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THREE CHEERS FOR THE U.A.W. THREE BOOS FOR CHRYSLER FOR INSISTING ON MOVING JOBS OVERSEAS. CHRYSLER SHOULD BE ASHAMED OF THEMSELVES.

WAS CAROL STREAM ILLINOIS NAMED AFTER CAROL MARIN?
IN OCTOBER, 2007 A RAINSTORM HIT THE MEXICAN OIL FIELDS. THEY WERE CLOSED FOR 3 DAYS. PRICE OF GAS WENT UP 25 CENTS IN ONE DAY. THANK GOD MEXICO DOESN'T HAVE SNOWSTORMS.

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HUMANA GOLD INSURANCE HAS A HALF-HOUR INFOMERCIAL ON VARIOUS T.V. CHANNELS ABOUT 3 TIMES A DAY. I AM ON TWICE FOR ABOUT 10 SECONDS EACH TIME. I AM ON EACH DAY ABOUT AS OFTEN AS REBA MCINTIRE AND JERRY SEINFELD RE-RUNS.

WHY DO SWISS CHEESE SLICES FROM THE MORE EXPENSIVE BRANDS HAVE HOLES IN THEM? THE CHEAPER BRANDS DO NOT.

ALWAYS TIE YOUR PLASTIC BAGS FROM THE SUPER MARKET IN A KNOT. RECENTLY I SAW A MAN SPILL A WHOLE BAG OF TANGERINES ALL OVER THE PARKING LOT.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL SHOULD FOLLOW THE LEAD OF THE NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE. TAKE A YEAR OFF AND HAVE A SALARY CAP. THE SMALL MARKETS WILL BE ABLE TO COMPETE AND A-ROD, ROGER CLEMENS AND THEIR FRIENDS WILL HAVE TO ADJUST TO A MILLION OR TWO PER YEAR.

I WENT TO THE VETERANS DAY CEREMONY IN THE LEO HIGH SCHOOL COURTYARD. IT WAS VERY NICE AND I WAS VERY IMPRESSED WITH THE TWO STUDENTS THAT SPOKE.

RECENTLY THERE HAVE BEEN A LOT OF STORIES IN THE CHICAGO NEWSPAPERS ABOUT ATHIESTS. THAT REMINDS ME OF A QUOTE I HEARD YEARS AGO (NOT MINE). "I'M AN ATHIEST, I'M AN ATHIEST SO HELP ME GOD I'M AN ATHIEST."

IF YOU WATCH AS MUCH SPORTS AS I DO ON T.V. YOU WILL NOTICE THAT "UNBELIEVABLE" HAS BECOME ONE OF OUR MORE USED WORDS.

WHEN DID MEN HUGGING MEN BECOME A CUSTOM IN THE U.S.A? MEN IN MY FAMILY SHAKE HANDS WITH EACH OTHER.

NO GLOBAL WARMING PREDICTED IN CHICAGO THIS WINTER.
REMEMBER THE OLD PHRASE, "GENTLEMEN REMOVE YOUR HATS?" IN SO MANY RESTAURANTS IN THIS DAY YOU SEE MANY MEN EATING WITH THEIR CAPS ON.

WHEN WATCHING SPORTS EVENTS WHY ARE WE SUBJECTED TO WATCHING VIOLENCE IN BETWEEN INNINGS, HALF-TIME, ETC?

WITH MY LIFE STRUCTURED AS IT IS TODAY. WEEKDAYS ARE FOR WRITING LETTERS, WATCHING T.V., AND DAY DREAMING.

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK MY GRANDAUGHTER ERIN O'NEILL FOR TYPING THESE LITERARY GEMS FOR ME, THAT WAY I GET TO PLAY TUG OF WAR WITH HER WACKY DOG, JACK.

THESE MUSINGS ARE A VERY DIFFERENT WAY TO SEND CHRISTMAS GREETINGS. HOWEVER, MY SECOND GRADE TEACHER, SISTER MARY ADORA, ALWAYS TOLD ME, "EUGENE, DARE TO BE DIFFERENT." RIGHT OR WRONG I BELIEVE I HAVE HEEDED HER ADVICE.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL AND TO ALL GOD SPEED.
MERRY CHRISTMAS DONNA!!! MISS YOU!!!
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