

We're All Flawed

The next time you're faced with the dreaded task of speaking in public, remember Eleanor Roosevelt's admonition. The former first lady believed in facing your fears. You must, she once said, do the thing that you cannot do. For David Roche, that undoable thing must have had a lot to do with appearing in public.

David Roche was a bright and very personable man, but he bore what author Gregg Levoy describes as a "striking facial disfigurement." Levoy relates his first meeting with Roche in his book *Callings: Finding and Following an Authentic Life*: "My face froze involuntarily into a blank stare, a chink in decorum with which he undoubtedly has a weary familiarity. It took me an egregiously long moment before I recovered from my fumble."

Levoy and Roche were joining several other participants in Lee Glickstein's Speaking Circles, a program created to help people overcome their fear of public speaking. Needless to say, no one was eager to take the first turn at the podium, no one that is, except David Roche.

The audience shifted uncomfortably as the unlikely star stepped onto the makeshift stage, but Roche showed no fear, purposely drawing attention to his disfigurement.

"I was born with a face that's a gift from God," he told the crowd. "Not the kind of gift you rip open exclaiming, 'How exquisite. 'How did you know?'" More like, "Oh, you shouldn't have."

The startled audience couldn't help but laugh at Roche's self-deprecating humor. Roche went on to explain that he conquered his fears by remembering that his gift was to remind people of what they already know – that it's OK to be flawed.

Boudreaux's Wisdom



Boudreaux was on Jury Duty and he wasn't very happy about it. In the courtroom the judge was doing the initial interview of prospective jurors.

The judge asked the pool of potential jurors, "Is there any reason that any of you could not serve as a juror on this case?" Boudreaux raised his hand, the judge acknowledged him, and Boudreaux said, "I can't do dis judge, I worry about my job." "Exactly what are you worried about? Can't they do without you for a few days at work?" the judged asked. "Oh yeah, judge," Boudreaux replied, "Dey can do widout me – I'm worried dat dey gonna find dat out."

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Reliable Rig #20

Pictured from left to right are Robert Soileau, Chris Cranford, Julian Thomas, Wayne Robin, and Shane Miller.

Robert is the Rig Supervisor. He has over eighteen years with the company, having been with Reliable since April 30, 1993. Wayne is the driller. He clocked in fifteen years on April 1, 2011. Shane is a longtime floorhand. He logged in thirteen years on May 20, 2011. Chris is also a floorhand. He came aboard on June 9th of this year. Julian is the derrickman. He's been working for Reliable since March 5, 2010.

Over the years, the crew has put their experience to work for companies such as Clayton Williams Inc., Kash Oil & Gas, Flash Gas & Oil, Hunt Petroleum and Axis Energy, to name a few. Today, the crew is working a twenty-four hour operation for Tellus Operating in the Raleigh, Mississippi Field. Thanks guys for doing your part to make Reliable the great service company it is today.



September Anniversaries

Connie Gosserand 27 yrs. 9/1 RAC
Craig Tullos 31 yrs. 9/1 RAC
Steve Gosserand 30 yrs. 9/1 LRI
Billy Parks 42 yrs. 9/1 RPS
Brad Currier 4 yrs. 9/4 LRI
Charles Fields 1 yr. 9/7 RPS
Michael Pate 19 yrs. 9/18 RPS
Ray Briley 14 yrs. 9/26 RPS
Earnest Richardson 1 yr. 9/27 LRI



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Nothing worthwhile comes easily. Half effort does not produce half results. It produces no results. Work, continuous work, and hard work is the only way to accomplish results that last.

~ Hamilton Holt ~

September Birthdays

Daniel Bollich 9/3 RPS
Rufus Miller 9/4 RPS
Ervin Padgett 9/6 RAC
Codi Brown 9/9 RPS
Louise Guidroz 9/14 RPS
Leroy Langlois 9/18 RPS
Michael B. Pate 9/19 RPS
Jena Stelly 9/19 RPS
Veta Stokes 9/20 LRI
Chris Hernandez 9/20 RAC
Gary Breitenbeck 9/21 RPS
Timothy Payne, Sr. 9/22 RPS
Rickie Hebert 9/27 RPS
Darrel Milson 9/28 LRI
James Guillot 9/29 RPS
Sharon Hebert 9/30 RPS

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"SAFETY FIRST"



The Children are
Back in School



After the long summer, some of us may have forgotten the rules when driving in school zones.

"Safety of the children takes center stage"

Restricted speeds in school zones are not in effect all day, but only during specific times when children are expected to be present. Officers will not hesitate to ticket any motorist that violates the speed limit.

Driving Tips for Motorists

- Slow down and obey all traffic laws and speed limits.
- Always stop for a school bus that has stopped to load or unload passengers. Red flashing lights and extended stop arm tell you the school bus is stopped to load or unload children. State law requires you to stop. Failure to do so can result in the issuance of a civil infraction citation.
- Always stop for a school-crossing guard in the roadway. Failure to do so can result in a misdemeanor violation.
- Be alert. Watch for children walking in the street, especially where there are no sidewalks. Watch for children playing and gathering near bus stops. Watch for children arriving late for the bus, who may dart into the street without looking for traffic. When backing out of a driveway or leaving a garage, watch for children walking or biking to school.
- When driving in neighborhoods or school zones, watch for young people who may be in a hurry to get to school and may not be thinking about getting there safely. Fines may be doubled for those issued a citation in a school zone.

Refrain from using your cell phone, palm, or any other distraction while around school zones.

* This common sense advice really applies whenever a motorist is behind the wheel, but especially when in a driving situation around young children and their perhaps spontaneous actions.

For Sale As Is!

One of my all-time favorite movies is Oh Brother Where Art Thou.

There's a particular scene in the movie where Pete, Delmar and Everett, the three main characters, pick up a hitchhiker at a dusty four-way intersection, far away from civilization. After introductions are exchanged, Delmar turned to the hitchhiker and asked, "Say, I haven't seen a house for miles, what are you doing out here in the middle of nowhere?"

Matter of fact, he responded, "I had to be at that there crossroads last midnight to sell my soul to the devil."

The hitchhiker hit on something dear to many of us. To a larger degree, he represents the person who trades their everlasting soul for the purpose of gaining some special talent or for the ability to rise to unprecedented power and fame. For instance, the hitchhiker swapped his soul for the ability to play the guitar "real good."

Like the hitchhiker, many people have experienced that "crossroad juncture" in their life. Like him, many people compromise their integrity as well, be it for political gain, business success, sports prominence, you name it. Many people will take the present deal at theirs, as well as at your expense. They sell out to gain reward in the here and now.

At the moment someone is bargaining away their future for the ability to acquire a certain favor; the emphasis is placed on their present need for personal gratification. The fall from grace comes much later, and with swift and devastating cost. Oh, and the height from which one falls is proportional to the deal they struck. Get it "real good" now – have it "real bad" later. And, they can't expect anyone to come to their rescue for fear of guilt by association. They don't know how and they don't know when, but they will eventually have to face the inevitable consequences of their actions.

Life is full of opportunities. Over our lifespan, many will pan out to be either legal or illegal. As well, we will encounter many people throughout our lifetime that will prove to be of indisputable character or illicit to the bone. The worse of the worse is the wolf in sheep's clothing because they seem to be honorable, but all the time they have dishonorable intentions.

Blinded by the need to get what they want, the unscrupulous individual will wheel and deal at the expense of their soul, but not until they have to "pay the piper" does the seller face the reality of their past choices.

Like the hitchhiker, many people make deals under the cover of darkness, only to have them exposed by the light of day!