

MUSINGS VOLUME IV
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GOOD THING I AM A LIGHT SLEEPER. I HATE TO HEAR AN ALARM CLOCK.

SNOW AND COLD ARE FOUR LETTER WORDS.

THE CUBS PRESIDENT RESIGNED. HIS JOB WAS SO IMPORTANT THE CUBS DIDN'T REPLACE HIM.

I HAVE BEEN ASKED TO WRITE REGULAR (IRREGULAR) COLUMNS AT MY PACE FOR THE LEO ALUMNI WEBSITE. SHOULD BE FUN. HOPE THEY ARE INTERESTING TO MOST PEOPLE. HOPE I DON'T OFFEND ANYONE (EXCEPT MT. CARMEL) WWW.THOSELEOMEN.COM

THERE WERE SIGNS UP ALL OVER OUR VICINITY ABOUT A LIVE NATIVITY SCENE AT A LOCAL CHURCH LAST CHRISTMAS. I DIDN'T APPLY TO BE IN IT BECAUSE I COULDN'T DECIDE WHICH PART I WOULD PLAY. JOSEPH OR BABY JESUS.

HOW COME POLAR BEARS DON'T DROWN?

DAILY CHICAGO TRIBUNE PRICE GOES UP TO 75 CENTS. THE NEXT DAY TRIBUNE PRESIDENT RETIRES. GOLDEN PARACHUTE IS 32 MILLION DOLLARS (THE 6TH SORROWFUL MYSTERY).

MY 3RD GRADE TEACHER, SISTER MARY FRIDIAN, WAS A GRADE SCHOOL CLASSMATE OF GEORGE GIPP OF NOTRE DAME FAME. CALUMET, MICHIGAN, GREAT TRIVIA QUESTION.

GEESE FLY VERY WELL AND GREAT DISTANCES BUT NEVER LAND IN A TREE.

THE STATE OF INDIANA RECENTLY PASSED A NEW SEAT BELT LAW. MANDATORY FOR PEOPLE IN THE BACK SEAT TO BUCKLE UP. IF I TRAVEL IN MY 1991 CADILLAC THROUGH INDIANA MY 5 PASSENGER CAR NOW BECOMES A 4 PASSENGER CAR.

IT IS ILLEGAL NOT TO BUCKLE UP. HOWEVER, BOXING IS STILL LEGAL. WHILE LIVING IN FLORIDA A WOMAN WAS KILLED IN AN AMATEUR BOXING MATCH ABOUT 20 MILES SOUTH OF US. SOMETHING IS WRONG WITH THIS PICTURE!!!

SOMETHING TO ASK YOUR YOUNG CHILDREN OR YOUNG GRANDCHILDREN. THE FIRST THING YOU SHOULD DO IF YOU HURT YOUR TOE IS TO CALL A TOE TRUCK.

I HAVE NEVER HEARD A CAMPAIGN SLOGAN AS VAGUE AS, "WE NEED CHANGE" CHANGE TO WHAT?

DONNA AND I HAD AND RAISED 12 CHILDREN. WITH THAT IN MIND I FIND HOWARD LUDWIG'S COLUMN ABOUT RAISING 2 CHILDREN VERY UNINTERESTING.

MOST MEN LEAVE THIS WORLD THE SAME WAY THEY CAME IN- NO TEETH.

NO SMOKING INDOORS IN ILLINOIS AS OF JANUARY 1, 2008. PLEASE PRAY FOR THE MAKERS OF ASH TRAYS.

I SAW A SIGN THAT ADVERTISED HIGH ENERGY BIRD SEED FOR SALE. IT SEEMS THAT PROFESSIONAL SPORTS ARE NOT ALONE IN USING JUICE.

MY UNION PENSION NEVER GOES UP. MY SOCIAL SECURITY WENT UP 2 1/2 % THIS YEAR. CUB TICKET PRICES ARE GOING UP 23% NEXT YEAR (7TH SORROWFUL MYSTERY).

JOE BUCK AND KENNY ALBERT ARE N.F.L ANNOUNCERS. THE VOLUME ON T.V. IS AT ZERO, WHEN THEY ARE ON. CAROL MARIN AND ELIZABETH BRACKETT HAVE AS MUCH KNOWLEDGE ABOUT FOOTBALL AS JOE AND KENNY DO.

I BELIEVE MARCO POLO WAS THE FIRST SALT SALESMAN IN THIS COUNTRY. BOY, COULD HE SELL SALT (BOAT LOADS).

IN MY OPINION JOHN MC CAIN IS MORE DESERVING THAN ANYONE TO BE PRESIDENT OF THE U.S.A.

HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE MARRIED INTO THE SAM ZELL FAMILY? I'LL BET SAM IS THE LIFE OF THE PARTY AT FAMILY GATHERINGS. SAM SHOULD GET HIS NOSE HAIRS TRIMMED. BIG SLOB!!!!

THE WEATHER OUTSIDE IS FRIGHTFUL!!! OUR (LEO) ALUMNI BUS TRIP TO SEF LEO PLAY ST. RITA WAS CANCELLED BECAUSE OF 12" SNOWFALL.

I ENJOY THE ST. XAVIER UNIVERSITY BASKETBALL GAMES VERY MUCH AND ALSO THE PIZZA AFTER THE GAME WITH ABOUT 20 LEO ALUMNI ALMOST LIKE A MINI REUNION. MY DAUGHTER COLLEEN COMES WITH ME QUITE OFTEN. COLLEEN IS USUALLY THE ONLY FEMALE IN THE ROOM. SHE ENJOYS IT ALSO.

COLLEEN AND MY DAUGHTER PATTI RECENTLY WERE ABLE TO PURCHASE TICKETS TO A CUB-WHITE SOX GAME THIS COMING YEAR!!!

I'LL BET ALL OF THIS NOISE ABOUT STEROID SHOTS IS A HOAX. I BELIEVE THEY WERE GETTING PENICILLIN SHOTS FOR HAMSTRING STRAINS.

I AM EXPECTING MY 3RD GREAT GRANDAUGHTER THIS SPRING. NEVER DREAMED THAT WOULD HAPPEN. MAYBE THE 3 GIRLS WILL THEN TURN OUT TO BE THE SUCCESSORS TO THE ANDREW AND McGUIRE SISTERS. WOULDN'T THAT BE SOMETHING TO RELISH?

I HAVE 5 TICKETS TO THE DE PAUL VS. NOTRE DAME GAME AT THE ALL — STATE ARENA. SHOULD BE FUN.

I ALSO HAVE 4 TICKETS TO THE ANDRE RIEU CONCERT APRIL 15TH AT THE ALL STATE ARENA. MYSELF, BRIAN, AND HIS GIRLFRIEND KERRY ARE GOING. ANYBODY INTERESTED IN THE 4th TICKET? FREE TO THE 1ST CALLER!! FREE TRANSPORTATION AND THE SEAT IS NEXT TO ME. THERE WERE 12,000 PEOPLE THERE LAST YEAR. THE COST IS \$115 PER TICKET- ABOUT THE BEST SHOW I HAVE EVER SEEN.

A QUOTE FROM THE CHICAGO SUN-TIMES, "OFFICER I AM NOT DRINKING AND DRIVING. I AM SWERVING TO AVOID POT HOLES IN THE STREETS."

CONGRATULATIONS AND MANY THANKS TO MIKE COLLINS (ST. MARGARET'S '67 AND LEO '71) FOR A SUCCESSFUL ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY AT ST. MARGARET'S.

IT IS A FACT THAT WHENEVER A GIRL GETS MARRIED IN IRELAND, SHE AUTOMATICALLY LOSES HER FIRST NAME. FROM THAT DAY FORWARD SHE IS KNOWN ONLY AS "THE MISSUS." GOOD MORNING "MISSUS" ETC.

THE CHRISTIAN BROTHERS OF IRELAND TAUGHT ALMOST MY WHOLE MALE FAMILY STARTING WITH MY BROTHER (1935 — 1939). LEO — BROTHER RICE — ST. LAURENCE ARE THEIR SCHOOLS. BROTHER EDMUND IGNATIUS RICE WAS THE FOUNDER OF THE CHRISTIAN BROTHERS OF IRELAND. THERE IS GOING TO BE A CELEBRATION (MASS) OF BROTHER RICE'S LIFE AT THE McDONOUGH CHAPEL AT ST. XAVIER AT 5:00 P.M. ON SATURDAY, MAY 3RD. AFTERWARDS, PIZZA AT PALERMO'S ON 95TH ST. JUST WEST OF CICERO.

AS I HAVE STATED BEFORE MY LIFE IS VERY DIFFERENT NOW WITHOUT DONNA. HOWEVER, I AM VERY BLESSED TO HAVE ABOUT 40 DESCENDANTS OF MINE LIVING IN THE HOOD TO ENJOY. SPORTING EVENTS, FAMILY GATHERINGS AT CHRISTMAS, GRADUATIONS, GREAT-GRANDCHILDRENS' BIRTHDAYS, ETC. DONNA IS ALWAYS WITH US IN SPIRIT. GOD BLESS DONNA AND ALL OF THEM!!!!

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P.S. CAN'T WAIT TO SEE WHO THE FIRST CALLER IS FOR THE ANDRE RIEU SHOW ON APRIL 15TH.