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Decisiveness, not likability, keeps Trump on top

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WASHINGTON — Most Americans don't have much affection for Donald Trump. Even Republicans tend to think he's not so likable.

But he's running for president, not for Mr. Congeniality.

Trump is overwhelmingly viewed by Republican voters as decisive and competent.



Trump

And that mattered most to Republicans surveyed in a new Associated Press-GfK poll.

Nearly 6 in 10 Americans had an unfavorable view of the Republican presidential front-runner. That's the worst rating of any candidate in ei-

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ther party, a reminder that decisiveness alone might not be enough for Trump to prevail in the 2016 election if he becomes the GOP nominee.

The poll was taken before Trump called for a ban on Muslims coming into the

United States and does not reflect reactions to that statement.

Among Republican registered voters, nearly 6 in 10 offered a favorable opinion of Trump. But just 31 percent said he is at least somewhat compassionate. Only 43 percent found him at least somewhat likable.

Yet 8 in 10 Republican voters, and 55 percent of all Americans, called Trump

very or somewhat decisive. In short, he is seen as the most decisive candidate of either party — both by Republicans and by Americans at large.

"I wouldn't give him a 10 on the compassionate scale," said poll respondent Lisa Barker, 55, of Worcester, Massachusetts, an unaffiliated voter who says she's all in for Trump. "I'd probably put

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Vicki Hunkler of Paducah browses through old photos taken by local photographer James A. Curtis during the latter half of the 20th century as she tries to find old pictures of the Country Club of Paducah at Broadway United Methodist Church on Friday.

Paducah's forgotten photos wait for their homecoming

BY GENEVIEVE POSTLETHWAIT

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For many decades, if you needed a picture made in Paducah, you went to Curtis and Mayes at 7th and Broadway.

From about 1950 to 2000, the late James A. Curtis captured life's most precious moments for thousands of individuals and families across western Kentucky. Senior portraits, wedding

photos, baby pictures — you name it, he took it. He'd snap tens, sometimes hundreds of frames for each occasion. The customer would take their favorites, and the rest, as it turns out, Curtis meticulously filed away in his studio.

When Curtis passed away three years ago, the longtime member of Broadway United Methodist Church left the entire building at 7th and Broadway to his place of

worship. About a year ago church staff found Curtis's 50 years' worth of family photos and portraits stashed in boxes upon boxes tucked away while they were prepping the building for sale.

"They were stunned. 'It's just overwhelming,'" said Jan Haynes, spokeswoman for the church. "We wanted to reunite these pictures with their families.

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City can't afford to knock down more buildings

BY LAUREN P. DUNCAN

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City leaders are hopeful that existing downtown assistance programs will encourage property owners to improve their buildings before Paducah is forced to do demolition by neglect as is about to happen at 432 Broadway.

The city learned this week that it has been awarded a \$500,000 Community Development Block Grant to pay for the demolition and shoring costs of 432 Broadway. The city is required to provide a \$125,000 match.

The demolition contract is about \$480,000. City Manager Jeff Pederson said he expects that the additional shoring costs to stabilize the adjacent building will take the

remaining grant funds and city match.

The building was owned by Texas resident Bill O'Leary, who placed it in a single asset limited liability company, which enabled him to avoid paying for the demolition costs.

Pederson said the city can't afford to shoulder the costs if it's faced with a similar circumstance in the future.

"To continually find ourselves in the position we're in at 432 Broadway would be a serious threat to the city budget," Pederson said.

Pederson said he plans to introduce ordinance changes to the city commission at an upcoming meeting that could

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Tilley won't switch parties while working with Bevin

BY ADAM BEAM

Associated Press

FRANKFORT — Democratic state Rep. John Tilley said he will not switch parties when he resigns his seat to go work for Republican Gov. Matt Bevin, adding that he did not "betray anyone's trust" in choosing to

leave the House as Democrats are battling to maintain their slim majority.

Bevin named Tilley the new secretary of the Justice and Public Safety Cabinet on Thursday. The move means

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Crash kills senior at Marshall County

Staff report

An 18-year-old Marshall County High School cheerleader was killed in a single-vehicle crash Thursday night in Calloway County, according to the Calloway County Sheriff's Office.

Dasha Roberts, of New Concord, was driving south in the 10446 block of Ky. 121 at 10:17 p.m. when she crossed the oncoming lane of traffic, deputies said. Her vehicle then left the road and hit a tree on the passenger side.

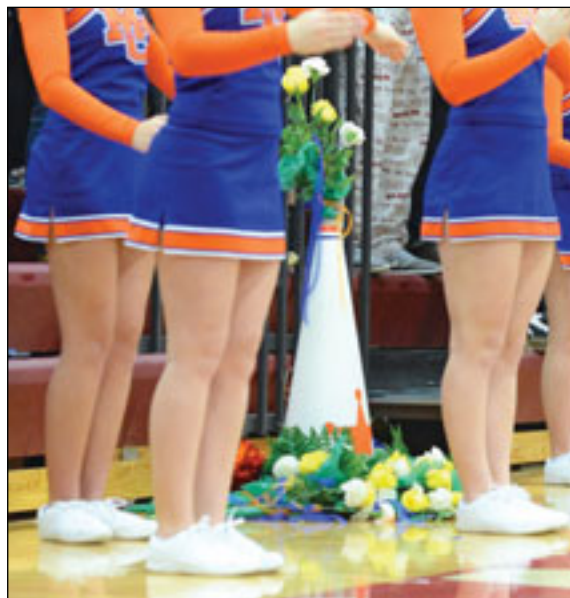
She was transported to Murray-Calloway County Hospital, where she was pronounced dead. She was not wearing a seatbelt, deputies said.

Roberts was a senior who had just moved

to the Marshall County school district in April. "It's hard. Your heart just bleeds for the family," said Marshall County Schools Superintendent Trent Lovett. "I've been through this myself. There's no way to deal with it. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family."

The district brought in outside counselors to offer assistance to grieving students at the high school on Friday. Students met with counselors in the school library Friday morning and were able to come and go throughout the day.

A moment a silence for Roberts was held at the Marshall County basketball game Friday night at McCracken County High School.



A cheer megaphone and flowers were placed on the court during Friday night's basketball game between Marshall County High School and McCracken County High School at McCracken County. The megaphone was placed in memory of 18-year-old Dasha Roberts, a Marshall County cheerleader who died in a wreck Thursday night.

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KENTUCKY

SLAIN 6-YEAR-OLD REMEMBERED

Hundreds of mourners gathered in Versailles to say their final goodbye Friday to a 6-year-old boy who was stabbed during a burglary.

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Russian President Vladimir Putin said Friday that Russia has provided air cover to a leading Western-backed opposition group in Syria.

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North, South Korea talks meant to ease tension

BY KIM TONG-HYUNG
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SEOUL, South Korea — North and South Korea started the second day of high-level talks at a North Korean border town on Saturday, a promising sign of reconciliation efforts after stepping away from a military standoff during

August. No major developments were expected from the presumably last day of the meetings between vice-ministerial officials in Kaesong, where the discussions stretched late into the night on Friday before the two sides decided to extend the talks.

Analysts still find the talks meaningful because they keep alive an atmosphere of dialogue — something the rival countries have often failed to do in the wake of conflict. South Korean officials want to discuss more reunions between aging family members sepa-

rated by the 1950-53 Korean War. Analysts have said cash-strapped North Korea might seek the South's commitment to restart joint tours to its scenic Diamond Mountain resort, which were suspended by Seoul in 2008 following the shooting death of a South Korean tourist

there by a North Korean soldier. "The South and North had comprehensive discussions on pending issues and thoughtfully exchanged their views," Seoul's Unification Ministry spokesman Jeong Joon-Hee said after Friday's talks, without elaborating on the what

the exact issues they discussed entailed. Expectations for the meeting dropped last month when both sides in preparatory negotiations settled for a meeting at the vice-ministerial level. This likely ruled out discussions on more important issues

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There's just so much history here."

The first thing they did was call the Local and Family History Department at the McCracken County Public Library.

For the past year, the library staff have been painstakingly digging through the photos and negatives and pulling those that pertain to local history — photos of buildings and events, mostly. They've pulled hundreds out of the roughly half-million photos Curtis collected over the years. In time the library's selections will be digitized and available for public perusal on the library's website.

The rest of the orphaned photos and canvases now line the back hallways and rooms of Broadway United Methodist, patiently waiting for people to take them home.

Quite a surprise

Stacey Blankenship made her way to the church about 5 p.m. Friday, knowing she was bound to find some portraits painted by her grandmother among the Curtis and Mayes collection.

Her grandmother, who passed away last year, worked at the photo studio painting portraits from Curtis' photos from the 1950s to the late '80s when she retired, Blankenship said.

As Blankenship slowly made her way down the hall, weaving around others hunting hopefully through Curtis' photos, she spotted her grandmother's handiwork again and again — every time she saw the Curtis and Mayes logo painted in the bottom corner of a canvas portrait, she knew she could turn it over and find her grandmother's neat signature "oils by Ann."

She wasn't prepared for what she saw when she turned the corner at the end of the hall.

"Oh my God, that's me!" she screamed. Everyone turned to look. She was staring at her teenage self, big hair and all, painted by her grandmother's delicate hand. She couldn't help but cry.

"I knew it used to hang in Curtis and Mayes for years, but I never knew where it went," she said. "That's my senior portrait. Twenty-nine years ago is when she painted that. I certainly knew I'd see portraits she had done, but I wasn't

expecting to find this. Since we lost her last year, it's been hard, because I was really close to her."

Blankenship said she doesn't have a creative bone in her body, but that her grandmother was so talented. She could make anybody look good, Blankenship said.

Lots of discoveries

Despite the fact that Curtis' photo boxes are labeled using a system whose logic unfortunately died with Curtis, people were finding photos of themselves, families and friends left and right Friday night. Church and library staff did their best to group the boxes by year when they could, which helped a great deal.

June Poyner found a large portrait of her granddaughter as a baby. She's 24 now. Teresa Followell found several envelopes of photos of her friends and family members. Vicki Hunkler, who said she's working on a history of the Country Club of Paducah, hit the jackpot in Curtis' collection. Shirley Moore-Mendez found almost immediately a large portrait of her nephews.



Photo by Nathan Lynn, McCracken County Public Library special collections librarian

Stacey Blankenship was one of many who found forgotten family treasures Friday among the 50 years worth of photographs from the former Curtis and Mayes studio left to Broadway United Methodist upon James A. Curtis' death. Blankenship found her senior portrait, painted by her late grandmother, Ann Bondurant, who worked at the Curtis and Mayes studio for over 30 years. The collection of photos in the back hallways of Broadway United Methodist will be open to the public again today from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

"Must be the luck of the Irish," she said. "My sister will be thrilled to have this."

Nathan Lynn, one of the special collections librarians who's been working to digitize Curtis' historically significant photos, was beside himself Friday watching people find treasures in Curtis' collection.

"This is a once in a lifetime opportunity for the community and the library," he said. "This man took pic-

tures in Paducah for 50 years, and he kept copies. It's not like there were 50 photographers who were doing that in Paducah. He was it."

It says volumes about Curtis, his character and his passion, that he left everything to the church, Lynn said, and he's thankful the church saw the importance of it.

"The wedding pictures in here alone are a story of the progression of interior design in our churches. And fashion.

And dancing. Oh, man," Lynn said. "The '80s senior pictures alone are amazing."

Lynn was there at the end of the hallway when Blankenship spotted her senior portrait.

"She cried. I got chills," he said. "That experience alone made all the work we have done worth it."

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Paducah 5-Day Forecast

Today	Tonight	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
73°	61°	71° / 51°	60° / 41°	64° / 48°	59° / 33°
Rather cloudy, a shower; warm	Mostly cloudy and warm	An afternoon shower or t-storm	Mostly sunny, breezy and cooler	Nice and warm with plenty of sun	Mild with periods of rain

Almanac

Paducah through 6 p.m. yesterday

Temperature

High	70°
Low	55°
Normal high	47°
Normal low	29°
Record high	70° in 2015
Record low	3° in 1962

Precipitation

24 hrs ending 6 p.m. yest.	0.00"
Month to date	0.02"
Normal month to date	1.73"
Year to date	51.77"
Last year to date	44.95"
Normal year to date	46.22"

Sun and Moon

First	Dec 18
Full	Dec 25
Last	Jan 1
New	Jan 9

Sunrise today: 6:59 a.m.
Sunset tonight: 4:38 p.m.
Moonrise today: 7:46 a.m.
Moonset today: 6:11 p.m.

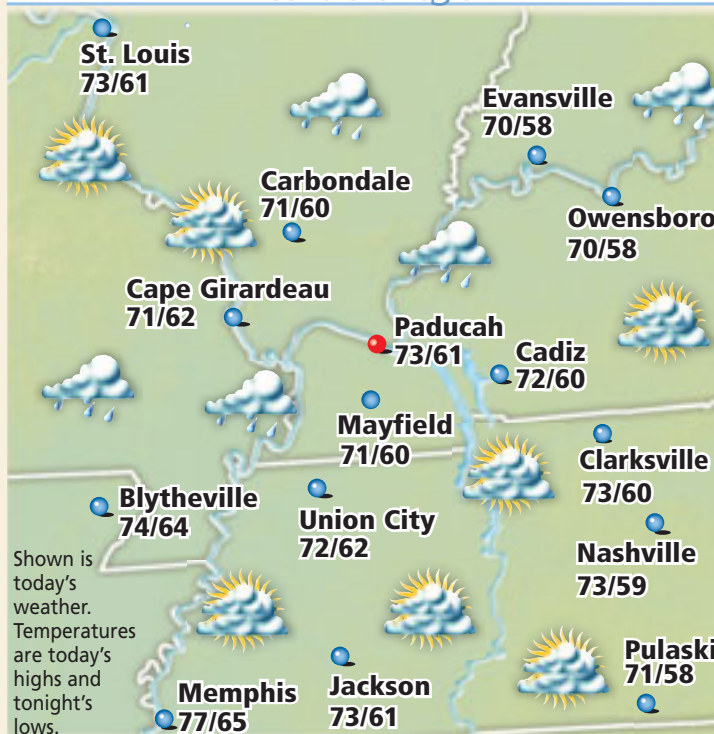
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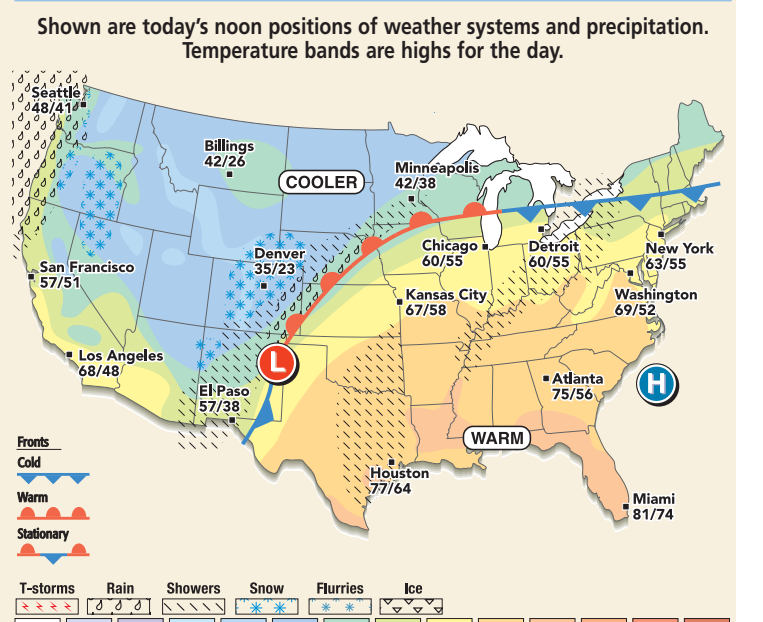
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0-2 Low; 3-5 Moderate; 6-7 High; 8-10 Very High; 11+ Extreme

Around the Region



Around the Nation



National Summary: Record-challenging warmth will extend from Texas to New York state today. Showers will dot the Ohio Valley. Severe thunderstorms are in the offing for parts of the southern Plains later on. Areas of rain and snow will extend from New Mexico to Nebraska. A storm will bring heavy rain to the coast and snow to the Cascades in the Northwest.

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sun. Hi/Lo/W	City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sun. Hi/Lo/W
Albuquerque	48/27/sh	46/27/s	Little Rock	77/66/c	70/46/t
Atlanta	75/56/pc	73/60/pc	Los Angeles	68/48/pc	66/51/pc
Baltimore	68/47/pc	67/51/pc	Miami	81/74/pc	82/73/pc
Billings	42/26/s	46/34/c	Milwaukee	52/46/c	58/50/r
Boise	43/39/sf	45/31/r	Minneapolis	42/38/sh	44/34/r
Boston	56/45/c	53/44/sh	New Orleans	78/66/c	79/53/t
Charleston, SC	78/55/pc	79/61/sh	New York City	63/55/pc	68/56/pc
Charleston, WV	74/52/c	73/58/pc	Oklahoma City	72/48/t	56/35/r
Chicago	60/55/c	61/50/r	Omaha	54/45/sh	48/35/r
Cincinnati	68/55/c	68/54/pc	Orlando	82/64/pc	82/67/pc
Cleveland	65/56/c	66/58/pc	Philadelphia	68/53/pc	69/57/pc
Dallas	75/55/t	63/44/sh	Phoenix	61/41/pc	62/44/s
Denver	35/23/sn	43/31/s	Pittsburgh	66/56/c	69/57/pc
Des Moines	57/52/sh	59/41/r	Portland, OR	49/41/r	46/36/r
Detroit	60/55/c	63/54/c	Salt Lake City	40/28/sf	45/33/pc
El Paso	57/38/sh	56/34/s	San Antonio	77/54/t	70/42/sh
Fairbanks	-5/-18/c	-6/-10/pc	San Diego	64/49/s	67/55/pc
Honolulu	84/72/s	84/73/sh	San Francisco	57/51/c	56/46/r
Houston	77/64/t	65/44/r	San Jose	59/46/c	57/41/r
Indianapolis	67/56/c	66/52/c	Seattle	48/41/r	48/38/r
Jacksonville	77/58/pc	79/64/pc	Tucson	56/33/pc	59/37/s
Las Vegas	55/38/pc	57/45/pc	Wash., DC	69/52/pc	68/56/pc

Around the World

Athens	54/44/pc	60/43/s	Moscow	33/30/sf	34/28/sf
Beijing	41/24/pc	42/30/c	Paris	51/40/pc	48/36/pc
Berlin	44/38/pc	44/31/r	Rome	59/39/s	58/45/pc
Buenos Aires	91/68/t	87/71/t	Seoul	47/30/s	47/33/s
Cairo	68/53/pc	64/52/c	Sydney	75/66/pc	79/67/pc
Hong Kong	74/68/pc	75/67/pc	Tokyo	56/48/pc	54/50/r
Jerusalem	56/42/pc	48/40/sh	Warsaw	42/34/sh	43/31/r
London	54/46/c	52/45/c	Zurich	45/29/pc	42/30/s
Manila	90/76/s	90/75/pc			
Mexico City	73/49/pc	67/44/sh			

Lakes and Rivers

Through 7 a.m. yesterday (in feet)

Ohio River	Flood stage	Stage	24-hr Change	Mississippi River	Flood stage	Stage	24-hr Change
Paducah	39	26.46	-2.66	Cairo	40	35.59	-2.44
Owensboro	38	18.14	-0.46				
Smithland Dam	40	22.55	-2.61				
Lake Barkley	354	355.10	-0.20				
Kentucky Lake	354	354.90	-0.20				

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