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1. Reflections

A. Cynthia, my beautiful bride, and I got a kick meeting the Jolly Green Giant when we visited Marquee Asheville in the River Arts District.





B. Kids at HART has another winner in MEAN GIRLS JR., now playing through Nov. 19. ... This tuneful musical, directed with aplomb by Shelia Sumpter, features dazzling choreography from Javan Delozier and Jessi Hoadley, as well as outstanding music direction from Maria Frost. ... Abby Wechel was terrific in the leading role and so were the other leading actors: James Cloninger, Kayenta Cruz, Ruthie Collins, Reese Pifer and Savanna Shaw. And kudos to all the other 13 talented performers who helped make this a show you won't want to miss. ... For tickets, click: [Here](#).



C. I had the pleasure of hosting two BLAINESWORLD podcasts/videocasts this past week. They can both be found when you click: [Here](#) and go to the indicated date.

(1) (top) 11.6.2023: Amy Upham--Executive Director, Blue Ridge Pride.

(2) (bottom) 11.7.2023: Mike Smart--Co-Founder of Function 101.

He discusses his company's button remote for Apple TV, a product that will knock your socks off. He also discusses other great products offered by Function 101. ... For more information about the button remote,

click: [Here](#). ... And to find out about other products from the company, click [Here](#).

SPECIAL OFFER FOR THOSE WATCHING OR LISTENING TO THIS PODCAST/VIDEOCAST ... If you purchase the button remote for Apple TV and/or any other product offered by the company, use this Promo Code when you buy something: blaine25. You'll get 25% off your total purchase.



D. Kismet, our amazing cat, asked to be included in this week's issue. So here he is, chilling out in the kitchen.



E. HOT OFF THE PRESS ... See below for my latest humor column for The Fairview Town Crier. If you live in the Fairview area, please submit something for possible use in a future issue. (See bottom right corner for information on how to do so.)

SPECIAL NOTE: The managing editor and art director for the paper will be leaving the paper after the upcoming December issue. If you'd be interested in either of these two paid positions or know somebody who might be, please see the job descriptions by clicking: [Here](#).

LAUGH TIME BLAINE GREENFIELD

Classic novel (p. 2)

A book which people praise, but seldom read

A guy walks into a dentist's office and says,
"I think I'm a moth."

The dentist replies,
"You shouldn't be here. You should be seeing a psychiatrist..."

The guy replies,
"I am seeing a psychiatrist."

The dentist says,
"Well then what are you doing here?"

And the guy says,
"Your light was on."

Every 10 years, the monks in the monastery are allowed to break their vow of silence to speak two words. Ten years go by and it's one monk's first chance. He thinks for a second before saying, "Food bad."

Ten years later, he says, "Bed hard."

It's the big day, a decade later. He gives the head monk a long stare and says, "I quit."

"I'm not surprised," the head monk says. "You've been complaining ever since you got here."

The easiest time to add insult to injury is when you're signing somebody's cast.

—Demetri Martin

I like an escalator because an escalator can never break. It can only become stairs.

—Mitch Hedberg

I tried having my mother's phone disconnected, but customer service said since the account was in my dad's name, he'd have to be the one to put in the request. The fact that he'd been dead for 40 years didn't sway the rep. A solution hit me: "If I stop paying the bill, you can turn off the service, right?"

"Well, yes," she said reluctantly. "But that would ruin his credit."

I changed my iPod's name to Titanic. It's syncing now.

Thanks, Sarah Kohrs, for this riddle:

Why was Cinderella so bad at soccer?
She kept running away from the ball.



Blaine Greenfield hosts *BLAINESWORLD*, a podcast, and he publishes a blog with the same name. To send items for possible inclusion in a future issue, email bjinbc@aol.com.

F. Condolences to:

(1) To the family and friends of Arthur "Leon" Roach, our Fairview neighbor.

(2) To the family and friends of Dr. Michael Lee, a colleague of mine when I worked at Bucks County Community College. Visitation and funeral service will be Saturday, Nov. 18, at Our Lady of Good Council Church on 2nd Street Pike in Southampton at 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m., respectively, followed immediately by the burial ceremony at the same location. For her obituary, click: [Here](#).

G. Congratulations to Lois Chazen on attaining her license as a cosmetologist.

H. Announcing this week's ...

***** **BLAINESWORLD BEST AWARD** *****

It goes to Tom Mock (top) and Michael Truffa (bottom), both leaders with Asheville SCORE over the past several years.

Tom served as Chapter Chair. He ran meetings with great adroitness, and he was always available to answer any questions. His quiet enthusiasm was infectious.

Fortunately, SCORE won't be losing him. He has now become Associate District Director for the organization.

Michael was Educational Events Manager. He handled all the seminars, and he did so with much skill. In particular, I am appreciative of the help he always provided me and made my life easier while doing so.

He has replaced Tom as Chapter Chair.

Note: SCORE mentors are highly successful and seasoned business professionals and entrepreneurs with the experience and knowledge to help you achieve your small business goals. For more information, click: [Here](#).



2. Invites

A. Here's the information for ...

***** **CONTEST #17** *****

One lucky reader will win a copy of *The Fabric of Her Dancing Shoes* by Terri St. Cloud.

About the book:

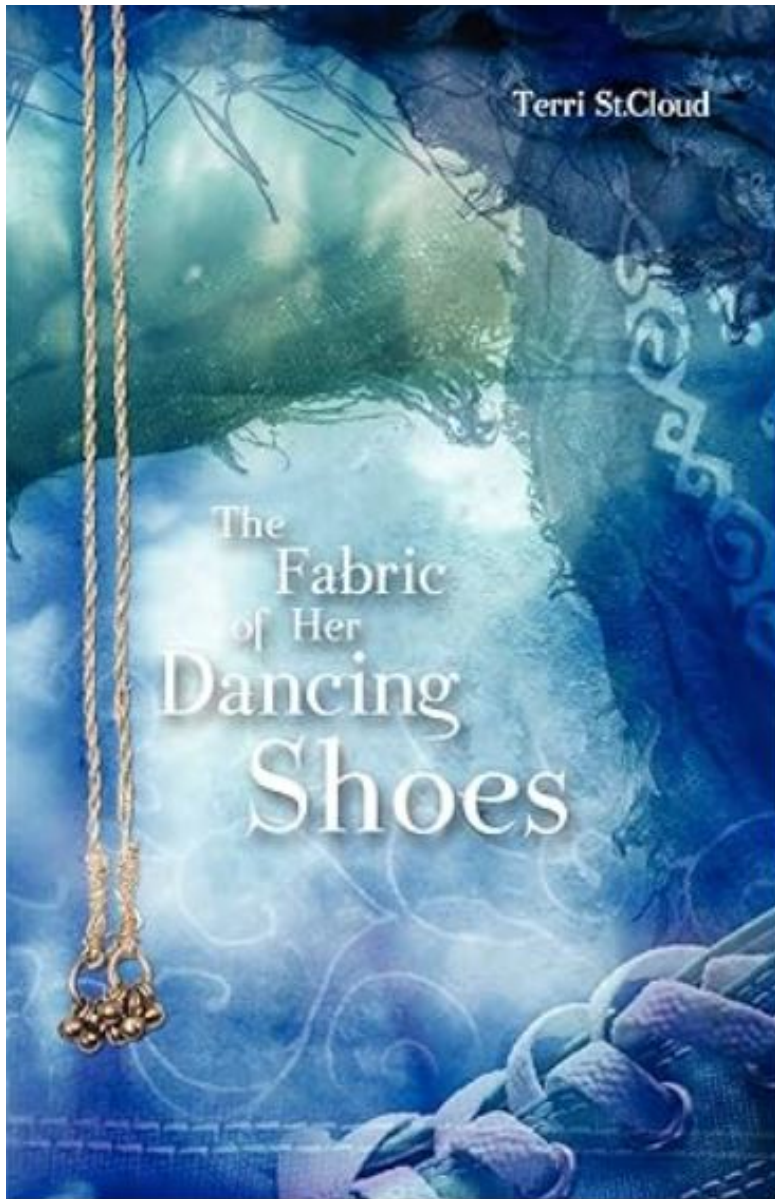
A woman's journey inward, the author reflects on subjects that include self doubt, mattering, relationships and love. With original poetry mixed through-out, the book encourages the reader's own inner journey.

Here's what one reader had to say about it:

I absolutely love this book! It made me laugh, it made me cry, and it took me into the very heart of my own inner journey. Terri St. Cloud has a way of writing that takes you along on her journey and lets you see how your own journey meanders along many of the same paths. We're all looking for 'what's real' as she calls it. We all want to know why we're here and how we want to be in the world. With humor, and total honesty, Terri lays her heart wide open so that we can look into it and see that our own hearts just want to be open

Terri lays her heart wide open so that we can look into it and see that our own hearts just want to be open and free, and she gives us her wisdom and insight on how we can make that happen. I highly recommend this book for all women on the road to finding themselves.

To enter the contest, send an email to: bjinbc@aol.com and put CONTEST 17 in the subject line. Include your name and home mailing address in the body of the email. All entries must be received on or before 9 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 20.



B. Want to be a guest on my BLAINESWORLD podcast/videocast? It can now be seen on YouTube or you can listen to it on your favorite podcast player. If you have news you'd like to share and/or a story to tell, send an email to: bjinbc@aol.com and put GUEST in the subject line. In the body of the email, include both your name and phone number.

Even if you've been a guest before, I'd welcome the opportunity to speak with you again. I now tape via Zoom, usually in the early evening.

For more information about the podcast/videocast, click: [Here](#).

C. Are you interested in shows, concerts, movies, TV, etc.? ... If so, I encourage you to join a group I've formed on Facebook that's called Entertainment. To do so, all you need to do is follow the instructions when you click: [Here](#).

D. Come join Cynthia for the course she'll be teaching for Arms Around ASD this week: Move Your Body on Wednesday via Zoom or in person.

To attend this course and/or any other that is being offered, scroll down to Calendar when you click [Here](#).

3. FYI

If you use any of these 6 phrases every day, you're 'genuinely happier' than most: Happiness experts by Leslie Richardson

Happiness is a choice, but that doesn't mean it's easy. When we're stuck in a constant loop of fear and negativity, it can be tough to cultivate a positive mindset.

As leaders at the Institute for Global Happiness, we're constantly thinking about the small, intentional things we can all do to make our communities more positive, content and resilient.

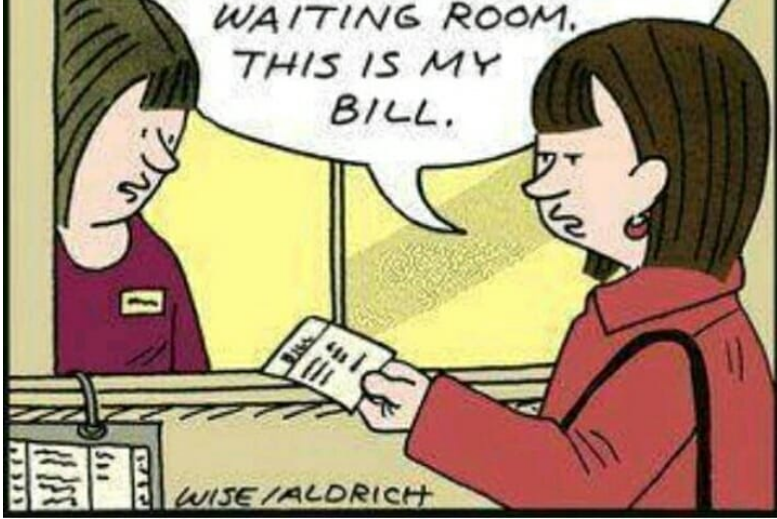
Often, it starts with how we speak to others, and to ourselves.

For the rest of this informative article, click: [Here](#).

4. Joke 1

This reminds me of an experience I recently had. There was a sign that said: "If you're more than 15 minutes late, you will have to reschedule your appointment." I wondered at the time whether I would have been billed for the missed appointment. ... As you can imagine, I had to wait over an hour to see this particular doctor. ... If this ever happens to you, don't complain to the office employee. Say something to the doctor. (Thanks, Linda Williams, for sharing.)





5. Reviews

A. Cynthia and I both enjoyed *THE BEANIE BUBBLE*, which we saw on Apple TV+. This engaging biopic tells the story of Ty Warner, the guy who brought about the Beanie Baby craze in the 1990s. An unrecognizable Zach Galifianakis is outstanding as Warner, and he is backed up by stellar performances from Elizabeth Banks, Sarah Snook and Geraldine Viswanathan. The only thing we didn't like was the film's non-linear timetable. Rated R.

B. We recently saw *THE ADJUSTMENT BUREAU* on Netflix. It is a sci-fi romance thriller about a politician who meets a ballerina. He is instantly smitten, but mysterious men conspire to keep him away from the beautiful dancer. Performances from Matt Damon, Emily Blunt and Anthony Mackie were all outstanding, but overall, we only found the film moderately interesting. Rated PG-13.

Note: I had seen it before and recall liking it more the first time I saw it. Consequently, I just removed it from my list of favorite films.

As always, if you'd like to get this list, just send an email to: bginbc@aol.com and put FAVORITES in the subject line.

C. Thanks, Janet Zofchak, for this recommendation:
THE ART OF THE STEAL

It is a fascinating documentary about the corruption in Philadelphia and Pennsylvania over a \$35 billion art collection. You can watch it for free at this website: [Here](#).

D. Thanks, Mike Martinelli, for this recommendation:
THE HOLDOVERS is wonderful.

6. TV alert

A. *THE KILLER*: Now on Netflix

Michael Fassbender plays a hired assassin with an existentialist streak. Oscar winner Tilda Swinton plays a glamorous fellow hitman who's as lethal with a putdown as she is with a gun.

B. *007: ROAD TO A MILLION*: Now on Prime Video

Nine pairs of everyday folks compete in Bondlike stunts — like climbing a crane, walking across a moving train and racing vintage Aston Martins from the Scottish Highlands to Chile's desert to Jamaica to Venice--all for the chance to collect a cool £1 million prize. Brian Cox calls the shots as the Controller.

C. *THE BUCCANEERS*: Now on Apple TV+

This drama follows a group of American women from "new money" families who try to acquire husbands

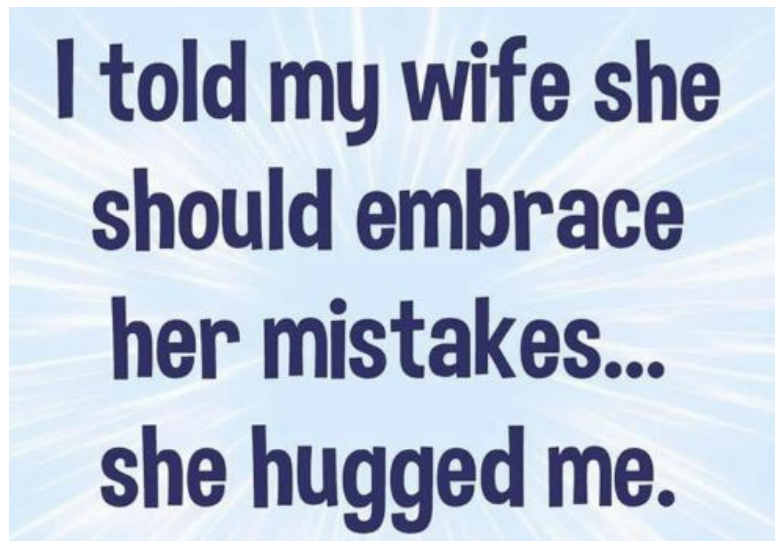
during the London Season of the 1870s.

D. DIAMONDS OF THE NIGHT: Monday, Nov. 13, at 2 a.m. on TCM

Two Jewish boys escape from a Nazi death-camp convoy and go wild and hungry. Wrote one reviewer: "A film of such raw power that it still feels genuinely radical, a hallucinatory, aesthetically visionary work."

7. Joke 2

Soooo glad she listened to me. (Thanks, Carolyn Derreberry Beckner, for sharing.)



8. Clips/Websites

A. The Turtles are arguably the greatest rock group of all time!

(1) As mentioned previously, this section will feature music by The Turtles--either their recordings and/or covers of their music by others.

I'd especially love to see any recording you may have done of "Happy Together."

Send it to: bginbc@aol.com and put THE TURTLES in the subject line.

Note: Even if you did not do a recording, I welcome anything done by others--not only of "Happy Together," but any other Turtles' song.

(2) For this week, please view this cover from Pat Cardoza: [Here](#).

B. Video of the week

Sara Bareilles - Songs From WAITRESS: THE MUSICAL [Full Concert]: [Here](#).

Sara opens up about her experience writing the songs for the musical adaptation of Adrienne Shelly's film "Waitress." You'll love both the songs and her discussing them. This is one of the best things I've seen lately!

Note: The movie version of this musical will be coming to Cinemark in Asheville this coming December 7-11. For tickets, click: [Here](#).

For locations of other theaters where it will be playing that might be closer to you, click: [Here](#).

Cynthia and I will be going with some friends on Dec. 11 at 3:15 p.m. We will then head to Farm Burger for a bite to eat. If you want to join us, let me know by sending an email to: bginbc@aol.com and putting WAITRESS in the subject line.

C. And also check out these other clips at your convenience:

(1) Mister Rogers Intro, one of my favorite songs: [Here](#).

(2) Note: After you play the above, view Eddie Murphy's take on Mister Rogers by clicking: [Here](#).

(3) Howard Smith: Hymns (11.12.2023): [Here](#).

(4) Neil Ratner Rock Doc: Grace Slick: [Here](#).

(5) I loved Neil's Nixon story (above). Just imagine had she gotten to see him .. our whole country's history might have been different! ... And feel free to join me in revisiting "White Rabbit." ... if you want to do the same, click: [Here](#).

(6) The moral of this story: Never underestimate a granny with a glint in her eye: [Here](#). (Thanks, Cappy Tosetti, for sharing.)

(7) The Swingsationals - Sing Sing Sing: [Here](#). (Thanks, Jonathan Berg, for sharing.)

D. Here's a website that you might want to check out:

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, United States

A Free Book Gifting Program

In 1995, Dolly Parton launched an exciting new effort, Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, to benefit the children of her home county in East Tennessee, USA. Dolly's vision was to foster a love of reading among her county's preschool children and their families. The new program gave each child a specially selected book each month. By mailing high quality, age appropriate books directly to their homes, Dolly wanted children to be excited about books and to feel the magic that books can create. Moreover, she could ensure that every child would have books, regardless of their family's income.

Since its launch, Dolly Parton's Imagination Library has set and surpassed many goals and milestones. National replication, which started in 2000, allowed more and more communities to adopt the program. State-wide coverage was established in Tennessee in 2004. Furthermore, international growth provided expansion in Canada (2006), United Kingdom (2007) and Australia (2014).

The first book order in 1995 totaled just over 1,700. Today, Dolly Parton's Imagination Library sends more than 2 million books per month to children around the world inspiring them to Dream More, Learn More, Care More and Be More.

To find out about availability in your area in the United States, click: [Here](#).

The program is also available in other countries.

(Thanks, Carole Biro, for sharing.)

E. BLAINESWORLD, the website, remains up and running . . . to view it, please click [Here](#)

F. Are you on Facebook? In the unlikely event we have not yet connected as friends there, please feel free to send me an invite by clicking: [Here](#).

9. Technology tip

How to add Facebook Live videos to YouTube

If you are posting video to Facebook Live (or just regular Facebook), you might be wondering how to add Facebook Live videos to YouTube. This video will show you how to do this. To view it, click: [Here](#).

10. Joke 3

Ouch! (Thanks, Allyson Miller-Greenfield, for sharing.)



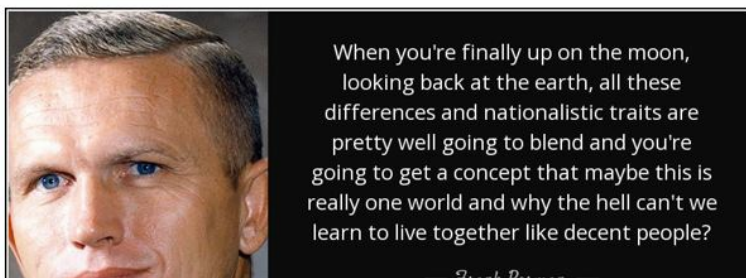
11. Two quotes I like

A. (top) Thanks, Frank Borman (1928-2023), for your career as an American United States Air Force colonel, aeronautical engineer, NASA astronaut test pilot and businessman. He was the commander of Apollo 8, the first mission to fly around the Moon, and together with crewmates Jim Lovell and William Anders, became the first of 24 humans to do so, for which he was awarded the Congressional Space Medal of Honor. For more information about his life, click: [Here](#).

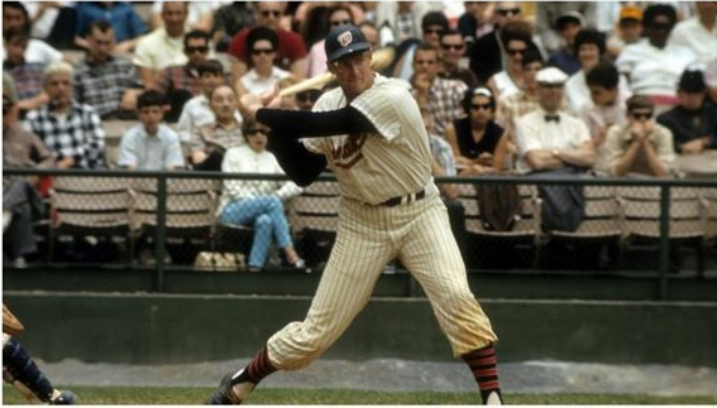
B. (bottom) Thanks, Frank Howard (1936-2023), for your career as an American professional baseball player, coach and manager in Major League Baseball who played most of his career for the Los Angeles Dodgers and Washington Senators/Texas Rangers franchises. Howard was named the National League's Rookie of the Year in 1960 for the Dodgers. He twice led the American League in home runs and total bases and once each in slugging percentage, runs batted in and walks. For more information about his life, click: [Here](#).

I remember him because I actually saw him play in person, along with my cousin Blaine Land ("the other Blaine"), at the first game of the 1963 World Series at the original Yankee Stadium. Batting against Whitey Ford, he hit the hardest line drive I've ever seen. It landed in fair territory, just to the left of the monuments to Yankee greats in center field--about 460 feet from home plate. He lumbered only as far as second base in what has been called the longest double in Yankee Stadium history. To see that hit for yourself, go to the 3:01 mark when you click: [Here](#).

Note: Last week, I wrote about Bobby Knight's death and was criticized by a friend who said there was nothing to admire about Knight. I pointed out that I was commenting on his winning record as a basketball coach and not about him as a person. Frank Howard was just the opposite. I admired him as both a player and as a human being. For a terrific article comparing Howard to Knight, click: [Here](#).

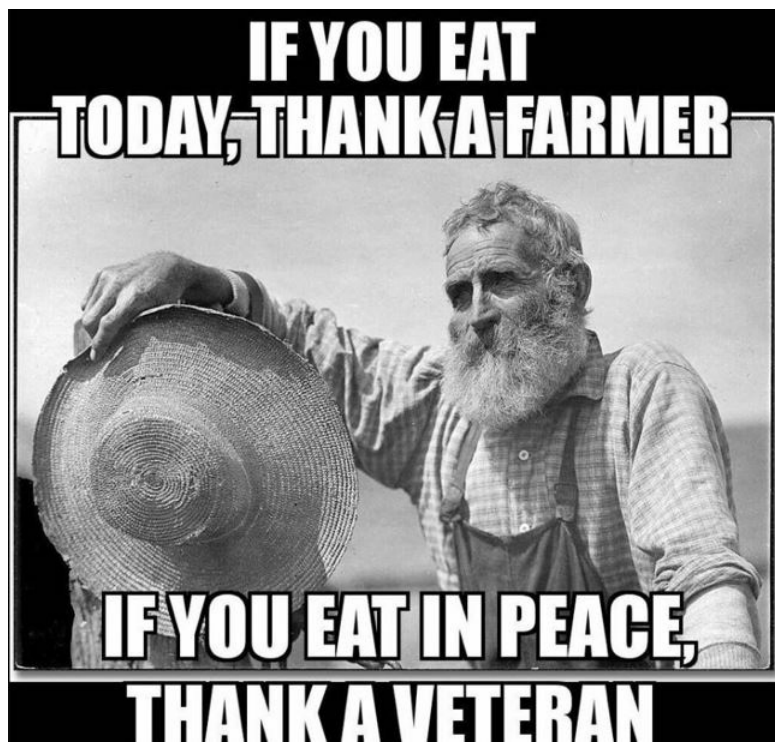


"I have the God-given talents of strength and leverage. I realize that I can never be a great ballplayer because a great ballplayer must be able to do five things well: run, field, throw, hit and hit with power. I am mediocre in four of those — but I can hit with power."—Frank Howard



12. Thought for the day

Amen--and awomen, too, on this recent Veterans Day holiday. (Thanks, MA Collins, for sharing.)



PS. Make it a great week!

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