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We'll be awarding prizes for the most creative green thing, the ugliest green thing, the biggest green thing, Green clothes...

Get creative and bring in anything green on St. Patrick's Day. Lots of great prizes to be had!

MIKE PINGREE'S THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS

WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT, LADDIE? Fingal and Sula, two Canadian otters who are staying at an animal sanctuary in Scotland, have had to be segregated from local otters for their own safety because of their "foreign accents." An official at the facility on the banks of Loch Creran said that, though the Canadians are bigger than the Scots, there was a real fear that locals would "beat the living daylights" out of the visitors if they cannot understand them.

BREAKFAST IS SERVED: A truck driver hauling 270,000 raw eggs in his trailer fell asleep at the wheel and hit the guardrail, spilling his cargo along a quarter of a mile of Interstate 65 in Crown Point, Ind. The highway was shut down for four hours.

ALL COUPLES HAVE THEIR LITTLE PROBLEMS: A 50-year-old Italian military man had a torrid affair with his interpreter while he was stationed in Belarus, and she convinced him to pass her some secret documents. He did and was jailed for espionage. He was released after a year in Novosady prison and announced that he will now marry the interpreter who got him locked up in the first place.

WAKE UP, LADY, IT'S VERDICT TIME: A Kansas judge declared a mistrial in a murder case because a female juror slept almost continually throughout the testimony and was disrupting the proceedings with her snoring.

A LOVELY WEDDING DAY MEMORY: As a 55-year-old woman was overseeing floral decorations on the front of her Mount Vernon, Mo., home on the morning of her wedding, a man pulled up in a car and demanded she give him her pick-up truck. She refused. He attacked her with a riding crop, and she shot him with her .22-caliber pistol. She got married a few hours later. He was arrested.

- May the best day of your past be the worst day of your future.

DON'T SLEEP OVER is nothing to lose Sleep over.

- I finally got it all together but I don't know where I put it.

MATRIMONY & MACARONI: If they are not hot, they are not good.

-Never Get So Busy Making A Living That You Forget To Make A Life.

DO ONE BRAVE THING TODAY... THEN RUN LIKE HELL

- I finally got it all together but I don't know where I put it.

If you don't like my Peaches, DON'T shake my Tree.

- I FOUND THE PERFECT MAN...

HE MAKES MORE MONEY THAN I SPEND.

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St. Patrick's Day * Customs and Traditions

The person who was to become St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland, was born in Wales about AD 385. His given name was Maewyn, and he almost didn't get the job of bishop of Ireland because he lacked the required scholarship.

Far from being a saint, until he was 16, he considered himself a pagan. At that age, he was sold into slavery by a group of Irish marauders that raided his village. During his captivity, he became closer to God.

He escaped from slavery after six years and went to Gaul where he studied in the monastery under St. Germain, bishop of Auxerre for a period of twelve years. During his training he became aware that his calling was to convert the pagans to Christianity. His wishes were to return to Ireland, to convert the native pagans to Christianity. But his superiors instead appointed St. Palladius. But two years later, Palladius transferred to Scotland. Patrick, having adopted that Christian name earlier, was then appointed as second bishop to Ireland. Patrick was quite successful at winning converts. And this fact upset the Celtic Druids. Patrick was arrested several times, but escaped each time. He traveled throughout Ireland, establishing monasteries across the country. He also set up schools and churches which would aid him in his conversion of the Irish country to Christianity.

His mission in Ireland lasted for thirty years. After that time, Patrick retired to County Down. He died on March 17 in AD 461. That day has been commemorated as St. Patrick's Day ever since. Much Irish folklore surrounds St. Patrick's Day. Not much of it is actually substantiated. Some of this lore includes the belief that Patrick raised people from the dead. He also is said to have given a sermon from a hilltop that drove all the snakes from Ireland. Of course, no snakes were ever native to Ireland, and some people think this is a metaphor for the conversion of the pagans. Though originally a Catholic holy day, St. Patrick's Day has evolved into more of a secular holiday. One traditional icon of the day is the shamrock. And this stems from a more bona fide Irish tale that tells how Patrick used the three-leafed shamrock to explain the Trinity. He used it in his sermons to represent how the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit could all exist as separate elements of the same entity. His followers adopted the custom of wearing a shamrock on his feast day. The St. Patrick's Day custom came to America in 1737. That was the first year St. Patrick's Day was publicly celebrated in this country, in Boston.

**A RECENT STUDY FINDS THAT POVERTY
MAY BE THE KEY TO ELIMINATING POLO.**

May good luck be your friend in whatever you do
And may trouble be always a stranger to you.

WD-40

INVENTED: 1953 **THE NAME:** Norman Larsen, president and head chemist at the Rocket

Chemical Company, developed a water displacement formula on his 40th try, naming it WD-40.

A SHORT HISTORY: The aerospace industry needed a product to eliminate moisture from electrical circuitry and to prevent corrosion on airplanes and Atlas Missile nosecones. The newly developed WD-40 worked so well, engineers working at the Rocket Chemical Company began sneaking it out of the plant for home use on squeaky doors and stuck locks. WD-40 became available to the public in 1958, and in 1961, a sweet fragrance was added to overcome the smell of the petroleum distillates. In 1960, the Rocket Chemical Company was renamed the WD-40 Company, after its only product. The WD-40 Company makes the "secret sauce," then sends it to packagers who add the solvent and propellant.

STRANGE FACTS: In 1964, John Glenn circled the earth in Friendship VII, which was covered with WD-40 from top to bottom. - WD-40 makes more than a million gallons a year. - WD-40 can be found in 4 out of 5 homes. - When sprayed on fishing bait, WD-40 covers up the scent of human hands on the bait to better lure fish. - To keep squirrels from climbing into a birdhouse, spray WD-40 on metal poles and wires. - Several medical journals recommend WD-40 for removing a finger stuck into a soda bottle or for the removal of a ring from your finger. - To remove chewing gum from the bottom of your sneaker, spray WD-40, wait, pull the gum free.

Interesting (& useless!) Facts

- Men get hiccups more often than women.
- Men can read smaller print than women; women can hear better.
- Chances that an American lives within 50 mi of where he/she grew up: 1 in 2.
- State with the highest percentage of people who walk to work: Alaska.
- Percentage of American men who say they would marry the same woman if they had it to do all over again: 80
- Percentage of American women who say they would marry the same man: 50
- Percentage of men who say they are happier after their divorce or separation: 58
- Percentage of women who say they are happier: 85
- Portion of ice cream sold that is vanilla: 1/3
- Portion of potatoes sold that are French-fried: 1/3
- Percentage of Americans that eat at McDonalds each day: 7
- Chances that a burglary in the US will be solved: 1 in 7
- Only first lady to carry a loaded revolver: Eleanor Roosevelt
- They have square watermelons in Japan ... they stack better.
- Iceland consumes more Coca-Cola per capita than any other nation.
- The phone book in Iceland is alphabetic ... by first name.
- An eagle can kill a young deer and fly away with it
- In the Caribbean there are oysters that can climb trees.

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 • **May your blessings out-number**
 • **the shamrocks that grow,**
 • **and may trouble avoid you wherever you go.**



 • Join us **TUESDAY, March 17th** at
 • **Cafe 50's** on St. Patrick's Day for our
 • **Special Dinner Menu:**

- **Corned Beef and Cabbage with boiled Potatoes!**
- **Shamrock Shakes!**
- **Green Beer! Irish Music!**
- **Fun and Games!**

Are you planning a Birthday Party?
...a Baby Shower? Kids Party? Office Party?
Let Cafe 50's provide catering for your event
or you can you can book your party at
Cafe 50's! *Have FUN with us!!*

WORDS WE CONFUSE: Accept, Except

Accept means to admit, receive, or agree.

I accept him to our organization with pleasure.

We accept your invitation to the ceremonies.

They accept the jury's verdict with no problem.

Except as a preposition means other than.

The student's grades are low in every subject except science.

Except as a verb means to exclude something.

If you except his math grades, Ryan has an impressive average.

HUMAN CHALLENGE

TRY THIS...

1. WHILE SITTING AT YOUR TABLE, HERE IN CAFE 50S, LIFT YOUR RIGHT FOOT OFF THE FLOOR AND MAKE CLOCKWISE CIRCLES.

2. NOW, WHILE DOING THIS, DRAW THE NUMBER "6" IN THE AIR WITH YOUR RIGHT HAND.

YOUR FOOT WILL CHANGE DIRECTION!

WHY TURN A PERFECTLY GOOD FROG INTO A PRINCE?

-Graffiti found on a wall in the University of Virginia library.

What's the Vernal Equinox???

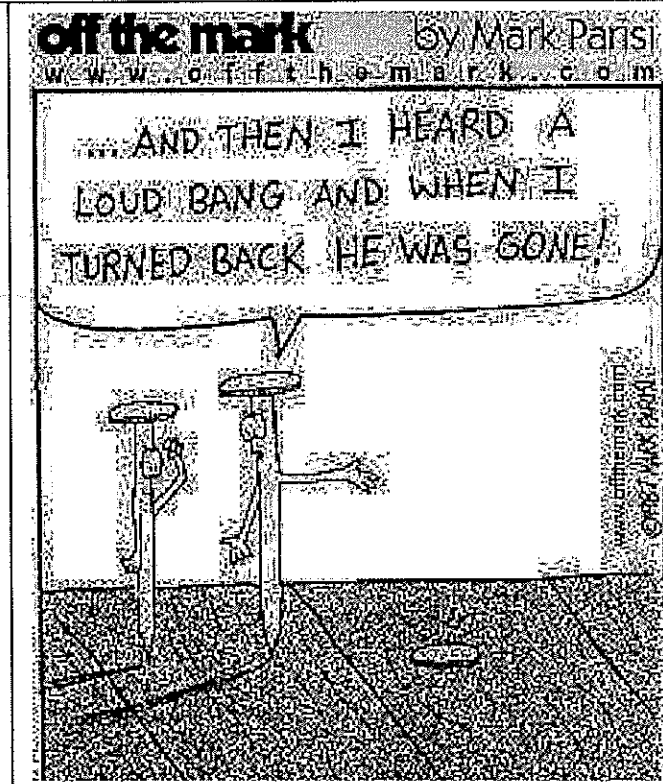
The Vernal Equinox is one of the four great seasonal changes every year. Spring holidays have been celebrated at least since the beginning of recorded history. They all mark the end of winter when the earth sleeps, and the start of the spring session when everything seems to be reborn.

Spring arrives when the earth is tilted so that the sun is directly over the equator. In the northern parts of the world, the first day of spring is on or about March 20. This is the day of the vernal equinox. Vernal means spring; equinox means equal night. Night and day are the same lengths, each lasting exactly twelve hours on this day.

In ancient times before Easter was celebrated, people connected spring with the return of life to the earth. The return of spring in ancient times was of more consequence than it is to us today because winter food storages ended, crops could be planted and people didn't have to worry about how to stay warm.

Since the Vernal Equinox represents the beginning of the spring season, we can also refer to it as the Spring Equinox.

***DID YOU KNOW? ON MARCH 17, 1950,
THE HEAVIEST KNOWN ELEMENT, CALIFORNIUM, IS
DISCOVERED IN BERKLEY, CALIFORNIA!!!***



IRISH JOKES

1. An American tourist was driving in County Kerry when his motor stopped. He got out to see if he could locate the trouble. A voice behind him said, "The trouble is the carburetor." He turned around and only saw an old horse. The horse said again, "It's the carburetor that's not working." The American nearly died with fright, dashed into the nearest pub, had a large whiskey, and told Murphy the bartender what the horse had said to him. Murphy replied, "Well, don't pay any attention to him, he knows nothing about cars."

2. Spanish singer Julio Iglesias was on television with British TV host Anne Diamond when he used the word 'mañana'. Diamond asked him to explain what it meant. He said that the term means "maybe the job will be done tomorrow, maybe the next day, maybe the day after that...perhaps next week." The host turned to Irishman Shay Brennan who was also on the show and asked him if there was an equivalent term in Ireland. "No. In Ireland we don't have a word to describe that degree of urgency."

3. An Irishman walks into a bar and orders three glasses of Guinness, drinking them one at a time. Noticing this odd ritual, the Bartender explains that beer goes flat soon after it is tapped and informs the man his beer would be much fresher if he ordered one glass at a time. The Irishman explains he began this custom with his two brothers, who have moved to America and Australia, respectively. This is their way of remembering all the time they spent drinking together. The man becomes a regular at the pub, well known for always ordering three beers at once. One day he walks in and orders only two beers. Assuming the worst, a hush falls among the patrons. When the Irishman returns to the bar to order a second round, the bartender quietly offers his condolences. The man looks confused for a moment, and then explains, "No, everyone's fine. I gave up beer for lent."

Definitions you won't find in the dictionary...

COMMITTEE: A body that keeps minutes and wastes hours.

EGOTIST: Someone who is usually me-deep in conversation.

MOSQUITO: An insect that makes you like flies better.

TOOTHACHE: The pain that drives you to extraction.

TOMORROW: One of the greatest labor saving devices of today.

YAWN: An honest opinion openly expressed.

FADS from the 1950's : Panty Raids (by Mark A. Long)

Legend has it that the tradition of the panty raid began on the night of March 21, 1952, at the University of Michigan. For some reason, approximately six hundred male students stormed a women's dormitory and confiscated lingerie. Word got out, and soon college guys across the country were participating in the escapade. After achieving their goal, the raiders would parade before the entrance of the conquered dorm, brandishing the stolen goods. Some went to extremes to accomplish their mission. One group, from the University of Miami, actually tore down a wire fence to gain access to a women's dorm.

Then the women began to exact their revenge. Five Hundred female University of Michigan students snuck into a men's dorm and snatched the boxer shorts and "fighty whities" of the enemy. Soon afterwards, a hoard of young women did the same at Georgetown University.

Some more serious students protested that such shenanigans disrupted their studies. Others objected strenuously to the invasion of their privacy, and the police were called in on several occasions. Despite the complaints, however, the raids continued throughout the 1950s. The practice finally died out in the 1960s. Some have speculated that panty raids were squelched by the onset of the sexual revolution.

AIRLINE FOOD (*'The Pocket Encyclopedia of Aggravation'* by Laura Lee)

"Punishment for small children." That's how Ed Stewart described Southwest Airlines food to U.S. News and World Report – and he's their spokesman! Southwest spends about a quarter per traveler on meals. Since 1992, airlines have been serving cheaper and cheaper meals – if they serve meals at all. In 1992, if you bought a domestic or international seat, you got a meal that cost on average \$6.11. By 1998, the cost of the meal had dropped to \$4.49. In 1999, Delta downgraded their food service on 140 flights. They replaced sandwiches with snacks such as cheese and crackers. On 160 flights that had snacks, they now just give beverages. Why are they doing this to us? Maybe they're trying to make us skinnier so we'll fit into those cramped seats, or possibly, they are trying to save a little money – about 14 million little dollars a year. The world's largest caterer, LSG-Sky Chefs, did a survey to find out just how important food service is to the average traveler. For international flights, 31 percent of the survey respondents said that food service was the most important reason they chose a particular airline. When it comes to those short domestic hops, only 12 percent choose a carrier because of its menu. Most of us choose our airlines based on low ticket prices. If Delta offers a four-star meal and ups the ticket price and American offers a bag of peanuts and gets you to Florida less expensively, American will win out. The airlines say they're doing their best to give you the best meal \$4.00 can buy. That money we think we're saving on airline tickets? We're still spending it, and airport food courts are the benefactors. The Wall Street Journal reports that the food courts racked up \$1 billion in food and beverage sales, thanks to a growing number of passengers who carry meals on board with them.

Have you tried our **Malted Waffles??** They are Delicious! ...or how about our amazingly tasty Blintzes that come with Blueberry sauce? Yummy!

Question:

What's Irish and stays out all Night?

Answer: Patty O'Furniture

The Irony of New York's

St. Patrick's Day Parade.

"Gays are not allowed to march in the St. Patrick's Day parade, but someone from the Irish Republican Army did. Now I ask you, who is more dangerous? A group who has been known to bomb buses and bars, or people who know all the lyrics to Stephen Sondheim musicals?"

-Joy Behar

Cafe 50's MARCH Calendar of Events

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 1952: Actor Ronald Regan and actress Nancy Davis marry. Try our Stone Ground Grits!! Magician: <u>Steven</u> 11am-2pm	2 1950: <u>Silly Putty</u> invented-Delights ALL 1953: In Tehran Iran mobs stone Americans shouting "Yankee Go Home" Burgers & Omelets 50%OFF 6pm-10pm with purchase of a drink	3 1952: U.S. Supreme Court upholds New York law banning communists. Buy one Sandwich, with a friend- get one FREE! with purchase of 2 drinks 6pm-10pm	4 1959: Pioneer IV spacecraft is launched by NASA. 1958: Harry Truman defends his decision to drop the atomic bomb on the grounds that it saved 500,000 Japanese and allied soldiers lives.	5 1953 Joseph Stalin, 73, dies. He ruled for 29 years. Chocolate, Vanilla Strawberry Shakes \$2.98 6-10pm	6 1952: U.S. signs a Military aid pact with Cuba. Clam Chowder Only \$3.99 (6pm - 10pm)	7 1951: Iranian Premier Ali Razmara is assassinated. BRUNCH: 8am - 3pm! Magician : <u>Tam</u> 11am - 2pm
8 <u>Daylight Savings Starts!!</u> SPRING FORWARD... (AT 2 am) Magician: <u>Micah</u> 11am - 2pm	9 1950: worst aviation disaster to date in England. 80 die, 3 survive. Burgers & Omelets 50%OFF 6pm-10pm with purchase of a drink	10 1952: General Batista seizes power in Cuba! Buy one Sandwich, with a friend- get one FREE! with purchase of 2 drinks 6pm-10pm	11 Kids eat FREE! w/ Adult Meal.	12 1955: Jazz legend Charlie Parker dies at age 34. Chocolate, Vanilla Strawberry Shakes \$2.98 6-10pm	13 1957: FBI arrests Teamster boss Jimmy Hoffa for bribery. Clam Chowder Only \$3.99 (6pm - 10pm)	14 1951: U.N. troops retake Soul, Korea. Force communist out. Magician : <u>David</u> 11am - 2pm
15 1951: Russia claims to have developed 3 dimensional TV March 15: <u>Idea of March.</u> (A bad day for Julius Caesar!) Magician: <u>Zach</u> 11am - 2pm	16 1953: "I Love Lucy" is now the #1 rated show. <i>The show debuted in Oct. 1951 on CBS Benito Juarez' Birthday!</i> Burgers & Omelets 50%OFF 6pm-10pm with purchase of a drink	17 Saint Patrick's Day! <u>Corned Beef Special: 11am - till we run out!!!</u> 	18 1950: Groucho Marx receives "Best Comedian on the Radio" Award Kids eat FREE! w/ Adult Meal.	19 1951: The novel "Cane Mutiny" is released by Doubleday. "Kon-Tiki" by Thor Heyerdal is # 1 Best Selling non fiction novel.	20 <u>SPRING BEGINS</u> 1952: Senator Benton compares McCarthy to Hitler.	21 Have you tried our Johnny Cakes? (Amazing Cornmeal Pancakes!) Magician: <u>David</u> 11am - 2pm
22 1956: Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. convicted of planning Montgomery bus boycott. Magician: <u>Mike</u> 11am - 2pm	23 1958: Elvis Presley sets off for tour of duty in U.S. Army. Burgers & Omelets 50%OFF 6pm-10pm with purchase of a drink	24 1954: RCA begins mass production of color TV, a 12" set costs \$1,000. Buy one Sandwich, with a friend- get one FREE! with purchase of 2 drinks 6pm-10pm	25 1953: Ike offers France increased aid in Vietnam. PAJAMA PARTY 6-10 pm	26 Chocolate, Vanilla Strawberry Shakes \$2.98 6-10pm	27 1956: IRS closes leftist newspaper <i>The Daily Worker</i> for tax evasion. Clam Chowder Only \$3.99 (6pm -10pm)	28 1950: RCA demonstrates three inch color TV. Magician: <u>Nathan</u> 11am - 2pm
29 Palm Sunday 1952: Truman pulls out of Presidential race. Magician: <u>Nathan</u> 11am - 2	30 1951: Julius and Ethel Rosenberg found guilty. Burgers & Omelets 50%OFF 6pm-10pm with purchase of a drink	31 1953: Dag Hammarskjold elected UN Secretary General Frequent Dining Card Double points Buy one Sandwich, with a friend- get one FREE! with purchase of 2 drinks 6pm-10pm	IRISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH!	Get READY for Green Beer, our traditional Corned Beef Special and Party Favors on St. Patrick's Day! (March 17)	March 8, 1953: US jet fighter is shot down near Czech boarder in Germany.	AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH