Anchor Lead:

A time-honored tradition that has been around forever may be broken this year. Billy Phifer has more on the story.

Billy Phifer:

WHEN ASKING FOR A HAND IN MARRIAGE, MEN TRADITIONALY PROPOSE TO WOMEN. HOWEVER, THIS YEAR IT IS SOCIALLY ACCEPTABLE FOR WOMEN TO POP THE QUESTION ON ONE DAY, AND ONE DAY ONLY.

ON LEAP DAY, FEBRUARY 29TH, AN IRISH TRADITION SUPERCEDES THE CULTURAL NORM, ALLOWING WOMEN TO PROPOSE TO MEN.

JAMES CLUFF, AN IRISH-AMERICAN BELIEVES THAT THERE SHOULD BE MORE CUSTOMS LIKE THIS.

NAME: JAMES CLUFF

OUTCUE: “AS OUT OF PLACE”

DURATION: 08

(“I think that if they’ve been together that long, the woman should have an opportunity to ask, and not have it be seen as out of place.”)

HOWEVER, SOME PEOPLE DON’T APPRECIATE THE SWAP IN GENDER ROLES CLAIMING THAT THEY WOULD SAY NO TO A PROPOSAL.

BUT IN MEDIEVAL ENGLAND, IF A MAN REJECTED A LEAP DAY PROPOSAL, HE WAS REQUIRED, BY LAW, TO BUY THE WOMAN 12 PAIRS OF GLOVES.

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