

Psychic 'sees' kidnaped girls

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SAN BERNARDINO — A woman who said she can mentally communicate with animals and people believes two kidnaped San Bernardino children are alive in Mexico.

This has prompted Claude Wise, his mother and aunt to travel to Tijuana today to search for his missing daughters, half-sisters Brandi Jondell Summers, 5, and Tiffany Wise, 2. Jondell suffers from cystic fibrosis.

Wise found his wife, Beverly, 26, murdered in their home March 30. The girls (Jondell was Mrs. Wise's daughter from a previous marriage) were missing, although another child, 8-month-old Stacey Wise, was left behind.

Bea Lydecker of North Hollywood, who said she has developed mental communication abilities common to everyone but seldom realized, told the family she has been in contact with both Jondell and Tiffany. She said Jondell is becoming very ill and time is of the essence.

Lydecker, 37, disdains the label "psychic" and said she wants nothing to do with occult or talking with spirits of dead persons. She is a softspoken woman who does not accept fees for her help.

She was contacted for help more than a week ago by Wise's mother, Donna Howlett, who learned of Lydecker through a mutual friend.

"They're (the girls) with a very, very poor woman," Lydecker said Saturday at Wise's home. "She's got to be Mexican. The room they're in has a bare floor . . . looks almost like a dirt floor. And there are chickens outside the door. The ground is very hard, like clay."

"The buildings look like mud huts or stucco. And I see puddles of water. Like it had been raining. But there hasn't been any rain, has there? I feel like it's Mexicali or

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She said her impressions — she calls them communications — come directly from the children. She said she can only see what they are seeing and the impressions come as visual images to her mind.

By telephone from her home Tuesday, Lydecker said now she sees that Jondell is between white sheets. The child may have been moved, but is

still in the same general area, Lydecker said.

The motive for the kidnap was revenge against Mrs. Wise, but revenge for what, Lydecker said, she didn't know.

"I don't feel he meant to kill her. He only wanted to make the family suffer. And I feel he'll have a good alibi. But I don't have a name. I'm not good with names," she said.

Lydecker travelled to Mexicali last

weekend and talked with police, media and hospital personnel in an unsuccessful search for the girls. She still believes they could be there, but now thinks it is possible they are closer to Tijuana. It is hard to pinpoint, because the area is foreign to the girls and they are kept inside a building, she said.

While in Mexico today, the family will pass out leaflets explaining that the girls are missing and there is a \$1,000 reward for their return. Lydecker may accompany them.

Police have said they will not base their investigation on information coming from psychics or persons with similar claims. But they are not discouraging the family from seeking any help they feel might be helpful.

"Ours is the same position as the FBI in this case," said police Sgt. John Klein. "We will only pursue

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\$375 million waste cited

Government travel hit

WASHINGTON (AP) — A survey of travel by employees of three government agencies shows 15 per cent of the trips violated standards for approved federal travel, congressional auditors said Tuesday.

If the 15 per cent figure is applied to the \$2.5 billion spent annually on federal travel, some \$375 million of it is wasted, said Rep. Jack Brooks, D-Tex., the chairman of the House Government Operations Committee. He requested the General Accounting Office travel investigation.

GAO auditors examined 119 trips last year by employees of the State Department, the National Institutes of Health and the Federal Aviation Administration.

The GAO said 18 of the trips appeared to violate these federal criteria for approved travel: the number traveling should be kept to a minimum; a more efficient alternative should not be available to accomplish the purpose of the trip; and attendance at conferences and

meetings should be limited to those sessions essential to the agency's or employees' job.

"Travel is essential to good management of government programs," Brooks said. "But, as this report shows, there also must be good management of travel to assure that substantial expenditures are fully justified."

The GAO said the government should evaluate carefully the purpose of employee travel and keep more precise records.

Some of the GAO's findings included:

— Most travel at the State Department and NIH is by upper management while the FAA travel is mostly by middle management.

— Upper management travels to take part in con-

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