

True Winner

Eugenio Monti was an Italian Bobsledder who held over ten World Championship Titles.

He is best remembered for his participation in the 1964 Olympics – the year he didn't win any gold medals.

That year, the Italian team was highly favored to win, but in the first heat of the four-man event, the Canadian team broke an Olympic record. They also sustained damage to one of the axles on that run and it looked like they would face a disqualification. Then Monti stepped in.

Monti had his team mechanics repair the sled for the Canadians. The Canadian team was unstoppable after that. They took home the gold, and Italy won the bronze.

During the final round of competition in the two-man event, the British team discovered a faulty bolt on their bobsled that would prevent them from making the last run. When Monti learned that the British team was about to withdraw, he removed a bolt from his bobsled and gave it to them.

As luck would have it, the British team completed a successful run and won the gold. Italy received the bronze and Monti earned scores of criticism for his "good deeds" that propelled other teams to victory.

But real winners know that what matters is how you play the game. In the true spirit of competition, it's better to lose against an opponent who is competing at their best, rather than be handed a win through forfeiture.

Monti understood this. He was the first to silence the naysayers by reminding them that the best teams won because they recorded the fastest times.

Ultimately, Monti's selflessness earned him the Pierre de Coubertin medal. This award is given to Olympic athletes who demonstrate outstanding sportsmanship. Incidentally, he was the first athlete to ever win that award.

Boudreaux's Wisdom



Boudreaux was out hoein' his garden when a Big Cadillac wit Texas plates drive up. "Is this the way to New Iberia?" asked the driver. "Mais yeah, it is" says Boudreaux. "Jus' keep on going...it's about ten miles." The driver says to Boudreaux, "You got a nice spread here." Boudreaux replies, "Well, it's jus' tree acres, but it's all mine." The driver says, "Back on my spread in Texas, I get in my pickup before daybreak and don't get to the other end till after dark." Boudreaux responds, "You know, I had a pickup truck like that once, I traded it in."

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Reliable Rig #20

Pictured from left to right are Robert Soileau, Wayne Robin, Shane Miller, Anthony Tyus and Andre Dixon.

Robert is the Rig Supervisor. He has over sixteen years with the company, having been with Reliable since April 30, 1993. Wayne is the driller. He clocked in thirteen years and seven months on November 1st. Anthony or Tony as he is called, is the newest member on the rig. He joined the crew on March 13th of this year. Shane is a longtime floorhand. He will log in eleven years and six months on November 20th. Andre Dixon is our all around employee. His regular duties includes... truck driver, forklift-dozer-grader and backhoe operator. He also helps out on the rig as floorhand when his services are needed. He's been with Reliable since January 17, 2005.

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.

Thanks guys for doing your part to make Reliable the great service company it is today.



November Anniversaries

Chris Matt 10 yrs. 11/4 **RPS**
Jerry Zeno 30 yrs. 11/5 **RPS**
Chris David 30 yrs. 11/5 **RPS**
Bobby Pitre 23 yrs. 11/9 **RPS**
Joe Sampere 15 yrs. 11/9 **RAC**
Van Mires 5 yrs. 11/16 **RPS**
Doug Martin 25 yrs. 11/26 **RPS**



Reliable Production Service

Reliable Amusement Company



Liberty Resources, Inc.

Sometimes opportunity knocks; at other times you have to pursue it. You don't want opportunity to come in on a boat when you're standing at the airport waiting for it.

November Employee Birthdays

Shane Miller 11/4 **RPS**
Bobby Pitre 11/9 **RPS**
Wilber "Ray" Briley 11/10 **RPS**
Shannon Vidrine 11/18 **RPS**
Huey Boudreaux 11/25 **RPS**
Bob Meredith 11/26 **LRI**
Clarence "CT" Thomas 11/27 **RPS**

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SAFETY FIRST



Spiders, Bugs and Hidden Hazards, Oh My!



What do spiders and hidden hazards have in common? Well, I am sure most of you have heard about spiders being located in some work areas, and believe it or not, these are considered hazards.

If your task will require you to clear out some long standing items, you will want to inspect around the area first and check for any signs of spiders. You should ALWAYS wear sturdy gloves when picking/cleaning up items, even if it is just a stack of rags, as spiders do like to set up shop in those types of places as well.

There are three spiders that are fairly common in the Southwest, that are dangerous, and that it is possible you might come across in your workplace. They are the Black Widow, Brown Widow, and the Brown Recluse. All three have a reputation that might be a little blown out of proportion, but they are not to be toyed with, as they all have venom that is toxic to humans, and their bites can be quite painful. Typically speaking, although their bites can be fatal to humans, it is actually quite rare that this happens (in less than 1% of bite cases) and usually happens with the very young, the very old, and the very infirm. But we still should not take them lightly. There can be lasting after effects from a bite, especially from the Brown Recluse, which can cause open sores that heal poorly and can leave a permanent scar. In many cases, if you are bitten you might not feel the bite, or at most it will feel like a pinprick. Symptoms of a bite are varied, but includes chills, fever, generalized weakness or listlessness, as well as swelling and rashes in the area of the bite.

If you do get bitten, the best course of action is to stay calm, don't panic, and get medical attention right away. If you are working in an area and you spot any of these three spiders, leave them alone, as neither is aggressive, and will only bite if disturbed. If you discover these spiders in your workplace, you should call your safety representative. He can make arrangements to have the proper exterminators come out and clear the area.

There's an Elephant in the Room

Generally speaking, speaking in general can get you in trouble when dealing with personal issues.

It doesn't matter if you speak in general terms, using code phrases and relational stories to try and tiptoe around the big elephant in the room. So many people fit the general description of your conversations, articles, stories and so on that someone will construe your words as talking about them. Even this article can be taken as written directly about someone, even though I'm making a general statement.

If you decide to go toe to toe over an issue that is dear to your heart, you will have to navigate through a minefield of individual emotions that brings out heated passion in everyone. You must be willing to suffer the consequences, and accept the fact that salvation comes only after the suffering.

A dear spiritual friend of mind offered me the same advice her grandmother always gave her. She said, "Chris, you must seek peace at any price." I certainly agree with the end result being peace, but I think the means of seeking it differs according to your personal philosophy. I have no problem going through the grief associated with a difficult situation. I don't even mind having the tables turned on me, because I know it will help us examine all relevant concerns and solutions. To skip straight to peace to avoid controversy or hurt feelings produces an uneasy peace at best. Putting it all out in the open may be a painful price to pay, but it's a necessary step to putting it all behind us.

Recently, I sat through Sunday mass, and like many others, struggled with the words of scripture as the message tugged at my conscience. If that righteous condemnation wasn't enough, I had to listen to my priest make the connection between the words of old and my practical application or nonapplication as the case may be. As I sat there listening, it became very apparent that my issue was not with the messenger, but the message, the message that held me accountable for my actions. My struggle helped me examine my intentions and actions.

As long as I keep peace as the end result, I'll never worry about the pain and suffering that paves the way. Peace is the prize that my eye is on.