**Praise**

**My Favorite Quote: Praise does wonders for our sense of hearing. *(Arnold H. Glasgow)***

**My Favorite Story: Everyone needs recognition for his accomplishments, but few people make the need known quite as clearly as the little boy who said to his father: “Let’s play darts. I’ll throw and you say ‘Wonderful!’” *(Bits & Pieces)***

**My Favorite Funny: Lorraine Collins, in her book What’s a Place Like This Doing to a Nice Girl Like Me?, offers a surefire system for getting children to clean up their rooms. Don’t be negative or naggy, she warns. Encourage the child in a positive manner, by sincerely finding something about the room you like, and praising him for it. Say, for instance, “You certainly do keep a neat ceiling!” *(Phyllis Battelle, King Features)***

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**October 11th, 2-25 - exceeds economists’ forecasts *(The Week magazine, February 21, 2025)* ground beef *(The New York Times, as it appeared in The Week magazine, July 18, 2025)* Grocery prices *(Barron’s, as it appeared in The Week magazine, September 26, 2025)* Are prices going up? inflation**

**October 4th, 2025 - Pope Leo *(Guardian staff and agency, October 1st, 2025) criticism***

**September 27th, 2025 - The folly of messing with Mother Nature *(The Week magazine, February 20, 2009)***

[**September 20th, 2025 - Nature does not give *(Harry Marsh) nature***](http://www.mondaymunchees.com/)

[**September 13th, 2025 - solar eclipse *(William Falk, in The Week magazine, September 1, 2017) lift up my eyes***](http://www.mondaymunchees.com/)

[**September 6th, 2025 - Jellyfish *(Richard Harrington, in Life Lessons froml the Ocean, p. 94) simplicity***](http://www.mondaymunchees.com/)

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