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Their near-instant success in locating the body wasn’t a matter of luck, it was the use of new sonar technology.

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Kids treated to holiday shopping trip for 5th year

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