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Wednesday-April 3, 2013

Athens, Tennessee

Local & State News

◆ MAN THREATENS SCHOOL SHOOTING

A Cleveland man is being held at the McMinn County Jail on terrorism charges after threatening a school shooting. Police say **William Thomas Coblentz, 25**, (pictured on the right) called the Athens Neurology Clinic Monday night and asked them to fill a prescription. When the office refused to fill the prescription without seeing him and when they advised him it would be later in the month before he could be seen, he began to curse and yell. He allegedly said: "It will be on your hands when I go and do a school shooting." Police were called, the district attorney's office was notified, and Coblentz was arrested by Cleveland police and charged with making terroristic threats. Athens police transported him to the McMinn County Justice Center, where he is being held on \$250,000 bond.



NATIONAL & WORLD NEWS

◆ Dolphins and sea turtles continue to die in the Gulf of Mexico which scientists say is a sign that the Gulf is still feeling the effects from the 2010 spill that spewed 200 million gallons of oil from a well a mile below the surface. The deaths of dolphins are a strong indication that there is something amiss with the Gulf ecosystem.

◆ As tensions continue to rise over North Korea's threats of war against the United States and its ally, South Korea, a second U.S. guided-missile destroyer has taken position in the western Pacific on a missile defense mission. The U.S. military is making minor adjustments and wants to reassure allies in Seoul and Tokyo of American military capabilities to respond to any moves by communist North Korea.

◆ Hua Jun Zhao, a researcher at the Medical College of Wisconsin has been charged with espionage after prosecutors say he stole a possible cancer-fighting compound with the intent of studying it in China. Investigators found 384 items related to research into the compound on Zhao's computer. Zhao is charged with economic espionage, which carries a maximum of 15 years in prison and a \$500,000 fine.

◆ Kevin Wallin, 61, a suspended Roman Catholic priest of Waterbury, Conn. admitted to conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute methamphetamine. Wallin is accused of making more than \$300,000 in methamphetamine sales out of his apartment and pleaded guilty to a federal drug charge. The prosecution and defense agreed on a sentence of 11 to 14 years in prison.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Happy 50th!!
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WEATHER

Wednesday - Mostly sunny. High-upper 50s to lower 60s.
Wed. night - Mostly cloudy. 40% rain. Low-42.
Thursday - 90% chance of rain. High-mid 50's.
See our Zoom Radar at:
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Why Did the Turkey Cross the Road?

A turkey was spotted in downtown Athens on Monday, raising the question: "Why did the turkey cross the road?" The turkey strutted across Green Street near the TWC campus. Apparently the turkey crossed the street to get to the drug store. It was also spotted in front of the CVS at Green and E. Washington. (Photos by Ian Cullen and Chris Liner)



Obituaries

Elizabeth Wayne Halcox Davis, age 74, of Athens died Monday at Athens Regional Medical Center. Family and friends will meet at Smith Funeral Home at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday and will proceed to the Eaves Family Cemetery for Graveside services. The family will receive friends from 5-7 p.m. Wednesday at Smith Funeral Home.

Betty Thomson, age 78, of Etowah died last Saturday at Woods Memorial Hospital. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at Serenity Funeral Home in Etowah, with visitation from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Burial will be in Greenback.

TUESDAY'S MARKET REPORT: U.S. stocks closed higher on a positive report that showed U.S. factory orders jumped by more than expected in February as a result of increased demand for motor vehicles and commercial aircraft. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 89.16 at 14,662.01. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was up 6.73 at 1,568.90, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 15.69 at 3,254.86.

TORNADO ANNIVERSARY

Two tornadoes struck McMinn County the afternoon of April 3, 1974. The first twister hit East Etowah, destroying a house, barn, and a trailer. An hour and a half later, a second tornado touched down in the center of Etowah, destroying 20 houses and mobile homes. Two people were killed and around 50 were injured.



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Today In History - - April 3

1783 - American author Washington Irving was born. His best-known works include two short stories: "Rip Van Winkle" and "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow."

1860 - The Pony Express postal service began with riders leaving St. Joseph, Missouri, and Sacramento, California, at the same time. The first crossing took 10 and a half days. Riders stopped at relay stations every ten or 15 miles to change horses. The Pony Express became obsolete a year later when telegraph wires were stretched across the country.

1865 - Union forces occupied the Confederate capital of Richmond, Va.

1948 - President Harry S. Truman signed the Marshall Plan, which allocated more than \$5 billion in aid to help 16 European countries recover from World War II.

1968 - Civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. delivered his "mountaintop" speech to a rally of striking sanitation workers in Memphis, Tenn., less than 24 hours before he was assassinated.