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### briefs

## Cruelty charge filed

Times Staff Report

**PRESTONSBURG** — An elderly Floyd County man is facing a cruelty to animal charge after allegedly poisoning his neighbor's dog.

Francis Branham, 87, of Spurlock, "intentionally killed" a dog belonging to Kathy Mullins by throwing out poisoned meat and chicken on Sept. 10, the citation alleges.

Branham will be arraigned on the second-degree animal cruelty charge on Oct. 15.

## City issues boil-water advisory

Times Staff Report

**PRESTONSBURG** — The Prestonsburg City Utilities Commission voluntarily issued a boil water advisory for all customers on U.S. 23 South, from Prater Creek to the Ivel BP Station, including all of Daniels Creek.

The advisory is a precautionary measure taken after a line break. Once the leak is repaired, water

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### 2 DAY FORECAST



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# Appeals court upholds rape conviction

by TOM DOTY  
STAFF WRITER

**FRANKFORT** — The state Court of Appeals has upheld Circuit Court Judge Danny P. Caudill's decision to deny a motion to set aside the conviction of a sex offender who later charged that his attorney was incompetent and that his punishment should be terminated.

Gene E. Blackburn was indicted in 1997 on 10 counts of third-degree rape and was later charged in a second indictment with another count of rape and two counts of sexual abuse. Blackburn engaged the services of Prestonsburg attorney Ned Pillersdorf, who negotiated a plea arrangement in which Blackburn would receive an eight-year sentence.

The Court of Appeals noted that

Blackburn, despite the "very favorable terms" of his deal, later filed a pro se motion charging Pillersdorf with offering ineffective assistance because, Blackburn claims, he told Blackburn that he would most likely be paroled after service of 19 months.

Blackburn charges that Pillersdorf didn't mention that a sex offender treatment program, which is mandatory to complete

before parole eligibility, would take 24 months to finish. Blackburn also cited a previous Court of Appeals decision (Sparks vs. Sowders) which approved such a motion when the client was told by his attorney that he could face a life sentence without the possibility of parole which was not a sentence applicable in

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Librarian Homer Hall stands outside the new Homer L. Hall Technology and Child Services Center at the Floyd County Library.

photos by Mary Music

## Library unveils new look

by MARY MUSIC  
STAFF WRITER

**PRESTONSBURG** — Floyd County Library employees are putting the finishing touches on renovations this week, in preparation for a grand opening celebration scheduled for Saturday.

The library kept its doors open during most of its two-year renovation and construction project, but they temporarily closed the facility in April because of safety concerns.

The building, completely renovated, was reopened last month to the public. Two "quiet rooms," a large meeting room and modern furnishings (including a fireplace and rocking chairs) were added to the Emma Wells May Cultural Center. The library, originally built in 1963, now has about 8,000 square feet of additional space, which was named after librarian Homer Hall.

"We're real happy with all of this," Hall said. "It makes it a much nicer facility, makes people



The Floyd County Library has undergone extensive interior renovations. Pictured here is the new "story time" area in the children's reading section.

more confident. We'll also be able to have more materials because we have more space. It will help the people using it tremendously and it will give them a sense of pride, too, to have something nice inside."

The Homer L. Hall Center of Technology and Children Services was completed on the second floor of the facility with a children's book section, a "story time" area, a

(See LIBRARY, page eight)

## P'burg sets tax rate, trick-or-treat

by TOM DOTY  
STAFF WRITER

**PRESTONSBURG** — The city council met twice in as many days this week in order to have two readings of an ordinance to set tax rates.

The ordinance, number 15, carried with no negative votes and set property taxes for next year lower than last year's.

The council also voted to have the city observe Halloween trick-or-treat rituals from 6 to 8 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 31. The council noted that this year's celebration will not coincide with the annual Halloween event at the Mountain Arts Center.

Last year Halloween

was celebrated on the same night that the MAC offered its annual Halloween concert by the Kentucky Opry which was preceded by trick-or-treat in the lobby as well as prizes for costumes. The council opted to have trick-or-treat run from 5 to 7 p.m. so that the events wouldn't overlap.

Mayor Fannin noted that he got a few complaints about the earlier trick-or-treat times from residents who had gone to great lengths to decorate their homes with lighted displays which were not as effective before darkness set in.

This year trick-or-treat will run into darkness and parents should observe cau-

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## Many complaints in Reno's suit dismissed

by MARY MUSIC  
STAFF WRITER

**PRESTONSBURG** — Circuit Judge Danny P. Caudill dismissed claims against several defendants in a civil suit brought by Reno's Roadhouse Inc.

Caudill signed an order dismissing several claims in the case against defendants Mark Link, Lois H. Burchett Living Trust, Kenni Gambill, Stephen Scott Dixon, Jamie T. Evans Salyer, Michael Salyer, Momnana's LLC., and Steve-o's Sports Bar and Grill LLC.

Reno's owner, Terrance Fitzer, and his son, Eric Fitzer, did not object to the order, which dismisses

claims of misappropriation of trade secrets, counterfeiting intellectual property, unfair trade practices, unfair competition, breach of confidentiality and duty not to compete, and request for injunctive relief against all defendants in the case.

Caudill's decision came after all defendants filed motions for summary judgments and motions for dismissal in the case, which was originally filed against them in 2004.

The suit alleges that former Reno's Roadhouse employees engaged in "tortious" activities in order to launch a competing restaurant — Steve-o's Sports Bar

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## Officials cite 6-year DUI as persistent felon law benefit

by TOM DOTY  
STAFF WRITER

**PRESTONSBURG** — A Lackey man pleaded guilty to charges of driving under the influence and driving on a DUI-suspended license and was sentenced to six years in prison on Monday.

Rodney Baker, 37, received the six years because of his status as a persistent felony offender which added one year to what would normally have been a five-year sentence at the most because he pleaded guilty to similar offenses within five years of his latest infraction.

Currently a special panel of lawmakers

is reviewing persistent felony offender statutes with an eye toward making them obsolete in areas of nonviolent crimes like drug trafficking and driving offenses. The PFO laws increase penalties on felonies for defendants who have been convicted of a previous felony in the last five years and are aimed at curbing habit-

ual criminals.

Attorney General Greg Stumbo has argued that reducing the persistent felony offender guidelines would defang a law which has shown to be effective.

Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney

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# Obituaries

## Vernace "Vern" Bentley

Vernace "Vern" Bentley, 76, born in McDowell, died Sunday, September 18, 2005, at Riverside Methodist Hospital in Columbus, Ohio.

He was a member of the Linden Eagle Lodge No. 2252, and the Humboldt Lodge No. 476, F&AM. He was an avid outdoor sportsman, who enjoyed four-wheeling and bowling. He was a loving and devoted family man.

He is survived by his loving wife, Bobbie Bentley.

Other survivors include his sons: Lovvayd (Joyce), Stevie (Cathy) and Stan (Kim) Bentley; daughters: Deanna (Jim) Boerner, Missi (David) Slobodnik, and Donna Thornsburg; 11 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren; a sister, Janice (Gary) Salyers; a brother, Tommy (Terri) Bentley; sisters-in-law: Avanel, Tuddie, Beth, Sandy, and Becky Bentley; a brother-in-law, Lewis Martin; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Charley and Dora Bentley; his siblings: Sam, Don, Joe, Ronnie, and Polly Bentley.

The family will receive friends Wednesday, from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m., at Schoedinger North Chapel, 5554 Karl Rd., Columbus, Ohio, 43229, where a funeral service will be held at 11:30 a.m., Thursday, September 22.

Interment will be at Northlawn Memorial Gardens, Westerville, Ohio. (Paid obituary)

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## Rebecca "Becky" Jarrell Brown

Rebecca "Becky" Jarrell Brown, 97, passed away Sunday, September 18, 2005, at Arbours of Gallipolis.

She was a longtime resident of Centerpoint, Ohio. Becky was born in Water Gap, on November 19, 1907, the daughter of the late Nettie DeRosette Jarrell and Lenoard "Doc" Jarrell.

She was a former school teacher, postmaster and homemaker. She loved gardening, cooking, quilting, and crocheting, and would go out of her way to help people.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and her husband, Parker Brown, whom she married on November 9, 1930; a brother, Curtis Jarrell; two sisters: Ersie Branham and Virginia Hurd; a son, Curtis

(Buddy) Jarrell; and two infant grandchildren.

Surviving are two sons: Danny (Renda) Brown of Rio Grande, Ohio, and Ralph (Barbara) Brown of Crown City, Ohio; a daughter-in-law, Beatrice Jarrell of Prestonsburg; nine grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

There will be no calling hours, and final services will be posted at a later date.

Arrangements are under direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in Becky's name can be made to the Red Cross for the hurricane victims. (Paid obituary)

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## Earl Campbell

Earl Campbell, 84, of Prestonsburg, died Saturday, September 17, 2005, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg.

Born April 14, 1921, in Bull Creek, he was the son of the late Will and Susan Calhoun Campbell. He served in the United States Army in World War II, was a member of V.F.W. Post 5839, in Prestonsburg, and was a member of the Trimble Chapel Freewill Baptist Church, in Prestonsburg.

He is survived by his wife, Georgia Spears Campbell.

Other survivors include one son, Lenvil Campbell of Prestonsburg; two daughters: Shelia Howell of Point Pleasant, West Virginia, and Rita Eppenbaugh of Prestonsburg; three brothers: Elzie Campbell of Abbott, and Bill Campbell, and Lee Campbell, both of Water Gap; two sisters: Allie Hall of Prestonsburg, and Mary Ramey of Warsaw, Indiana; five grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by three brothers: Arthur Campbell, Alvin Campbell, and Wess Campbell; and two sisters: Anna Mae Ramey and Martha Hatfield.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, September 20, at 11 a.m., at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Rob Tussey and Bill Campbell officiating.

Burial was in the Campbell Cemetery, in Water Gap, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

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## Sharon K. Scott Meadows

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### NOTICE

The September regular meeting of Prestonsburg City's Utilities Commission has been rescheduled.

The September meeting will now be held at 7:00 p.m., on Wednesday, September 21, 2005, at the Commission offices, at 2560 South Lake Drive.

### FLOYD COUNTY CATHOLICS

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Phone 874-9526

age 49, of Charleston, West Virginia, formerly of Floyd County, died Monday, July 4, 2005, at C.A.M.C. Memorial Division Hospital, in Charleston, West Virginia.

Born July 4, 1956, in Floyd County, she was the daughter of Isabell Fugate Scott, of Garrett, and the late Willard Scott. She was a disabled insurance processor for Accordia National Insurance Company, and a homemaker.

She is survived by her husband, Eddie Meadows.

In addition to her mother, and husband, she is survived by a son, James Andrew Hatfield, of Chesapeake, West Virginia; two daughters, Isabella Puckett, of Prestonsburg, and Mary Ann Lewis, of Floyd County; a brother, Larry Scott, of Garrett; seven sisters, Leona Hall, of Westland, Michigan, Edna Blackburn, of Garrett, Bertha Spears and Margaret Rice, both of Prestonsburg, Rita Scott, of Martin, Sabrina Scott, of Paintsville, and Jennifer Reed, of Stroh, Indiana; and four grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, July 9, at 1 p.m., at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Donald W. Hatfield, Brent Tackett, and others, officiating.

Visitation was at the funeral home, where additional services were held on Friday evening, at 7 p.m.

Burial was in the Scott Family Cemetery, at Stone Coal, in Garrett, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home. (Paid obituary)

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## Margene Moore

Margene Moore, 83, of Belleville, Ohio, died Monday, September 19, 2005, at Winchester Terrace, Mansfield, Ohio.

Born February 14, 1922, in Helliell, she was the daughter of the late Jerry Damron and Chloe Davidson Damron. She was a homemaker and a resident of Marion for 50 years, coming from Kentucky. She was a member of the First Freewill Baptist Church on Crissinger Road, in Marion.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Curtis Moore, on August 21, 1986. They were married in December 1940, in Leburn.

Survivors include one son,

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Sunday Night .....6 p.m.  
Wednesday Service ..7 p.m.  
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Lorie Vannucci, Pastor  
285-3051

## Hall Honored

At the June meeting of the Floyd County Library Board, the directors voted unanimously to honor **Homer L. Hall**, for his dedicated service to the Floyd County Public Library, by naming the new addition for technology and children's services the "Homer L. Hall Center."

The board recognized Hall for his expertise and 44 years of service to the Floyd County Public Library community. Mr. Hall has served in the capacity as bookmobile librarian, consultant as a regional librarian, and currently is Director/Librarian at the Floyd County Public Library in Prestonsburg.

Jerry Moore of Marion, Ohio; two sisters: Katherine McKim of Albion, Michigan, and Phyllis (Lars Eric) Sjoberg of Burlington Ontario, Canada; four brothers: Jack (Patricia) Fletcher of Monroe, Ohio, Donald (Pauline) Fletcher of Mooresville, North Carolina, Gary (Marie) Fletcher of Shiloh, Ohio and Philip (Toni) Fletcher of Belleville, Ohio; two grandchildren: J. Ryan Moore and Shannon Dittmann; and one great-grandchild: Nathan Dittmann.

Funeral services will be conducted Thursday, September 22, at 1 p.m., at the First Freewill Baptist Church, in Marion, Ohio, with Rev. Roger Fletcher and Rev. Grover Caudill officiating.

Burial will be in the Grand Prairie Cemetery, under the direction of Boyd Funeral Home.

Friends may call, Thursday, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., at the Church.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association. (Paid obituary)

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## Emmogene Newsome

Emmogene Newsome, 74, of Weeksbury, died Wednesday, September 14, 2005, at the Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington.

Born December 3, 1930, in Floyd County, she was the daughter of the late Grant Johnson and Jane Johnson. She was a domestic/homemaker.

Survivors include three sons: Ronnie Newsome and Wayne Newsome, both of Weeksbury, and Lenny Newsome of Melvin; one daughter, Kathy Hall of Melvin; and nine grandchildren: Billy Wayne Newsome, Brian Newsome, Kennady Newsome, Derek Newsome, Tyler Newsome, Randy Newsome, Marissa Newsome, Dakota Newsome, and Jennifer Newsome.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one grandchild, Jamie Maynard.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, September 17, at 1 p.m., at the Wheelwright Freewill Baptist Church, with Louie Farrow, Dale Williamson, John Allen, Billy Williamson and Ellis Holbrook officiating.

Burial was in the Newsome Family Cemetery, in Melvin, under the direction of Roberts Funeral Home, Robinson Creek.

Visitation was at the church. (Paid obituary)

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## Renis Ousley

Renis Ousley, age 77, of Martin, wife of Taylor Ousley, passed away Monday, September 19, 2005, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg.

She was born March 11, 1928, in Risner, the daughter of the late Perry Ousley and Millie Crager Ousley. She was a homemaker and a member of the Cold Springs Regular Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Taylor; two sons: Joe Ed Ousley of Warsaw, Indiana, and Donnie Ed Ousley of Denver; one daughter, Melinda Lou Hager of Martin; two brothers: Dennis Ousley and Otis Ousley, both of Martin; four grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one daughter, Fayette Ousley.

Funeral services will be conducted Thursday, September 22, at 1 p.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial will follow in the Taylor Ousley Cemetery, Alum Lick, in Martin, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home.

Visitation is at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

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## Mary Oma Samons

Mary Oma Samons, age 72, of Martin, widow of Frank Samons, passed away Thursday, September 15, 2005, at the Hazard Appalachian Regional Hospital.

She was born October 9, 1932, in Dana, the daughter of the late Willie Owens and Minnie Gillespie Owens. She was a homemaker, and a member of the Church of Christ, Arkansas Creek, in Martin.

Survivors include one son, William Douglas (Shannon) Samons of Prestonsburg; five daughters: Francis Sue Byrn, Virginia "Jennie" Ann (Gregory) Justice, and Alma Allen, all of Martin, Brenda Gay (Richard) Bishop of Woodbine, Charleye Gail (Steve) Chapman of Jacksonville, Florida; a sister, Louise Schaller of Columbus, Ohio; 12 grandchildren, and 12 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by four brothers: Richard Owens, Robert Owens, Lee Owens, and Delmer Owens; and two sisters: Lillie Mae Slusher and Love Patton.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday, September 18, at 1 p.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with Ronnie Samons and Roy Robinson officiating.

Entombment was in the Gethsemane Gardens, in Prestonsburg, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

Pallbearers: David Wells, Jeff Hughes, Steve Hughes, Brian Wells, Timothy Conn, Scottie Samons, Ronnie Bradley, McKay Sexton, Heath Calloway, and Kris Wells.

Honorary: Sam Howell, Trey Reed, and Jonathan Conn. (Paid obituary)

## Lottery results

### Friday evening

Pick 3: 7-1-7  
Pick 4: 6-1-4-7  
Cash Ball: 9-16-28-32,  
Cash Ball 28  
Tic Tac Cash: 2-9-14-18-  
25-29-31-38

### Saturday midday

Pick 3: 2-6-2  
Pick 4: 3-3-3-1

### Saturday evening

Pick 3: 3-8-6  
Pick 4: 0-4-5-0  
Cash Ball: 13-22-28-32,  
Cash Ball 6  
Tic Tac Cash: 5-8-14-20-  
23-27-35-37  
Lotto South: 8-18-31-32-  
39-45  
Powerball: 5-9-27-49-52,  
Powerball 6, Power Play 2

### Sunday

Pick 3: 3-1-8  
Pick 4: 8-7-7-8  
Tic Tac Cash: 5-9-13-16-  
22-29-34-37

### Monday midday

Pick 3: 7-4-7  
Pick 4: 1-3-7-8

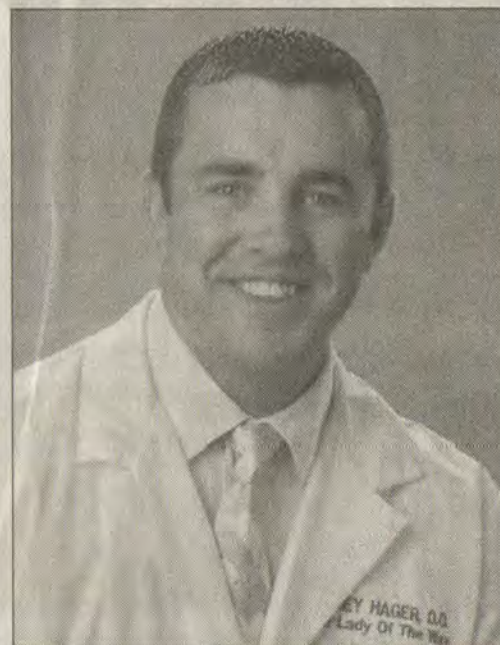
### Monday evening

Pick 3: 2-7-5  
Pick 4: 5-9-1-4  
Cash Ball: 14-27-31-33,  
Cash Ball 5  
Tic Tac Cash: 4-8-13-20-  
23-30-33-39

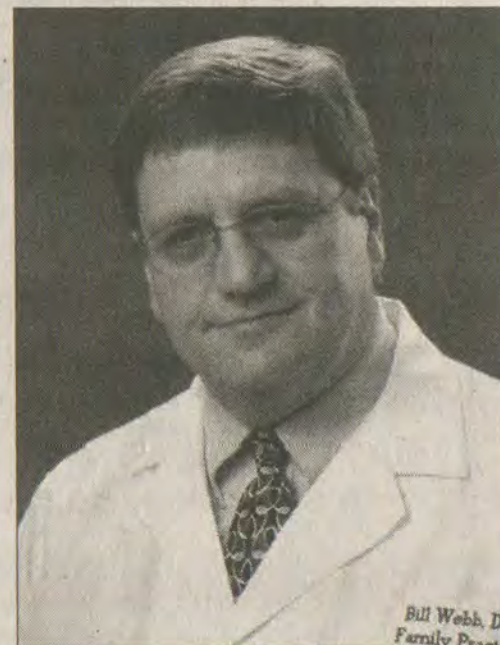
### Tuesday midday

Pick 3: 4-0-3  
Pick 4: 5-8-1-8

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Dr. Jamey Hager



Dr. Bill Webb

Dr. Jamey Hager is a 2002 graduate of the Pikeville College School of Osteopathic Medicine. He completed his family practice residency this spring at the University of Kentucky Chandler Medical Center where he was honored as the Resident of the Year in 2003/2004 and 2004/2005 academic years.

Dr. Hager's office is located on the first floor of the Seton Complex. Call 285-0681 for an appointment.

Dr. Bill Webb is a 2002 graduate of the Pikeville College School of Osteopathic Medicine. He completed his family practice residency this spring at the Pikeville Medical Center and was Chief Resident in 2004-2005.

Dr. Webb's office is located at the Betsy Layne Clinic. Call 478-3636 for an appointment.

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# Community Calendar

**Calendar items will be printed as space permits**

*Editor's note: To announce your community event, you may hand-deliver your item to The Floyd County Times office, located at 263 S. Central Avenue, Prestonsburg; or mail to: The Floyd County Times, P.O. Box 390, Prestonsburg, KY 41653; or fax to 606-886-3603; or email to: features@floyd-countytimes.com. Information will not be taken over the telephone. All items will be placed on a first-come, first-serve basis as space permits.*

**Floyd County Amateur Radio Club Organization, Sunday**

There will be a meeting at 2:30 p.m., Sunday, September 25, to organize a Floyd County Amateur Radio Club. The meeting will be held in the old Annex building behind the old courthouse on 2nd floor. Use back steps.

**PHS Class of '75**

The Prestonsburg High School class of 1975 will hold a reunion the weekend of Sept. 30-Oct. 1. On Friday, Sept. 30, the class will meet underneath a tent at the Blackcat Football Homecoming game, Josh Francis Field. Following, on Sat. Oct. 1, classmates may meet for a day of golfing at Stone Crest Golf Course, with dinner and dancing that evening at the Stone Crest Golf Course Clubhouse. If you are a member, or if you know of a member, who has not been located/notified of this upcoming reunion, call Lynn Brown at (606) 886-7955.

**Open House & Dedication**

To be held Saturday, Sept. 24, at 1 p.m., at the Homer L. Hall Center. The Floyd County Library Board invites one and all to view the new facility,

located at 161 N. Arnold Avenue.

**PHS Class of '65**

The Prestonsburg High School Class of 1965 will host a reunion to be held Oct. 7-8. On Oct. 7, the class will attend the PHS vs. Belfry football game. On Oct. 8, dinner will be held in the PHS Cafeteria, at 6:30 p.m. \$40/couple; \$25/individual. For more information, contact Rose Price at 789-4615 or Kay LeMaster at 886-1611. You may also email to: kwingham@charter.net.

**ACHS Car Wash**

The Allen Central Lady Rebels will hold a car wash on Sat., Sept. 24, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the First Guaranty Bank, in Martin. \$5 per car.

**Nature Trail Dedication**

To be held on the BSCTC-Prestonsburg campus, on Sept. 21, at 2 p.m. The Citizens National Bank Nature Trail will be dedicated in the Gearheart Auditorium with refreshments following. Public invited to attend.

**Domestic Violence Essay Contest**

Grades 6-12, students from Floyd, Johnson, Magoffin and Martin counties: Submit writings for a Domestic Violence Essay Contest, sponsored by the Floyd County Domestic Violence Council and Appalachian Research and Defense Fund of Kentucky (AppalRed). Entries of up to 1,500 words must be received, in the AppalRed office, by Sept. 25. US Savings Bonds will be presented to winners at the Domestic Violence Candlelight Vigil, scheduled for Oct. 8. For more info., call Bridget at 886-3876.

**Special service at Prater Creek Baptist - Sept. 25**

The Prater Creek Baptist Church, Banner, will present the Knickerbocker family, who will speak of their work as mission-

aries in France. Special singing by the Knickerbocker sons. For more info., call Pastor J.B. Hall at 874-3222 or log onto: www.pcbaptist.org.

**ACHS Car, Truck & Bike Show**

To be held Sept. 24, at Allen Central High School. Registration begins at 8 a.m., ends at noon; judging begins at 11 a.m. Music, 50/50 pot, door prizes, food. Show will be held rain or shine. Proceeds to benefit ACHS Band. More info., contact Ricky Wells at 358-9543, between 10:30 and 11:30 a.m.

**2005 Patriotic Beauty Pageant**

Applications for pageant may be picked up at Lad 'n Lassie and Little Rascals, downtown Prestonsburg, as well as Martin City Hall, in Martin. Or, call Imogene Robinson at 285-9569.

Boys and girls from all areas may participate. Ages 0 mos. up to 5 yrs. All girls will receive crowns, trophies and crown pins; boys will receive trophies, medallions and gifts. For more info., contact Imogene Robinson, Pageant Director, at above number.

**Community Family Day at Camp Nathanael**

Camp Nathanael will host an Old Fashioned Country Picnic on Saturday, September 24. The event will begin at 4 p.m., with activities for all ages. At 4:30 there will be a Funny Money Auction and Old Fashioned Storytelling with Clella Cook, a retired Leslie County school-teacher. The day will end with a picnic supper. There is no charge—an offering will be taken. Camp Nathanael invites all families, couples and singles to come and spend the day with us! For more information: call 251-3231.

**Compton Family Reunion**

Will be held Sunday, October 2, at the Jenny Wiley State

Resort Park, Pines Building. All relations invited to attend. Please bring a covered dish, as well as an item for the auction. More info., call 886-6041.

**Waddle Family Reunion**

To be held Saturday, Sept. 24, at 2 p.m., at the Pines Building, Jenny Wiley State Resort Park.

**2005 Martin County Harvest Festival Cuties & Beauties Pageant**

To be held Oct. 6, at 6 p.m., at the Roy F. Collier Community Center, Inez. Ages 0-11 mos. up to "Mrs." (anyone married or with children), females; Ages 0-11 mos. up to 6 years, males.

Contestants will receive gift bags, t-shirts, participation crowns and awards. More info., call 298-0020 or 298-4850. Call now for details on how to enter free! Sponsored by the Inez Volunteer Fire Department.

**KY Apple Baby Contest**

"Apple Baby Contest, of the KY Apple Festival, will be held on Sunday, Sept. 25, in the Paintsville High School gymnasium. Boys and girls, ages 1 year to 23 months, are eligible. Must be resident of KY. May register at Big Sandy Pharmacy, Main Street, Paintsville. Applications available Monday, August 29 and accepted through close of business day on Thursday, Sept. 22. No entries allowed beyond this date. A recent, framed, 5x7 photo required upon application.

**Jenny Wiley Bike Tours**

Held every Saturday morning, 8 a.m. Meet at the flags in front of the Jenny Wiley Convention Center/Marina. Group will ride to spillway. Fun ride at a relaxed pace.

For more information, call 886-8604 or email: profitnescentr@bellsouth.net. You may also visit www.multisports to view and print a map of area cycling routes.

**UNITE meeting announcement**

The Floyd County Coalition of UNITE meets the first Thursday of each month on the BSCTC Prestonsburg campus, room 153 of the Johnson Building. The entire community is invited and encouraged to attend.

**Rotary Club**

Local Rotary Club holds meetings each Thursday, at noon, at the Student Grill, on the BSCTC campus. Open to business and professional men and women who live or work in Floyd County. More info., contact Mike Vance at 886-2075.

**Auxier Lifetime Learning Center Class Schedule:**

**Basic Computer:** Thursdays, 6-8 p.m. Classes meet once a week for 8 weeks; fee \$30.

**Intermediate Computer:** Tuesdays, 12-2 p.m. Classes meet once a week for 8 weeks. Fee, \$30.

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• Oct. 15 (Sat.) - PALS

Provider classes, 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., HRMC Medical Office Bldg., meeting place A & B.

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• Oct. 19 (Wed.) - Mental Health Coalition, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., HRMC Medical Office Bldg., meeting place A & B.

• Oct. 27 - Diabetic Support Group, 5-6 p.m. HRMC Medical Office Bldg., meeting place A & B. For more info., contact Highlands Educational Services Dept. at 886-7424.

**Victim Services Volunteer Training**

The Victim Services program of Mt. Comp. Care Center is looking for individuals interested in becoming volunteers. To be a volunteer, one must complete a 40-hour training requirement.

The training will begin Oct. 22, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; it will continue for the next four (4) Saturdays thereafter.

For an application packet, please call the volunteer coordinator at 886-4323.

Volunteers provide valuable services that positively impact victims of sexual assault and domestic violence. (10-3)

**Neighborhood Watch**

The Mud Creek Neighborhood Watch group will meet the third Thursday of each month, at 7 p.m. All are invited to attend meetings.

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(See CALENDAR, page ten)

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Several of our businesses have been run out of town because of the deplorable conditions that now exist, which are devaluing our property and businesses. We are trying to rectify the situation, even if we must go the courts.

The Army Corps of Engineers, Mayor, and City Council continue to haul dirt and debris through town and also not allow parking on the streets. This is totally unacceptable to us and it's causing our customers to by-pass Martin and go elsewhere to trade!

Recently, Country Village, 4-Seasons and Mountain Methodist Mission Store have moved, and other businesses have closed.

Martin, because of this inhumane treatment, and unjustifiable action by the City Fathers, has become on most instances a DUST BOWL or MUD HOLE which is unsafe and unhealthy for its inhabitants and businesses. Homes and businesses have already been damaged by thousands of dollars.

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# Viewpoint

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— John Greenleaf Whittier

## Guest View Schools must teach value of America's Constitution

Look no farther than recent headlines on Judge John Roberts to discover that the U.S. Constitution is as important today as 200 years ago.

The Supreme Court nominee was grilled intensively by senators on his interpretations of the Constitution, which governs just about every aspect of U.S. political life.

Yet Americans know little about this founding document, thanks in part to public schools that don't adequately teach how the Constitution protects rights most take for granted.

Many schools are teaching about those rights this month in connection with Constitution Day, which fell on Saturday this year. There's a lot to teach. Only 3 percent of Americans know they have a right to gripe — listed in the First Amendment as "the right to petition government for a redress of grievances."

Nearly 40 percent of Americans don't know the amendment guarantees free speech. So it's no wonder so many seem willing to give it up under provisions of the Patriot Act and other measures. They don't miss what they don't understand. An appalling number of teenagers and young adults lack a rudimentary understanding of the American republic, what rights are guaranteed under the Constitution and why.

In Michigan last year, a mere 35 percent of students taking state social studies tests met or exceeded standards. And that dismal number is up from previous years. In one Michigan district, only 9 percent of the students got a passing mark on the state social studies exam.

A poll by the National Association of Secretaries of State found many young people have a vague understanding of citizenship and don't get heavily involved in the political process. "The prospect of a democracy without citizens is a sobering oxymoron," the group concluded.

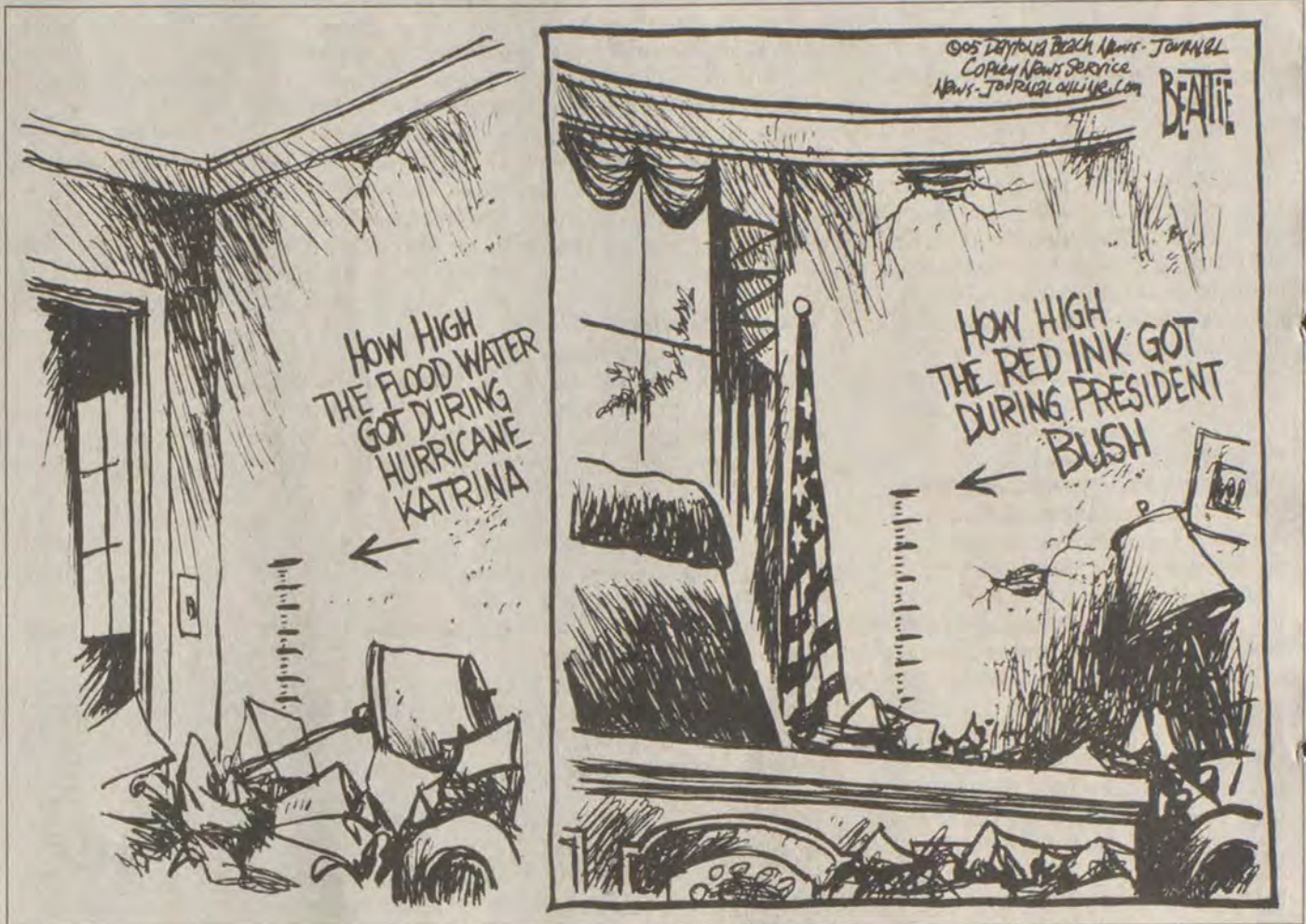
Americans who pay lip service to freedom are woefully disconnected from its source, the Constitution, specifically designed to limit government powers. About 23 percent of Americans believe the First Amendment goes too far in guaranteeing rights, according to a survey by the First Amendment Center at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tenn.

The typical American high school student has neither an understanding of nor appreciation for the democratic principles that make the United States different from most other nations, says a study by the Albert Shanker Institute, a nonpartisan think tank in Washington, D.C.

Leaders who endorsed the finding include former Michigan Gov. John Engler, who says students need to know what America stands for.

No society can survive without passing along its values and — by their own measure — U.S. educators have fallen down on the job of teaching civics and the Constitution.

— The Detroit News



## Capitol Ideas

### Study: States need policies allowing smoother college transition

by JOE BIESK  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — School systems across the country aren't doing well preparing students for the transition between high school and college, a national study says.

That's because many states don't have education policies for elementary and high school that coincide with their higher education plans, the recent study found.

"The vast majority of students in the United States — with the assistance of their parents, guidance counselors, teachers and others — do try to negotiate the divide between high school and college," the study found. "But they often face unexpected hurdles, such as graduating under one set of expectations in high school and, several months later, entering into a whole new set of standards in college."

The study was released by the National Center for Public Policy and Higher Education, the Stanford Institute for Higher Education Research and the Institute for Educational Leadership.

It's increasingly essential for students across the country to equip themselves with more than a high school education. Yet many students are finding themselves lacking the necessary tools to succeed in college, the report found.

However, states can implement policies that would smooth the transition between high school and college, according to the study.

For example, states' policy makers could ensure high school classes coin-

cide better with college courses. Need-based financial aid and student preparation for college need to be linked; accountability systems for elementary and high school need to be connected to higher education; and education data should be better provided to policy makers, it said.

"Every state needs to increase the percentage of students who complete high school and finish some form of postsecondary education, existing governance structures and policies cannot meet this overwhelming need," according to the report. "For most states, these structures and policies must be revised in significant ways."

Jim Waters, policy and communications director for the Bluegrass Institute, a Bowling Green think tank, agreed.

"They're right, and I think Kentucky should be at the top of this list," Waters said.

As evidence, Waters pointed to the number of college freshmen who need some type of remediation at the start of their collegiate careers to catch up. In 2003, about 40 percent of freshmen at Kentucky's public universities needed remediation for at least one course, Waters said.

"The average Kentucky high school graduate is not well prepared," Waters said. "I wish we could say it was better than that, but it's not."

Too much attention is focused on topics such as education funding and not enough on classroom performance, Waters said.

Currently, there is a disconnect

between what students are expected to learn in high school and what colleges expect them to know upon entering, said Kentucky Department of Education spokeswoman Lisa Gross. However, state education officials are working to revamp high school curriculum so more students are ready for college, Gross said.

"The department and the board are going to be looking very closely at high school education starting now and revamping it looking at the rigor of high school courses and how relevant they are," Gross said.

Kentucky recently has been implementing various policies that have officials in higher education more concerned about incoming freshman than before, said Dianne Bazell, an assistant vice president for academic affairs at the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education.

Among them, Kentucky has recently established a "college readiness standard" that tells high school students the skills they need upon entering college, Bazell said. For example, a student interested in a math-related career would know the approximate ACT score necessary and previous coursework he or she would need for college, she said.

Educators have also been working with employers to determine what skills they're looking for, Bazell said. And, Kentucky is doing more counseling and mentoring programs, and conducting early voluntary diagnostic tests to let students know areas where they need to improve, she said.

"We're doing a lot here," Bazell said.

## Guest Column

### When Bill, Hillary, George and Ron agreed

by Dr. PAUL KENGOR

By now everyone knows that a California judge has ruled the pledge of allegiance unconstitutional. Specifically, Senior District Court Judge Lawrence Karlton has ruled that the pledge's reference to one nation "under God" violates the right of school children to be "free from a coercive requirement to affirm God." Karlton was appointed by President Jimmy Carter, a devout Christian.

In a perverse way, the ruling is per-

fectly fitting: God has been booted from public schools for years.

What is surprising, however, is this: two heroes of the left are in lock step with two heroes of the right in their defense of God in public schools.

In her book "It Takes A Village," Hillary Rodham Clinton insisted that "nothing in the First Amendment converts our public schools into religion-free zones, or requires all religious expression to be left behind at the schoolhouse door." Those words are actually her husband's, as are these, which she also quoted approvingly: "[R]eligion is too important in our history and our heritage for us to keep it out of our schools."

Senator Clinton's statement must surely infuriate many liberals. The New York Times must be bewildered by such an unsophisticated, red-stated statement.

Obviously, George W. Bush endorses this view. On occasion, Bush has had the

effrontery to ask public-school audiences to join him in a moment of silence. One such episode took place in Sarasota, Florida at 9:30 AM on the morning of September 11, 2001, roughly 25 minutes after United Airlines Flight 175 crashed into World Trade Center South and 45 minutes after American Airlines Flight 11 smashed into World Trade Center North.

Also from the right, Ronald Reagan had some things to say on the subject. Beginning in the 1960s in Sacramento, ironically, the city where Michael Newdow (aided by Judge Karlton) has led his crusade to remove religion from public education-Reagan quipped that "God isn't dead. We just can't talk to Him in the classroom anymore." Reagan posed a very good question: "Can it really be true that the First Amendment can

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# Health Extra

## OLW welcomes Webb during reception

STANVILLE — A large crowd attended the reception in honor of Dr. Bill Webb at the Betsy Layne Clinic on Tuesday, Sept. 13.

Bill Webb, D. O., joined Our Lady of the Way in July 2005. Dr. Webb is a 2002 graduate of the Pikeville College School of Osteopathic Medicine. He completed his family practice residency this spring at the Pikeville Medical Center and was chief resident in 2004-05.

"We are pleased to have this reception today to welcome Dr. Webb," said Kathy Stumbo, Our Lady of the Way Hospital president and CEO. "We are also very pleased to have our Betsy Layne Clinic at this location. I would like to thank the community for their warm reception of Our Lady of the Way Hospital, the Betsy Layne Clinic and Dr. Webb."

Stumbo praised the Pikeville College School of Osteopathic Medicine for their goal in training physicians for the Appalachian region. She also stated the addition of Dr. Webb to the Betsy Layne Clinic is a continuation of Our Lady of the Way's rich history in providing quality care for the community.

"My roots run too deep to leave Eastern Kentucky," stated Bill Webb, D. O. "I have been asked, 'Why did you choose Our Lady of the Way Hospital?' 'Did they make you an offer you couldn't refuse?'" Dr. Webb replied, "No, they offered me a workplace that I would not refuse."

Dr. Webb continued praising Our Lady of the Way's quality patient care and referred to them being a past recipient of the BHCA and The Health Network National 100 Top Hospitals: Benchmarks for Success Award. He also expressed pleasure in the comradery he has experienced at Our Lady of the Way.

Dr. Webb thanked Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Pikeville College School of Osteopathic Medicine and the many people who had helped make his dream come true.

Candace Nall, harpist, was one of the many highlights of Dr. Webb's reception. Also, on behalf of Gov. Ernie Fletcher, Ms. Velma Childers of Pikeville presented Dr. Webb a certificate commissioning him as a Kentucky Colonel.

For an appointment with Dr. Bill Webb you may call 606-478-3636. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. The Betsy Layne Clinic is also staffed by

Boby Theckedath, M. D., who is board certified in Endocrinology and Internal Medicine, Billie Ratliff, PA-C, Dianna Light, LPN, and Melissa Moore, receptionist.

Our Lady of the Way Hospital is a member of Catholic Health Initiatives, a

national non-profit corporation based in Denver, Colo. The Catholic Health Initiatives health system, which is comprised of affiliated non-profit corporations located in 19 states, includes 68 hospitals; 44 long-term care, assisted and independent living and residen-

tial facilities; and five community-based health organizations. Catholic Health Initiatives represents more than 67,000 employees and consolidated annual operating revenues of \$6.1 billion. It is the second largest Catholic health system in the United States.



Dr. Bill Webb and his wife Karen enjoy the reception with his parents, Billy and Lena Webb, and her mom, Betty Pinson.



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by D.L. DAVIS  
BSACAP

Facing your fortieth birthday is for many an unpleasant prospect, a stark reminder of the fact that middle age is just around the corner. But, for the Big Sandy Area Community Action Program, turning 40 is a joyous occasion, marking four decades of providing vital services to the people of the Big Sandy region.

Born out of President Lyndon Johnson's groundbreaking "War on Poverty," the BSACAP was chartered and incorporated in September 1965 as a private, non-profit agency committed to the philosophy that all people share certain needs, and that communities working together and utilizing available resources can more effectively combat poverty, thus making the communities better for all.

From its meager beginnings with only a handful of staff and a budget of just over \$500,000, BSACAP today has grown into one of the region's largest service organizations with nearly 100 employees and an annual budget of \$14 million. The agency administers 19 separate programs, serving children, families, youth, adults and older workers through education, skills training, energy assistance

and employment programs. BSACAP partners with the school systems in Pike, Floyd, Johnson, Magoffin and Martin Counties to provide Head Start services to more than 1,200 needy children. Head Start, through its more than 200 employees in the county school systems, and a budget of more than \$7 million, brings nutrition, education, health, social and emotional assistance to children and families throughout the region to help ensure the children are prepared for their early years.

With the employment and training programs BSACAP administers, the region's youth and older workers learn valuable skills that throughout the years have enabled hundreds to become self-sufficient by lending them a helping hand to overcome the many obstacles keeping them from breaking free from the clutches of poverty. The agency continues its focus on making people more employable, and today partners with several state and service agencies to operate the Pikeville JobSight, a one-stop employment center that addresses the needs of the job seeker and provides a pool of potential employees to area industries.

Throughout the decades, BSACAP's commitment to families is evidenced by the millions

of dollars the agency has disbursed to provide shelter and energy assistance to thousands of families and individuals. Last year alone, more than \$2 million was spent on utility assistance payments to ensure that needy people in the Big Sandy region were warm in their homes and not suffering from the ravages of winter's bitter cold. The agency strives to keep families from being torn apart through its family preservation and child care programs that have kept countless children from being placed into foster care and spared parents the agony of seeing their child removed from the home.

In order to serve as many people as possible, BSACAP has services offices in each of the five Big Sandy counties, with the central office located in the Johnson County Courthouse in Paintsville. Guided by a voluntary 30-member Board of Directors comprised of representatives of city, county, civic and low-income representatives, Board Chairman Bill W. May and Executive Director James Michael Howell have the responsibility of seeing that the agency makes every effort to achieve its goal of improving life within the communities. Howell is the fifth person to serve as the agency's executive

director, serving from 1996 to present. May also previously served as executive director. BSACAP's first director was Harry Eastburn (1965-1982), followed by Grover Salyer (1982-1986), May (1986-1994), and Clifford Austin (1994-1996).

"We are extremely proud of the Big Sandy Community Action Program," says Chairman May. "The agency and its employees have a long and valued history of service to the residents of the region, and has certainly been an asset to the communities. There would be many more people and families living in poverty were it not for the contributions of the agency. I congratulate BSACAP on all their accomplishments. This is certainly a fortieth birthday that deserves a celebration. Let us hope for the sake of our communities that they enjoy forty more years."

Big Sandy Area Community Action Program will celebrate its 40th anniversary on Tuesday, Sept. 27, on the front lawn of the Johnson County Courthouse. Entertainment and refreshments will begin at 3 p.m., followed by a recognition ceremony at 4 p.m. The public is invited to attend and help commemorate this important anniversary.

## Card of Thanks

The family of Reba Blankenship wishes to thank all those friends, neighbors, and family who helped them in any way upon the passing of their loved one. Thanks to those who sent flowers and spoke kind words of sympathy to our family. A special thanks to the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control, and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional service.

THE FAMILY OF REBA BLANKENSHIP

## Card of Thanks

Perhaps you sent a lovely card, or sat upon a chair. Perhaps you sent us beautiful flowers. If so, we saw them there. Perhaps you spoke the kindest words that any friend could say. Perhaps you were not there at all, just thought of us that day. Whatever you did to console our hearts, We thank you so much, whatever your part.

The family of  
DOLORES SMITH

would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all who provided food, offered support, made contributions, and sent prayers, during our time of sorrow.

A special thanks to Dr. Floyd Price, the Floyd County Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control, and also to Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional service.

We deeply appreciate and gratefully acknowledge your kind expressions of sympathy.

THE SMITHS

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## Burke-Huff to Exchange Vows

Pamela Burke and Scottie Huff, together with their parents, invite you to share in the joy when they exchange marriage vows Saturday, the twenty-fourth of September, two thousand and five, at six o'clock in the evening, at the Fish and Game Club, Langley, Kentucky.



## Upheld

that case. The Court of Appeals found that a hearing, conducted by Judge Danny Caudill, was within its rights to deny the motion after hearing the evidence presented. At the hearing Blackburn insisted that Pillersdorf said he would make parole in 19 months. Pillersdorf was called on at the hearing and couldn't remember the specific conversation with Blackburn but did state that he routinely discusses the sex offender treatment program in such cases and was pretty sure he went over the parameters with Blackburn.

The Court of Appeals found that there was not sufficient evidence to approve Blackburn's motion and determined that the

case he had cited was not pertinent in this matter.

The court noted that it came down to Blackburn's "self-serving, uncorroborated testimony" and dismissed the motion, noting that the only detail of the case recalled by both Blackburn and Pillersdorf was that there had indeed been a discussion about the sex offender treatment program and that it was necessary to complete it before parole eligibility could be activated.

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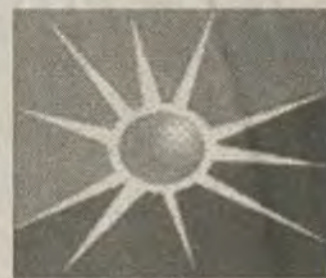
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**Lawsuit**

and Grill and Momnana's, now out of business — after they were fired from their jobs.

Attorney Della M. Justice, acting on behalf of the defendants, filed a renewed motion to dismiss the case in August, arguing that all claims against the defendants should be dropped because the plaintiffs have not "suffered any damages due to any alleged misconduct on the part of the defendants."

Justice referred to an April

20 deposition of Ben Johnson, the restaurant's CPA, who testified that a decline in sales at the restaurant was attributed to the publicity surrounding the lawsuits, not any alleged wrongdoing of the defendants.

Attorney Jason Charles Reichenbach, representing Reno's Roadhouse, filed a motion to dismiss complaints and counterclaims filed by Gambill, Jamie Salyer, Mike Salyer, Mark and Laura Link,

and Dixon because they have not tendered discovery in their cases.

"Every allegation was made in accordance with witness statements and documentary evidence," Reichenbach wrote. "However, once the parties exchanged their respective lawsuits, most of the group's overt activities ceased. No more surreptitious calls were made to line employees soliciting sensitive business information. The

effect of this quell in tortious activity rendered a pursuit of equitable relief all but moot."

Caudill took the motions for dismissal and summary judgment under advisement, along with other remaining matters in the case.

Gambill and Salyer, charged with first-degree criminal mischief in related cases, are scheduled for status conferences on Sept. 23.

Mark and Laura Link, who

filed a counterclaim against Reno's, are scheduled for a motion hour in their case on

Oct. 8. The Links filed a motion to stay or prevent issuance and sell of Reno's stock.

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**City**

tion after dark. Safety guidelines have been established for trick-or-treaters, parents and those staying home to give out treats.

**Staying Home**

- Make the yard safe by clearing any items that could trip trick-or-treaters, like hoses, flower pots, ladders, etc.
- Battery powered jack

**Parents**

- Make sure children eat a healthy dinner before going out.
- Store-bought costumes should be checked to make sure they are made from flame-retar-

dant material.

- Tampering with candy is rare but children should be encouraged to bring everything home for inspection before feasting on the bounty they've collected.

**Trick-or-Treaters**

- Should carry a flashlight.
- Always walk and don't run.

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- Wear shoes that are comfortable, regardless of whether or not they match the costume choice.

- Avoid wearing masks until they get to the host's door, as most head coverings obscure vision.

- Wear clothing with reflective patches or bands.

- Never approach homes that are unlit.

**Library**

hand-painted skylight, and a wall mural painted by Lexington native Erik Neilson.

The library borrowed approximately \$1.2 million for the project from the U.S. Department of Agriculture. They also used about \$100,000 in local funds appropriated through car and property taxes.

The library and the Floyd County Health Department purchased property from the Floyd County Board of Education to complete renovations on both properties. Renovations at the health department are still ongoing at this time.

Another ground floor section of the library will not be immediately opened, as it falls into

the county's floodplain area. Hall said plans to extend services in that section of the building will continue as floodwall plans are finalized for the city.

With more than 700,000 volumes and 20 new computers, the library will be hosting computer classes for seniors and children. Classes are expected to begin within one month.

The library is open from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, and from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday. The meeting room is available for organization reservations, free of charge.

The grand opening will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday.

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**Card of Thanks**

The family of Gracie Newman Little would like to express a sincere appreciation to all the relatives, friends, and neighbors who helped to comfort us during our time of loss. We would like to thank all those who sent food, flowers, and words of comfort expressed. A special thanks to Clergyman Don Fraley for his comforting words, the Church of God of Prophecy for all the kindness shown to our family, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control, and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and efficient service.

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# Odds & Ends

■ **WAUPACA, Wis.** — Librarians aren't usually considered sex objects. That might be changing here.

Six area library administrators have produced a sexy 2006 calendar they are selling to raise money for their libraries. It's called "Desperate Librarians."

The idea came about when Craig Lahm retired after 32 years of running Kaukauna's library, and his colleagues in the Outagamie Waupaca Library

System wanted to come up with a different kind of gift.

Five middle-aged library directors and a 32-year-old assistant each put up \$200 and posed provocatively, using oversize books to cover what their clothes usually do. Each posed for two photos.

The women appear to be naked in many of the photos, but all were at least partly clothed during the shoot, said Ellen Connor, Manawa's library

director.

"It's probably going to be a collector's item," Lahm said of the calendar. "I'm going to be eBaying it in 20 years."

■ **XENIA, Ohio** — A man convicted of stealing a 250-pound beaver statue has been ordered to start doing exactly the opposite: Guard 25 similar beaver statues for the next few weeks.

Common Pleas Judge Stephen Wolaver also sentenced Michael Ledford, 18, to five years' probation Monday and ordered him to pay part of the cost a city committee paid to put tracking devices on the beaver statues.

Ledford, who earlier this month pleaded no contest to a theft charge, will guard the statues on weekends until they are auctioned Oct. 15. He will be given a chair while on duty, but police will monitor him, officials said.

At least nine of the toothy fiberglass beaver statues have been vandalized, stolen at some

point or moved since being installed in July on the streets of Beavercreek, a city of 40,000 just east of Dayton.

Proceeds from the auction, part of that community's 25th anniversary celebration, will be used for improvements at a senior citizens center, a community theater and a teen center.

Ledford declined comment Monday.

■ **WICHITA, Kan.** — A "dance off" here led to a rumble and now two people are in a lot of trouble.

One person required stitches and a mother and son were arrested after two drill teams began brawling during an impromptu dance competition, Wichita police said.

"This is a whole new arena" of crime, said Wichita police Lt. Jeff Easter.

The Dynamic Steppers, a Wichita drill team, were practicing routines Saturday night when members of another drill team, the White Tigers, showed up and challenged the others to

a "dance-off," police said.

When the challengers appeared to be losing, a woman struck a 17-year-old Dynamic Steppers drummer in the face with a drumstick, Easter said.

The teen, who had left the White Tigers to join the Dynamic Steppers, punched the 28-year-old woman in the face. He then ran toward his SUV and tried to run over spectators, witnesses told police.

The boy's mother, who is a Dynamic Steppers coach, grabbed a box cutter and sliced the other woman's right arm, Easter said. The wound required eight stitches.

An estimated 50 people became involved in the altercation.

The mother was booked on suspicion of aggravated battery for cutting the other woman, Easter said, and the son faced charges of simple assault and aggravated assault. More charges are possible, police said.

■ **SEATTLE** — Woodland

Park Zoo officials hope that this time, the stork comes for the elephant.

An ultrasound taken Sunday morning revealed that Woodland Park Zoo's 26-year-old Asian elephant, Chai, is ovulating, prompting scientists to try once again to inseminate her artificially.

Fresh bull elephant semen was rushed to Seattle from the Oregon Zoo in Portland and the Tulsa Zoo in Oklahoma on Sunday, and the tricky business was performed that evening. More semen was expected to be received Monday, and zoo officials scheduled a second attempt for Tuesday afternoon — if Chai is still ovulating.

Elephants have a 10-foot-long reproductive tract that

(See **ODDS**, page ten)

## Today in History

### The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Sept. 21, the 264th day of 2005. There are 101 days left in the year.

**Today's Highlight in History:** On Sept. 21, 1938, a hurricane struck parts of New York and New England, causing widespread damage and claiming more than 600 lives.

On this date:

■ In 1792, the French National Convention voted to abolish the monarchy.

■ In 1897, the New York Sun ran its famous editorial that declared, "Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus."

■ In 1937, "The Hobbit," by J.R.R. Tolkien, was first published.

■ In 1949, the People's Republic of China was proclaimed by its Communist leaders.

■ In 1964, Malta gained independence from Britain.

■ In 1970, "NFL Monday Night Football" made its debut on ABC TV as the Cleveland Browns defeated the visiting New York Jets, 31-21.

■ In 1973, the U.S. Senate confirmed Henry Kissinger to be Secretary of State.

■ In 1976, Orlando Letelier, one-time foreign minister to Chilean President Salvador Allende, was killed when a bomb exploded in his car in Washington, D.C.

■ In 1981, the Senate unanimously confirmed the nomination of Sandra Day O'Connor to become the first female justice on the Supreme Court.

■ In 1989, Hurricane Hugo, packing winds of up to 135 mph, crashed into Charleston, S.C.

**Ten years ago:** House Republicans unveiled partial details of their plan for Medicare aimed at achieving \$270 billion in savings over seven years.

**Five years ago:** An Iranian appeals court reduced the prison terms for 10 Jews convicted of "cooperating" with Israel, in a case that had drawn international criticism.

**One year ago:** President Bush, defending his decision to invade Iraq, urged the U.N. General Assembly to stand united with the country's struggling government. Yusuf Islam, formerly known as singer Cat Stevens, was taken off a London-to-Washington United Airlines flight because his name had shown up on a government "no-fly" list. The death toll in Haiti from deluges caused by Tropical Storm Jeanne topped 700.

**Today's Birthdays:** Actor Larry Hagman is 74. Poet-songwriter Leonard Cohen is 71. Actor-comedian Henry Gibson is 70. Author-comedian Fannie Flagg is 61. Author Stephen King is 58. Producer Jerry Bruckheimer is 58. Musician Don Felder (The Eagles) is 58. Actor-comedian Bill Murray is 55. Rock musician Philthy Animal is 51. Movie producer-writer Ethan Coen is 48. Actor-comedian Dave Coulier is 46. Actor David James Elliott is 45. Actress Nancy Travis is 44. Actor Rob Morrow is 43. Actress Cheryl Hines is 40. Country singer Faith Hill is 38. Rock musician Tyler Stewart (Barenaked Ladies) is 38. Country singer Ronna Reeves is 37. Actress-talk show host Ricki Lake is 37. Rapper Dave (De La Soul) is 37. Actor Alfonso Ribeiro is 34. Actor Luke Wilson is 34. Actor Paulo Costanzo is 27. TV personality Nicole Richie is 24. Actor Joseph Mazello is 22. Actors Lorenzo and Nikolas Brino ("7th Heaven") are 7.

**Thought for Today:** "I found more joy in sorrow / Than you could find in joy." - Sara Teasdale, American author and poet (1884-1933).



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Castle, a commercial loan officer with CNB, is now eligible for admission into graduate level banking programs.

Citizen's National Bank is the second largest independently owned and operated community banking company in the Big Sandy region. The CNB headquarters is in Paintsville, KY. CNB operates branches in Floyd, Magoffin, Johnson, and Pike counties along with ATMs all throughout the Big Sandy region. The

bank is a wholly owned subsidiary of Citizens National Corporation, a diversified financial services company.



Chris Castle

## Calendar

Center Board of Directors are currently in the process of locating photos of old historic sites of the area. The pictures are to be added to the center's historic wall. If you have any such pictures, or are interested in more information concerning this project, call 478-1477 or 478-2479.

**Over 50? Need a friend?** Then check out our Friendship Club for seniors. Share a meal, see a movie, take a walk, have a chat. Meet with other seniors at a local location. Come on out, and let's talk. For more info, call 889-9620. The Friendship Club is not a dating service.

**Hillbilly Travel Club**  
Upcoming trips include: New York City, Oct. 14-16; Washington, D.C., Nov. 25-27; Niagara Falls, Canada, Labor Day weekend, 2006 and Disney World, mid-July, 2006. The club will host a fundraising event Oct. 7-9, 2005, at the Weeksbury Comm. Park. Yard sale items, old-fashioned cake walk, horseshoe tournaments, old-fashioned grist mill (you may purchase fresh meal and ground grits), and pageant (Little Miss and Mr. Hillbilly Prince and Princess, Hillbilly

Duke and Duchess, and Hillbilly King and Queen - age categories 0-1, 2-3, and 4-6. Pageant will be held Oct. 8, at 5 p.m. Lots of games and food, also tentative plans for motorcycle show. Call Ed or Linda at 452-4149 for more details.

**Free Body Recall classes**  
Free Body Recall Exercise Classes will be held Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, at 9:30, at the Presbyterian Church in Prestonsburg. Classes are held Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday, at 11 a.m. at the old R & S Building. Classes are offered by the Floyd County Health Department. Call the health department, 886-2788, for more information.

**'Earn While You Learn'**  
The Big Sandy Area C.A.P. office is taking applications for its "Senior Training Program." You must be 55 or older to apply. In Floyd, call 886-2929; Johnson, call 789-6515; Magoffin, call 349-2217; Pike, call 432-2775; and in Lawrence, call 638-4067.

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# Clean coal technology could be boon to state's economy

FRANKFORT — Clean coal technology could make the U.S. less dependent on foreign oil and turn Kentucky into a key player in the nation's energy needs, lawmakers heard Friday.

The General Assembly's Special Subcommittee on Energy heard testimony from Randy Eminger of the Center for Energy and Economic Development. "Kentucky is the OPEC of coal," Eminger said, referring to the cartel that controls most of the world's oil supply and prices.

Technology exists to turn coal into gasoline and other energy needs, Eminger said, but its cost effectiveness is poor compared to oil. With oil prices near \$70 per barrel, however, small gains in efficiency can make coal a vital source for the nation's energy.

If coal were to take a more prominent role in our nation's energy plan, the U.S. would be less reliant on the Middle East and unstable countries in Africa and South America for such basics as motor fuel and heating gas.

"In the name of national security and in the name of stabilizing our economy Kentucky is well-positioned to advance with these types of technologies," said Sen. Katie Stine, R-Fl. Thomas. "As the cost of oil goes up these technologies become much more realistic and economical in the long run."

In addition to cost concerns, clean coal technology must be improved to meet future EPA requirements. Lawmakers heard

a presentation on the latest trends in clean coal, including a zero-emissions coal-based power plant named PowerGen. Several states, from West Virginia to Montana, have already approved legislation to lure the \$1 billion project to their state. Such a facility would virtually eliminate mercury and carbon dioxide

emissions, making the state that lands PowerGen the hub of clean coal technology.

The General Assembly included tax credits for clean coal technology as part of its 2005 tax modernization package. The credits are an incentive for energy companies to pursue clean-coal technology.

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## Odds

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makes artificial insemination difficult and they ovulate just three times a year. Scientists last tried to inseminate Chai in March.

Chai has one calf, Hansa, who was born five years ago after Chai mated with a bull at a zoo in Missouri. Hansa was the first elephant born at the 100-year-old Woodland Park Zoo, which has no male elephants.

**■ TERRE HAUTE, Ind.** — The Sisters of Providence now have a couple of brothers.

Two men have become the first male students at St. Mary-of-the-Woods College, the oldest Roman Catholic liberal arts college for women in the United States.

Robert Brown, 28, who is married and has three children, said that when he filled out an admissions form he had no idea he would help write history at the western Indiana college.

The union carpenter from Hoopston, Ill., is now pursuing an undergraduate degree in accounting information systems through the Woods External Degree program.

His wife, who recently graduated through the same program, urged him to sign up for classes.

"I figured if I was ever going to get a degree, this would be the place," Brown said. "I'm excited to have the opportunity."

The other male student asked not to be identified.

The college was founded by the Sisters of Providence in 1840 and had remained a women's school until this fall. The decision was part of the college's growth plan, which includes a goal of 1,100 full-time students by 2010.

**■ WABASH, Ind.** — A driver stopped for speeding apparently tried to distract a drug-sniffing dog with something canines like a lot: dog biscuits.

Troopers stopped Jong H. Kim, 23, of Overland Park, Kan., along U.S. 24 on

Wednesday, and then called for a Wabash County Sheriff's Department dog after he appeared to be very nervous and at one point vomited.

As the dog walked around the car, Kim threw dog biscuits and debris out the window toward the dog to distract it, police said. The dog nonetheless indicated the possible presence of illegal drugs in the car, authorities said.

Kim refused to leave the car and had to be pulled out by officers, police said.

Troopers reported finding about 75 grams of marijuana hidden in the car. Kim was being held on charges of marijuana possession, resisting law enforcement and drunken driving.

**■ WELLINGTON, New Zealand** — A Green Party lawmaker who pledged to run naked through the streets if a rival party leader was re-elected said he will honor his word.

Legislator Keith Locke, the Green Party's foreign affairs spokesman, said Monday he didn't want to break an election promise.

He had said he would do the nude dash if rightist Act Party leader Rodney Hide won a parliamentary seat in the Auckland suburb of Epsom. Regarded as an outside chance, Hide romped home in the contest Saturday with a 3,200-vote majority.

"We haven't set a date, we've got preparations to do in terms of choreography," Locke said. "It will be artistic and it will involve body paint."

A local business group, the Newmarket Business Association, is helping pave the way for the lawmaker's run down Broadway, which is "a straight and wide strip — ideal for such exposure," said Cameron Brewer, the group's general manager.

"When Mr. Locke is ready, the ... association will warn the faint-hearted, clear the foot-path off Broadway ... ensure there are the necessary offi-

cial, and provide a much-needed loincloth," Brewer said.

**■ JACKSONVILLE, Ill.** — Losing your keys can be a pain. But after an assistant warden lost a set of keys, prisoners at the Jacksonville Correctional Center spent four days on lockdown.

The set of about ten keys, which was still missing last week, included a master key that opens doors to cell houses and two prison wings.

The institution of 1,400 male inmates was locked down from Sept. 9-12 after a search failed to turn up the keys.

"We don't believe this poses a serious threat to the safety of the facility," Illinois Department of Corrections spokesman Sergio Molina said.

The keys could have been lost between April 8 and Sept. 9, Molina said. They were not necessarily lost at the prison and could be taken home.

An assistant warden had given the keys to another employee on April 8 because he was being temporarily reassigned to the department's headquarters, Molina said.

Both employees remained on the job. The department was investigating and disciplinary action was possible, Molina said.

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Terry Coleman, left, chairman and CEO; James Slater, right, president and COO; and Rick Boone, third from right, Senior Vice President and CFO of CAM Holdings LLC, congratulated students from the region who were the first recipients of the CAM Scholarships at Pikeville College. Front row, from left, Amber Johnson of Jenkins; Ashley Kendrick of Shelby Valley and Jenna Justice of Belfry; and back row, second from left, Michael Stewardson of Betsy Layne, were honored by CAM and Pikeville College at a recent dinner on campus. Freshman Anthony Huff of Knott County Central, also a recipient of the scholarship, was not available for the photo. CAM Holdings LLC, headquartered in Pikeville, is a fully integrated coal company with mines in Kentucky, West Virginia, Ohio and Colorado. Operating through its wholly-owned subsidiaries, Central Appalachia Mining LLC and CAM-Kentucky LLC, the company has over 500 employees in the eastern Kentucky and southern West Virginia region.

# CAM students honored at Pikeville College

PIKEVILLE — Central Appalachia Mining recently hosted a dinner at Pikeville College to honor five outstanding students who are the first recipients of a scholarship established by the company to provide financial support for students from east Kentucky and southern West Virginia. Pikeville College students honored at the dinner were freshmen Michael Stewardson of Betsy Layne and Anthony Huff of Knott County Central; and sophomores Ashley Kendrick of Shelby Valley, Amber Johnson of Jenkins and Jenna Justice of Belfry.

Central Appalachia Mining is interested in and committed to improving the future of our region," said Coleman. "We believe investing in the education of our people is a great way to improve the quality of life in the region." CAM Holdings LLC, headquartered in Pikeville, is a fully integrated coal company with mines in Kentucky, West Virginia, Ohio and Colorado. Operating through its wholly-owned subsidiaries, Central Appalachia Mining LLC and CAM-Kentucky LLC, the com-

pany has over 500 employees in the eastern Kentucky and southern West Virginia region. Pikeville College President Hal Smith said the students selected to receive the scholarship are some of the best and brightest from the region. "Central Appalachia Mining has made a commitment to making our region a better place through the power of education," said Smith. "This investment demonstrates tremendous leadership by the company and will help many students achieve their dream of a quality higher education." "We are excited to partner with Central Appalachia Mining in this endeavor to provide qual-

ity educational opportunities for students from our region," said Smith. "More than 90 percent of our students benefit from financial support through the College. Without individuals and organizations like Central Appalachia Mining, it would not be possible for many of our students to attend college." Pikeville College is an independent, liberal arts and sciences institution founded in 1889. The College currently serves approximately 850 undergraduate students, with an additional 280 students enrolled in the School of Osteopathic Medicine.

# Pike principal arrested on drug charge

**The Associated Press**  
PIKEVILLE — An elementary school principal was arrested on drug-related charges after allegedly giving hallucinogenic mushrooms to a 17-year-old. The teen was treated at Pikeville Medical Center. Kyle Tackett, principal of

G.F. Johnson Elementary School in Virgie, was arrested Sunday, a day after Kentucky State Police were called to Tackett's home to investigate a report of an assault. Tackett was charged with endangering the welfare of a minor, possession of a controlled substance and unlawful

transaction with a minor. Trooper Ivan Sewell said in the arrest report that Tackett admitted using mushrooms with the teen. Sewell said he found additional drugs — marijuana and hallucinogens — at Tackett's home. Tackett was released from jail Sunday on a \$10,000 bond.

## Guest

permit Nazis and Ku Klux Klansmen to march on public property, advocate the extermination of people of the Jewish faith and the subjugation of blacks, while the same amendment forbids our children from saying a prayer in school?" Amazingly enough, according to the ACLU, the answer to that question is yes. Reagan lamented the repercussions of this religious purge. In a letter he sent to a friend from the Oval Office in March 1987, he complained of the secularized manner in which sex education was taught in public schools. "Well-intentioned though it may have been," he began, "it is taught in a framework of only being a physical act-like eating a ham sandwich. The educators are fearful that any references to sin or morality will be viewed as violating the church and state separation." That's the Brave New World that the left has courageously embraced. Sex talk is good, sin talk is bad. There is one more line of wisdom from Reagan that bears directly on the issue of "under God" in the pledge. Reagan believed that it was important for young people to hear and internalize phrases like "one nation under God." The reason

why gets to the crux of this debate: Acknowledging that we are a nation under God means that we possess unalienable rights derived not from some benevolent government but from an Almighty Creator. If such rights came from a ruling council, that same council could easily take them away. On the other hand, if those rights derive from God, then no government has the right to remove them. That is what has made America different from every totalitarian tyranny from Moscow to Berlin to Havana. One can draw a straight line from Founders like

Thomas Jefferson directly to recent presidents like Ronald Reagan. Today, certain public officials are trying to erase that line, leaving us with a scary blank to fill in: If not a nation "under God," then a nation under what? Paul Kengor, Ph.D. is a professor of political science and the executive director of The Center for Vision & Values at Grove City College. He is also a visiting fellow with the Hoover Institution as well as the best-selling author of *God and Ronald Reagan and God and George W. Bush*.

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# Coal sludge case settled out of court

by ROGER ALFORD  
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INEZ — People who live in a community deluged with more than 300 million gallons of gooey black coal sludge five years ago reached an out-of-court settlement on Monday with the coal company at the center of one of the South's worst ecological disasters.

Terms of the settlement, reached on the eve of trial, were

not disclosed.

The case involved the spill of a molasses-like substance that gushed in torrents from a mountaintop reservoir owned by Martin County Coal, smothering fish, blackening the landscape, and cutting off drinking water supplies for some 60 miles along the Kentucky-West Virginia border.

Ned Pillersdorf, a Prestonsburg attorney representing 12 of the people who lived

in the sludged area, said the settlement included a confidentiality agreement, precluding his clients from talking about the case.

However, before leaving the Martin County Courthouse, Pillersdorf blasted the U.S. Mine Safety and Health Administration, saying federal inspectors should have known the impoundment was unsafe and should have forced the company to stop using it. Pillersdorf said he and his clients "hold MSHA even more responsible" than the coal company.

"I feel like MSHA let us down," said Kay Ward, one of the plaintiffs. "They're supposed to protect us, but they let us down."

MSHA representatives couldn't immediately be reached for comment.

The case against Martin County Coal and its parent company Massey Energy of

Richmond, Va., would have been the first involving the sludge spill to go to trial. All other claims involving the spill have been settled out of court.

In each case, the settlements have been confidential.

John Kirk, a Paintsville attorney, settled cases involving 435 residents who claimed to have been adversely affected by the sludge. Kirk still has a case pending that involves an additional 25 people, and he said he may file suit on behalf of additional residents before the 5-year statute of limitations runs out next month.

In Pillersdorf's lawsuit, residents living along Coldwater Creek were asking for unspecified compensation for property damage caused by the spill. They had also asked for punitive damages, but Circuit Judge Daniel Sparks ruled that the plaintiffs can be compensated only for actual damages.

Pillersdorf had asked for punitive damages, claiming the company showed a reckless disregard for the residents. Sparks said in his ruling that he found no such disregard, which was required before he could allow a jury to consider punitive damages.

"On behalf of Martin County Coal, we're extremely pleased to have been able to settle the case for the actual damages these people suffered," said Jeff Woods, the company's lead attorney in the case.

The judge, dealing with a series of pretrial motions, also said Monday that he had seen no evidence to show that the sludge contained hazardous chemicals that might have caused cancer or killed pets as some residents feared.

In depositions that are part of the court file, residents had voiced such concerns, saying several people along Coldwater Creek have been diagnosed with

cancer since the spill.

One resident said in a deposition that her dog became mired in the sludge outside her home. The yellow lab became ill and died two days later.

Martin County Coal contends the sludge — a mixture of water and waste products generated when the coal is washed in preparation for marketing — is basically harmless, though its weight and thickness annihilated all aquatic life in Coldwater Creek and Wolf Creek.

The coal company spent about \$40 million cleaning up the spill. In 2002 it agreed to pay nearly \$3.5 million in penalties and damages to the state of Kentucky.

## BSCTC celebrates Constitution Day

PRESTONSBURG — Constitution Day was celebrated throughout the Kentucky Community and Technical College System with readings, exhibits, special guest speakers, patriotic songs, a recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance, and other ways of recognizing one of the nation's most important documents.

This is the first year for the recently passed legislation requiring all postsecondary institutions who receive federal funding to celebrate Constitution/Citizenship Day on Sept. 17. Because the 17th falls on a Saturday, KCTCS colleges scheduled special observances on days close to the actual date.

The KCTCS System Office, located in Versailles, has planned an "old fashioned" Ice Cream Social with remarks by President Michael B. McCall, special music, and a recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance. Representatives from the Woodford County Library will be on hand with a variety of books on the Constitution and citizenship and an opportunity to "sign-up" for a library card.

Celebrations at Big Sandy Community and Technical College included an address from Chief Justice of the Kentucky Court of Appeals, Sara Combs. Local attorney

Barkley Sturgill introduced Justice Combs and encouraged the reading of a book *Miracle of Philadelphia* which is about the Constitutional Convention. Justice Combs is a 12-year veteran of the Appellate Court. Born in Louisville and a resident of Powell County, Combs said she is an "Eastern Kentuckian by choice." She was the first woman in Kentucky's Appellate Court and the first woman in the Kentucky Supreme Court.

Justice Combs reminded the audience, "The Constitution is why we are the United States. The Constitution gives rights to the government. The Bill of Rights gives rights to the people." She went on to admonish the group to not give up their liberty for the sake of security and to watch their leaders, appointing only those who will not take away your freedoms. She quoted Ben Franklin, who said, "Any society that would give up a little liberty to gain a little security will deserve neither and lose both."

Messages from Hal Rogers, Mitch McConnell were read, along with a Proclamation from Governor Ernie Fletcher. Dr. Donald Barlow, BSCTC professor lead the group in reading the Preamble to the Constitution.

Patriotic music was provided by the Big Sandy Singers.

## Law

Wayne Taylor arranged the plea and noted that such outcomes would be torpedoed if the special commission on sentencing managed to do away with PFO statutes.

"The commission is talking about only keeping PFOs for A and B felonies," Taylor noted. "Under the guidelines they endorse, a drunk driver could expect the same outcome [1-5 years] at the felony level [which kicks in on one's fourth DUI offense]."

Taylor observed that district court's handling of DUI cases is the ideal model, with penalties increasing on every offense until the fourth, when it becomes a felony and moves into circuit

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court. Under the proposed guidelines to PFO laws, every DUI afterwards would be afforded the same penalty range.

"It would be totally counter-productive," Taylor said.

Baker's criminal history constituted 21 pages, with numerous repeats of misdemeanor crimes such as resisting arrest and disorderly conduct. Baker had several cases dismissed with the most recent being identical charges filed against him in April 2004 that also included one count of failure to wear a seat belt.

Monday's case was Baker's sixth DUI offense and the second in five years.










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National Honor Society students at Prestonsburg High School, along with students from Ms. Ford's classes, gathered "Care Package Kits" they collected for Hurricane Katrina relief on Monday.

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This Week: **Conflict Resolution**  
PART 1 OF 3

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# FAIR OR FOUL

Has this ever happened to you?

It is recess time. You and another kid want to play with the same ball. You feel angry. This is called **conflict**. A conflict is a disagreement between people.



While many conflicts start with bad feelings, they don't have to end that way. Sometimes people act in an unfair or "foul" way when they are in a conflict. Fouls make people feel more and more angry. People can also act in a fair way that settles a conflict and makes everyone involved feel good. This is called **resolution** to the conflict.



Find at least 10 differences between these two pictures.

**FAIR**

**Chance**  
Luck decides who will get their way. Both sides must agree to "flip the coin," "draw straws," etc.

**Take Turns**  
Everybody gets a turn.

**Compromise**  
Both give up something and both get something.

What are some FAIR things these two critters could say to settle their conflict?

**FOUL**

**Name-Calling**  
Using hurtful names to make another person feel bad.

**Threats**  
These frighten people into doing things one person's way.

**Blaming**  
Thinking the whole conflict is the fault of the other person.



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**Opposite Headlines**  
Select a headline in today's newspaper. Rewrite it to say just the opposite of what it says now.

Standards Link: Language Arts / Vocabulary Development: Understand antonyms

## YOU'RE THE REFEREE!

Read the above lists of fair and foul ways to handle a conflict. Then look at how the children in these cartoons handle the conflict over the ball. Decide if the children are being fair or foul.

Standards Link: Health: Students know the difference between positive and negative behavior in conflict situations.

You can play with the ball today, if I can play with it tomorrow.

Deal!

**Fair? Foul?**

You pickle-nosed BRAT!

You ALWAYS get the ball! I'm going to tell on you!

**Fair? Foul?**

Let's flip a coin.

Okay!

**Fair? Foul?**

We're having this fight because you are so selfish!

**Fair? Foul?**

## Fair Play at Recess

Describe a playground conflict. Then describe a fair way to resolve it.

**CONFLICT:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**RESOLUTION:** \_\_\_\_\_

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- CONFLICT
- COMPROMISE
- FEELINGS
- REFEREE
- FOUL
- FAIR
- OPPOSITE
- FAULT
- STRAWS
- LUCK
- FLIP
- ANGRY
- TURN
- HANDLE
- HURTFUL

Find the words in the puzzle, then in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

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Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

## Weekly Writing Corner

### Kids Help Kids

Have you ever had a disagreement with another person? How did you handle the problem? Tell other kids some helpful things to do when you are having a disagreement.

There's a boy in another class who is always picking a fight. Everyone knows that he is a troublemaker. I try to avoid him when I can. I go to a different part of the playground and I don't stand next to him in the lunch line.

Jake  
3rd grade

I argue with my little sister a lot. I love her but she's three years younger than me and she can be spoiled. I try to be nice to her but if we really can't get on, I go get my mom and she usually makes everything right.

Rebecca  
5th grade

At my school, if someone behaves badly, they have to sit in the bench through the whole time of recess. Kids need to learn to respect each other and not to pick fights. It's no fun to sit out recess.

Gloria  
4th grade

Sometimes I have a disagreement with my friends. My friends are not always nice to me. When I get home from school, I tell my mom and she gives me a hug. I stay away from my friends for a while but after a day or two days, I forget about the problem and we play together again.

Casey  
3rd grade

My advice to kids who are having a disagreement is to try to have some respect for each other. They should listen to the other person and then state their point of view without being mean or rude. If you respect the other person, you can usually come up with a solution.

Vicky  
7th grade

If someone is being mean to me, I go and sit somewhere quiet and I stay away from that person.

Josh  
4th grade

I always tell a yard duty person if someone is being mean. They make the kids stop and sometimes they send them to the principal.

Rachel  
4th grade

## Write On!

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## BEYOND Kid Scoop

### Conflicts in the News

Find an example of a conflict in the newspaper. Are the people in the conflict saying and doing things that are FAIR or FOUL? Try to understand how people on both sides of the conflict feel. Think of fair ways they could act. Write a letter to the editor sharing your thoughts on the matter.

Standards Link: Language Arts / Research: Use the newspaper to locate information; Writing Applications: Write formal letters that state a position.

# Why was the Boy Scout dizzy?

ANSWER: He spent all day doing good turns.

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# COLORING PAGE



**HEADS UP!** Our artist says heads of 16 different creatures appear in this Noah's ark scene. How many of them do you see?

## Junior Whirl

by Hal Kaufman



### NUTTY SMILES AND FROWNS

WHO has the broadest smile in this smiling acorn-face contest? See if you can pick the winner. Then, see if you can decide on second place, etc., on down the line to Mr. Drearypuss himself.

P.S.: Last place is something of a tossup.

Our rating of smiles first to last:  
3, 7, 6, 1, 5, 9, 2, 4 and 8, with 4 and 8 a  
tossup.

**VERSE OFF!** "A thousand and one, a sixth part of twenty; some have none, others have plenty." Plenty of what, as suggested in this classic verse-riddle?

The answer is "money" (M, one and y).

**LETTER GO!** Remove the middle letter from certain words and another word remains. Drop U from POUND, for instance, and POND remains. Drop B from ROBOT, and ROOT remains, etc. Just for fun, let's see how quickly you can find five such five-letter words in accord with drop-out letters indicated (right) and definitions below:

1		P		
2		Ø		
3		U		
4		N		
5		Ø		

1. Shade tree.
2. Porch, of sorts.
3. Abode.
4. Eat snacks.
5. Bicycle part.

Time limit: Two minutes.

1. Maple. 2. Stoop. 3. House. 4. Munch. 5. Pedal.

### FOUR FITS! True or false?

1. Four score totals 80.
2. If one-fourth Kate's age is 1, double her age is 8.
3. Petit fours are small iced cakes.
4. The fourth dimension is regarded as time.

All statements are true.

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Newspaper reading adventures for little learners!

My name: \_\_\_\_\_



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**Learning Buddies:** Spell your child's first name, using the lines to write large letters. Use an uppercase letter for the first letter in the name and lowercase letters to spell the rest. Have your child trace the letters with a finger, crayon or pencil.

### Lemon Lines

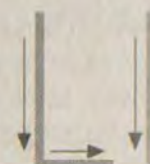
Draw a line from each bowl of lemons to the number that shows how many lemons are in it.



### My Letters

L is for Lemon

l is for lemon



**Learning Buddies:** Read the two phrases aloud. Have your child read with you. Trace the uppercase and lowercase letter L. Say the letter as you trace it.

How many words or pictures can you find on this page that start with the L sound like the word lemon?

### My Numbers

How many lamps?

How many lemonades?

How many licorice?



**Learning Buddies:** Trace and say the number. Read the questions. Touch and count to find the answers.

### My Rhyme Time

Little Bo Peep has lost her sheep  
And can't tell where to find them.  
Leave them alone, and they'll come home,  
Wagging their tails behind them.

### My Sentence

**Learning Buddies:** Read the first part of the sentence aloud. Ask your child to think of a way to finish the sentence. Write your child's words in the lines. Read the entire sentence to your child while pointing out that reading is done from left to right. Older children may want to trace all or some of the letters in the sentence.



A lemon is \_\_\_\_\_



#### Sunday

##### Letter Identification

With your child, look through the newspaper to find pictures of things that start with the same sound as the letter L in the word lemon.

#### Monday

##### Math Play

Point to the number 6 in the newspaper. Have your child say the number and, if it's large enough, have your child trace the number.

#### Tuesday

##### Little and Large

Look at newspaper photos. Ask if one thing in the picture is large or little. Repeat asking about other objects in the picture. For example, if there is a picture of an adult and a child, ask, "Is the adult large?" "Is the child little?"

#### Wednesday

##### Big and Little Letters

Point out to your child that each letter can be written as uppercase (big) or lowercase (little). Together find and circle all uppercase (big) Ls in red. Find and circle all lowercase (little) ls in green.

#### Thursday

##### Count the Legs

Look through the newspaper and count the number of legs you can find. How many people's legs? How many animal legs? For an extra challenge, ask your child to point out the thighs, knees and ankles.

#### Friday

##### Left and Right

Put one sheet of newspaper on the floor. Give your child directions such as, "Touch the top left corner with your right hand." "Step with your left foot on the lower left corner." Etc.

#### Saturday

##### How many?

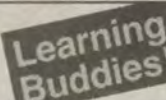
Find a picture that shows more than one of some objects or people. Count the number of people and/or the objects.

#### Learning Buddy Sign Here

I have completed \_\_\_\_\_ activities with my Learning Buddy.

Learning Buddy's signature

Date



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### Rational Numbers

by Linda Thistle

Using the clues, simple arithmetic, and a little logic, place a single digit (0 to 9) in each empty box in the diagram. To help you get started, one digit has been entered in the diagram.

#### ACROSS

- One-fifth of 15-Across
- 11-Across minus 15-Down
- Consecutive odd digits in ascending order
- 5-Across plus 8-Across
- The sum of the digits is 13-Across
- One less than 1-Across
- 11-Across minus 1-Down
- Consecutive even digits in descending order
- Consecutive digits in ascending order
- The sum of the digits is 1-Down
- Same digit repeated
- Two times 4-Down
- Sum of the digits of 10-Down
- Two times 18-Across



### Rational Numbers

answers



DOWN

- One-third of 15-Down
- Two times 7-Across
- 2-Down minus 8-Down
- 1-Across plus 19-Across
- 6-Across plus 9-Across
- The first digit is the sum of the other digits
- Six times 14-Across
- Four times 10-Down
- 13-Across plus 19-Across
- Sixty more than 19-Across

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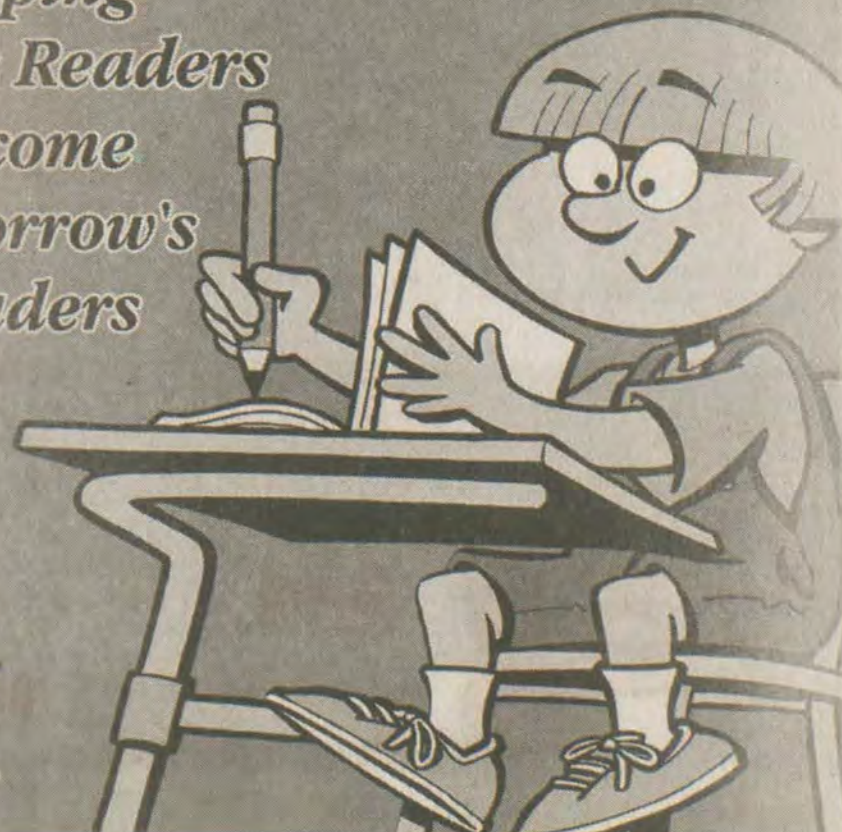
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## About birds

Living birds include more than 9,000 recognized species and inhabit every biome of the world. Whether modern birds are most closely related to dinosaurs and other reptilian ancestors is currently under scientific debate. Orders of living birds appear to have evolved closely, but the age of birds is uncertain. Estimates place the earliest birds between 60 to over 90 million years old based on morphology, fossils and molecular data.

### Bird characteristics

Birds are warm-blooded, produce external eggs, and engage in complex parental and reproductive behaviors. They have highly developed color vision, use vocalization and social interactions.

Birds have feathers, enabling flight. Feathers insulate, camouflage, and are used by birds to communicate via sound and sight. In waterfowl, feathers aid in swimming, water repellence and support of the body.

### Features shared with reptiles

Unlike mammals, birds have nucleated red blood cells, one middle ear bone, and a single occipital condyle (a knob at the back of the brain case, which joins the skull to the spine).

### Adaptations for flight

Lightweight bones in birds are fused or reinforced. A keeled sternum supports the flight muscles in the breast. Birds are able to detect and react to magnetism.

Birds have distinctive bills, with many variations in shape, size and color based on diet and habitat, and for sexual display and identification.

## Characteristics of parrots

All three families of parrots share a distinctive feature: they have crooked bills. It is commonly thought they are all brightly colored, but this is not the case. Many canopy-living species have green plumage in order to camouflage themselves. Some parrots have grey or black feathers.

## Parrot classification

Kingdom	Animalia
Phylum	Chordata
Subphylum	Vertebrata
Class	Aves
Subclass	Neornithes
Order	Psittaciformes
Family	Psittacidae
Family	Cacatuidae
Family	Loriidae

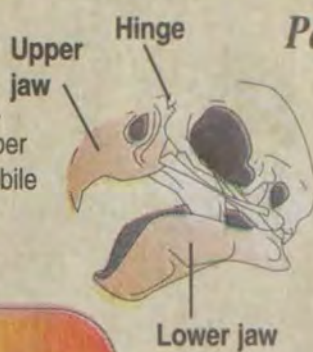
### Feet

Parrots are zygodactyls — two toes face forward and two back. This is common in arboreal (tree-dwelling) birds.



### Beak

Parrots have a hooked beak. The hinged upper jaw is more mobile and developed than the lower.



### Parrot particulars

#### Habitat

Parrots live in tropical and sub-tropical regions.



### Cockatoos

Family cacatuidae

Cockatiel  
*Nymphicus hollandicus*



Palm cockatoo  
*Probosciger aterrimus*

Sulphur-crested cockatoo  
*Cacatua galerita*

### Parrots and Macaws

Family psittacidae

Rosy-faced lovebird  
*Agapornis roseicollis*

Hyacinth macaw  
*Anodorhynchus hyacinthinus*

African gray parrot  
*Psittacus erithacus*



Budgerigar  
*Melopsittacus undulatus*

Mustached parakeet  
*Psittacula alexandri*

Brown-throated parakeet  
*Aratinga pertinax*

### Lories and Lorikeets

Family loriidae



Red Lory  
*Eos bornea*



Rainbow lorikeet  
*Trichoglossus haematodus*



Purple-crowned lorikeet  
*Glossopsitta porphyrocephala*



Scaly-breasted lorikeet  
*Trichoglossus chlorolepidotus*

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