

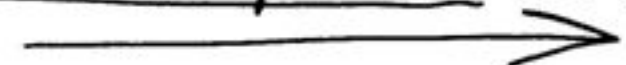
"HOLIDAYS: The TRUE STORY"

BY PAT/SALTY

NEW YEARS: CELEBRATED ON JANUARY 1st every year.

ACTUALLY, THE CELEBRATING STARTS THE DAY - OR NIGHT - BEFORE JAN. 1st. - ON DEC. 31st OF THE YEAR BEFORE, AND STRETCHES INTO JAN. 1st, ALSO. OF ~~COURSE~~ COURSE SOME PEOPLE GO RIGHT ON CELEBRATING BEYOND JAN. 1st. SOME OF THEM GO RIGHT ON CELEBRATING ALL YEAR LONG UNTILL DEC. 31st ROLLS AROUND AGAIN. SUCH PEOPLE ARE OFTEN CALLED DRUNKS.

AND NOBODY EVEN KNOWS WHAT YEAR IT IS ANYWAY, BEING THAT - IN THE WESTERN WORLD - THE YEARS ARE COUNTED FROM THE YEAR I A.D. (UP TO THIS YEAR ALL THESE YEARS LATER) BUT SENSE NOBODY CAN BE SURE EXACTLY WHEN CHRIST WAS BORN, THIS COULD REALLY BE THE YEAR 2011, OR 2012, OR 2009 OR, WELL, YOU GET THE IDEA; ANY FREAKIN' YEAR YOU CAN THINK OF AND DON'T EVEN GET ME STARTED ON THE JEWISH NEW YEAR AND THE CHINESE NEW YEAR AND ALL THE OTHER NEW YEARS - NEW YEARS IS HOPELESS!!!



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SAINT VALENTINES DAY; CELEBRATED EVERY FEBRUARY; WHO EXACTLY WAS SAINT VALENTINE? NOBODY CAN SAY FOR SURE - WHEN WAS HE BORN? WHEN DID HE DIE? WHY IS HE CONSIDERED A SAINT? AND WHAT THE HELL DOES HE HAVE TO DO WITH CHOCOLATES SOLD & EATEN BY THE BOX?

DAMNED IF I KNOW.

DAMNED IF ANYBODY ANYWHERE KNOWS.

SOMETHING TO DO WITH ANCIENT TIMES

ABOUT SOME MIDGET WHO WENT AROUND SHOOTING PEOPLE WITH ARROWS OR SOMESHIT. NOT THAT HE SHOT THEM WITH SHIT - HEAVENS, NO! - OR WITH ARROWS DIPPED IN - WELL, LETS LEAVE IT AT THAT.

DAMNED MIDGETS.

SOME CYNICS BELIEVE THAT THE WHOLE HOLIDAY CALLED ST. VALENTINES DAY IS NO MORE THEN THE PRODUCT OF A CONSPIRACY STARTED BY THE HALLMARK CARD COMPANY AND THE CHOCOLATE CANDY INDUSTRY AROUND THE TURN OF THE 20TH CENTURY - AND MADE FAMOUS BY GANSTER AL CAPONE IN THE ROARING 1920'S. BUT WHATEVER IT IS, ITS IN FEBRUARY, O.K. →

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SAINT PATRICKS DAY: CELEBRATED EVERY MARCH; I MYSELF - PAT/SALTY - WAS SUPPOSEDLY NAMED AFTER SAINT PATRICK, IRLANDS PATRON SAINT. THE "SALTY" PART WAS A LATER LIFE THROW IN (LIKE A NICKNAME) BECAUSE I USED TO POUR SALT INTO MY BEER BACK IN THE DAY. AND SAINT PATRICK REALLY EXISTED, TOO (ALTHOUGH - LIKE WITH ALL SAINTS - HIS SAINTHOOD IS DEBATABLE TO SOME) HE WAS A ROMAN SLAVE OVER IN BRITAIN WHO WAS BROUGHT OVER TO IRLAND - AND GETS CREDITED, AT LEAST, WITH CONVERTING THE IRISH OVER TO CHRISTIANITY.

AND DRIVING ALL THE SNAKES OUT OF IRLAND (IRLAND HAS NO SNAKES, AND ACCORDING TO SCIENCE, PROBABLY NEVER DID)

SO GOOD OL' PATRICK AT LEAST HAS AN EASY ENOUGH TIME WITH THAT TASK.

NEW YORK CITY HAS BEEN CELEBRATING THE DAY AND HAVING A PARADE ON IT SENSE WAY BACK IN THE 1760'S ~~WHEN~~

WHEN N.Y. WAS STILL BRITISH; THE HUNTINGTON, L.I., SAINT PATRICKS PARADE



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STARTED by AND with members of my FAMILY - OF PAT/SALTYS FAMILY - BACK in the EARLY DAYS OF THE GREAT DEPRESSION BACK in the EARLY 1930's - HUNTINGTONS PARADE - is the OLDEST one in the WORLD AFTER NEW YORK CITY.

ANYWAYS, every MARCH SAINT PATRICKS DAY Gets CELEBRATED AND - NO - it is NOT AN OFFICIAL NATIONAL HOLIDAY (THEN AGAIN, NEITHER is SAINT VALENTINES DAY - probably due to the FACT THAT BOTH were ORIGINALLY RELIGIOUS HOLIDAYS)

EASTER; sometimes CELEBRATED in MARCH, usually in APRIL, AND ALWAYS ON A SUNDAY, the BIG KAHUNA OF CHRISTIAN HOLIDAYS INVOLVING, ACCORDING TO MY SOURCES, LOTS OF ~~CANDY~~ CANDY AND CHOCOLATES - JUST LIKE ON SAINT VALENTINES DAY - BUT CHOCOLATES in the FORM OF EGGS AND RABBITS, signifying NEW BIRTH (THE EGGS) AND FERTILITY (THE RABBITS - CALLED "BUNNYS") MY SOURCES ALSO TELL ME THAT it is A HOLIDAY WHERE PEOPLE DRESS UP AND PARADE AROUND →

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IN BIG FUNNY HATS, ESPECIALLY
GAYS IN NEW YORK ~~CITY~~ CITY
(CALLED "THE MANHATTAN EASTER PARADE").
I'M NOT SURE ABOUT MY SOURCES THAT
TELL ME THESE THINGS (THEY MAYBE ON L.S.D.)

MAY DAY; USED TO BE A BIG
INTERNATIONAL WORKERS HOLIDAY UNTILL
THE COMMUNIST COUNTRYS CAME ABOUT
AND STARTED CELEBRATING IT EVERY
MAY 1ST. IN A BIG + PUBLIC WAY;
~~WAS~~ HARDLY CELEBRATED AT ALL ANYMORE
IN THE CAPITALIST/DEMOCRATIC/WESTERN COUNTRYS

~~THE~~ FOURTH OF JULY; AMERICAS ANNUAL
BIRTHDAY PARTY HELD EVERY YEAR.
CELEBRATES THE DAY ON JULY 4TH, 1776
WHEN THE AMERICAN DECLARATION OF
INDEPENDANCE DOCUMENT GOT ACTUALLY
DATED WITH "JULY 4TH, 1776" ON IT.
CELEBRATED WITH BAR-B-Q'S, PICNICS,
DEPARTMENT STORE SALES, AND JAPANESE
WOLFING DOWN DOZENS OF HOTDOGS IN
CONEY ISLANDS NATHANS HOT DOG EATING
CONTEST EVERY JULY ~~ON~~ 4TH - AND WITH
A WHOLE LOT OF EXPLOSIVES ALWAYS DETONATED, TOO.

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Oh, I LEFT OUT MOTHERS DAY (IN ~~3~~ MAY) AND FATHERS DAY (IN JUNE) SO,
MOTHERS DAY; CELEBRATES PREGNANCY
FATHERS DAY; CELEBRATES THOSE WHO
MAKE THEM PREGNANT (MOTHERS DAY
IS WAY BIGGER THEN FATHERS DAY
EVERY YEAR BECAUSE IT TAKES A WHOLE
LOT LONGER TO BE PREGNANT THEN IT
DOES TO MAKE SOMEONE PREGNANT).

LABOR DAY; CELEBRATED EVERY
SEPTEMBER BY FEMALES IN LABOR,
BY THE MALES THAT CAUSED THEM TO BE IN LABOR,
AND BY EVERYONE ELSE, TOO -
ESPECIALLY BY LIFE GUARDS CELEBRATING
THEIR LAST DAY OF WORK, AND BY
CRAZY SHOPPERS ELBOWING EACH OTHER
OUT OF THE WAY TO SCORE HALF PRICED
BACK TO SCHOOL SOCKS AND UNDERWEAR -
THE MEN + WOMEN OF LABOR - YOU KNOW,
THE ACTUAL LABORERS OF THE COUNTRY
& WORLD; - GET LOST IN THE HUSTLE / SHUFFLE
- hey, JUST LIKE IT IS WITH MAY DAY!



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HALLOWEEN; FROM WHAT I CAN TELL, THIS HOLIDAY EVERY OCTOBER IS CELEBRATED BY HUMAN BEINGS TERRIFIED OF DEATH & DISMEMBERMENT AND OF THE UNKNOWN WHO DECORATE THEIR HOUSES & PLACES WITH SKULLS AND SKELETONS AND MONSTERS AND COFFINS IN ORDER - ORIGINALLY - TO WARD OFF AND SCARE OFF ALL THE SPIRITS - WHO, SEEING IT ALL, WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY DIE LAUGHING - IF, THAT IS, THEY WEREN'T ALREADY DEAD. LOTS OF CANDY CONSUMED, BY KIDS MOSTLY, ON THIS HALLOWEEN HOLIDAY, ALSO. CELEBRATED ORIGINALLY BY THE ROMANS AND THE DRUIDS, LATER CO-OPTED BY THE ORIGINAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH ~~AND~~ (THE ROMAN CATHOLICS ~~WHO~~ WHO RENAMED IT "ALL SAINTS DAY EVE") AND, IN THE 20TH CENTURY & NOW THE 21ST CENTURY, CO-OPTED ONCE MORE BY THE CANDY AND COSTUME INDUSTRY; ^{IT} IS - IN CAPITALIST TERMS - THE "FASTEST GROWING" (#) HOLIDAY IN AMERICA TODAY (THESE WORDS, NOT MINE)

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THANKSGIVING; CELEBRATED EVERY NOVEMBER OFFICIALLY SINCE ABE LINCOLN SET THE DAY ASIDE IN 1863 TO BE A "DAY OF NATIONAL THANKSGIVING" BEING THAT ROBERT E. LEE'S FORCES HAD FAILED IN THEIR INVASION OF PENNSYLVANIA THAT PAST JULY ("BATTLE OF GETTYSBURG") AND BEING THAT LINCOLN'S WIFE MARY USED TO LOVE TO HOST BIG HUGE DINNERS - SO OL' HONEST ABE COMBINED THE TWO REASONS - YOU GOTTA PROBLEM WITH THAT? I DON'T.

ACTUALLY, STRICTLY SPEAKING, THE HOLIDAY ALSO GIVES THANKS THAT THE PILGRIMS WON OUT OVER THE INDIANS AND NOT THE OTHER WAY AROUND, OR ELSE ~~THEIR~~ THERE WOULD HAVE BEEN NO ABE LINCOLN TO LATER MAKE THE HOLIDAY OFFICIAL, NO AMERICA TO CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAY, AND NO MILLIONS OF OVENS ~~PROBLEMS~~ AND POTS & PANS & DISHES TO CLEAN UP AFTER CELEBRATING EACH THANKSGIVING, EITHER. WHICH IS ONE REASON THANKSGIVING, EVEN TODAY, IS NOT ON THE TOP HOLIDAY CELEBRATION LIST OF MOST AMERICAN INDIANS. →

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CHRISTMAS; THE CALANDER SAVES THE BIGGEST HOLIDAY FOR LAST EACH YEAR IN DECEMBER; WHY ALWAYS ON DECEMBER 25TH, BEING THAT NOBODY KNOWS WHAT DAY CHRIST WAS ACTUALLY BORN ON? AND THAT IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO KNOW THE EXACT DATE? WELL, WHY NOT? THE 25TH IS AS GOOD A DATE AS ANY, AND DECEMBER AS GOOD A MONTH AS ANY, WAS THE REASONING OF THE CHURCH AUTHORITYS CENTURYS AGO WHO CAME OUT WITH DEC. 25TH. BEING THAT THE DRUIDS + THE HEATHENS WERE ALREADY RUNNING AROUND AND RAISING A RUKUS + CELEBRATING SOMETHING ELSE - SOME DRUID / HEATHEN HOLIDAY OR OTHER - ON THAT DATE ANYWAY. WHICH THE EARLY CHURCH AUTHORITYS COULDN'T GET THE WILD UNWASHED MASS TO GIVE UP CELEBRATING; ~~ANYWAY~~ SO THE EARLY CHURCH (AGAIN, SEE A HISTORICAL PATTERN, FOLKS?) ~~WHEN THEY~~ AGAIN CO-OPTED BY SIMPLY DECLARING IT AS THE OFFICIAL CHURCH HOLIDAY TO CELEBRATE CHRIST'S BIRTH.
clever, eh? →

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Which is KIND OF WHAT WE CELEBRATE IT AS TODAY. I SAY "KIND OF" BECAUSE CHRISTMAS HAS BECOME ... HAS BECOME - WHATS THE WORD?

A HODGPUDGE OF ~~NO~~ MANY DIFFERENT THINGS; STILL A RELIGIOUS HOLIDAY TECHNICALLY - SURE - BUT A WHOLE HELLO OF A LOT MORE.

A NATIONAL HOLIDAY, TOO - FOR ONE THING. SO ITS BECOME SECULAR, TOO, NOT JUST RELIGIOUS.

CHRISTMAS TREES + CHRISTMAS LIGHTS AND CHRISTMAS SPECIALS ON TV, AND CHRISTMAS SONGS EVERY YEAR AND BIG BLOW UP INFLATABLE CHRISTMAS CHARACTERS COMING ALIVE EACH NIGHT ON LAWNS ACROSS AMERICA; INFLATABLE CHARACTERS BOUGHT AT WALMARTS + K-MARTS FROM COMPANYS IN CHINA THAT EMPLOY LEGIONS OF FACTORY WORKERS THAT KNOW AS MUCH ABOUT CHRISTMAS THE HOLIDAY AS YOUR AVERAGE BURGER KING FLIPPER KNOWS ABOUT ROCKET SCIENCE ("ROCKET WHAT? SORRY, WE DONT SELL THAT, SIR")

WHY IS IT THAT I - PAT/SALTY - GET



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The Feeling THAT, RIGHT NOW AS I WRITE THIS AND YOU READ THIS, THERE ARE MILLIONS OF PEOPLE IN ASIA, IN CHINA, WHO MUST SURELY BELIEVE THAT PEOPLE IN FAR OFF AMERICA ALSO PRACTICE A FORM OF ~~THE~~ ANSESTER WORSHIP ~~WHERE~~ IN THAT AMERICANS BELIEVE ~~THE~~ THE SPIRITS OF THEIR ANSESTERS COME TO EARTH ONCE EVERY YEAR TO INHABIT THE BODY OF A MAGICAL SNOWMAN NAMED "FROSTY"; AN IMAGE OF WHICH MILLIONS OF AMERICANS PUT OUT IN FRONT OF THEIR HOUSES EVERY DECEMBER — AND GOOD THAT THEY DO, TOO, OR WE CHINESE WOULDN'T HAVE ALL THIS WORK TO DO SUPPLYING THOSE AMERICANS WITH ALL THESE RELIGIOUS DECORATIONS AND INFLATABLE FIGURES EVERY YEAR TO CELEBRATE THEIR BIG DECEMBER HOLIDAY — WHY DO I GET THE FEELING THAT THERE ARE MILLIONS OF CHINESE THAT THINK THIS? AND THAT "THOSE AMERICANS" WORSHIP A GOD THAT'S FAT — JUST LIKE THE BUDDAH! — AND HAS A LONG WHITE BEARD THAT TRAVELS TO EARTH ON MAGICAL FLYING DEER! →

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AND AN ENGLISHMAN NAMED CHARLES DICKENS WAS ~~MISSPROMISED~~ THEIR PROPHET; AND THE SANTA AND THE DICKENS AND THE FROSTY SPIRIT SNOWMAN WAGE A HEAVENLY BATTLE BETWEEN THE DEMONIC FORCES LED BY A CREATURE THEY CALL THE GRINCH THAT STOLE CHRISTMAS, A BATTLE BETWEEN GOOD + EVIL WHICH THOSE AMERICANS CELEBRATE EVERY DECEMBER, AND WHICH ALWAYS ENDS WITH THE INNOCENT CHILD TINY TIM AND THE INNOCENT BABY JESUS BEING SAVED FROM THE EVIL GRINCH - WHO GETS ~~CAST~~ CAST BACK INTO HELL EVERY YEAR WITH ALL OF HIS EVIL HALLOWEEN MOSTERS AND HELPERS, YADA-YADA-YADA. (NOT THAT THE MILLIONS OF BEFUDDLED + CLUELESS CHINESE WORKERS OVER THEIR THAT MANUFACTURE - ALL YEAR - AMERICAS HOLIDAY DECORATIONS WOULD EVER ACTUALLY SAY "YADA-YADA-YADA" - BUT YOU ALL KNOW WHAT I'M TRYING TO SAY) how OUR HOLIDAYS + "RELIGIOUS" HOLIDAYS AND CELEBRATIONS MUST LOOK LIKE AND SEEM LIKE TO MILLIONS OF PEOPLE OVER THERE. (IN CHINA AND WHATNOT) END OF SPECIAL "HOLIDAY" REPORT "RRR" XX