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Athens, Tennessee

Wednesday-August 29, 2012

## Local & State News

### ◆ 10th JUDICIAL DISTRICT PROBE BEGINS

After a week-long series of reports in the Chattanooga Times Free Press, several state agencies have decided to investigate allegations of misconduct and financial issues in the 10th Judicial District. Tennessee's Attorney General, Robert Cooper, said that the Tennessee Attorney General's Office, the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation and the State Comptroller's Office will jointly investigate the allegations made against the District, which includes McMinn, Monroe, Bradley, and Polk Counties, District Attorney Steve Bebb, and the 10th District Drug Task Force.

### ◆ MORE INFO ON SHOOTING/STABBING

Jason Paul Baker, age 32, the man charged with the first degree murder of Dennis Patterson, 60, of Riceville, appears to have been living with Mr. Patterson and his estranged wife, Lois Patterson. According to a release from Sheriff Joe Guy, Baker had a lengthy criminal record and had recently been released from prison within the past few weeks, and may have been suffering from a mental defect. Sheriff Guy says that Baker appeared to have tried to cover up the murder and move evidence. An autopsy was ordered on the victim's body. Dennis Patterson was a long-time member of the Calhoun Rural Fire Department.

✓ The City of Athens Fireworks show, which was postponed from the 4th of July because of dry weather, will be held this Saturday night, September 1st at 8:30 p.m. The show will last about 25 minutes and will be preceded by Shoney's pie eating contest.

## NATIONAL & WORLD NEWS

◆ Tropical Storm Isaac is now Hurricane Isaac. The slow-moving storm, with maximum sustained winds of 75 mph, achieved hurricane status at approximately 12:20 p.m. ET on Tuesday.

◆ Ex-Mississippi Governor Haley Barbour says President Obama is "a one percenter," and is urging a group of conservative bloggers to rally behind Mitt Romney even though he's "not perfect."

◆ French prosecutors have opened a murder inquiry into Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat's 2004 death near Paris, following claims he may have died of polonium poisoning.

◆ A 15-year-old sophomore at a suburban Baltimore high school, who made references to murder-suicide on Facebook, has been charged as an adult in the shooting of a classmate on the first day of school. The teenager rode to school on the bus Monday morning with a bag containing a disassembled shotgun, 21 rounds of ammunition and a bottle of vodka. He's been charged with attempted first degree murder and is being held without bond.

◆ Venezuelan firefighters put out a blaze at the country's biggest oil refinery on Tuesday, paving the way for a restart of the facility and an investigation into the world's deadliest refinery accident in fifteen years. A pre-dawn blast on Saturday killed 48 people, wounded dozens and flattened hundreds of homes.

◆ Former Pennsylvania Senator Arlen Specter confirms that he is battling cancer again. The 82-year-old has already overcome two bouts with Hodgkin's disease, a brain tumor and cardiac arrest after having bypass surgery.



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### This Day In History-August 29

**1930** - W.A. Spooner was born in England. He created such inverted expressions as "Which of you hissed the mystery class?" Such mixed-up expressions came to be known as "Spoonerisms." Comedian Archie Campbell did several routines using Spoonerisms, including "Beeping Sleauty."

**1944** - American troops marched down the Champs Elysees in Paris as the French capital continued to celebrate its liberation from the Nazis.

**1957** - Sen. Strom Thurmond, D-S.C., ended the longest filibuster in Senate history after talking for 24 hours, 18 minutes against a civil rights bill.

**1966** - The Beatles performed their last concert, at Candlestick Park in San Francisco.

**1979** - Hurricane David claimed 1,100 lives and left 150,000 homeless as it swept through the Caribbean and the U.S. east coast.

**1996** - President Bill Clinton's chief political strategist, Dick Morris, resigned amid a scandal over his relationship with a prostitute.

**2005** - Hurricane Katrina devastated New Orleans. The levees failed and 80% of the city was flooded. Over 1,800 people lost their lives and damage totaled \$81 billion.

**2008** - Republican John McCain picked Alaska Governor Sarah Palin to be his vice-presidential running mate.

### Meet a Dedicated Man

Brent Matheson of Englewood is on a mission to "carry his cross". Matheson was spotted recently, walking from the Englewood Church of God to Lee University in Cleveland. After a rest and meeting with some of the students, he planned to proceed up Highway 11 to Sweetwater, across Highway 68 to Madisonville and back down Highway 411 to Englewood, a trip of about 98 miles. About a week before this he had just completed a 400 mile trip which he started in Englewood, proceeded up Highway 411 to Maryville and then through Townsend and over the Smokies to Cherokee, NC, and back across the "Dragon" to 411 and then returned to Englewood. (Photo by Jay Thomson)



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### WEATHER

**Wednesday** - Mostly cloudy. 30% rain chance. High-88.

**Wednesday night** - Mostly cloudy. 30% rain. Low-mid 60's.

**Thursday** - Partly sunny. 30% rain chance. High-mid 80's.

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