

LAURA ON LIFE

# St. Paddy's Day Madness

Green is okay. It's not my favorite color. It's not my least favorite. But wouldn't a nice azure blue or sunshine yellow be just as good as green? Why did it have to be green?

I'd love to support our Irish friends on St. Patrick's Day, but I have absolutely nothing green to wear. I've come to the conclusion that nobody does unless they bought it for a St. Patrick's Day party ten years ago.

There is a rule written in stone somewhere (perhaps this Blarney Stone I keep hearing about) that you cannot go to a St. Paddy's Day party wearing anything other than green. Additionally, you take the risk of getting kicked out if you dare show up in orange, which is very... not green.

Nobody wants to get kicked out because there will be shamrocks... and beer. Lots of beer.

There's a rule about having to drink beer on St. Paddy's Day too, but I choose to ignore it. Beer

makes me nauseated. What can they do? Send a leprechaun to make me drink? ... Bring it on, little green man. I think I can take you.

By the way, the leprechauns did not sprout from the St. Patrick legends. The little party-crashers simply took over the holiday because St. Patrick was a bit boring. In fact, it is very unlikely that he ever drank beer, sported a monochrome wardrobe, or ate corned beef and cabbage until he puked.

In fact, the modern corned beef tradition sprang from the original meat used to celebrate St. Patrick's Day: bacon. I can see how people who drink large quantities of beer might make that mistake. ("I wondered why that darn pig was mooing!") But whose sick idea was it to combine corned beef and cabbage with kegs of beer, anyway?

Aha! That's where the green comes in! After voluminous amounts of

corned beef, cabbage and beer, the only green you'd see is the green around your gills around 2:00 am.

After waking from a coma next to the com-mode in a bar to which you don't remember going, one has to further test his intestinal fortitude by going to the parade with a hangover.

And yay! The parade has bagpipes! Lots of bagpipes. Because, apparently, the friendly Scots support the Irish madness with an instrument that looks like one of the alien patrons of a Star Wars pub. It sounds like one too.

Of course, after ruining your only green shirt with the contents of your stomach, you would have to brave the parade in a color other than green.

There are consequences for blatantly breaking the St. Paddy's Day rules. Now, every Irish grandmother in the city will subject you to an "affectionate pinch"; which is an oxymoron. There really is no such thing. However, if some-



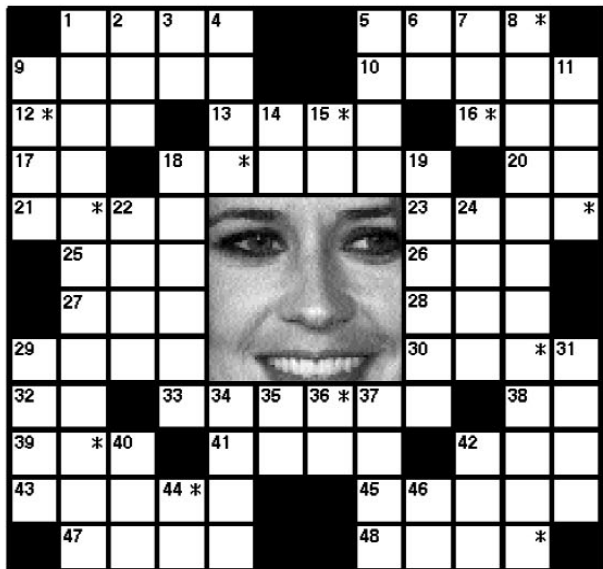
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body's grandmother pinches you, you are not, I repeat, NOT, allowed to slug her. Another St. Paddy's rule written in stone.

So, yes, I wholeheartedly support our Irish friends, and even those who are only temporarily Irish. But, gee, I just don't have anything to wear.

**Happy St. Patrick's Day!**

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The identity of the featured celebrity is found within the answers in the puzzle. In order to take the TV Challenge, unscramble the letters noted with asterisks within the puzzle.

- ACROSS**
1. Donal Logue's role on "Grounded for Life"
  5. "\_\_\_ Window"; James Stewart classic
  9. "The Mask of \_\_\_"; film for Catherine Zeta-Jones
  10. "\_\_\_ a Quiet Man"; '07 Christian Slater film
  12. Andorra's location: abbr.
  13. "Miami \_\_\_" (1984-90)
  16. 1958 Vincent Price show
  17. "413 Hope \_\_\_" (1997-98)
  18. Host of "20/20"
  20. "\_\_\_ Honey, I'm Home" (1991-92)
  21. "How Do I Love \_\_\_?"; 1970 Jackie Gleason film
  23. \_\_\_ to; like
  25. "Peter \_\_\_"
  26. Elmo's color
  27. "Sister \_\_\_"; Whoopi film
  28. Coach Parseghian
  29. New runner's complaint
  30. File drawer, perhaps
  32. "Magnum, \_\_\_"
  33. Actor John Rhys-\_\_\_
  38. "Studio 60 \_\_\_ the Sunset Strip"
  39. Many a time
  41. Home of the Crimson Tide, for short
  42. "Murder \_\_\_" (1995-97)
  43. Role on "Cheers"
  45. Threaded fastener
  47. Bit of change
  48. Pegs for Nicklaus
- DOWN**
1. "Survivor: \_\_\_ \_\_\_"
  2. Go astray
  3. Setting for "Evening Shade": abbr.
  4. "Terra \_\_\_"; sci-fi series
  5. \_\_\_ Seehorn of "Whitney"
  6. Estrada's initials
  7. In \_\_\_; filled with wonder
  8. Actress on "Parks and Recreation" (2)
  9. Gusto
  11. "\_\_\_ City" (1996-2002)
  14. Prefix with regular or reverent
  15. Initials for actor Clu
  18. Expressed one's pent-up frustration
  19. Gellar and Palin
  22. "\_\_\_ Dawn I Die"; 1939 James Cagney movie
  24. Actress \_\_\_ Russell
  29. Like peas in \_\_\_
  31. "The Man Who \_\_\_ Too Little"; Bill Murray film
  34. Help in crime
  35. Setting for "The Waltons": abbr.
  36. "\_\_\_ With Her" (2003-04)
  37. "Born in \_\_\_ L.A."; 1987 Cheech Marin movie
  40. Edison's monogram
  42. Uranium or gold
  44. Nolte's insignie
  46. Initials for Eastwood

Jenna Fischer  
Solution



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