

"THE NUMBERS WILL DRIVE YOU NUTS"
BY PAT/SALTY

THE UNDERWORLD USED TO RUN
THE NUMBERS RACKET—NOW THE
STATES RUN IT ALL.

DAILY NUMBERS. WIN FOUR NUMBERS,
AND ALL THE REST.

EVER HEAR OF THE EARLY 1930'S

GANGSTER "DUTCH SHULTZ" OF JERSEY?
(REAL BIRTH NAME: ARTHUR FLEEGENHIEMER)

HE'S THE ONE WHO FIRST ORGANIZED IT
IN A BIG TIME WAY. HE FOUND IT BEING
PLAYED IN HARLEM FOR NICKLES AND
TOOK IT BIG TIME AND CITYWIDE & STATEWIDE.

THE LAST 3 NUMBERS OF THE PREVIOUS
DAYS ATTENDANCE AT AQUADUCT RACETRACK
(PRINTED IN THE NEWSPAPERS EVERY DAY)

WOULD BECOME THE WINNING NUMBER.

NUMBERS RUNNERS WOULD TAKE PEOPLES
WRITTEN DOWN NUMBERS, AND THEIR BETS,

AND THIS IS HOW DUTCH SHULTZ MADE
A FORTUNE BACK IN THE EARLY 1930'S.

TODAY, OF COURSE, ITS BEEN FULLY LEGALIZED
AND THE VARIOUS STATES RUN IT ALL.

SOME TRUE STORYS ABOUT STATES DAILY
NUMBERS GAMES (YOU CAN'T MAKE THIS



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STUFF up, Folks);

ON THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF 9/11
IN NEW YORK - ON SEPT. 1TH. OF 2002 -
THE WINNING DAILY NUMBER WAS: 911!
NO KIDDING.

ALSO IN NEW YORK, THE DAY IN NEW YORK
THAT THEY HAD THE BIG ~~MIKEY~~ MICKEY
MANTEL ESTATE SALE, THAT VERY
NIGHT NEW YORK'S DAILY NUMBER CAME
UP; 777 (MICKEY MANTELS NUMBER WAS 7).
YOU CAN'T MAKE THIS STUFF UP - IT HAPPENED.

FROM OUT WEST; THE BIGGEST COLLAGE
FOOTBALL RIVALRY IS EVERY YEAR WHEN
OHIO PLAYS MICHIGAN - SO A FEW YEARS
AGO OHIO WINS 42 TO 38.

YOU CAN GUESS WHAT THAT NIGHTS OHIO
DAILY NUMBER WAS, RIGHT?

4238.

YOU CAN LOOK IT UP, AS YOGI USED TO SAY.
WELL, ME BEING PAT/SALTY, I HAVE
SAVED THE BESTEST FOR LASTEST;
IT HAPPENED BACK IN 1980 (GIVE OR
TAKE ONE YEAR) SOME 30 YEARS AGO
BACK WHEN I WAS LIVING UP IN
PENNSYLVANIA FOR A COUPLE OF YEARS.



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AND PENNSYLVANIA HAD A DAILY NUMBER THAT WOULD BE SELECTED EACH NIGHT ON T.V. - A 3 DIGIT NUMBER - by AN OFFICIAL ANNOUNCER GUY AND A FEMALE MODEL helper - 3 DRUMS OF NUMBERS WOULD BE TURNED ON, EACH DRUM WOULD BLOW ONE OF THE AIR STIRRED NUMBERED BALLS UP A SEE THRU PLASTIC TUBE, AND THOSE 3 NUMBERS WOULD BECOME THAT DAYS OFFICIAL DAILY NUMBER. NOW, IN THOSE DAYS (I DON'T KNOW IF PENNSYLVANIA STILL DOES IT THE SAME TODAY) THE PAYOUTS WERE ALL SET PRICES (NOT A PARA-MUTUAL SYSTEM WHEREBY THE MORE PEOPLE THAT PLAY THE WINNING NUMBER = THE SMALLER THE PAYOFF) BUT THE STATE PAID SET PRICES; IF YOU BET THE NUMBER STRAIGHT (SAY, 326) AND IT CAME IN THAT WAY - 326 - THE STATE PAID ALL WINNERS WHO HAD THAT NUMBER - 326 - 500 TO 1; \$1 BET = \$500 WON. UNTILL ONE FINE DAY - ABOUT 1980 - CAME ALONG; AND THE WINNING NUMBER CAME OUT; 666



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AND THE STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA WENT DAMN NEAR BROKE SO MANY PEOPLE HAD PLAYED 666 THAT DAY!
THIS STORY IS THE GODS HONEST TRUTH, I WAS LIVING UP THERE AT THE TIME AND I SAW IT AND LIVED THROUGH IT; 666 HIT ONE NIGHT AND IT DAMNED NEAR BANCRUPTED THE STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA WHEN IT DID (BECAUSE THEY WERE USING THE SET PAY OUT SYSTEM INSTEAD OF A PARA-MUTUAL SYSTEM). WHAT THE HELL HAPPENED, STATE LOTTERY OFFICIALS AND THE GOVERNOR ALL DEMANDED TO KNOW, AND THEY WEREN'T THE ONLY ONES WITH LOTS OF QUESTIONS; ~~WAS THERE~~ SENSE THE MAJORITY - THE GREAT MAJORITY - OF WINNING 666 NUMBERS HAD BEEN PURCHASED THAT DAY IN RURAL COUNTRY AREAS OF PENNSYLVANIA THE BURNING QUESTION BECAME; IS PENNSYLVANIA A NEST OF SECRET DEVIL WORSHIPERS, OR WHAT? NOT AN ENTIRELY ~~WAS~~ UNREASONABLE QUESTION, GIVEN THE UNUSUALNESS OF THE WHOLE EVENT BROUGHT ABOUT THAT



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Night; what quickly became apparent to Pennsylvania officials - from their electronic sales records statewide was,

- A) This was the first time 666 had ever hit in their daily number, and,
- B) an unusually high number of 666 winning tickets had been sold that day in Pennsylvania.

The Gov and company smelled a rat, to be brief, and put a "temporary freeze" on all satanic payouts until they could "investigate further." From the unearthly howls of outrage expressed at local retail daily numbers vendors by a couple of local farmers (from right outside the little town I was then living in) - well, it made a few of the less successful local farmers wonder aloud if the two that were protesting the loudest - and who presumably held winning 666 tickets - perhaps didn't ~~owe~~ owe more than a little of their legendary farmers luck to having - who knows? - sold their souls →

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TO THE EVIL ONE, PERHAPS?
ALL THEIR LEGENDARY (BY LOCALS)
LUCK AND UNUSUAL SUCCESS AS FARMERS
UP TO THAT POINT (AND STRETCHING BACK
YEARS) CAME INTO IMMEDIATE QUESTION;
THE FACT THAT THOSE TWO THE SEASON
BEFORE HAD PLANTED MOSTLY BEETS
WHILE EVERYONE ELSE PLANTED MOSTLY
CORN, AND COULD IT REALLY HAVE BEEN
JUST LUCK OR CO-INCIDENCE THAT THEY
HAD PROSPERED WITH BEETS BECAUSE LAST
SEASONS CORN BLIGHT HAD NEARLY WIPE
OUT EVERY LOCAL FARMER BUT THEM??
(HEARING AND WATCHING ALL THIS AT THE
TIME IT STRUCK ME; THIS IS WHAT IT MUST
HAVE BEEN LIKE BACK IN THE SALEM
WITCH TRIAL DAYS!)

EVEN THE LOCAL SMALL TOWN MAYOR
~~SOON~~ PLANTED THE SEEDS OF HIS
OWN RE-ELECTION DEFEAT BY BEING
UNLUCKY ENOUGH TO HAVE BOUGHT ONE
WINNING TICKET OF THE DREADED 666
THAT DAY AT THE LOCAL BEVERAGE MART.
THE NEWS SPREAD LIKE WILDFIRE THROUT
THE TOWN; OUR MAYOR IS IN SECRET
LEAGUE WITH THE DEVIL! (I KID YOU
NOT - AND THIS WAS IN 1980 NOT IN 1680!) →

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OF COURSE, BY THE TIME THE WHOLE STORY CAME OUT - THAT THE MAYOR HAD BEEN BUYING, FOR HIS SON, EACH DAY SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THAT MONTH, FOR \$5 A DAY, A MINIMUM .50¢ STRAIGHT BET ON EACH NUMBER THAT WAS ALL ONE NUMBER (000, 111, 222, 333, ETC.) OF WHICH THE DREADED 666 WAS BUT ONE OF THE TEN) WELL, BY THE TIME OF THE MAYOR'S EXPLANATION (BACKED UP BY THE SELLERS AT THE QUICKY MART) BY THAT TIME, THE POLITICAL DAMAGE TO HIS REELECTION HAD BEEN DONE, AND THE MAYOR WENT DOWN IN FLAMES, ~~AND~~ ~~EVERY~~ WITH, OR WITHOUT, LUCIFER'S HELP. AS A PLAYER MYSELF - A SYSTEMS PLAYER - I HID MY TICKETS AWAY, HUNKERED DOWN AND KEPT MY MOUTH SHUT, AND WAITED FOR THE WHOLE SHITSTORM TO PASS. WITHIN DAYS, THE WHOLE THING BROKE WIDE OPEN, AND THIS IS WHAT THE PENNSYLVANIA AUTHORITIES FOUND OUT; THE BIG FIX HAD BEEN IN, AS OLD DUTCH SHULTZ HIMSELF MIGHT HAVE PUT IT; MR. OFFICIAL PENNSYLVANIA STATE LOTTERY ANNOUNCER HIMSELF - WITH THE HELP FROM

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his DOLLFACE MODEL ASSISTANT, HAD
Decided TO RIG A DAILY NUMBER
DRAWING AND HAD DONE EXACTLY THAT;
Sense They were ALONE WITH THE
NUMBERED BALLS & DRUMS JAST BEFORE
They WENT ON THE AIR LIVE EACH NIGHT
FOR THE DRAWING, She ~~kept~~ Kept
LOOKOUT WHILE he INJECTED (WITH A
NEEDLE) A TINY AMOUNT OF WATER
INTO EVERY NUMBERED BALL BUT
THE 6, THE 8, AND THE 9 BALLS.
he DID THIS TO EACH 3 DRUMS.
he AND MS. LOTTERY BARBIE DOLL HAD
RECRUITED (THEY WERE TOO WELL KNOWN
FROM T.V. TO DO SO THEMSELVES) FRIENDS
AND FAMILY MEMBERS TO FAN OUT
ACROSS THE STATE TO VARIOUS LOCATIONS
BUYING EVERY COMBINATION OF THOSE
3 NUMBERS (689, 986, 669, ETC.)
THE FACT THAT 666 CAME OUT, ONE
~~could~~ COULD WRITE OFF TO PURE CHANCE,
IF ONE TAKES SUCH THINGS SERIOUSLY,
OR IS RELIGIOUS, WELL, ONE CAN WRITE IT
OFF AS HAVING BEEN THE EVIL ONE SEIZING
HIS READY MADE OPPURTUNITY FOR FREE
ADVERTISING - WHATEVER IT WAS, IT WAS

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WHAT IT WAS AND IS WHAT IT IS, AS I PUT IT. OFFICIALS OF COURSE (WHO SAVE TAPE OF EVERY BROADCAST) SHOWED THE PUBLIC REPLAYS OF THE... SUSPICIOUS...

DRAWING WHERE - ONCE EVERYONE KNOWS WHAT TO LOOK FOR - PEOPLE COULD SEE FOR THEMSELVES HOW, ONCE THE AIR GOT TURNED ON, ALL THE BALLS BUT 3 SEEMED TO STAY LOWER IN EACH BARREL. THE 3 BEING THE 6, THE 8, AND THE 9, NATURALLY.

ONCE MR. ANNOUNCER AND SMILING MS. BARBIE, AND A COUPLE OF THEIR "GANG" HAD BEEN ARRESTED AND CHARGED, HOWEVER, THE GOVERNOR + HIS STATE LOTTERY OFFICIALS HAD A LITTLE PROBLEM, HOWEVER; SOME PEOPLE HAD PLAYED AND BOUGHT THE WINNING NUMBER LEGITIMATELY AND LEGALLY, AND THEREFORE - TO AVOID STATE LIABILITY - HAD TO BE PAID. \$500 PER EACH \$1 WAGERED THAT DAY ON 666 - BUT HOW COULD THE STATE TELL WHICH WINNING NUMBERS WERE LEGITIMATE AND WHICH WEREN'T ?? AND THEY HIT ON THIS SOLUTION; THE STATE OF



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PENNSYLVANIA WILL CASH ALL WINNING 666 NUMBERS FROM THAT DRAWING BUT WILL TAKE THE NAMES OF ALL WINNERS (WHICH THEY NEVER DID BEFORE) TO INVESTIGATE ANY POSSIBLE CONNECTION TO THE NUMBER RIGGERS!

MOST OF WHOM HAD NEVER BEEN CAUGHT (PEOPLE WHO KNEW PEOPLE WHO HAD BOUGHT THOSE NUMBERS BECAUSE THEY HAD BEEN "TIPPED OFF THE FIX WAS IN" AND SO FORTH).

THE POTENCIAL OUTLAY PENNSYLVANIA HAD IF IT HAD BEEN FORCED TO PAY OUT ON ALL OUTSTANDING WINNING TICKETS FOR THAT DAY - OR EVEN HALF OF THEM - WOULD HAVE BEEN STAGGERING.

IT COULD HAVE NEARLY BANCRUPTED THE STATE.

BUT, ALAS, THE STATE PLOY (AND, LETS FACE IT, IT WAS MOSTLY A STATE BLUFF) WORKED OUT FOR PENNSYLVANIA, HOWEVER

(DRATS!) IN THAT, BY THE CASHIN

DEADLINE ONE YEAR LATER, THE MAJORITY OF 666 WINNING TICKETS HAD NOT BEEN CASHED IN - AND THE UNCLAIMED FUNDS WENT BACK TO THE STATE.

ACTUALLY, NO FUNDS WENT BACK TO THE STATE, THE STATE JUST DODGED A

FINANCIAL BULLIT, IS ALL. →

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I MYSELF - BY pure chance, mind you -
HAD A FEW WINNING TICKETS, ~~AND~~ BUT
HOW COULD I ACTUALLY CASH THEM?
I WASN'T WILLING TO GO IN MYSELF
(AS A RULE I WOULD ALWAYS HAVE
A RELATIVE BUY, OR CASH MY TICKETS
FOR ME) SO OLD ~~AND~~ SALTY HIT ON THIS
WAY; GRADUALLY, OVER THE FOLLOWING
MONTHS - NOT ALL AT ONCE - I HAD A
CERTAIN TYPE OF INDIVIDUAL GO IN
TO DIFFERENT CONVENIENCE STORES
IN DIFFERENT TOWNS TO CASH MY
TICKETS FOR ME, I WOULD PAY THEM
ONE FIFTH - \$100 OUT OF EACH \$500 -
TO DO SO - AND THEY NEVER ATTRACTED
ATTENTION, KNOW WHY? THINK!
WHAT IS THE ONE TYPE OF INDIVIDUAL
THAT CAN GO INTO ANY STORE AND
BUY OR CASH A 666 WINNING
LOTTERY TICKET AND NEVER DRAW
EVEN A SECOND GLANCE? THINK!
HEAVY METAL MUSIC FANS!

I ~~USED~~ BLACK SABBATH FANS, HEAVY
METAL GEAR TYPES - WHICH ALMOST EVERY
TOWN HAD - AND STILL DOES, NO DOUBT -
YOU KNOW THE TYPES, USUALLY MALE, WEARING
THE HEAVY METAL 'UNIFORM'; USUALLY →

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LOCAL POTHEADS, AS LIKELY AS NOT TO BE WEARING "SATAN RULES!" TEE SHIRTS. ~~AND~~ THE PERFECT COVER! EVERY SMALL TOWN HAD ITS LOCAL "HEAVY METAL FREAK" SO WHEN THEY WOULD WALK INTO CASH A 666 LOTTERY TICKET, NO PROBLEM.

"FIGURES A WEIRDO LIKE HIM WHO PLAY A NUMBER LIKE THAT" IS ALL IT WAS TO THEM. NO BIG DEAL. NO NAME EVEN TAKEN, ~~AND~~ MORE OFTEN THAN NOT.

HELL, EACH TOWN KNEW WHO HE WAS, ANYWAY. AND THOSE.... CHILDREN OF SATAN (ORRY OSBORNE SERIES) WERE PLEASED AS PUNCH TO EARN \$100 FOR 2 ~~MINUTES~~ ^{MINUTES} "WORK". PROBABLY WENT RIGHT OUT AND SPENT IT ON POT, FOR ALL I KNEW. THEN ON TO THE NEXT TOWN.

AND THE NEXT. THE THING WAS IT TOOK MONTHS, THE BETTER PART OF A YEAR - AND I STILL HAD SOME LEFT. I

EVEN HAD ONE FRAMED UNDER GLASS AND PUT IN A FRAME AND HUNG ON MY WALL - MUST HAVE GOT MISPLACED OR STOLEN, THOUGH, AS I DON'T SEEM TO HAVE IT ANY LONGER; THIS ACTUALLY HAPPENED SOME 30 YEARS AGO IN PENNSYLVANIA. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~