-world country.

"Cuzco is the Florence of South America, known for its art and architecture. With a population of 300,000, it is Peru's oldest continuously inhabited city."

—Host on a Lonely Planet episode about Peru

Amatita offers a free tour of Cuzco's top sites including La Catedral, a church on the main square whose construction began in 1539. Not far away is the courtyard of Coricancha, once the Incan empire's richest temples before being looted by the Spanish. It features colonial architecture atop Incan stonework, a blending of Spanish and indigenous culture often seen in modern-day Latin America.

Ruins in the mountains above Cuzco include a 300-foot stone at Sacsayhuaman ("exy woman," as guides joke). There are other ruins nearby called Tambo Machay, Puka Pucara and Quencho.

There also are notable sites near Cuzco. Pisac, a village about an hour away in the Sacred Valley, en-

joins visitors with its remarkable ruins and a huge market held several days a week. Locals in traditional dress offer a large selection of stone carvings, wool scarves, ponchos and leather goods. Haggling is expected.

The ruins looting above Pisac are accessible by foot, taxi or bus. Because it was late in the day, we took a taxi to save time. From the parking lot, the ruins are a 20-minute walk around the side of a pleasant hill with a breathtaking, and often hazy, view of the valley.

Even if you had become jaded by visiting too many ruins in your short time, the setting at Pisac was something to behold.

It was hard for me to believe Machu Picchu could top Pisac.

I was wrong.

"Without the slightest expectation of finding anything more interesting than the stone-faced terraces of which I already had a glimpse... I finally left the cool shade of a pleasant little hut and climbed further up the ridge and around a slight promontory."

—Hiram Bingham, in *Inca Land, describing his arrival in Machu Picchu about by accident July 24, 1911*

Machu Picchu is a journey unto itself. Several American students had hiked the four-day Inca Trail and wore the experience like a badge of honor. There also is a two-day hike for the less rugged after the Sacred Path.

I got up at 5 a.m. on a Saturday and took a train that zig-zagged up the side of the mountain to get out of the valley in which Cuzco resides.

The ride snakes along the Urubamba River and affords a view of the countryside, which gets greener as the train descends in elevation to about 6,000 feet at Machu Picchu. From the train station, a bus completes the unenvying ride up the mountain to the park entrance.

I had seen photos of Machu Picchu in travel magazines and slide shows in art history class, but the complexity of the Incan ruins, and their ethereal beauty don't translate well in film or video.

It's possible to imagine Bingham's excitement when he stumbled upon Machu Picchu and realized what he had found. I later saw photos taken by Bingham that showed the ruins overgrown with vegetation.

Today, Machu Picchu is immaculately groomed and, even with hundreds of visitors roaming freely, it never felt crowded. Tour guides, speaking French, German, Spanish and Quechua, the indigenous language, explain Incan architecture, as seen in the Intihuatana, a carved rock pillar used to track the seasons, the Sacred Plaza and the Temple of the Sun.

Even without a guide or map, you can appreciate Machu Picchu by simply soaking in its magnitude.

Stairs climb beyond the long agricultural terraces to a hut whose thatched roof is one of the few restorations. That vantage point is the most often captured on film.

There was no mention of Machu Picchu in the Spanish chronicles, and one theory holds that it had been abandoned by the time of the Spanish Conquest.

Today, it is accessible to the world, an enduring shrine to the indigenous culture that survived assimilation and proudly maintains its identity to this day.

Indeed, that independent spirit is palpable all over Cuzco and the Sacred Valley, from locals hawking their goods in Quechua, to protesters on the Avenue of the Sun carrying signs stating, "Tierra o Muerte" ("Land or Death").

In the cathedral in the main

square, a painting from the Cuzco School appears to be in the same style as European art from the 16th and 17th centuries, with one notable exception.

There is a city (guinea pig), a culinary specialty of the Andes, in the middle of the table in an otherwise European setting.

It is a vestige of the surviving indigenous culture that makes a visit to Cuzco unforgettable today.

While Hiatt, the son of Barbara and Billy Hiatt of Mt. Vernon, is special sections coordinator for the *Herald-Leader*.

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"Marlow"

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a.m., after a deputy jailer allowed him outside the facility to dump garbage.

Marlow, who was being held on a \$75,000 cash bond is facing numerous felonies and had escaped from the jail on at least one previous occasion.

Police say that Marlow was involved in an armed robbery in Mt. Vernon earlier this year.

He is also charged with receiving stolen property, burglary, robbery, witness endangerment and theft by unlawful taking and he will now be charged with escape and being a persistent felon offender.

Miller said that Marlow was being held in an isolation cell.

"Meth Lab"

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Rockcastle Sheriff Shirley Smith's police dog found ingredients used in the manufacturing of methamphetamine, a highly powerful drug, that can be used by using legal substances such as Drano and batteries.

No criminal charges have been filed, but Rockcastle County Attorney Jeff Burdette said that the case would be presented to the federal grand jury in London.

Members of the drug enforcement agency cleaned up the lab.

"Abuse"

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but could not be substantiated. He said that in the 387 cases, there was probable cause for an investigation.

Pope said that 237 cases of adult sexual abuse were also reported to the local office, most of them involved battered wives.

Pope said that 47 Rockcastle County children were also in foster care or in private care, away from their parents.

During the last fiscal year, which runs from June 30 to July 1, 53,000 Kentucky children were reported to have been abused or neglected.

"Traffic"

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All together five people were injured in the three vehicle collision but none of them seriously.

Both sides of the interstate were closed for several hours.

"Rewards"

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Councils at the high school, middle school and Roundstone have until May 3rd to notify the central office as to how they want to spend their money.

The central office did not receive any reward money; as they have in the past.

More than half of Kentucky's public schools will share \$22.4 million dollars.

702 of the state's 1,200 schools will receive award money.

To be eligible for reward money, a school's accountability index for the Interim Accountability Cycle must have met or exceeded its predicted performance for that cycle.

Scores from April 1999 and 2000 administrations of the Kentucky Core Content Test, statewide non-academic data and the school accountability performance judgements based on the 1999 and 2000 results were released last September.

"Hammond"

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The vote to extend Hammond's contract was unanimous. Board members Dr. George W. Griffith, Terry Burton, Martin Vanzant, Sam Stallworth and Mike Burdette were all present at the meeting.

Hammond's annual salary will be approximately \$85,000.

Hammond also informed the board of several teaching vacancies at the Rockcastle County High School in the coming year.

Art teacher Lawrence Bullock will retire. Math teacher John Wells, Chemistry teacher Rhonda Rose and Math teacher Diana Quigley have all resigned from their positions.

"Crusade"

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WHAS radio and television station. Since 1954, they have raised over \$83 million dollars for the aid and care and treatment of handicapped children.

The Crusade for Children accepts applications from any organization that provides services for handicapped children. Although the Crusade cannot approve all applications, every one is given consideration by a panel from the moral side of the news who then allocate funds to various places according to the organization's needs and willingness to use the funds wisely. The Crusade is operated on interest funds.

Rockcastle Hospital and Respiratory Care Center, Inc. has received \$177,000 in the past years. Funds have been used to purchase equipment for various departments at the Hospital including Speech Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Nursing, Emergency Department, Pharmacy, Activities Department and Social Services.

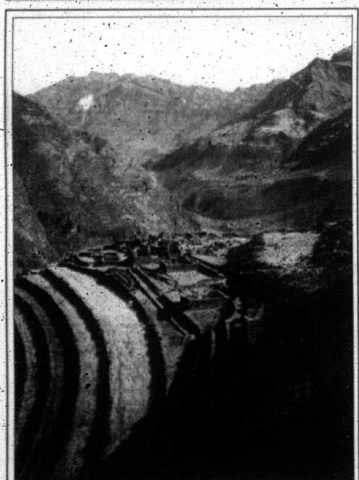
Additionally, the Crusade helped purchase a van for the ventilator unit. Last year, money was again received to replace this van.

This year, besides a roadblock at the intersection of Highways 150 and 461 on Memorial Day containers are being placed in local businesses for customers to donate their spare change.

A softball tournament is also being held at Roundstone Elementary on Memorial Day, May 12 beginning at 9:00 a.m. All proceeds from the tournament will go to this year's WHAS Crusade for Children fund drive.



Nearly every click of the camera produces a postcard in the Andes. Here a group takes a mountain hiking trip through scenic terrain.



There are some outstanding Incan ruins in the mountains above Pisac, a village about an hour by bus from Cuzco in the Sacred Valley.



The Plaza de Armas, Cuzco's main square, is a microcosm of the city. Spanish colonial architecture is built on Incan ruins, and tourists from all over the world mingle with locals.

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"What Saith the Scriptures"

Let us begin by looking at three passages from the book of Revelation

Revelation (Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads) - Rev. 7: 3 - "And I looked, and, lo, a lamb stood on the mount Zion, and with him on his forehead and four thousand, having his father's name written in their foreheads." Rev. 14: 1 - "And there shall be no more curse, but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it, and his servants shall serve him." And they shall see his face, and his name shall be in their foreheads." Rev. 22: 3-4 - "Notice that in all 3 of these texts, they speak about the foreheads of God's servants. The poem that I hope we will see, is that God only accepts willing service. In the mark of the beast in Rev. 13: 16, it was either in their right hand or in their foreheads, symbolizing, either forced or willing service to the beast. But not so with God. God will not accept 'forced service,' from anyone. No, it must be willing service that comes from our hearts and minds in our service and worship of God. Are you serving God? Are you serving him because you want to?"

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