

Maricopa County Sheriff's Office
Joe Arpaio, Sheriff
News Brief

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St. Paddy's Day has Inmates Seeing Green

Making green may be hard in today's economy but cooking green is easy and today it's happening in the most unlikely of placesat the Maricopa County Jails.

Always one to enjoy a celebration, Sheriff Joe Arpaio today asked kitchen staff to include green in whatever they could on the 18,000 plates of inmate food served on this, St. Patrick's Day in all five jails and Tent City.

It was a tall order considering most of what the Sheriff's cooks had to work with was donated food items. But sifting through what was available, staff made green hoagies, green donuts, green pudding and green cabbage for inmate consumption.

"We've got to give inmates something to smile about every now and then," Arpaio says. "We can't serve them green beer which is what much of America will be consuming today but we try to have inmates join in the festivities in some small way."

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