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Trump wins Kentucky GOP caucus



A line of McCracken County Republicans fill the entry way of McCracken County High School Saturday as they wait to vote in the presidential caucus. Donald Trump won the nomination statewide but the majority of western Kentucky, including McCracken County, selected runner-up Ted Cruz.

BY MALLORY PANUSKA

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While Donald Trump won the Kentucky Republican caucus Saturday, the Purchase area preferred Ted Cruz with the majority of counties voting in favor of the Texas senator.

Trump finished with a 4.35 percent margin win over Cruz with 100 percent of the votes counted.

In western Kentucky, McCracken, Ballard, Calloway, Caldwell, Carlisle, Graves, Hickman, Livingston and Marshall counties all went for Cruz, while Crittenden, Fulton, Lyon and Trigg counties favored Trump.

While Cruz also picked up Frankfort in Franklin County and Lexington/Fayette County, those wins did not offset Trump's dominance in Louisville and Jefferson County and most of the state's eastern counties.

While the Purchase area did not align with the statewide selection of Trump, it did keep steady with a higher than expected voter turnout in most counties.

"It's such a close race this year that I

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Republican, Democratic candidates score divided decisions in primaries

BY NANCY BENAC AND ROXANA HEGEMAN

Associated Press

WICHITA, Kan. — In a split decision, Ted Cruz and Donald Trump each captured two victories in Saturday's four-state round of voting, fresh evidence that there's no quick end in sight to the fractious GOP race for president. On the Demo-

cratic side, Bernie Sanders notched wins in Nebraska and Kansas, while front-runner Hillary Clinton snagged Louisiana, another divided verdict from the American people.

Cruz claimed Kansas and Maine, and declared it "a manifestation of a real shift in momentum." Trump, still the front-runner in the hunt for delegates, bagged Louisiana and

Kentucky. Despite strong support from the GOP establishment, Florida Sen. Marco Rubio had another disappointing night, raising serious questions about his viability in the race.

Trump, at a post-election news conference in West Palm Beach,

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Americans split over safety of drinking water

Associated Press

DETROIT — When it comes to water, only about half of Americans are very confident in the safety of what's flowing from their tap, according to an Associated Press-GfK poll, which found that trust is even weaker among minorities and people with lower incomes.

The lead-contaminated water in Flint, Michigan, has been in the headlines for months, and more than half of Americans believe it's a sign of widespread problems in the U.S. About seven in 10 drink tap water, but about half of them first run it through a filter.

"Of all the water systems in the nation, Flint can't be the only one that's faulty," said Elsbeth Jayne, 28, of Christiansburg, Virginia, who's very comfortable with her own tap water.

Joseph Johnson, 46, of Brooklyn, New

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Arts community helps locals age healthily

BY KAYLAN THOMPSON

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The National Center for Creative Aging estimates that about one in every seven Americans is 65 or older, and the demographic group will double during the next four years.

In February, the center released a report in conjunction with the National Endowment for the Arts en-

couraging local and national organizations to use the arts to promote healthy aging in areas such as overall wellness and lifelong learning.

Paducah may be ahead of the game.

At Superior Care Home, a nursing and rehabilitation center in Paducah, patients are separated into communities from short-term

care to memory care units. Social Event Director Dee Myrick said that the home uses artistic activities on a daily basis to support the mental and physical health of their residents, especially in the memory care unit.

"With Alzheimer's and dementia,

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Downtown distillery owners eyeing opening in mid-April

BY JOSHUA ROBERTS

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The front doors at 426 Broadway in downtown Paducah are a gateway, of sorts, bridging present and past.

Outside, it's modern — digital, busy, always changing. Things are much simpler inside.

Whiskey, it turns out, isn't complicated, Silent Brigade Distillery owners Keith Bundy and John Brown said.

"It's been the same way since day one — you take grain, you

ferment it, you put it in a still, you heat it, get the vapors, condense them back into alcohol," Bundy said, matter of fact.

Their new distillery, pending final permits, is set to open in mid-April, selling white, charred and flavored whiskey, and vodka and rum to both liquor stores and individual customers. Bourbon will be offered once it's had enough time to age.

Until opening day arrives,

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John Brown (left) and Keith Bundy, co-owners of Silent Brigade Distillery at 426 Broadway, hope to open their craft distillery in mid-April. The business encompasses 10,900 square feet in downtown Paducah.

RYAN HERMENS | The Sun

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The Lineup

Monday

WoodmenLife monthly meeting, St. Matthew Lutheran Church, 2701 Broadway, Paducah. Soup and sandwiches.

Allied/Honeywell retirees, breakfast, 7:30 a.m., The Waffle Hut on old Cairo Road, near Interstate 24, Exit 3.

AARP with IRS offers free tax service to low- and moderate-income individuals, with special attention to those age 50 and older, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Paducah-McCracken County Senior Center, 1400 H.C. Mathis Drive. 270-443-8579 for appointment.

Paducah Senior Center, free low-impact exercise for individuals age 60 and older, 10-11 a.m., 1400 H.C. Mathis Drive, second floor.

Veterans and families, lunch, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., back room, Ryan's Steakhouse in Paducah. Sandy Hart, 270-210-2452 or 270-335-3128.

Baptist Health Paducah Stroke Support Group, 3 to 4:30 p.m., Baptist Heart Center conference room. Mary Legge, 270-575-2880 to register.

Hospice Grief Support Group, 5 to 6:30 p.m., Lourdes North Plaza, 911 Joe Clifton Drive. Frank Queen, 270-415-3636.

Baptist Health Paducah Prepared Childbirth classes, 5 to 7 p.m., Meeting Room A, Doctors Office Building 2 at Baptist Health Paducah. 270-575-2229 to register.

Graves County Public Library, Lego program at 5:30 p.m. 270-247-2911.

Grief Support Group, Parents, 5:30 to 7 p.m., Franciscan Room at Lourdes hospital. Nancy Litchfield, 270-519-3491.

Season of Honor Support Group meeting, "Caring for Your Aging Loved One," 6:30 p.m., First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 2890 Broadway, Paducah.

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Saturday's lottery Kentucky

Pick 3-midday: 0-5-1
Pick 3-evening: 8-5-8
Pick 4-midday: 2-8-7-6
Pick 4-evening: 5-3-1-8
Cash Ball: 6-9-22-23 **CB** 7
Cash Ball Kicker: 9-4-7-3-1
5 Card Cash: 6D-3S-9C-AD-8C
Powerball: 3-27-34-59-69
PB 19 **PP** 2

Illinois

Pick 3-midday: 1-0-4 **FB** 9
Pick 3-evening: 7-4-5 **FB** 0
Pick 4-midday: 1-1-6-2 **FB** 8
Pick 4-evening: 6-9-6-6 **FB** 6
Lucky Day -midday: 1-3-9-40-41
Lucky Day -evening: 1-9-11-14-25
Lotto: 1-16-33-36-41-47 **ES** 19

Coming Up ...

■ Teen of the Week: Staci Henderson of Ballard Memorial High School.

NEWS



MONDAY

Two men arrested after 3-county vehicle chase

Staff report

Kentucky State Police troopers arrested two Illinois men Saturday following a vehicle chase through Lyon, Livingston and Marshall counties that ended with a foot pursuit.

State police reported Tyrone Roddy, 28, of Champaign, Illinois, was allegedly speeding in a 2007 Dodge Magnum on Interstate 24 West when a trooper signaled for the vehicle to pull over. Troopers said Roddy increased speed and led police through Lyon and Livingston counties before hitting a tanker truck in Marshall County near Calvert City.

Roddy and Kennon Finely, 24, also of Champaign,



Finely

Roddy

left the car and fled on foot, followed by KSP troopers, Marshall County deputies, a U.S. Marshal, and Calvert City and Benton police officers, state police said.

Troopers said they found a bag of marijuana and more than \$10,000 in cash in the vehicle.

Roddy was taken to Marshall County Hospital, where he was treated for

non-life-threatening injuries, and the two men later were taken to Marshall County Detention Center.

Roddy and Finely were charged with first-degree fleeing or evading police on foot, trafficking in marijuana less than eight ounces, possession of drug paraphernalia and leaving the scene of an accident.

Roddy also is charged with first-degree fleeing or evading police in a motor vehicle, first-degree wanton endangerment and reckless driving.

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, Marshall County Ambulance Service and Calvert City Fire Department also assisted at the scene.

Harlan County officials look to preserve tourist attractions

Associated Press

LYNCH — Harlan County officials are looking to preserve two unique attractions in an effort to increase tourism as the coal industry dwindles.

Those attraction include Portal 31, an exhibition underground coal mine, and Benham's School House Inn, where guests may stay in converted classrooms, the Lexington Herald-Leader reported.

Southeast Kentucky Community & Technical

College has subsidized the attractions for years, providing staffing, management and money.

College President Lynn Moore notified county Judge-Executive Dan Mosley in February that the college would stop operating the inn and mine exhibit June 30 for financial reasons. "It looked really dismal for a while," said Bobbie Gothard, director of Tri-Cities Heritage Development, which promotes historic preservation and

revitalization in Cumberland, Benham and Lynch.

Mosley said he's considering funding and other options to keep the attractions open but hasn't settled on a solution.

"We've got to figure a way to keep them going," Mosley said. "They're both crucial parts of our county tourism package."

Officials have worked for years to boost tourism in hopes of creating other types of jobs in a place long dependent on coal.

Local Briefs

Motorcyclist injured in collision

A Paducah motorcyclist was taken to a hospital Saturday afternoon after a collision with a truck on John Puryear Drive.

McCracken County deputies said David English, of Ottawa, Illinois, was driving a 2004 Chevrolet pickup when he made a left turn toward Interstate 24 and into the path of Jerry Henderson, of Paducah, riding a 1999 Harley Davidson.

The two collided, injuring Henderson.

McCracken County deputies, Reidland Farley Fire Department, Mercy Regional Ambulance and Speedy's Wrecker Service responded to the scene.

— Staff report

WKCTC to host second annual Kindergarten Fair

West Kentucky Community & Technical College will host its second annual Super Ready Kindergarten Fair from 9:30 a.m. to noon March 19 in Haws Gymnasium on campus.

The superhero-themed fair is free and open to everyone with children up to 5 years old. All participants are encouraged to dress as superheroes and to participate in themed activities, games and contests.

"Last year's fair was a big success, and we are bringing it back this year to continue to help our citizens prepare

their children to make the first step toward their formative years of education," fair committee member Greta Henry said.

For more information, contact Henry at 270-534-3087 or ghenry0003@kctcs.edu.

— Staff report

'Spring forward' on March 13

Daylight Saving Time will begin at 2 a.m. on Sunday, March 13. You should set your clock ahead one hour before going to bed on Saturday evening, March 12.

For example, if you go to bed at 11 o'clock on Saturday night, set your clock ahead one hour to midnight before going to sleep. It will then have the correct time when you awaken on Sunday morning, March 13.

Daylight Saving Time ends Sunday, Nov. 6.

Since 2007, by federal law, Daylight Saving Time now begins on the second Sunday of each March and it ends on the first Sunday of each November. Time changes take place at 2 a.m. local time.

Daylight Saving Time in the U.S. moves an hour of daylight from the morning to the evening during the warmer weather months.

— Kentucky Press News Service

McCracken District Court

Jan. 26

Chad M. Turner, 23, 711 Cedar Grove Road, Burna, theft by deception — cold checks, under \$500; five days, two-year conditional discharge, no further offenses, restitution, pay \$195.

Christopher G. Harris, 35, 911 Pell Road, Brookport, Illinois, theft by unlawful taking or displacement — shoplifting, under \$500; 10 days, two-year conditional discharge, no further offenses, stay out of Kmart, theft prevention classes, pay \$570. Contempt of court; pay \$100.

Stephanie M. Waddell, 28, 145 Herzog Drive, Paducah, theft by unlawful taking or displacement — all others, under \$500; 30 days, two-year conditional discharge, no further offenses, stay out of Wal-Mart, restitution, pay \$470.

Garrett E. Cedar, 47, 6572 U.S. 68 E., Benton, theft by unlawful taking or displacement — shoplifting, under \$500; 15 days, two-year conditional discharge, no further offenses, stay out of Wal-Mart, pay \$545.

Andre T. Tompkins, 28, 610 Caldwell St., Paducah, fourth-degree assault, domestic violence, minor injury; 12 months, serve 10 days with 10 days credit for time served, two-year conditional discharge, no further offenses, no con-

tact with victim, domestic violence assessment, follow through with recommendations, pay \$495. Second-degree fleeing or evading police, on foot; five days, concurrent.

Aaron J. Kelley, 23, 650 College Ave., Paducah, theft by deception — cold checks, under \$500; 10 days, two-year conditional discharge, no further offenses, stay out of Wal-Mart, restitution.

Stacy Hood, 47, 1020 Gardner Ave., Paducah, buying or possession of drug paraphernalia; 30 days, two-year conditional discharge, no further offenses, drug and alcohol assessment, follow recommendations, forfeit items seized, pay \$195.

Rebecca Pyatt, 59, 3214 Lorine Lane, Paducah, theft by unlawful taking or displacement — shoplifting, under \$500; 10 days, two-year conditional discharge, no further offenses, stay out of Family Dollar, theft prevention classes, pay \$195.

Marques P. George, 24, 313 Anderson Ave., Mayfield, fourth-degree assault, domestic violence, minor injury; 90 days, serve 30 with 14 days credit for time served, no further offenses, no contact with victim, domestic violence assessment, follow through with recommendations, pay \$445.

Michael D. Eddington, 40, 158 Peck Court Road,

Ledbetter, fourth-degree assault, domestic violence, minor injury; 90 days, two-year conditional discharge, no further offenses, no contact with victim, domestic violence assessment, follow through with recommendations, restitution, pay \$470. Violation of conditions of release; 30 days with 13 days credit for time served.

Paula G. Hicks, 30, 504 Milliken Road, Paducah, illegal possession of a legend drug; 45 days, serve five with one day credit for time served, two-year conditional discharge, no further offenses, obtain drug and alcohol assessment, follow through with recommendations, forfeit items seized. Attempted tampering with physical evidence; 45 days, serve five with one day credit for time served, two-year conditional discharge, concurrent, no further offenses. Second-degree wanton endangerment; 45 days, serve five with one day credit for time served, two-year conditional discharge, concurrent, no further offenses. Possession of marijuana; 45 days, serve five with one day credit for time served, two-year conditional discharge, concurrent, no further offenses. Buying or possession of drug paraphernalia; 45 days, serve five with one day credit for time served, two-year conditional discharge, concurrent, no further offenses.

In Our Schools

■ Reidland Intermediate SBDM — 7:30 a.m. Monday, library.

■ Livingston County Middle School's Academic Performance Committee — 3:15 p.m. Monday, Cardinal Room Annex.

All items for the In Our Schools section must be emailed to news@paducahsun.com no later than noon Thursday.

Retired judges to be honored

Staff report

The McCracken County Bar Association is honoring two retired judges at its next meeting on March 21, and the public is welcome to attend.

Members will honor retired District and Circuit Judge Jeff Hines and retired Family Court Judge Cynthia Sanderson and present their portraits for display at the courthouse. The presentation is set for noon in Circuit Courtroom A on the second floor of the McCracken County Courthouse.

Hines served as district judge from 1990 to 1995 and circuit judge from 1995 to 2013.

Sanderson served as family court judge from 1999 to 2015.

The bar association will also present a plaque honoring members who have practiced law for 50 or more years. A pizza lunch and soft drinks will also be served in the grand jury room following the presentation.

Kevil woman accused of stealing from her employer

Staff report

McCracken County detectives arrested a Kevil woman Saturday for allegedly stealing \$1,500 in cash from her employer.



Wildharber

Kristen Wildharber, an employee of Sew Southern Designs on Lone Oak Road, reportedly told

deputies that she found the business' door unlocked and \$1,500 in cash missing. However, detectives said they searched her vehicle and found the money under a child's car seat. Detectives said Wildharber admitted taking and hiding the money.

She is charged with falsely reporting an incident and theft by unlawful taking over \$500.

Low turnout in first state caucus since 1984

BY ADAM BEAM AND BRUCE SCHREINER

Associated Press

FRANKFORT — Donald Trump continued his march through the South on Saturday, taking the top spot in a Kentucky Republican caucus that was paid for by former rival U.S. Sen. Rand Paul.

This was Kentucky's first presidential caucus since 1984. Back then, the caucus was so poorly received party leaders reverted back to the traditional primary election in 1988. This year, things seemed to run smoothly at the Knicely Conference Center on the campus of Western Kentucky University, where the line to vote stretched the length of the building and out into the parking lot. Similar lines were reported across the state, including at Seneca High School, where Kentucky's Republican governor voted just after the caucus opened.

Turnout was low, but more people voted than the last Republican presidential primary in 2012. That was a small victory for party officials. Many had fretted

turnout could have been dreadful with a caucus that had little advertising in the weeks leading up to the vote.

"Have you ever seen this kind of enthusiasm for a primary in the state of Kentucky?" Gov. Matt Bevin said. "We never have."

The boisterous businessman Trump won by small margins throughout Kentucky's eastern coalfields just days after he promised a crowd in Louisville he would lead a comeback for the coal industry if elected president. Trump won in Louisville, Kentucky's largest city, while Cruz took Lexington.

Trump voters were enthusiastic, with 53-year-old Christine Brown saying she voted for Trump because he both says things other politicians are afraid to say and wants to "stop the Muslims." But others turned out with equal fervor to vote against Trump, including 46-year-old Tucker Oldham, who said he has been horrified by Trump's vulgar talk and vague campaign promises. He described having to choose



Gov. Matt Bevin checks in to vote at Seneca High School for Kentucky's GOP presidential caucus on Saturday in Louisville.

between Trump and Hillary Clinton in the general election as "an absolute nightmare."

Despite Trump's win, he will share most of Kentucky's 46 delegates with Cruz. State party leaders opted for a generous proportional share of delegates when they approved the caucus format last year in an attempt to encourage more candidates to

campaign in the state. Marco Rubio and John Kasich also performed well enough to earn delegates.

Trump won in Kentucky despite heavy criticism from Paul, the state's junior U.S. Senator who once called Trump "an orange-faced windbag." Trump famously attacked Paul's looks during a televised debate and frequently

criticized him on social media. Trump continued his attacks on Saturday, writing on his Twitter account: "To the people of Kentucky, Rand Paul didn't want you. Now he runs back to his presidential failure."

Kentucky's caucus was supposed to be a homecoming for Paul, who convinced party leaders to ditch the traditional

mid-May primary in favor of an early March caucus. That way, Paul could run for president and re-election to his Senate seat at the same time without violating a state law that bans candidates from appearing on the ballot twice in the same election.

But Paul ended his presidential bid after a poor showing in Iowa last month.

VOTING

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really wanted to have my voice heard," said Paducah resident David Wolfram after casting his ballot Saturday afternoon at McCracken County High School. "In the past it's been over when Kentucky began."

Wolfram was part of what state party leaders called a "remarkable turnout" of Republican voters who cast ballots Saturday.

Cheryl Grana, District 1 GOP vice chairwoman, estimated around 2 p.m. that "thousands" of voters had already come through the doors of the high school — McCracken County's designated caucus site — to vote. She said that was the first break she got from checking in and directing voters since the polls opened at 10 a.m. Final results put the county's turnout at 21 percent.

Caucus workers said the voting line stretched through the main entrance and outside with wait times up to 45 minutes. "People have been very patient," said Caucus Chairwoman Ulla Scierhorn.

About 30 volunteers from the party helped staff the caucus, which worked similar to a regular election with 12 voting booths set up and voters directed to check one name on the ballot. Volunteers counted the results as they came in.

Caucus officials sent the results straight to the state Republican Party in Frankfort after they were calculated.

State party officials then posted the results online.

In addition to voters and caucus officials, a few volunteers like McCracken County resident Jim Gardner campaigned at the school Saturday for Republican candidates. Gardner supported Cruz, whom he said needed a voice at the caucus site.

"I came here to vote thinking they would have someone here for Ted Cruz but they didn't," he said. "I had pamphlets in my car, so I got approval and handed them all out. Then I went home and got more. It's a great process. I love having all these people out here."

Volunteers also set up a table inside for Marco Rubio.

District 1 congressional candidates James Comer, Jason Batts and Michael Pape — who will face off on the GOP ticket in the May primary — also had representation at the site.

U.S. Sen. Rand Paul proposed and paid for the GOP caucus, which took the place of the May primary, so he could run for both president and re-election to the Senate. Paul dropped out of the presidential race, however, along with former candidates Jeb Bush, Ben Carson, Chris Christie, Carly Fiorina, Mike Huckabee and Rick Santorum.

All of the candidates still appeared on the ballot, but a sign at the entrance of the voting areas indicated they had suspended their campaigns.

The following chart shows western Kentucky's county-by-county results, according to the Kentucky Republican Party:

McCracken County
Ted Cruz (1,525 votes) 43.01%
Donald Trump (1,022 votes) 28.82%
Marco Rubio (507 votes) 14.3%
John Kasich (440 votes) 12.41%

Ballard County
Ted Cruz (164 votes) 51.41%
Donald Trump (94 votes) 29.47%
Marco Rubio (29 votes) 9.09%
John Kasich (25 votes) 7.84%

Calloway County
Ted Cruz (607 votes) 37.26%
Donald Trump (438 votes) 26.89%
Marco Rubio (284 votes) 17.43%
John Kasich (264 votes) 16.21%

Caldwell County
Donald Trump (212 votes) 37.99%
Ted Cruz (196 votes) 35.13%

Marco Rubio (70 votes) 12.54%
John Kasich (63 votes) 11.29%

Carlisle County
Ted Cruz (124 votes) 61.69%
Donald Trump (44 votes) 21.89%
Marco Rubio (27 votes) 13.43%
John Kasich (6 votes) 12.99%

Crittenden County
Donald Trump (314 votes) 40.00%
Ted Cruz (272 votes) 34.65%
Marco Rubio (112 votes) 14.27%
John Kasich (71 votes) 9.04%

Fulton County
Donald Trump (66 votes) 41.77%
Ted Cruz (56 votes) 35.44%
John Kasich (20 votes) 12.66%
Marco Rubio (14 votes) 8.86%

Graves County
Ted Cruz (371 votes) 52.25%
Donald Trump (209 votes) 29.44%
Marco Rubio (86 votes) 12.11%

John Kasich (39 votes) 5.49%

Hickman County
Ted Cruz (198 votes) 59.28%
Donald Trump (88 votes) 26.35%
John Kasich (24 votes) 7.19%
Marco Rubio (24 votes) 7.19%

Livingston County
Ted Cruz (142 votes) 44.94%
Donald Trump (118 votes) 37.34%
Marco Rubio (49 votes) 9.18%
John Kasich (21 votes) 6.65%

Lyon County
Donald Trump (151 votes) 34.47%
Ted Cruz (144 votes) 32.88%
Marco Rubio (69 votes) 15.75%
John Kasich (66 votes) 15.07%

Marshall County
Ted Cruz (725 votes) 44.62%
Donald Trump (503 votes) 30.95%
Marco Rubio (223 votes) 13.72%
John Kasich (140 votes) 8.62%

Trigg County
Donald Trump (376 votes) 40.34%
Ted Cruz (308 votes) 33.05%
Marco Rubio (147 votes) 15.77%
John Kasich (90 votes) 9.66%

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DIALOGUE

No harm in talks about 911 options

McCracken County Judge-Executive Bob Leeper is keeping lines of communication open with Paducah officials on the question of who will provide 911 dispatching services for county agencies in the future. That is prudent. The county should explore all cost alternatives.

We also continue to be astonished by the city's determination to create its own 911 department, if necessary, rather than considering collaborative alternatives that appear to offer substantial cost savings.

This saga began in 2014. For decades prior the city and county jointly funded and operated the agency that provides 911 and other dispatching services for city and county departments. The service is overseen by a six-member board evenly divided between city and county interests.

A key component of funding the local 911 service is a \$1.50 a month fee assessed on telephone landlines countywide. Revenue from that source has been steadily declining as people increasingly rely solely on cellphones for telephone service.

This problem led the 911 board to entertain a proposal from Kentucky State Police to take over local dispatching services. It presently costs \$1.5 million a year to operate the local 911 agency. Kentucky State Police proposed taking over dispatching responsibilities for \$690,000 a year, plus \$1.4 million in one-time start-up costs.

The 911 board split pretty much along city-county lines over whether to further pursue the KSP option, with the city opposed. City representatives argued that the savings from the KSP contract were overstated, and that KSP's proposal did not provide some of the features the local service now offers. KSP said it could revise its proposal to address those concerns, but the Paducah City Commission voted to reject

the KSP option out of hand.

That decision led Leeper and the county to look into contracting separately with KSP to provide dispatching services just for the county. While the county was still exploring that option, the city commission served notice to the county that it was ending the interlocal 911 agreement. The city gave the county until March 1 to indicate interest in partnering with the city going forward, after which the city said it would proceed with establishing its own 911 department.

As it turns out the county can achieve meaningful savings — about \$65,000 to \$70,000 a year — by contracting with KSP. Leeper also believes it can use in-house expertise at KSP to save upwards of \$100,000 on technical consultants' fees. The sticking point remains the one-time startup cost. About \$756,000 of that relates to building a new dispatching center KSP says it will need to take on the additional work.

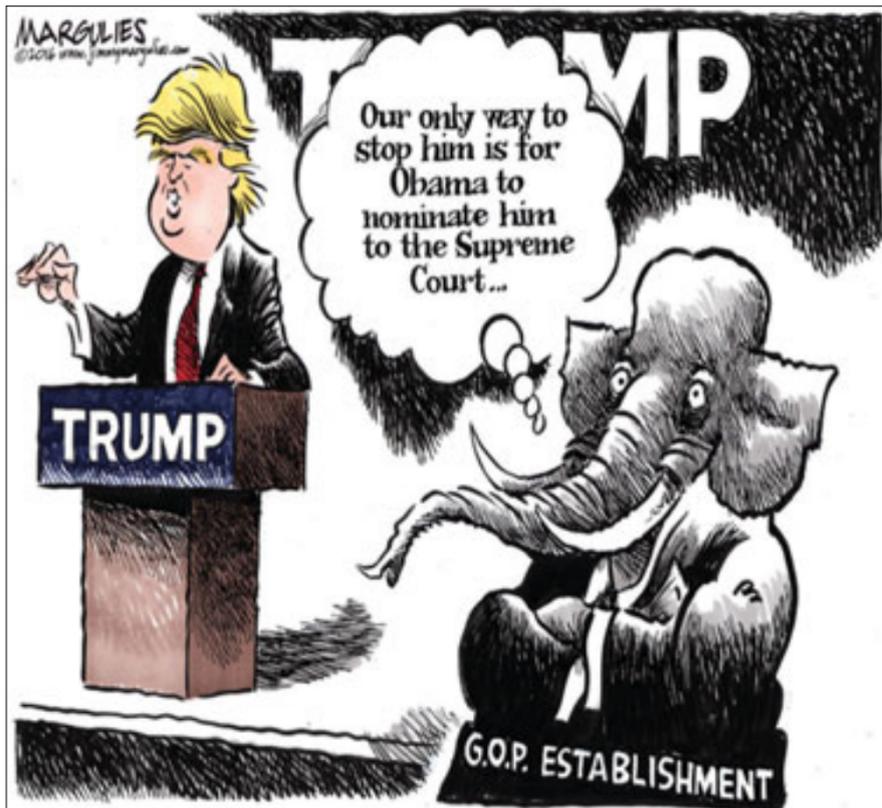
Leeper has been in conversations with other local governments that already contract with KSP, as well as Marshall County, which is exploring it, about sharing the cost of a new building. KSP also has indicated a willingness to locate the new center in McCracken County if the county will substantially fund it. With all of that unsettled, Leeper acted responsibly by inviting the city this week to offer its own alternatives.

We continue to question the city's determination to go it alone on 911 if necessary. As County Commissioner Bill Bartleman notes, the trend regionally and statewide is toward consolidation of 911 services. The state is actively encouraging as much.

Why Paducah has chosen to be an outlier to the trend is a decision we just don't understand. We would think it would be an uncomfortable position for city leaders to take in an election year. But given the state of politics these days, what do we know?

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Trump now looks unstoppable

My days of doubting Donald Trump's ability to win the Republican nomination for president are gone.

The Super Tuesday primaries confirmed he is far in front and pulling away. If the same voting pattern continues, he will easily amass enough delegates to get the nomination and not have to worry about a contested convention.

A New York Times analysis showed that he could even lose Ohio and Florida, the two biggest winner-take-all states, and still gain the 1,237 delegates needed to win.

Efforts to stop him by GOP leaders are not going to work.

Mitt Romney came down hard on him Thursday, but the blistering attack may have done Trump more good than harm.

Romney called him "a phony, a fraud" who carries a "brand of anger that has led other nations into the abyss."

"His domestic policies would lead to recession," Romney said. "His foreign policies would make America and the world less safe. He has neither the temperament nor the judgment to be president."

Those harsh words are unlikely to change many voters' minds, however, because Romney is the face of the establishment that Trump is successfully running against.

Trump is winning the primaries because he is a political outsider who has capitalized on the anger and frustration felt by middle-income Americans lagging behind economically and eager to support an unconventional candidate who will shake up the status quo.

He is the ultimate salesman, telling people what they want to hear,



Steve Wilson
Executive Editor

appealing to their prejudices no less than their aspirations and promising bold actions. His pledges to deport 11 million illegal immigrants and make Mexico pay for a \$12 billion border wall are widely seen as unachievable, but he asserts both with such conviction that people believe him.

He has attracted the support of many first-time voters and blue-collar Americans who admire him as an unrehearsed, politically incorrect candidate who speaks their language, crude as it may be at times, and will not back down.

The coalition Trump is building includes many well-educated voters willing to take a chance with him because they believe he is the candidate most likely to be a real change agent in Washington.

One unnamed Republican put it this way to the Washington Post:

"It's like 'Dr. Strangelove.' I might as well be like



Slim Pickens rides the bomb in 'Dr. Strangelove.'

Slim Pickens at the end of the movie and just ride the atomic bomb down and see what happens."

He was referring to the 1964 dark comedy starring Peter Sellers about what could happen if an unstable military leader had the ability to start a nuclear war. Pickens was the gung-ho pilot of a B-52 sent to attack the Soviet Union who happily sat on the bomb when it dropped.

That attitude of "What the heck, let's just see what happens if Trump becomes president" is shared by many others who want to elect a president who will act decisively and bring change.

The Dr. Strangelove reference is noteworthy for another reason. Trump's critics, including me, worry that he could create all kinds of problems — social, economic, political and diplomatic. But none would be more frightening than Trump flying into a fit of rage or feeling the need to show his strength and launching a military attack.

That fear partly motivated a group of more than 50 conservative national security leaders to sign a letter calling Trump unfit to be president and saying "he would use the authority of his office in ways that would make America less safe."

Trump's supporters have shown a remarkable willingness to dismiss all manner of doubts and criticisms. But if anything should make people think twice about putting him in the White House, his unpredictable judgment as commander in chief should.

Giving a temperamental personality ready access to a nuclear button is not an appealing prospect.

Reach Steve Wilson at swilson@paducahsun.com.

Letters

Waldon a friend to many, one who will be missed

EDITOR:

The passing of Tot Waldon marks the end of an era. He was known by many and loved by all.

Rest in peace, Mr. Waldon.

FAYLYNN SIRESS
Benton

Consider individual impact of rolling back health coverage

EDITOR:

Your editorials continue to carp about the cost of Obamacare for health care to 400,000 folks in need.

If you have sanctity of life before birth, is there no sanctity of life after birth?

It seems you have no other option(s) to offer other than dissolution of Obamacare. Is that right?

Please think of these 400,000 as individuals, each standing alone facing the need for care.

Standing alone. Do you get the picture? Put your feet in their shoes.

As for Gov. Bevin, he seems quite adept at taking money from one agency and giving it to another. And all he does is redistribute and dissolve. Surely he has more to offer.

And so should you. We all are first and foremost individuals in God's eyes.

WILLIAM A. HOFFMAN
Paducah

Unity leads to cracks in GOP

Opposition to Obama at root of splintering

BY DONNA CASSATA
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Republicans can blame their united stand against President Barack Obama for their party's splintering.

Conservatives' gut-level resistance to all things Obama — the man, his authority, his policies — gave birth to the tea party movement that powered the GOP to political success in multiple states and historic congressional majorities. Yet contained in the movement and its triumphs were the seeds of destruction, evident now in the party's fracture over presidential front-runner Donald Trump.

Obama's policies, from the ambitious 2010 law overhauling the health care system to moving unilaterally on immigration, roiled conservatives who decried his activist agenda and argued about constitutional overreach. "Quasi-socialist," says Tea Party Express.

Republicans rode that anger to majority control of the House in 2010 and an eye-popping net gain of 63 seats as voters elected tea partiers and political outsiders. Four years later, the GOP claimed the Senate, too.

For all the numbers, though, Republicans were unable to roll back Obama administration policies or defeat the Democratic president in 2012, further infuriating the GOP base.

Now the party of



Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., speaks to reporters on Capitol Hill in Washington. Republicans can blame their united stand against President Barack Obama for the break-up of their party.

Abraham Lincoln is engaged in a civil war, pitting establishment Republicans frightened about a election rout in November against the unpredictable Trump, who has capitalized on voter animosity toward Washington and politicians.

"There would be no Donald Trump without Barack Obama," said Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C. No fan of Trump, Graham argued that resentment of Obama plus his own party's attitude toward immigrants are responsible for the deep divide and the billionaire businessman's surge.

The health care fight proves illustrative.

The disaffected Americans embracing Trump echo the angry voices that filled town halls in the summer of 2009 as fearful voters taunted lawmakers over efforts to overhaul health care. Obama and Democrats were undaunted, pushing ahead on a remake of the system despite unified Republican opposition.

In January 2010, thanks to tea party backing and conservative outrage, Republican Scott Brown won a special election in Massachusetts, claiming the seat that liberal Sen. Ted Kennedy had held for 47 years.

That November, the tea party propelled Re-

publicans shouting repeal health care to victory, among them Sens. Marco Rubio of Florida and Rand Paul of Kentucky. They defeated establishment GOP candidates more likely to compromise in Washington. Dozens of other tea party candidates captured House seats; many were making their first foray in politics.

Along with Obama's re-election in 2012 came another group of congressional tea partiers, including Sen. Ted Cruz of Texas. The movement's strength ran headlong into Washington reality: Obama was president and Democrats still controlled the Senate. Efforts by Cruz to torpedo the health care law led to a partial, 16-day government shutdown in 2013.

Republicans triumphed a year later, capturing control of the Senate and in the House last year, they toppled House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, a victim of his pragmatism.

Expectations among uncompromising conservatives were sky-high. So was the disappointment. Obama's health care plan remained the law of the land.

"It definitely led to a wave in 2010 that gave us the majority, and then, what have we done since then," said Rep. Dennis Ross, R-Fla.



A possible new species of octopus is seen on the Pacific Ocean floor near the Hawaiian Islands.

Possible new octopus species found in Pacific

Associated Press
HONOLULU — Scientists say they have discovered what might be a new species of octopus while searching the Pacific Ocean floor near the Hawaiian Islands.

On Feb. 27, a team found a small light-colored octopus at a depth of about 2.5 miles in the ocean near Necker Island, said Michael Vecchione of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. The octopus did not have fins and all of its suckers were in one row on each arm, Vecchione said.

The octopus "did not seem very muscular" and was light colored, he said.

"This resulted in a ghostlike appearance, leading to a comment on social media that it should be called Casper,

like the friendly cartoon ghost. It is almost certainly an undescribed species ...," he said in the statement posted on Wednesday on the NOAA website.

It's unusual to find an octopus without fins so deep in the ocean, said Vecchione, who noted that the previous depths at which an octopus without fins was found were all less than 4,000 meters, or 2.5 miles below the ocean.

Two scientists he has consulted "agreed that this is something unusual and is a depth record ...," said Vecchione, who is with NOAA's National Systematics Laboratory.

The octopus was discovered during a search of the ocean floor by a remotely operated vehicle from NOAA's Okeanos Explorer, he said.

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Sailors face more lenient body fat rules

BY JULIE WATSON

Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — The Navy is giving another chance to thousands of sailors who otherwise would be kicked out for repeatedly failing their physical fitness tests because they exceeded body fat limits.

The service branch loosened its body fat restrictions in January and is allowing those who failed their exams three or more times to get one more opportunity to be tested this spring under the more lenient guidelines.

The Navy said it has been losing too many talented sailors. Some were resorting to liposuction, diet pills and other measures to save their careers.

The Navy allowed about 2,400 sailors who passed a preliminary test under the new rules to stay in, reducing the number of failures on their records from three to one, said Navy spokesman, Lt. Cmdr. Nate Christensen.

In the past, three failures were grounds for being kicked out.

The sailors will be measured again this spring and allowed only two failures now instead of three.

The changes are the latest by the military looking to improve its abilities to recruit and retain talented people as it builds up its cyber-warfare strategy and faces competition from a rebounding economy.

A 2014 Pentagon study found that roughly two-thirds of Americans would not qualify to enlist in the armed services as a result of health problems, obesity and the failure to complete a high school education.

Navy Secretary Ray Mabus said the service is not lowering standards but rather adjusting to reality: People today, in general, are bigger but not necessarily fat.

The Navy is also considering larger uniforms sizes for the first time in two decades.

"It's far more realistic," Mabus said of the new body fat standard.

The number of sailors booted from the Navy annually because they did not meet physical standards has more than doubled from 694 in 2011 to 1,536 just a few years later in 2014.

The changes come amid debate over whether the physical requirements demanded of service members across the board are still relevant or should be adjusted according to the job so the armed forces can maintain the pool of talent it needs for today's high-tech warfare.

There's been talk in the Army of easing up on strict body fat requirements for its cyber-warriors, for example.

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there are three parts of the brain it affects," she said. "First is the part they use to turn experiences into memories. Second is decision-making, and the last part is creative memory, so that's where these patients can express their emotions."

For seniors battling dementia, expressing emotions through music, singing, dancing or painting may be the only way they can do so. In turn, Superior staff schedule daily crafts such as painting, sculpting and making gifts for family members.

"It's really like a pharmaceutical drug," Myrick said. "If they're aggravated or anxious, art works perfectly, and they don't have to worry about fitting into a setting they don't understand. They can express themselves and get it all out."

At The Lakes of Paducah, another senior living community, staff see music and visual arts as instrumental in warding off and delaying the effects of dementia in residents. For them, it's important to keep residents' minds active, engaged and constantly learning. "A lot of times, older, isolated individuals stop using their minds, so we want to engage that learning because it's shown that lifelong learning helps keep your brain active," said Josh Morehead, resident service director. "It helps keep those neurons firing appropriately and can help combat any type of memory loss, so we focus on that."

With a burgeoning arts community, Paducah offers homes like Superior Care and



KAYLAN THOMPSON | The Sun

Bobbie Reynolds, a resident of Superior Home Care in Paducah, works on a floral painting during an arts activity in the home's memory care unit.

The Lakes opportunities to regularly partner with outside organizations, non-profits, local musicians and artists like Bill Ford.

Even at 78, the lifelong artist and interior designer remains heavily active in his own business as well as the community, regularly hosting art activities at local retirement homes.

"Art keeps your mind engaged," he said. "It keeps me busy, and I never stop learning as an artist. A person has to feel like you're accomplishing something, that something is being done every day, and I get to work with people. I love people."

For seniors, staying socially active is as important as remaining mentally involved. The arts, Morehead said,

provide the perfect platform to do so.

"It's very common when you're living at home for it to be isolating," he said. "It's hard to maintain those social relationships, but when you have a social calendar like ours, residents will start attending similar events, seeing residents who share similar interests. So that expands the conversation beyond that half hour of crafting into, 'Why don't you sit with me at dinner and see what else we have in common?'"

There are many opportunities for seniors to become involved in Paducah's arts community, from workshops and events to classes at the Paducah School of Art and Design. The school waives tuition for those

over the age of 65.

"That's one place I really see seniors able to stay active in the arts. From making art to seeing other artists working, you can learn new skills even in your 60s and 70s," said Lindsey Maestri, executive director of the Yeiser Art Center.

"Another great way to get your foot in the door, if you don't know the arts community, is to volunteer at a local non-profit. It puts you in direct contact with people that are making and sharing that same energy."

Maestri recommends volunteering with Market House Theatre, the Paducah Symphony Orchestra, the Yeiser, Maiden Alley Cinema and other local organizations.

HISTORY

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Bundy and Brown will be putting finishing touches on the 10,900 square feet, which includes a banquet room for private parties.

The business has a distinctive throwback feel to it.

There's an antique cider press from the late 1800s off to the side. The wood's refinished, but the pieces are original and functional.

Off to another side is the back bar, wide and heavy, all wood, metal and glass rods. It was made in the 1930s, imported to town from a German-American club in Cleveland.

Scattered throughout are wooden barrels, corn stalks, and grain sacks. At the heart of it all, the centerpiece in the distillation room, is a 300-gallon copper still made by Bundy and Brown long before they ever thought of opening a distillery.

Keeping a fixed gaze on the operation is a framed, blown-up, black and white photograph of John "Tuck" Wallace and the pet wolf he raised from a pup. Wallace was a Kentucky tobacco farmer and Brown's great-great grandfather.

"I've always thought that was the coolest picture," Brown said. "It belongs here."

Even the new business's name, Silent

Brigade, is steeped in history, harking back to western Kentucky tobacco wars, when small farmers fought the industry's monopolization by big money interests.

"The rebellious, independent attitude," Bundy said of what the business name means to the owners. "We're not against the government under any stretch of the imagination ... but we want control, we want to do it our way."

"We're kind of like the Silent Brigade against big whiskey," Brown said.

Silent Brigade is the first business venture for Bundy, a boilermaker by trade, and Brown, a heavy equipment op-

erator.

The two friends started tinkering with making stills about eight years ago in Bundy's barn. Eventually they tried their hand with recipes, and it grew from there.

"Johnny did most of the work there ... and everybody was like, 'Y'all need to quit making stills and start making whiskey,'" Bundy said.

The co-owners said they originally planned for their distillery to be located out in the county, but they decided on downtown to take advantage of foot traffic and potentially changing state laws.

As of now, Bundy and Brown said their distill-

ery isn't allowed to sell by the drink. They can provide small samples and sell by the bottle — up to three liters per person — but customers can't drink in the distillery. However, proposed legislation would loosen the restrictions.

"We believe it's going to pass, and that's why we came to Paducah rather than being out in the county," Bundy said. "We said, 'Let's look downtown,' and lo and behold we found this place."

They bought the

building, and said they've resisted taking on partners.

"We've had offers for investors, but if there was a way we could do it, just us two without taking anybody in, that's the route we wanted to take," Bundy said.

Brown said the way the business has taken shape is exceeding expectations. Excitement is building in the public, too, Bundy and Brown said, with people constantly asking about the opening.

The co-owners said

they anticipate the business's distribution to stores will be its primary driver, and they hope Silent Brigade is successful enough that the business becomes their careers.

Anything's possible, given its humble beginnings.

"One day it was, 'Can you weld copper?' and 'Well, I've never tried it, but let's play with it and see,'" Bundy said.

"And we made a small pot, and it just grew and grew from there," Brown said.



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Allies launch PR blitz for drug lord 'El Chapo'

BY CHRISTOPHER SHERMAN

Associated Press

MEXICO CITY — The once-secretive Mexican drug lord Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman has launched a public relations blitz, calling on his lawyers and even his common-law wife to keep his name in the news.

Emma Coronel, mother of Guzman's twin 4-year-old daughters, has given unprecedented media interviews, issuing dire warnings about his health and pressuring the government to improve the conditions he endures his third time behind bars.

His lawyers have gathered the media at Mexico's supreme court and outside the White

House in Washington. On Friday, one of Guzman's lawyers called a news conference outside the maximum-security Altiplano prison where he's being held, and which he escaped from through a mile-long tunnel in July.

Wearing an "Extradition Never!!!" sweat shirt emblazoned with a photo of his client, attorney Jose Luis Gonzalez Meza said he planned to begin a hunger strike — water and juice allowed. He called on Mexicans to join him.

Analysts say the publicity is all part of a carefully planned media strategy.

At the very least, Guzman hopes to negotiate the terms of his imprisonment in the United States should moves to



Associated Press
Jose Luis Gonzalez Meza, one of Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman's lawyers, talks to journalists as men set up a tent near the Altiplano maximum security prison, near Toluca, Mexico state, Mexico, Friday.

extradite him succeed.

Another Guzman attorney, Jose Refugio Rodriguez, says that the drug lord wants to be sent to the U.S. quickly and negotiate a guilty plea in exchange for a "reasonable" sentence in

a medium-security prison in the United States.

Samuel Logan of the business and security consulting firm Southern Pulse said he doesn't believe the effort will work.

"El Chapo's folks are

grasping at straws," he said. "I doubt the U.S. will negotiate on any level."

The PR campaign has featured Guzman's former beauty queen common-law wife giving her first-ever public interview in February.

Conservatively dressed and poised throughout her conversation with Telemundo, Coronel painted an image of "El Chapo" as a loving family man. She was careful to suggest his innocence, or at least not confirm his guilt.

"I'm not certain that he traffics drugs," she said.

Guzman's attorneys have publicly expressed concern for his health and criticized his treatment while jailed.

"How long is his body

going to tolerate this state of stress that he's submitted to?" Rodriguez said last month after a 30-minute visit at Altiplano prison with Guzman.

"If this doesn't stop, he is going to get sick and his life is at great risk."

Outside the prison Friday, Bernarda Guzman Loera, who said she was one of the drug lord's sisters, said his family was "very worried."

The drug lord's lawyers have filed several requests for injunctions in Mexican courts to stop his extradition. Rodriguez said Wednesday they won't drop those efforts until they get an agreement with U.S. prosecutors, an unrealistic scenario.

China tries to dispel economic anxiety

BY JOE MCDONALD AND LOUISE WATT

Associated Press

BEIJING — China's leadership tried to quell anxiety about its slowing economy following financial turmoil and rising labor unrest as it cut its growth target Saturday and promised to open the oil and telecom industries to private competitors in sweeping industrial reforms.

Premier Li Keqiang announced a growth target of 6.5 to 7 percent in a report to the national legislature on Beijing's plans for the year. That was down from last year's "about 7 percent" and reflects the ruling

Communist Party's marathon efforts to replace a worn-out model based on trade and investment with more self-sustaining growth driven by consumer spending.

Li, the country's top economic official, warned that China faces "more and tougher problems," including weak export demand. But he expressed confidence that communist leaders can maintain stable growth.

"China has laid a solid material foundation and its economy is hugely resilient," the premier said in an address to nearly 3,000 delegates to the National People's

Congress, a 12-day affair that kicked off Saturday. "As long as we work together as one to surmount all difficulties, we will definitely achieve the targets for economic and social development in 2016."

In a wide-ranging speech lasting nearly two hours, Li said Beijing will "oppose separatist activities" in Taiwan, the self-ruled island China claims as part of its territory. He announced no new initiatives following the recent election of Taiwanese President Tsai Ying-wen, who takes office in May. A separate budget report released Saturday con-

firmed that military spending will rise 7.6 percent, which comes at a time of tensions with China's neighbors over disputed portions of the South China Sea. The military budget of 954 billion yuan (\$146.5 billion) keeps China in second place in global defense spending behind the United States.

The premier promised more measures to clean up China's badly polluted air, water and soil, and more spending on science and industrial research and development to create technology and better-paying jobs.

Dog appears in driver's seat when semi-truck crashes

Associated Press

MANKATO, Minn. — One dog apparently has learned a new trick: how to drive a semi-truck.

Customers at a Minnesota gas station saw a golden Labrador retriever appear to drive the semi across a road Friday.

Mankato police say the idling truck apparently was put into gear, then went through a parking lot, across the street and over a curb.

The Free Press of

Mankato reports a passer-by discovered the dog sitting in the driver's seat when he jumped into the truck to stop it.

David Stegora was at the store when he heard the truck smash into a tree and then a parked car. He couldn't see the driver, but saw the dog climb up near the driver's side. Police say the truck was taken off the road. The driver had left the unoccupied truck running in a nearby parking lot.



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EU pushed to speak on media right erosion

BY SUZAN FRASER

Associated Press

ANKARA, Turkey — The European Union is facing increasing pressure to speak out against the erosion of media freedom in Turkey following the takeover of the country's largest-circulation newspaper, but few expect it to take a bold stance toward Ankara while trying to assure its help in dealing with the migration crisis.

Police used tear gas and water cannons for a second day running on Saturday to disperse hundreds of protesters who gathered outside the headquarters of Zaman newspaper — now surrounded by police fences. Law enforcement officers stormed the building on Friday

to enforce the court-ordered seizure of the publication, which is linked to President Recep Tayyip Erdogan's top foe, U.S.-based opposition cleric Fethullah Gulen.

The protesters chanted "free press cannot be silenced" and "Zaman cannot be silenced" as riot police used shields and fired tear gas to push back the crowd, sending demonstrators running into side streets for protection.

Some were seen rubbing their faces with pieces of lemon to mitigate the effects of the tear gas, the private Dogan news agency reported. A number of protesters were injured.

The Istanbul court's appointment of trustees to manage Zaman and

its sister outlets further reduced the number of opposition media organizations in Turkey, which is dominated by pro-government news outlets. It raised alarm bells over the deterioration of rights conditions in the NATO member nation, which also aspires for EU membership, just days before a March 7 meeting, in which EU leaders will try to convince Turkey to do more to curtail the flow of migrants traveling to Europe.

"The EU countries are preoccupied with their migration crisis, they are no longer concerned by rights violations in Turkey," said Semih Idiz, columnist for the opposition Cumhuriyet and independent Daily Hurriyet newspapers.

Most Russians support Putin's Syria campaign

BY KATHERINE JACOBSEN

Associated Press

MOSCOW — For most Russians, there's little not to like about their country's military operation in Syria.

The airstrikes have demonstrated Russia's might, turned the course of the war and made sure that Russia is once again treated as a world power on a par with the United States. And all at little cost.

When Russia began its air campaign on Sept. 30, there were fears that it would turn into a repeat of the disastrous Soviet invasion of Afghanistan in late 1979, which ended nine years later with thousands dead and a humiliating withdrawal.

Those fears have been dispelled as President Vladimir Putin has kept his word that there will be no ground action.

Denis Kuzichov, a 36-year-old artist in Moscow, said he supports Russia's involvement in Syria as long as it is limited to airstrikes.

"If we're talking about bombing terrorists and the fight against incorrect forms of Islam, then yeah," Kuzichov said. "If our ground troops move in, and by that I mean if they start giving weapons to people



Russian President Vladimir Putin speaks at the Novo-Ogaryovo residence outside Moscow.

on the ground — tanks, heavy guns — then of course it's bad."

Most Russians judge the situation in Syria based on what they see on state television, said Nataliya Zorkaya, who heads the social and political survey department at the Levada Center, an independent polling agency.

The news programs on Kremlin-controlled television have shown Russia's strategic bombers and new long-range cruise missiles making direct hits on targets described as important assets of the Islamic State group.

The reports have not posed the terrorist threat to Russia by the Islamic State, which

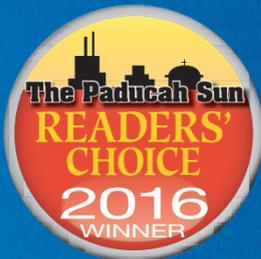
has won the allegiance of Islamic militants operating in Russia and recruited thousands of Russian citizens to join the battle in Syria.

The news broadcasts also have featured interviews with displaced Syrians who have been able to return home after Russian airstrikes helped the Syrian government army to liberate their town.

Foreign reports about Russian bombs destroying hospitals or killing civilians have been denied by the Kremlin and spurned as Western attempts to smear Russia.

"The West has blamed us for something or other since ancient times," said Yulia Zhalbe, a 28-year-old Muscovite.

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Mitchell Dean Hobgood

BENTON — Mr. Mitchell Dean Hobgood, age 62, of Benton, Kentucky, passed away Friday, March 4, 2016, at Baptist Health Paducah, Kentucky.

Born Wednesday, December 26, 1953, in Marshall County, Kentucky, he was the son of the late W.B. "Bill" Hobgood and the late Mary Frances (Thompson) Hobgood.

He retired after 20 years of service with the Marshall County Road Department. He was also an avid collector of diecast late model race cars. He was a member of Faith Missionary Baptist Church, Benton, Kentucky.

He is survived by the love of his life, Janet Wadlington of Benton, Kentucky; two brothers, Glen Thomas "Tommy" Hobgood, wife Dianna of Benton, Kentucky, and Jerry K. Hobgood, wife Martha of Benton, Kentucky; five nieces and nephews; Diana Branthoover, husband Ron of Bakersfield, California, Greg Hobgood, wife Teri of Reidland, Kentucky, Lydia Hobgood Dorn, husband Bobby of Greenville, South Carolina, Adam Hobgood, wife Keri of Smyrna, Ten-



Hobgood

nessee, and Cara Hunt, husband Stephen of Duncannon, British Columbia. Three great-nieces and two great-nephews also survive.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Ronnie Hobgood; and one niece, Marti Hobgood.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday, March 8, 2016, in the chapel of the Collier Funeral Home, Benton, Kentucky. The Rev. Duane Holland and the Rev. Bill Amberg will officiate. Interment will follow the service in the Benton Cemetery, Benton, Kentucky.

The family will receive friends from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Monday, March 7, 2016, at Collier Funeral Home, 211 W. Fifth, Benton, KY.

The family request that memorial contributions be made to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, P.O. Box 1000, Dept. 142, Memphis, TN 38101-9908.

Joseph 'Herbert' Wicker

SPRING HILL, Tenn. — Joseph "Herbert" Wicker Jr., age 87, of Spring Hill, Tennessee (formerly of Paducah, Kentucky), passed away at 12:30 a.m. on Friday, March 4, 2016, at the Signature Health Care of Columbia, Tennessee.

Mr. Wicker was a patient and loving husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. He had a lifelong love of cars, driving and boating. After his retirement from Union Carbide/Martin Marietta in 1985, he spent several years driving for Enterprise Rental Car, The American Red Cross and many individuals and car dealerships in Paducah. He was a member of Lone Oak United Methodist Church.

He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Rachel W. Wicker of Spring Hill; two daughters, Kim Yarbrough and husband, Steve of Franklin, Tennessee, Laurie W. Owen, also of Franklin; and daughter-in-law, Jeanette Wicker of Louisville, Kentucky. Six grandchildren, Erik Wicker, Queens, New York, Nicole W. Cooper (Billy), Louisville, Kentucky, Stacey Y. Collins (Anthony), Spring Hill, Tennessee, Blair Y. Moore (Jeffrey), Frank-

lin, Tennessee, Blake Owen (Ana), New York City, New York, and Jared Owen, Franklin, Tennessee. Six great-grandchildren, Catherine Wicker, Kenna and Collins Cooper, Parker and Tyler Collins, and Owen Moore. Brother, Thomas Wicker (Sarah) of Knoxville, Tennessee. He is also survived by brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law who loved him like a brother along with several nieces and nephews.

Mr. Wicker was preceded in death by his son, Herbert Keith Wicker; his parents, Joseph Herbert Wicker Sr. and Flavia J. Wicker; and a sister, Bobby W. Sayle.

Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, March 7th, at Woodlawn Memorial Gardens in Paducah with the Rev. Rick Dye officiating.

There will be no visitation. Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Paducah is in charge of all arrangements.

Expressions of sympathy may be taken in the form of a donation to The Alzheimer's Association at alz.org.

You may leave a message of sympathy and light a candle at milnerandorr.com.

James Myrick

LOLA — James A. Myrick, 87, of the Lola community died Friday, March 4, 2016, at Salem Springlake Health and Rehabilitation Center in Salem.

He was a retired farmer and a member of Salem Masonic Lodge No. 81.

Mr. Myrick is survived by his wife of 60 years, Jacqueline Myrick; one niece; one nephew; and one daughter.

He was preceded in

death by one brother. His parents were Alvin Irvin and Pearl Kimsey Myrick.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday, March 7, 2016, at Lola Cemetery.

There will be no visitation. Family and friends are asked to meet at the cemetery.

Contributions may be made to The Mary Hall Ruddiman Animal Shelter, Gideon Bibles or any charity.

Ida June Wurth

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Ida June Wurth, formerly of Paducah, passed away on Monday, February 29, 2016, in Memphis, Tennessee, of natural causes.

She was born in Paducah on May 2, 1930, to John and Flora Knight. On October 4, 1946, she married Roy F. Wurth of St. Johns Parish. They moved to Terre Haute, Indiana, where they raised five children: Roy S. Wurth (San Diego, CA), Debra Drake (Lafayette, IN), Barbara Johnson (Brazil, IN), Paul Michael Wurth (Trinity Center, CA), and Laurie Rich (Memphis, TN). She is also survived by 11 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren. She was particularly close to her older sister, Doris Wilson of Paducah. She moved to Memphis in 2007 after the death of her spouse. All six siblings and her parents preceded her in death.

Ms. Wurth was active in the Vigo County [Indiana] Republican Party, worked in the voter registration office, and served as a polling chief. She attended President Reagan's inauguration, thrilled with traveling to



Wurth

Washington, D.C. aboard a special Pullman car. She retired from the Indiana Dept. of Transportation. She and her husband were longtime members of the Terre Haute Sycamore Club where it was common knowledge that they were "good dancers." She had a thirst for knowledge and was unique in that she secretly sat for her GED, earning highest marks, at the age of 59 which her family discovered and celebrated in high style. Her hobbies included molding, firing and painting porcelain dolls and other figurines; creating miniature houses and accessories; sewing; and raising flowers. The highlight of her life was observing and visiting with children, especially her grandchildren.

A private wake took place in Memphis for the immediate family. Ms. Wurth's ashes will be interred at Calvary Cemetery in Terre Haute, Indiana, beside her beloved husband.

Charles F. Kommer

METROPOLIS, III. — Charles F. Kommer, age 91, of Metropolis, Illinois, formerly of Kevil, Kentucky, passed away at 11:50 p.m. on Friday, March 4, 2016, at Southgate Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. on Monday, March 7, 2016, at Miller Funeral Home in Metropolis. The Rev. Everett Shaw will officiate.

Burial will follow in the Metropolis Memorial Gardens with military rites.

Charles was a retired custodian, having worked at Central School and City National Bank. He was a member of the First Church of God in Metropolis, American Legion Post 306, and was a veteran of the United States Army, having served during World War II.

Charles is survived by a daughter-in-law, Margaret Kommer of West Paducah, Kentucky; a son, Bradley Kommer and wife, Cheryl of Hamel, Illinois; five grandchildren, Jacob Kommer and wife, Leanne of LaGrange, Kentucky, Daniel Kommer



Kommer

of La Center, Kentucky, Chad Kommer and wife, Jessie of Metropolis, Illinois, Jill Lewis and husband, Eric of the Hillerman community, and Jennifer Burnett of Paducah, Kentucky; eight great-grandchildren; two sisters, Betty Faughn and husband, Wayne of Metropolis, Illinois, and Phyllis Mattila of Snodhomish, Washington; and several nieces and nephews.

Charles was preceded in death by his parents, Louis G. and Hazel (Kennedy) Kommer; wife, Alene (Medley) Kommer; son, Leroy Kommer; two sisters, Lois Parker and Ella Pauline Kommer; and three brothers, Clarence, Delbert and Donald Kommer.

Visitation will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Monday, March 7, 2016, at the Miller Funeral Home in Metropolis.

Online condolences may be left at aikinsfarmer-millerfh.com

Miriam Messina

WICKLIFFE — Miriam Messina, age 91, died at her home at 8:35 a.m. on Wednesday, March 2, 2016.

Miriam was a very devoted Christian who studied her Bible and was a member of Bethlehem Baptist Church. She retired as a bookkeeper for Coppertine Electric. She was also head bookkeeper for the Lions Club and she was a member of the Moose Lodge.

Miriam is survived by one son, Paul Wooten of Wickliffe, Kentucky; one brother, James Donald Belcher of Wickliffe, Kentucky; four granddaughters, Kimberly Haney, Rebecca Cheek, Rachel Galloway and Joan Olson; four great-granddaughters, Andrea Haney, Elizabeth Cheek,



Messina

Thomas Forbey.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Jewell McKee and Helen Ridgeway; and one brother, Earl Belcher. Her parents were Earl and Opal Norch Belcher.

Services will be at a later date. Memorial contributions may be sent to Bethlehem Baptist Church, 2346 Bethlehem Church Road, Wickliffe, KY 42087.

Messages for the family may be left at morrowfuneralchapel.com.

Donnie 'Donnie B' Brookshire

BOAZ — Donnie 'Donnie B' Brookshire, age 69, of Boaz, Kentucky, passed away at 1:39 p.m. on Friday, March 4, 2016, at the Ray & Kay Eckstein Hospice Care Center at Lourdes.

Mr. Brookshire was a member of Bellview Baptist Church and attended Salt & Light Community Church. He was a retired concrete contractor and owner of Don Brookshire & Sons Concrete & Construction.

Donnie B is survived by his wife, Judy Brookshire; daughter, Donna Brookshire of Lone Oak, Kentucky; three sons, Bobby Brookshire and wife, Krista of Boaz, Kentucky, Ricky Brookshire and wife, Keri of Boaz, Kentucky, and Jason Brookshire and wife, Hollie of Lone Oak, Kentucky; ten grandchildren, Alex McGregor, Dylan Brookshire, Alyssa Brookshire, Charley McGregor, Hanna Brookshire, Abbi Brookshire, Jenna Brookshire, Tate Brookshire, Bradyn Sanderson and Reed Brookshire; and a sister,



Brookshire

Wanda Tomlinson and husband, Jerry of Sikeston, Missouri. He was preceded in death by a brother, Terry Brookshire. His parents were Louie and Charlene Crooks Brookshire.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, March 8, 2016, at Lone Oak Chapel Milner & Orr Funeral Home with the Rev. Jim Glover officiating.

Burial will follow services at Houser Grove Cemetery.

Visitation will be held from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m. on Monday, March 7, 2016, at Lone Oak Chapel Milner & Orr Funeral Home.

Expressions of sympathy may take the form of contributions to Salt & Light Community Church, 155 Pugh Road, Paducah, KY 42003.

You may leave a message or light a candle at milnerandorr.com.

Harold W. Walton

SALEM — Mr. Harold W. Walton Sr., 64, of Salem, Kentucky, passed from this life on Friday, March 4, 2016, at Livingston Hospital and Healthcare Services in Salem.

Mr. Walton was an active member of Salem Volunteer Fire Department. He was dedicated and dependable.

He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Marilyn Walton; daughter, Jayna (Greg) Tabor of Marion, Kentucky; son, Harold Wayne Walton Jr. of Salem, Kentucky; three sisters, Edna Adams, Bonnie Sutton and Virginia Hunter, all of Clarksville, Tennessee; five grandchildren, Kimberly Mason, Maria Walton, RheaVynn Tabor, Ryleigh Tabor and Rien Tabor; and great-

grandchild, Greyson Mason.

He was preceded in death by a grandchild, Gatlyne Walton; sister, Betty Sue Hunter; brother, William Harvey Walton; stepfather, Herbert Duncan; and his parents, William Harvey Walton Sr. and Edna Elizabeth Riley Walton.

Services are scheduled for 1 p.m. Tuesday, March 8, 2016, in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services. Burial with full firefighter honors will follow in Salem Cemetery.

Visitation will be after 6 p.m. Monday, March 7, 2016, at Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services.

Condolences may be left online at boydfuneraldirectors.com

Linda Hughes

MURRAY — Linda Hughes, 66, of Murray died Saturday, March 5, 2016, at the Ray & Kay Eckstein Hospice

Care Center in Paducah. Arrangements were incomplete at J.H. Churchill Funeral Home in Murray.

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Marshall 'Mark' Curtis Ivey

MELBER — Mr. Marshall "Mark" Curtis Ivey, age 58, of Melber passed away on Friday, March 4, 2016, at Vanderbilt Medical Center in Nashville, Tennessee.

He was a member of Pryorsburg Baptist Church, owner of Dinner Bell restaurant and former owner of Mangrum Roofing.

Mr. Ivey is survived by his wife, Laura Pugh Ivey; two sons, Aaron (Nikki) Ivey of Corinth, Mississippi, and Mitchell (Rachel) Thurston of Benton, Kentucky; two daughters, Crystal (Heather Roberts) Ivey of Paducah, Kentucky, and Deanna Taylor of Mayfield, Kentucky; six grandchildren, Emily, Dakota, Reese, Weston, Calvin and Ella; and one sister, Marlana (Royce) Smith of Hickory, Kentucky.

He was preceded in death by one brother,

Mike Ivey; and his parents, Ted and Reda Gibbs Ivey.

Funeral services for Mr. Marshall "Mark" Curtis Ivey will be held 11 a.m. on Tuesday, March 8, 2016, at the Byrn Funeral Home of Mayfield, Kentucky. The Rev. Timothy Ivey and the Rev. Marshall Ivey will officiate. Interment will follow at North Mount Zion Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Steve Kersey, Ricky Harmon, Larry Dowdy, Mitchell Thurston, Chris Cantrell and Steve Dowdy. Honorary pallbearers will be Brent Burnett and Charlie Matheny.

Visitation will be after 4 p.m. on Monday, March 7, 2016, at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Empty Bowls Project, 122 Sholar Road, Mayfield, KY 42066.

Kenneth Belt

Kenneth Belt, 67, of Paducah died at 12:01 a.m. Saturday, March 5, 2016, at the Ray & Kay Eckstein Hospice Care

Center. Arrangements were incomplete at Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Paducah.

Laszlo Jegenytes

MURRAY — Laszlo "Les" Jegenytes, 78, of Murray died Saturday, March 5, 2016, at his home.

Arrangements were incomplete at J.H. Churchill Funeral Home in Murray.

Gerald Sheridan

HAZEL — Gerald Sheridan, 56, of Hazel died Saturday, March 5, 2016, at his home after an extended illness.

Arrangements were incomplete at J.H. Churchill Funeral Home in Murray.

Myra Walker

Myra Walker, 82, of Paducah died at 6:45 p.m. Friday, March 4, 2016, at her home.

Arrangements were incomplete at Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Paducah.

Marbeth Mathis

MURRAY — Marbeth York Mathis, 85, of Murray died Friday, March 4, 2016, at Baptist Health Paducah.

Arrangements were incomplete at J.H. Churchill Funeral Home in Murray.

RACE

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Florida, declared himself primed for a head-on contest between himself and Cruz, and called for Rubio to drop out.

"I would like to take on Ted one-on-one," he said, ticking off a list of big states where he said Cruz had no chance. "That would be so much fun."

Cruz, a tea party favorite, said the results should send a loud message that the GOP contest for the nomination is far from over, and that the status quo is in trouble.

"The scream you hear, the howl that comes from Washington D.C., is utter terror at what we the people are doing together," he declared during a rally in Idaho, which votes in three days.

With the GOP race in chaos, establishment figures frantically are looking for any way to derail Trump, perhaps at a contested convention if no candidate can get enough delegates to lock up the nomination in advance.

Party leaders — including 2012 nominee Mitt Romney and 2008 nominee Sen. John McCain — are fearful a Trump

victory would lead to a disastrous November election, with losses up and down the GOP ticket.

"Everyone's trying to figure out how to stop Trump," the billionaire marveled at an afternoon rally in Orlando, Florida, where he had supporters raise their hands and swear to vote for him.

Trump prevailed in the home state of Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, who has been critical of the front-runner for incendiary comments on Muslims and a slow disavowal of white supremacist groups.

Rubio, who finished no better than third anywhere and has only one win so far, insisted the upcoming schedule of primaries is "better for us," and renewed his vow to win his home state of Florida, claiming all 99 delegates there on March 15.

But Cruz suggested it was time for Rubio and Ohio Gov. John Kasich to go.

"As long as the field remains divided, it gives Donald an advantage," he said.

Campaigning in Detroit, Clinton said she was thrilled to add to her delegate count and

expected to do well in Michigan's primary on Tuesday.

"No matter who wins this Democratic nomination," she said, "I have not the slightest doubt that on our worst day we will be infinitely better than the Republicans on their best day."

Tara Evans, a 52-year-old quilt maker from Bellevue, Nebraska, said she was caucusing for Clinton, and happy to know that the former first lady could bring her husband back to the White House.

Sanders won by solid margins in Nebraska and Kansas, giving him seven victories so far in the nominating season, compared to 11 for Clinton, who still maintains a commanding lead in competition for delegates.

Sanders, in an interview with The Associated Press, pointed to his wide margins of victory and called it evidence that his political revolution is coming to pass.

Stressing the importance of voter turnout, he said, "when large numbers of people come — working people, young people who have not been involved in the political process — we will do well and I think that is bearing out tonight."

POLL

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York, said he only drinks bottled water, spending about \$8 a month on two cases. He's among the 30 percent of Americans choosing water off the shelf.

"I've always been under the assumption that water wasn't 100 percent clean. The Flint sit-

uation brought more of the story to the surface," he said Friday.

Flint, with a population of about 100,000, was drawing water from the Flint River for 18 months as a way to save money until a new pipeline to Lake Huron was ready. But the corrosive water leached lead from the city's old

plumbing because certain treatments weren't added. Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder, whose administration repeatedly downplayed the lead threat, now calls it a "disaster."

No level of lead in the human body is considered safe, especially in children. The river water also may have been a

source of Legionnaires' disease, which killed at least nine people in the region.

The poll found only 47 percent of Americans say they're extremely or very confident about the safety of their drinking water, while 33 percent say they're moderately confident and 18 percent are not very confident or

not at all.

Forty percent of African-Americans polled and 28 percent of Hispanics were less likely than whites — 54 percent — to be very confident in their water's safety. Less than 40 percent of households making less than \$50,000 are very confident.

"The perceptions are

realities," said Marc Edwards, a water expert at Virginia Tech who played a vital role in documenting the lead problem in Flint. "Generally, tap water in the United States is safe. Problems that surfaced in Flint, including Legionella and lead, disproportionately affect poor minority communities."

Paducah 5-Day Forecast

Today	Tonight	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
60°	47°	67° / 55°	69° / 59°	67° / 62°	69° / 61°
Partly sunny and comfortable Mostly cloudy Periods of sun, breezy and mild Couple of thunderstorms A couple of showers and a t-storm Mild with rain					

Almanac

Paducah through 6 p.m. yesterday

Temperature

High 63°
Low 30°
Normal high 55°
Normal low 35°
Record high 74° in 1992
Record low -2° in 1960

Precipitation

24 hrs ending 6 p.m. yest. 0.00"
Month to date 0.63"
Normal month to date 0.57"
Year to date 6.09"
Last year to date 11.00"
Normal year to date 8.29"

Sun and Moon

Mar 8	Mar 15	Mar 23	Mar 31

Sunrise today 6:19 a.m.
Sunset tonight 5:54 p.m.
Moonrise today 4:30 a.m.
Moonset today 3:30 p.m.

UV Index Today

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8 a.m. 10 a.m. Noon 2 p.m. 4 p.m.
0-2 Low; 3-5 Moderate; 6-7 High; 8-10 Very High; 11+ Extreme

Regional Forecast

Kentucky: Partly sunny today; however, more clouds in the north and east; pleasant in the west.

Illinois: Times of clouds and sun today. Not as cool in the west; a shower in the north in the afternoon.

Indiana: Partly sunny today; milder in the east. Mostly cloudy tonight; a shower in spots near Lake Michigan.

Missouri: Mostly cloudy today, except sunnier in the east; a shower in spots in the west and north.

Arkansas: Times of clouds and sun today; some sun, then turning cloudy in the north.

Tennessee: Partly sunny today; pleasant in central parts. Cloudy tonight; however, partly cloudy in the east.

Around the Region

City	Today	Mon.	City	Today	Mon.
Belleville, IL	60/47/pc	68/54/c	Joplin, MO	72/59/c	72/58/c
Bowling Gn., KY	58/42/pc	66/51/pc	Kansas City, MO	70/56/c	72/57/c
Bristol, TN	55/31/pc	65/37/pc	Knoxville, TN	56/37/pc	65/45/pc
Crist, Girardeau, MO	59/46/pc	66/53/pc	Lexington, KY	52/41/pc	63/49/pc
Carbondale, IL	58/48/pc	65/55/pc	Little Rock, AR	72/54/pc	69/60/c
Charleston, WV	51/33/pc	68/44/pc	London, KY	53/38/pc	64/47/pc
Chattanooga, TN	61/41/pc	67/46/pc	Louisville, KY	56/44/pc	64/52/pc
Clarksville, TN	59/45/pc	67/52/pc	Memphis, TN	67/52/pc	72/60/pc
Columbia, MO	65/53/c	72/57/c	Nashville, TN	62/45/pc	67/52/pc
Evansville, IN	57/46/pc	65/53/pc	Owensboro, KY	59/47/pc	67/54/pc
Ft. Smith, AR	75/56/c	73/57/c	Peoria, IL	56/46/pc	64/54/c
Hopkinsville, KY	59/46/pc	66/54/pc	St. Louis, MO	62/52/pc	70/58/sh
Indianapolis, IN	53/42/pc	64/52/pc	Springfield, IL	59/47/pc	67/56/c
Jackson, KY	52/42/pc	66/49/pc	Springfield, MO	69/54/c	72/54/c
Jackson, TN	64/47/pc	70/55/pc	Terre Haute, IN	54/43/pc	63/52/pc

Shown is today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

Lakes and Rivers

Through 7 a.m. yesterday (in feet)

Ohio River	Flood stage	24-hr Change	
		Stage	Change
Paducah	39	38.29	-0.38
Owensboro	38	33.00	-2.90

Full Pool Elevation 24-hr Change

Smithland Dam	40	37.19	-0.55
Lake Barkley	354	354.80	-0.30
Kentucky Lake	354	354.80	-0.30

Mississippi River

Cairo	Flood stage	24-hr Change	
		Stage	Change
Cairo	40	43.40	-0.14

Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

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Around the Nation

Shown are today's noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day.

Fronts: Cold (blue line with triangles), Warm (red line with semicircles), Stationary (blue and red lines alternating).

Precipitation Legend: T-storms (red starburst), Rain (blue squiggly), Showers (blue dashed), Snow (white squiggly), Flurries (blue starburst), Ice (blue horizontal lines).

National Summary: A spotty rain or snow shower will linger along the mid-Atlantic coast in the morning, otherwise clouds will break for sunshine in the Northeast today. Waves of rain will continue for the west coast of Washington and Oregon into central California. Showers will reach Southern California and as far east as Colorado by the afternoon.

City	Today		Mon.	
	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W
Albuquerque	71/40/pc	61/35/pc	Little Rock	72/54/pc
Atlanta	65/42/s	69/50/pc	Los Angeles	64/48/sh
Baltimore	49/32/pc	60/44/s	Miami	80/66/s
Billings	70/39/pc	58/30/pc	Milwaukee	47/40/pc
Boise	54/39/sh	52/31/c	Minneapolis	57/45/pc
Boston	42/30/pc	50/37/c	New Orleans	75/56/pc
Charleston, SC	68/43/s	71/49/s	New York City	45/35/pc
Charleston, WV	51/33/pc	68/44/pc	Oklahoma City	74/57/c
Chicago	49/43/pc	58/52/sh	Omaha	69/52/c
Cincinnati	52/41/pc	63/50/pc	Orlando	76/52/s
Cleveland	47/38/pc	59/47/pc	Philadelphia	49/33/pc
Dallas	76/61/c	72/61/c	Phoenix	80/54/pc
Denver	70/37/pc	48/27/r	Pittsburgh	48/34/pc
Des Moines	63/54/c	65/58/t	Portland, OR	56/42/r
Detroit	41/36/pc	57/44/pc	Salt Lake City	56/35/r
El Paso	80/53/pc	71/43/pc	San Antonio	76/64/c
Fairbanks	19/-5/pc	17/-3/pc	San Diego	66/56/r
Honolulu	83/68/s	83/70/s	San Francisco	62/52/pc
Houston	76/62/c	76/66/c	San Jose	63/51/sh
Indianapolis	53/42/pc	64/52/pc	Seattle	52/41/r
Jacksonville	71/47/s	75/53/pc	Tucson	81/48/pc
Las Vegas	67/46/sh	63/45/c	Wash., DC	51/38/pc

Around the World			
City	Today	Mon.	City
Athens	65/54/s	65/54/pc	Moscow
Beijing	52/28/pc	54/26/s	Paris
Berlin	42/31/c	44/29/pc	Rome
Buenos Aires	73/61/s	74/64/s	Seoul
Cairo	75/54/pc	79/59/pc	Sydney
Hong Kong	72/63/c	71/65/pc	Tokyo
Jerusalem	63/48/pc	70/54/s	Warsaw
London	45/31/pc	45/31/pc	Zurich
Manila	92/78/pc	91/77/s	
Mexico City	74/47/pc	75/47/pc	

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