



A Crude Calculation

The petroleum industry has become accustomed to calling the tune in Washington, so the action by the Democratic-led House to strike down a tax credit and reclaim royalty payments from oil companies is a signal that November's election will have deep repercussions in the Oil Patch. The effort to force renegotiation of drilling contracts between the oil companies and the U.S. Interior Department is especially important. Back in the late 1990's, Clinton administration officials signed agreements for drilling in risky, deep-water areas that offered a carrot of no royalty payments, but the officials forgot to include a standard provision requiring such payments if oil exceeded \$34 a barrel. The Bush administration has been aware of the oversight since at least 2004, but made no effort to renegotiate the contracts. The House bill creates a "conservation fee" on oil and gas production by companies that refuse to renegotiate the faulty leases. The American Petroleum Institute's economist, John Felmy, calls demands for renegotiation "fundamentally wrong," but the fee would generate about \$7.6 billion by 2016. Together with revenues from the disallowed tax credit, the House bill would bring in about \$14 billion over 10 years. But the measure must first win approval in the Senate, where the Democratic margin is just one vote. Since President Bush has said he opposes renegotiation of the deep-water leases, the measure is likely to face a veto. Interior's mission is to manage the nation's resources in a way that balances the interests of both the energy industry and the taxpayers. Instead, the department is tilting toward Big Oil at a time when the Treasury needs every dollar it can get. Senate approval of the House bill would push the needle back toward the public interest, even if full enactment has to await a change in the White House.

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BOUDREAU'S WISDOM



The Louisiana State Police received reports of illegal cock fights being held around the outskirts of Shreveport and sent Boudreaux, their best Cajun detective to investigate. He reported back to his sergeant the next morning. "Dey is tree main group in dis rooster fightin" he began.

"Good work. Who are they?" the sergeant asked. Boudreaux said, "De Texas Aggies, de Cajuns, and de Mafia."

Puzzled, the sergeant asked, "How did you find that out in one night?"

"Well," he responded, "I went down in my person and done seen dat rooster fight. I knowed dem Aggie was involved when I seen a duck was entered in de fight."

The sergeant nodded, "I'll buy that, but what about the others?"

Boudreaux said, "Well, I knowed de Cajuns was involved when summbody bet on de duck."

"Ah," sighed the sergeant, "And how did you figure the Mafia was involved?"

"Because de duck dun won de fight."

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THE RELIABLE REPORT TURNS THREE

It's hard to believe that three years have past since the first Newsletter was published on March 11, 2004.

Three years ago, we had *twenty-seven* people who had been with the Company 20 years or more; *five* of them with 30 plus years, *nine* with 25 to 30 and *thirteen* with 20 to 25 years. In addition, we had *nineteen* people who had been with the company ranging between 10 to 20 years.

Three years later, the number 27 has grown to "30" and the number 19 is now "26" and growing. With the total number of employees just under 100, it's a strong statement that 56 employees, over half, have been with Reliable ten-plus years. The icing on the cake is the 20 employees that have worked ranging between 5 to 10 years.

Reliable is now in its 41st year of business. The awesome retention rate of employees proves that this is a great company to work for, and being a service oriented company; the people of Reliable are an important part of its success. With the outstanding vision of management and the continued commitment of loyal employees, Reliable is positioned for growth both now and in the future.

{If you have any suggestions for Newsletter articles, please contact Chris David}

March Anniversaries

David Tullos 11 yrs. 3/1 RAC
Jared Courville 1 yr. 3/13 RPS
Charles Hydle 16 yrs. 3/18 RPS
Mark Deville 1 yr. 3/20 RPS
Jason Jack 1 yr. 3/20 RPS



Reliable Production Service
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Something To Think About

“Worry looks around, sorry looks back and faith looks up.”

“You can tell how big a person is by what it takes to discourage them.”

March Employee Birthdays

Jerry Zeno 3/9 RPS
Glen “Smurf” Marlow 3/10 RPS
Jesse Young 3/17 RPS
Cade Chenevert 3/18 RAC
Everett “Buddy” Moore 3/25 RAC
Nicole Foret 3/28 RAC
James Randy Moore 3/28 RPS
Michael Delcambre 3/30 RAC
Samuel Jarvis Meche 3/31 RPS
Chandler Hutchins 3/31 RPS

RPS – Reliable Production Service
RAC – Reliable Amusement Company

“SAFETY FIRST”

Controlling Static Electricity -Stop Getting Shocked-



One of the biggest complaints that people have about static electricity is that it causes sparks or gives them mild shocks when they touch things or even other people.

The common factors in all of these cases point to dry air and materials that rub against each other to build up the static electricity. Dry human skin can especially build up charges.

The way to reduce the problem of excess static electricity is to get more humidity in the air, change the materials or modify their surface, and ground yourself before touching things whenever possible.

- Humidity is normally lower in the winter. Using a humidifier in your home or office can raise the moisture level which decreases the chance of static shock.
- When certain materials rub together against dry skin, they build up static electricity. One thing to try is to use moisturizers or lotions on your skin.
- Ground yourself before touching another person or something metal. Use a ring or key and touch something metal. Let the spark fly that way, instead of off your finger. It’s painless that way.



A static electricity spark can damage the internal electronics of a computer

If you have been having problems with static electricity causing a spark when you touch things, it is wise to take precautions before touching even the keyboard. First, touch something metal to discharge the static spark.



Gas Station Safety

Always discharge static electricity from your body before grabbing the gas nozzle. Always place portable containers on the ground before filling.

A LABOR OF LOVE

William Franklin Graham, Jr.



Billy Graham has been a spiritual advisor to multiple U.S. presidents and is number seven on Gallop’s list of admired people for the 20th century. In the U.S., 96 percent of us believe in God, 90 percent pray, and 90 percent believe God loves them, according to Gallop polls. Graham is seen as representative of American universalism. There have been no scandals, financial or sexual, to darken Billy Graham’s ministry. Because of this, it was appropriate for President George H. Bush to proclaimed Billy Graham as “America’s pastor.”

He was born on a dairy farm in Charlotte, North Carolina on November 7, 1918. On his next birthday, he will turn ninety.

Billy Graham was ordained a Southern Baptist minister in 1939. In 1950, he founded the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association.

Billy Graham has preached Christianity to live audiences of over 210 million people in more than 185 countries and territories. He also reached hundreds of millions more through television, video, film, and web casts.

On June 24, 2005, Billy Graham began what he said would be his last North American crusade, at Flushing Meadows Park in New York City. But on the weekend of March 11-12, 2006, Billy Graham held the “Festival of Hope”, together with his son, Franklin Graham. The festival was held in New Orleans, which was recovering from Hurricane Katrina.

Graham said that his planned retirement was due to his failing health. He has suffered from Parkinson’s disease for about fifteen years and recently revealed that he is suffering from prostate cancer.

To date, Billy Graham has received many awards and honors. He is a great man with an even greater mission. He’s quoted as saying, “My one purpose in life is to help people find a personal relationship with God, which, I believe, comes through knowing Christ.”