

**MUSINGS XXIII  
AUGUST TO SEPTEMBER 2012**

DID YOU EVER HEAR THE EXPRESSION "IT WAS LIKE WALKING ON A CLOUD?" I WONDER WHAT THAT FEELS LIKE. I'VE NEVER WALKED ON A CLOUD.

HEY ALDERMAN TOM TUNNEY, WHAT IS TAKING SO LONG TO GET RID OF THAT TOYOTA SIGN AT WRIGLEY? EITHER PUT UP A "REMEMBER PEARL HARBOR" SIGN NEXT TO IT OR HIRE SOMEBODY TO BLOW IT UP. MAYBE SOMEBODY FROM "CUBBY BEAR" LOUNGE WILL DO IT FREE OF CHARGE.

NEVER HAD HEAT LIKE THIS IN FLORIDA.

OUR LADY OF THE WOODS CHURCH AT 131<sup>ST</sup> & WOLF ROAD HAS THE COLDEST AIR CONDITIONING IN COOK COUNTY. ALSO THE LONGEST MASS!!

THERE IS A LOT OF TALK AT THE PRESENT TIME ABOUT "MADE IN CHINA." (OLYMPIC UNIFORMS). WHY DID MICHAEL JORDAN , JACK NICKLAUS, AND ARNOLD PALMER HAVE TO HAVE THEIR NAME ON CHINESE PRODUCTS? ALSO, WHY DOES TIGER WOODS HAVE A CHINESE NIKE LOGO ON MOST OF HIS GOLF CLOTHING?

WE DON'T HAVE VERY MUCH CHOICE IN CLOTHING WITH SEARS, KOHLS, WALMART, K-MART, MEN'S WEARHOUSE ETC. HAVE HARDLY NO USA MERCHANDISE.

OUTSIDE OF MY OWN FAMILY, I DON'T HAVE MANY RELATIVES. I HAVE 2 NIECES (MY BROTHER'S DAUGHTERS) OF WHOM I AM VERY FOND OF. TO QUOTE AN EXPRESSION I FIRST HEARD ABOUT 70 YEARS AGO, "THEY BOTH HAVE THEIR HEADS SCREWED ON CORRECTLY."

I AM VERY PLEASED TO SAY I DON'T OWN ANY CLOTHING WITH A PROFESSIONAL SPORTS TEAM LOGO.

FROM EYRECOURT, COUNTY GALWAY:  
SYMPATHY IS WHAT ONE WOMAN OFFERS IN EXCHANGE FOR FULL DETAILS.

WHEN I WAS ABOUT 14 YEARS OLD, I THREW MY BASEBALL CARD COLLECTION IN THE GARBAGE CAN. INCLUDED IN THAT COLLECTION WERE 2 HONUS WAGNER CARDS. LAST WEEK ON TV I SAW THEY WERE NOW WORTH 3 MILLION DOLLARS. I ONLY PAID A PENNY A PIECE FOR THEM SO I DIDN'T LOSE TOO MUCH AT ALL, DID I?

FATHER DAN MALLETTE OF ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND IS NOW FULLY RETIRED. GOD BLESS HIM.

LOOK A LIKES: ERIN McELROY (CHANNEL 9) AND KERRY BRESNAHAN.

DAN McGRATH, THE PRESIDENT OF LEO HIGH SCHOOL IS THE RETIRED SPORTS EDITOR OF THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE. AS HE SWITCHES PROFESSIONAL GEARS, HE AND HIS STAFF ARE DOING A REMARKABLE JOB. 8 WHITE STUDENTS ARE COMING TO LEO IN SEPTEMBER. THE ENROLLMENT IS SLOWLY CREEPING UPWARDS. AMAZING PERSON!!

TICKETS FOR THE "CELTIC THUNDER" SHOW AT THE ROSEMONT THEATER ARE \$110. WAY TOO MUCH. "MERRY PLOUGHBOYS" ARE \$20 AT GAELIC PARK.

ALDERMAN JOE MORENO AND MAYOR RAHM SHOULD MIND THEIR OWN BUSINESS AND LEAVE "CHICK-FIL-A" ALONE. ONE OF THE MOST RIDICULOUS STORIES OF THE YEAR. I WISH CHICK-FIL-A WOULD OPEN A RESTAURANT NEAR US. I USED TO FREQUENT THEM IN FLORIDA. "PAR EXCELLENCE?" PUBLIC HAS SPOKEN. THE LINES AT CHICK-FIL-A THIS WEEK IN CHICAGO WERE A BLOCK LONG.

PRESENTLY I HAVE A TON OF MEMORIES AND NOT AN OUNCE OF AMBITION, THAT IS NOT NECESSARILY A BAD THING.

I HAVE ALWAYS SAID THAT MOST HUMAN BEINGS WANTS AND DESIRES CHANGE ABOUT EVERY 10 YEARS. MOST OF THIS HAS BEEN ACCURATE IN MY LIFE. NOW THAT I AM 80 I AM WONDERING WHAT IS NEXT. MAYBE I'LL BUY A MOTORCYCLE AND TOUR THE COUNTRY. I'LL MAKE SURE IT IS BUILT FOR 2.

MY PILLS THAT I HAVE BEEN TAKING HAVE DONE SUCH A REMARKABLE JOB THAT I AM CONSIDERING SELLING THEM AT ALL THE LOCAL CARNIVALS NEXT YEAR.

WHEN GAY COUPLES ARE WALTZING, WHO LEADS?

JIM KNAFF AND I WERE KICKED OFF THE USA ROWING TEAM. DURING PRACTICE OUR BOAT KEPT GOING AROUND IN CIRCLES.

LEO ALUMNI GOLF OUTING ANOTHER SUCCESS STORY. ANOTHER SELLOUT AT GLENEAGLES GOLF CLUB.

NUMBER 7 GREAT-GRANDCHILD ARRIVED ON JULY 21<sup>ST</sup>. CARA (MALONEY) IS THE MOMMY. MATTHEW WEST JR.

**DO YOU REMEMBER THE EXPRESSION "YOUR MOTHER WEARS ARMY SHOES"?**

**WHEN I WAS ABOUT 10 YEARS OLD I HAD A HAT JUST LIKE GOOBER ON THE ANDY GRIFFITH SHOW. ANYBODY KNOW WHERE I COULD FIND A NEW ONE?**

**I HAVE NOTICED IN THE LAST FEW YEARS A GOOD PORTION OF THE POPULATION CALL PRIESTS BY THEIR FIRST NAMES. UNHEARD OF IN MY ERA.**

**WHAT IS A RAMPART?**

**IS CLOSED CAPTIONING SOMETHING LIKE AIR CONDITIONING?**

**HOW ABOUT THE USA ARCHERY TEAM!! EXCITEMENT ON OUR BLOCK EXPLODED WHEN THEY TOOK HOME THE GOLD MEDAL WITH THE BULLS EYE ON THE LAST ARROW OF THE COMPETITION. MY GRANDSON SAID IT WAS A WALKOFF ARROW SHOT.**

**I HAVE OFTEN SAID THAT I DON'T HAVE ANY FRIENDS, JUST A WHOLE BUNCH OF ACQUAINTANCES. I MUST CONFESS IT IS ONLY A PLAYFUL EXPRESSION. 3 OF MY CLOSEST FRIENDS WERE DAN KEARNEY, GOVONER VAUGHN AND JIM COGLAN. DAN DIED 26 YEARS AGO AND JIM DIED 2 DAYS AGO. WAS JIM GENEROUS? VERY!! WAS JIM MISCHIEVOUS? YES!! RATHER THAN GO INTO A LONG LIST OF WHAT HE DID FOR ME AND WHAT OUR FRIENDSHIP MEANT, JUST LET ME SAY HE WAS A GREAT HUMAN BEING AND MAY HE REST IN THE PEACE HE DESERVES. WELL DONE JIM.**

**GOOD LUCK TO MAYOR JIM SEXTON OF EVERGREEN PARK. HE IS RECOVERING IN THE HOSPITAL AFTER BEING TREATED FOR THE WEST NILE VIRUS AFTER BEING BITTEN BY A MOSQUITO. BEST MAYOR IN METROPOLITAN CHICAGO.**

**IF I EVER GET NOMINATED FOR PRESIDENT, PLEASE GET JACK BENEDEK AS A GUEST SPEAKER INSTEAD OF CLINT EASTWOOD.**

**SAD TO SAY, MY DAYS OF GOING TO NORTHWESTERN FOOTBALL GAMES ARE OVER. MY KNEES WILL NOT PERMIT ME TO CLIMB THE STAIRS AT DYCHE STADIUM. I WILL MISS THAT VERY MUCH. HOWEVER, HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL SEASON IS UPON US. HIGH SCHOOL GAMES ARE A BIG PART OF MY SOCIAL LIFE, AS ARE HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL GAMES.**

WENT TO SEE 2 DOCTORS IN THE PAST WEEK. BOTH OF THEM GAVE ME GOOD GRADES ON MY HEALTH ISSUES OF CONGESTIVE HEART FAILURE. ONE OF THEM SAID I DON'T HAVE TO SEE HIM FOR ANOTHER 6 MONTHS.

IN MY OPINION, CAROL MARIN AND MARY ANN AHERN WERE THE 2 MOST EXCITING PEOPLE AT THE REPUBLICAN CONVENTION. CONVENTIONS ARE THEIR SUPER BOWL.

I AM VERY PROUD TO BE A UNION MEMBER (TEAMSTERS). UNION PEOPLE GO TO WORK EVERY DAY. I HAVE NEVER HEARD OF A UNION PERSON BEING ON A GHOST PAYROLL. (GHOST PAYROLLER)

KUDOS TO JERRY REINSDORF. SHORTLY AFTER BECOMING A MEMBER OF THE WHITE SOX, BRETT MYERS SHAVED OFF HIS RIP VAN WINKLE GOATEE. TOM RICKETTS SHOULD DO THE SAME FOR MOPHEADS JIM RUSSELL AND JEFF SAMARDZIJA. THEY LOOK LIKE THEY WERE GUESTS AT ONE OF KING ARTHUR'S DINNER PARTIES.

I HAVE OFTEN WONDERED IF METHUSELAH EVER HAD ARTHRITIS.

THE MILK I DRINK CLAIMS TO HAVE VITAMINS A AND D IN IT. I WONDER WHERE THEY GROW VITAMIN A AND D.

HOW COME SNOW WHITE HAD BLACK HAIR? WHY WASN'T IT WHITE?

SHAME ON THE McCASKEY FAMILY FOR MAKING TOYOTA THE OFFICIAL CAR OF THE CHICAGO BEARS. GRANDPA (PAPA BEAR) GEORGE HALAS WOULDN'T LIKE THAT.

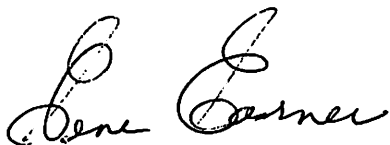
WHO WROTE THE BOOK OF WISDOM? WHEN WILL IT BE OUT IN PAPERBACK?

MY GRANDDAUGHTER MEGHAN MALONEY HAS A FAVORITE IRISH SONG "GALWAY GIRL." SO HERE IT IS.

GO CATS - GO LIONS

GOD BLESS,

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## The Galway Girl

Well, I took a stroll on the old long walk  
Of a day -I-ay-I-ay  
I met a little girl and we stopped to talk  
Of a fine soft day -I-ay-I-ay  
And I ask you, friend, what's a fella to do  
'Cause her hair was black and her eyes were blue  
And I knew right then I'd be takin' a whirl  
'Round the Salthill Prom with a Galway girl

We were halfway there when the rain came down  
Of a day -I-ay-I-ay  
And she asked me up to her flat downtown  
Of a fine soft day -I-ay-I-ay  
And I ask you, friend, what's a fella to do  
'Cause her hair was black and her eyes were blue  
So I took her hand and I gave her a twirl  
And I lost my heart to a Galway girl

But when I woke up I was all alone  
With a broken heart and a ticket home  
And I ask you now, what's a fella to do  
If her hair was black and her eyes were blue  
I've traveled around I've been all over this world  
I've never seen nothin' like a Galway girl