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## Green Is The Right Color

St. Patrick was no fool, you know. His day (is it the anniversary of his birth, or his death?) is a great time for a celebration.

March.  
Not yet spring enough to be spring, but too late to really be winter either. In fact, winter is nearly over. The snow is gone, the lake has begun to thaw and some really early plants are beginning to grow. Winter is definitely over.

But spring has not sprung yet. There's still a little frost in the mornings and a jacket feels comfortable against the breeze. You see, March is absolutely perfect and St. Patrick knew that.

Earlier would be too soon. It takes awhile to get over the doldrums of winter. Folks are afraid to leave the house with a big fire in the stove and a drip at the faucet. Roads are dangerous and well, winter is just the time to stay close to home.

Later would be no good either. Well into spring, the planting work keeps everyone pretty busy. And what time there is to play is spent visiting the old summer haunts to make sure they survived the winter.

So the time is right for a celebration.  
St. Patrick was pretty smart in picking the Irish to be the patron saint of too. The Irish need a March celebration. They take the winter harder than some other folks, mainly because winters are harder in Ireland than say, Morocco. I've never heard of the patron saint of Moroccans, do they even have one?

And Irishmen need a jump start into spring too. Spring comes pretty suddenly in Ireland and it doesn't last long so the Irish are pretty busy in Ireland before the summer is on them. They don't have time to celebrate in the spring in Ireland, although that doesn't really stop them.

And of course, St. Patrick's favorite color is green. Green is the color of the spring fields. The color of the new life that will come with spring. Green is the color of Ireland in the spring so St. Patrick's color had to be green. Imagine a purple shamrock.

Of course, St. Patrick adopted the leprechauns. I told you he was no fool. A real saint needs a whole army of helpers especially if he's the patron saint of the Irish. Maybe the patron saint of Bolivia doesn't need leprechauns, but St. Patrick adopted them for good reason, the Irish need lots of patronage and they help a lot.

With this no-nonsense saint, his green color, his army of leprechauns and the Irish to look after, it is no wonder that they found that special clover that grows shamrocks. The whole lot needs a bit o' good luck. By the way, is a real shamrock a four-leafed clover or will the three-leafed variety do? I was never lucky enough to know for sure. I have found a few four-leafed ones but they never brought me any good luck. Maybe I'm not Irish after all.

So here it is, winter over, spring not here yet and we need a celebration. Before the stew is served, before the music starts, before the bed race is called, we should stop and ponder just how smart old St. Patrick really is. We should think about his color, and his leprechauns and the shamrocks. We should remember all the Irish in Ireland and in Heppner. We should congratulate each other on being just a little Irish.

Above all, we should savor the celebration carefully tucked in between winter and spring and glory in the scheme of things.

Now that that is taken care of, pass the green beer, please.

## Letters to the Editor

### Senators unwilling to lead flag salute

To the Editor:  
The Oregon House of Representatives for years has opened their daily session with a flag salute led by their members. Not so in the Oregon Senate. Do these senators find Old Glory to be so disgraceful that they cannot take a turn to lead the pledge of allegiance?  
A veterans' group in the Salem area, when made aware of this situation, discovered the leadership would allow a flag salute if someone else would come and lead it. They seized the opportunity to daily lead the flag salute in the senate.  
The senators are already at the

Capitol each day for session. Isn't it sad there weren't enough senators willing to lead the flag salute to keep the honor among themselves? It's ignominious, disgraceful and humiliating.

Our troops in the Gulf are giving their time, and some their lives, to defend Old Glory. Thank you, Salem area vets and their auxiliaries for taking advantage of this privilege to daily honor Old Glory by leading the flag salute at the opening of each session of the senate.

Sincerely,  
(s) Patti Fleming  
10060 SW Katherine  
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## Births

**Brett Allan Epperly**-a son, Brett Allan, was born to Scott and Dana (Ruhl) Epperly, Roseburg, on Feb. 10, 1991. The baby weighed 8 lbs. 1 oz.

Grandparents are Susan (McQuarrie) Reisman, Richard E. Ruhl and Mr. and Mrs. F.A. Epperly all of Roseburg.

Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. C.E. McQuarrie, formerly of Heppner and now of Roseburg and Mrs. L.E. Ruhl of Lexington.

**Leroy Duarte**-a son, Leroy, was born to Julio Duarte and Dolores Sepulveda of Boardman on Feb. 19, 1991 at Good Shepherd Community Hospital in Hermiston. The baby weighed 7 lbs. 9 oz.

**Emily Jean Hedlund**-a daughter Emily Jean was born to Cathy and Gene Hedlund Jr., New Pine Creek, on Feb. 22, 1991. The baby weighed 7 lbs. 3 oz.

Grandparents are Roger and Shirley Palmer, Heppner, and Gene Hedlund Sr., of New Pine Creek. She joins brothers Jeffrey and Eric and sister Karen, at home.

## Justice Court Report

The Justice Court office at the courthouse annex building in Heppner reports handling the following business during the past week:

William L. Niswander, 39, Corbett-Hunting Prohibited Area (shooting from public road), \$58 fine;

Michael Scott Scaff, 21, Heppner-Driving While Suspended, \$237 fine;

Joe Lewis Halvorsen, 44, Ione-Exceeding the Maximum Truck Speed, 67 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$37 fine;

John Ephen, 29, Portland-Hunting Prohibited Area (from a public road), \$68 fine.

### Oops!

That's "grains"--not girls. The headline on a story concerning an Extension study group on grains and flours, which read "Study group looks at girls," should have read, "Study group looks at grains."

## Heppner Police Report

The Heppner Police department reports handling the following business during the past week:

February 25: 10:32 a.m.-Motorist Assist; 2:08 p.m.-report of Theft; 8:47 p.m.-Dog Complaint.

February 26: 9:47 p.m.-Motorist Assist.

February 27: 12 p.m.-three reports of Worthless Document Cases; 3:36 p.m.-report of Criminal Mischief.

February 28: 9:18 p.m.-citation issued for No Operator's License.

March 1: 11:57 a.m.-Funeral Escort.

March 2: 8:16 p.m.-report of Suspicious Activity; 11:45 p.m.-request officer for Security Check.

March 3: 4:15 p.m.-Found Property.

## Weather Report

Feb. 26 - March 4, 1991

	High	Low	Prec
Tues.	56	28	.0
Weds.	59	30	.0
Thurs.	54	33	.26
Fri.	47	28	.20
Sat.	56	48	T
Sun.	65	41	.08
Mon.	57	31	.19

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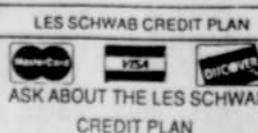
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