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#### Oh, it was a big truck For some people taking to the mountains can

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A couple weeks ago, Marilyn and I had the chance to go to the mountains of Pike County and visit with the Williamson W.Va. Chamber of Commerce and Rotary Club.
With us on the trip was Fujio Cho, president of Toyota Motor Manufacturing USA, Emmy Cho, his wife, and Mr. Sato who served as a transla-

The host and hostess for the trip was Dr. and

Mrs. PR Vellayan.

Although the motive of the trip was for Mr. Cho to speak to the chamber of commerce and Ro-tary, the side trips provided many unusual

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Also in attendance at the event were members of the economic development offices of the economic development offices of the conditions of the progress at royata - Georgetown.

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On the way to South Williamson, which is five miles past forever, the three Japanese members of the party had their first encounter with a trip off the road from a coal funck.

As we headed through the town of large we rounded a curve and to and behold, what was right in the middle of the road but a GREAT BIG real long - coal truck.

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We headed for the ditch on the right side of the road and somehow escaped those tires which are as tall as many of the mountains.

As we continued on we heard some nervous signing from the back and a quick exchange in Japanese. I don't know if they were talking about my driving or the truck. It really didn't matter. I was busy trying to get my eyes back in the right place and my heart out of my throat. After the speech, the traveling party had the chance to wist a surface coal mine.

Although I lived in that part of the country for several years, I have never had the chance to

visit a mine of any type.

Once we arrived at the mine, which was down

a gravel road about 500 miles, there were ma-chines bigger than most houses I have seen. The bucket on the crane, which cost \$25 mil-lion was large enough to hold four cars, stacked on top of each other.

After riding on the crane for a few minutes which involved a back and forth motion, enough was enough, and it was time for a trip out of the

On the way back we also had the chance to look at the manner in which blasting is done at a

mining site.

The days of dynamite are gone, mostly, and with the use of much safer chemicals it is possible to be closer to the blasting,

The trip back was a little less sensational, however the driver was a little millfed when the coffee machine at the rest area wouldn't work. About 18 hours after we left, including 12 on the road, we were heading back from George-

town to Carlisle. town to carliste.
It is a pleasure to take someone, somewhere that is enjoyable. The Chos and Mr. Sato were obviously entertained, and educated to the hospitality and terrain of eastern Kentucky.

Everyone should make a visit to the area at least once to see many of the reports about the area are not really true.

There are two suggestions I might make if you There are two suggestions I might make if you plan to make the trip. If it is possible, don't man the trip in one day - I didn't know you would get saddle sores from bucket seats. And second, don't depend on the rest areas to provide coffee, the machine will probably be broken, so take your own.

And so, until next week, thanks and

### From Left Field By Josh Shepherd

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Through all the cultural and ideological diversity among the people's of this world, weather is of interest, universally, to us all. This isn't hard to notice, though some may

This isn't hard to notice, though some may wonder why we, at times seem pre-occupied with stating our grasp of the very obvious. But in conversation, weather is number three-next to "hi" and "how are you." It is the

great cure all to waning conversation.

In Central Ohio, the saying is if the weather does not suit, wait an hour and it will change.
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All winter two years ago, barely a flake
trickled down from the sky. Yet, as the days
become steadily longer, not even the most
sensitive meteorological equipment could predict anything from the weather than for the next few hours ahead. It can turn from sunshine to hail in the blink of an eye or from near tropical breezes to thunderstorms within a half mile walk.

But one of the most spectacular sights was an electrical storm with no rain. It was all lightening and thunder, flashing in crooked bolts to the ground, its thunder booming like

a drum you feel pounding against your

Behind it a distinct line was draw dividing the calm to the storm and like a pendulum, the day shifted from darkness to light.

But in Kentucky, as my grandfather used to say, Weather doesn't change as often, but balances itself from year to year.

At least that is what I've been told and the theory, at least for these parts, seems to hold

Three years of heavy winter, choked with ice and snow were traded for another three with barely enough snow to make a snow-

A summer drought is followed the next year with flooding and waterlogged fields. It's crazy, but then Nature follows a pat-tern none of us are likely to completely un-

But the onset of seasonal changes is all ready upon us and the warm days are be-coming few and far between. Fall tends to settle quickly, the warm days suddenly disappear. But they do pop up when we least expect them, when we need them.

Curious because we are tied to it, inextricably, and whatever it decides to throw at us we have no choice but to deal with it. And

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to dictate that farmers will need to invest in an alterna-tive crop to use along with to-bacco production. He said one of the best bets for Nicholas County is with beef cattle. "Beef cattle has been good

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