

MUSINGS XI
"RAISED ON SONGS AND STORIES AND SOFTBALL"

A CANDIDATE RUNNING FOR MAYOR OF TINLEY PARK PROPOSES TO ELIMINATE THE MANDATORY SEAT BELT LAW. MY KIND OF GUY.

DISTURBING TO SEE THE SOUTHTOWN – STAR ELIMINATE LEO HIGH SCHOOL FROM THEIR SPORTS PAGES. LEO IS AT 79TH & SANGAMON, DE LA SALLE IS AT 35TH AND MICHIGAN, MOUNT CARMEL IS AT 64TH AND DANTE. LEO HAD A SUPER BASKETBALL TEAM THIS YEAR. MOUNT CARMEL DID NOT, THOUSANDS OF LEO ALUMNI IN THE SOUTHTOWN READING AREA.

MANY STORIES WRITTEN ABOUT MT. CAMEL'S MEDIOCRE TEAM (19-9) AND THEIR MEDIOCRE COACH.

MICHAEL SNEED'S COLUMN SAYS THERE'S A RUMOR THAT BILL DALEY MAY BECOME THE AMBASSADOR TO CHINA. CONGRATULATIONS TO BILL. HOPE HE GETS A 10 YEAR CONTRACT. I WAS HOPING FOR GREENLAND.

6 OF MY FAMILY ARE PLANNING A TRIP TO SEE MY NIECE IN BOZEMAN, MONTANA AND A COUPLE OF DAYS IN YELLOWSTONE PARK. IT SHOULD BE A NICE BREAK. I HAVEN'T SEEN JUDY SINCE 1981.

AFTER BEING BLESSED WITH 3 DELIGHTFUL GREAT-GRANDDAUGHTERS, I NOW HAVE A VERY SHARP GREAT-GRANDSON. HIS NAME IS QUINN PATRICK O'NEILL, 3/16/09. HE REMINDS ME OF THE SONG, "I'M THE HANDSOME MAN THEY CALL O'DONAHUE."

I HAD A GREAT DAY AT LEO HIGH SCHOOL ON 4/7/09. LEO ALUMNI BOUGHT 45 PIZZAS FOR THE STUDENTS TO CELEBRATE LEO'S 4TH PLACE FINISH IN PEORIA THE STATE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT. IT IS AMAZING HOW 16 & 17 YEAR OLD BOYS CAN EAT. AFTER THEY HAD THEIR NORMAL LUNCH THEY HAD THE PIZZA FOR DESSERT. IT IS STILL A CLASSY SCHOOL WITH A GREAT ENVIRONMENT. EVERY STUDENT AND FACULTY MEMBER STOPPED AT OUR TABLE TO SAY THANKS. I WAS VERY HUMBLED WHEN THEY GAVE ME ONE THE MEDALLIONS THAT THE TEAM RECEIVED IN PEORIA.

I DETEST COOKED VEGETABLES. HERE RECENTLY, AS I WAS DAYDREAMING, A THOUGHT OCCURRED TO ME THAT VEGETABLES WERE NEVER MENTIONED IN ANY STORIES OF THE GARDEN OF EDEN.

I WOULD LOVE TO BE THE GENERAL MANAGER OF THE CUBS FOR ONE YEAR. SALARY!!! ONE DOLLAR!!!

THREE CHEERS FOR SARAH PALIN. ON APRIL 20TH I SAW SARAH DELIVER AN OUTSTANDING SPEECH ON TELEVISION ON HER VIEWS ON PRO-LIFE. SHE EVEN MENTIONED THAT SHE COULD HARDLY WAIT TO MEET HER NEWLY BORN HANDICAPPED SON. I HOPE JOE BIDEN SAW THAT.

OUTSIDE OF A FEW EVENTS, MOST OF THE SUMMER FEELS LIKE I'M RELIVING RIP-VAN WINKLE DAYS. IF I AM PATIENT, HIGH SCHOOL AND NORTHWESTERN FOOTBALL DAYS WILL BE UPON US AND THE CUBS-SOX WORLD SERIES WILL STIR A LOT OF EXCITEMENT IN OUR LITTLE TOWN. A LOT MORE THAN ANY OLYMPIC DAYS.

I AM TRYING TO CONVINCE THE BARBER OF EVERGREEN PARK TO RELIVE THE 40'S AND 50'S BY PUTTING A POOL TABLE AND A BOOKIE ESTABLISHMENT IN HIS BACK ROOM.

WE ARE PLANNING TO SEE OUR 1ST RODEO EVER IN CODY, WYOMING AS PART OF OUR MONTANA - YELLOWSTONE PARK TRIP. NONE OF US ARE PLANNING TO ENTER THE AMATEUR HOUR PART OF THE EVENING. ALTHOUGH CARA HAS SAID SHE WOULD LIKE TO RIDE ONE OF MY NIECE JUDY'S HORSES. JUST A SLIGHT GALLOP.

IF YOU TAKE YOUR DOG FOR A RIDE IN YOUR CAR, DOES THE DOG HAVE TO WEAR A SEAT BELT?

I WATCH MANY BASEBALL GAMES ON T.V. WHY IS IT WHEN A SHORTSTOP MAKES AN ERROR MANY TIMES THE MANAGER TAKES THE PITCHER OUT? WHY NOT TAKE THE SHORTSTOP OUT?

OVER THE LAST 150 YEARS OR SO THE EARNER CLAN SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN SPRINKLED WITH WANDERLUST FROM GALWAY TO LASALLE, ILLINOIS TO RED CLOUD, NEBRASKA TO WYOMING TO MONTANA TO FLORIDA TO CHICAGO AND FURTHER ON. SO, THIS SUMMER WE WILL CONTINUE THAT.

"I'VE A FINE FELT HAT AND A STRONG PAIR OF BROGUES (SHOES) AND RESIN IN MY POCKET FOR ME BOW. MY FIDDLE STRINGS ARE NEW AND I'VE LEARNED A TUNE OR TWO AND I'M WELL PREPARED TO RAMBLE AND MUST GO."

GOD BLESS,

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P.S. REPEAL THE SEAT BELT LAW!!!!

“DICEY RILEY”

POOR OLD DICEY RILEY SHE HAS TAKEN TO THE “SUP.”

POOR OLD DICEY RILEY SHE’LL NEVER GIVE UP.

SHE’S UP EACH MORNING TO THE HOP, SHE GOES UP FOR ANOTHER LITTLE
DROP, AND THE HEART OF THE ROAD IS DICEY RILEY.

SHE WALKS ALONG FITZGIBBON STREET WITH AN UNINDAUNTED AIR

DOWN ALONG BY SUMMER HILL YOU CAN SEE THE PEOPLE STARE.

SHE SAYS IT’S NEARLY HALF PAST ONE, I MIGHT STOP FOR ANOTHER
LITTLE ONE, AND THE HEART OF THE ROAD IS DICEY RILEY.

POOR OLD DICEY RILEY SHE HAS TAKEN TO THE “SUP.”

POOR OLD DICEY RILEY SHE’LL NEVER GIVE IT UP.

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