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## Local & State News

### ◆ NRC "FLAGS" WATTS BAR PLANT

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has issued safety warnings to the Watts Bar and Sequoyah Nuclear Plants. The NRC says TVA has failed to properly protect the two plants from flooding that could result if earthen dams upstream were to fail. NRC inspectors cited TVA for six safety violations and placed both Watts Bar and Sequoyah under "yellow" safety flags. TVA says there is no immediate safety concern because it has already implemented interim measures to protect the plants against dam failure.

### ◆ TENNESSEE SUICIDE RATE UPDATE

A new report says the number of suicides in Tennessee is down from previous years, but is still above the national average. In 2011, there were 938 deaths from suicide in Tennessee. White males aged 35-64 accounted for the largest share of suicides. Almost two-thirds of all suicides in Tennessee involve a firearm. Poisoning and suffocation were also common. The report by the Tennessee Suicide Prevention Network also says suicide is the third-leading cause of death for young people (ages 10-19) in Tennessee. There were 11 suicides in McMinn County in 2011, compared to 5 in 2010. Meigs County reported no suicides in 2011, but had 4 in 2010.

## NATIONAL & WORLD NEWS

◆ One of Princess Diana's most memorable evening gowns sold for more than 800,000 pounds (\$1.2 million) at a London auction on Tuesday. It was the gown she wore at a dinner hosted by President Ronald Reagan, where she danced with John Travolta during her and Prince Charles' first joint state visit to the U.S. in 1985.

◆ The proposed ban on assault weapons sponsored by Democratic Sen. Dianne Feinstein of California will not be included in a package of gun reform legislation yet to be introduced in the Senate. This suggests that the measure does not have broad support in Congress. Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid removed the assault weapons ban from a package of gun reform legislation, and will offer it separately as an amendment.

◆ The Statue of Liberty, which has been closed since Superstorm Sandy damaged the island where it stands, will reopen to the public in time for Independence Day. Major damage was inflicted by Sandy on facilities that support the Statue of Liberty.

◆ Craig Berkman, 71, a former Oregon gubernatorial candidate was arrested on Tuesday for his alleged role in defrauding investors who had hoped to buy shares of Facebook Inc before its initial public offering. Berkman falsely told investors he had access to scarce pre-IPO shares of Facebook and other social media companies according to the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

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## WEATHER

**Wednesday** - Mostly Sunny. High mid to upper 50's.  
**Wednesday night** - Partly Cloudy. Lows mid to upper 20's.  
**Thursday** - Mostly Sunny. Mid to upper 40's.  
 See our Zoom Radar at: [www.wyxi.com](http://www.wyxi.com)

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**Organic Gardening Made Easy**  
 An E.G. Fisher Public Library Education Workshop  
 Presented in 2 parts: Thursdays, March 21st & March 28th 6-7:45pm  
 Presented by Troy Teets, manager of Spring Creek Veggies

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## COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE

- ✓ Medic Regional Blood Center will have a blood drive today from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. inside the auditorium at McMinn Central High School.
- ✓ The Madcat Coalition will have its montly meeting at noon today at the Athens Diner.
- ✓ The Ag Roundtable will be held tomorrow morning at 6:30 at Shoney's of Athens. John Proffitt will present a program on energy savings around the home and farm. The breakfast is Dutch Treat.
- ✓ The Hiwassee Chapter of Trout Unlimited will meet tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. at Mars Hill Presbyterian Church in Athens. The program will be on fly tying. Bring a vise and fly tying supplies, or just watch and learn. Visitors are always welcome.
- ✓ The McMinn Senior Center's Spring Bazaar and Craft Show will take place this Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be Easter gift and craft items, home decor, baked goods, and pecans.
- ✓ The McMinn County Living Heritage Museum will host a *Quilts of Valor* workshop this Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. You can bring your patriotic fabrics, sewing machine and supplies, extension cord, and sack lunch and join the Heritage Quilt Guild for the workshop.

## Obituaries

**Albert Miller**, age 68, of Athens died Tuesday at his home. Funeral services will be at 8 p.m. Friday at Ziegler Funeral Home with visitation from 5-8 p.m. at Ziegler.

**Pamela S. Ledford**, age 58, of Riceville died Monday at NHC Health Care of Athens. Funeral services will be at 8 p.m. Thursday at Laycock Hobbs Funeral Home with receiving of friends from 6-8 at Laycock.

**Sarah Carolyn Patterson Eaves**, age 61, of Athens died Sunday at Sweetwater Hospital. There will be no formal visitation. A memorial service will be conducted at a later date. Smith Funeral & Cremation Service of Athens is in charge of arrangements.

## Tuesday's Market Report

U.S. stocks erased early gains closing the day little changed with concern the bailout of Cyprus may fail and potentially aggravate Europe's debt crisis. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 3.76 at 14,455.82. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was down 3.76 at 1,548.34, the NASDAQ Composite Index was down 8.49 at 3,229.10.

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**AUCTION** RELAY FOR LIFE

All Proceeds Benefit ACS Relay for Life

## Saturday, March 30 at 6 p.m. - Bid to Buy Auction House

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Sunday March 24  
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## Today In History - - March 20

**1852** - Harriet Beecher Stowe's anti-slavery novel, "Uncle Tom's Cabin," was published.

**1865** - A plan by John Wilkes Booth to abduct President Abraham Lincoln was foiled when Lincoln changed plans and failed to appear at the Soldier's Home near Washington, DC. Booth would later assassinate the President while Lincoln attended a performance at Ford's Theatre.

**1937** - Singer Jerry Reed was born. His hit records included "When You're Hot, You're Hot" and "She Got The Goldmine (I Got The Shaft)."

**1986** - The Dow Jones Industrial Average topped the 1,800 mark for the first time in history.

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