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We Don't Make This Stuff Up

Building Elevators Ring E-Flat

In urgent response to the move of vital resources from the "backline" to the "frontline," GSD will be installing electronic flat panel message boards in all Bank elevators effective today. Similar in design to their larger cousins now in building lobbies, the smaller elevator flat panels, nicknamed "E-flats," will display messages targeted to frontline staff members informing them of seminars and other vital "frontline-ish" events as they purposefully transmigrate between floors in hot pursuit of their important frontline goals. According to GSD Director Van Pulley, the new E-flats will decrease the cost of informing frontline staff of frontline activities by upwards of 10% over the next three years. The savings will come mainly from the decrease in the time required for senior ACS staff, entry-level professionals and JPAs to create, photocopy and scotch-tape approximately 400,000 paper posters to elevator walls each year. Instead, these staff will be free to concentrate on more critical "frontline" work, like attending focus group meetings, planning effectiveness retreats, and supervising subordinate staff in the creation and submission of electronic requests to GSD for their messages to be displayed on E-flat panels. Pulley noted that the SAP request procedures are simple, as long as the user provides the proper budget code or internal order, the responsible manager, the message content, the message display start and end dates, specific elevator locations, event contact phone numbers, message scroll rates, hierarchical position of messages in relation to other messages posted, message retention instructions, and a few hundred other simple message parameters. A 24-person unit in GSD will be created to manage this cost-saving activity.

In addition, the savings realized by utilizing E-flats will free up funds to support an ISG initiative to invest $28 million over the next three months to find ways to decrease the Bank's spending of $28 million on elevator IT over the next three months. According to ISG officials speaking off the record (thanks, Giles!), the idea to install E-flats has been around for some time, and a no-bid contract to Satyam was prepared a year ago. However, that proposal got lost in the shredder when changes took place in ISG senior management.

As always, the Community Connections Campaign and related activities will be exempted from using E-flats and may continue to use paper posters. Individual staff are requested not to cover the E-flat panels with handwritten notes asking if anyone found their cell phone.

Response To Disasters

The World Bank has launched a new framework that will enable it to respond swiftly to disasters and emergencies. The policy establishes a new mechanism that provides funding for critical start-up activities without the usual red tape. Even the Inspection Panel will be kept out of the loop, since there will be no project documentation to review.

"It had become apparent that our response to crisis situations differed little from our response to long term development challenges," said Jeff Gutman, OPCS Vice President. "This new 100% paperless approach simplifies processing requirements in emergency situations, and provides more business opportunities for senior Bank staff and their spouses. While there are risks in emergency operations, it is important to acknowledge that this means more business for the Bank. The risks of continued missed opportunities associated with inaction far outweigh the risks of engaging early on." IEG and WBI senior staff, speaking anonymously for fear of multicolinearity, autocorrelation and plagiarism, confirmed that this drew on their studies analyzing EIB theft of Bank-prepared highway projects in central Europe.

Staff who want to volunteer for this arduous but necessary duty are still entitled, under the Staff Rules, to make use of a Staff Association-sponsored bedsheet thread counter. Says SA Chair Alison Cave, "We want to recognize and reward staff who volunteer for this worthwhile effort. But that does not mean that a staff member's right to sleep on sheets with a less than the minimum acceptable thread count just disappears." Cave further added that in the event that staff members are forced to sleep on sheets that do not meet the Bank's minimum thread count, those affected shall be compensated with an appropriate financial remuneration and their choice of a Staff Association tote bag or umbrella.

HRSCM Manager George Karam announced today changes to the Bank's Overseas Assignment Benefit for any staff members assigned to disaster locations for longer periods. "Continuing our policy of delivering simple, easy to understand policies in the area of field assignment benefits, eligible staff members in disaster-recovery areas will receive a 'disaster grant' derived from the market reference point of the IMF Sr. Economist job stream, the coefficient of friction of shale, the Hale-Bopp comet, the human genome and the price of pork belly futures."

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Bank To Increase Size of Private Part

In a bold move calculated to re-shape the geopolitical landscape of development, President Paul Wolfowitz today revealed a plan to privatize the World Bank Group. "From stakeholders to stockholders!" enthused Wolfowitz at a press briefing today in the MC Atrium. "Now, savvy investors have a chance to really care about the poor."

As the largest voting bloc, the U.S. will receive the most funds from the privatization. A U.S. Executive Director's Office spokesman indicated that the U.S. would use its windfall to contract with Halliburton, Inc. to provide every poor person on earth with a cell phone so World Bank stockholders can use text messaging to convey valuable advice, such as "get a job." Meanwhile, Japan plans to buy U.S. treasury bonds with its share, "if that's okay with everyone." France has pledged to provide lifetime health care benefits to anyone who test-drives a Peugeot 407. Demand is expected to be marginal; leftover funds will be used to construct a giant "Vive la France" sign on the moon. Finally, Germany will use its profits to invade France.

As part of the privatization, the Bank's physical assets, including the Main Complex, will be sold to real estate tycoon Donald Trump, who will convert the MC into "a development-themed shopping mall or a casino." An undisclosed number of Bank staff will be sold to Trump.

Speaking off the record, Bank spokesman Kevin Kellems stated that the new Board of Directors will replace the current pension plan with a new "scratch and win" system similar to those offered in 7-Eleven stores everywhere. The pension's $2 billion surplus will fund a sock factory in the F-building. The new board also will adopt a policy whereby a supervisor may terminate employment of a staff member, with no severance or right of appeal, by simply telling the employee, "You've been getting on my nerves lately." Any affected subordinate will have 15 minutes to leave the building. Staff with additional questions about these changes have been getting on our nerves lately.

Bank Swirled Resized

Preempting senior management demands to resize, *Bank Swirled* editors have voluntarily committed to increase ridicule of front line issues and decrease back line satire in 2008. Dan Ritchie, editor of the Pulitzer Prize-winning journal, commented, "We are committed to skewering Operations, and we will put all of our resources toward this goal. Anyway, HR is not that funny anymore. And though INT is begging for more attention, corruption is old news. We want to stay fresh and current, and that means emulating FOX News. You act, a colleague leaks, we report, the world laughs. It's that simple."

IMF Security Arrests U.S. Official

A white male employee of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security was arrested and detained by IMF security guards today at Dulles Airport after he attempted to conduct a transaction using U.S. currency. The arrest took place in the Concourse D "High Flyers" pub, where the unnamed official tendered a U.S. $10 bill to purchase a cheeseburger with tomato and lettuce, medium fries and a large Coke. The U.S., where Concourse D is located, is a member of the Fund, the powerful international organization that regulates all world currencies and protects the integrity of the U.S. dollar.

The fact that the suspect was a U.S. citizen and was "extremely hungry" did not satisfy the guards, who suspected the man might be using U.S. currency for clandestine purposes other than purchasing lunch. Following his arrest, the man was detained for several hours, stripped of all clothing and currency and returned to the naked, penniless state in which he was born.

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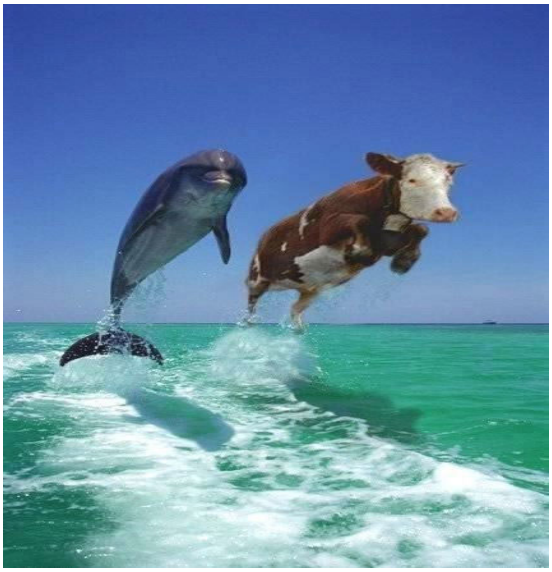


Principal Livestock Specialist Elsie Jersey-Holstein (left) takes a well-deserved R&R break from an appraisal mission by cow-watching off the coast of Afghanistan.

Transition to Knowledge Lending

As part of its new privatization, the World Bank Group will discontinue all financial lending programs as of April 1, 2007. "The world has changed and the World Bank must change with it," said Bank Group President Paul Wolfowitz. "The private sector will now lend money to developing countries, while the World Bank will lend them its knowledge, and at extremely competitive rates."

According to Wolfowitz, knowledge lending will be the "epitome of simplicity" without the bureaucratic protocols imposed by the "old Bank" when lending money. Countries will be divided into two groups: Highly Intellectually Developed States (HiDes) and the Highly Intellectually Deficient and Hopeless States (HiDeHos). Each state will be evaluated based on econometric knowledge factors according to this formula:

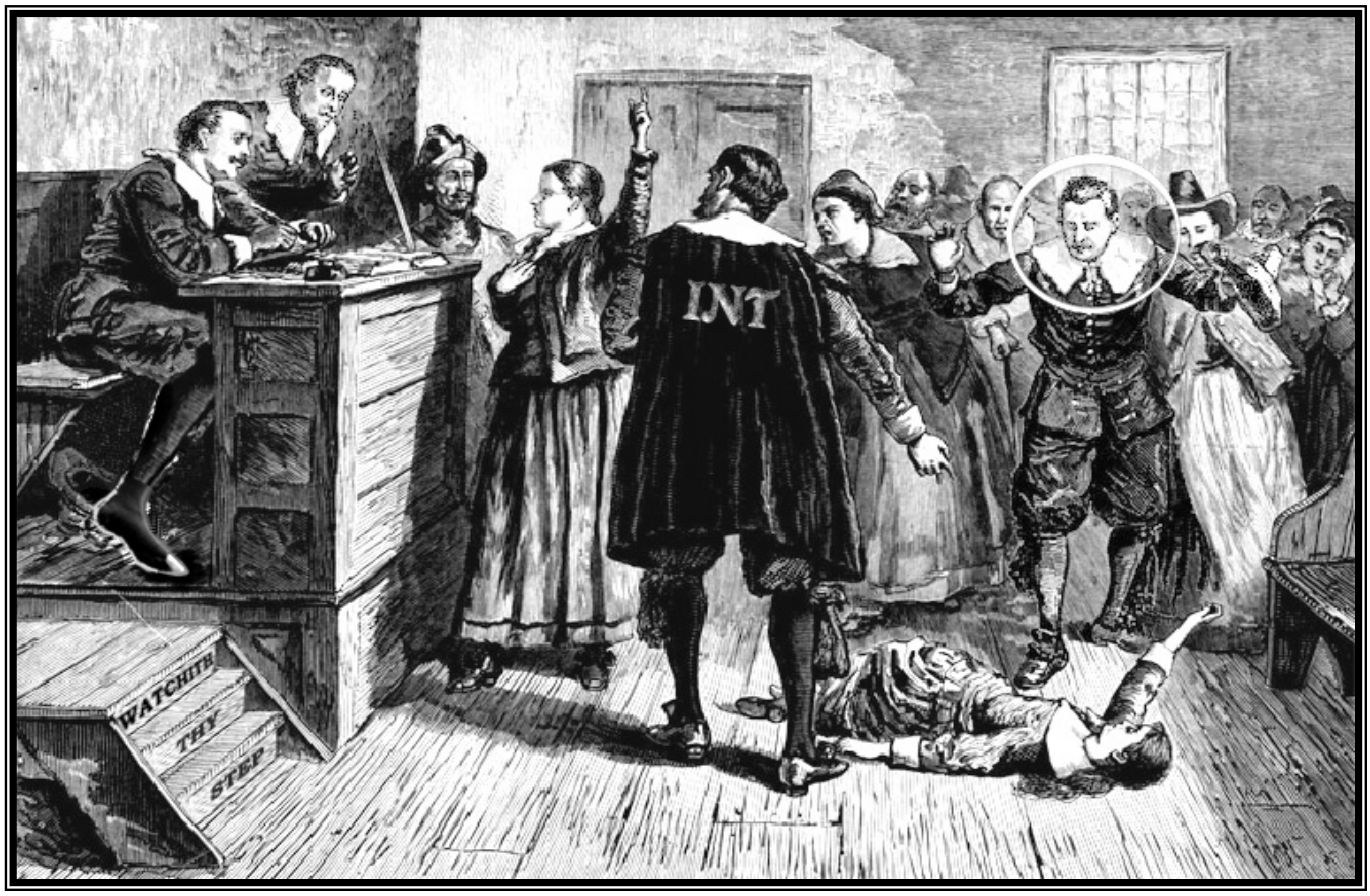
$$\frac{\text{Total Number of Resident PhDs} - \text{Number of Resident PhDs in economics}}{\text{TOTAL POPULATION}}$$

Once categorized, the World Bank will follow a new "Knowledge Lending Cycle":

1. HiDeHos bring knowledge concepts to the Bank, or choose a concept from the Bank's Development Idea Grab Bag (DIG-BAG)
2. The concept then enters the Evaluation Phase (EP) during which the Bank sends a Mental Mission Team (MMT) to the country to assess the feasibility of the idea from an Extremely Well Educated (EWE) perspective.
3. The MMT writes a Predominantly White Paper (PWP) and submits it to the Revitalized Bank Board (RBB) for approval. The idea then enters the important Political Backstabbing Process (PBP).
4. If the idea is approved by the RBB, a Knowledge Lending Agreement (KLA) is signed between the Bank and the HiDeHo.
5. The project then enters the Plausible Denial Phase (PDP) during which all Bank staff involved prepare a strategy to distance themselves from the project in the event of an Ultimate Embarrassing Failure (UEF).
6. The project then enters the Knowledge Lending Phase (KLP), and the first Knowledge Tranche (KnoT) is released to the HiDeHo. In most cases, the KnoT will be tied to a rock and dropped from an airplane operated by a GSD Travel-approved carrier. (All Bank knowledge must travel business class. Related ideas are eligible for companion fares and, under certain eligibility conditions, spouse points benefits.)
7. Once the knowledge is "on the ground," its use by the HiDeHo will be continuously supervised by the Bank's Brain Activity Auditors (BAA). The BAAs ensure the knowledge is used in accordance with the Bank's Stringent Thought Guidelines (STGs). Misuse of Bank knowledge will result in "lightning-swift" penalties (LSPs). NOTE: Misuse may also result in knowledge sanctions being imposed, freezing the flow of ideas in or out of the country. Additional knowledge sanctions may be imposed by the International Monetary Fund, ironically a knowledge-deficient organization.
8. The original idea will be returned to the DIG-BAG for recycling. Once an idea is Past Its Prime (PIP), it will be put out to stud where it can cross-fertilize other ideas. When a PIP idea becomes too weak and feeble to cross-fertilize, it will be ground up and served to staff in the MC-Cafeteria. According to HSD, risk of Mad Staff Disease (MSD) due to a staff member consuming his own dead knowledge is minimal.

[Note: earlier today, EXT released the following version of the above guidelines to all member countries:]

1. HiDeHos consult DIG-BAG.
2. Launch of EP; MMT assesses EWE feasibility.
3. MMT writes PWP and submits it to the RBB leading to PBP.
4. Following RBB approval, KLA signed with HiDeHos.
5. PDP phase begins; staff prepare UEFs.
6. KLP phase begins; KnoTs released to HiDeHos.
7. BAAs supervise HiDeHos using STGs to avoid LSPs.
8. PIP served with minimal risk of MSD.



Corruption in ye World Bank: Who Shall Be Responsible?

Beith that YOU standith in the courtroom (circlithed), thy Cockle hat held in thy trembling hand?

And is that not thy **Mistress**, the fairest JPA, splayed upon the immodestly waxed floor?

And is that not the back of the Inquisitor's loyal Servant of **INT**, gesturing toward her?

And are those not the "Two Pauls" behind the desk of the **Grand Inquisitor**?

And are those not thy former **Friends** standing behind thee, unwilling to helpith?

And doth thou remember thy former JPA – the one with her finger pointing skyward, her voice ringing with scorn against thee? Doth thou remember thy mission together to Londontown? In what great splendor thou didst lodge? Upon what delicacies thou didst feast? Of what other temptations of the Flesh befell thou? And to what **Trust Fund** thou didst chargith it all? Ay, there's the rub.

And doth thou also rememberith thy later **Communications** with this same Colleague, pleading that she not report thy behavior? Doth thou rememberith thy threats against her, using World Bank quill and parchment? Doth thou know that thy World Bank keepith copies of all parchment, and thy encryption meanith nothing? Hast thou not heardith of the noble title, "Lotus Notes Administrator"?

And Woe! What evil hath brought forth upon this **Crucible** of suspicion and vengeful accusation?

Thou hath no one to blame but thyself.

IFC to IDA ~ Get Lost!

IFC's recent $150 million acquisition of IDA will not go forward, sources have confirmed to *Bank Swirled*, forcing IDA to seek out another partner for a merger. The buyout was scuttled once IFC officials realized the negative impact that would result from the consolidation of IDA into IFC's financial statements. "The auditors wouldn't come right out and say so, but the message was clear: *adios*, AAA rating," said an unnamed IFC source (thanks, Farida!). This followed concerns that the $150 million purchase price could represent as much as a $149,999,999 premium over IDA's actual value. Asked for her view, IFC VP and Treasurer Nina Shapiro told *Bank Swirled*, "These @$#*ing initiatives are happening far too @$#*ing often for my liking. I don't understand why we are always @$#*ing doing @$#*ing things like this that @$#*ing defy @$#*ing common sense. Anyone with half a &+!=%^@$#*ing brain could have figured out that this didn't make any @$#*ing sense. Do these @$#*ing people think that I can just @$#*ing print more @$#*ing money for them to throw down the @$#*ing toilet?" IDA officials could not be reached for comment, as they were trying to scrape together enough loose change to buy coffee over which they could discuss whether MIGA has a spare $150 million.

Blood Diamonds Arrive at Pangea

The World Bank Board of Directors approved the First Blood Diamond Mining Project in *[censored]* today, according to Corporate Secretariat sources. The project has been developed in conjunction with the IFC and is aimed mainly at funding IDA 15. "We project ten-digit profits per year," commented a Senior Counsellor, who traveled to the *[censored]* region with an all-female group of Bank managers to personally select carat, clarity, cut and color. "This will save us millions of dollars in travel and other costs associated with IDA replenishments."

IFC's Pangea Café has obtained exclusive rights for the sale and distribution of the diamonds in the U.S., says another Senior Counsellor. "*[Censored]* has less restrictive employment laws than the rest of the world, and the local miners have small hands to reach tighter places within the mines. The truth of the matter is that by funding this project from the Bank's own Blood Diamond Mining Credit Fund, all of us can feel great about supporting a local initiative."

When queried by *Bank Swirled* reporters traveling with the group of female managers, a third Senior Counsellor discounted the idea that this project exploited *[censored]* youth. "We've already arranged with IFC to swap Happy Child Memory Credits for highly marketable Blood Diamond Mining Fund credits. And even taking all of these into account — which isn't required under local law — we can still deliver guilt-free jewels to the marketplace at a fraction of the price of traditional stones."

JDW Returns

GSD crews arrived at Pangea Café today to begin construction of a large wall dividing the store's lobby in preparation for the May 7 Parents Circle Israeli-Palestinian Reconciliation Event. The evening program is still being planned, but sources close to GSD Security manager Pete Gallant revealed that after speeches, dances and a 14-hour wait at a replica border, former World Bank President James Wolfensohn will open the reception by saying "Titus Hicks, tear down this wall!" so that guests can swarm the hors d'oeuvres table and stampede to the open bar. The new wall is compliant with the recently-approved policy on emergency reconstruction in fragile states, which allows Bank staff to do anything "under circumstances agreeable to an acting country director" as long as a trust fund is used.

Now Playing at the World Bank Gigaplex

Van's Labyrinth. Amazing special effects treatment of the new MC room numbering system.

Babel. VPs' discussion of the shifts and trade-offs paper.

The Departed. Retiree life after the downsizing of QAG, for good cause.

Letters From Iwo Jima. PHRD told from MOF's point of view.

Dreamgirls. Sector managers compare JPAs.

Pirates of the Caribbean. Documentary on the new Disaster Insurance Scheme.

Stranger Than Fiction. Behind the scenes look at HR Renewal in the tradition of *Borat* as Bank managers rejoice that they can now do whatever they want, whenever they want.

Snakes on a Plane. A docudrama of the first IMF mission to the new Republic of Montenegro.

INT Prognostication

Flush with the success of the Voluntary Disclosure Program, which had errant purveyors lined up outside the U-building to confess and seek forgiveness, INT has announced a new product aimed at nipping corruption in the bud by removing its proximate antecedents. According to sources in INT (thanks, Bart!), the new "preventive debarment" program blacklists firms that are thought to be capable of corrupt acts before the firms commit them. Modeled on the film *Minority Report*, a team of STC clairvoyants hired by INT identifies firms and individuals who might some day become the subject of an INT investigation. "By debarring them before they actually offer or take a bribe, we save the Bank thousands of dollars in airfare, in-room adult movies and mini-bar charges that we'd otherwise spend to investigate, years after the money has gone to Switzerland," said INT Chief Constable Glenn Ware. Recently back from INT's offshore detention chamber in Chennai, where he interrogated a vendor accused of accepting kickbacks in 2009, Ware indicated that experience with preventive debarment had been good. "Our only regret is that the amount of proof required by Staff Rule 8.01 to prove guilt is excessive. A lot of people mistake a short memory for a clear conscience."

Board~Management Harmony Strengthened

In a major escalation of the good working relationship between the Board and the Bank's senior management team, Senior Spokesman Kevin Kellems announced today that elements from the EXC Correspondence Unit's Tiger Team had retaken the office suite occupied by British Executive Director Tom Scholar and approximately a dozen fellow insurgents. The *Bank Swirled* reporter embedded with the Tiger Team confirmed that the offices were recaptured with minimal damage to briefing books and the mahogany furniture. "We are now using elements of the EXT European Relations Unit's Alpha Company to control the remaining insurgency located in the office suite of the American ED," said Kellems during a morning briefing in Brussels.

The Absurder by Boris Summor

Working for an organization which has no strategy has taken a toll on my morale and productivity, but we just continue to identify and serve the poor, feeling that shifts and tradeoffs don't really make sense as long as there are trust funds to fill the gap. No productivity tax there, as I was saying to Philippe and Robin when we took refuge in the Espace Louis Vuitton to escape the militants protesting IDA 15. Indeed, Paul Volcker's investigation cemented INT's status as a crime scene, I noted as I passed under the yellow police tape and up to their lavish offices with a view of La Maison Blanche. The chalk marks on the carpet in the foyer suggested a well-nourished TTL, perhaps unaccredited, but who can tell these days? Although the sniping had stopped, with Danny, Joy and Michael agreeing to stop calling SDN the "Inhuman Development Network" after Roger apologized for calling them "the Unsustainables" in his blog (Kathy later told Larry King that Roger "did not reflect her views"), the impact was still being felt. I had been called in because Suzanne had not been happy when her *Stasi* retiree STCs (hired under an East German trust fund, I'm told, but don't tell the other Paul) determined that my Messenger IMs about carbon trading confirmed my "arrogance" (something the swag bags in Singapore had warned us about), since I see global warming and climate change as a reality, and not just something that one can get the editor to pass off as a synonym. I think the expression is "helping the police with their inquiries," but Jonathan and I are kickboxing buddies so I am not overly concerned at being tortured, or at being referred to the IRS, where my detention center cellmates would be half of the Bank's complement of former VPs. Better than being QAGged or GACked during a CAS review for not being able to explain why more project directors or ministers aren't in jail.

The mission had been great fun: Muffy and I were just thrilled that Colin (not the one that speaks Yiddish) was able to join us in the Sunday jaunt down to the Makarere Park to look at the water bison, hyenas and gorillas gathered around the watering hole, sort of like an Audit Committee working lunch. We had a splendid time, Muffy does so like being called "Ma'am Sahib" and drinking G&Ts on the veranda while the wildebeest braises on the grill. (Elephant takes a long time to cook *en flambé*, and since it was Kenya, there were no pandas readily available. Muffy draws the line well before gorilla, and thinks that chimpanzee tastes too much like chicken. But I digress.) This was one instance where I was glad that I'd switched off my BlackBerry during the pilot "Ethics for Sector Managers" course — it never got a CallPilot-like rollout, but people take voicemail seriously — so I knew what to do when we were pulled over for speeding in the office car. "Good constable, what seems to be the problem?" Colin said, rolling down the window of the Resident Mission's Datsun 120Y and making sure his fly-whisk fetish was clearly visible on the back seat. (Something Harold should stock at Pangea, Muffy and I agreed, particularly since the ones made by slum children and youth are normally quite charming, but the best ones go to Rome because that's where the TTLs — all of them — and the trust funds hail from.) Well, to make a very long story short, we had to agree that 114 kph in a 50 kph zone was a bit fast, even if we needed to get back to Nairobi in time to change for the dinner with donor partners Colin had organized for the "Our Dream Is a World Free of Corruption" seminar. The embedded *Die Zeit* journalist "guest" was sullen after the exchange of the leftover main course, the picked-over dessert and the beer (with empties, of course, given our 'green' goals) and, well, you and readers of *The Standard* know the rest. Paul's visit (unaccompanied except for the videographers and the bodyguards) was, of course, part of his "charm surge" after the new Senior VP for External Affairs said he needed to do something as our brand was losing market share. As SDN's senior transport person after the dust realigned in the network, I was obligated to join the helicopter tour that Paul convened as the first salvo in his new charm offensive. He had used connections at the Pentagon to organize a fly-over of D.C. for the entire Board using one of the Army's new Hippo-class "drone" transport helicopters. He couldn't join us "for ethical reasons" because it was his former employer (my, that's refreshing, I was telling Maria at Zaytinya) but it was kind of him to send dates and mint tea in the hope of making peace with the EDs, or at least CODE, the Audit Committee and the Personnel Committee. It was nasty out there, and after dodging a 737 on final approach to National and what appeared to be surface-to-air missiles fired from the Pentagon parking lot, the participants were absolutely green when we disembarked in Anacostia to look at possibilities for development that did not involve getting on a plane and could use the full $65,530 saved by downgrading the in-house Christmas parties. Kevin came along to advise on employment for women and we took bets on whether the carbon footprint per dollar lent was lower by Lexus SUV or by Airbus A380. The winner will be hosted at IFC's next July 4 party on the F-Building Roof. Lars does not entertain officially nearly so lavishly as Peter did, having his own little piece of Sweden overlooking the Potomac and not having to use Sodexho for his A-list guests. (Annointed IOs and the IFC management team are still requested to be on F-12 by 8 p.m. to enjoy the fireworks.)

I expect, though, that we will have a conflict on the 4th this year. In my new role as the VPU's "central spreadsheet coordinator," I have my work cut out for me for the year-end. Fayez was telling me in the smoking room — Bernard is my witness — that those old benefit-cost calculations for port projects were just too important to let anyone read, edit or, indeed, create without strong oversight. About $7 million he's clawing from HR will be spent on CSCs. (No, not the defense contractor, I was telling Robin). Our job is to make sure the Excel macros and the pivot tables are all correctly documented, and changes clearly marked, so that Deloitte doesn't have to qualify the books again this year. Fayez and Chuck are expecting that this will mean we can all go to the IFC party since it won't be necessary to keep the books open for a week after FY07 closes, which, Jane reminds me, is just after the last United flight lands, so you can do your SOE in the cab if the border police let you out of Dulles by midnight. Getting the spreadsheet inventory was a problem and the JPAs I hired were shocked at what else they found on my colleagues' hard drives (which of course I promptly turned over to Wayne once I'd cut a few CDs for my later enjoyment) other than how interest rates were calculated, how trust fund fee income was distributed (no wonder he retired), and who has Aeron chairs. While the risk assessment was easy (like HDN, I just wrote, "no risks now that we have a trust fund coordinator"), monitoring for changes was tricky until I worked out with INT's Chennai team that they would look nightly while they were reading our email. Muffy's making me take her to Kinkeads with the spot award I got for that!

ISG Launches New Token-based Chargeback System

Bank CIO Guy De Poerck announced today a new approach to IT Chargeback for FY08. The new "Pay As You Go" plan will increase efficiency, eliminate complicated chargeback and billing systems and address use of cross-subsidies of IT Chargeback by TRE for lavish golfing vacations. In addition, ISG has been lauded by President Wolfowitz for jumping on the Re-Sizing Bandwagon first by pledging $15 million in FY08 — all in loose change. "Any coins collected after we hit our target are ours!" smiled De Poerck, in a manner reminiscent of a previous CIO.

Token-based PC

ISG will soon equip all Bank PCs with a token slot. Each token gives the user a fixed amount of computer time. Omar Baig, recent IFC transfer and one of Guy's Guy Guys, noted that "this chargeback stuff is great! We didn't like it in IFC, but it's like sitting in the MC-C2 pool: money is everywhere! We even got the Bank's Information Technology Governing Group approval! ITGG is a much more elaborate governing group than IFC's 'IG.' It's even got an extra T and G in the acronym!"

Due to the technical challenges of designing a "global coin slot," the PCs will accept only special tokens. The ISG "Basic User Token" is die-cast with Paul Cadario smashing a BlackBerry with an IBM Selectric typewriter (heads) and the Taj Mahal (tails). Each token costs $0.915 and runs the PC for 60 minutes. The $0.915 amount is based on the cost of an average staff member's hourly computer usage (receiving 27 emails; writing 11 emails; reading two emails; comprehending one email; hovering the mouse over one knowledge portal for 0.3 milliseconds, downloading a song from iTunes, bidding on three eBay items, checking the pension calculator in the HR Kiosk 21 times, and playing 12 games of Spider Solitaire).

More expensive "Advanced User" tokens are die-cast with Rakesh Asthana implementing CMM (heads) and Chennai's Kapaleeshwar Temple (tails), and provide access to the Internet and SAP. Still more expensive "Power User" tokens are die-cast with Satyam CEO B. Rama Raju (heads) and New Delhi's Red Fort (tails), and provide access to the Bank's cafeteria menus and Bulletin Board. Premium value "Executive" tokens are die-cast with Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh (both heads and tails), and provide access to the new Executive Staff Directory.

In related programs, ISG is planning to outfit BlackBerrys with coin slots, and the new IP telephone system will also be token-operated. The soon-to-retire Le Vu is planning to start a Coin Collection Service as soon as he officially is off the Bank's books (thanks, Chongman!).

Not to be out-charged, GSD plans to follow ISG's lead by extending the "pay as you go" concept to its restroom facilities. GSD's "Way to Go" tokens will be totally incompatible with ISG's tokens. However, ISG and GSD are putting together an "Action Team" (made up of Guy's Guy Guys) to produce a paper to propose that ISG management (also Guy's Guy Guys) recommend a study to explore creating a committee to hire a firm to write a strategy that outlines a framework from which proposals could be formulated that lead to the exploration of the concept of the feasibility of implementing a "Token Realignment System" sometime in the future.

"GSD is also adopting ISG's tiered value concept," says GSD Director Van Pulley. "You'll need to buy different 'Way to Go' tokens depending on what restroom you plan to use, for how long you use it, and of course, what you, um, need to, um, do in the stall. You can also Swipe-to-Wipe with your World Bank Corporate Diners Card in case you find yourself coinless. And don't forget you can also use your World Bank Corporate Diners Card itself to avoid additional charges. We hope this new offering will infuse front line staff with new appreciation for the value of back line staff," added Pulley. "Otherwise, we'll make them an offer they can't infuse."

All four ISG "value tiers" of tokens will be available for purchase at ISG's new "Token Solution Kiosks" located throughout the Bank. GSD tokens that work in the F-, H-. I- and J-building men's restrooms will be sold in the Main Complex women's restrooms, and vice versa.

Today on B~SPAN

7:25 a.m. *The National Anthem and Pledge of Allegiance*

9:00 a.m. *The View*. Kathy, Joy, Letitia, Daniela and Pamela debate an ethical dilemma: "Girlfriend, boarding the flight to Singapore at the last minute if you're in First Class and two EDs are in Business doesn't work!" Kathy repairs the ozone layer with withdrawn Operational Policies.

10:00 a.m. *I, Graeme (Episode 6150).* The Managing Director explains to OPCS's Fragile States team that dropping pallets of shrink-wrapped $100 bills from aircraft didn't work the last time it was tried. Sponsored by Northrup-Grumman, Exxon-Mobil, and the letter "D".

10:45 a.m. *Prison Break*. A former VP plots an escape from INT's detention center.

11:00 a.m. *One Tree Hill*. INT discovers that the IAD was right about the Iraq Carbon Sequestration Project, but the view from the top is splendid.

12:30 p.m. *I, Graeme (Episode 6151)*. The Managing Director receives whining managers who complain that the worldwide shortage of Lego for the YP assessment center is reason enough to hire ETCs. The Managing Director has lunch with Lars to see if IFC can help.

1:30 p.m. *As the World Turns*. Seeing a disruption in the global derivatives markets, Ken rushes to seek Vincenzo's advice, only to find that Vincenzo is in Chennai opening TRE's new offshore trading room. Fortunately, Kathy is able to persuade 1,400 community social funds to bail out the world financial system before anyone finds out.

2:00 p.m. *World Business Today*. Opening of a new IFC investment, the Pearl Garden Golden Panda Company Lego Factory. Live from Yongon. Remarks by Lars Thunell.

3:00 p.m. *Are you Being Served?* Van Pulley takes calls at the new GSD Helpdesk in Chennai. Callers mistake him for a United reservation agent, and demand upgrades.

4:00 p.m. *Kathy!* Kathy and her guest, Warren Evans, measure the carbon footprint of the Audit Committee, which is relieved to learn that 'hot air' is not a greenhouse gas.

5:00 p.m. *I, Graeme (Episode 6152)*. The Managing Director and Pamela Cox rehearse and record the Bank's new Diners Club commercial in Spanish for our LCR Platinum Card clients, on a set constructed entirely of Lego.

7:00 p.m. *Nip/Tuck*. Budget tricks for central units without trust funds, while auditors guess who's had work done.

8:00 p.m. *Pole Dancing With The Stars*. The senior management team competes to ensure success with IDA 15.

9:00 p.m. *24*. After Guy De Poerck purges the old IT governance structure, Jack Bauer saves IDA 15 but must kill a vertical fund and its unaccredited TTL with his toenail.

11:30 p.m. *Taps*. Performed by the ACS Color Guard.

HSD Responds to Workplace Health Threat

Just when you thought it was safe to eat in the MC Cafeteria again (see story p. 40, "Van Pulley Inters Last Cockroach"), a new, insidious menace has been served to unsuspecting Bank managers. CSRRM's new "Executive Indigestion" e-newsletter has spurred a new global gastroenterological pandemic that could prove as dangerous as an SOE audit. The January edition, which was served to hundreds of innocent managers, CAOs and everyone in the RM Family on February 22, contained so many toxic substances that HSD Director Bernard Demure issued an urgent health warning, and demanded a swift recall of all the dangerous and contagious bill of fare.

Bank Swirled food critic Pat A. de Foie Gras sampled the CSRRM offerings in the *Bank Swirled* offshore test kitchens (under medically supervised conditions), and offers the following tasting notes:

> *How to Implement a New Strategy Without Disrupting Your Organization.* Timely, fresh, and certainly something that the authors of the Strategic Directions paper could use to add a little zest to their otherwise tired offering to the EDs (and FOX News) at Christmastime. The Bank's answer to roast turkey, or at least, some large stuffed bird.
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> *How Managers' Everyday Decisions Create or Destroy Your Company's Strategy.* In more competent hands, this dish could have become excellent comfort food for the tired masses. As served, it was even harder to swallow than the sorry first offering from the FOX News "We prepare, you digest" website, which was harshly reviewed by the EDs' tasting panel. A Corporate Secretariat spokesman commented that "whoever created this dish should be forced to eat it."
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> *The Last Mile - Why Is It Still So Hard To Engage Line Managers in Budgeting?* CSRRM's suggestions for family meals could have inspired sector managers to put down their BlackBerrys during dinner and ask their spouses about the last World Bank Family Network visit to Saks Fifth Avenue, or if the children are doing well enough at Sidwell to get into Nova Scotia Agricultural College. Sadly, a plate of Kraft Macaroni and Cheese would have stimulated more intelligent conversation, especially if served with ginger, angelica, rosemary and a few other female JPAs.

Dr. Demure's personal wrath was reserved for *Working Hand in Hand: Balanced Scorecard and Enterprise Risk Management*, which he thought to be a thinly disguised justification for a dangerously high calorie, high cholesterol transfat-based dessert dish composed of two women's balance beam champions spread out over a series of private tastings that don't show in Notes Calendar. This dish really put the "score" in "scorecard."

Although most managers escaped intestinal injury by reporting the CSRRM meal invitation as spam (which, by the way, is much tastier), the dangerous fare was nevertheless digested by three unsuspecting senior staff, who are now recovering comfortably at George Washington University Hospital. Initial treatment was painful, involving leeches, HR Officers, iPods played at high volume, and "a nasty, bitter-tasting pill with a stronger purgative effect than a Town Hall meeting." A long-term cure may prove elusive, say sources close to the Advance Market Commitment scheme. Dr. Demure confirmed that a cocktail of Ex-Lax, Pepto-Bismol and Grey Goose vodka had shown promising results when tested at a JPA Happy Hour, but the test subjects advised that something inhaled would be more appealing to managers suffering from indigestion as OPE season rapidly approaches.

Resource and Performance Management Department (CSSRM) would like to advise the RM Family of enhancements to SAP's Work Program Agreement (WPA) module implemented on April 1 in response to user requests. Units are able to plan for WBS elements and internal orders that have not yet been registered in SAP using the new 'Existential Objects' tab.

WPA Enhancements

The three basic enhancements implemented are:

Existential Cost Object

New SAP transactions allow you to create, change, and display existential objects to plan for projects in the pipeline that may not exist but might be approved. Choose from the drop-down list an appropriate unit of happiness (video iPod, Kinshasa mission cancelled, trust fund without limitations, new JPA across the hall, PwC clears Financial Disclosure Statement, IFC-financed vineyard wins Gold Medal, etc.) or anxiety (daughter's appointment discovered, INT wants an "informal chat," PwC re-reviews Financial Disclosure Statement, etc.).

The new transactions are:

- ZWPTCO1 - Create Existential Cost Object (e.g., if a Town Hall question is unanswered, was it ever asked?)
- ZWPTCO2 - Change Existential Cost Object (e.g., if a former employer of an INT official corrects its website, was the website ever correct?)
- ZWPTCO3 - Display Existential Cost Object (e.g., if HR Renewal has no impact, did it ever happen?)

Existential Objects Tab

Plans for existential WBS and IOs are captured under a new WPA module tab labeled 'Existential Objects.' These objects cannot be aggregated up into the 'Business Plan' tab. Instead they will turn into a mantra, released to the wind like winged doves. Turn on your desktop speakers for full effect.

The mechanics for adding/changing/deleting tasks in this tab are unlike those for other tabs. If a sector manager stops thinking of an existential object, it ceases to exist unless a global partnership with multi-donor trust funds exists while the object is hiding in the existential tab. In this scenario, the existential object takes on a life of its own until TQC finds out about it and hunts it down and kills it. There is a mechanism to convert the existential object to the real WBS/IO: see Work Program Agreement, specific regional/network instructions, and practice saying "I believe."

Reports

Existence precedes essence, which is more fundamental than any meaning which may be ascribed to a report. Reports define reality. But what is a report? We derive from that answer our conclusions about how reports should behave. But beware! How do reports occur? Why are reports not informed of the rules and regulations but just thrust into service? How did reporting get involved in this enterprise called actuality? Are reports a matter of choice? And if reporting is compelled to be involved, where is the manager? If there is no approval, is there no manager?

HOW NOT TO BE CORRUPT

A World Bank Institute *Li'L Leader* Guide. **Free! Not for Resale.**

Greetings, political leader! No matter how you gained power, you face many burdens and responsibilities, especially if you expect to do business with the World Bank. One of those burdens is NOT TO BE CORRUPT.

A Journey of Discovery

"Not being corrupt" is a **journey of discovery**. The journey begins by understanding the World Bank's definition of corruption, and ends by unconditionally accepting the World Bank's definition of corruption. Are you ready to start learning? We are ready to teach!

Taking the First Step

Think back to when you first heard the word ***corruption***. Maybe you were hiding out in your jungle lair waiting to seize power? Or perhaps doing beer bongs in college? Wherever you were, it's time to set the record straight on the meaning of corruption.

How is Corruption Defined?

The World Bank's definition of corruption is an INT investigator saying:

"I found corruption!"

This simple, clear and objective definition enables us to find corruption wherever and whenever the need arises.

When Did Corruption Begin?

Corruption began during the Clinton Administration. As one Bank economist remarked at the time, "We are shocked, *shocked*, to discover that not all of the money we gave you has found its way back to us!"

Discovering corruption helped the World Bank explain over 50 years of "fully satisfactory" projects. Thus, for the Bank's purposes, the discovery of corruption marked an important new beginning.

Who Is Responsible for Corruption?

You may have heard the saying that corruption takes two parties – a "corruptor" and a "corruptee." While it's true that lots of corruption takes place ***at*** parties, corruption is exclusively the fault of the corruptee. Why? Because here in the developed world, it's accepted business practice for the "corruptor" to offer an incentive to establish good will. However, if you accept this incentive – and then fail to deliver on the "good will" – ***it is* corruption**. Sanctions and other punitive actions will follow. And you will have no one to blame but yourself!

Corruption Quiz

Now let's test your "Corruption IQ."

Mark the following True or False (T or F). Use a black pen or white chalk – no straying into grey areas! And keep your eyes on your own paper, because one person's corruption is another person's source of revenue!

1. Corruption only exists in developing countries where the rule of law is weak. **Answer**: True. The sophisticated legal systems in developed countries deliver such lightning-swift justice that no one dares to be corrupt!	T F
2. Corruption of political leaders is only possible in non-democratic countries. **Answer**: True. Leaders of democracies are never corrupt.	T F
3. Only in corrupt countries can wealthy businessmen make "campaign contributions" to politicians to influence legislation and the awarding of government contracts. **Answer**: True. This can only happen in corrupt countries.	T F
4. In corrupt countries, individuals who have shown gross errors in judgment are shuffled to new posts where it is believed they will do less damage. **Answer**: True. Only in corrupt countries are individuals who've shown gross errors in judgment shuffled to new posts. However, the amount of damage they can do after that is another matter.	T F

Your Journey of Discovery is finished. How did your country score?

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Best Wordplay
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2nd Prize: Framed photo of 2006–07 EDs

3rd Prize: $100 U.S. Savings Bond
and a framed photo of 2006–07 EDs

Admission is difficult, but you'll feel better after you do – and we'll have a trust fund waiting for you at the door!

When: April 1

Where: MC Atrium -"Fragility's Front Porch"

Free Ice Cream!

All HRS, WBI, EBC and Conflict Mediation Staff are also invited – AND the entire RM Family! Failing has never been so much fun!

Please Note: all bags, briefcases and backpacks brought into the Annual Festival are subject to search by INT.

SOX Compliance

(*Editor's Note: President Paul Wolfowitz's recent visit to Turkey was covered extensively by European wire services. As a public service,* Bank Swirled *contracted with GSD Language Services to translate the story from the original Turkish to Latvian to Dutch, then back to Turkish, and finally to English. The result is printed below as a public service to readers..)*

Embarrassment on the facing of Wolfowitz when removed the footwear for entrance in the Muslim place of religious. Ugly figure for the figurehead of the World's bank vault, Paul the American Wolfowitz. Sunday, during its visit in Turkey, it lived some embarrassing moments before crossing across the threshold of the well-known mosque Selimiye. Just removed the shoes from the foots (a ritual that symbolizing the will to outside leave every pollution) and here comes to light the holes in the grey socks of Wolfowitz and restored to the news of the Turkish NTV the steps of the World president during its official journeys in the Turkey.

And the printing papers of the country intended the stand out of the photograph giving large news of the socks pierced. The sarcastic comment of the daily *Hürriyet*: "The head of the money has the holes in the toes. That lint is like the toe cheese and not of the belly button!" Even the sport pamphlet *Fanatýk Gazetesi* has remarks on football with the Wolfowitz feets, and had opinions that "it may preside on the World finance things, but it not smell like a rose bush in a bowling alley after the slippers exchange."

Not only the visits in the temple mosque had the unpleasant moments for the Wolfowitz. During a private tour in a bazaars the Paul Wolfowitz noted two bracelets of the wrists in silver to gain. When, searching in the pants, it is itself shrewd not to have enough money with it to pay the jewelry keeper of shop, had to make lend the sum from its guards of the body. The cost of the bracelets was of about 150 euro. Wolfowitz is known mainly to be have been, in the last glory, one of the architects of the foreign politics of the administration of the George Bush son.

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Traveler's Health Information

Summer Health Warning

If you are feeling hot and you are not a JPA, it's probably the onset of what we medical doctors call "summer." Summer is the time of year when all types of pests - notably mosquitoes, fleas, ticks and internal auditors - thrive in your sweaty discomfort.

In addition to being extremely annoying, some of these pests carry the very real danger of West Nile virus, malaria, dengue fever, Lyme disease and INT investigation. Also, global warming has resulted in tropical venomous snakes migrating to new areas in search of their favorite prey: docile, slow-moving, thin-skinned international bureaucrats.

To ensure your safety against these pests, the Joint Bank/Fund Health Services Department is offering all staff members a new Universal Dangerous Biting Animal and Insect Treatment kit, or U-D-BAIT®. The kit includes our patented Lethal Bite Solution®. Staff members cover themselves with the solution, which quickly makes them irresistable to a wide variety of lethal pests. Most pests die unrepentantly within one hour of feeding, without pension survivor benefits, leaving a safer, healthier environment for your surviving colleagues.

Immediately following each pest bite, staff members should daub any puncture wound with Joint Bank/Fund Health Services Department Bite Cleansing Solution® to help reduce the chance of infection. If you do not have Joint Bank/Fund Health Services Department Bite Cleansing Solution®, use tap water. Conversely, if you ever need tap water, you can use your Joint Bank/Fund Health Services Department Bite Cleansing Solution®.

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IDA 15 Silent Auction

April 1, 2007 MC-Atrium

Units from around the Bank Group have donated spectacular items for this triennial event! All proceeds go to the IDA 15 replenishment. Bid often and on as many items as you wish. Here is just a PARTIAL list of auction items:

A pony
Indonesia
~~One Level GJ Position in AFR~~ (Sorry! This item has already been won.)
Chief Counsel, LEG
Ukraine's AAUs (brand new, never used)
Jim Wolfensohn's 2004 Prius hybrid (only 2K miles, always garaged, excellent condition)
Designation as a "Nationality of Focus"
GSM phone (donated by Deutsche Telekom)
All Country Director positions in MNA (bidding starts at SDR100 million)
The Governance and Anti-Corruption Strategy
A doctor's note to miss the next Development Committee Meeting
A lifetime prescription for Prozac, autographed by Dr. Demure
Limited edition lithograph of an original Dan Sellen blog, signed by the author
The ITSB, the BSG and the FTSC
A framed replica of the 2007 Compensation Strategy Paper
The Office of Ethics and Business Conduct
A fragile state of your choice
A pair of darned socks from the President's Office (slightly used)
Your life story on IFC's "The Buzz" podcast

… and hundreds of other unique and valuable items! The list goes on and on!

Note: the Silent Auction is open to Executive Directors, WBFN, staff members, civil society, parliamentarians and anyone else who has enough clout to throw major money at IDA. Because they have already given, corporate sponsors of the Human Development Network and the makers of DDT are excluded from bidding. They will receive their tickets by mail to the Gala Awards Ceremony at the Maputo Avenida on June 24. All donations are tax deductible as allowed by law.

Password Minus

As previously announced, new password rules were recently put in place for the most popular Bank systems. Unfortunately, the "Password Plus" concept proved too complicated for most staff and their children. Therefore, ISG has replaced it with yet another new program called "Password Minus," modeled after the BFSFCU's new online banking security system.

Effective immediately, any new passwords that you create must meet the following rules:

- Must be a password YOU HAVE USED BEFORE
- Must contain and begin with the UPPERCASE letter A
- Must contain and end with the NUMERIC character 9
- Must contain the two REPEATING characters AA
- Must be a word found in the Oxford English DICTIONARY

Alternately, your password can be the exact name of a child or pet, your ATM PIN code, your birth date, your mother's maiden name, your social security number or the date of your retirement from the Bank with full pension.

Your secure password will now be conveniently displayed on your PeoplePage of the Bank's intranet. Systems most frequently used that must comply with the rules above are Computer Logon, Pension Calculator, eBay, iTunes, eHarmony, eTrade, mySpace and YouTube.

If you have already created your Password Plus, too bad! You should know by now that ISG seldom gets it right the first time.

Information security is everybody's responsibility. Do not share your password with anyone except your Executive Assistant. Make sure your UPI and password are on a sticky note attached to your monitor. For more information on passwords, call the ISG Global Support Center on x32121, option 73, or call Val Steward directly at x33347.

IFC Goes Global ~ and Local

Plans in IFC continue apace for the implementation of a new client-centric framework, known variously as "Global/Local," "IFC 2010," or "When It Fails I Won't Care Because By Then I'll Be Retired To Stockholm And The Next EVP Can Clean Up The Mess." While a consensus has yet to emerge over whether the shift from an egocentric and pension-centric organization to a client-centric one will be a success, it is clear that the upcoming changes have the folks over at 2121 Penn all a-tizzy.

In an interview with *Bank Swirled,* IFC Human Resources VP Dorothy Berry confirmed that the new structure will be a big improvement. "We've always had some HR issues driven by the absence of a 'one-staff' structure at IFC. The differences between being a local hire and a global recruit led to resentment and jealousy that was counterproductive in fulfilling our mission. With those barriers torn down, we will have one global staff, in most cases. Everyone will be able to focus their jealous rage on only the select few who still manage to relocate on full expatriate benefits packages. So, with this new structure, effectively we will move from a minority disenfranchised from the majority, to a vast majority spurning an entitled few. This is definitely progress! And if it works, it was my idea!"

"In addition," added Berry, "for years, business development officers were the big shots. Now it will be client relationship officers that are the stars. That is change, and change is good: for the client, for the Corporation, and especially for HR."

Xavier Coll Announcement

Jingle Quintos, Program Assistant in the Office of the Vice President of Human Resources, today announced that Xavier Coll has no lunchtimes available before his departure to new responsibilities at the EIB in July. Thus, any staff member wanting references, favors, benefits exceptions, jobs in Luxembourg, expunging of portions of career files, retribution, or the name of Xavier's favorite tapas bar in Washington, are just out of luck. "Xavier wants to be fair to everyone," said Quintos, "but the unexpected volume of requests forced us to use a 'first come, first served' model."

Kaufman Series

In an effort to foster further debate and knowledge sharing within the Bank Group about the Bank's war on corruption, WBI is sponsoring a fully catered symposium featuring Dani Kaufman, who will be reading excerpts from his new book entitled *The Kaufman Indicators*. Today's session is the second in a series of monthly WBI knowledge sharing lectures featuring Dani Kaufman, and is a follow-up to Kaufman's lecture last month, entitled "The Kaufman Indicators."

Managing Director Graeme Wheeler attended the first lecture, and spoke at a press conference promoting the lecture series. "Though I have yet to see any evidence of fraud and corruption in Bank projects, Dani nonetheless is quite impressive when he speaks about a subject for which he has such passion." Senior Investigator Jonathan Shapiro of INT was less charitable. "I was a bit disappointed that WBI didn't even provide either a halal or kosher meal choice. Unfortunately, this demonstrates the Bank still has a long way to go. Julie Oyegun has been duly notified and I am personally investigating the Bank's relationship with Sodexho." Kaufman himself commented "I never get tired of my lectures. I always learn something new about myself."

Uncharacteristic of a World Bank presentation, feedback was not unanimously positive. Fumed self-declared fraud czar of the World Bank, Glenn Ware: "The ham on the finger food was delicious, but the presentation was weak. That guy didn't even mention me once!"

Sasha Baron Cohen celebrates his appointment as the Bank Group's new Country Director for Kazakhstan

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PROJECT INFORMATION DOCUMENT (PID) CONCEPT STAGE

Project Name	Good Neighbors
Region	Local
Sector	Aquaculture and Fisheries
Project ID	PID7890
Environment Category	[ ] A [X] B [ ] C [ ] FI [ ] TBD (to be determined)
Date PID Prepared	04/01/2007

I. Proposed objective(s)

Following the recent U.S. economic meltdown, the project goal is to maintain the Chesapeake Bay as a producer of *calinectes sapiduscrabs* (blue crabs) for which it has a comparative advantage due to geography and climate.

II. Preliminary Description

This project, implemented over a three year period, comprises: (a) a brackish water dam component; (b) a refrigerated storage and transportation component; (c) a private-sector distribution component.

III. Detail

The dam component is the most complex as it requires the submersion of all of Georgetown, Foggy Bottom and Southwest DC, as well as the National Mall, under 28 feet of water, along with the involuntary resettlement of residents, businesses and offices in these areas and the transfer of the Washington Nationals back to Montreal.

IV. Private Sector Partners

- China Deluxe Crab Meat Imports, Beijing
- Curry & Crabs-4-U, Ltd. Bombay
- Purina Cat Chow, Crab Flavor Division, Intl.

V. Project Benefits

a) revitalization of an economically depressed area, albeit under 28 feet of water;
b) low-cost crab meat for Chinese and Indian consumers;
c) fuller, shinier coats for cats.

VI. Benefits to the Poor

A small percentage of the Washington inhabitants displaced by the dam component may be hired to hand-sluice the crab excrement pools at minimum wage. Potential use of G5 domestics for same purpose.

VII. Project Risks

Risks that could impede the success of the project include:

a) *Downward fluctuation in the price of crab meat due to global competition.* Risk mitigated by encouraging extremely close collaboration between the world's crab meat producers, distributors, wholesalers and retailers at the corporate strategic level, with special emphasis on pricing.

b) *Insufficient capacity of local political leaders to communicate the benefits of the project to their citizens, particularly in Georgetown.* Risk mitigated by a Bank-funded, outreach/public awareness campaign with television advertisements promoting the benefits of free trade, globalization, and learning how to eat crab.

c) *Finicky cats.* Risk mitigated by establishing a blue-ribbon committee to recommend how to increase demand for crab flavoring among high-profile, opinion-leading cats looking for new taste treats after giving up 'gravy style' food. In addition, uncooperative felines may be taken to "my cousin's friend's farm out in the country."

VIII. Contact

For information, the World Bank Public Information Center. For more information, FOX News.

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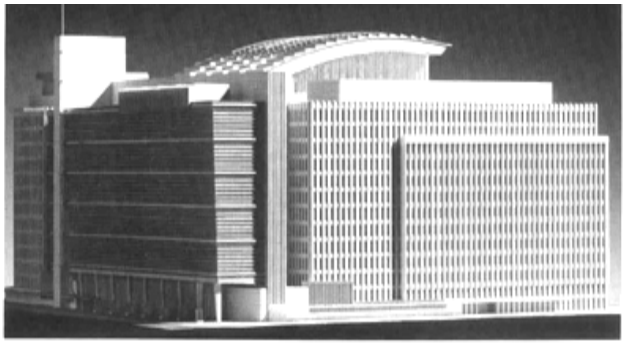

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