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This and That
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Golly, what beautiful weather hanging around for the last few weeks. I will be the first to admit we needed more rain during that time but what fantastic golf days we've had to enjoy. I've been watering my one tomato vine I planted in a medium size bucket where it can soak up all this nice Florida sunshine, and there's a good size tomato hanging there ripening... can't wait to sink my teeth into it for my first tomato of the season. I planted it in rich, black, organic soil and hopefully it will be better than most of the tomatoes that are indigenous to this area. I really miss those delicious tomatoes from the good rich dirt of WV and points north. I really haven't had a good, vine ripened tomato grown in FL since we've lived here other than some "Big Ugly" (brand name) tomatoes that were supposedly grown further South. They were fair to middlin'. Maybe somebody out there can tell me where I can get the tomatoes I'm used to.

--- Read an article in the Daily Sun a few days back concerning a high school girls' softball coach that was taken to court because he wasn't politically correct with his players. He made the mistake of telling a girl that she played like a two year old. Thankfully the wise judge threw the case out saying the coach had the right to push the player to excel by using words that might even seem rude, demeaning or intimidating. The father of the girl was not pleased, however.

Thankfully this guy was not around 20 years ago when I was coaching Little League Baseball. One of my favorite encouragements was to tell the guys they were throwing, running and hitting like a girl. Of course when we evolved to where we put girls on the teams that line of encouragement lost a lot of its appeal. Although I even told some of the girls they threw, hit and run like a girl they got the message. I wasn't trying to insult any of them, just trying to paint a visual image in their heads so they could grow to a toughness that was necessary for them to stand the rigors of the game. Now days some of the girl's softball teams and girl players on the boys' teams tend to show up a great many of the boys in the game.

--- Did anyone read the short news clip on the 77 year old lady from Minnesota who was left waiting at a Walmart in New Mexico? Seems there was a lack of communication between husband and wife and each of them, independently of the other, went in to the store after parking their RV in the lot. The gentleman in question came back out of the store and took off down the road, thinking his wife was asleep in the back. Walmart kept her safe in the snack bar while police tracked down her husband and brought him back. Just a little heads up to those of you who decide to take a road trip together... be sure and check up on the other before driving down the road.

Before her death my first wife was afraid I would forget about her in a store and was always reminding me not to leave her behind... so much so that one time after shopping inside I about went crazy when I was unable to locate her when I came out... I was coming close to pushing the panic button until I remembered that she had stayed home and hadn't come with me on that trip. The mind is a wondrous thing... when it's working properly.

Judy and I have told one another that if we get separated in the store just to wait in the front aisle, patiently, until the other comes up front to check out. Should work for everyone if you don't panic and can remember where the front of the store is. So far we've had not difficulties.

--- We've got some busy weeks ahead of us... A trip to Las Vegas for a Celine Dion concert, immediately followed by a 10 day trip to the Holy Land in Israel and Jerusalem. We're excited about both trips and can't wait to hop on the planes. It will be our first trip to both locations and are looking forward to visiting the same places that Jesus walked, died and was resurrected. Those who've been before have told us it changes our entire perspective on the story of Christ. People have said we're crazy going over during all the turmoil but we've been advised that the tourist dollars are valued by everyone over there so tourists are fairly safe. We'll see.....

When we get back we'll share our adventures with you in case there are those who are considering the trip yourself. Take care and we'll see you next week.

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