UK solar home on display in Washington, D.C.

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- Check out the competition among 20 solar-powered homes, including S•KY BLUE, the home designed and created at the University of Kentucky. The homes are on display through Oct. 16 in Washington, D.C. About 150 UK students from several colleges worked on the house for more than a year. About 30 will be with it in Washington. The Herald-Leader reported on the house before it was moved to Washington.

- Joyce Carol Oates will be a writer-in-residence for Eastern Kentucky University’s Creative Writing Program, according to a press release from the university. The winter residency will be Jan. 1-10, 2010. Chris Offutt, who grew up in Eastern Kentucky and is currently the head writer and co-producer of the Showtime series Weeds, will also participate.

- A couple from Kentucky have hired a surrogate mother from Inda, according to the Daily Beast. The news report says that in India surrogacy is now a half-billion dollar industry. American couples — especially gay men — are having children abroad for less money and with fewer headaches.

- The Sunday Times of London reports that Muhammad Ali’s great grandfather was born in Kentucky, not County Clare, Ireland. Ali visited Ireland in September, accompanied by Pearse Lyons, the founder and president of Alltech. The Herald-Leader reported on Ali’s visit to Ireland and Lyons’ involvement in arranging the trip.

- The Kentucky Historical Society is dedicating a marker to Ashland Park and Frederick Law Olmsted Jr. and John Charles Olmsted, designers of the Ashland Park neighborhood. The ceremony will be Wednesday, Oct. 14, 2009 at 11 a.m. at the South Hanover median, near the Henry Clay home. The neighborhood was built on Henry Clay’s 600-acre estate beginning in 1904 and completed around 1930.