

THE BASELINER

Women of Honor

I write this article once a month about a man or woman as my way of honoring them. In my life, I have always been able to find someone I can admire for their courage, honesty, work ethics or contribution to making this world a better place. Writing this article is one of the things I really enjoy doing. In most cases the person I write about is still alive and may not even realize how they have impacted my life. The lady that I am going to write about this month is 85 years old. She still mows her own yard and takes care of herself, as well as others. She came up through the Great Depression. The hardships on her family left her an orphan. After seeing that there was no way to provide for multiple children, her mother put her and several of her siblings up for adoption. Realizing this was probably for the best, this lady harbored no ill feelings toward her biological parents. She went on to marry a man who had just returned from the World War II, where he served as a field artillery lieutenant. I had many discussions with him over his involvement in the war. He was a great person and loved to tell stories and play his guitar. He would come over and sing to us when we were up at our lake house on the Colorado river. The songs he played had been hits in the 1930s and 1940s- I had never heard of them, but the lyrics were good.

This lady has always been one of the nicest I've ever known. When we didn't have a tool or piece of equipment, she would always lend us hers. When our kids had trouble getting the lawnmower started, she would shoo them away and start it for them. Without a doubt, she is one of the strongest and most independent people of my acquaintance. I love her as a surrogate mother and would like to return all of the nice favors she has done for us. Her name is Mrs. Lucille Phillips. She is our next door neighbor at our lake house in Burnett, TX. When we can, we try to help her mow her property close to the river. It is situated on a slope, which makes it very tiring and dangerous for older people. She recently had a kidney removed and within the month, she was back to mowing her yard. She told me it slowed her down a little, now it takes her two days instead of one.

I truly feel that I have been blessed to meet and become friends with a person as generous and kind as she. There are great people out there, if you'll just take to time to meet and know them. This woman is a fine example of just how tough the older generation is. We complain about simple and childish things, but she just sucks it up and goes on. Mrs. Phillips, thank you for being such a good neighbor. You will always have a special place in my heart!

Free Classes! May We Help?

I believe we get so busy trying to juggle things in the present that we don't spend enough time preparing ourselves for the next round of challenges. This year has demonstrated to me that we need to put more effort into developing people. We have clients calling us from all areas of the country. These are clients we have never heard of or solicited work from before. The bottom line is we just don't have enough qualified people to meet the demand. It seems about everyone is the same boat. Had we thought it out, we could have started a more vigorous training regimen years ago. We have spent a lot of money and effort in training our own people, but we have not trained enough outside resources to handle this peak load. We will soon advertise **Free Non-Destructive Testing Classes** for those in need who want to pursue an inspection career. These will be for people who have no sponsor, came up in the construction and maintenance industry and are having trouble finding jobs. Those people who have come up in the piping disciplines would be our first choice, but we will also consider those who have not. You can contact Lindsay Beardsley at lbeardsley@bldata.com or at (361)643-3400 for more information. We will also be advertising in the Corpus Christi Caller.

Portrait of a Baseline

I first met this young man several years ago when he attended one of my CWI preparatory courses. I could tell he had multiple talents. He dressed like a cowboy and handled himself in a mature, respectful way. Through several conversations, I learned that he liked to hunt the large deer that roam south of Corpus Christi. He had studied veterinary medicine for several years, but as often happens, his career path changed. He is self-taught on AutoCAD and does an excellent job. He has even helped the company train others to master this drafting program. He has worked for me for about three and half years and has always done an excellent job. In fact, he gives his best to any job he does. When I want a job done right, I will always lean on this person. He is married to Vera, who is completing her college degree. If you don't know yet who I am talking about, it's Rick Garcia. He is a great guy. I truly consider him one of the best. Everyone who hires into the company is technically a "Baseline", but to be a true "Baseline" is an earned position. Rick has earned that special place and continues to impress me every day. If you are in search of a mentor, I don't think you can get any better than this one. I look forward to spending many more years with him. I would like all of you give him a special round of thanks for his contribution to the company. We need more like him. Thanks Rick, from a worn out old man. **You make my job a lot easier!**

Surprises!

This past Tuesday, August 29th, 2006 Jacob, eight year old son of Jerry Henke, found out it was not wise to step on the tail of a Rattlesnake. Although he jumped up about two feet in the air, the snake was able to spring upward and zap him. Jerry, who was walking behind his son, grabbed him up and ran the entire way to the house. He wrapped the bite in ice. He then called 911 and the ambulance was dispatched. When the ambulance could not find their house, Jerry met him on the road and Jacob's journey began. He was transported by halo-flight from Orange Grove to Driscoll Hospital. Upon arrival at the hospital, it took another 30 to 45 minutes for anti-venom to be located, so he could be treated. He was lucky. They were able to arrest the spread of the poison before it could do damage to Jacob's internal organs. Thankfully, it did not swell to the extent that his leg had to be cut wide open. Jacob is doing fine and is back to school a week later. Now, let's talk about what to do if you or someone you know is bitten. The possibility is ever present. We at Base Line Data, Inc. have killed about three rattlesnakes here in town. They crawl up and find cool, shady areas to hide. Anytime you reach underneath into one of these areas you are at risk for a bite. Some of our work is in

areas that are infested with snakes. We have snake leggings and straight hoes to provide some protection. The best protection is your awareness that they could be anywhere. Don't reach into or underneath something that may harbor a snake. Take a straight hoe and disturb the area around where you might have to work. Avoid these areas and snakes if at all possible.

What to do about a snakebite is located on page 7. Make sure that you can give good driving directions, if an emergency arises and you might need an ambulance. A set of well thought out written directions can help when time is of essence. Rural America is great, but people often have a hard time finding these locations.



WORDS OF WISDOM by Ronald Reagan

“It has been said that politics is the second oldest profession. I have learned that it bears a striking resemblance to the first.”

“Politics is not a bad profession. If you succeed there are many rewards, if you disgrace yourself you can always write a book.”

“Government’s view of the economy could be summed up in a few short phrases: If it moves, tax it. If it keeps moving, regulate it. And if it stops moving, subsidize it.”

“The nearest thing to eternal life we will ever see on this earth is a government program.”

“Of the four wars in my lifetime none came about because the U.S. was too strong.”

“The trouble with our liberal friends is not that they’re ignorant: It’s just that they know so much that isn’t so.”

“The taxpayer: That’s someone who works for the federal government but doesn’t have to take the civil service examination.”

“The most terrifying words in the English language are: I’m from the government and I’m here to help.”

“Here’s my strategy on the Cold War: We win, they lose.”

“I have wondered at times about what the Ten Commandment’s would have looked like if Moses had run them through the U.S. Congress.”

“If we ever forget that we’re one nation under God, then we will be a nation gone under.”

“No arsenal, or no weapon in the arsenals of the world, is so formidable as the will and moral courage of free men and women.”



“All great change in America begins at the dinner table.”

“Facts are stubborn things.”

“Governments tend not to solve problems, only to rearrange them.”

Wouldn't It Be Nice?

With all the effort we spend on training, wouldn't it be nice if someone produced a virtual reality training program for the inspector? Just like the pilot simulator training programs, a student would put on a set of special glasses and be taken through an actual inspection. We could train a potential inspector on just about any situation that might come up. If he was required to function as a fabrication inspector, he would locate the MTR markings on the received material, verify that the identification met the reports and ensure that once it was cut it was re-marked. He would then make sure that the correct wall thickness and material went into the fabrication. He could check the proper fit-up, root opening & alignment and see that the flange faces had the correct gasket finish surfaces. He would make sure that welds met visual testing requirements. He would ensure that all required NDE was performed and accepted. After all fabrication and inspection was complete, he would make sure that the gauges used for hydrostatic testing were calibrated and he would witness the hydrostatic test. Virtual reality training could open up all types of specialty computer based training. All of this could be measured by the number of skill sets the student performed correctly. Technology could advance turning out a better inspector. **Wouldn't it be nice?**

Material Identification

As many of you know, we are currently teaching new “Baseliners” the use of the Innov-X and Metorex material analyzers. These classes are being held during normal working hours and Juan Hernandez is coming over to teach two nights a week at our facility. My expectation is that our people will learn how to properly use the equipment, generate a report, correctly make out a timesheet and be able to use the Unified Numbering system, ASME and ASTM specifications. We currently have five Innov-X units, 1-SpectroPort and 2-Metorex units. We are looking into acquiring a couple of additional units. All are field type units for measuring the elements in material. Some will even measure the soil composition.

Soon we will have another class on the use of the Unified Numbering System, ASME and ASTM specifications. In addition, this class will cover the proper nomenclature of piping components and product form of material. This information must be assimilated and usable before we allow our people to function with one of these units in the field. If this is an area that you are weak in, please contact us for these classes.

Compress Calculations

Base Line Data, Inc. is a licensed holder of the Advanced Pressure Vessel Design, Code Ware and Compress programs for calculating T-mins and pressure for pressure vessels. In addition, we are also a multi-licensed holder of the UltraPipe program. Upon reflection, I believe the most professional and quality program of these mentioned is the **Compress** program. It can be used for design or re-rating of pressure vessels or heat exchangers. It can be coupled with numerous other modules to further enhance the program. Because of this, we have initiated training and will continue training for all of our inspectors in the use of this program. We are currently upgrading our licenses to multiple users.

Larry Yell is currently teaching Lee Marsh, Ben Hernandez and J.W. Ralls the use of this program. We will then take numerous other “Baseliners” through this training. We are considering bringing **Compress** instructors to our facility for teaching our API-510s and other people in the community that use this program. If you are interested in a local Compress class, please contact Lindsay Beardsley @ (361)643-3400 or by email at lbeardsley@bldata.com.

Hydrostatic & Pneumatic Testing; Doing it the Right Way

I find it amazing, with all the emphasis placed on certification, we allow just about anyone to perform a hydrostatic or pneumatic test without any form of certification- and only minimal training. The ASNT-TC-1A Recommended Practice addresses certification in leak testing. I know of no contractor in the area that has their people certified to perform these tests. We are currently trying to bring our people up to a higher level of awareness of the dangers and damage that these tests can inflict if not performed correctly.

We have purchased one manually operated pump and are in the process of identifying another unit for either electrical or air-driven hydrostatic testing. We will then teach a basic Leak Testing course to address calibration of pressure gauges or strip charts, high point bleeds, danger of over-pressurization and the use of the proper materials in hydro or pneumatic test trees. We will build these “test trees” and a testing station to perform test at our facility. We believe this is important to ensure that we minimize the dangers of testing and we not allow someone to over-yield the test components. Training will always be the solution to turning out a better, more informed inspector.

There's More to BLD Than Inspection...

Recently, I received a call from a client asking if we worked summer college help. Although, I wasn't sure why he asked, my answer was 'yes'. From the conception of Base Line Data, we have extended a helping hand to high school and college students who need to work their way through school. Many of these students are now full-time Base Line Data, Inc. employees.

Not to just "toot our own horn", there are many things we do for the community which have gone unmentioned in our newsletter. Did you know that we have provided over 250 college scholarships in the twenty-one years that we have been in business? These are for soccer and academic excellence. Almost every student who has applied has received a scholarship. In fact, every year except one, any student applying has received a scholarship. That one year, there were many students applying. We have provided computers and playground equipment to schools, purchased a car to be put up as a raffle prize for a choir students' field trip, purchased turkeys and hams every year for the choir and band fundraisers. If you go to a Gregory-Portland baseball, football or basketball game, the throw-away balls are usually purchased by Base Line. We have sponsored almost 100 youth baseball, soccer, basketball and cheer-leading teams. We have sent runners sponsored by Base Line Data to the Junior Olympics and donated Show & Tell classes to Texas A&M Corpus Christi Engineering students. As we

teach National preparatory classes for future inspectors, there are a select few needy students for whom we prepare for these exams at no charge. Every year, we reach out and locate needy families in the community and donate food, clothing and toys to help a few of the less fortunate at Christmas. We cook at three or four charity benefits a year, where we donate meat, labor and equipment. During the Katrina disaster, we had about 40 Baseliners who obtained food handler permits so they could help out at the T.M Clark school, where these refugees stayed for about a week. We had ten people committed that week to helping people. All labor and supplies were furnished by Base Line Data, Inc. In addition to that, we handled rent deposits, picked up, delivered and helped set up donated furniture. Base Line Data, Inc. donates each year to the United Way Fund and many of its employees share in this practice. With all of this being done, we even find the time and funds to participate in our clients' special charity projects such as golf, dove hunts, fishing tournaments, etc. This is what we do for the community, I don't even need to mention what we do for our own employees. I am proud of our active participation in helping others less fortunate, and I believe all "Baseliners" feel the same way.

I am more pleased that we do this not for recognition, but because I believe it's the right thing to do.

And... Why?

Some have wondered why, two days a week, after hours~on my own time, I would teach an ASME Section IX and ASME Section V class to entry level "Baseliners" and API preparatory students. Even though I don't get paid for these courses, I find it important that all "Baseliners" should have a working knowledge of any job task that they might have to support. Currently we have entry level as well as experienced people who are preparing for the next API-510, API-653 and API-570 examinations participating in this course. The course is being taught fully, rather than just enough to pass an examination. The objective is to make these students capable of mentoring their co-workers and the rest of the industry. None of us learn by osmosis. We must be taught enough to be able to reason out questions that arise in our day to day work. If you are one who wants to be the best, then you might want to invest some of your time in one of these courses.

I'll see you in class!



We offer our most sincere condolences to the families of Russell Hogg, whose father recently passed away, and Joe Balderas, whose mother has also just passed on. May their families and friends keep them in their hearts and know that they are at peace.



Memories are like stars in the dark night of sorrow. May time soften the pain until all that remains is the beauty of the memories... and the love, always the love.

A Good Man

Farewell to Larry Yell and his lovely wife, Jane. They will be moving to the Sugarland area near Houston, TX. Larry begins a new job there, managing about 75 other engineers. Larry has been our P.E. for many years and has been an integral part of making Base Line Data, Inc. a stronger company. With both children in college up north, this puts him closer to where they are going to school. We would like to wish him the best of luck and look forward to our continuing relationship.

*Kudos to:
Jerry Henke- for his quick thinking in an emergency situation. His actions saved the life of his son.*



Hey You! Yeah, YOU!

We've been publishing the Baseliner for several years now, and at the end of each newsletter, down at the bottom, we mention that we'd like to hear from you. That isn't just to fill space, we mean it! It would be nice to hear what you think. What subjects would you like to read more about? What subjects just completely turn you off? Often, the newsletter includes a lot of coverage on how we feel about current issues within the company. & community Your opinions do matter, and all ideas and submissions are carefully considered. Come be part of the team! J.W.

Hey, y'all...While I've met many Baselinerers since I've been working on the newsletter, I haven't met you all yet, but any means... so what? Well, point is, when you have an event in your life, photos to go with, a cute or poignant story to share, or believe that someone you're working with is doing a super job, say so! News may travel fast, but doesn't always reach my desk, or the newsletter. To some degree, I'm still trying to get names straight. If it's important to you, or you know it's important to your coworkers, holler. We have an email box set up specifically for submissions now: blnews@bldata.com, and we encourage you to use it. I want to see not just the Baseline continue to improve as we grow, but Base Line Data, overall. The familial environment is rare in corporate America, and something worth maintaining. Every Baselineer is part of that family, and worthy of being heard.

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Although there are about 8,000 snakebites a year, only a few die from them. All snakes will bite when threatened, but most will usually avoid an encounter with you, if possible.

If bitten by a snake the first aid should be as follows:

- Keep the person calm, reassuring them that bites can be effectively treated in an emergency room. Restrict movement and keep the affected area below the heart level to reduce the flow of venom.
- Wash the wound with a clean lukewarm soapy wash cloth.
- If you have a pump suction device (such as that made by Sawyer), follow the manufacturer's direction.
- Remove any rings or constricting items because the affected area may swell. Create a loose splint to help restrict movement of the area.
- If the area of the bite begins to swell and change color, the snake was probably poisonous.
- Monitor the person's vital signs-temperature, pulse, rate of breathing and blood pressure-if possible. If there are signs of shock (such as paleness, lay the person flat, raise the feet about a foot and cover the person with a blanket.
- **Get help immediately and contact the hospital emergency room, if possible to let them know that someone has been bitten. This will allow them time to have anti-venom ready when you arrive.**
- Bring in the dead snake only if this can be done safely. Do not waste time hunting for the snake and do not risk another bite, if it is not easy to kill the snake. Be careful of the head when transporting it-a snake can actually bite for up to an hour after it's dead (due to reflex).

Do Not:

- **DO NOT** allow the person to become over-exerted. If necessary, carry the person to safety.
- **DO NOT** apply a tourniquet.
- **DO NOT** apply cold compresses to a snake bite.
- **DO NOT** cut into a snake bite with a knife or razor.
- **DO NOT** try to suction the venom by mouth.
- **DO NOT** give the person stimulants or pain medications unless instructed to do so by a doctor.
- **DO NOT** give the person anything by mouth.
- **DO NOT** raise the site of the bite above the level of the person's heart.

How Do We Get There?

Each person should have in their home phone a set of phone numbers for emergency response. This should include the closest hospital and doctors. In addition, a set of well thought out written directions to your home should be available. These can be read out at anytime an ambulance needs to be dispatched. Consider the obvious landmarks as well as major intersections in your area and include those when you develop these written instructions. The time spent in acquiring medical help can be the difference in life or death.

Be prepared!



So What's New in the Company?

Where do I start? We have just met with the building contractor and air conditioning service provider in order to resolve any last minute issues concerning the closing off of our downstairs gym floor. There will be a total of ten rooms added, five upstairs and five downstairs. A new air conditioning system will be installed to cool and heat these rooms, and will be run by a computer. These additions will allow better utilization of our building for the teaching of daytime and nighttime courses.

The downstairs kitchen area will be totally revamped with new stoves, deep fryers, griddle, refrigerators, ice machine, new Silestone® counter tops and the old vent-a-hood will be replaced with a new shiny stainless steel model. All of the cabinets will be ripped out and new ones installed. The end result will be two fully functional kitchens in the building. The bottom kitchen will be used as a snack bar for daytime students.

Outside surveyors have completed the survey of our 4 acres across the street. The concrete entrance way and part of the parking lot has been designed by Rick Garcia. The fence around the property is thought out, but not yet designed. We will complete the design within the next couple of weeks.

We are purchasing some new licenses for the Compress program used for designing and re-rating pressure vessels and heat exchangers. We have also purchased the vessel drawing module for this program. Lee Marsh, Ben Hernandez and J.W. Ralls have been through basic training with Larry Yell on this program. We are in the process of trying to bring a Compress instructor in to teach the rest of our experienced employees this program.

Juan Hernandez is coming over twice a week on Tuesday and Thursday nights to teach Baseliners the use of the Innov-X and the Metorex. These courses are from 05:00 pm to 08:00 pm.

J.W. Ralls is teaching about fifteen Baseliners ASME Section IX and ASME Section V. These courses are Monday and Wednesday night from 05:00 pm to 08:00 pm. Anyone is welcome to attend.

October 23rd, 2006 we will start a new Certified Welding Inspector (CWI) course. It is expected that these courses will be held Mondays and Wednesdays beginning at 05:00 pm and ending at 08:00 pm.

A Liquid Penetrant course was held for ten outside clients and about six Baseliners. The next courses will be Magnetic Particle and Ultrasonic Thickness course. Another material and code familiarization course will be held for those who have completed the Innov-X and Metorex classes.

Preetham Swaminathan has almost finished our Inventory Control program to be used for Dispatch, picture I.D. and bar coding to better control our equipment, training material and consumables. The storage room, consumable room and training book storage have been organized to better handle this material. His next project will include the total revamping of the Dispatch program. This program will interface with the Contact program and the Inventory Control program. The desired end result is the streamlined management of these activities.

Contracts have been issued to complete the bookcases for our new training book storage, Lindsay's office and the kitchen cabinets.

New vans have been purchased and trucks are being phased out of our transportation section. These should save us about 25% to 30% in fuel costs.

We continue to upgrade our equipment inventory and are actively looking for new technology to support our growing number of clients.

This is but a taste of what's happening in the company and merely touches on a small percentage of the efforts being made. **We continue to work hard at being the best inspection company around!**

Technology Corner

We have just purchased four more special **pit gauges** which facilitate the measuring of large corroded areas more accurately. These gauges have the ability to add more base contact where you can bridge over areas of general corrosion. They are coupled with a micrometer that measures in millimeters or decimals of an inch. One attachment can be used to measure close to welds. I have just used one on a pipeline with some corrosion beneath the pipeline wrapping and it performed perfectly.



We are currently reviewing and positioning ourselves to purchase a **long line remote video camera** for the inspection of sewers, storm drains and larger diameter pipelines. Pictured at right is the control room of one of the camera systems we are looking at. The camera would be tethered to this control room and video images captured as the camera is maneuvered down the pipeline. The system would be designed to handle 8" through 60" diameter pipe and fitted with a laser to measure the ovality of a pipeline. It couples with a program to determine its relative location and the camera will be able to pan and tilt for a detailed inspection.



Another **Kazoom® type camera (right)** has just been purchased to eliminate the need for entry into vessels or tanks when a cursory inspection is required. This camera is to be inserted into the top of a vessel and lowered into position to inspect the inside of a piece of equipment. We currently have one of these cameras and it has saved our clients considerable money. The only problem was that we had no back-up if two jobs are required at the same time. We have eliminated that issue.



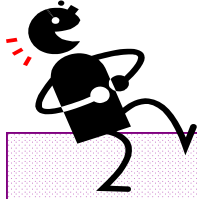
With at least fourteen individual camera systems, you might wonder why we would need another of the same type. Most of the time our **clients can't wait** and we don't expect them to! Pictured at left is another **Everest 8mm articulating camera system** capable of getting to remote locations for viewing. It can be used to view inaccessible areas where problems are suspected, or for locating foreign objects that shouldn't be in a line. We now have a back-up with the second and it's ready for use.



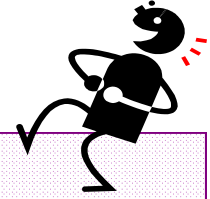
As you can tell, we put our money where our mouth is! We believe one of the areas we shine in is our preparedness and investment in higher technology. Our equipment belongs to us. It is ready when you need it. **Call us when you just can't wait!**

~A New Liquid Penetrant Course~

A new client asked that we teach a liquid penetrant testing course for ten of his people and we scheduled that for Wednesday, September 6th, 2006 starting at 07:00 am. The class consisted of sixteen hours of instructions and wrapped up with a final examination over general, specific and practical testing. We placed six of our new people in this class to begin the process of certifying them.



Comedy Corner



Happy Birthday Boudreaux:

"Hello, is this the Sheriff's Office?" "Yes. What can I do for you?" "I'm calling to report 'bout my neighbor Virgil Smith....He's hidin' marijuana inside his firewood! Don't quite know how he gets it inside them logs, but he's hidin' it there." "Thank you very much for the call, sir." The next day, the Sheriff's Deputies descend on Virgil's house. They search the shed where the firewood is kept. Using axes, they bust open every piece of wood, but find no marijuana. They sneer at Virgil and leave. Shortly, the phone rings at Virgil's house. "Hey, Virgil! This here's Floyd....did the Sheriff come?" Yeah!" "Did they chop your firewood?" "Yep!" "Happy Birthday, buddy!" (**Rednecks know how to git-R-dun**). -Lee Marsh

Appreciation:

An elderly gentleman of 83 arrived in Paris by plane. At the French customs desk, the man took a few minutes to locate his passport in his carry-on bag. "You have been to France before, monsieur?" the customs officer asked, sarcastically. The elderly gentleman admitted he had been to France previously. "Then you should know enough to have your passport ready." The American said, "The last time I was here, I didn't have to show it." "Impossible, Americans always have to show their passports on arrival in France!" The American senior gave the Frenchman a long hard look. Then he quietly explained. "**Well, when I came ashore at Omaha Beach on D-Day in 1944 to help liberate this country, I couldn't find any Frenchmen to show it to.**" -Terry Files

CAUTION: All Grandpas and especially Orville:

Heed this warning. Do not lose your grandkids in the Mall!

A small boy was lost at a large shopping mall. He approached a uniformed policeman and said, "I've lost my grandpa!" The cop asked, "What's he like?" The little boy replied, "Crown Royal whisky and women with big breasts."-Kelly Jones

Who says lying doesn't pay dividends?

Bob, a 70-year-old, extremely wealthy widower, shows up at the Country Club with a breathtakingly beautiful and very sexy 25 year- old blonde who knocks everyone's socks off with her youthful sex appeal and charm. She hangs onto Bob's arm and listens intently to his every word. His buddies at the club are all aghast. At the very first chance, they corner him and ask, "Bob, how did you get the trophy girlfriend?" Bob replies, "Girlfriend? She's my wife!" They're amazed, but continue to ask. "So, how did you persuade her to marry you?" "I lied about my age", Bob replies. "What, did you tell her, you were only 50?" Bob smiles and says, "No, I told her I was 90."-Terry Files

How quickly they change!

A woman came home, screeching her car into the driveway, and ran into the house. She slammed the door and shouted at the top of her lungs, "Honey, pack your bags. I won the damn lottery!" The husband said, "Oh my God! What should I pack, beach stuff or mountain stuff?" "Doesn't matter," she said. "Just get the hell out!"

And you wonder why they call them dumb blondes?

A blonde lady was picking through the frozen turkeys at the grocery store, but couldn't find one big enough for her family. She asked a stock boy, "Do these turkeys get any bigger?" The stock boy replied, "No, ma'am, they're dead."-Lee Marsh

Training at Base Line Data, Inc:

CERTIFIED WELDING INSPECTOR (CWI) COURSE

The next course begins **Oct 23, 2006** twice a week from 5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. The location is Base Line Data, Inc. 206 Lang Rd., Portland, TX. **Application deadline for the exam is Nov. 4, 2006.** Exam date is in **Dec 16, 2006 @** the same location. If you are interested or know of anyone interested, please contact: J.W. Ralls or Lindsay Beardsley @ (361)643.3400.

2006 API-510 TEST

The next API-510 exam will be **Dec 6, 2006**. A daytime course will be taught by O.T. Lewis **Oct. 30 through Nov. 4, 2006**, from 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. **Application Deadline for the Dec. exam is September 27, 2006.** The nighttime course has not yet been scheduled. An **evening** course will begin **Monday, October 2nd**, and run from 5:00-8:00 p.m.

2006 API-570 TEST

The next API-570 exam will be **Dec. 6, 2006**. A daytime course will be taught by O.T. Lewis **Nov. 13th thru Nov. 17th, 2006**, from 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. **Application Deadline for the Dec. exam is September 27, 2006.** The nighttime course has not yet been scheduled.

2006 API-653 TEST

The next API-653 course will be **September 11-15, 2006**. The exam will be **September 27th, 2006**. **Application Deadline for the Sept. exam is July 28, 2006.** The daytime course will be taught by Ron Van Arsdale from 08:00 am to 05:00 pm. If you are interested, please contact J.W. Ralls or Lindsay Beardsley.

EXCAVATION COMPETENCY PERSON TRAINING

Base Line Data, Inc. will schedule another "Excavation Competency Person" Course in the near future. Please contact J.W. Ralls or Lindsay Beardsley at (361) 643-3400, if you are interested in attending.

PIPELINE OPERATOR QUALIFICATION (OQ) TESTING

We are currently performing on-line NCCER Pipeline Operator Qualification Testing at our 206 Lang Rd. Facility in Portland, TX. If you are interested, please contact J.W. Ralls or Lindsay Beardsley.

RADIOGRAPHIC FILM INTERPRETATION (RTFI)

The next Radiographic Film Interpretation course will be held **October 16th through the 18th** and taught by Ron Van Arsdale. Class will run from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

2006 FIRST AID COURSES

First Aid and CPR/AED classes are ongoing, scheduled as needed. If you have questions or are interested in taking one or both of these courses, please contact Jessica Pyles at jpyles@bldata.com or call her at our office.

SCHEDULING INFORMATION

All classes will be held at 206 Lang Road in Portland, TX unless otherwise noted. Please contact Lindsay Beardsley or J.W. Ralls @ (361) 643-3400, for pricing info. and applications on all classes. **Base Line Data, Inc. applications must be submitted three weeks prior to the start of classes or examinations.

See 'weather' you can 'breeze' through this puzzle!



- BLIZZARD
- BREEZE
- CHINOOK
- CIRROCUMULUS
- CIRROSTRATUS
- CIRRUS
- CLOUDY
- COLD
- CUMULONIMBUS
- CUMULUS
- CYCLONE
- DOLDRUMS
- DRIZZLE
- DRY
- FAIR
- FOG
- FREEZING
- FROST
- HAIL
- HARMATTAN
- HEATWAVE
- HOT
- HUMID
- HURRICANE
- LIGHTNING
- MILD
- MIST
- MISTRAL
- MONSOON
- NIMBUS
- OVERCAST
- PRECIPITATION
- RAIN
- SHOWER
- SIROCCO
- SLEET
- SLUSH
- SNOW
- STORM
- STRATUS
- SUNSHINE
- THUNDER
- TORNADO
- TYPHOON
- WIND

Don't knock the weather; nine-tenths of the people couldn't start a conversation if it didn't change once in a while.
 ~Kin Hubbard
 Anyone who says sunshine brings happiness has never danced in the rain.
 ~Author Unknown

This little guy was recently found with a broken wing in the BLD parking lot. He is a whippoorwill, and Beth Hoekje, 'the Bird Lady' of Portland, came to pick him up and hopefully rehabilitate him. We hope he heals!



The trouble with weather forecasting is that it's right too often for us to ignore it and wrong too often for us to rely on it. ~Patrick Young



Happy Birthday to:
Ruben Gonzales, Howard Mauch, Michael White, Leony Leyva, Letty Ramirez, Sanzie Roberts, Mike Carter, and Lindsay Beardsley-

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