

MUSING XIV
SPRING OF 2010

DON HOGAN AND I HAVE DECIDED TO ENTER THE 2 MAN BOBSLED EVENT IN THE NEXT WINTER OLYMPICS. WE ARE CURRENTLY LOOKING FOR 2 MORE LADS FOR THE 4 MAN EVENT.

WHAT WAS MOST INTERESTING?

1. CROSS COUNTRY SKIING
2. CURLING COMPETITION
3. AL MICHAELS INTERVIEWING OLYMPIANS OR
4. BOB COSTAS INTERVIEWING OLYMPIANS

VANNA WHITE AND NANCY PELOSI ARE BOTH ATTRACTIVE WOMEN. HOWEVER, THEY BOTH NEED A NEW HAIRDRESSER. MAYBE THEY SHOULD TRY REGIS PHILBIN'S SALON.

BRING BACK JANE BYRNE FOR MAYOR!!!

HAVE YOU NOTICED THAT TWIST TIES ON LOAVES OF BREAD ARE PUT ON TO BENEFIT LEFT HANDED PEOPLE?

SEEMS ODD TO ME THAT WE DRINK WATER, MILK, TEA AND COFFEE BUT WE EAT SOUP.

WHEN USING ALUMINUM FOIL DOES IT MATTER IF THE GLOSSY SIDE IS UP OR DOWN?

SINCE WHEN DID BOB KNIGHT AND MIKE KRZYZEWSKI BECOME IMPERIAL WIZARDS OF ALL YOUNG MEN WANTING TO BE PROFESSIONAL BASKETBALL PLAYERS? THEY WANT THEM TO COMPLETE 2 YEARS OF COLLEGE BEFORE THEY CAN JOIN THE N.B.A. WORK FORCE. MANY, MANY HOCKEY AND SOCCER PLAYERS NEVER WENT TO COLLEGE. PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL (M.L.B) CAN SIGN YOUNG MEN AT AGE 16. I NEVER WENT TO COLLEGE. DOES THAT MEAN I WOULD HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL AGE 20 TO GET A JOB? MY GRANDFATHER QUIT SCHOOL AFTER 3RD GRADE. MY FATHER WENT TO 8TH GRADE. THEY BOTH FOUND EMPLOYMENT AT VERY EARLY AGES. SOME PEOPLE ARE NOT BORN TO GO TO COLLEGE. THEY WORK HARD AND BECOME DECENT CITIZENS. THAT SHOULD BE THE GOAL OF EVERYONE AND EVERY FAMILY. DERRICK ROSE WORKS HARD AND IS A VERY DECENT CITIZEN. BASKETBALL IS NOT BRAIN SURGERY.

HAVE YOU NOTICED THAT WHEN YOU PAY A BILL BY MAIL THAT THE RETURN ENVELOPES DON'T HAVE CELLOPHANE ANYMORE IN THE ADDRESS BOX? HOPE THE MAILMAN IS CAREFUL IF IT RAINS.

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ROGER GOODELL AND HIS ADVISERS MUST BE LIVING IN A COCOON. IT IS VERY OBVIOUS THAT THE COLLEGE AND HIGH SCHOOL OVERTIME RULES MAKE MORE SENSE THAN THE N.F.L. THEY ARE STILL USING THE COIN TOSS. ROGER SHOULD HAVE CONSULTED WITH HIS WIFE, JANE SKINNER, A NETWORK NEWS ANCHOR. SHE SEEMS TO HAVE MORE SENSE THAN ROGER.

I WENT TO MY GREAT-GRANDSON'S 1ST BIRTHDAY PARTY. IT'S A SHAME THAT CHOCOLATE CAKE WITH ½ INCH OF FROSTING HAS TO TASTE SO GOOD.

OPENING DAY AT WRIGLEY FIELD AND ALREADY THE RICKETTS FAMILY MADE THEIR 1ST P.R. BLUNDER BY PUTTING A LARGE TOYOTA SIGN IN THE LEFT FIELD BLEACHERS. I AM SURE THEY COULD HAVE GOTTEN FORD, G.M. OR PEPSI ETC. HAVEN'T WE HAD ENOUGH OF JAP TOYOTAS AND THEIR INFERIOR QUALITY? I HOPE SOMEBODY PUTS A "REMEMBER PEARL HARBOR" SIGN NEXT TO IT!!!

LOST 2 MORE OF MY FORMER SOFTBALL PLAYER TEAMMATES FROM ST. MARGARET'S. BILL CONROY CLASS OF '43 AND LUKE O'TOOLE OF '46 (MY CLASS). OLD PHOTOS ARE MISSING A LOT OF TEAMMATES. WELL DONE LADS!!!

IN THE OLD WILD WEST MOVIES DID YOU NOTICE THAT THE INDIANS ALWAYS HAD BROWN AND WHITE HORSES (PONIES) AND THE CAVALRY ALWAYS HAD SHINY BLACK HORSES, LIKE TWO FOOTBALL TEAMS.

WHY IS IT THAT CHASE BANK HAS A 33 CENT STAMP ON THEIR ENVELOPES WHILE THE REST OF US PAY 44 CENTS?

I WOULD LIKE TO BE A T.V. NEWS ANCHOR FOR JUST ONE NIGHT SO I COULD SHUFFLE THE PAPERS AND TAP THEM ON THE DESK AT THE END OF THE NEWS.

JUNK MAIL - JUNK MAIL - JUNK MAIL. SUCH A WASTE OF TIME TO OPEN IT. MOST OF IT DOESN'T GET OPENED.

HILARY SHOULD TAKE BILL TO PEARL VISION FOR A PAIR OF GLASSES THAT FIT. MAYBE THEY ARE WAITING FOR A SALE, BUY ONE GET ONE FREE?

THREE CHEERS FOR ALDERMAN ED BURKE AND CONGRESSMAN DAN LIPINSKI FOR TELLING ALL OF CHICAGOLAND THAT THE T SHIRTS MADE FOR CENSUS TAKERS WERE MADE IN CHINA. SHAME ON CHICAGO. I HOPE THEY TELL CHICAGOLAND THAT CHICAGO LEASES OR BUYS TOYOTAS. SHAME AGAIN!

HOW COME THEY DON'T REFER TO THE MAID OF HONOR AS THE BEST WOMAN?

WHY DIDN'T THE BRIDE MARRY THE BEST MAN?

A GREAT IDEA! THERE IS NOW A COMPANY IN CHICAGOLAND WHO, IF YOU HAVE HAD TOO MUCH TO DRINK, WILL TOW YOUR CAR AND YOU HOME FOR \$35.00. SHOULD BE A BOOMING BUSINESS.

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7-11 SHOULD CHANGE THEIR SIGN THAT MILK IS DELIVERED FRESH DAILY. MILK IS NO LONGER DELIVERED DAILY.

LEO BANQUET A HUGE SUCCESSFUL EVENING. WITH ALL THE DECAL SALES, AD BOOK AND BANQUET WE RAISED OVER \$60,000 FOR LEO HIGH SCHOOL. 600 PEOPLE IN ATTENDANCE. ALL MALE BANQUET (NO DANCING).

DANIEL BURNHAM SAID "MAKE NO SMALL PLANS." I AGREE. I HAVE INVITED OVER 30 OF MY DESCENDANTS TO A BREAKFAST ON MEMORIAL DAY AT THE ASHFORD HOUSE (WINSTON'S) ON 159TH STREET IN TINLEY PARK. I AM TAKING 21 OF MY DESCENDANTS TO THE ILLINOIS STATE-NORTHWESTERN FOOTBALL GAME AT N.U. ON SEPTEMBER 11TH. TO MAKE A TRIFECTA, IF THE GOOD LORD IS WILLING, I AM TAKING MY 3 DAUGHTERS TO IRELAND NEXT SPRING. THAT WILL MEAN THAT 7 OF MY CHILDREN WILL HAVE VISITED OUR RELATIVES IN EIRE. MY 6TH TRIP, FEELS GOOD!!!

WHEN IN IRELAND I HIGHLY RECOMMEND THE TARA HOUSE BED AND BREAKFAST.

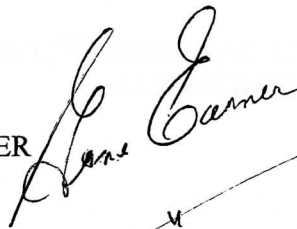
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OUTSIDE OF THE ABOVE, BY CHOICE, MY LIFE IS QUITE BORING. HOWEVER MY DAYS ARE PLEASANT AND I THANK GOD AND ALL THE OTHERS I PRAY TO.

I HOPE THAT BY GOD'S MERCY, IN THE NEXT WORLD, I MAY HANG OUT WITH ALL OF THE PEOPLE THAT READ THESE MUSINGS. "WITH LOVE IN YOUR HEART YOU'LL NEVER WALK ALONE.

GOD BLESS

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A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gene Earner". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name and phone number.

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GREEN, GREEN, GLORIOUS GREEN,
PRETTIEST COLOR THAT YOU'VE EVER SEEN
ONCE WHEN THE EARTH WAS CALM AND SERENE
IT WAS COVERED ALL OVER WITH GLORIOUS GREEN.

MAY YOU WALK DOWN LIFE'S ROAD WITH A SONG
IN YOUR HEART,
MAY YOU ALWAYS HAVE HEALTH AND GOOD CHEER,
MAY THE LUCK OF THE IRISH BE WITH YOU
THROUGHOUT EVERYDAY OF THE YEAR.

AN EXCERPT FROM "CASEY AT THE BAT"

AND NOW THE PITCHER HOLDS THE BALL
AND NOW HE LETS IT GO,
AND NOW THE AIR IS SHATTERED BY THE FORCE
OF CASEY'S BLOW.

SOMEWHERE IS THIS FAVORED LAND THE SUN IS SHINING BRIGHTLY
SOMEWHERE MEN ARE LAUGHING AND SOMEWHERE CHILDREN SHOUT

BUT THERE'S NO JOY IN MUDVILLE
MIGHT CASEY HAS STRUCK OUT.

CASEY WAS RESILANT THOUGH. ON THE VERY NEXT DAY (JUNE 3RD) CASEY HIT A
3 RUN HOME RUN TO WIN THE GAME FOR DEAR OLD MUDVILLE