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**Laurence J. Kotlikoff**

Professor of Economics  
Boston University  
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National Bureau of Economic Research

**The President's Proposal to Save Social Security: Real or Just Political Hype?**

Tuesday, April 27, 1999  
3:00 p.m.

Room 308 Rudder Tower

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**Kite flight**



Carl Topke, Class of '86 and a Houston resident, flies a kite at the Polo Fields Sunday.

**Doctors monitor McCaughey septuplets for cerebral palsy**

• *Specialists not ready to make diagnosis but fear signs of disability.*

CARLISLE, IOWA (AP) — Two of the 17-month-old McCaughey septuplets are growing so slowly that there's concern they may have cerebral palsy, their mother said.

While Nathan and Alexis are being monitored for the disorder, their pediatrician is not ready to make a diagnosis, Bobbi McCaughey said.

"While there are some signs of something that could be long-term, they don't have to mean that," she said in Sunday's *Des Moines Register*. "They could just be muscle issues."

While Alexis can not yet sit up by herself, McCaughey said, she can stay upright once someone puts her in a sitting position.

Dr. Peter Hetherington, the children's doctor, said that Alexis' lack of strength could stem from her difficulty in getting enough food to thrive.

Alexis weighs just over 15 pounds - up from 12 in January - and is still fed through a tube in her stomach.

She has severe reflux and vomits frequently. She became dehydrated and lost weight while hospitalized for nine days in January with flu and diarrhea.

Nathan weighs 20 pounds. The newspaper did not say what the other children weigh, and there was no additional comment Sunday.

Calls to the firm that handles all of the McCaugheys' public relations, the Ambassador Agency of Nashville, were not answered Sunday.

Doctors frequently monitor developmentally delayed children between the ages of 18 and 30 months for cerebral palsy, Dennis C. Harper, a University of Iowa pediatric professor and president of

the American Academy for Cerebral Palsy and Developmental Medicine, said.

"It's a hard call at a very young age," Harper said. "You need to look at growth over time. ... Children's nervous systems are amazingly plastic."

Cerebral palsy is a motor nerve disorder caused by a permanent brain defect or injury shortly after birth.

Those who suffer milder cases may have spastic paralysis, while more severe cases can include seizures, numbness and mental retardation.

Physical therapists have been visiting the McCaughey home twice a month since October to work with Nathan and Alexis.

Even with their medical challenges, McCaughey said, she and her husband, Kenny, are generally optimistic.

"I wouldn't be telling the truth if I said I never, ever, worried," she said.

Falsely accused to receive apology  
Chicago promises to personally visit the two boys 7 and 8.

CHICAGO (AP) — Richard Daley says he will apologize to two young boys falsely accused of killing a 12-year-old girl last summer.

"I'll apologize to them personally," Daley said Sunday.

Last week, Cook County prosecutors charged the 7-year-old boy and his 8-year-old brother with the murder, kidnapping, unlawful confinement and predatory criminal sexual assault in the slaying of a public defender.

Daley, who remains in office, said he is also changing the name of the case to reflect the boys' innocence.

The boys, ages 7 and 8, were found in a vacant home in the gleewood neighborhood and sexually molested.

The arrests came after questioning by detectives said the two confessed to the slaying of the 12-year-old girl.

Harris because they were on a bicycle.

Charges were dropped in September after a DNA test revealed semen on the girl's body did not match the boys.

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**WHEN?** April 28, 1999  
6 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

**WHERE?** Clayton-Williams Alumni Center Banquet Room

**WHY?** AWLF is a fun, informative program and it's held over for dinner. A panel of current female student leaders and former women's students will discuss their experiences at Texas A&M.

The cost is \$5 per person (includes dinner & admission). Dress is business casual.

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