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STATE

Subpoenaed 'bandido' arrested

The FBI has arrested on a weapons charge a member of the Bandidos Motorcycle Club who testified in the federal grand jury investigation into the assassination attempt on Assistant U.S. Attorney James Kerr. Agents arrested Timothy Kenneth Larson, 34, Wednesday at his residence in San Antonio and charged him with illegal possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Although the FBI maintained the firearms charge was unrelated to the Kerr case, the arrest brought to 10 the number of Bandidos arrested in Texas on weapons or drug charges since the investigation into the attack on Kerr began.

NATION

Carter to unveil new energy plan

President Carter told congressional leaders Thursday he will soon unveil his new energy program and warned that some changes in oil pricing are inevitable. Carter promised the lawmakers he will make his oil conservation plan public "fairly early next week." And he reminded them that legislation passed after the Arab oil embargo puts the responsibility for oil pricing "in my hands at the end of May. I don't object to that responsibility," he said. "It's not something I welcome. But we are prepared to take that burden on."

Radiation still leaking from plant

Power plant officials Thursday said radiation still was leaking from Three Mile Island nuclear station and that additional radiation has been detected as far as 20 miles away off the island near Harrisburg, Pa. A U.S. congressional delegation headed for the site to learn more about potential dangers to residents of the rural area. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission said Thursday that higher levels of radiation were detected as far as 20 miles away.

8 states filed suit 'first use' gas tax

Eight states filed suit Thursday in the Supreme Court challenging Louisiana's new "first use tax on natural gas" that they say will cost natural gas users in eastern and midwestern states \$200 million annually. The suit, initiated by Maryland, Illinois, Indiana, Massachusetts, Michigan, New York, Rhode Island and Wisconsin, argues that if Louisiana imposes the tax, "other states could race to impose countervailing measures on comparable products and our national economy would regress into the precise interstate feudalism that our Constitution and our federal system were designed to prevent." The Louisiana tax, scheduled to take effect Sunday, levies 7 cents per thousand cubic feet for all natural gas entering Louisiana.

2-train crash claims 2 victims

Two Union Pacific freight trains collided in the northern foothills of Wyoming's Medicine Bow mountains Thursday, killing two crewmen. According to the county coroner, one of the freight trains ran into the rear of the other, crushing one of the victims in the caboose. The second fatality occurred in the locomotive of the second train.

Flynt to continue mag in Georgia

Hustler magazine owner Larry Flynt, convicted on obscenity charges, says he has no intention of keeping his sexually explicit publications out of Georgia. The jury of four women and two men deliberated 9 hours and 40 minutes before finding Flynt guilty Wednesday on all 11 misdemeanor charges. He was sentenced to a year in prison on each count and fined \$27,500. Trial Judge Nick Lambros said he would suspend the prison sentence on the condition that Flynt pay the fine and keep his magazines, Hustler and Chic, out of Georgia. However, Flynt told reporters in a news conference after the trial that Hustler and his other publications would continue to be sold in Georgia despite Lambros' order.

WORLD

Britain's labor government loses

For want of a sick member's vote, Prime Minister James Callaghan's Labor government became the first in 55 years to lose a parliamentary vote of confidence and plunged Britain into early elections. Members of the House of Commons Wednesday voted 311 to 310 that they had "no confidence in Her Majesty's government" on a motion by Margaret Thatcher's opposition Conservative Party, ending a 6½-hour debate punctuated by catcalls and booing. Labor Party whips, expecting a close vote, ordered all their lawmakers to be present three hours early and made plans to bring Sir Alfred Broughton, 72, to Parliament from his hospital bed by ambulance.

WEATHER

Mostly cloudy skies with mild temperatures. High today 78 and a low of upper 50's. 60% chance of rain today and tonight. Winds S-S.E. at 10-15 mph, change to South later this evening.

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Bible survey: Most bought, least read book in the world

By DAVID E. ANDERSON
UPI Religion Writer

Americans are still continuing to buy and read their Bibles.

That, at least, is the conclusion of a recent nationwide survey done for the Christian Bible Society.

According to the survey, better than nine out of 10 families responding to the survey questions, said they had at least one Bible in their home and the national average is nearly four per home.

While none of that is startling news — the Bible has always been a bestseller — some other parts of the survey may be.

It has often been said, for example, that the Bible is the most purchased, least read book in the world.

But according to the survey, an apparently increasing number of people are participating in some kind of group Bible study — with 31 percent of the families studied reporting saying at least one member of the family was involved in such studies.

The survey also said that 52.5 percent of the women and 27.4 percent of the men surveyed indicated that Bible reading is "a part of their life pattern."

At the same time, however, only 16.6 percent of the women and 8.3 percent of the men said they read the Bible as often as 21 or more times per month.

The survey comes at a time when debates about the nature of the Bible are being hotly debated in a number of Protestant denominations and some theological conservatives are expressing the fear that traditional beliefs about the inerrancy and infallibility of the Bible are being undermined.

Nationally, and including all denominations as well as the unchurched, according to the survey, 44.6 percent affirmed the Bible to be the "inspired Word of God and completely true."

Another 27.6 percent said they believed the Bible was "inspired" but also said they believed it "may contain factual errors" the Bible was "an ancient book of history and moral precepts recorded by men."

Not surprisingly, when biblical attitudes were measured against denominational affiliations, Pentacostals ranked highest on the inerrancy statement while Jews ranked lowest.

Some 85.5 percent of the Pentacostals responding said they believed the Bible to be "completely true," followed by 72.2 percent of the Baptists, 69 percent of the independent evangelicals, 61.1 percent of the Reformed members and 51 percent of the Lutherans.

On the other end of the scale, according to the survey, 75.8 percent of Jewish respondents said the Bible was a book written by men, as did 37.4 percent of the Episcopalians, 30.4 percent of the Roman Catholics, 25.5 percent of the Presbyterians and 23.5 percent of the Methodists.

Large groups of most of the mainline denominations, however, took the more middle ground, saying they believed they believed both that the Bible was inspired and that it contained factual errors.

According to the survey, the most popular version of the Bible remains the King James Version, with 34.8 percent of those surveyed saying they preferred the King James to all other versions.

There probably is no human experience more ancient than females having momentary doubts over some male utterance. In this case, the doubt may have been indecision over whether she should turn around and go back home.

What might the male have said to cause her uncertainty? From what I know of anthropology, it may have been something in this vein:

— "Don't be ridiculous, Millicent. I can recognize quicksand when I see it."

— "There is no need to stop and ask directions. I know how to get where we're going."

— "No, I most certainly did not forget to roll the rock back up against the entrance to the cave."

— "I'm sure you'll enjoy the game once you catch on to what is going on."

Say, those look like Uncle Harry's tracks

By DICK WEST

WASHINGTON — It gives you an eerie feeling to look at photographs of 3,600,000-year-old footprints and realize they may have been made by your great-great-grandfather.

Well, I not sure how many greats to throw in here.

But if the interpretation of anthropologist Mary Leakey is correct, the prints were left by two human-like ancestors of man.

And in the absence of any "Roots"-like genealogical research, you and I are entitled to claim kinship as anybody.

It probably would enhance our sense of family identification if we could see the actual tracks the Leakey team of scientists found in northern Tanzania. I have only seen the photos, but as far as I can tell the prints exactly match the contours of the

West family foot. I compared the pictures to some tracks my teen-age son left on the living room carpet the other evening when he returned from what must have been a grape-stomping contest. The prints in the polyester cut pile were remarkably similar to those in the volcanic ash in which the hominid footsteps were

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preserved. Moreover, radioactive carbon tests indicate the rug stains will last fully 3.6 million years.

Ms. Leakey obviously felt the ancestral continuity quite strongly. At one point, the tracks show one of the creatures, ap-

parently a female, pausing and turning as if "to glance at some possible threat or irregularity," she reported.

"This motion, so intensely human, transcends time. Three million six hundred thousand years ago, a remote ancestor — just as you or I — experienced a moment of doubt."

Since Ms. Leakey was the one who found the prints, she is entitled to read anything into them she pleases. It may well have been a "threat or irregularity" that gave the hominid female pause.

If, however, the prehistoric pedestrians were reasonably human-like, and if one was a male and the other female, as it appears, then it seems more logical to assume that the "moment of doubt" experienced by the female was prompted by something the male said.

Mind fields on road to world peace

By JIM ANDERSON

WASHINGTON — The negotiations for the Egyptian-Israeli pact were child's play compared to the upcoming talks on an overall peace settlement.

Monday's signing of an Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty took place in an atmosphere of prayerful hope — and some fears.

It is a big first step, but the road to peace in the Middle East remains studded with minefields and booby-traps.

The formidable problems remaining — particularly the future of Jerusalem and the nature of Palestinian "self-rule" in occupied territories — are so serious that a move just to mention them in the first pact deadlocked the Egyptian-Israeli treaty talks for months.

Jerusalem was such a sensitive issue that the negotiators deliberately set the whole subject aside at Camp David for fear of

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torpedoing the move toward peace. The holy city — conquered by Jews, Babylonians, Greeks, Romans, Arabs, Turks and Jews once again — is sacred to three religions.

But the United States, Israel and Egypt — with the world's Christians, Moslems and Jews looking over their shoulders — will have to take up the city's future early in the next series of negotiations.

Negotiators also must deal with the future of Palestinians living on the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, and the role of Israeli forces in maintaining security in the two territories.

Israel, which captured the West Bank from Jordan and the Gaza Strip from Egypt in the so-called Six-Day War of 1967, adamantly rejects full sovereignty for the territories and so far refuses to even talk with the Palestine Liberation Organization, which has the allegiance of the vast majority of Palestinians in the territories.

So far the three nations have been so busy working on the Egyptian-Israeli pact they haven't had much chance to look closely at the new obstacles down the road.

Really, I don't think any of the governments have talked among themselves in great detail about how to manage the negotiations that are coming," a U.S. official warned over the weekend.

Letters to the Editor

'Bear-baiting' judges: Who judges you?

Editor: I'll try to keep this short. I'm sick to my gut from what I just saw happen in the Commons cafeteria and lounge this evening. I want the rest of the campus to know what passes for entertainment over here.

It seems a group of bear-baiters got together after supper, set themselves up at the head of the cafeteria stairs, and passed judgment (with point cards) on every woman that passed by. Those failing to meet the standards of this select committee scored a 2 or a 3½, or maybe even a 4. I'm sure that made their day. The real lucky girls had a chance to be "saluted" by two buffoons wearing paper sacks over their heads. Great fun! A real crowd pleaser.

I'm not complaining because of the lack of Aggie spirit shown tonight. This goes far beyond that. What happened tonight goes on constantly, and its done in the name of fun. I've seen it innumerable times, and apparently it's either a pastime of shallow

fools who have been blessed with good looks and have been spared the reproach of other shallow fools, or by vengeful fools who have themselves been the target of bear-baiting.

To those who were on the receiving end tonight, I'd like to say forgive and forget. To those dishing it out, it would be wise to remember that someone is standing in judgment of you. And He isn't looking at your outward appearance.

—Martin Kobs

Betting bug again

Editor: Like cockroaches you thought you got rid of that keep coming back, so again the proposed bills to open Texas to gambling are on the Capitol's doorstep. Already there are bills to legalize betting on horse races, bingo games and lotteries. Some people just won't take "no" for an answer.

Only a few months ago, the majority of the people of Texas voted against pari-

mutuel gambling. The main idea of a democracy is that the will of the majority should be respected and honored. But there are bad losers.

It is appalling that selfish private interests lusting for lots of fast easy bucks from hard working Texans will not take "no" for an answer, but push and push. I hope that our elected officials will have the wisdom to vote against these bills and keep the gamblers and Mafia out of Texas.

—Dick Thomas
Dallas

Readers' Forum

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- Limited to 60 characters per line
- Limited to 100 lines

