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What Price Your Prized Possessions?

by John Tiley

If you saw the Christmas Parade Slide Show, then you are familiar with the very talented works of the two contributing photographers of that show, Lorayn DeLuca of Image Security and Chuck Demund of the Waxhaw/Weddington Rotary Club. This story is about Lorayn. Chuck, quite an interesting character himself will be the subject of an upcoming article as well.

I first met Lorayn just prior to the parade having been introduced to her by Nancy Duncan, a fellow Rotary member. We chatted for a bit then we both got down to the business of meeting, greeting and taking photos of the participants and of the parade. It wasn't until later that evening when I discovered that my digital camera decided to go non-digital and there was not one photo in the cameras memory of the day that I realized my luck in meeting Lorayn. Thank the heavens that her and Chuck did such a marvelous job as all can plainly see in the subsequent slide show. And that is how I first came to know Lorayn Deluca.

Lorayn relocated here from NYC to be near her family, is a very interesting lady whose father and brothers too, have all been in the construction business, both residential and commercial and having a family in the business has certainly rubbed off on Lorayn. She not only worked for her father early on but has undertaken a number of small and large scale renovations of her own, culminating in the building of her new home from scratch. For a living she worked first in the corporate world then as a New York State Certified Police Instructor providing continuous in-service training including police law, fire safety, child abuse prevention, diversity and sensitivity training to police officers, sergeants and lieutenants-as well as working in Crisis Intervention doing confidential interview and investigations for the Office of the Chief. Now I know this seems like the long way around to the story, but all of this background plays a part in the direction her life has taken.



One very important aspect of her life that comes into play... is years ago she was the unfortunate victim of a home fire that totally wiped out all of her possessions. She knows that with adequate insurance you can always rebuild, probably better than you had in the first place, but your possessions, all

of those things you have acquired one at a time over many years, be they a favorite tool or a prized personal photo. They are all gone! And for months, even years all of a sudden you will remember something else that was lost, one more thing forgotten in the heart wrenching effort to rebuild.

Every insurance agent will tell you to make a proper list of everything you own and take photos of anything of value such as a stamp or coin collections. Then put that list someplace safe.

Well, that sounds simple enough. At least until you try to do it.... Locating, writing everything down, listing serial numbers and of course taking photos to prove you really have all of this stuff becomes a daunting challenge. A project that most of us start cutting corners on or just leaving the chore unfinished, one that we put aside until we can find more time. We all have projects like that collecting dust in the corners of our lives. Besides, you will never be the victim of a fire or robbery. No, not you! But, Lorayn does know. So if you or somebody you know can't attest to the roller coaster ride you will be taking when it happens to you, ask Lorayn. She knows only too well.



Of course the best thing to do is listen to your Insurance Agent, the local Police Department or your conscience and get something done now, before you wished you would have! Call

Lorayn, she can help you out. It is what her business is, it's what she does! She will offer to contract with you based on your needs. Perhaps it is a simple list and can be done quickly or maybe it is important to catalog all of those tools you inherited from your father, or the Hummel collection you inherited from Auntie May. She will document all of the things you have, organize them and photograph them so a precise record is made of all that you have. And you will end up with everything conveniently contained on a DVD. You can then copy the info to your computer and update the list as you acquire new property; secure a copy in your Bank Safety Deposit Box and perhaps even supply your insurance agent with a copy for review to make sure you have enough coverage to replace the items you own. Whether you are clarifying your estate planning, or tracking personal property when moving in and out of your primary or secondary home or business, Lorayn's detailed digital visual record will insure that you receive the maximum reimbursement for your loss in the shortest amount of time. Her confidential quality service is fast, affordable, reliable and convenient.

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Lorayn can be reached [here](#) by e-mail

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Inside:



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"The government agreed to provide a fresh capital injection and absorb as much as \$98.2 billion in losses."

[Read the article here](#)

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Also around town;

Now that the Christmas Season is over, Cathy Murphy has already begun work on the Spring Fest...

**2009 Waxhaw
Spring Fest**
2 day family
craft & fun festival

The exhibitor ([click here](#)) and concessionaire ([click here](#)) applications for Spring Fest 2009 are now available on-line.

NEW: If your organization is a non-profit, you have an opportunity this year to waive your exhibitor and/or concession fee. You can do this by providing two adult volunteers to assist the event staff during Spring Fest. Interested? Contact Cathy Murphy at 704-843-2195 ext 26.

NEW: Non-profits, would you like to help raise funds for your organization at Spring Fest? Why not sponsor an activity in the Children's area. Once your organization has covered the rental fee-the balance can go back to your group.

Interested? Call Cathy at the number above or e-mail her at: events@waxhaw.com

by Phone @ 704-962-6962
& on the web at: www.Image Security.biz

Rep. Myrick, exception taken to your "Amendment to Prevent Job Outsourcing"!

For years we have watched the beneficiaries of the "Troubled Assets Relief Program, (TARP)," fire American Employees at every opportunity just so they can "outsource those jobs" to cheap, inferior Indian/Pakistani counterparts with nothing

When are you people in Washington going to wake up and realize that you are being taken for a ride? These people have no interest in fixing things unless they get to put vast sums of money in their own pockets. Their only focus is in enlarging their market position, then streamlining it to

more altruistic in mind than increasing their dividends and bonus's.... With no concept of their using any additional capital in building a better product here in the US of A, instead they continue to rape America! In recent months the Government has seen fit to give them hundreds of billions of US Taxpayer Dollars to "Bail them out" of their financial ruin, all of which, by the way, was brought on by the GREED CENTRIC leadership of these unregulated goliaths. And now, far out shadowing anything you say in your proposed Amendment, these "Goliaths" are blatantly using the TARP funds as they please and are now *telling you*, the government, that you need to give them Billions more to complete these mega-mergers they have undertaken with our money and without our approval or scrutiny to begin with.

engorge themselves on the profits.... And by the way, in the process they will be firing what, 30, 40 or maybe even 50 thousand American employees between them this time around?

Sue, in my humble opinion, you and your counterparts in Washington need to be spending your time cutting off the Medusas Heads of these Enron'esq Goliaths, not writing meaningless amendments that only shut the barn doors long after the horses are gone.

*Rep Myrick's proposed amendment
can be read here>*

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100 BILLION DOLLARS!

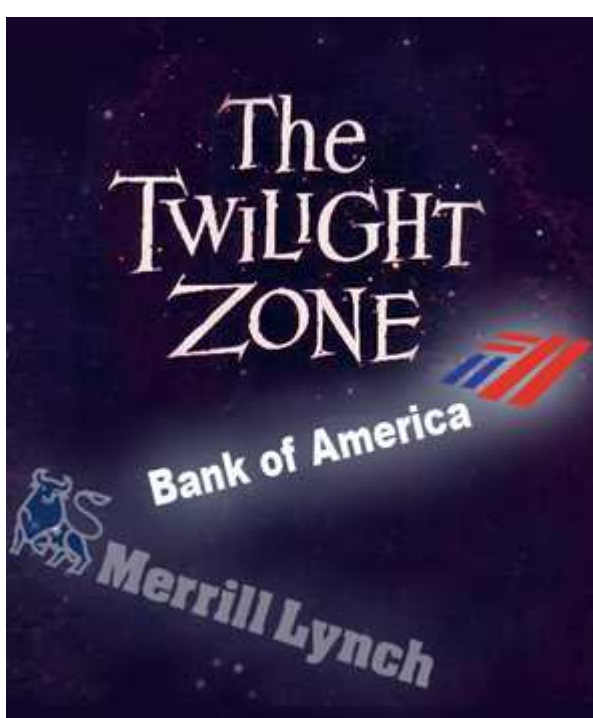
Just so Bank of America can “merge” with Merrill Lynch without having to take responsibility for Merrill’s bad debts!?

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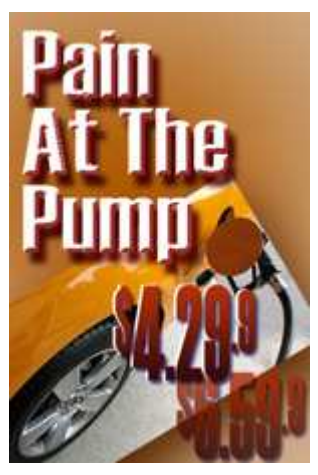
“The government agreed to provide a fresh capital injection and absorb as much as \$98.2 billion in losses.”

Have you ever felt like you have just fallen down the Rabbit Hole, or perhaps crossed into the Twilight Zone? Every time I hear yet another tidbit like this the world becomes more surreal. Rod Serling must be spinning in his grave over the story opportunity he missed; certainly back in his time nobody would ever have believed such a mess could be possible!

About the only positive spin I can think of would be for the Government to go ahead and take a majority position, then they could foreclose on these companies and fire all of the people that put them into this tailspin to begin with. Of course it has come to the surface that these bailouts may very well be unconstitutional to begin with so perhaps the Treasury guys that perpetuated this will find themselves in trouble along with the *Pandit, Thompson, Lewis* and the rest of them..... I'm sure that leaving the same guys in charge, the ones that perpetuated this to begin with, can only lead to yet more fiscal shenagins.



Just to put things into perspective, if you took the 100 Billion Dollars being thrown into this abyss, you could employ how many people at a salary of 50 Thousand a year each. Can you imagine what could be done with that kind of work force? And what if we used the entire 700 plus Billion Dollars that way? Of course there wouldn't be any room for high dollar CEO's, but you can't save everybody.



Prices for gas in the Waxhaw area... Headed Up Again!

And they are predicting over \$2.00 by the time Spring gets here?

Editors Note: Usually I personally check the prices posted for the above companies. However, occasionally when time is short I call the stations on the phone to check for current prices. If no pricing is offered the above reflects the last visually confirmed pricing.

	3/20/08	1/9/09
Texaco:	\$3.19.9	\$1.72.9
Pure:	\$3.24.9	
Little General:	\$3.24.9	\$172.9
Shell:	\$3.24.9	\$1.72.9
Wax. In n Out:	\$3.26.9	\$1.72.9
Mineral Springs:		
M. S. Grocery	\$3.20.9	\$1.72.9
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Waxhaw's Events Calendar

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We just wanted to introduce ourselves and let you know that we've opened a new trophy shop, Winning Awards, in beautiful downtown Waxhaw. We're located directly across from the veteran's memorial in the former Waxhaw Woman's Club building at 105 E. North Main Street. We strive to earn Union County's business with beautiful products, timely service and competitive pricing. Can't get to the shop to pick up your order? We'll make arrangements to deliver at no extra charge! Our showroom is jam packed with sample trophies, plaques, gifts and awards. We also make nametags, desk name plates, wall signs ("restroom", "cashier", "office", "please turn off cell phones", etc.) and much more. Come visit us in person and on the web at www.WinningAwards.net. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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Fitness Trainer & Personal Chef Join Forces to Expand Services

Fitness Together®
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Debbie Burgess,
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chef of The Hungry
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Service, LLC have
joined forces to
help their clients
reach their fitness
goals in 2009.

“This collaboration offers an incredible benefit to our clients,” says Turi. “We both have clients whose goal is to be healthier through exercise and nutrition. Our trainers guide our clients through exercise programs and our dietician advises on nutrition, but often following through with the recommended meal program is the wild card for our busy clients. This is where Chef Debbie can help them improve the odds of reaching their fitness goals.”

“The personalized one-on-one service to the clients by the trainers at the studio is matched by the customized nature of my personal chef service,” adds Burgess, who is a certified personal fitness chef. “Each client’s meal plan is designed after consulting the dietician, trainer and, of course, the clients to find out what they like to eat. The key to sticking to a meal plan is having appropriate snacks and meals at hand that are delicious, portable and convenient.”

By combining services, Turi and Burgess are able to offer discounts and expanded services, enabling current and future clients to better focus on their fitness goals. For more information, contact Lenny Turi at Fitness

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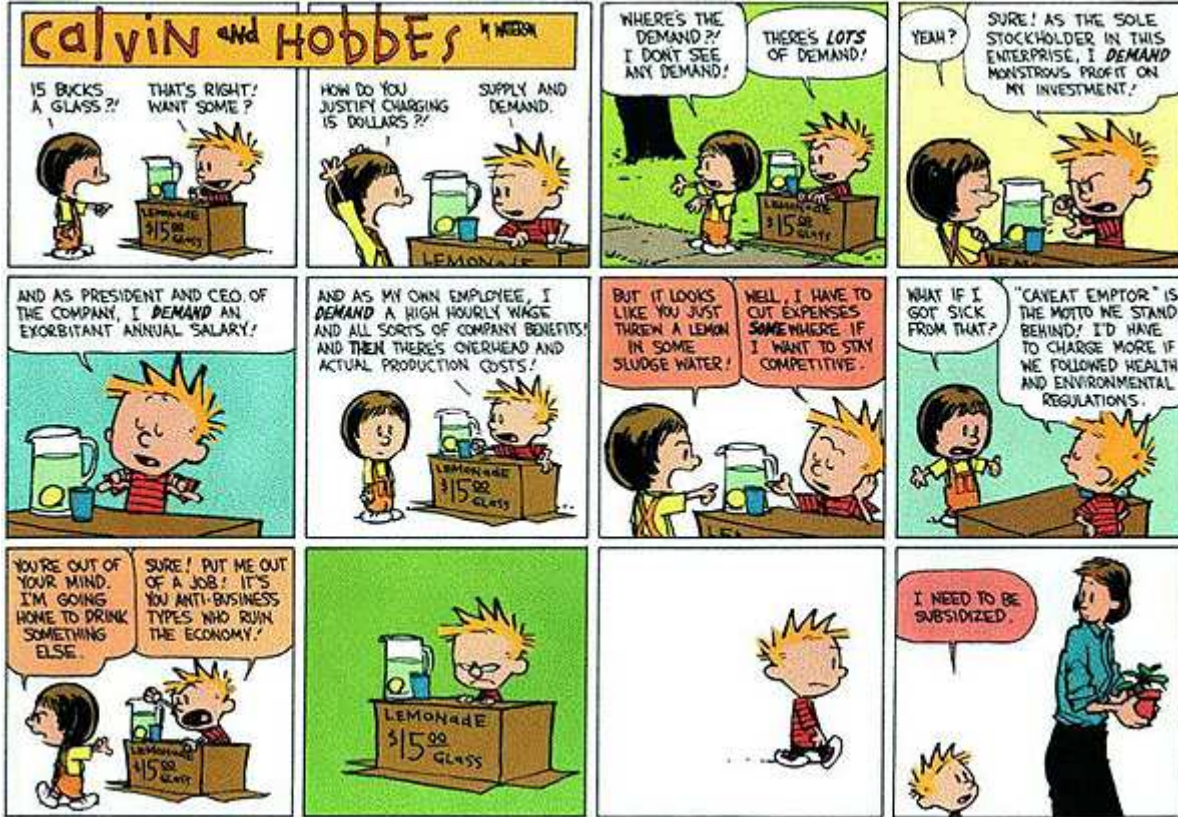
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This is perfect!

Calvin's (of Calvin & Hobbs) explanation of his lemonade stand's business perspective has a resonance to the American Banking & Auto industry's position in the economy.

Remember that this cartoon was drawn over 15 years ago!



Myrick Introduces Amendment to Prevent Job Outsourcing

(Washington, DC) – US Representative Sue Myrick (NC-09) will introduce an amendment today that would prevent any company that receives funds as part of the Troubled Assets Relief Program (TARP) from outsourcing any new customer service or call center jobs to a foreign-based company.

“If companies benefit from significant taxpayer funding, they should make every effort to hire American workers. I am not aware of any companies that have received funds that have entered into new contracts with foreign-based customer service centers, but I do know that our constituents have a great deal of skepticism about the program and how their money has been spent,” Rep. Myrick said. “And if a company that has been propped up with taxpayer dollars were to outsource these jobs – when unemployment rates continue to rise here in America – it would create further cynicism. I don’t think it’s unreasonable to demand that American workers are used to fill any new customer service jobs for the companies that are assisted with American taxpayer dollars.”

The amendment will be offered during debate on HR 384, the TARP Reform and Accountability Act.

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**"Always do right -
This will gratify
some people and
astonish the rest."
--Mark Twain**

And now, Our Weekly Dose of Humor directly from the Internet.....

bits and pieces that your Editor will not testify to for correctness, accuracy nor even believability but they are certainly humorous? So Enjoy!

Uncle Jay Explains. . . "2008 Year in Review." *Very amusing.*

A man sat at a metro station in Washington DC and played the violin; it was a cold January morning. He played six Bach pieces for about 45 minutes. During that time, it was calculated that thousand of people went through the station, most of them on their way to work.

Three minutes went by and a middle aged man noticed there was musician playing. He stopped for a few seconds and then hurried to catch the train.

A minute later, the violinist received his first dollar tip: a woman threw the money in the till and without stopping continued to walk.

A few minutes later, someone leaned against the wall to listen to him, but the man looked at his watch and started to walk again. Clearly he was late for work.

The one who paid the most attention was a 3 year old boy. He wanted to stay, but the mother pushed hard and the child continued to walk turning his head all the time. This action was repeated by several other children. All the parents, without exception, forced them to move on.

In the 45 minutes the musician played, only 6 people stopped and stayed for a while. About 20 gave him money but continued to walk their normal pace. He collected \$32. When he finished playing and silence took over, no one noticed it. No one applauded, nor was there any recognition.

No one knew this but the violinist was Joshua Bell, one of the best musicians in the world. He played one of the most intricate pieces ever written with a violin worth 3.5 million dollars.

Two days before his playing in the subway, Joshua Bell sold out at a theater in Boston and the seats average \$100.

Joshua Bell playing incognito in the station was organized by the Washington Post as part of an social experiment about perception, taste and priorities of people. The outlines were: in a

CRABBY OLD MAN

When an old man died in the geriatric ward of a small hospital near Tampa, Florida, it was believed that he had nothing left of any value. Later, when the nurses were going through his meager possessions, they found this poem. Its quality and content so impressed the staff that copies were made and distributed to every nurse in the hospital.

Crabby Old Man

What do you see nurses?....What do you see?
What are you thinking.....when you're looking at me?

A crabby old man, not very wise,
Uncertain of habit.....with faraway eyes?
Who dribbles his food.....and makes no reply
When you say in a loud voice..'I do wish you'd try!'

Who seems not to notice the things that you do.
And forever is losing.....A sock or shoe?
Who resisting or not..lets you do as you will,
With bathing and feeding.....The long day to fill?

Is that what you're thinking?
Is that what you see?
Then open your eyes nurse
You're not looking at me.

I'll tell you who I am.....As I sit here so still,
As I do at your bidding,....as I eat at your will.
I'm a small child of Ten...with a father and mother,
Brothers and sisters.....who love one another.
A young boy of Sixteen.....with wings on his feet
Dreaming that soon.....a lover he'll meet.
A groom soon at Twenty.....my heart gives a leap.
Remembering, the vows.....that I promised to keep.
At Twenty-Five, now.....I have young of my own.
Who need me to guide them, and provide a secure happy home.

A man of Thirty.....My young now grown fast,
Bound to each other.....With ties that should last.



commonplace environment at an inappropriate hour, do we perceive beauty? Do we stop to appreciate it? Do we recognize the talent in an unexpected context?

One of the possible conclusions from this experience could be:

If we do not have a moment to stop and listen to one of the best musicians in the world playing the best music ever written, how many other things are we missing?

Forty, my young sons.....have grown and are gone,
But my woman's beside me.....to see I don't mourn.

At Fifty, once more,.....Babies play 'round my knee ,
Again, we know children....My loved one and me.

Dark days are upon me.....My wife is now dead.
I look at the future.....I shudder with dread.
For my young are all rearing.....young of their own.
And I think of the years...and the love that I've known.

I'm now an old man.....and nature is cruel.
Tis jest to make old age....look like a fool.
The body, it crumbles.....grace and vigor depart.
There is now a stone.....where I once had a heart.
But inside this old carcass.....
A young guy still dwells and now and again....my battered heart swells.
I remember the joys.....I remember the pain.
And I'm loving and living.....life over again.

I think of the years....all too few.....gone too fast.
And accept the stark fact....that nothing can last.
So open your eyes, people.....open and see.
Not a crabby old man. Look closer....see....ME!

Remember this poem when you next meet an older person who you might brush aside without looking at the young soul still within....we will all, one day be there, too!

(Much sooner than we expect.)

PLEASE SHARE THIS POEM !