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The Legends Of Leprechauns

By: Savannah Marston

Usually when you think of leprechauns you think of a short guy wearing green with a pot of gold right? Well before Christianity was brought to Ireland by St. Patrick, the Irish believed that their queens and kings descended from Gods called Tuatha Dé Danann. These gods took the form of fairies on earth and were as tall as an average person or even taller sometimes. Leprechauns were actually the tallest fairies and back then they actually wore some sort of red. As the lore changed over time the image behind the leprechauns story altered from a lustful, nasty fairy whose magic might delight you one day and kill you the next if you displease them. When this changed leprechauns turned into a short fairy who wears green with a pot of gold.

Saint Patrick Day Facts

Saint Patrick's Day is on March 17th

1. People wear green to celebrate because green is the color associated with catholics in Ireland.
2. Saint Patrick's Day is celebrated with beer and Irish Whisky. Sometimes the beer is green.
3. In the United States, Irish-American people usually eat corned beef and cabbage.
4. Saint Patrick's name was Maewyn Succat, but changed his name to Patricius after becoming a priest.
5. Legend says that Saint Patrick drove all the snakes out of Ireland.
6. Saint Patrick was a fifth-century Roman-British Christian missionary and Bishop in Ireland.

The Story of St. Patrick's

By: Christian Guinan and Angel Mendoza

Top of the mornin to ya ladies* and welcome to the (somewhat) entire story of St Patrick and a couple of fun facts along the way! So, it all began when a young, atheist 16-year-old Saint Patrick was kidnapped and sold into slavery by Irish slavers who were shipped to Ireland to work on a farm for six years. Until one day when he had lost all hope, suddenly he heard the "voice of God himself.", changing his mind and religion forever.

One night Patrick dreamed that Satan tested his faith by dropping an enormous rock on him. He lay crushed by its weight until dawn broke when he called out to God; the rock disappeared.

He made his way to a monastery in England where he spent 12 years growing closer to God.

After a quick and stealthy escape on a British pirate ship back to Europe. His family welcomed him and begged him to stay home and live in luxury but Patrick was a changed man. Years later after his escape, he placed his entire faith into Ireland for the rest of his life. He constantly faced opposition, threats of violence, kidnapping, and even criticism from jealous church officials, while his Irish followers faced abuse, murder, and enslavement themselves by mercenary raiders. But through all the difficulties Patrick maintained his faith and persevered in his Irish mission.

St. Patrick used the shamrock to preach about the Trinity

Many claim the shamrock represents faith, hope, and love or any numbers of other things but was actually used by Patrick to teach the mystery of the holy trinity and how three things the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit could be separate entities.

Patrick wasn't the first Christian to reach Ireland; he wasn't even the first bishop. What made Patrick successful was his dogged determination and the courage to face whatever dangers lay ahead, as well as the compassion and forgiveness to work among a people who had brought nothing but pain to his life. None of this came naturally to him, however. He was a man of great insecurities who constantly wondered if he was really cut out for the task he had been given. But nevertheless, he had one goal... to transform Ireland into a Roman Catholic land.



Student Sound Off



Should We Cancel People for Past Mistakes?

By: Haley Garcia

Cancelled culture first arose on Twitter with users “canceling” celebs and politicians with previous quotes they said in their past. Some of it is racist comments and some are homophobia, some can even be flat out disgusting jokes that would not fly today. But the real dilemma is that these comments were said in the past. Some people would use the argument it happened in the past and people can change. Then there are some who say you never change and these comments should always define you. The most recent celeb controversy to come from this would be Kevin Hart who withdrew from the Oscars for refusing to keep apologizing for homophobic jokes in the past. A lot of people are defending Hart and bringing to light how toxic cancelled culture can be. On the other hand, if you are a person in power should you remain in power after you do something extremely controversial such as the governor of Virginia admitting to doing blackface along with an inappropriate yearbook picture now circulating? You’re entitled to your own opinions, as all of us are; but, at the end of the day you are held responsible for the words you say.

Velvet Buzzsaw

By: Jake Turner

Art, sex, and violence... *Velvet Buzzsaw*, is a horror film based entirely upon the dangers of mental health and haunting works of art. A film all encompassed in its own version of horror and the human element. Jake Gyllenhaal plays a renowned Los Angeles art critic thrust into a violent chain of events brought upon by the death of a then unknown damaged artist. This twisted original work was written and directed by Dan Gilroy, the director and primary story writer for the 2014 breakout film *Night Crawler* also starring Jake Gyllenhaal. This film had a massive amount of critics hoping the film would live up to expectations. When the film finally came out, the reviews were mostly mixed. But, I personally enjoyed the film because it was very entertaining and fun to watch. I rate this film 7/10 for the most part it was enjoyable but at some points I understand where the grievances lied with some critics.

Student Of The Month

By: Midajah Rodriguez

In the month of March, one student who has shown the most progress was **Solek Thorton-Hardy**. Born and raised in Pomona California. He now attends e-institute to work at his own pace. His goal after high school is to attend Liberty University in Lynchburg, Virginia. There he plans on to go to school and study for his PHD. When he’s not at school, he’s big chillin’ in his free time and if he had the time and money, he would move back to L.A. to buy a mansion and a variety of sports cars, such as Lamborghinis for an example. Solek's graduation date is set in 2021 but plans on graduating next year in 2020, and with his great progress he seems to be on the right track for next year!

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Kingdom Hearts 3 Review

By: Haley Garcia

The long waited *Kingdom Hearts 3* finally came out this January and topped months video game sales. *Kingdom Hearts 2* came out in 2005 with die hard fans (such as myself) praying for a third installment. The game is better than expected with more recent Disney films making it into the game such as older films like *Monsters inc*, and *Toy Story*. New editions like these are enough to make fans more excited to play the game. The gameplay was so incredibly immersive with a lot of new fighting styles and spells which keep the players attention throughout. There’s so much nostalgia with the voice acting and many visual improvements to create a beautiful atmosphere. 10/10 I wholeheartedly recommend this game. It has truly exceeded my expectations.





Student Sound Off



Lucy's Advice Advice Column

Dear Lucy,
Some people might think this sounds weird, but I'm afraid to grow up. I'm graduating at the end of the year, and I'm scared to death! Since I got into high school, I've been waiting to graduate and start college. Now that it's coming closer to that time, I'm not ready. I feel like everyone, especially my parents are expecting a lot of me. I don't know if I can live up to it. How do I get over this fear? What if I can't do well in college? What if I disappoint my parents, my grandparents, and everyone who is counting on me? I will be the first one in my family to graduate and the first to go to college. What if I fail? What should I do? I really need any advice you can give. Thanks!
Yours Truly,
Afraid-to-Fail

Dear Afraid-to-Fail,
I understand the fear that comes with growing up, I think that most people do. It can be stressful being the member of your family in which everything you aren't ready for is expected of you. When you first get into high school or even college, it can be either an exciting new chapter in your life or a large cause of stress. The latter can be rooted in the expectations of others, such as family and friends. The best advice I have ever been given for this is to put off the expectations of others. It is not their future you are working toward. If you plan to base all of your accomplishments upon the wishful desires of others then you can't expect to keep a positive outlook upon what you accomplished in life. Simply put, do not live your life to appease the people around you. Do what you want and strive to accomplish your dreams. Leave the expectations of peers, friends, and family behind you.

Love,
Lucy

If you need any advice don't be scared to ask our locals, Pablo and Lucy!
Picture Day! March 14th!

Pablo's Advice Advice Column

Dear Pablo,
I read your column all the time, but this is the first time I've ever written for advice. I hope you can help me because I have sort of a unique problem. I need to know how to let a girl down easy. There is a girl in my class. I think she's ok but, I don't really like her like that. The problem is she's always calling me, texting me, following my social media pages, and trying to ask me out. I keep making up excuses or just ignoring her, but she doesn't take the hint. I don't want to be mean to her but; she's really starting to bug me. How do I let her know that I'm only interested in her as a friend without hurting her feelings?
Signed,
Mr. Nice Guy

Dear Mr. Nice Guy,
If this girl can't be let down easy then she can't take a hint. If you really truly wanna get rid of this girl and being nice isn't working then you need to take a more firm approach. You can be firm and upfront without sounding rude. Simply say "I'm really sorry but I'm just not that into you" or the simple friendzone "I only think of you as a friend" and hopefully she'll stop harassing you. If those don't work then you need to distance yourself from her as much as possible. For example blocking her on social media and not engaging yourself in conversations with her. I hope this advice is helpful to you.
Yours truly,
Pablo

I ❤️ Lucy I ❤️ Pablo



Sports Page and Entertainment

New League, New Season?

By: Michael Mingo

Typically Super Bowl weekend indicates the end of the football season but something changed this year. On February 9th, one week after Super Bowl LIII there was another football game televised, but it was not a NFL game. This new league called the Alliance of American Football league or the AAF is another professional football league with eight teams. The league was founded by Charlie Ebersol and Bill Polian this year and has extended the football season for millions of fans around the world. Surprisingly, one team that has been a dominant force in the league has been the Arizona Hotshots, and they might be the new reason for Cardinal fans to cheer throughout the season.

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2019 NBA Trades

By: Chad Hoover

The NBA trade deadline is now complete and in the books. This year's trade deadline was a chaotic, fantastic mess. With that being said, there was interesting late activity like the combination of actual significant trades, and important non-deals. Here are the top three trades of 2019. The biggest trade of them all would have to be the Mavericks and Knicks 7 player trade with Kristaps Porzingis, Tim Hardaway jr., Courtney Lee, and Trey Burke for DeAndre Jordan, Dennis Smith Jr., Wesley Matthews, and two future first-round picks. With Porzingis being traded to the Mavericks, they are looking like a real power team for this upcoming season. Here's a power trade that happen between the Raptors and Grizzlies. The Raptors received Marc Gasol from the Grizzlies for Jonas Valanciunas, Delon Wright, C.J. Miles, and the 2024 second-round pick. This last trade made before the deadline was another power trade, but this time it's for 76ers they received Jimmy Butler, and Justin Patton by giving up Robert Covington, Dario Saric, Jerryd Bayless, and the 2022 second-round pick. With the 2019 trade deadline over these were the top 3 big power trades. Porzingis won't be seen playing on the court anytime soon until next season for the Mavericks. This years trade deadline was a fantastic mess with a lot interesting trades that will see some teams bring more power to their team or draft picks.

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Arts and Entertainment



FIRE, FIRE, AND MORE FIRE

By: *Bella Montano*

Come down to Bubba's 33 and experience how hot things can really get! Located on 16100 N Arrowhead Fountains Center Dr, Peoria, AZ 85382 It's a bar for all the adults who love to watch football and drink beer! Their food is delicious with a choice of regular fries or FIRE FRIES! Fire fries are coated in hot, spicy flavors that will make it so hot that you might have to take off your clothes! Haha just kidding. They have a variety of football foods like the bacon burger, Aloha Burger, and the Spicy Habañero Burger. Along with pizzas that are so cheesy it's stringy. Steaks that are sooo juicy and cook to perfection.

My personal favorite meal to get there is the Classic Bubba's Bacon Burger with Fire fries. I think anyone who goes there should get the fire fries all the time! The customer service is amazing, super nice, and friendly; always warm welcoming when talking about the football games or anything in general. You won't regret eating at Bubba's 33!

Hot on Hulu: *Into the Dark: Pooka*

By: *Ryan Scott*

Hulu's *Into the Dark* series are holiday horror movies that show the dark side of holidays and people's experience with them.

One of my personal favorites from the series is a Christmas one titled *Pooka*, a creepy toy that has blank eyes and an oval mouth that repeats what kids say.

An out of work actor named Wilson goes for an audition practicing a line from "A Christmas Carol" and ends up getting the audition but doesn't know he's gonna be a life size Pooka mascot to be entertaining kids at a Pooka store, but little does he know the costume is its own creature and starts taking over him and his life.

This movie was, in my opinion, an amazing movie because the costume is its own creature and it brings out Wilson's dark side behind the mask and it's not your typical happy joyful Christmas movie.

New on Netflix: *The Punisher Season 2*

By: *Barham Golestani*

The Punisher is a fictional character within the Marvel comics universe; showing up in movies, video games, and both animated and live-action shows. Starting off by making a guest appearance on *Daredevil* on Netflix, it lead up to his own show, *The Punisher*. But who is The Punisher? Special ops Frank Castle tormented by his family's death swore to kill those who threatened the innocent and find the people that killed his family so long ago. Season 2 starts after the events in season 1. Frank has a new life and a new identity, but suddenly gets dragged back in by danger at his doorstep. He has no choice but to dawn The Punisher suit once again and protect a girl from danger for what she knows. In all honesty, I'm a huge fan of The Punisher and the way they made the character in the show is so perfect and feels like he was ripped right out of the comics. I love this show so much. If you're a Marvel fan or interested in dark and gritty shows, I highly suggest you watch *The Punisher*.

"Hi, I'm Ted."

By: *Bella Montano*

A few words to describe the infamous serial killer Ted Bundy. If you haven't already heard, a new Netflix TV Original called *Conversations With A Killer: The Ted Bundy Tapes* focuses on the life of Bundy and his killings. In this 4 episode series you get to see just how "normal" and "one of us" Bundy really seemed to others. You see the telling of old childhood friends to high schools friends describing how it could have never been him. You hear the killer himself in never before heard of tapes of him speaking about the vile things he's done. Shocking interviews about the survivor of one of Bundy's horrible attempts to kidnap her. The mini series puts you front row into a killer's mind and life.

My own opinion on this mini series is that there are so many people saying that it sexualizes Ted Bundy and all of his killings. It rather glorifies him as a person. I don't think that's what it's about because Bundy sexualized his own self by using his good looks, charm, and charismatic personality to lure his victims in. It's not about sexualizing something that was already sexualized. It's about spreading awareness that even the person you think is "one of us" could be hiding within a darkness that lurks deep within their looks.

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Events and Birthdays



Cosmic Music Festival

March 8-10

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