



March Newsletter 2023-2024

Featuring relevant stories, fun activities, and... leprechauns?

IRISH WOMEN TRIVIA

By: Rylee Sheehan :)

Who was ousted from the music industry after her 1992 appearance on Saturday Night Live where she ripped up a picture of Pope John Paul II in protest of abuse from the Catholic Church? _____

Traditionally, only men can be leprechauns. However, what 2001 Disney film features a female leprechaun? _____

At Notre Dame, the cheerleading team selects student leprechauns to represent the school's various sports teams. What year featured the first female leprechaun? _____

What 2024 Emmy award winner is known as "honorarily Irish" for a joke she made about playing the role of Jenny the donkey in the movie *The Banshees of Inisherin*? (Hint: She won an Emmy for her role in *The Bear*.) _____

IRISH WOMEN TRIVIA ANSWERS:

1. Sinéad O'Connor
2. Luck of the Irish
3. 2023 (Kylee Kazenski)
4. Ayo Edebiri

The Origins of Saint Patrick's Day

Have you ever wondered how Saint Patrick's Day started? I mean... Obviously there was a saint involved somehow, but how much do you really know about Saint Patrick's Day? Well, keep reading if you want to learn more!

Once upon a time, around 400 AD, a young lad named Maewyn Succat was born to Christian parents in Roman Britain. Maewyn was born into a family of Roman descent, which means they were an extremely Catholic family. At age 16, he was kidnapped from his family villa by Irish raiders and then sold into slavery. Around the beginning of the 3rd century, he spent six years in the West of Ireland herding sheep and, during this difficult time, he turned to his faith for comfort. After 6 years in Ireland, Maewyn was able to escape his master by fleeing to the nearest port which was about 200 miles away. Maewyn found a ship and persuaded the captain to bring him home. Around 432 AD, Maewyn returned to Ireland as a missionary to convert the Irish to Christianity. The truth is, during this time in history, there was not a process to become a saint, so Saint Patrick never became an actual saint... But, for 40 years, Maewyn converted the Irish population to Christianity by devoting his life to his work. That is why every March 17th, we celebrate Saint Patrick for bringing the Christian faith to Ireland.

March Madness Schedule:

Selection Sunday: Sunday, March 17
First Four: March 19-20
First round: March 21-22
Second round: March 23-24
Sweet 16: March 28-29
Elite Eight: March 30-31
Final Four: Saturday, April 6
NCAA championship game: Monday, April 8

Currently when writing this, Houston is in the number one spot, followed by Purdue, UConn, Tennessee, and Marquette. Both Purdue and Houston both have three losses which is a little out of the ordinary for the one and two seed. I think that it will be very difficult this year to be able to predict a bracket as I think there will be a ton of upsets this year. Houston plays at a very slow pace, but they always have a good defense and also a good offense to back it. There are 60-100 million brackets filled out per year. No one has ever predicted a verifiable bracket in history.



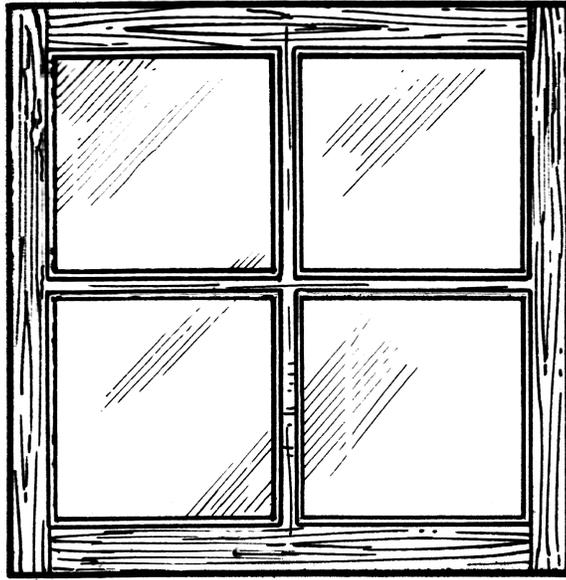
- Which team do you think will win the NCAA men's basketball tournament?
- Which conference do you think will have the most success in the tournament?
- Who do you think will be the tournament's breakout star player?
- Which team's jersey do you think has the best design in this year's tournament?
- Which venue do you think has the best atmosphere for March Madness games?

POEMS

By Mitchell Homick

THE WATCHERS WATCH

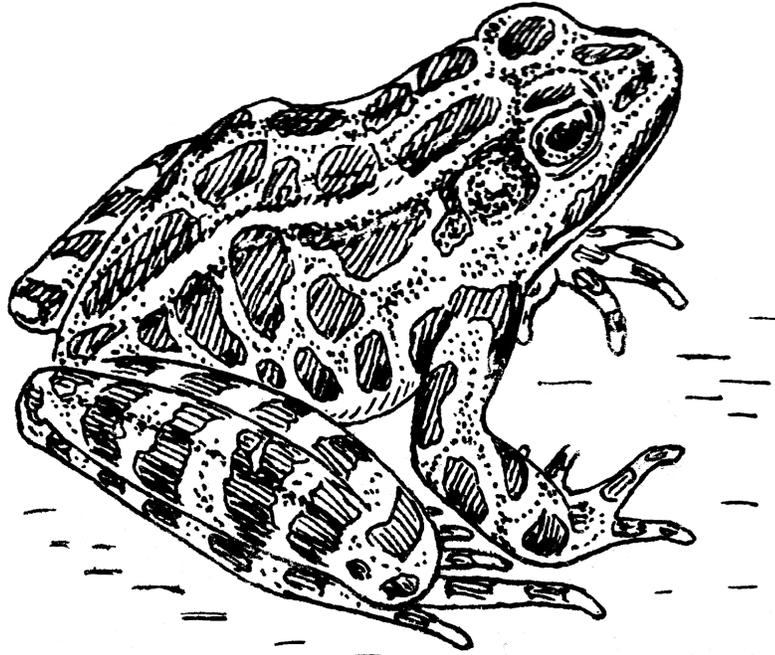
I was told if you leave
The window left eased,
So that the curtains don't crest,
You'd know someone was
Looking deep inside.
That if you'd gone to sleep
With a heavy and quite empty mind,
The eyes would peek in,
Dance around the sight of you,
Playing some silent songs
That the night can only bring.
Songs so silent that they resonated
The feeling that someone was watching,
Watching the watcher that you are,
Watching the watchers watch you
Until the songs hadn't played
And the eyes hadn't danced.
Once the watcher watched itself,
And they hadn't seen the watchers
Watch them sleep,
The watcher walked right on over
And watched the curtains close
And the window closed shut.
I watched the watcher watch
The watchers watch
Until the watcher went back
To sleep.



THE BUNGFROG CROAKS

Ribbit, ribbit,
The bungofrog croaks,
Jumping from lily to lily,
Parading stories it heard
That other bungofrogs interred
In the plant of the bungo.
Ribbit, ribbit,
The bungofrog speaks,
The stories it shrieks
Wreak so deep of a freak
Let the bungofrog speak!
Ribbit, ribbit,
The bungofrog says,
Leading on to what
Madame Fleur had said.
Ribbit, ribbit,
The bungofrog revealed,
Fleur had taken the
Jewelry from the sealed
Bungofrogs that danced.
Ribbit, ribbit, ribbit!
The bungofrog yelled,
Madame Fleur had cast
On the bungofrogs a deep
Interwoven spell.
Ribbit, ribbit?
The bungofrog questioned,
For he did not know why
Madame Fleur had concessioned.
Here comes another bungofrog,
With a croak so deep,
So that when they ribbit,
This bungofrog felt creeped.
Ribbit, ribbit; croak, croak,
The former bungofrog
Had lied to the ladder,
So they gave his life up,
To the adder.

CROAK!



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**APRIL 8
TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE**

**On APRIL 8, a TOTAL SOLAR
ECLIPSE will be visible from
AUBURN. This event will not
occur so locally for some time,
so ENJOY!!!**

**Holland Stadium will be open
for any wishing to see it!
Even if it is cloudy, it will
darken our skies.**

Liam Nagell

St Patrick's Day Jokes!

- 1.) What dance move do leprechauns pull at the party?
- 2.) What kind of spells do leprechauns use?
- 3.) Why do leprechauns hate running?
- 4.) Where do leprechauns post their photos?
- 5.) How do musicians show off on St. Patrick's Day?
- 6.) What do you call it when an Irishman does the wrong dance?

Movie Reviews:

Hailey Maloney-

Do you like St. Patrick's Day? Horror movies? If so, the Leprechaun movie franchise will be your jam. It has gore, it has gold, and a Leprechaun with a top hat, how much more can you want? So here's my top 4 Leprechaun Movies from the 8 film franchise.

4.) **Leprechaun in Space (1996)**

Resurfacing on an alien planet, the Leprechaun (Warwick Davis) abducts a member of the world's royalty, Princess Zarina (Rebekah Carlton), in an attempt to wed her and become the supreme ruler. Unfortunately for the diminutive schemer, well-armed soldiers arrive to foil his plans. Not easily defeated, however, the feisty Leprechaun continues to battle the warriors while also contending with the warped scientist known as Dr. Mittenhand (Guy Siner).



3.) **Leprechaun (1993)**

Dan O'Grady (Shay Duffin) steals 100 gold coins from a leprechaun (Warwick Davis) while on vacation in Ireland. The leprechaun follows him home, but Dan locks the little lad in a crate, held at bay by a four-leaf clover. Ten years later, J.D. Redding (John Sanderford) and his daughter, Tory (Jennifer Aniston), rent O'Grady's property for the

summer. When their new neighbors accidentally release the leprechaun, he goes on a murderous rampage to reclaim his gold.



2.) **Leprechaun: Back 2 tha Hood (2003)**
City hairdresser Emily Woodrow (Tangi Miller) finds the answer to her financial problems when she stumbles upon a chest brimming with gold. Although she and her friends quickly go from rags to riches, they discover that the gold belongs to someone else: an evil leprechaun (Warwick Davis) who has returned from hell to claim his treasure. Speaking in riddles and rhymes, the demon stalks his victims with ruthless determination -- and scores some really good pot along the way.



1.) **Leprechaun in the Hood (2000)**
When aspiring hip-hop performers Butch (Red Grant), Postmaster P. (Anthony Montgomery) and Stray Bullet (Rashaan Nall) cross record producer Mack Daddy

(Ice-T), their grudge against him leads to their own peril. After they break into Mack Daddy's home and swipe an ancient medallion from a grotesque statue, the evil Leprechaun (Warwick Davis) is freed from his magical prison. Soon the sinister little man is on the trail of Butch, Postmaster P. and Stray Bullet, along with Mack Daddy himself.



St Patricks Day Joke Answers!!

- 1.) The shamrock shake
- 2.) Lucky Charms
- 3.) They'd rather jig than jog
- 4.) On Insta-sham
- 5.) They play their brag-pipes
- 6.) A jig mistake