

# I Missed On Purpose!



The game was too close to call



*Darius McNeal walked toward the free throw line. His coach said something to him, and he nodded in agreement.*

Just minutes before, Johntel Franklin walked into the gym. The second quarter was already under way. His coach, Aaron Womack, Jr. had not expected to see him so he called a timeout.

Earlier that day, Franklin was at the hospital with his mother. Her five-year battle with cancer was at an end. Several of his teammates were there with him when the decision was made to turn off the life-support system that was keeping his mother alive.

There had been talk of canceling the evening's nonconference game with the visiting team from out-of-state, but Franklin wouldn't here of it. His teammates left Franklin at the hospital with his mother during her final time.

Now hours later, his teammates, and even people in the stands gathered around him to embrace him. Coach Womack invited Franklin to join him on the bench, but Franklin wanted to play.

Unfortunately, the rules dictated that allowing Franklin to enter the game would cost his team a technical foul because his name was not listed on the pre-game roster. This would result in the opposing team being awarded two free throws. Coach Womack didn't care; he was ready to do whatever his player asked of him on this night.

The coach and the players on the visiting team were aware of the situation and declined the chance to earn any extra points. However, the officials argued that rules are rules and both teams have to abide by them.


*So McNeal went to the line...and missed, and then missed again. Everyone in the stands and on the benches stood to applaud. "I did it for the guy who lost his mom," McNeal said. "It was the right thing to do."*

How many people do you know that would sacrifice personal gain to do the right thing, even though the rules are in their favor? Life is more than a game!

# Boudreaux's Wisdom



Boudreaux and Thibodeaux made their way north for a winter vacation. On a cold frozen winter morning, they decided to go ice fishing. They stopped at a store on the side of the road and asked the cashier where they can go ice fishing. The cashier says, "There is a frozen lake across the road and I got bait and ice picks to break the ice to fish." They leave and an hour later Boudreaux walks back in the store to buy some more ice picks. He tells the cashier, "I want all the ice picks you have." The cashier says, "You must be catching a lot of fish!" Boudreaux says, "Catching a lot of fish! We ain't even made a big enough hole to launch the boat yet."

 Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day. Teach a man to fish and you feed him for a lifetime ~ Chinese Proverb

## THE RELIABLE REPORT

For comments or suggestions, please contact Chris David (Safety Director) @ 225-937-6579 or Sharon Hebert (Systems Adm.) @ 225-637-4835



RELIABLE PRODUCTION SERVICE, INC.

9095 Airline Hwy. 190 - P.O. Box 176  
Livonia, La. 70755  
Phone (225) 637-4835  
Fax (225) 637-4842

E-mail ([cdavid@reliableproduction.com](mailto:cdavid@reliableproduction.com))  
Website ([www.reliableproduction.com](http://www.reliableproduction.com))

## THE RELIABLE REPORT

SEPTEMBER 1, 2009 VOLUME 6, ISSUE 7



## The Ladies of Reliable

Pictured from left to right are Sharon Hebert, Debbie Collins, Elizabeth Bradford, Louise Guidroz, Jane Stelly and Belinda Cardenas.

Sharon plays the roles of Systems Administrator, Accounts Receivable and Receptionist. She celebrated thirty-one years on May 15th. Louise or Wheezy as we call her works Accounts Payable. Wheezy came to Reliable in 1982. She clocked in twenty-six years on June 1st. Jane is responsible for payroll, as well as keeping up with our insurance needs. February 20, 2009 marked three years since she first arrived at the office. Elizabeth uses her CPA skills as the company's controller. She officially signed on with Reliable on January 16, 2007. Debbie is our Accounting Clerk. She began work on January 25, 2007. She can be seen helping out whenever and wherever she is needed. Belinda is the newest addition to the staff. She arrived on March 10, 2009. Belinda is another utility worker; helping out in whatever area she is needed.



## September Anniversaries

Connie Gosserand 25 yrs. 9/1 RAC  
Craig Tullos 29 yrs. 9/1 RAC  
Steve Gosserand 28 yrs. 9/1 LRI  
Billy Parks 40 yrs. 9/1 RPS  
Brad Currier 2 yrs. 9/4 LRI  
Vanessa Albert 17 yrs. 9/14 RAC  
Michael Pate 17 yrs. 9/18 RPS  
Ray Briley 12 yrs. 9/26 RPS



Reliable Production Service

Reliable Amusement Company



Liberty Resources, Inc.

Always remember there are two types of people in the world. Those who come into a room and say, "Well, here I am!" and those who come in and say, "Ah, There you are!"

## September Birthdays

Rufus Miller 9/4 RPS  
Marvin Jackson 9/4 LRI  
Louise Guidroz 9/14 RPS  
Leroy Langlois 9/18 RPS  
Jared Courville 9/19 RPS  
Veta Stokes 9/20 LRI  
Chris Hernandez 9/20 RAC  
Rickie Hebert 9/27 RPS  
Darrel Milson 9/28 LRI  
Brian Partridge 9/28 RPS  
Sharon Hebert 9/30 RPS

RPS – Reliable Production Service  
RAC – Reliable Amusement Company  
LRI – Liberty Resources, Inc.



## "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.

## I want it! I want It! I want It!

There is a story of a fisherman sitting on a pier drinking a cup of coffee while enjoying the sunrays warming his face on a cool spring morning. A businessman approached and asked why he wasn't fishing. The fisherman answered, "I caught enough already." The businessman responded, "If you catch more you can sell them at the market and make a lot of money." Taking a sip of coffee, the relaxed fisherman asked, "What then?" The reply was quick, "You can then buy a bigger motor for your boat." "What then?" "Then you can go farther out and catch bigger fish." "What then?" "Then you can sell them for even more money." "What then?" "Then you can buy a bigger net and catch more fish." "What then?" Then you'll have more money to buy another boat, hire more men, and then you make more money. "What then?" "Then you can relax and enjoy life." Taking a sip of his coffee, the fisherman leaned back, looked at the businessman and said, "But that's what I'm doing now."

The fisherman doesn't have any desire to keep up with the Jones'. He is content with the way things are. He doesn't need more money or more material possessions to help him relax.

Now don't get me wrong, I'm not against having things. I'm just suggesting that the fisherman knew how to rid himself of disordered attachments. He is more relaxed with having less, as opposed to more.

I know many people who take great delight in sharing their material possessions with family and friends. They are the people who take the advice of the businessman in the story and go out and catch more fish. However, they don't do it to relax in their new found wealth. Rather, they do it to share their catch and relax in the joy that it brings others. They aren't the type of people that hoard over their possessions. They share many of the same qualities of the fisherman, only they feel the need to help bring comfort to others by spreading their wealth around.

Can you relax in a world of simplicity or do you need more things to make you comfortable? After some soul searching to determine where you fit in the story, ask yourself the question, "What then?"