



Friday, September 21, 2007: NYMEX West Texas Intermediate for November delivery closed down \$0.16 at \$81.62 per barrel

Crude oil began futures trading on the NYMEX in 1983 and is the most heavily traded commodity. **Trading Unit:** Crude Oil Futures trade in units of 1,000 U.S. barrels (42,000 gallons). **Trading Months:** Crude Oil Futures trade thirty consecutive months plus long-dated futures initially listed 36, 48, 60, 72, and 84 months prior to delivery. Additionally, trading can be executed at an average differential to the previous day's settlement prices for periods of two to thirty consecutive months in a single transaction. These calendar strips are executed during open outcry trading hours. **Options:** Twelve consecutive months, plus three long-dated options at 18, 24, and 36 months out of a June/December cycle. **Price Quotation:** Crude Oil Futures are quoted in dollars and cents per barrel. **Minimum Price Fluctuation:** \$0.01 (1¢) per barrel (\$10 per contract). **Maximum Daily Price Fluctuation Futures:** Initial limits of \$3.00 per barrel are in place in all but the first two months and rise to \$6.00 per barrel if the previous day's settlement price in any back month is at the \$3.00 limit. In the event of a \$7.50 per barrel move in either of the first two contract months, limits on all months become \$7.50 per barrel from the limit in place in the direction of the move following a one-hour trading halt. **Last Trading Day:** Crude Oil Futures: Trading terminates at the close of business on the third business day prior to the 25th calendar day of the month, preceding the delivery month. If the 25th calendar day of the month is a non-business day, trading shall cease on the third business day prior to the last business day preceding the 25th calendar day.

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# Worker Down!

## BASICS OF FIRST AID FOR WORKERS



People often faint in crowded or stuffy environments such as church or sporting events. But what if a worker goes down on the shop floor or on a work location? Will you know what to do to help them?

### What To Do When Someone Faints

Fainting victims should be immediately positioned on their back with their legs elevated above heart level, if possible. This helps restore blood flow to the brain.

Check for signs of circulation right away. These signs include breathing, coughing or movement. If the person fails to show any signs of circulation, it's best to administer CPR immediately while calling for emergency help. Continue CPR until help arrives or the person begins breathing again.

Loosen belts, collars and restrictive clothing as quickly as possible. Doing so also helps restore blood flow to the brain, which will help the victim regain consciousness sooner.

**THE RELIABLE REPORT-** Designed to inform Reliable Employees. For comments or suggestions, please contact Chris David (Safety Director) @ 937-6579 or Sharon Hebert (Systems Adm.) @ 343-3900



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# THE RELIABLE REPORT

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## Rig #15

Pictured for left to right are Gary Rivet, Glen "Smurf" Marlow, Ricky Carriere, Adam Ortego and Albert Bergeron.

Gary is the Rig Supervisor, having been with Reliable for just over 28 years. Ricky is the driller. He moved from the cement division a few months ago. He's been with the company for four years now. Albert is the derrickman. He came aboard in May of this year. Adam is also new to the rig. He began working the floor on August 6<sup>th</sup> of this year. Glen, or Smurf as they call him, is closing in on twelve years with Reliable. Smurf came down from the derrick to work the floor, but can be counted on to help out on his rig as well as others if a derrickman is needed.

Rig #15 has been working for Tellus Operating two years this past August. They have performed workovers, completions and P&A's in Montegut, Antioch, Shreveport, and Lottie in Louisiana. They've even spent some time in Vicksburg, Mississippi.

Thanks guys for doing a great job! Your long run with Tellus is a testament to the great work you perform on a daily basis.



# October Anniversaries

Rufus Miller 28 yrs. 10/1 **RPS**  
Paul Wayne Taylor 17 yrs. 10/4 **RPS**  
Nicole Foret 8 yrs. 10/11 **RAC**  
Huey Boudreaux 3 yrs. 10/12 **RPS**  
Cade Chenevert 6 yrs. 10/22 **RAC**  
Kenneth Clardy 5 yrs. 10/31 **RPS**



Reliable Production Service

Reliable Amusement Company



Liberty Resources, Inc.

## October Employee Birthdays

Jimmy Truett 10/3 **RPS**  
Buck Chustz 10/6 **RPS**  
Robert Meche 10/11 **RPS**  
Risa Weaver 10/14 **RAC**  
Paul Wayne Taylor 10/20 **RPS**  
Randall Bertrand 10/23 **RPS**  
Corey LeBlanc 10/24 **RAC**  
Evelyn Hebert 10/28 **RPS**  
Charles Hydle 10/28 **RPS**  
David Hebert 10/30 **RPS**

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## "Don't Pass The Buck"

It's a fact most people don't know: John F. Kennedy hit his highest level of popularity after he flubbed The Bay of Pigs. It doesn't seem to make sense, but JFK actually gained a ton of popularity after demonstrating to the world that he had feet of clay. Psychologists call this maneuver a "strategic-pratfall effect." By botching the invasion, and then being quick to accept responsibility for it, Kennedy showed the public not only that he was human and susceptible to mistakes, but also that he was honest and forthright about owning up to them. When Kennedy failed so publicly, but didn't pass the buck, people identified with his problem and felt safe admiring him without having to worry about who he was or what he had achieved.



## "The Buck Stops Here"

"The Buck Stops Here" was the motto adopted by President Harry S. Truman, who placed a prominent sign to that effect on his Oval Office desk in 1949. In so doing, Truman was announcing that while those beneath him could duck and weave to avoid taking the heat for decisions, he intended to accept the ultimate responsibility for the actions of his administration. The "buck" Truman was talking about in the phrase "to pass the buck," comes from the game of poker, where the "buck" is an object placed on the table in front of each player as he or she takes a turn as dealer. So to pass the buck meant to shift the responsibility to another person. This was not Truman's style. Does "The Buck Stop Here" for you or do you "Pass The Buck?"



## Three Out of Ten Ain't Bad

We All Strike Out at Some Point in Our Lives



Brian Cavanaugh, T.O.R. writes about a man who was troubled about his failure rate. The man made an appointment with a rabbi to discuss his trouble. The man said to the rabbi, "I'm a failure. More than half the time I do not succeed in doing what I know I must do." After making this statement, he pleaded with the rabbi to say something wise that would give him guidance. After much pondering, the rabbi replied. "Ah, my son, I give you this bit of wisdom: Go and look on page 930 of The New York Times Almanac for the year 1970 and maybe you will find peace of mind."

The man was confused, but went to the library to look up the source. This was what he found – lifetime batting averages for the world's greatest baseball players. Ty Cobb, the greatest slugger of them all had a lifetime average of .367. Even the King of Swat, Babe Ruth didn't do that well. So the man returned to the rabbi and questioned, "Ty Cobb, .367. That's it?" "Correct", countered the rabbi. You see, Ty Cobb got a hit once every three times at bat. He didn't even hit .500.

Athletes hone their skills as they learn from the mistakes they make. The best players don't get down when they fail; they get better because they view it as an opportunity to improve. They realize that things don't always fall into place. However, they don't stop trying.

Over time, I stopped focusing so much on getting things right and I began looking at my overall experience. Things will go my way and things will not. Sometimes I'll win, sometimes I'll lose. One day will seem as though I'm in Heaven, another will be like a day from hell. The good and the bad days will make life interesting. I'll learn from my mistakes and I'll celebrate my accomplishments. Like Ty Cobb, we may not succeed 7 out of 10 times, but we too can have a great life, all we need to do is be happy with 3 out of 10.