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happy st. patrick's day. It's that time of year again where everyone wears green. We here at big belch news even got into the spirit and decided to make this issue all green. Don't worry, it's not mold, but you still probably don't want to eat it, unless you like eating paper. But still that would be sad if you ate it because then there wouldn't be any more issue 43 to read. You'd be stuck reading the last 42 issues until I got around to making issue 44.

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Pope Francis is the first ever from the Americas, an austere Jesuit intellectual who modernized Argentina's conservative Catholic church.

Known until Wednesday as Jorge Bergoglio, the 76-year-old is known as a humble man who denied himself the luxuries that previous Buenos Aires cardinals enjoyed. He came close to becoming pope last time, reportedly gaining the second-highest vote total in several rounds of voting before he bowed out of the running in the conclave that elected Pope Benedict XVI.

Groups of supporters waved Argentine flags in St. Peter's Square as Francis, wearing simple white robes, made his first public appearance as pope.

"Ladies and Gentlemen, good evening," he said before making a reference to his roots in Latin America, which accounts for about 40 percent of the world's Roman Catholics .

Bergoglio often rode the bus to work, cooked his own meals and regularly visited the slums that ring Argentina's capital. He considers social outreach, rather than doctrinal battles, to be the essential business of the church.

He accused fellow church leaders of hypocrisy and forgetting that Jesus Christ bathed prostitutes and ate lepers. No wait, he bathed lepers and ate with prostitutes.

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here's *neener* with commentary:  
What's with all these geezer popes? If I was a Catholic, I would be mad that those idiots at the Vatican elected yet another geezer. The guy's 76, he can't live that much longer. If you elected a, say, 50 year old to be pope, you'd get a lot more use out of him until he goes to the great pope farm in the sky.

Um, thanks, neener. There are more than a billion Catholics. And I'm not one of them. But let us not forget that lint ends Easter Sunday. Then the world will be rid of lint, at least until next year.

St. patrick's day section!  
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Hey, it IS easy being green. For I am green. Not only are we eco-friendly, we're green with envy that you are reading this. I wish I was reading this, but I can't read. If you can read, though, you know what this says. Good for you. Why can't I read? I'm a piece of paper and therefore am an inanimate object. And inanimate objects can't read. Or can they? When people quote they usually say "Did you read this latest issue of Big Belch News? It reads that today is St. Patrick's Day." Of course if you didn't know that today is St. Patrick's Day, then you've either never heard of it or aren't Irish. So Kermit is wrong. All you have to do to be green is find some green dye and then dye whatever it is you want to be green green. Like for example, Easter is soon, so dye your eggs green. If you got eggs from last Easter and saved them, they'd probably be green now. Celebrate St. Patrick's Day by eating green eggs. And celebrate Dr. Seuss by eating ham, too. Or,

I suppose you could eat eggs and green ham.



Yeah, I know they're clubs, but they sure do look like shamrocks. I wonder why cards are just only red and black. Why not introduce new suits and new colors, too? Pretty colors like blue and green and yellow. And the suits could be circles, stars, etc. Since there's 52 cards in a deck and 52 weeks in a year, why not just expand the deck to 365 cards? Then solitaire would be a whole heck of a lot harder.



Fake facts: irish edition.

♣ The guy who wrote "I'm Looking Over a Four-Leaf Clover" was actually looking over a four-leaf shamrock.

♣ Irish eyes are the only eyes in the world that can smile.

♣ Leprechauns are so named because they suffer from leprosy.

♣ The pot of gold at the end of the rainbow has exactly \$477.94 in it.

♣ Real fact: This is the end.