

DIDJA KNOW??? from U.P.I.

OXNARD, CAL. - Police say a Baptist minister who is a high-ranking member of Californians for Biblical Morality has been charged with soliciting a prostitute.

Detective Billy Tatum said the Reverend Dale Rothenberger was arrested in a shopping center parking lot after he solicited an undercover police officer.

Californians for Biblical Morality says its purpose is to return to moral and social standards based on the Bible. The group's goals include eradication of prostitution as well as abortion, homosexuality, pornography, nudity, and alcohol ' drug abuse.

The minister tearfully told his congregation that he used "Bad judgment" in leading the woman to believe he might be a customer. He asked the 400 members of the Oxnard church to forgive him... and they did without dissent.

ED. NOTE: only one thing we can add to that: saw a bumper sticker recently that said "Jesus Is Coming". Someone had added to it: "Glad He Found Out It Was Fun".

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SAN FRANCISCO - Scientists say Great White Sharks may be confusing humans with seals when they attack swimmers and skin divers. Researchers say the sharks are blind just before they strike and appear to home in on faint electrical signals from their prey.

Daniel Miller of the State Fish & Game Dept. says shark attacks on humans are infrequent...but increasing.

Miller said there were only 47 cases back as far as 1926 in which the attacks along the California Coast were reportedly unprovoked. There were 18 in the last 6 years and only four in the first six years of the record. Four of the attacks were fatal.

Miller said shark attacks on humans were 10 times more frequent in the area from Ano Nuevo Island to Bodega Bay than along the rest of the state's coastline. Most of the attacks occurred in Bodega Bay, Tomales Bay, around the Farallones and Monterey Bay.

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SAN FRANCISCO - A Superior Court Judge ordered the scattered Peoples Temple to pay the Federal Government one-point-four million dollars. The money would go to defray some of the costs of returning 900 mass suicide and murder victims from Guyana to the U.S. The ruling by Judge Ira Brown cleared the way for settlement of nearly two-billion dollars in claims by former Peoples Temple members and relatives of those who died in Jonestown in 1978.

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LOS ANGELES - A former Texas preacher was sentenced in L.A. to 32 years in state prison for sexually assaulting a woman in whose home he had been a guest.

Allan Eaton was sentenced to serve consecutively the maximum allowable terms on charges of forcible rape, oral copulation, sodomy and burglary.

Judge Gerald Lovie said he gave the maximum sentences because Eaton used a butcher knife in the assault and caused great bodily injury by damaging the victim's hands. He also threatened a year-old baby.

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