

Pastor wants his snakes back from officials

MIDDLESBORO, Ky. (AP) - An eastern Kentucky pastor wants Tennessee wildlife officials to return five venomous snakes confiscated in Knoxville. Gregory Coots is pastor of at the Full Gospel Tabernacle in Jesus Name Church in Middles-

boro. Coots handles the snakes as part of worship services. He told WYMT-TV (bit.ly/Z9XKYW) in Hazard he bought three rattlesnakes and two copperheads in Alabama on Jan. 31. Police stopped Coots in Knoxville for dark window tinting

and saw the cages containing the snakes. The district attorney general's office in Knoxville says Coots is charged with illegally possessing and transporting wildlife. Coots said he has a permit for snakes in Kentucky.

Hackers broadcast zombie warning

GREAT FALLS, Mont. (AP) - A Montana television station's regular programming was interrupted by news of a zombie apocalypse. The Montana Television Network says hackers broke into the Emergency Alert System of Great Falls affiliate KRTV and its CW station.

KRTV says on its website the hackers broadcast that "dead bodies are rising from their graves" in several Montana counties. The alert claimed the bodies were "attacking the living" and warned people not to "approach or apprehend these bodies as they are extremely dangerous." The network says there is no

emergency and its engineers are investigating. A call to KRTV was referred to a Montana Television Network executive in Bozeman. Jon Saunders didn't immediately return a call for comment. The Great Falls Tribune reports the hoax alert generated at least four calls to police.

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