

My husband and I have a crane critter gittin' fixation. If there's a crane machine in the vicinity, we've already checked it out, looked at the prizes, investigated how intricately they are entwined and if there are any parts that could come off and choke our little guy.

Yes, they are for Ringo. You didn't think they were for us, did you?

We always either stick in a dollar bill or load in four quarters because it is rare to get one on the first try. The second try is usually way better than the first.

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he definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over and hoping for a different outcome. Crazy, right?

When we were children and dissatisfied with the outcome of a game, we would often yell, "Do over!" We would then repeat whatever we did, hoping for a different outcome. Of course, that didn't always happen and everyone knows you only get one do-over so you better make it count.

In golf, a do-over is a mulligan. As you can guess, a mulligan is not "legal" in the rules of golf. You are supposed to take the shot where it lands — good or bad. At some charity golf events, one can purchase mulligans as an additional fundraiser and since everyone is on the same page, it's OK. It's not OK to tap the ball onto the green with your toe or give it a toss from the other side of a tree.

As adults, we often wish for a do-over so we can change the end result. As more mature individuals, we learn and try to accept that sometimes you only get one chance at something. You give it your all and hope for the best. Some of us make it, some don't. Sometimes it's luck, sometimes it's fate, sometimes it just isn't meant to be.

In life, there are few do-overs. You only get one chance to make a first impression, as they say.

If you flub up a job interview, you rarely get a chance to go back and try it again. Most often, you just never hear from them again and it remains a burning regret in your gut.

Hopefully, we learn from our mistakes and the next time goes better. Some people never learn. They continue with the insanity running on the hamster wheel to nowhere.

There are things we can change or do-over. We can work at becoming better people, better friends, better sons and daughters, better spouses, better mothers, etc. Spring is the time when everything is new. The grass turns a lush emerald green; tender shoots of new plants work their way up from the ground to bask in the sun; the birds are singing and building nests in preparation for new little one; and the air is just fresh and clean, especially after a good spring rain.

Spring is a do-over for nature. It can also be a time for us, like those new plants, to work our way out of the slump we are in and reach up to the sun for warmth. We can do this any time but spring seems so appropriate.

You can refresh that friendship that may have lagged when everyone got so busy over the holidays.

You can work on that project you let slide.

You can have a mulligan for whatever you want — as long as everyone is on the same page.