



Headed for \$100 again?

Oil futures up \$2.19!

What does the future hold?



NEW YORK Oil futures extended their upward march after new trade deficit figures fed optimism that the economy may dodge a serious downturn. Federal Reserve Chairman, Ben Bernanke's suggestion that the central bank is prepared to again cut interest rates, also boosted oil prices. That had investors theorizing that demand for energy in the U.S. won't be as weak as feared. Light, sweet crude oil for March delivery rose \$2.19 to settle at \$95.46 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange, its highest close since Jan. 9th. Energy investors were also buying after a federal judge's decision Wednesday to confirm an earlier ruling freezing \$300 million in a bank account owned by the Venezuelan state oil company. Exxon Mobil is challenging Venezuela's nationalization of an oil project. A British court's earlier decision to temporarily freeze up to \$12 billion in Venezuelan oil assets drew threats from President Hugo Chavez to cut off all oil sales to the U.S. However, many analysts questioned oil recent price strength, arguing that underlying supply and demand fundamentals suggest prices should be falling. "I actually cannot justify this rally," said Linda Rafield, senior oil analyst at Platts, the energy research arm of McGraw-Hill Co., echoing the sentiments of many. At the pump, meanwhile, gas prices rose seven cents overnight to a national average of \$2.979 a gallon, according to AAA and the Oil Price Information Service. Retail prices, which typically lag the futures market, have inched higher in recent days in response to oil higher increase in price.

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SAFETY FIRST

Walking/Working Surfaces



Hazards and Solutions

There are many situations that may cause slips, trips, and falls, such as ice, wet spots, grease, polished floors, loose flooring or carpeting, uneven walking surfaces, clutter, electrical cords, open desk drawers and filing cabinets, and damaged ladder steps. The controls needed to prevent these hazards are usually obvious, but too often ignored, such as keeping walkways and stairs clear of scrap and debris; coiling up extension cords, lines, and hoses when not in use; keeping electrical and other wires out of the way; wearing lug soles in icy weather; clearing parking lots, stairs, and walkways in snowy weather; and using salt/sand as needed. Good housekeeping plays a key role in accident prevention and it only requires a little effort to cleanup after yourself. Good housekeeping can be achieved by planning ahead and assigning responsibilities. Ideally, each individual should pick up after themselves and keep their work area neat. Housekeeping should be part of the daily routine, with cleanup being a continuous procedure.

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The Ladies of Reliable

Pictured from left to right on the front row are Louise Guidroz, Debbie Collins and Joycelyn Newton. On the back row are Elizabeth Bradford, Sharon Hebert and Jane Stelly.

Mrs. Joycelyn is the Executive Secretary to Mr. Moore, having been with Reliable nearly thirty-seven years. Sharon plays a dual role as Systems Administrator and Accounts Receivable. She will celebrate thirty years on May 15th. Louise or Wheezy as we call her is our Accounts Payable Lady. Wheezy came to Reliable on June 1, 1982. She is closing in on twenty-six years. Jane is responsible for payroll, as well as keeping up with our insurance needs. February 20, 2008 marked two years since she first arrived at the Port Allen Office. Elizabeth uses her CPA skills as the company's controller. She officially signed on with Reliable on January 16, 2007, but she spent years poring over our books while working for Postlethwaite & Netterville. Debbie is our Accounting Clerk. She began just over a year ago. She can be seen helping out whenever and wherever she is needed.



March Anniversaries

David Tullos 12 yrs. 3/1 RAC
Rob Roark 1 yr. 3/16 LRI
Jared Courville 2 yrs. 3/13 RPS
Charles Hydle 17 yrs. 3/18 RPS
Mark Deville 2 yrs. 3/20 RPS
Jason Jack 2 yrs. 3/20 RPS



Reliable Production Service

Reliable Amusement Company



Liberty Resources, Inc.



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March Birthdays

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

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Wasting Time

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We've only been given a certain amount of time on this earth. How we spend it is totally up to the individual. Among many things we choose to do, being at peace with others is at the top of most people's list. It's essential to have harmony in the home, at school, at work, on the athletic field of play, or any venue that puts people in direct contact with each other.

Brian Cavanaugh, T.O.R. tells a story that illustrates how a village of people on a South Pacific Island took steps to ensure there was harmony among the people. He says that once a month the missionary priest would make a visit to the Island to celebrate mass, baptize children and new initiates, witness marriage vows, anoint the sick and pray for the recently deceased. A unique custom is practiced whenever the priest arrives by seaplane.

By tradition, the village chief is the first to greet the padre when he steps off the plane. The two of them embrace, then the chieftain gives the priest a clump of dune grass. The priest returns the clump of grass to the chief, who then turns and gives it to the person next to him. According to the island custom, this clump of grass is a sacred reminder of God's presence to the people who live with the vast ocean around them. The islanders consider it a type of sacramental symbolizing harmony and peace.

The sacred clump of grass passes from one villager to the next, throughout the entire village, until it returns to the chief, who then presents it to the priest, completing the ritual. When it makes its way back to the chief, he is assured that the people are in harmony with each other and are at peace. It is at this point that the Mass can begin, and not before.

On this particular visit, the padre received word that there was going to be a delay in celebrating the Eucharist. It seems there was a bitter disagreement between a father and a son, and the clump of grass had not changed between them. There was no celebration of the Mass neither that month nor the next. It took three months before harmony and peace was restored to that family and to the island village.

As I reflect on this story, the question begs to be asked, if we passed a sacred item through our local Houses of Worship, would there be harmony and peace among the brethren? How long would we have to wait before we celebrate Eucharist, sing sacred hymns, hear an inspiring sermon, or give a good witness? Would three months be enough time? What about denomination to denomination to non-denomination? How much time would be needed before we could hold an ecumenical service?

Differences often give birth to small grudges. These 'baby' grudges cut off communication, and once we stop talking, harmony and peace are replaced with conflict and drama. So how do we reverse the tide? Simply agree to disagree. Easier said than done, right! True, but I've watched it with my own eyes, time and time again, as I witnessed high school seniors let bygones be bygones. We, just like them, can stop wasting time tearing down relationships.

We wouldn't need a clump of dune grass if we would only see the sacredness in one another. I suspect that is what got the father and son back together. We don't have to give in, just give up. Stop wasting time passing the buck. Take whatever opportunity that comes your way, or create one that will allow you to break the ice. Who knows, this article may make it all the way around the community, passing from one hand to another, spreading peace and creating harmony. The question is what role will you play? Will you be like the chief and begin the process? Will you be like the priest and embrace the opportunity given you? Or can you be a villager taking your turn to ensure peace and harmony has a chance? The role is not nearly as important as your response.

"There is no better time than the present." If we apply this saying in our life, we'd stop wasting, and start making time for the people we need in our lives.

There, I've said my peace, and I'm feeling rather harmonious. To quote country music singer Toby Keith, "Hate me if you want to – Love me if you can."