

The Benefits of Friendship

John Merrick, the so-called “Elephant Man,” was born in 1862 with a rare genetic disorder that racked his body with abnormal and crippling growths.

Carnival barkers who were eager to make money off Merrick’s plight exhibited him to the public for years, until Dr. Frederick Treves entered his life.

Under the London surgeon’s guardianship, Merrick developed a great love for reading, the theater, and above all, the company of good friends. Merrick spent his final years in the care of people who saw pass his appearance.

Years after Merrick and Treves died; their friendship inspired a Broadway play and a movie. The late anthropologist, Dr. Ashley Montagu saw their story as a great triumph of the human spirit. He chronicled their relationship in his book *The Elephant Man: A Study in Human Dignity*.

“What is the moral of the story, if it has one?” asks Montagu. “It is that the influence of a really good person lives on in the benefits they confer upon others, that their influence never really fades, and that courage and integrity are among the supreme virtues of humanity, outlasting even death itself.”

Wisely, Montagu doesn’t say whether it was Merrick or Treves who gained the most from their relationship. For in the end, they helped each other become better people.

Howard Cosell is quoted as saying, “Courage takes many forms. There is physical courage, there is moral courage, and then there is a still higher courage – the courage to brave pain, to live with it, to never let others know of it and to still find joy in life; to wake up in the morning with an enthusiasm for the day ahead.”

The so-called “Elephant Man” had to find courage to live among people who exploited him for profit. With the help of someone like Dr. Treves, who also had to find the courage to step up and do something different, they both made a difference in each others lives.

Loving those who love you is easy, but loving those who others have demoralized is difficult, but within your capabilities.

Boudreaux's Wisdom



The high school coaches in Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana went to a coaches' retreat. To save money they had to room together.

No one wanted to room with Coach Boudreaux because he snores so bad. They decide it's not fair to make one of dem stay wit him the whole time so they vote to take turns. Coach Fontenot sleeps wit him and he come to breakfast next morning hair a mess, eyes all bloodshot. They say, “Man, what happen to you?” He say, “Man, that Boudreaux snore so loud, I watch him all night.”

Next night Coach Guidry's turn. In the morning, same thing -- hair all standing up, eyes all bloodshot. They say, “Man, what happened to you? You look awful!” He say, “Man, that Boudreaux shake the roof. I watched him all night.”

Third night, Coach Breaux turn. Next morning he come to breakfast bright eyed and bushy tailed.

“Good morning you all.” They can't believe! They say, “Man, what happened?” He say, “Well, we get ready for bed. I go and tuck Boudreaux into bed and kiss him good night, and then he watch me all night long.”

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Every successful company has a great sales team, Reliable isn't any different. Many people help with sales, but four guys in particular carry out the major work needed to acquire business for the company.

Seated left to right are Huey Boudreaux, Dwayne “Tater” David, John Helweg and Donald Aymond.

John has been with Reliable nearly seven years, but he brings thirty-plus years of knowledge, having spent that time with Schlumberger/Dowell. Under John’s direction and design, Reliable’s cementing and pressure-pumping division has grown in size over the past seven years.

Huey has been on board for nearly five years, but he too is a seasoned oilfield hand, having thirty-plus years of experience, working twenty-six of them for Great Southern Oil & Gas.

Donald has over forty years of experience in the oilfield, acquiring nearly thirty-two of them with Reliable. Donald works in sales, but will not hesitate to supervise for one of the rigs when needed.

Tater is the newest member of the team. He joined Reliable this year. Under the tutelage of the other guys, he is already making contacts and developing relationships with our customers across the state.

Cementing ~ Sales ~ Workovers



July Anniversaries

Jimmy Truett 23 yrs. 7/1 RPS
Bob Meredith III 5 yrs. 7/1 LRI
Mitchell Stelly 1 yr. 7/1 RPS
Louis Powell 4 yrs. 7/13 RPS
Chad Chiasson 1 yr. 7/28 RAC
Rose Fabre 1 yr. 7/28 RAC



Reliable Production Service

Reliable Amusement Company



Liberty Resources, Inc.

*Courage is going from failure to failure
without losing enthusiasm.*

~Winston Churchill~

July Birthdays

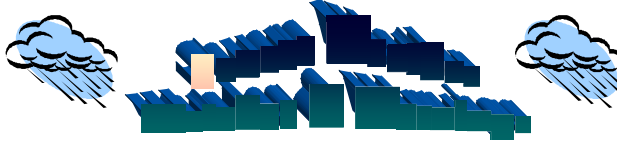
Jacob Leger 7/1 RPS
Brian Meche 7/4 RPS
James Granier 7/5 RAC
Nick Guzzardo 7/7 RAC
Gabriel Seal 7/8 RPS
Jamie "T-Boo" Boudreaux 7/9 RPS
Andre Dixon 7/13 RPS
Chris David 7/19 RPS
Wayne Robin 7/22 RPS
Paul Bergeron 7/23 LRI
Allen "Dog" Turner 7/28 RAC
Joseph "Fatty" Mallet 7/28 RPS
Orise Tezeno 7/31 RPS

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"SAFETY FIRST"



Thunderstorms can throw one of nature's most spectacular shows, but at the same time prove to be deadly. Dangers associated with thunderstorms can include lightning, hail, heavy rain, flooding, and strong winds associated with downbursts, microburst and tornadoes.

The **STORM PREDICTION CENTER** in Norman, Oklahoma issues a **SEVERE THUNDERSTORM WATCH** to give you advance notice that severe thunderstorms are possible in your area.

The Local **NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE** office will issue a **SEVERE THUNDERSTORM WARNING** to announce that a severe thunderstorm has been reported or is imminent and warns you to take cover.

According to the National Weather Service, a thunderstorm is classified severe when winds reach or exceed 57.5 mph or produces hail three-quarters of an inch (size of a dime) in diameter or larger. Out of the estimated 100,000 thunderstorms that occur in the U.S. each year, only ten percent become severe, but account for most of the damage and loss of life. They typically last less than half an hour, but at times they form long-lasting lines, known as squall lines that can last for hours and spawn killer tornadoes.

In the United States, an average of 300 people are injured and 80 people are killed by lightning. Your chances of being struck by lightning are estimated to be 1 in 600,000.

THUNDERSTORMS & LIGHTNING WHAT TO DO WHEN THE WEATHER TURNS BAD

- ⚡ **If you are indoors:** Say off the phone, away from windows, discontinue use of electrical equipment and unplug appliances and computers.
- ⚡ **If you are outdoors:** Stay low and keep away from tall objects. If you are in a group, spread out. 98% of victims were outside when struck by lightning.

[A single stroke of lightning has 125,000 volts of electricity.](#)

Conventional Wisdom

If you want something badly enough you will find the means to get it done. The Greek philosopher Plato puts it this way, "Necessity is the mother of invention."

My thanks to Gerard Brumfield for sharing the following story that proves Plato's assertion.

In 1903, Harry Andrews, a British Olympic Coach stated, "The mile record is 4 minutes 12.75 seconds. This record will never be broken." There was intense intellectual debate that the human body had reached its full potential. Many believed that because of the length of bones, the nature of muscles, and the construction of joints, it was proven that the human being could not run a mile any faster than the existing time.

In 1954, Roger Banister became the first person to prove Mr. Andrews wrong when he broke the 4 minute mile barrier by completing the mile in three minutes and 59.4 seconds. He not only set a new track record, he changed the way people thought. In fact, that same year two others broke the barrier, and in the following year, a phenomenal 236 people also did what was once considered impossible. Roger Banister considered what many skeptics said was unattainable and then went out and achieved it. Roger's determination also opened the door for others to become believers and achievers as well.

In the movie, The Pursuit of Happiness, Chris Gardner played by Will Smith, looked his son in the eyes and said, "People tell you that you can't do something because they can't do it. Don't ever let anyone tell you that you can't do something, not even me." Imagine what our life would be like if we combined the passionate advice of Chris Gardner with the focused determination of Roger Banister.

In the eyes of many, Roger Banister's dream was a long shot at best. What they didn't know was that Roger never viewed it as a dream, but reality not yet achieved

At what point will we, like Roger Banister, go against the conventional wisdom of the day and set new standards, higher standards that people today say are impossible to achieve. Will you run your race, even if others are skeptical?