Rehabilitating terrorists

While most Arab states punish Al Qaeda and ISIS jihadists with long prison sentences, Saudi Arabia gives many of them short sentences followed by rehabilitation back into society. At the Mohammad bin Naif Counseling and Care Center on the outskirts of Riyadh, Saudi Arabia’s capitol, psychologists, sociologists, and imams guide the returned jihadists into “the true path of Islam.” Using sayings from the prophet Muhammad and books on Islamic jurisprudence, these religious and secular experts point out the misinterpretations of the Muslim fanatics. Following three months at the rehabilitation center the former jihadists are assisted with getting employment, completing university degrees, and even finding wives! Abdullah al-Garni, the director of the center’s mental health division, said that “once these young men have a family, have responsibilities, . . . they think twice about risking everything.”—Christian Century

Watch Noah’s ark being built!
A life-size, 510-foot-long replica of Noah’s ark is being built in Williamstown, Kentucky. The Ark Encounter, as it’s called, is slated for completion in 2016, but it’s being opened to the public this year so people can watch its construction. Visitors can stand just outside the hard-hat area. The ark is being built according to the specifications for its construction that are given in the Bible (Genesis 6:14–16). Ken Ham, the president and CEO of Answers in Genesis (AiG) that is sponsoring the project, says that when it’s completed, the ark will be the largest timber-frame building in the world. Ark Encounter is a sister project to the Creation Museum in Petersburg, Kentucky, which opened in 2007.—Christian Post

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**Top 15 Super foods for People Over 50**

This headline recently appeared on the AARP website. What makes the story notable is that 14 of the top 15 super foods were plant based! Fifty years ago we could hardly have guessed that society would warm to the vegetarian lifestyle but that is exactly what is happening.

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Ten Commandments tug of war

In 2009, Oklahoma State Representative Mike Ritze sponsored a bill to have a Ten Commandments monument installed on the grounds of the state capitol. The six-foot granite monument was installed in 2012. In 2013 the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) sued to have it removed since it is a symbol of the Jewish and Christian faiths. In October 2014 a vandal smashed his car into the monument, destroying it. A replacement was built and installed in January 2015. In response to the ACLU’s law suit, a district court judge ruled that the monument could stay, but in late June this year the Oklahoma Supreme Court ordered it removed. However, Governor Mary Fallin said “the court got it wrong” and the monument will stay during an appeal process. She also said that the legislature may ask voters to change the state’s constitution.—*The Washington Post*

Influence of religion in the U.S.

**Increasing**
- Republican 14%
- Independents 18%
- Democrats 28%

**Decreasing**
- Republicans 82%
- Independents 79%
- Democrats 69%

Canadian Supreme Court decision on prayer

For eight years—since 2007—the town of Saguenay, Quebec, has been embroiled in a legal battle over whether Catholic prayers could be offered at their town council meetings. On April 15 this year a unanimous Canadian Supreme Court finally settled the matter: No! Even nondenominational prayers are excluded. The court said that the country’s social mores have “given rise to a concept of neutrality according to which the state must not interfere in religion and beliefs . . . [including] non belief.”

—Religion News Service

Home renovation surprise

An Israeli family had no idea what would happen when they set out to renovate their home in the Ein Kerem neighborhood of Jerusalem: their workers discovered a 2,000-year-old Jewish ritual bath under the house! The 11.5-foot by 8-foot pool was hewn out of rock and plastered in accordance with Jewish laws of purity. A staircase leads to the bottom of the pool. Married Jewish women were required to dip in the bath’s water once a month, seven days after the end of their menstrual cycle. Ein Kerem is especially important to Christians because tradition says that it’s where John the Baptist was born and where Mary, the mother of Jesus, met with the Baptist’s mother during the time she was carrying him.—Christian Headlines
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“The churches are restoring their cross[es] over and over again. . . . They are being bold and very courageous.”

Statement by Zan Aizong, an evangelical Protestant in China’s Zhejiang Province,
commenting on the Christian response to a new provincial order that crosses be removed from all churches in the province. When the government removes the crosses, the churches put them back up.—Christian Century