

Cottage Grove Retrospective

A look back at a Sentinel story from 30 years ago

March 18, 1987

St. Patrick's Day is all in the head(s)

Several Harrison Elementary School first-grade students swore they saw a leprechaun on the school playground Monday. Fortunately, a solution had been arranged for anyone who tasted the luck of the Irish.

"If anyone catches one, we'll share and share alike when it comes to the pot o' gold," said teacher LaVonne Gallagher-Mara.

Stimulating an interest in the Irish holiday for her students has been an annual passion of Gallagher-Mara, who also owns an Irish imports store in Eugene.

The walls and windows of her classroom are lined with symbols of the one day each year when everyone is at least a little bit Irish. A live shamrock plant sits on a nearby table.

One of the less traditional, yet interesting activities the students engage in during a week of St. Patrick's Day fun is a living potato head. Students began the

project a couple of weeks ago by digging out some of the inside of a potato—a staple in the Irish diet— and replacing it with putting soil and grass seed.

Monday, students decorated the potatoes with eyes, ears and mouths. Boy potatoes received a bow tie while girl potatoes wore ribbons.

The mild winter has been good for the project, Gallagher-Mara said.

"Some of these potatoes are really going to need haircuts before the week is over," she said. "I think they really like the potato heads. They plant them and follow them through. There's a personal touch there."

Gallagher-Mara said she treats all holidays as "social studies" by incorporating classroom with the legend and lore of the day.

"They learn about customs, traditions and cultures through holidays," she said. "And they have a little fun, too."



Cottage Grove Police Department 24-Hour Anonymous Tip Line: 767-0504

March 6

Assault Fourth Degree, Carver St.

A 35 year old male punched the complainant's current boyfriend, then left on foot. The subject then returned to the location. The victim declined medics and no known weapons were involved.

Reckless Driving, Row River Rd.

A complainant advised that a red extended Chevrolet pick up truck. The driver was speeding and tailgating the complainant, forcing him off the roadway.

The caller said that the subject was last seen headed towards town.

March 7

Harassment, Main St. PD

A complainant at the front counter reported harassment over Facebook. The biological father of the complainant made threats to a friend of the complainant. The threats were too vague and no crime was reported.

Domestic Disturbance, Thayer St.

A complainant advised that a female ducked down between

vehicles, hiding from a male subject. The male found the female and began screaming at her.

March 8

Welfare Check, Chambers Bridge

Officer Martin requested an officer to respond to the location to check on a juvenile. Police found the juvenile at the location along with CGHS staff. The subject was taken in to custody for mental health reasons and was transported to the ER.

Suspicious Conditions, Gateway Chevron

A semi had been at the location for over five hours and was blocking a tanker from getting fuel. Another gas attendant knocked on the cabin, but there was no answer.

Rape, R. St.

A complainant advised that she is just now finding out that her 14 year old daughter was raped yesterday. The subject who allegedly committed the crime was not on the scene.

Illegal Fireworks, Washington Pl.

Subjects were outside setting off fireworks and were still holding them when they lit off. Two subjects sustained major injuries to the hands. A mortar was placed in a tube upside down and exploded while they were holding the tube. Alcohol was involved. The subjects were transported by medics to Riverbend.

March 10

Drug Possession, Mosby Creek Rd.

During a search of a vehicle, an officer located a plastic baggie with a large amount of a white crystalline substance. The substance was confirmed to be methamphetamine. The subject was taken into custody.

Theft, HWY 99N Dollar

Tree

A complainant advised that she located a store shopping cart that had been taken off property for the second time. She told police that she doesn't know the exact address but has a photo of the last time it was taken to the address. The subject who moved the cart was advised of the complaint and returned it.

March 11

Criminal Mischief, Bohemia Park

A caller advised that four juveniles knocked over the porta potty at the location and left the park. No description of the juveniles was given.

March 12

Property Found, Cascade Home Center

A reporting person at the station said that he found a woman's purse with the contents dumped out behind the dumpster at the location. The items and the purse were lodged for safekeeping.

Assault, Gateway Blvd.

A complainant advised that a subject assaulted her husband. The suspect left in a red Honda Civic and was intoxicated. A witness observed the victim swinging a child around, then observed the female mutually get in each other's face. 911 was dialed for the child's safety.

Unauthorized use of vehicle, Row River Walmart

The complainant's nephew had possession of his vehicle with her permission. The nephew reported that a subject snatched the keys from him and took the car without permission. Police made contact with the driver. The complainant didn't wish to press charges.

Death Investigation, Gateway Blvd.

A male subject, 57, appeared deceased. The complainant was aware that the victim had health problems and lived alone.



News from the state legislature and around Oregon

From the legislature

Oregon mayors came to Salem to lobby state lawmakers for help regarding their cities' homeless problem.

Several bills introduced to the legislature would raise the price of cigarettes with a tax ranging from 50 cents to \$2. However, supporters of the bill say the tax is not an effort to continue closing Oregon's budget shortfall but, instead, to discourage users from smoking all together. However, arguments have risen that smokers would simply purchase cigarettes online and avoid the tax.

Arguments claiming Oregon's voting system to be akin to a poll tax may be seeing efforts made to cease the practice. Partly. Senate Bill 683 would have the state of Oregon pre-pay for the stamp needed to send ballots through the mail. Senator Michael Dembrow noted that younger voters do not use stamps and obtaining stamps can often be difficult to fit into the average day or errands, work and other obligations. If passed, pre-paying for ballot returns could cost as much as \$1.3 million.

Bills have been proposed and now come the hearings. Senate Bill 785 will get a hearing this week. The bill is designed to prohibit animals meant for consumption from receiving anti-biotics unless under the suggestion of a licensed veterinarian. The bill is aimed at preventing hormone and anti-biotic-resistant super-bugs.

House Bill 2355 would require law enforcement officers to collect information such as age, race and gender during traffic stops in an effort to combat racial profiling. The data must then be reviewed by 2020.

House Bill 2006 and 2771 would stop tax reductions in regards to property and homeownership for individuals with incomes above \$100,000. It would also limit tax deductions for those below \$100,000.

From around the state

Tiller, Ore. in Douglas County is for sale. If you've ever wanted to own your own Oregon town and have \$3.85 million than Tiller can be yours. The listing notes that approximately 250 people live close by but few residents still reside in Tiller and the elementary school has been closed.

Oregon will join Washington, California, New York, Maryland and Massachusetts in a lawsuit against the current administration's travel ban. They were expected in court on Tuesday, March 14.

A man was arrested in Portland after he allegedly attacked a Middle Eastern man who was working at a restaurant. The man reportedly used a pipe to attack the employee and shouted for him to "go back to his country," calling him a terrorist.

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6-day weather forecast

THURSDAY March 16 57° 38° Partly Cloudy	FRIDAY March 17 59° 49° Showers
SATURDAY March 18 53° 39° Showers	SUNDAY March 19 53° 39° Showers
MONDAY March 20 57° 42° Showers	TUESDAY March 21 56° 41° Showers

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