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State & Local News

◆ SENIORS PUT ON A REAL W.O.R.K. OF ART

The McMinn Senior Center annual play was a big hit with old and young alike over the weekend. Seniors presented the 'Last Day of W.O.R.K.' the story of a Southern hometown radio station that is signing off the air after 50 years of broadcasting due to the retirement of the owners. The end result was quite a surprise. The last performance of the play is this morning at 10 a.m. at the McMinn Senior Center on McMinn Avenue. Admission for the final performance is a donation of any amount.



WORLD & NATIONAL NEWS

- ◆ Paleontologists in Argentina say they recently discovered fossils belonging to the largest dinosaur on record. During its lifetime, the new species, called a titanosaur, is believed to have stood 65-foot-tall, was more than 130-foot-long, and weighed 77 tons.
- ◆ North Korean officials offered a rare public apology for the collapse of an apartment building under construction in Pyongyang. South Korean officials believed it caused considerable casualties that could mean hundreds of people might have died.
- ◆ Floodwaters triggered more than 2,000 landslides across much of the Balkans on Sunday, laying waste to entire towns and villages and disturbing land mines left over from the region's 1990's war, along with warning signs that marked the unexploded devices.
- ◆ President Obama is expected to nominate San Antonio Mayor Julian Castro to be Secretary of Housing and Urban Development. Democrats say the 39-year-old would be a perfect running mate for Hillary Clinton in 2016's presidential election.
- ◆ *California Chrome* repelled one challenger and then put away another, in the stretch, to win the Preakness on Saturday. Horse racers believe that *California Chrome* could win the Triple Crown this year, which has not happened since 1978.

MORAL MONDAY PROTEST

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Ribbon Cutting at Arcpoint Labs

The Athens Area Chamber of Commerce recently welcomed a new member to the local business community. Arcpoint Labs conducts screenings for pre-employment, drug and alcohol abuse, DNA, wellness and more. The business is located at 409 North Congress Parkway in Athens and their phone number is 252-0793. In the photo: (L-R) Chamber Diplomat Joanne Arnett, Chamber President/CEO Rob Preston, Owners Bob and Tami Tullberg, and Chamber Diplomat Anissa Ingram. Photo submitted to the MORNING FAX.



Obituaries

♦ **Edna Goforth Swafford**, age 89, of the Idlewild Community near Athens, died early Friday at her residence. She was associated with Athens Products until her retirement. Funeral services were held Saturday at Smith Funeral Home with burial on Sunday at the Idlewild Cemetery.

THUNDER ROCK RACE RECAP

The 24 hour 100 mile long footrace over much of Southeast Tennessee has been concluded with 172 people participating. The event began at noon on Friday at the Olympic White Water center on U.S. 64 and ended Saturday around noon time near the starting point. One of the features of the race was that the runners had to cross the Hiwassee River without the benefit of a bridge. Overall, the runners had to climb about 16,000 feet of the mountainous terrain. In the photo by Jay Thomson, runners are shown at the first check-in station at Ocoee Powerhouse number 3.



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TODAY IN HISTORY - May 19

1536 - Anne Boleyn, the second wife of England's King Henry VIII, was beheaded after being convicted of adultery.

1921 - Congress passed the Emergency Quota Act, which established national quotas for immigrants.

1932 - Congressman Claude Fuller of Arkansas introduced a resolution to require all officers and employees of the U.S. government to know the national anthem. His resolution would have required each Civil Service employee to prove his ability to sing, recite, or write from memory the words of the Star Spangled Banner. Anyone who failed would not be eligible for appointment to any federal position. The resolution died in a House committee.

1935 - T.E. Lawrence, also known as "Lawrence of Arabia," died in England from injuries sustained in a motorcycle crash. He was a British soldier in World War One who fought for Arabia.

1993 - The Clinton White House set off a political storm by firing the entire staff of its travel office.

WEATHER

Monday - Sunny. High-mid to upper 70's.

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