

MUSINGS XIX
AUGUST TO NOVEMBER 2011

I HAVE BEEN MISSING A LOT OF IMPORTANT EVENTS LATELY. THE LATEST WAS "MAYOR DALEY NIGHT" AT A WHITE SOX GAME. IT DREW A HALF OF A STADIUM.

THE LAW CONDEMNS TALKING ON A CELL PHONE AND DRIVING. RECENTLY I SAW A GIRL ABOUT 20 YEARS OLD PUTTING HER HAIR IN A PONY-TAIL WHILE TURNING THE CORNER AT 99TH AND PULASKI. WHICH IS WORSE? PHONE OR PONY-TAIL?

KUDOS TO CHICAGO POLICE OFFICER BOB KELLAM. HE IS ALSO A SOCCER COACH AT ST. RITA HIGH SCHOOL. HE WAS RECENTLY HONORED BY THE CHICAGO FIRE SOCCER TEAM. HE SAVED A MOTHER AND INFANT FROM A THIRD FLOOR FIRE. INCLUDED IN THE HONOR WAS A TRIP TO NEW JERSEY TO MEET THE MANCHESTER UNITED SOCCER TEAM BEFORE A GAME. BOB IS ALSO MY GRANDDAUGHTER'S HUSBAND.

WHEN IS SOMEONE GOING TO PUT UP A "REMEMBER PEARL HARBOR" SIGN NEXT TO THE TOYOTA SIGN? MR. RICKETTS, TEAR DOWN THAT SIGN. REPLACE IT WITH A MARLBORO OR BEECH-NUT CHEWING TOBACCO SIGN (WINTERGREEN PREFERRED). SOMETHING MADE IN THE USA.

WITH ALL OF THE ROUNDABOUTS BEING BUILT IN EVERGREEN PARK AND MT. GREENWOOD., IT ALMOST FEELS LIKE I AM BACK IN IRELAND WHILE DRIVING IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD. DON'T LIKE THEM!!!

WE RECEIVED AN E-MAIL FROM HEADFORD IN COUNTY GALWAY. HEADFORD WON THE 16 AND UNDER FOOTBALL (SOCCER) CHAMPIONSHIP FOR COUNTY GALWAY. 1ST TIME SINCE 1953. THE GOALIE WAS ONE OF OUR OWN, DANIEL EARNOR. ALSO, THE GOALIE FOR THE GIRLS TEAM IN EYRECOURT, COUNTY GALWAY IS SUSAN EARNER. I WONDER IF THEY NEED A GOALIE FOR THE 80 AND OVER TEAM SOMEWHERE IN GALWAY. I COULD START TRAINING AS SOON AS THE SNOW MELTS.

SINCE JIM KNAFF RESIGNED AS PRESIDENT OF THE 96TH STREET BLOCK CLUB, I SEE THEY TOOK THE 96TH STREET BLOCK CLUB SIGN DOWN.

MY SON JIM, MY DAUGHTER MARY AND I WERE GUESTS OF 2 "IRISH HOUR" RADIO SHOWS RECENTLY. HAGERTY FAMILY AND O'CONNOR FAMILY SHOWS. WE MADE A PLEA FOR A BENEFIT FOR JIM'S NEPHEW WHO LOST A LEG BECAUSE OF A HORRIBLE AUTO ACCIDENT. THANKS VERY MUCH TO THE HAGERTY AND O'CONNOR FAMILIES.

I HAVE 2 SONS (TOM AND TERRY) WHO HAVE C.D.L. LICENSES. THEY TOOK STRINGENT TESTS TO OBTAIN THEM. A C.D.L. LICENSE IS NEEDED IN THIS COUNTRY TO DRIVE A BUDWEISER ROUTE TRUCK, ETC. WHY THEN, UNDER MONICA LEWINSKY'S BOYFRIEND'S REGIME, ARE MEXICAN DRIVERS ALLOWED TO CROSS THE BORDER AND GO AS FAR AS ST. LOUIS WITHOUT AN AMERICAN C.D.L. LICENSE? AS CLINTON ALWAYS SAID, "A GLOBAL ECONOMY." HE SHOULD HAVE STAYED WITH "WHITEWATER." NAFTA STINKS!!!

I RECEIVED MY FIRST REPLY OF "MUSINGS" FROM ONE OF MY PEOPLE WHO RECEIVE MINE. IT WAS FROM A TEAMMATE OF OURS WITH THE ROBBINS DRUGS BASKETBALL TEAM. GOVONER VAUGHN FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AND THE HARLEM GLOBETROTTERS. MANY OF THE SAME TYPE OF GRIPES AND OBSERVATIONS I HAVE. WELL DONE GOV. GOV NOW RESIDES IN PHOENIX AND WORKS PART TIME FOR THE TROTTERS.

ONE OF MY CHORES WHEN I WAS IN UPPER GRADE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL WAS TO TAKE TWO LARGE RUGS TO THE BACK YARD AND BEAT THEM WITH A RUG BEATER TO GET THE DUST (DIRT) OUT OF THEM. I NEVER SEE A RUG BEATER FOR SALE ANYWHERE ANYMORE!!!

I NEVER SEE ANY TOOTHPASTE MADE FROM POWDER ANYMORE. MAYBE SOMEDAY IT WILL COME BACK WHEN ALL OF MY TEETH ARE HISTORY.

I NEVER HAVE BEEN A CONNOISSEUR OF FINE FOODS. I HAVE A VERY LIMITED MENU. HOWEVER, I LOVE LANG LEE'S CHOP SUEY. AFTER OVER 60 YEARS IN EVERGREEN PARK AND ORLAND PARK, LANG WILL BE CLOSING HIS DOORS FOREVER DUE TO THE SHOPPING CENTER IN ORLAND PARK BEING TORN DOWN. SOMETIME BETWEEN SEPTEMBER AND THE END OF THE YEAR. END OF AN ERA.

HEY NEIL STEINBERG!! WHY DON'T YOU TAKE YOUR NISSAN AND HONDA CARS TO NAVY PIER? PUSH THEM IN LAKE MICHIGAN AND SEE IF THEY FLOAT. THEN GO AND PURCHASE A GM OR FORD. YOU LIVE IN AN AMERICAN CITY AND WORK FOR AN AMERICAN NEWSPAPER. WHY NOT BUY AMERICAN INSTEAD OF FOREIGN? LING LINGS DON'T READ YOUR COLUMNS.

FOOTBALL SEASON STARTS TONIGHT!!! LEO-ST. LAURENCE. MARIST-RICE. NORTHWESTERN SEASON. MAKES MY SOCIAL LIFE MORE INTERESTING.

IT WAS ALUMNI NIGHT AT THE LEO-ST. LAURENCE GAME. FELT GOOD. MOST YOUNG PEOPLE REMEMBERED ME FROM MY YEARS (19) OF BEING THE FIELD ANNOUNCER FOR FOOTBALL GAMES AND THE SCOREBOARD OPERATOR FOR THE BASKETBALL GAMES. IT WAS ALSO VERY NICE TO SEE A RENOVATED GATELY STADIUM. NEW TURF. FRESH PAINT, ETC.

RECENTLY I SAW A PICTURE OF A MAN IN THE SUN-TIMES WITH 6 FINGERS ON EACH HAND. THAT WOULD BE A BIG ADVANTAGE IF HE PLAYED 16 INCH SOFTBALL.

GOOD TO SEE MY FAVORITE ADVERTISER BACK ON TV AFTER A LONG ABSENCE. GEORGIE ZIMMER OF "THE MEN'S WEARHOUSE AD." HE REMINDS ME OF RAY LEVINE SUITS OF WEST PULLMAN. "YOU'RE GONNA LIKE THE WAY YOU LOOK."

WHY IS OCTOBERFEST CELEBRATED IN SEPTEMBER? WHY NOT SEPTEMBERFEST?

GLAD TO SEE PAT FITZGERALD (NORTHWESTERN) WAS ON THE COVER OF THE IRISH-AMERICAN NEWS AND KELLY OF NOTRE DAME WAS ON PAGE 30. NO CONTEST!!! DURING A GAME, I'VE NEVER SEEN KELLY HAVE A NICE WORD FOR HIS PLAYERS.

JOHN ELWAY WAS TAKING A SHOWER AFTER WINNING THE SUPER BOWL. HE WAS MAKING A LOT OF YIPPEE NOISES. A REPORTER SAID ONLY A WINNING QUARTERBACK COULD MAKE THOSE NOISES. THE LOCKER ROOM ATTENDANT SAID IT WAS BECAUSE WE RAN OUT OF HOT WATER.

THE FINE PRINT ON FOOD CONTAINERS AND ADS IN THE NEWSPAPERS SEEM TO BE GETTING SMALLER AND SMALLER. IS IT JUST ME?

LOOK-A-LIKES. OUR NEXT DOOR NEIGHBOR LOPEZ AND OZZIE GUILLEN.

WHY DO WE HAVE MIDDLE NAMES? MY MOTHER NEVER HAD ONE. JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH NEVER HAD ONE EITHER, OR LAST NAMES.

STEROIDS HAVE COST ME A GREAT JOB OPPORTUNITY. WITH A PUFFED NECK, I FLUNKED MY INTERVIEW AS A MALE MODEL FOR MACY'S CATALOGUE.

IS IT TRUE THAT KING ARTHUR AND HIS FRIENDS STARTED THE FIRST EVER FOOD FIGHT AT ONE OF HIS LAVISH DINNER PARTIES?

STEVE JOBS WAS HAILED AS A 20TH CENTURY TOM EDISON. ONE THING STEVE HAD OVER TOM WAS THAT HE HAD ALL OF HIS PHONES MADE IN CHINA.

ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST, ST. XAVIER'S BASKETBALL TEAM WILL PLAY NOTRE DAME IN SOUTH BEND. A BUS FULL OF SENIOR CITIZENS FAN CLUB MEMBERS FROM ST. XAVIER WILL BE ATTENDING. IT PAYS TO BE UNEMPLOYED WHEN SUCH EVENTS LIKE THIS COME ALONG ON A TUESDAY. WEAR RED. GO COUGARS!!!

LOOK-A-LIKES. KEN ROSENTHAL, THE ON FIELD REPORTER AT THE WORLD SERIES AND PEE-WEE HERMAN.

HAD TO GET 3 NEW REMOTES FOR OUR TVS. CAME JUST IN TIME FOR THE WORLD SERIES. IT MADE MY DAY. WHEN 3 NEW REMOTES MAKES YOUR DAY, YOU CAN IMAGINE HOW EXCITING MY ROUTINE DAY IS.

NOLAN RYAN'S WIFE WAS THE STAR OF THE WORLD SERIES.

MORE THAN LIKELY, I WILL NOT HAVE ANOTHER LETTER READY UNTIL AFTER JANUARY 1ST. I HOPE EVERYONE READING THIS LETTER HAS ENORMOUS GOOD FATE FOR THE HOLIDAYS.

FOR ALL LEO MEN. PLEASE ATTEND THE LEO ALUMNI BASKETBALL NIGHT ON JANUARY 20TH. ST. LAURENCE WILL BE AT LEO. BUS LEAVES FROM FATHER PEREZ K.C. HALL AT 6:15. FREE PIZZA AND CASH BAR AFTER THE GAME. ALL OLD STORIES ARE FREE.

NUMBER 18 GRANDCHILD ARRIVED SEPTEMBER 12TH. A GIRL NAMED RILEY JANE EARNER. I HOPE SHE HAS THE "LIFE OF RILEY." NUMBER 6 GREAT-GRANDCHILD IS DUE IN APRIL. I HAVE A PHOTO FROM MY GRANDDAUGHTER'S WEDDING WITH ALL OF MY DESCENDANTS. IF I CAN DOCTOR THE PICTURE UP BY ADDING 7 LITTLE ONES I HOPE TO PUT THE PICTURE IN THE NEXT LETTER. THERE WILL BE 45 OF US IN THE PICTURE. MUCH DIFFERENT FROM MY CHILDHOOD. 2 BOYS AND VERY FEW COUSINS.

I COULD RAMBLE ON AND ON, BUT I HAVE TO SAVE SOME FOR #20.

GOD BLESS,

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Wild Mountain Thyme

Oh, the summer time is coming,
And the trees are sweetly blooming,
And the wild mountain thyme
Grows around the blooming heather.

CHORUS : Will you go, lassie, go?
And we'll all go together
To pull wild mountain thyme
All around the blooming heather,
Will you go, lassie, go?

I will build my love a bower
By yon clear and crystal fountain,
And all around the bower,
I'll pile flowers from the mountain.

CHORUS

I will roam the country o'er
Through that dark land so dreary;
And all the spoils I find,
I'll bring to my darling dearie.

CHORUS

If my true love, she won't have me,
I will surely find another
To pull wild mountain thyme
All around the blooming heather.

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And the trees are blooming
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Grows around the blooming heather.

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