

Lost Luck Of The Irish

Dear Tim:

I'm Irish, but I seem to have lost whatever luck I was supposed to get automatically through my heritage. I lost my job, my girlfriend left me, my car broke down, and now I'm developing some sort of irritating rash. Whatever happened to the luck of the Irish? And is there any chance with St. Patrick's Day coming up that I could get it back?

—Unlucky on Urlin



DEAR TIM

Dear Unlucky:

I wish I could tell you it was as easy as eating a corned beef sandwich, because then I could just send you back to the meat department. But it sounds a lot more serious than that. Have you looked back into the past to see if there was some triggering event that may have started the bad-luck ball rolling for you? Because then maybe you could go back, make amends, and turn your luck around. If not, at least St. Patrick's Day will give you an excuse to drown your sorrows. P.S. – If that rash persists, you may want to pick up some Calamine lotion from aisle 5.

Dear Tim:

It's time for the NCAA basketball tournament again, and I'm tired of getting slaughtered in the annual office pool. Any tips that might help get me out of the first round this year?

—Pathetic Picker on Pickwick

Dear Picker:

Here's what I know. Guard play is important. If the team's got little guys who can break the press, get them out in transition and don't turn the ball over, they're going to go far. Bet on the big-name coaches. Winning is how they got to be big names. Don't take

your sleeper past the Sweet Sixteen. No matter how cool it would be to see it happen, Southwest Missouri State is not going to win the tournament. And expect teams from the big conferences to still be standing when the second weekend rolls around. They play big games all year, and are better prepared for the pressure. Other than that, you're on your own. Unless you need beer and snacks. Then you'll need an assist from us.

Dear Tim:

Someone told me you're getting a new case. A new case of what?

—Curious on Cranford

Dear Curious:

We were thinking about bringing in a basket case, but we were told we have one or two of those around here already. So instead we've added a chilled wine and cheese case in between aisles 1 and 2 and a fresh seafood case in the back by the meat department. We think both will help us make the case for Huffman's as your one-stop shop.

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