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LOCAL AND AREA NEWS

♦ JOBLESS RATE DROPS IN AREA

The unemployment rate in McMinn, Meigs, and Monroe counties went down in April.

In McMinn county, the jobless rate in April was 13%, down from 13.9% in March and down from 14.1% in April 2009.

The Meigs County unemployment rate was 13.3% in April, down from 14.4% in March and down from 14.5% in April 2009.

In Monroe County, the unemployment rate in April was 14.2%, down from 15.5% in March and down sharply from 18.5% in April 2009.

♦ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

 \checkmark The Athens Public Works Department announces that the recycle center will no longer be able to accept TV's and computer monitors. They have a lead glass that the electronics recycler can no longer accept due to changes in recycle and transportation regulations. The Recycle Center will be able to accept all other electronics including computer towers.

 \checkmark The 15th Annual Kids Arts Camp sponsored by the Athens Area Council for the Arts will be held the week of June 7-11 at Riceville School and June 14-18 at Westside School. Kids Arts Camp is for ages K-6 and features daily classes in art, music, drama, and dance. The director is Kay Frank. Call 745-8781 today to register.

4TH ANNUAL ATHENS CHAMBER BENEFIT DINNER Speaker will be actor Kirk Cameron Saturday, July 31, 6 p.m. at McMinn High School Tickets \$20 (includes dinner) \$10 (program only) For tickets, call (423) 745-0334

NATIONAL-WORLD NEWS

• Barack Obama is taking heat for not attending a Memorial Day ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery yesterday. Meanwhile, the President's scheduled appearance at the Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery near Chicago, was rained-out due to a violent thunderstorm.

◆ Canadian authorities identified the man arrested on an Aeromexico flight from Paris to Mexico that was forced to divert to Montreal after U.S. authorities refused to let the plane use U.S. airspace. Abdirahman Ali Gaal was arrested at Montreal's airport on an outstanding warrant. He was on the U.S. "no-fly" list.

• Getting bumped from an over-sold airline flight may become a little less painful. Federal officials are expected to raise the maximum amount that airlines must pay a passenger that gets "bumped".

• Condemnations erupted across Europe and the Arab world over Israel's deadly commando rain on ships taking aid to the blockaded Gaza Strip. Israel claims that there were weapons on board the ships.

• Greek telecom engineers mistakenly cut off the telephone line to the prime minister's house while attempting to disconnect a customer who was behind in his bill. The prime minister's home phone was just 1 digit's difference from the customer behind in his payments.

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OLIN HELPS IN FLOOD CLEANUP

Olin Chlor Alkai Products recently donated 5,000 gallons of

bleach to the American Red Cross flood relief efforts in Nashville. The bleach is made at Olin's plant in Charleston. Olin's president, John McIntosh, says a half-tablespoon of bleach in a half gallon of water will provide an



effective disinfectant for Nashville homes and businesses faced with the chore of putting their lives back in order. Olin partnered with its customer, The James Austin Company, in



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donating the bleach.

(The photos show Olin and American Red Cross workers preparing the bleach for shipment)

OBITUARIES

John "Jake" Sherlin, age 87, of Athens died Sunday at his residence. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Smith Funeral and Cremation Service.

Master Sergeant John Edward Lively, (Air Force Retired), age 73, died Saturday at his home. He was a veteran of the Korean Conflict and the Vietnam War. Graveside services will be at 3 p.m. Tuesday at McMinn Memory Gardens, with visitation from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home.

Junior Hardin "Father Frank" Frank, age 86, of Athens died Sunday at Athens Regional Medical Center. He was retired from Graves Buttram Lumber Co. and served in the Navy during World War II. Funeral services will be at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home, with visitation from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Teresa C. Eaton, age 54, of Athens (and formerly from Dalton, Georgia) died Saturday in Morristown. Funeral services will be held at noon Wednesday in the Pleasant Grove Chapel of Julian Peeples Funeral Home in Dalton, with visitation from 11 a.m. to noon.

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TODAY IN HISTORY - JUNE 1

- 1792 Kentucky became the 15th state.
- 1796 Tennessee became the 16th state.

1812 - President James Madison warned Congress that war with Great Britain was imminent. The War of 1812 started just 17 days later.

1921 - Orchestra leader Nelson Riddle was born. His hit records include "Lisbon Antigua" and the "Route 66 Theme."

1926 - Actor, comedian, singer and sheriff, Andy Griffith, was born in Mount Airy, North Carolina, the original Mayberry.

1934 - Singer Pat Boone was born in Jacksonville, Florida. He grew up in Nashville and had many hit records in the 1950's and early 60's, including "Love Letters I n the Sand," "April Love," and "Moody River." His first #1 hit was "Ain't That A Shame" in 1955.



WEATHER

Tuesday - Mostly cloudy. 50% rain. High-mid 80's. Tuesday Night - Mostly cloudy. 20% rain. Low-66. Wednesday - Partly cloudy. 20% rain chance. High-mid to upper 80's.