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Today's pricing		HEATING OIL (JUN)	GASOLINE-RBOB (JUN)	NATURAL GAS (JUN)	CRUDE OIL (JUN)
<b>Crude – .75 higher</b>	<b>HIGH</b>	1.3475	1.4103	3.466	50.19
<b>Products – Heat- 150 higher</b>	<b>LOW</b>	1.3100	1.3700	3.298	48.55
<b>Gasoline – 350 higher</b>	<b>SETTLE</b>	<b>1.3330</b>	<b>1.3995</b>	<b>3.440</b>	<b>49.92</b>
<b>Natural Gas - .01 higher</b>	<b>CHANGE</b>	<b>-.0082</b>	<b>-.0088</b>	<b>+.078</b>	<b>-.22</b>
	<b>14 DAY RSI</b>	44	45	34	47
	<b>5 DAY MA</b>	1.3483	1.4111	3.473	50.02
	<b>9 DAY MA</b>	1.3720	1.4319	3.585	50.20
	<b>14 DAY MA</b>	1.3926	1.4476	3.656	51.13

**D.O.E. stats...** Crude oil stocks rose 4.05 mmbbls. Distillate stocks rose 1.79 mmbbls. Gasoline stocks fell 4.70 mmbbls. Refinery runs were 82.7% of capacity, down 0.8%. The market opened higher this morning, mostly on improved equity prices, and the seemingly bearish inventory reports didn't do much to the prices – actually rallied them a bit – but prices have started to soften, with only gasoline holding on to their gains.

**- Still waiting for direction.** Energy prices seem almost fearful of straying too far from current levels. Crude oil seems comfortable trading on both sides (but not too far from) \$50.00/bbl., with heating oil and gasoline remaining within a range of about a dime per gallon. This mitigation in volatility has (albeit, slowly) started to help to lower some of the options premiums for heating oil (as well as gasoline, propane and natural gas). We do anticipate that there will be a breakout of sorts in the not-too-distant future. Hopefully prices will remain weak for the foreseeable future, but making believe that prices can be predicted has cost many people substantial amounts of money (and customers) – many of them fuel oil dealers.

**- After a nice rally in prices this past Friday,** all of those gains – and more – were eliminated near the opening of trading on Monday, on the reports of the growing swine flu epidemic.

NYH Barge (est.)	NYMEX #2 Oil	NYMEX #2 Oil	Jan '10 futures
04/22/09	1.3214	04/22/09 1.3299	04/22/09 1.5574
04/23/09	1.3079	04/23/09 1.3179	04/23/09 1.5498
04/24/09	1.3558	04/24/09 1.3683	04/24/09 1.5928
04/27/09	1.3079	04/27/09 1.3229	04/27/09 1.5582
04/28/09	1.3055	04/28/09 1.3167	04/28/09 1.5480

Equities sold off, and commodities followed suit – some “fears” rally prices, while other fears cause them to fall – as traders feared further slowing “*of everything*”. By the end of the day, stock prices had gained back most of their losses, and heating oil ended the day with losses the roughly equaled the gains from Friday. Since then, prices have (nervously) watched for more news. A spreading of the flu might lead to a sell-off in prices, while a “containment” of the problem, might be bullish for energy prices. As with most “news events”, there is generally a knee-jerk reaction, of sorts, that over-shoots where prices should go, before eventually reaching back to some level of equilibrium.

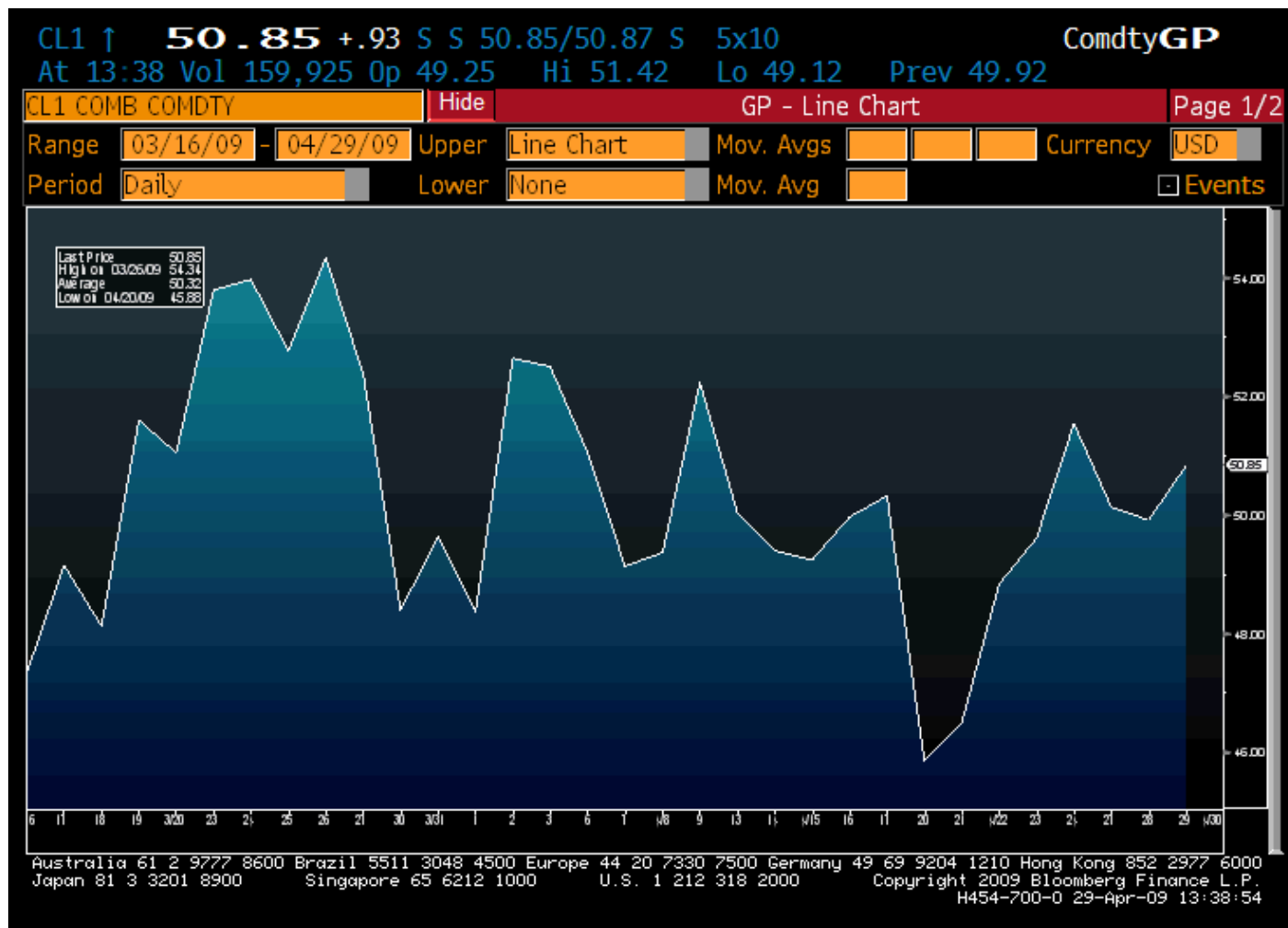
**- As far as the bigger picture goes,** with next winter moving up towards the \$1.60 per gallon level, we are again at a point where increases OR decreases of \$.75/gallon are not out of the question. Stocks (Dow Jones Industrial Average) seems to be holding water at the 8,000 level, so we might be seeing that some form of “bottoming” is in the midst of occurring. Time will tell, but it is

very big to see that some of the dramatic swings have started to slow down.

**- For all of those who will be attending the BIG industry event in Atlantic City next week,** please be sure to stop by and say hi. We will be hosting a “Sports Bar” on Tuesday night in the Angus Hospitality suite at the Taj Mahal on Tuesday evening, May 5<sup>th</sup>. Also, please attend one of our presentations, and/or visit us at our

booth on the trade show floor! Earlier this week we emailed/faxed flyers for the events we are hosting. Please let us know if you did not receive them and we will gladly send them again. We are looking forward to seeing you there to help to celebrate another successful year, and to help you finalize plans for next year’s success!!

Crude oil prices for the past 6 weeks.....



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