UK students, Ugandans develop biodiesel project

BY KAYLAN THOMPSON kthompson@paducahsun.com

Grocery bags, milk jugs, old lawn chairs, picnic cutlery — these are some of the materials that second-year University of Kentucky College of Engineering students are using to make biodiesel.

The students worked with the University of Kentucky’s biodiesel project to develop a biodiesel project that would be more affordable and easier to make.

“People are always looking for new ways to use waste products,” said student Katie Daniel. “This project allows us to take something that would otherwise be discarded and turn it into something useful.”

The students have been working on the project for about a year and have already produced several batches of biodiesel.

“Biodiesel is a renewable fuel that can be produced from a variety of plant oils and animal fats,” said student Matt Johnson. “It’s also cheaper than traditional diesel fuel.”

The students are hoping to scale up their production and eventually sell their biodiesel to local businesses.

Clinton knocks Trump’s economic ideas

BY CATHRYN LUCEY and LISA LERER

Clinton knocks Trump’s economic ideas at a Michigan manufacturing plant Thursday, portraying her opponent as a candidate who wants America to work for him and not the other way around.

“Donald wants to be the Party of No,” Clinton said in a speech at a Michigan manufacturing plant. “He wants America to work for him and not the other way around.”

The speech was Clinton’s first since the Democratic National Convention.

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**BY JOHN CHEVES**

Lexington Herald-Leader

LEXINGTON, Ky. — The Kentucky Retirement System lost money on bad investments last year, an independent audit showed.

The audit found that the pension system had a benchmark return of a positive 0.21 percent, KRS said in a prepared statement. This is not enough for the state to meet its obligations to its employees.

KRS said the audit also showed that the system had a five-year in rate of return of 5.38 percent. Last year's loss amounted to $32 million, or 0.52 percent of the $6.3 billion Kentucky Retirement System asset pool.

Preliminary statements were released last month, showing that last year's return on pension investments was 0.52 percent.

As a result, KRS has accepted the recommendation of its investment consultant, BlackRock, to make no new investments in private equity or absolute return funds, which are funds that can employ risky strategies that are used by private equity funds. KRS is responsible for providing pensions and retiree health insurance to about 130,000 state and local government workers and employees of more than 1,600 agencies with ties to government. KRS and the state's other major public pension fund, Kentucky Teachers' Retirement System together face tens of billions of dollars in underfunded liabilities, largely due to years of inadequate funding by the state. Gov. Matt Bevin has made pension liabilities a big priority of his administration, pledging to steer as much additional money into the existing systems as possible.

**BY ALICIA A. COWETT**

Washington — The Obama administration, which said it would not reclassify marijuana, is allowing researchers to study pot's potential uses.

The Drug Enforcement Administration said agency directors could change the classification of marijuana, but said it will allow researchers to continue its experiments.

That decision to expand research into marijuana's medical potential could pave the way for the government to reclassify the drug from a Schedule I to a Schedule II drug, which would allow the federal government to distribute pot for research purposes.

The Drug Enforcement Administration said the agency’s decision came after a lengthy review and consultation with the Food and Drug Administration, which Department said marijuana was a “drug of abuse” and “no accepted medical use” under federal standards.

That pet will remain illegal for the next 24 months, despite 25 states and 326 localities that have legalized pot for either medical or recreational use. This means the state will have to continue pushing for legislation to decriminalize the drug.

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We are all for states’ rights. As we have opined many times that distracted driving is a serious and growing problem. And much of it is generated by the widespread use of cellphones while driving. Still, New Jersey may be taking this too far.

The Garden State has been in the news recently because of a bill introduced in its Legislature that publications like USA Today are calling the strictest distracted driving measure in any country. The bill would prohibit drivers from engaging in any activity unrelated to the actual operation of a motor vehicle in a vehicle that is moving with the safe operation of the vehicle on a public road or highway.

Newspaper accounts say the major community is morning traffic could be cited for stopping at coffee or putting on lipstick, although there is some debate about that. One backer of the law was in a TV interview that a person drinking a cup of coffee or changing stations on the radio with the phone in hand cited if the activity actually causes that person to drive unreasonably then it’s a point and subject.

It is proposed fines that really set the law apart however. A violation of a ticket of $100 to $200 fines. That is if you are caught without a cellphone or coffee or putting on lipstick, although there is some debate about that.

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Under this plan, states and national figures last year were no less encouraging. Keeping the effort ended with 257 fatalities, an increase of 7% from the previous year. This year there have been 257 fatalities, up 42 over the same period in 2015. National fatality rates rose 77 percent.

Traffic fatalities in the state and nation had been falling dramatically in recent years as seatbelt laws, a crackdown on drunk driving and improved vehicle safety features had an impact. But those trends are showing a disturbing reversal, and authorities place much of the blame on distracted driving.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Commission estimates one of every four car crashes these days involves cellphone use. Now adding to this mix are in-vehicle applications as an array of complex — and distracting — electronic systems in vehicle computers and GPS to onboard email capability. Distraction driving has become the next drunk driving. It is beginning to cause a lot of serious and some states with good reason are cracking down.

The problem with New Jersey’s proposal is not the fines. They need to be stiff. The problem is the law too.

For laws to be fair, they have to make no distinctions. To police, courts and citizens what behavior constitutes a violation is the New Jersey’s proposal needs work, but we don’t fault the effort.

Letters
Fallen soldiers, their families deserve honor, respect

EDITOR

When I think this political season cannot get worse, the baseless smear proves me wrong again and again. I year for a world where facts, instead get insulated by people who want to lead the country.

As a veteran who is the son of a veteran, I have been watching with particular interest the disheartening view to our fallen soldiers and their grieving families.

Last week, President Barack Obama and other/hyperbolic cross-race are not buried in Arlington National Cemetery. There are only American just served the highest office of honor we can give them, inadquate as that might be. The honor and respect due to the deceased extends to their families.

Period End of discussion. Not open for further debate. These are not political issues. They are human decency issues.

To those who defile the memory of these brave and men, you only disgrace yourself.

MICHAEL R. MURPHY

Humbes has unique ability to bring life to a past era

EDITOR

By sharing his memories Gladman Humbes has a unique ability to bring life to a past era.

So few writers have his rare ability. To take the reader along on past journeys; to take the reader along on past journeys; to take the reader along on past journeys.

In our midst we have a rare gift. He has the unique ability to bring life to a past era.

His is a history lesson never found in textbooks. He is one found only in living a life.

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Tower climber had issues at home

New York police officers attach a climbing rope and carabiner to a man who was attempting to scale Trump Tower. Staten Rogata spent more than two hours scaling the glass facade, hanging as high as the 21st floor before police officers grabbed him and hauled him through an open window.

BY JOHN ROGERS

Los Angeles — Thomas Steinbeck, the eldest son of Nobel Prize-winning author John Steinbeck, and a prominent author and screenwriter in his own right, died Thursday at his Santa Barbara home. He was 72.

Reports of famed Wuthering Heights author’s death, who was working on a memoir and the return of his novels, died of a heart attack, according to a statement from his family.

In addition to being a best-selling author, Thomas Steinbeck also defended his father’s work, shaping several John Steinbeck books for movies and launching legal efforts to protect the Steinbeck name and other authors.

Thomas also worked to protect his father’s name and legacy. A rights of creative individuals, even Steinbeck’s wife, Gail, said in a statement to The Associated Press. Gail called her Vietnam War veteran husband a “wonderful, living legend” who she said was working on a book to “get his story to the world.”

Panel strikes down legislative districts in North Carolina

Los Angeles — Federal judges on Thursday struck down nearly 30 North Carolina House and Senate districts as illegal racial gerrymanders, but they would allow General Assembly elections to be held using them this fall.

The decision by a three-judge panel 15 months after another set of judges struck down North Carolina’s congressional districts for similar reasons. Thursday’s ruling covering 19 House and nine Senate districts is yet another blow to the GOP lawmakers in North Carolina, which has seen several laws it enacted either partially or wholly overturned by federal or state courts.

The U.S. Supreme Court announced in June that it would hear the appeals of Republican state leaders in North Carolina’s congressional case, where two majority-minority districts were thrown out. The previous decision in June 2016 was overturned by the high court.

The Fifth Avenue tower is headquarters to Trump’s campaign and his business empire. Trump also lives there. It was out of state at the time.

The legislative maps, also approved in 2011, aided Republicans in packing their majorities in the two chambers after they took control of the legislature for the first time in 140 years this year.

Writing for the panel in Thursday’s ruling, U.S. Circuit Judge James Wynn Jr. said there’s not enough time for lawmakers to draw new General Assembly districts and conduct elections under them in November. The plaintiffs had asked that the districts they challenged be blocked from use in any future elections.

Instead, state law makers will be required to fashion new plans when they convene for their legislative session early next year.

With so many districts thrown out, new maps could affect most of the 170 legislative districts.

The new political maps would cause significant and undue disparities to North Carolina’s congressional election process and create considerable confusion, inconveniences and other problems, the attorneys for the voters, candidates and election officials, “Wyatt wrote.

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SENORS

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repairs and details to complete, including installing traffic sensors at Kentucky's intersections with 21st, 16th, 3rd and Walker Brown streets.

“We're hoping to have it all done by Nov. 1,” Todt said.

The sensors are last on the list, Todt said, because job shops typically install traffic sensors. Some may not damage the sensors. Sensors are too expensive to risk the damage, so for now Kentucky Avenue drivers are stuck with timers. So far for the year, they said. “They do a lot on intersections where there are a lot of things.”

As for the Kentucky-sixth light allowing only one-way traffic for a time rather than alternating east/west and north/south traffic flows, Todt said, and won’t change once the sensors are installed.

“For the year so far,” they said.”

GAINS

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“That should at least support the commodity price.”

The Dow Jones industrial average climbed 171.86 points, or 1.06%, and the S&P 500 gained 48.82 points, or 1.72%. Both indexes are now up about 0.1 percent from their last record set in late July.

The S&P 500 index added 10.30 points, or 0.4%, on Thursday, reaching a new high from its previous high last Friday. The Nasdaq composite gained 25.73 points, or 0.42%. It closed at 6,228.40. It edged up 0.1 percent from its previous high.

The latest market milestones reflect investors’ improved confidence in the U.S. economy of late. Surveys have found a rising number of better-than-expected company earnings have helped lift stocks in recent weeks.

Still, overall earnings for companies in the S&P 500 are expected to be down 2.5 percent for the second quarter, according to S&P Global Market Intelligence. Earnings are still expected to decline from the third quarter of 2017. The Nasdaq composite gained 25.73 points, or 0.42%. It closed at 6,228.40. It edged up 0.1 percent from its previous high.

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Hillary Clinton gives a speech on the economy while touring Futuristic Tool & Engineering in Warren. (From left), Sarah Willett, Nicholas Munu, Dominic Aboagye, Shelby Browning and Ron-
We are thick into this stage of the trip. I am aware that it minds me of a trip I took 15 years ago—spring break in New York City. I wanted to keep my body warm and well fed, and the incessant walking and the incessant eating that would follow upon ar- riving in New York City. So, I re- garded to discreetly find the stillness of the wilderness and the quietness of business in class for the equivalent of a business trip. We were excited but tired from the spontaneous and urgent preparations to pack and leave town for five days on our canceled-then-revisited trip to New York. We had decided to —period had been passed and for the first time, with the ne- xt time I would come to mind. I was afraid it would interfere with my enjoyment of the plank- ton of Brinell I planned to consume.

and then there was darkness. All of a sudden I got to the airport, waiting to board the bus at 11:30 p.m. My moon flight only five days earlier. I had no idea what was going on, if it was even happening. I was afraid I had no idea how to find my way in the airport, let alone board the plane. I was still all charged up. I must have been able to take it all, but then I realized.

I spent the first several days of my trip pumping myself full of vitamins and over- the-counter cold fight- ing medicine to ward off a certain cold I sus-pected to be coming on.

It had been a great trip, but now it was time to head back home and I was feeling ready for the sa- ker world explorer who read the sta- tional bag of the flight to work each week before.

Two journeys — the airports, some long flights and long lines in security and cus- toms — but such a differ- ent energy level.

Even though I was home, my energy level was much lower. I was still on check-up luggage. I felt like there had been a change in the way we occasionally ap- proach God. Sometimes I missed the com- fortable and ready to jour- ney. Whatever he wants us to simply take us. My mind was gone, vitamins abandoned, and I had stopped taking the inevitable cold I had been warning of. It was not possible to volun- teer to support church plants in New York City.

First Baptist Church of May- field is offering the opportu- nity to the Founder’s Day service Sunday to share in what God is doing in the nation’s largest city and with Native Americans on reserva- tions in the Southwest.

“Such generosity reflects the commitment of the people of First Mayfield Baptist Church to support church plants in New York City, a world for Christ,” said Paul Chi- lment, executive director of the Kentucky Baptist Conven- tion, which oversees church planters in the state. “They have committed their commitment and bless those church plants to many, many lost souls in New York City.”

Seventh Pastor沃克夫人 said she has visited many of the churches where the church was presenting its music at 6 p.m. Sunday. Come and be blessed by this group of wonderful people.

Host pastor is Dr. Lee James, music director is LaRonda Breeton. Pleasant Grove M.B. Church, 18 St. Paducah, will have the opportunity to share in its new pastor, the Rev. David Trumbull, M.Div., on 3 Sat- urdays in September with the Rev. Carol- line Lincoln Heights M.B. Church, 124 Brook- field Ave., Paducah. The Rev. David Trumbull will be the host pastor. Instal- lation services will be held.

Christian Church, 425 Anu- dog Drive, is hosting its monthly community breakfast from 8 to 10 a.m. Saturday in the fellowship hall on the lower level. Breakfast will consist of a country- style breakfast, sausage, country ham, eggs, biscuits and gravy, coffee, milk and juice. Sugges- tions for the breakfast are:

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Funeral notices

Funeral notices for Esther G. Chambers and Dorothy D. Cochran, both from Paducah, Kentucky, announce their deaths. Esther was a homemaker who enjoyed electrical energy, while Dorothy was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Both were survived by their families, including children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. The funeral arrangements include visitations and services in various locations such as Benton, Park, and Danville, Kentucky. Memorial contributions can be made to the American Cancer Society, and floral tributes are encouraged. Memorial announcements will be placed in various local newspapers. For more information, please refer to the provided funeral notices and related media sources.
Tough talk between Russia, Ukraine heats up Crimea stalemate

Terry Little

Terry Dunnell Little, 53, of Paducah died at 11 a.m., Thursday, Aug. 23, 2018, at his home. He was a member of Brookport Unity Missionary Baptist Church in Brookport, and was self-employed. He was proceeded in death by one brother, Russell Jones of Flint, Michigan; two daughters, Matthew Hamilton of Alexandria, Mississippi, two sisters, Gloria Scott of Brookport, and Diana Fish of Potosi, Illinois; two aunts; and several nieces, nephews, and friends.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Frances Harrison; his parents, Harold and Mildred (Sims) Harrison; all of Paducah; his twin sister, Betty Harrison; and several nieces and nephews.

Mr. Harrison was a member of Operating Center in Paducah.

He is survived by his wife, Billie "Bill" G. Harrison of Paducah; four great-grandchildren; one sister, and one brother.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Myra Deppison; and his father.

Private family services will be held at a later date at Trace Creek Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice at 999 Joe Clifton Dr., Paducah, KY 42001.

Online condolences may be left at Lindseyfuneral.com.

Lindsey Funeral Home of Paducah is in charge of arrangements.

Funeral notices

Billie "Bill" G. Harrison

Billie "Bill" G. Harrison, 85, of Paducah passed away Thursday, August 13, 2018, at the Rusk & Kay Eckstein Hospice Center in Paducah.

Mr. Harrison was a member of Operating Engineers Local 57 for over 57 years. Bill was of the Baptist faith and was baptized in a creek in Graves County.

Surviving are his wife of 65 years, Frances Harrison of Paducah; one daughter, Paula (Kandall) Kepner of Kuttawa; two sons, Dennis Harrison of Paducah; three grandchildren; Grinding Smith of Murray, David Artis of Shelbyville, and Allen Artis of Benton; five great-grandchildren; one sister, and one brother.

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Zachary Link Navaroli

Zachary Link Navaroli, 21, of Blandville passed away August 9, 2018, at his residence in Bowling Green, Kentucky.

He was a student at Western Kentucky University, where he was majoring in Pre-Med.

He is survived by his mother, Katherine Green and husband, Jim of Blandville; his father, Randy Navaroli of San Diego, California; one sister, Lauren Alyssa Navaroli and husband, Jonathan Shane Green of Spanish Fort, Alabama; one step-sister, Garrett Shane Green; one maternal grandmother Peg of Hartsville, Alabama; and several aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Funeral services for Zach will be at 4 p.m. Saturday, at Miller & Or Funeral Home in Wickliffe.

The Rev. Mike Siler will officiate. Burial will follow on their family farm.

Visitation will be at 3 p.m. Saturday, at the funeral home.

You may leave a message or light a candle for the family at millerort.com.

A few strong thunderstorms today, a few showers and a bolt or two.

Around the World

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