CELEBRATING 37 YEARS OF INDEPENDENCE



J.J. Jackson poses in a portrait in the Main Building. Jackson, UK's vice president for institutional diversity, believes her history better prepared in

Using the past to look forward

JJ. Jackson loves to cook.

Not the kind of cooking that involves a prepressed, who-knows-whal's-in-it bag of stuff that's thrown into the oven. Instead, Jackson prefers cooking with unaltered ingredients.

"I love transforming raw materials into something," said Jackson, UK's vice president for institutional diversity. "To fully appreciate the ingredient, I'll taste anything raw before I cook it."

cook it."
Granted, there are many other cooks who love the taste of food that just sprung up from the earth, but Jackson's reasoning behind her love for cooking sets her apart from any gournet chef.
She was born to a family of sharecroppers in the northeastern part of North Carolina. The

Jackson family, including their extended fami-lies who owned farms connected to theirs, owned a tobacco farm. Here, Jackson devel-oped her love of the earth. Jackson described the joy she received from "being close to the earth, putting seeds in the ground ... feeling the space, the smell of the earth and the relationship with those natu-ral elements".

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She certainly developed a respect and love for the earth throughout her childhood on the farm. However, her mother encouraged all seven of her daughters to attend college. One by one, Jackson's sisters left the farm and never moved back, and neither did Jackson. "Appreciation for something like that grows the older you get," Jackson said, "Appreciation changes when you can't do those things anymore."

Before Jackson made her way to college, the black schools she and her sisters attended were substandard and inadequate in education, Jackson said. The students even used old books from white schools that had been thrown out. After leaving the farm, Jackson sisters attended historically black colleges. Jackson, who headed to the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, was the only one of her siblings to choose a historically white university. Jackson spired to be a doctor.

"I first chose to study biology, but after my advisor told me I wouldn't make it past my freshman year, I realized that it didn't natter, I wouldn't get help," Jackson said. "The help I needed, I had to get on my own."

The late 1960s were a time of struggle for

SG back to the green fee, again

By Kelli Long klong@kykernel.com

Student Government will vote on whether it supports a "green fee" during its Wednesday meeting.

At last week's SG Senate meeting, Sen. Robert Kahne presented a resolution saying 56 to 58 of student fees should go to sustainability efforts. The resolution would reflect the Senate's opinion and not directly bring any change to student fees.

A decision on Kahne's resolution was postponed after Sen. Mark Rouse presented an amendment to the resolution.

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The amendment says UK President Lee Todd should sign the American College and University Presidents Climate Commitment, a plan that asks UK to develop a plan 'no achieve climate neutrality' according to the amendment. It also says UK should appoint a sustainability coordinator who will be held accountable for sustainability efforts.

"When I read the resolution, it looks like a blank check," Rouse said of the original resolution after he introduced the amendment at last week's SG meeting. "We need to discuss it more."

Kahne said Tuesday that the centre resolution of the place of the centre resolution of the place had the entire resolutional be publiced, and the entire resolution between the centre resolution of the place, but the actual words of the amendment don't make sense." Kahne said.

No matter whether or not his resolution is approved, Kahne said he is forming a committee that will meet once a week for a month to discuss how to allocate money from a green fee. Anyone can contribute to the discussion, Kahne said, and the committee's first meeting will be at 3:30 pm. Friday in the SG office, in the Student Center.

The committee will discuss forming a student group that would control the money, he said.

The SG Senate meeting will be more of the new University Health Center at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Meetings are free and open to the public, senators will also voke on giving \$5,000 from the Senate's funds to pay part of the \$10,000 SG is giving to the W.T. Young Library to help fund the library re-opening 24 hours a day, five days a week.

The other Should will meet for the year for day-to-day operations.

executive operational funds, which will leave \$20,000 a year of executive oper-ational funds for the rest of the year for day-to-day operations.

Police: Alcohol a likely factor in incident By Jennife Graham and Jill Laster neww@bykarnel.com. Alcohol was most likely a factor in the Sept. 27 incident. UK student Kyle Andrew Alcohol was most likely a factor in the Sept. 27 incident the resulted in the critical injury of a UK student, said Lexington Police spokeswoman Ann Guterrez. "We believe alcohol was involved and contributed to the incident!" with another person, Smith "began swinging his to hold them back," according to a UK student, said Lexington Police spokeswoman Ann Guterrez. "We believe alcohol was involved and contributed to the fired, afthough more incident," said Gutierrez, who also said the involved parties' intoxic. No other arrests are planned for the region of the part with a bottle in the earlymorning hours of Sept. 27 and remains in UK Hospital. He was disorderly conduct charges fol not arrested on any charges connected to the Sept. 27 incident. The span swinging his the incident first-day and pled not guilty on those two charges. Smith "Sepan swinging his to hold them back," according to a cold them back," according to a contributed to the incident, although more information may be brought forward later, Guiterrez, who also as the involved parties' intoxic and a friend were roughhousing. Smith was also charged with one tow charges. Smith was also charged with one of the parties of

75TH DISTRICT CANDIDATES

The Kernel will be spotlighting candidates before the Nov. 4 election. These pro-files will highlight candidates' top issues and their stance on higher education.

Kimberly Ward

Kimberly Ward, a working single mother, said she is "not your typical politician" and she can relate to the problems of av-

can relate to the protochis of average citizens.

"I go to work every day, and I deal with the same issues as everyone else," said Ward, the Republican candidate for state representative in the 75th District, which represents UK.

"That's one reason I'm qualified



for the job."

Ward said she, advocates money management skills beginning at a young age, and she wants every student to be educated in financial literacy and life skills starting in middle school.

"Out children need to learn money management skills and business skills early in their education," she said. "Once they get out of school and into the real world, not many kids have the financial knowledge they need."

Ward states on her Web sitte that she abo wants to provide affordable healthcare to everyone, including dental education in schools will help children lead healther lives, as well as lower medical expenses, she said.

Ward is an expanded duties dental assistant and has been in dentisty more than 14 years. She started as a dental assistant in 1994 and was trained on the job.

Three years later, she went to work for a pediatric dentist and then went to UK to earn her expanded functions certification.

Kelly Flood

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Kelly Flood has acted as a
lobbysis, minister, activist,
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theological school.

Though the resume is long,
she is looking to add something
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Accessible education includes sproviding more scholarship dollars, both publicly and
privately funded, which are not
keeping up with inflation, Flood
said, Finding the money to enable
students to pursue higher educa-

tion is a key issue, she said.

Another education goal is helping UK reach its top-20 goal by competitively paying faculty and staff and funding research programs. Flood said the legislature is not finding funds through taxes as it shoulds goals is expanding health care available to Kentuckians. Flood said she supports making health care available under family plans to young See Flood on page 5

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Gaming sites await the final word from judge

By Jill Laster

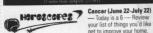
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Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) loday is an 8 — You're onto good method now, for bringin in lots of cash. Develop a rou tine so you can do more, effi-

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your daily dose of entertainment, pop culture and fun kernel PSP Buzzin bod

Britney Spears' hot-body-diet

The singer looks better than ever by following a meal-delivery plan and the meal-adirect plan. Her new single, "womanizer," may be getting tons of airplay, but it's Britiney Spears' bod that has every-none buzzing. A source close to the 5-foot-4 Spears, 26, tells Us she has shed 15 to 20 pounds, thanks to three months on meal-delivery plan Sunfare (available in L.A. and Phoenix starting at 552 per day, sunfare com). "She receives between 1,100 and 1,200 calorise per day," says the insider of the three meals and two snacks (each comprised of 30 percent protein, 40 percent carts and 30 percent fal). "She loves the three times per week." And staying active is key. Another source says she works out with a trainer for up to two hours, three times a week (30 minutes of cardio, the strength training), in addition to dance rehearsals, which are "her way of having than am working off steam."

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Reuniting:

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It looks like Sarah Silverman and Jimmy Kimmel
can't stay apart for long! The
couple, who split in July after
five years together, were photographed holding hands
while leaving L.A.'s Pattaya
Thai on September 28. A rep
for Kimmel won't confirm a
reconciliation but tells Us,
"They remain close friends."

Remember the July 30 airport brawl between the fully 30 airport brawl between the families of Nikki Blonsky and Bianca Golden? (Both girls. 19, and Blonsky's dad were charged with assault.) In a Tyra Banks Show interview October 8, Golden, an America's Next Top Model finalist, reveals Blonsky "kicked mymom in her vagina." Blonsky spep had no comment.

DREW BARRYMORE

Had a Thing for Chace Is drew barrymore set-

Just two days before, Kimmel, 40, made a reference to his "ex-griffriend" on The Tonight Show With Jay Leno. And at last month's Creative Arts Emmys, where Silverman, 37, picked up an award for her spoof video "I'm F— king Matt Damon," she thanked Kimmel, "who broke my heart — oh — who "I al— ways have a place in my heart". So what explains the recent PDA? "They have been hanging out," a source tells Us, "It was never a bitter breakup."

NAOMI'S 40TH B-DAY PARTY

NAOMI'S 40TH B-DAY

Wonder Twin powers:
Deactivate! A source tells Hot
Stuff that Ashley Olsen, 22,
has fired twin Mary-Kate
from their fashion line The
Row, "Mary-Kate is not being responsible, and Ashley
doesn't want her company to
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twins' rep calls the -report
"absolutely not true. All their
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LOOSE TALK

"Every woman in the world has applauded her strength and her convictions, and poor little old Jamie Lynn.... She was crucified. I just feel like it's been a very hypocritical situation."

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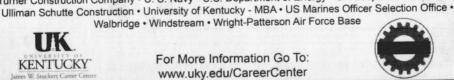
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Gators blocking UK's title hopes

By Mux Camfield
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For any championship-seeking team, there's always one opponent that stands in the way.

For the UK women's volleyball team, that team is No, 9 Florida, who he Cats will face off against Friday night in Gainesville, Fla.

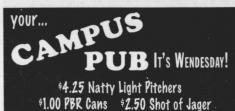
The Cats will ride a 12-match winning streak into Friday's game, the longest since head coach Cring Skinner has been at UK, but will face a Gators squad that has an even more impressive streak: 1'7 straight regular season Southeastern Conference championships.

"Florida's very well coached, they have a very good program, good athletes, they're trained at a high level and their record and training speaks for itself," Skinner said, "It's a good match and a fun match to look forward to. I think our players are excited, but again; it's the next match on our schedule."

The Cats will ride a 12-creaked the polls since 1993. With the Gators and UK being the final two teams to remain undefeated in SEC play, Friday's game will give the winner the inside track to winning the regular season crown.

"They are ranked No. 9, but we've finally proven that we deserve to be in the top-25; junior libero BriAnne Sauer said. "We just

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Out-of-state players flocking to Cats

By BW Jones
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Despite this, the UK hockey that Than everyone else with the team's budget and his school, he met former UK hockey team continues to pull in quality hockey players from around the country year after year. Junior defenseman Alex Robinson, a native of Dayton, Ohio, estimates that the team's budget and his school he met former UK hockey team the leaving that the team's budget and his school he met former UK was the right fit for him. Still, Docherty said that the team receives hundreds of Dayton, Ohio, estimates that the team's budget and his school he met former UK was the right fit for him. Still, Docherty said that the team receives hundreds of Dayton, Ohio, estimates that the team receives hundreds of Dayton, Ohio, estimates that the team receives hundreds of Dayton, Ohio, estimates that the team receives hundreds of Dayton, Ohio, estimates that the team receives hundreds of Dayton, Ohio, estimates that the team receives hundreds of Dayton, Ohio, estimates that the team receives hundreds of Dayton, Ohio, estimates that of team receives hundreds of Dayton, Ohio, estimates that the team receives hundreds of Dayton, Ohio, estimates that the team receives hundreds of Dayton, Ohio, estimates that the team receives hundreds of Dayton, Ohio, estimates that the team receives hundreds of Dayton, Ohio, estimates that the team represents "at least seven states."

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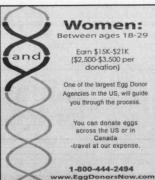
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Band soars to new heights with mtvU

By Kelly Wiley kwiley@kykernel.com

Seabird was given a chance by a producer in the bottom of a basement. Next they were given a chance when their music video debuted in student centers at colege campuses around the world on mtVL.

"The fact that MTV choose our video to compete against other bands was a big step for tour," aid Auron Morgan said. We consider the stands was a big step for tour, "aid Auron Morgan say and vocals for Seabird in Seabird is coming to campus Wednesday night, but Morgan said their first studio allowand to the stands of the st

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stars from inside my house."

Through scholarships, Jackson was able to venture to Europe for a "life-chang: Manage of the control of the con

chusetts Institute of Technology and at the same time started working on her doctoral degree at Harvard University.

After receiving her doctor at New York University and the started work at New York University.

I hoped to someday be president of a university? Jackson said. "I wanted to personally experience different areas to be the best president of a university? Jackson said. "I wanted to get a feel of all school sizes."

After NYU, Jackson became dean of students at Wassar College in Poughkeepsie, NY, By this time, Jackson had created a very diverse portfolio.

"I wanted to prove I located a very diverse portfolio."

At UK, she wants even more for the university, and can offer her "part of history" that will help the institution.

"My appreciation for diversity today means more to me or someone else my age who lived through these things. We're bound to them" Jackson said. "Bound, like being close to the earth."

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"Tim a big fan of UK, and I want to keep a personal, hands-on relationship," axid Ward: "I will speak to (UK) President Lev) Told, keep in touch and work with him to retain students." Ward said she plans to look into tuition costs and how they affect students, but said she has no specific ideas right now.

"I want to help find ways to lower tuition costs ow can retain students and keep the rate of graduating students up," said Ward.

According to her Web site. Ward believes in fair tax rates and does not want to raise tax-es.

es.
"It will only make it harder for the poor people," she said in a statement on her Web site.

ward also worked as a deputy jailer at the Fayette County Detention Center, and she plans to support bills relating to detention centeringrowement. "I will support local jails receiving funding, by the state, for inmates that have been convicted of a felony and are going to be transferred within the year," she said in a statement on her Web site. "These jails should receive the correct amount of money due then."

Ward also says she plans to support issues that benefit law enforcement and plans to support firefighter, jail deputies and teachers.

FLOOD

Continued from page 1.

adults up to the age of 25.

"Most people think getting out of college means immediately being on your own." be said. "It takes a few years to get on your feet, though."

However, the plan to expand availability of health care would require more funding, Flood said. That funding may come from a 70-cent cigarette tax. The state legislature rejected a 51 cigarette tax acarlier in the year.

Flood, an ordained minister since the 1980s, said social justice would be one of her top priorities as a representative.

While education, health care and social justice make up her three most important issues, Flood is vocal on a variety of other topics, including sustainability. Other topics, including sustainability and research on clean coal technology.

Overall, Flood said she feels she's the right fit to represent UK and Lexington because of the city's history of supporting more liberal candidates.

"Historically, this district has been the conscience of the House. There's a liberal democratic tradition here. I'm the right match for the 75th district." Flood said.

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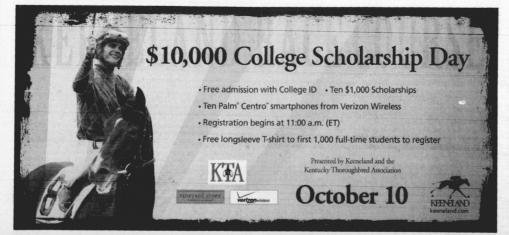
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Clarification An article appearing in the Oct. 6 edition of the Kernel should have said that participants used Lexington Operation Voter Madness to register as many people as possible and not just student organizations.

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Savings vital for students during economic crisis

It may not be the habit of many students — other than the finance majors — to closely follow the daily financial teeter-totter occurring on Wall Street. But over the past few weeks, as the stock market has taken a dramatic hit and financial rescue plans have filled every media outlet, everyone's attention has been refocused on the country's uncertain financial situation.

The biggest question out of everyone is both practical and justified: how will 1 be affected? For students, the ones who don't read the news or don't think they will be bothered included, the current crisis plaquing the housing, credit and stock markets will be tapping on their wallets sooner — and for longer — than they might think.

With government-induced budget cuts, goals to become a top-20 research institution, and now a countrywide economic scare, the cost of tuttion is on the rise. Students are seeing an increase in costs combined with a decrease in scholarship money and job earnings, said Ioe Peek, a finance professor and the Catton endowed chair in international Banking and Financial Economics at UK, in a Sept. 30 Kernel article. The answer for these students, apply for financial and parted with decreasing availability of private student loan rates means it is completely realistic that students will find it harder to get money for colege.

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If and applications for financial crisis, other student aid is altered to much by the financial crisis, other student aid is altered with firm in the previous year, the Kernel reported. While it is unlikely for federal and high interest rates. But it in 'i just the cost of college that will be plaquing young Americans. Increases in the cost of food will be seen in restaurants, bars, grocery stores and convenience stores. Add on the uncertain cost of gasoline, something every student lives in constant fear

will ultimately have to make efforts to dig the U.S. out of this situation. But the average American citizer can do their part to aid the free market by continuing to put money in the economy and protect themselves.

Students should be prepared — there will be no better way to survive the financial crisis. Get a job and start to save now. College costs and prices of food and gas will continue to increase, so savings will be imperative.

This won't be over tomorrow and everything won't be solved with the swearing in of a new president. Students need to be prepared for the long haul.

Time and money equally important in campaigning

College students across the country are lendi port to presidential candidates this election year, their support is most likely not coming in the for tary donations.

with tuition raising each year, financial aid being hard to come by and extreme gas prices, most of us barely have money to eat. (Is that 10 cent package of Ramen really considered eating, anyway?)

Since money is tight, students have to use.

ey to eat. (Is that IO cent package of Ramen really considered eating, anyway: 1 tight, students have to turn to grassroots campaigning for their favorite candidate. Whether it be door-to-door campaigns, handing out fliers on campus or even inviting people to join groups on social networking Web sites like Facebook, students are helping out any way they can. In an Oct. 7 Kernel article, Jacob Sims, president of UK College Republicans, said that the Internet might be changing he landscape of political campaigns. There's no doubt about that With Internet campaigning, it is easier to reach a larger number of people in a short amount of time.

Despite this, some students prefer the traditional campaign method. Joe Gallenstein, president of UK College Democrats, recently traveled to Ohio to canvas for Batack Obama, according to the Kernel article.

Whichever way you prefer, get involved in the presidential election. The college-aged group is notorious for not showing up to the polls. This year, let's show those Baby Boomers that our future is important to us and that our voices do matter.

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No matter your political affiliation, do some campaigning and volunteer work for your favorite candidate, Because, until they come up with a meal that is less than 10 cents a package, you probably won't find many college students throwing money into a political campaign.

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SG's role regarding university policy should not be underestimated, ignored



The past two weeks have brought an unprecedented number of sustainability-related articles to the pages of the Kermel. In fact, eight consecutive editions of the Kermel featured at least one, and sometimes as many as four, sustainability news or opinion pieces. And for the most part, these pieces have brought an offige four university as it relates to its quest to limit the negative ecological impacts it currently produces. On particular article from last

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One particular article from last week served as an exception to the rule of well thought out and insighter the properties of the properties of the kernel Last Than properties of the board opinion criticized the current feforts of Student Government Sena-tor Robert Kahne to mandate SG support of a green fee, and thus, uni-versity-wide sustainability initiatives that are currently few and far be-tween due to an immense lack of funding.

The editorial board saw the introduction of an SG resolution as a negligible step towards what, admittedly, needs to be a grand solution. To some degree, this is an accurate resolution are to some degree, this is an accurate resolution and the same degree, this is an accurate resolution and the same degree and the same and the s

port in any way. Had last year's fee even had tacit support from SG, we would currently have a student fee being dedicated to sustainability initiatives. The mandated support of President Tyler Montell will represent the grand step forward in our university's thinking that Todd, along with the past several SG presidents, has avoided at all costs.

Again, the Kernell was right in saying that a SG resolution is a piece of paper that will most likely just get thrown in the trash. But for once, our SG has the chance to take the first bold step forward at our university in voluntarily supporting a student initiative to green our campus. Without the support of Montell or the SG as a whole, sustainability initiatives will likely suffer a fate similar to that of the past several years.

No institutional support of these initiatives should be ignored or degraded. And while it would have been great for UK to follow the Berae College in adopting wide-spread sustainability policies, no support for great things can come too late.

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Average, hardworking Americans are feeling the brunt of the economic crisis



Each of us has a responsibility to the other, and to sit idly by while we watch jobs from places like May-field, Portsmouth, Detroit and Youngstown leave this country, is to ignore the enormity of the situation we face. Further, to ignore the residual effects of these plants closing, be they toy factories, shoe factories, energy plants or automobile plants, the effect for hardworking people who worked to save their entire lives, is that when push came to show, the company cared more about maximizing profits than about the dedicated work force.

And unfortunately, thanks to the works of people like David Williams in our state Senate and senators like works of people like David Williams in our federal government, we have seen that the safety net America

Mitch McConneil and John McCain in our federal government, we have seen that the safety net America worked so hard to create for our working families has fallen apart. Now, as we enter economic crisis af-ter economic crisis, there is no infra-structure left to care for the working

working Americans, something both John McCain and Mitch McConnell did last year. It makes it hard to scrap and save when wages are going down in real dollars and the govern-ment refuses to help average people

down in real dollars and the government refuses to help average people out.

Some politicians rail against public health care but have no problem with gold-plated insurance at our expense. When wages are going down and the job you have does not offer insurance or refuses to cover a pressing condition like the problem of the problem discussing personal responsibility as people who have struggled for years lose their jobs and the government that once was willing to help them or their children receive assistance has instead decided to turn their backs on its citizens in their times of need.

What is worse is that some politicians think that in these lough times we need to be increasing pay to political appointees and renovating offices, and ignoring he fact that 60,000 children who qualify for assistance are officed or the conference rooms they must make do with, perhaps they would understand. Then they may realize the intense urgency for our state government to spend more money-making laysis hegislator offices while we sit by and allow struggling families to be one illness away from a complete

disaster.

Of course many people see those who struggle and blame them. There is a desire among many people to want to be lieve that those who are poor want to be poor, or that those who lack health care fail to have it because of some deficiency that those who lack health care fail to have it because of some deficiency they possess. Unfortunately, this is not the case. The 90-year-old woman, who had lived in the same home for 40 years in Cleveland, took her life not because she was foolish, but because in the current economic crisis she was no longer able to keep up the bills she could not stand the idea that after working so hard for so long, doing everything she could to make the American dream a reality for herself and her family, she was being rewarded by being tossed on the street.

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rewarded by being tossed on the street.

What must a person do to prove that they are worth saving? What can a child do to provent getting sick because their family lacks health insurance? Why should someone be punished for their jobs being shipped overseas? This recession is not in our heads, it is all around us. Do not unish the working poor struggling on Main Street in Mayfield for the mess that Washington and Wall Street created.

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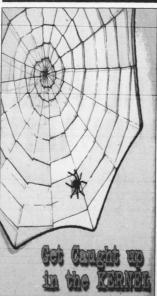
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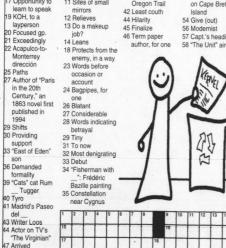


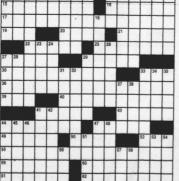


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