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Guest Editorial

Bond's Broadcast

By Yifat Suskind

Last week, leaders of the world's richest countries, the Group of Eight (G8), met to chart the course of the global economy at the luxurious Windsor Hotel Toyota Resort and Spa in Tokyo, Japan.

Eating dirt, mixed with salt and vegetable shortening, is a staple food in Haiti where the cost of rice (Haiti's staple food) has risen nearly 150 percent.

Neither could millions of other farmers around the world, who have been bankrupted by the influx of rice, corn, and wheat from the U.S., Europe and Japan.

Now that these commodity markets have spiked, millions of more families cannot afford to eat.

Even here in the U.S., still the world's richest country, more and more families are struggling to afford food these days.

Consider the U.S. grain subsidies that have pushed so many Haitian farmers to the brink of survival.

The same goes for small-holder farmers in Haiti and other developing countries. Most of these farmers are women, are mothers, who like most women in the U.S., are the ones responsible for putting dinner on the table every day.

Just before the G8 meeting, a network of women's groups from Haiti, Nicaragua, Guatemala, and Colombia issued an open letter to the G8, brought together by the international women's human rights organization, MADRE.

They proposed concrete changes in the global economy, like international mechanisms to stabilize the cost of food and protect the livelihoods of farmers.

Prized possessions

The past couple weeks have been pretty good days at the Bond house. At least for the old man.

More than I am around my grandchildren the more I have found I can like.

Over the past eight or nine days I have seen so many faces and so many personalities from these little tykes it has been a real joy.

It's amazing how little things don't bother me now compared to when I was younger - when my children were children.

They were much louder. Did more things to make Dad yell. And it seemed like I could never get them to do to what I wanted when I wanted.

If only I had known the power of Cheetos. And, uh, yes, chocolate chip cookies. Diet Coke sips also do wonders.

I had a great time just being with them. From playing video games to rolling polo.

On Thursday last week we went to the Cincinnati Reds baseball game. It's an annual journey, taken as a birthday present for Dad.

Even our oldest grandchild, who is 6, went to the game. Our rule had been 10 years, but we made an exception as he is very baseball knowledgeable.

It was his first trip to a professional game, but he's been all-star long before the game until the end of the seventh inning. Tickets are regularly \$22.

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people held them in the highest esteem.

The demand for their attention is great - but they certainly earn more than the normal person makes - and they should be able to give back a little to those forking over hundreds of dollars.

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I am surprised they don't line kids up and charge them \$10 an autograph. Might as well. That way the children who may only go to a major league game once in their life could take share in the joy.

Even if it does cost them 10 or 20 bucks.

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plane was completely full, so to watch my little All-Star play in a t-ball tournament.

Man, Evan has a heck of an arm on him. He can hit and run those bases. Even at my age, I would have barely been at second base and I would be sliding into home.

He is quick. He won both of his games and he had fun. He was a star. He was a star.

Sunday we hopped back on a plane and headed back home. It was the longest flight I have ever been on.

First, after we were lined up to board the plane they told us there were no empty seats. I was a bit surprised.

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Amy

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Additionally, the new bill includes language to "speed up" development of the energy resources in the "Use or Lose It" bill. H.R. 6515 does not adequately address increased supply and is already law in the land. Oil and gas producers already operate under strict

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Steve's Report

When our youngest son, Max, finished 9th grade...

There were actually four different coupons, and the one with the best deal was only good on Fridays.

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Thursday July 24th & Tuesday July 29th

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Veloz Viewpoints

Greetings from Nevada! I hope you are all having a great week.

Well, we are back in Nevada, all in one piece. We had a great trip but I can honestly say I'm exhausted.

Our trip was a ton of fun. We spent a day at a horse ranch, visiting and swimming. She made us fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, macaroni and cheese, green beans and salad.

On Thursday night Dad, Carol, Beth, Michael, Evan, Ben and I went to the Cincinnati Reds game. We had an awesome time. It was an and a half hour time to

Takin' From The Mountains

Dale sounds off

Mitch McConnell is fond of calling the very small hill the Democrats have on the senate a "do-nothing senate."

Every thing the Democrats have attempted to do, all of the things that a majority of Americans want them to do, the Republicans, under McConnell's leadership have been blocked by filibustering.

Healthcare for our kids? Filibustered. Stem cell research to cure many diseases? Filibustered. Ending the war in Iraq? Filibustered.

4th District Report

Second "Use It or Lose It" Bill is More of the Same

Our nation's energy crisis has resulted primarily from our fundamental economic concept: supply and demand.

Over the past three decades we have ignored repeated warnings that our energy supply would not always be reliable and affordable. Instead, we have allowed partisan paralysis to hinder efforts to increase and diversify our domestic supply of energy.

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