

((YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU GOT TILL ITS GONE))
BY PAT/SALTY

KNOW THE SONG THOSE WORDS ARE FROM?
("THEY PAVED PARADISE AND PUT UP A PARKING LOT")
AS THE ONE AND ONLY BEN FRANKLIN
ONCE PUT IT, "PEOPLE DON'T KNOW THE
VALUE OF WATER TILL THE WELL RUNS DRY".
HOW TRUE, HOW TRUE.
AND IF THEY'RE REALLY, REALLY STUPID
THEY STILL WON'T KNOW THE VALUE OF
WATER EVEN THEN.

EVEN AFTER THE WELL HAS RUN DRY.
KNOW WHEN THE AMERICAN INDIAN
BECAME SO POPULAR?
IN THE LATE 1800'S - AFTER THEY WERE
NO LONGER A THREAT TO WHITE SETTLERS!
BEFORE THEN?

~~BEFORE~~ THEY WERE (FILL IN THE BLANK)

- ① THE UNGODLY SAVAGES
- ② THE HEATHEN RED MENACE
- ③ (EXPLETIVE DELETED).

SAME WITH THE AMERICAN BUFFALO;
THEY, LIKE THE AMERICAN INDIAN,
DIDN'T GET ROMANTASIZED & POPULARIZED
UNTILL THEY HAD BEEN VIRTUALLY WIPED OUT.
(THE BUFFALO WERE SYSTEMATICALLY
SLAUGHTERED BECAUSE THE INDIANS - THE WILD)

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ONES NOT ON RESERVATIONS - LIVED OFF THEM AND DEPENDED UPON THOSE BUFFALO.)
THIS IS THE TRUTH, THE ONLY REAL TRUTH.
THE HISTORY THE EDUCATED PUNKS DON'T TEACH IN SCHOOL.

HISTORY REMINDS US OVER & OVER AGAIN HOW EASY IT ALL IS -

TO ROMANTASIZE A ~~BUCKING~~ CORPSES!
I CALL IT "THE OBITUARY EFFECT";

BEING HOW EVERYONES OBITUARY WRITE UP IN THE NEWSPAPERS ~~ARE~~

ALWAYS PORTRAYS THE DEARLY DEPARTED

AS GREAT HUSBANDS, LOVING MOTHERS,

THE GREATEST PERSON YOU'D EVER

WANT TO MEET - YADA YADA YADA.

ITS ALL BUNK, OF COURSE;

"THE OBITUARY EFFECT".

THE BASTARDS ALL PRETEND THAT EVERY

DEAD PERSON WAS THE APPLE OF EVERYONES EYE.

EVEN IF THE APPLE GOT OVERLY RIPE,

~~WORM~~ WORM RIDDEN, ROTTEN EVENTO THE CORE;

READING STORYS ABOUT PEOPLE WHO GOT

KILLED & READING THE WRITE UPS AND

OBITUARYS REALLY WOULD GIVE PEOPLE LIKE

LONG ISLANDS PIANO MAN THE FALSE NOTION

THAT "ONLY THE GOOD DIE YOUNG." →

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They DON'T.

SO WHAT DOES ALL THIS HAVE TO DO WITH BEN FRANKLIN, WELL WATER, AND THE NATIVE AMERICANS?

PLENTY - SO READ ON; ~~BOOOOOOOOO~~

IT MAY OR MAY NOT BE PART OF THE (SO-CALLED) "AMERICAN CHARACTER" OR IT MAY -OR MAY NOT BE PART OF HUMAN NATURE IN GENERAL, BUT PEOPLE DO COMMONLY ROMANTASIZE THE PAST, ROMANTASIZE (REVISE THEIR MEMORIES OF) PAST PEOPLE, PLACES, THINGS, EVENTS - YOU NAME IT.

They DO - IT JUST IS WHAT IT IS.

EXCEPT FOR me!

I AM one, perhaps the ONLY ONE, perhaps NOT, who is FULLY AWARE OF THE PHENOMINON AND WHO, being FULLY AWARE OF IT, STUDIOUSLY AVOIDS DOING THAT, OR THINKING IN THOSE TERMS.

ACCURACY - THE ONLY REAL TRUTH! - IS ALL I - PAT/SALTY - CARE ~~##~~ ABOUT. WHETHER THE SUBJECT OF THE DAY BE POLITICS, HISTORY, POP CULTURE, SPORTS - WHATEVER: LIFE! AND BEN FRANKLIN WAS RIGHT, AS HE USUALLY WAS - "RRRRRR" XXX