

THE Key Piece

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What's More Important to Success?

HARD WORK or LUCK

I sat in the dugout watching the play unfold... and now, after a few days of reflecting on its relevance to life and success in general, the parallels are uncanny.

Here's the set-up – play-off game, winner goes on, loser goes home. There's a lot on the line. Early in the game, the batter gets on base due to a catcher's interference call, a rarity. On the next pitch, a balk is called, moving the runner to second base. Then – the play.

The pitcher wheels around to attempt a pick-off of the runner on second base. The ball is thrown slightly wide, and the shortstop covering the bag can't reach it. The ball goes into center field, and the runner, who had slid back into second, gets up and heads to third. The center fielder makes a great throw to third, where the third baseman drops the ball, and it rolls slightly away. The third base coach holds the runner, telling him to stay put, but the runner sees the ball has gotten away from the fielder and makes a break for home. The third baseman picks up the ball and makes a throw to home, but the runner slides in under the tag to score. I-O.

And that's how the game ended – I-O. It was a great pitcher's duel, with outstanding plays made by both teams the rest of the way and phenomenal pitching to keep it close.

Here's what I reflected on. This score resulted from hard work, a little luck, capitalizing on an opportunity, along with a bit of aggressiveness, stubbornness, and not always listening to the experts; just like in life. This is the reason I often bristle at the suggestion that the only way to succeed is through hard work.

Sure, hard work is important. Just like in the game, no one is where they are without some hard work. There are many hours of practice, numerous games, and countless drills. There's the ability to handle pressure in the moment. Hard work is a given.



But often, a little luck is required. An errant throw from the pitcher created an opportunity. The runner capitalized on it. There was a little more luck as a great throw from the center was mishandled by the normally sure-handed third baseman (who was playing injured). Again, the runner capitalized on the opportunity. He was aggressive. He pushed the opportunity to the next level. The runner was also a little stubborn and not willing to be satisfied with what the opportunity provided. His stubbornness resulted in him not listening to his coach, i.e., the expert and authority on the field for his team. This pushed the opportunity even further to create the run.

It's a play I've seen a hundred times and have seen the players make 99 times. But this one time, they didn't make it, resulting in a run and a win.

Just like in life, you need some breaks, but you must be ready to capitalize on the opportunities as they appear before you and have some trust in your ability to see them through. A little



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LJB's Cookin' Corner

EGG BITES

This month's recipe comes from our Client Onboarding Specialist, Emma. She makes batches of these egg bites and then refrigerates them in individual bags for a quick grab-and-go breakfast. She also likes to switch things up by using different cheeses and proteins.

INGREDIENTS

- 8 large eggs
- 2/3 cup whole fat cottage cheese
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- Fresh cracked black pepper, to taste
- 1 1/2 cups Gruyère cheese, shredded
- 5 slices cooked bacon, chopped

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Preheat the oven to 300 degrees with the rack in the center. Place a second rack just beneath it and add an empty baking sheet. Add water to the empty baking sheet to create steam. Spray a muffin pan well with cooking spray and set aside.
2. Add the eggs, cottage cheese, salt, and pepper to a blender and blend for 15-20 seconds. Do not over-blend.
3. Transfer to a bowl and stir in the shredded cheese. Use a ladle or a

- measuring cup to scoop the egg mixture into the muffin tin wells, filling them no more than 2/3 of the way full. Try to disperse the cheese evenly throughout the muffin wells.
4. Sprinkle the chopped bacon evenly over the tops of the egg mixture.
5. With the muffin tin on the middle rack, bake for 30-35 minutes or until the center of the egg bites is set. Remove from the oven and let cool before removing from the pan.


Enjoy!

LUCK CONTINUED

stubbornness and not always listening to the experts can serve you well in the right situations.

Such is baseball. While many find it boring to watch, baseball, with its myriad rules, is – at least for me – the ultimate giver of life lessons through sport.

Keep running,



THIS EDITION'S REVIEW ROUNDUP



"During my phone intake with Emma, I felt heard and respected. She demonstrated patience, courtesy, and professionalism. She also was highly responsive to my outreach. Mr. Bourgeois extended me the same, with the additional attributes of compassion and expertise in his field. He also brought a particular level of calm to the conversation, which I very much appreciated. He had familiarized himself with my insurer's policy/plan

prior to our phone consult, and he, additionally, helped me to analyze my options. It was like finding safe harbor in the middle of a storm. I thank them."

—Christine Bigarani



"I have enjoyed working with their team on my case! I highly recommend! They make everything so easy for me to take care of!"

—Amber Perilloux

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AMERICAN AIRLINES ATTORNEYS SAY, 'IT'S YOUR OWN FAULT' TO 9-YEAR- OLD

Recent articles about "affirmative defenses" made by now-former American Airlines attorneys when sued by the parents of a 9-year-old secretly recorded in an airplane bathroom by a flight attendant highlight typical defense tactics in litigation.

If you have not read about the American Airlines filings, here's the basics. An American Airlines flight attendant taped his iPhone to the toilet seat in a plane bathroom. He used tape and labels to hide the phone, with the labels saying, "Seat broken." When he attempted to escort a 14-year-old to the bathroom with the broken seat, she recognized something was amiss, took pictures, and later reported what she uncovered. On the flight attendant's phone law enforcement found additional evidence of recordings of 7-, 9-, and 11-year-olds. The parents of the children were identified.

One filed suit against American Airlines.

In response to the lawsuit, American Airlines' attorney filed an answer asserting the child

was responsible for her damages since she "knew or should have known of the visible and illuminated recording device."

This is a typical defense strategy in most litigation. Let's call it the, "It's your own fault" defense. Defendants often refuse to admit they did anything wrong and then say something along the lines of, "Well, even if we did do something wrong, it's your own fault you were hurt."

The typical defense tactics also include defenses which can be called "you were already hurt" (pre-existing condition), "you are not really hurt" (exaggeration, malingering), "you didn't try to get better" (failure to mitigate damages), "you are making this up" (fraud), and other similar defenses.

These tactics are harmful, hurtful, and, in most cases simply not true. Having a national news story shed light on these tactics illustrates the reasons having an injury lawyer familiar with such deceptive tactics is essential in your case.



Hahnville grad is first LJB Legal scholarship recipient



WHITAKER

Mallory Whitaker, a 2024 Hahnville High School graduate, has been awarded our first annual LJB Legal Injury and Disability Scholarship. A standout student-athlete, Mallory has committed to the University of Central Arkansas for track and field, specializing in pole vault. She plans to pursue a degree in radiologic sciences, driven by her desire to contribute to the medical field.

Mallory's scholarship essay shared her

family's journey through her sister's battle with a brain tumor, highlighting the emotional and logistical challenges they faced. We established this scholarship to recognize the profound impact of disability and serious injury on individuals and their families. It's designed to honor the strength and perseverance of students like Mallory who face significant challenges and emerge stronger and more determined.



Read more by scanning the QR code!

WE Referrals

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THANKS FOR YOUR REFERRALS!

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REID'S JOKE CORNER

What did the sushi say to the bumblebee?

"Wassa-bee!"





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At LJBlegal, we deeply value the incredible work of our local teachers. They inspire, educate, and shape the future generation. For Teacher Appreciation Week, we hosted a giveaway to celebrate their hard work and dedication. We asked our social media followers to nominate their favorite teachers. Thank you to all the teachers and to everyone who nominated them!

Margaret Beltz, J.B. Marin Middle: "She is very caring with all of her students and gives her all each and every day!"

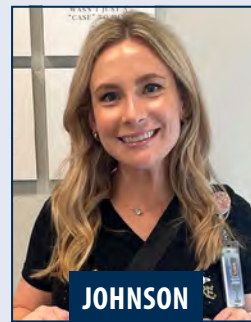
Maddy Johnson, R.J. Vial: "Maddy cares about each of her students not just academically but as a whole."

Lauren Hymel, Lakewood Elementary: "She's such an amazing teacher and a great person."

Amber Minchew, Allemands Elementary: "She meets her students where they are and celebrates their successes – no matter how small – along the way!"

April LeBouef, J.B. Martin Middle: "Loves her kids just like her own."

THANK YOU, TEACHERS!



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