

MUSINGS XVI

SURE IS REFERESHING TO GET THOSE POLITICAL PHONE CALLS AGAIN.

WHY IS IT THAT PEOPLE WILL SPEND AN EXCESSIVE AMOUNT OF MONEY FOR A SEAT TO A PROFESSIONAL SPORTIME EVENT AND STAND UP DURING THE WHOLE GAME?

RICE KRISPIES DO NOT CURE HUNGER. CHOCOLATE DONUTS DO!!!

I DIDN'T HEAR ONE CANDIDATE SAY THEY WOULD BRING AMERICAN INDUSTRY BACK FROM CHINA.

THE LEO HIGH SCHOOL VETERAN'S DAY CEREMONY WAS EXCEPTIONAL. VOCALIST CATHY O'CONNELL SURPRISED EVERYONE BY SINGING THE LEO FIGHT SONG. SHE KNEW THE WORDS BY HEART.

AT THE LEO FUNCTION TOM QUINN TOLD ME THAT THE ONLY DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A NUN AND A WARDEN WAS THE SPELLING.

MY 5th GREAT-GRANDCHILD IS ON IT'S WAY. IF I LIVE A CONSIDERABLE TIME LONGER I'LL PROBABLY END UP WITH MORE GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN THAN GRANDCHILDREN.

NEXT ON MY AGENDA A GRANDAUGHTER WEDDING ON DECEMBER 10th. THE RECEPTION IS WHERE ELSE? GAELIC PARK!!!

DON'T READ TOO MANY BOOKS. HOWEVER I JUST FINISHED READING (3 ½ HOURS). "THE GIPPER AND KNUTE ROCKNE." MUCH BETTER AND MORE ACCURATE THAN THE MOVIE "KNUTE ROCKNE ALL-AMERICAN." I WILL LEND IT TO ANY AVID GEORGE GIPP/KNUTE ROCKNE FAN. YOU CAN ALSO PURCHASE IT ON THE INTERNET FOR \$20 INCLUDING THE SHIPPING COST.

MOST RIDICULOUS ITEM OF THE YEAR!!! RICKETTS FAMILY WANTS 200-300 MILLION DOLLARS FROM THE TAXPAYERS TO RENOVATE WRIGLEY FIELD.

IF THEY DON'T HAVE ENOUGH MONEY TO DO IT THEMSELVES THEY NEVER SHOULD HAVE VENTURED INTO MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL. MY THOUGHTS TO THEM. SELL THE CUBS AND TAKE YOUR TOYOTA SIGN

WITH YOU. THEY MAY BE VERY GOOD AT MATH BUT NOT VERY GOOD IN HISTORY. I FIND IT HARD TO BELIEVE THAT THEY DON'T KNOW THAT AMERICAN P.O.W.'S WORKED AS SLAVES WITH HARDLY ANY FOOD IN THE TOYOTA FACTORIES DURING WORLD WAR II. THEY SHOULD SELL THE CUBS AND BUY A TEAM IN TOKYO.

MY THOUGHTS ON 2 LOCAL FOOTBALL GAMES!! THE ST. RITA/MT. CARMEL GAME SHOULD BE RELOCATED TO TOYOTA PARK EVERY YEAR. SEATING CAPACITY IS 22,000. THE NORTHWESTERN/ILLINOIS GAME SHOULD BE PLAYED AT SOLDIER FIELD EVERY YEAR. SEATING CAPACITY IS 66,000 AND NO OUTFIELD WALLS. HOWEVER, AS FATHER MALLETTE SAYS, NOBODY ASKED ME!!!

I ALWAYS PREFERRED MECURECHROME OVER IODINE FOR CUTS AND SCRATCHES. I OFTEN WONDER WHAT HAPPENED TO BOTH OF THEM. HAVEN'T HEARD OF EITHER ONE OF THEM IN A LONG, LONG TIME.

GLAD THE BASKETBALL SEASON IS UPON US. WE HAVE A NICE AND DRY WARM GYMNASIUM TO SIT IN.

SPEAKING OF BASKETBALL GAMES. LEO ALUMNI WILL HOLD ITS' ANNUAL OUTING TO SEE LEO PLAY BROTHER RICE N JANUARY 14TH ON THE 3RD FLOOR OF LEO HIGH SCHOOL. THE POPULARITY OF THE EVENT IS GROWING. OVER 200 ALUMNI LAST YEAR. WE TOOK UP THE WHOLE WEST SIDE OF THE GYM. MANY OLD STORIES TOLD AFTER THE GAME WITH PIZZA AT FATHER PEREZ KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HALL. PLEASE PASS THE WORD ON. WORD OF EFFECTIVE EVER SINCE PAUL REVERE TOOK HIS HORSE FOR A NIGHTTIME RIDE OVER 200 YEARS AGO.

CIVIL UNION LAW PASSED IN SPRINGFIELD. JUST PLAIN SICK. NOTHING WORSE THAN SEEING TWO GROWN MEN KISSING ON T.V. WHY DO THE T.V. STATIONS HAVE TO SHOW SUCH JUNK?

WHAT HAPPENED TO THE DRESS CODE IN COLLEGIATE AND PROFESSIONAL SPORTS WHEN ALL THE PLAYERS HAD HAIRCUTS AND WERE CLEAN SHAVEN? THE YANKEES ARE IN A CLASS ALL BY THEMSELVES.

WHEN DID THE SERMON BECOME A HOMILY?

PLAYING FOOTBALL GAMES IN ICE AND SNOW IS A FARCE OR TRAVEISTY. TAKE YOUR PICK. ROGER GOODWELL IS A DUMMY OR STUPID, TAKE YOUR PICK. NO GAME IN THE WHOLE WORLD WAS DESIGNED TO PLAY OUTDOORS IN INCLEMENT WEATHER. ALL N.F.L. GAMES PLAYED FROM

DECEMBER 1ST TIL THE END SHOULD BE PLAYED IN WARM CLIMATES OR DOMED STADIUMS.

I THINK BOBBY HULL IS MUCH FUNNIER, THAN JIM BELUSHI.

WHAT EVER HAPPENED TO THE HOLY NAME SOCIETY MEETINGS WHEN THEY WOULD SHOW WORLD SERIES MOVIES?

I NEVER SEE ANY PHONE BOOTHS OR PAY PHONES ANYMORE. WHAT IS THIS WORLD COMING TO?

I DON'T HAVE ANY DEADLINES TO THESE MUSINGS. BUT IF I DID HAVE ONE I MISSED THE CHRISTMAS GREETINGS. HOPE EVERYONE HAS A NICE CHRISTMAS WITHOUT ANY MISHAPS. I HOPE EVERYONE SPELLED IT CHRISTMAS.

ALUMNI NIGHT AT THE LEO BASKETBALL GAME WAS A HUGE SUCCESS. BIGGER CROWD THAN LAST YEAR. 250 LEO WON BOTH GAMES IN OVERTIME. VARSITY GAME WAS 107-101 IN 5 OVERTIMES!!! MADE THE POST GAME PARTY LAUGHS A LOT MORE HEARTY.

WHY DID MARY AND JOSEPH WAIT SO LONG TO HAVE JESUS BAPTIZED?

TOMORROW (JANUARY 19TH) IS MY DAY FOR CATARACT REMOVAL. A LITTLE NERVOUS CONSIDERING IT IS MY ONE AND ONLY EYE.

BOUGHT 6 TICKETS FOR IRELAND FOR JUNE 8, 2011. 16 HOURS OF DAYLIGHT AT THAT TIME.

HAVE TO GET THIS TO MY GRANDAUGHTER TO DO THE TYPING. GET TO PLAY WITH QUINN PATRICK AND HIS NOT TOO GENTLE DOG JACK. JACK IS MY BEST FRIEND AS LONG AS I BRING HIM DOG TREATS.

HOPE THE NEXT LETTER COMES SOONER THAN THIS ONE DID. NOT TOO MUCH EXCITEMENT IN MY LIFE THESE DAYS.

GOD BLESS,

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40 SHADES OF GREEN

I close my eyes and picture the emerald of the sea
From the fishing boats at Dingle to the shores of Donaghadea
I miss the River Shannon, the folks at Skibbereen.
The moorlands and the meadows and the forty shades of green.
But most of all I miss a girl I Tipperary town.
And most of all I miss her lips as soft as eiderdown.
Again I want to see and do the things we've done and seen
Where the breeze is sweet as Shalamar
And there's forty shades of green.

I wish I could spend an hour at Dublin churning stuff
I'd love to watch the farmer drain the bog and spade the turf
To see again the thatching of straw the women clean
I'd walk from Cork to Laren to see the forty shades of green
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