

Are You Pitching?



Along the path to becoming the best leader you can be, there are certain to be road blocks, detours, and dead ends. Handling bumps in the road can test your resolve, but trusting yourself and your abilities can help you see your way through.

Jim Abbott was a Major League Baseball pitcher for ten seasons. While he probably won't make the hall of fame, his accomplishments would be the envy of just about anybody.

Abbott pitched for the University of Michigan. He was selected to represent the U.S. in the 1987 Pan American Games, and a year later he helped the U.S. baseball team win a gold medal in the Olympics. He went straight to the major leagues where he threw a no-hitter in Yankee Stadium, and one year he won eighteen games. Jim Abbott did all this in spite of being born without a right hand.

From the start, Jim's parents encouraged him to try new things and develop his confidence. They didn't make concessions, nor did they allow Jim to use his one hand as an excuse.

Like most kids, Abbott learned to play baseball by playing catch with his dad. The two of them came up with a method that allowed him to throw and catch. Abbott would cradle his glove in the crook of his right arm, throw the ball, and then quickly slip his hand into the glove in one fluid motion so that he would be ready to field the ball.

All in all, Jim Abbott never wanted to be known as a one-handed pitcher, just a left-handed one. Jim is quoted as saying, "I worked very hard. I felt I could play the game. The only thing that could stop me was myself."

"Going through life with a few extra challenges has made me a better person, not better than anyone else, but better than I would have been," he said. "I've learned that sometimes adversity can be a good thing."

The life of Jim Abbott can surely inspire us to live to our fullest potential, in spite of our so called limitations. We can make excuses, or we can make the best of any situation we are presented with.

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LAWN MOWER SAFETY

A lawn mower can be extremely dangerous if it is not handled properly. The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission reports that each year lawn mowers injure over 110,000 people seriously enough to require treatment in hospital emergency rooms.



Four Types of Lawn Mower Accidents

- *Contact with rotating blade.
- *Propelled objects.
- *Overturning.
- *Riding mower running over victim.



Practices to Prevent Most Accidents

- *Check your lawn before mowing.
- *Check guards and shields.
- *Dress properly to do the job safely.
- *Use earplugs to preserve your hearing.
- *No passengers on riding mowers.
- *Check your lawn for objects.



Always read the operators manual – The manual explains safe procedures that should be followed.

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The Ladies of Liberty Resources

Pictured from left to right on the front row are Ramona Hebert and Rosie Bordelon. On the back row are Madelene Hill, Veta Stokes and Paula Miller.

Ramona is an Executive Assistant, having celebrated thirty years with the company on June 1, 2007. Paula is our Accounts Payable lady. She has been with us since January 1, 2005. Veta or Mrs. Veta, as she is known, is our File Clerk. She will celebrate three years June 6, 2008. Rosie is the Receptionist, handling the phones and anything else they throw her way. She, too, will have three years with the company on August 1, 2008. Madelene is the Assistant Controller. She also celebrates three years on August 15, 2008, but before signing on with Liberty, Madelene worked for Postlethwaite & Netterville where she spent time going over our books.



April Anniversaries

Kathryn Bergeron 6 yrs. 4/1 RAC
Wayne Robin 12 yrs. 4/1 RPS
Risa Weaver 2 yrs. 4/3 RAC
Chandler Hutchins 2 yrs. 4/10 RPS
Michael Delcambre 13 yrs. 4/10 RAC
Chris Hernandez 4 yrs. 4/13 RAC
Buddy Moore 15 yrs. 4/19 RAC
David Minish 12 yrs. 4/29 RAC
Robert Soileau 15 yrs. 4/30 RPS



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APRIL FOOLS DAY

You can fool all the people some of the time, and some of the people all the time, but you cannot fool all the people all the time.

~Abraham Lincoln~

April Birthdays

Brad Currier 4/8 LRI
Chris Matte 4/16 RPS
Elgie "Sonny" Martin 4/19 RPS
Frank Kearney 4/24 RAC
Charner Moore 4/29 RPS
Rosie Bordelon 4/30 LRI

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Oil Expert Sees A Pricey Future

Michael Economides, addressing the Louisiana Oil and Gas Association, boasts of having predicted \$100-a-barrel oil three years ago and contends that U.S. drivers won't curtail their driving habits until the price of gasoline climbs to \$7.50 a gallon. Weekly, the University of Houston chemical engineering professor addresses crowds like the several hundred attending the Louisiana Oil and Gas Association's annual meeting Tuesday, March 4, 2008 in Baton Rouge, where he scoffed at the idea that consumers will curtail gasoline spending at \$3 or \$4 a gallon. "What is the price at which people will walk away from the pump?" he asked. "My answer is \$7.50. We are not even close to that." Economides has become one of the most influential energy consultants on the planet. He is respected for his knowledge of global energy strategy. As for culprits, Economides points readily to global consumption, with China's energy demand representing "the single most important geopolitical pressure point for the next three decades." He also said, "Russia is my biggest pet peeve against this current administration. Russia is going to be a gargantuan leviathan in energy." Economides didn't spare a fellow Democrat, Al Gore, for spreading what he called the "hoax" of global warming. And he blasted a Newsweek magazine story on the subject as "the vilest, most venomous piece of journalism" in U.S. history. Oil companies, however, like the rhetoric of global warming, because it gives them a cachet of consumer responsibility when they embrace it, said Economides. In reality, Economides said, hydrocarbon-based fuel is here to stay for decades, and alternative fuels can't be produced sufficiently to keep pace with world energy demand.

By: Louis James

The Best Gift Money Can Buy



If you're like me, you have a vision for your child that extends way into the future. Whatever your goals are for your child, we can all agree that it must

include a great education.

Parents are the first educators of their children. Schools are a part of the process, an aid to parents in helping form our child/children's mind, body, and in some cases, depending on the system you choose; the soul is part of the equation. When it comes time to send our children to school for a formal education, we want nothing but the best. We know that an education is the most valuable gift we'll ever give them. We choose a school that we feel will best accomplish our goal. Once that decision is made, we invest our time, talents and money into that system. It makes sense that we do everything to ensure that the system continues to uphold the high standards that first attracted us. We become a part of the system; we are the system.

Of all things we give our children, an education holds the distinction of having the most value. With a great education, they have the potential to acquire the things they desire and they can go on to accomplish anything they wish. Of course, the child may not understand the value of our gift until they put it to full use as an adult. Parents can only give good advice or put them on the right paths, but the final forming of a person's character lies in their own hands, so says Anne Frank. Do you hear that children? You have to do your part as well. Study and apply yourself today and the future will take care of itself. Your education is the foundation to standing on your own two feet. You must pour your heart into your work to cement the process.

When the school system creates the proper learning environment, the parents fulfill their obligation as first educators, and the student soaks up the knowledge, everyone benefits. Even the community at large – especially, the community at large!

In order to succeed, the workplace is becoming more and more technical. The workforce will need to do the same.