

Bad Religion: A Packet of Modernish Festivals, Holidays and Religious Observations

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1. For some reason, some Louisiana residents employed an alligator named Sally for help in one of these events. For an episode of the Decoder Ring podcast, Willa Paskin tracked down the woman largely credited with hosting the first of these events, Jenna Karvunidis. In an academic paper on these rituals, City University of New York professor Carly Gieseler wrote that they offer "a liminal moment drawing on the power of communitas while creating a sense of permanence and security" and traced their rise in popularity with the rise of YouTube. In possibly the most infamous example of one of these events, a man fired his (*) rifle into a target loaded with oxidizers and fuel intended to create a puff of cerulean smoke; instead, it caused a massive wildfire in Arizona. For 10 points, name these events where millennial parents let their friends and family know whether they're having a boy or a girl.

ANSWER: gender reveal parties

2. These people have been known to create floats of the Mountjoy to accompany them on ceremonial "walks." One song sung by these people on festive occasions ends with the line, "As we sing again the loyal strain of the sash my father wore." These people have recently targeted Polish communities during the bonfires and general hooliganism that takes place on Eleventh Night. During parades, these people often wear bowler hats and play the Lambeg drum. Between 1995 and 2000, at least six people were killed in clashes stemming from a parade some of these people made to (*) Drumcree Church in the town of Portadown. Riots named for some of these people resulted in the deaths of over 60 people in New York City in the early 1870s. The more extreme contingent of these people are known as Orangemen and like to celebrate Battle of the Boyne Day. For 10 points, name these people traditionally opposed to Catholics in Northern Ireland.

ANSWER: Ulster Protestants [or North Ireland Protestants; or Ulster Loyalists; accept Ulster Orangemen before mentioned]

3. Sandra Danneler claims she invented a cookie named for these objects. In a nine-day ritual, people who carry poinsettias during the day may partake in a ritual involving these objects at night. A Spanish festival named for a "dance" of these things involved objects made from ollas. Starting in the 16th century, these objects were typically had seven peaks to represent the seven deadly sins. When these objects were combined with a nativity celebration, participants were rotated 33 times to correspond with the 33 years that Jesus lived. The town of (*) Alcolman is particularly prizes for making these objects. In one country, these items may have gained popularity due to their similarity to objects used in a birthday celebration for Huitzilopochtli. For 10 points, name these papier-mâché objects popular in Mexico that are often broken with a bat to reveal the candy inside.

ANSWER: pinatas

4. There were calls to abolish this holiday after it occurred on a Saturday in 1959 and forced the cancellation of sports matches; a law named for this holiday was passed seven years later allowing businesses to stay open during it. It's common to order a gunfire breakfast on this holiday. In the 1990s, Bob Hawke helped pass legislation that funded foreign trips on this holiday, sparking a revival of interest in it. On this day, it's traditional to read the poems "The Recessional" and "Lest We Forget" by Rudyard Kipling. Speeches given on this day are usually followed by a recitation of the last verse of Laurence Binyon's poem "For the Fallen." Because this holiday falls too close to Elizabeth II's actual birthday, her birthday is observed in June. This holiday is observed each April 25th, and since 1997 has coincided with a (*) rugby league test match between the two countries that celebrate it. In the 1990s, veterans were flown to Gallipoli to celebrate this holiday. For 10 points, name this holiday that honors the World War I sacrifices of Australia and New Zealand.

ANSWER: ANZAC Day

5. Pretty stupid answer required. A 2002 TV movie titled for this action is based on the real-life story of Olympic gold medalist Alfred Carlton Gilbert whose testimony before Congress about the educational value of a certain industry convinced Congress to lift a manufacturing ban in

World War I. Mario Lopez voiced Zeus, a former police dog who performs this title action in a 2009 ABC Family movie. In an animated special that I'm deciding counts as the *opposite* of this action, Boris Karloff voiced both the narrator and the title character who lives on Mt. (*) Crumpit and has a heart "two sizes too small." For 10 points, name this action which prevents a gift-giving December holiday from being ruined.

ANSWER: saving Christmas

6. In the 1960s, copies of *The Two Faces of Communism* were purchased to counter supposedly communist propaganda distributed during this activity. In the early 20th century, this activity was often done in conjunction with parties featuring decorations made popular by the Beistle Company. Some people commemorate Martin Luther's nailing of the 95 Theses through a holiday called Reformation Day rather than engage in this activity. In 1967, Lyndon Johnson signed a law officially linking a Nobel Peace Prize-winning organization with this activity in the US. In the 1970s, gay pride parades helped make this activity something that (*) adults took part in, although communities like Chesapeake, Virginia ban children older than 12 from partaking in this activity and prohibit it taking place after 8 PM. This activity is sometimes preceded the night before by pranks carried out on Mischief Night. For 10 points, name this activity where kids dressed in costumes obtain candy on Halloween.

ANSWER: trick or treating [prompt on Halloween]

7. Some Russians have nostalgia for a type of these items called *avoska* who name literally translates as the "perhaps" type of these things. A Japanese New Year tradition involves people going to department stores and purchasing some of these specific items known as Fukubukuro. A company called Distinctive Assets hands these items out once a year; in 2016, the company controversially included a \$55,000 all-expenses-paid trip from ExploreIsrael.com inside of one of these things. *Forbes* often writes articles on how these items have hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of content when handed out to (*) Oscar winners. For 10 points, name these items that birthday gifts might be placed in rather than wrapping.

ANSWER: bags [or gift bags; or grab bags; or perhaps bag; or string bag]

8. Hello Kitty improvises one of these things from an old basket she finds in her grandfather's garden in what's surely a riveting kid's book. These items were prominently displayed in a parade that Atlantic City claims to have invented in the 1860s; a more famous parade in which these items are featured moves from St. Thomas Church to St. Luke's Church in New York City. I'm skeptical of Wikipedia's claim that these objects were popularized in a 1933 song that describes us "On the avenue, Fifth Avenue, the photographers will snap us / And you'll find that you're in the rotogravure" recorded by Irving Berlin since they were quite popular in England in the 19th century. That same Berlin song describes one of these objects "With (*) all the frills upon it." For 10 points, name these hats worn during a Spring holiday.

ANSWER: Easter bonnets

9. A holiday centering around this food takes its name from the first words in a passage from the Book of Common Prayer that ends, "we beseech thee, O Lord, the wills of thy faithful people." On that holiday, each member of the family would make a wish while preparing this food, which needed to sit for several weeks until eaten. The Empire Marketing Board published a list of ingredients and each colony they came from for a version of this food eaten by the family of George V; ingredients included 5 pounds of stoned raisins from Australia. Starting in Victorian times, this food was traditionally prepared on (*) Stir-up Sunday, the last Sunday before the start of Advent. Mr. Oldknow proclaims this food to be "our England's annual luxury" in a story titled for this food published in *Household Worlds* in 1850 by Charles Dickens. For 10 points, name this food popular during the feast of St. Nicholas in England.

ANSWER: plum pudding [or Christmas pudding; prompt on pudding]

10. Wikipedia helpfully notes that these events are "not part of traditional culture" in Italy. In Brazil these events are named for tea and the center of attention typically wears a jasmine necklace. These events were not mentioned in the 1927 edition of Emily Post's *Etiquette* but show up 10 years later in a chapter on "American Neighborhood Customs." These events have

largely outlived the similar "larder" and "kitchen" equivalents. These celebrations may have risen from a colonial tradition of eating "groaning cakes" in sympathy. A 2012 article in the Fashion & Style section of the *New York Times* noted the growing trend in smaller-scale versions of these events known as (*) "sprinkles" and usually celebrating a person for the second or third time. Books by Susan Boynton might be given during these events. Some months before these events, participants hold a separate gender reveal party. Common gifts given at these events include onesies. For 10 points, name these parties thrown for expectant mothers.

ANSWER: baby showers [or stork parties]

11. At weddings in this country, the bride's father puts a silver coin in his daughter's left shoe and the mother a gold coin in her right shoe. On one holiday in this country, boys often dress as star boys. A person elected to represent the namesake of a holiday celebrated in this country will often visit old people's homes and distribute cookies known as *pepparkakor*. The monarch's birthday in this country is combined with the lighting of bonfires on the winter-ending St. Valborg's Eve. A festive bun baked in this country is made from saffron and often eaten during the Advent season. One holiday celebrated in this country centers on a figure who wears a wreath crown lined with candles and owes its December 13th date to the pre-Gregorian calendar. (*) Saint Lucy's Day is a prominent holiday in this country. For 10 points, name this country where, according to the Encyclopedia of Holidays and Celebrations, "invited guests" gather every December 10th for "The Nobel Prize Festivities."

ANSWER: Sweden

12. Eli Yishai, the Trade and Industry Minister of Israel at the time, criticized the last of these events for violating Shabbat. Samantha correctly answers a trivia question that stumps Mason while at one of these events in a scene from *Boyhood* immediately before Bill tries to teach Mason how to golf. The first time that *quia timet* injunctions were used against "persons unknown" in the UK was in the leadup to one of these events. A poster of a missing child named Madeleine McCann was hung at many of these events. 17 Canadians who accidentally were able to skirt one of these events were given free t-shirts and autographs for their trouble. The first of these events took place on July 31st, (*) 2000, while the final one included an event at the Natural History Museum in London as well as many local celebrations at Waterstones. A "Knight Bus" toured 40 locations in the leadup to one of these events. Posters proclaiming "784 pages to go" were printed by Barnes & Noble for the last of these events. For 10 points, name these events where one might be among the first to get one's hands on a copy of *The Half-Blood Prince*.

ANSWER: Harry Potter midnight book releases [accept equivalents that mention parties or other gatherings to obtain the latest Harry Potter book]

13. In 2017, protestors destroyed an unpopular one of these objects in Cornwall, England. Three years earlier, Paul McCarthy was commissioned to create a sculpture of one of these objects for Paris that was quickly defaced due to its resemblance to a butt plug. In 2018, a gift of \$400,000 from Netflix couldn't stop the Roman government from botching their selection of one of these objects for the second year in a row. The British Carbon Trust estimated that throwing out these objects has a tax on the planet of 16 kilos of carbon dioxide. Despite Pennsylvania being the fourth-largest producer of these things in the country, the city of Reading obtained "one of the saddest [of these things] of all time" in 2014; that Reading example was (*) topped with a pretzel and later turned into a bench. Since 1997, NBC has broadcast the installation of one of these objects each November at Rockefeller Center. For 10 points, name these objects decorated with ornaments each December.

ANSWER: Christmas trees

14. A Reptar robot assists in this action in the film *Rugrats in Paris*. Mike Myers' character gets lost a few times while trying to perform this action, but is ultimately successful and then heads to Waynestock. A weed-smoking George W. Bush helps Harold and Kumar perform this action. Benjamin's car breaks down, so he has to sprint to a building to perform this action in a scene late in *The Graduate*, the film arguably responsible for later films like *Beetlejuice* and (*) *Shrek* containing a scene where someone performs this action. *The Spruce* recommends that you protect against this action by designating someone to provide vows of support from the community. For 10

points, name this contentious action that might follow a minister asking you to "speak now or forever hold your peace."

ANSWER: objecting at a wedding

15. On Ascension Day in this country, teenagers engage in "dew-kicking" by getting on their bikes extra early in the morning and riding into the country. A rural community in this country holds the world record for lighting the largest Easter bonfire. One holiday in this country was celebrated with children dancing around three candles; in that same celebration of Twelfth Night, wealthy people from this country baked a bread with a ring inside of it. A tradition in this country involved breaking off some of the "sharing cake" on New Year's Day. One Christmas tradition from this country involved gathering at a house to put a gold or silver leaf on cakes, an activity called (*) cake-pasting. American immigrants from this country liked to bake a two-foot high frosted cookie in the shape of St. Nicholas for Christmas. This country celebrates Koninginnedag on its monarch's birthday. For 10 points, name this country where on Liberation Day, Queen Beatrix commemorates this country's liberation from the Nazis.

ANSWER: Netherlands

16. *HistoryLink*, the online encyclopedia of Washington State, was launched at a celebration of this holiday, which was also the first celebration in Seattle's Festal event. In 2011, a bomb was found along the route for a parade in Spokane, Washington being held on this holiday. A 1998 article in the *Duke Chronicle* argued that closing school for this holiday would be an act of "superficial symbolism." A song advocating for honoring this holiday contains the lyric, "You know it doesn't make much sense / There ought to be a law against / Anyone who takes (*) offense / at a day in your celebration." In a debate over this holiday, Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan literally stomped on an FBI file used during a filibuster by Jesse Helms. Some states still celebrate this holiday alongside Robert E. Lee's birthday. For 10 points, name this January holiday honoring the man who gave the "I Have a Dream" speech.

ANSWER: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day [or MLK Day]

17. In 2018, this ritual centered on some South Dakota residents who got to spend some time in a luxury room at the Willard InterContinental hotel. Journalist Sam Donaldson is arguably responsible for starting this tradition, although the first actual ceremony didn't take place until two years after his question. This ritual emerged following a joke made to deflect questions about Oliver North and John Poindexter during the Iran-Contra scandal. An early, spontaneous form of this ritual took place just four days before the (*) JFK assassination. An earlier version of this ritual coincided with a presentation from the Poultry and Egg National Board and was a reaction to a postwar campaign for Meatless Tuesdays. Beneficiaries of this ritual have included Peas and Carrots. In a statement accompanying the 2018 version of this event, Donald Trump declared, "Hi, Drumstick. Oh, Drumstick, I think, is going to be very happy." For 10 points, name this action where a politician saves an animal from ending up as Thanksgiving dinner.

ANSWER: Presidential turkey pardon [or Presidential turkey reprieve; or National Thanksgiving Turkey Presentation]

18. The "snow skin" variety of these things were developed as a healthier alternative. Different varieties of nuts and seeds go into the upscale "five kernel" variety of this food. Since 2013, it's been illegal to give these objects to state officials, since it was once common to give them versions of these things made from solid gold and packaged with pure silk. These goods are the best-selling products made by the Wing Wah company. The tops of these objects often have the character for the (*) rabbit of longevity printed on them, and they often have a salted duck egg yolk center. Plans for how to overthrow the Yuan dynasty were supposed distributed in papers hidden inside these objects. Their popularity soars in August and September. For 10 points, name this food consumed on the Mid-Autumn Festival in China, named for a heavenly body.

ANSWER: mooncakes [or yuèbǐng]

19. During a party coinciding with one of these events in 1882, Ellison Hatfield was stabbed some 26 times by three members of the McCoy family. "Repeaters" and "strikers" were hard workers during these events in New York City. A man in charge of one of these events is hit by a

stool in a painting that also features someone dumping a chamber pot on a crowd holding a flag reading "No Jews." That painting is titled for an "entertainment" during one of these events and was made by (*) William Hogarth. Edgar Allen Poe may have been killed after he was kidnapped and plied with liquor by goons who controlled these events in Baltimore. Venture Capitalist Hunter Walk has pushed tech companies to give their employees time off for these events. John Conyers has pushed to make these events coincide with a federal holiday. In the 19th century, lots of hard cider was drunk at these events. For 10 points, name these events that became less festive with the introduction of paper ballots.

ANSWER: elections

20. Harvard's Joshua Goodman concluded that these events did not have a measurable impact on achievement, unlike events that affect different people at different times. In the Philadelphia region, radio station KYW broadcast hotly anticipated codes signaling these events. A Nickelodeon movie titled for one of these events ends with an assault on Principal Weaver. After refusing to have fun during one of these events, (*) Bart still barely fails a test but then convinces Mrs. Krabappel to give him an extra point in the Season 2 premiere of *The Simpsons*. States such as Wisconsin build a number of these events into their official schedule. Another classic *Simpsons* episode sees Homer prevent one of these occurrences thanks to his Mr. Plow business. For 10 points, name this impromptu holiday caused by wintry weather.

ANSWER: snow day

21. Hubert Airy painted a watercolor of one of these objects falling into a courtyard in 1855. One of these objects was on display for forty years in the Foggy Bottom neighborhood of Washington, D.C. before being moved to what is now the Eisenhower Executive Office Building. The idea for the first of these objects came from Royal Navy Captain Robert Wauchope. The most popular tradition involving one of these objects stems from a 1907 ban on fireworks. John Pond first installed one of these objects at Greenwich. One of these devices in beginning in 1833 was made by Maudsley, Son & Field and installed above Flamsteed House. Sailors used the aforementioned device of this kind to set their (*) chronometers before setting sail. From a practical perspective, these objects send a better signal when they start moving rather than when they stop, leading the *New York Times* to complain that an annual ritual involving them was backwards. For 10 points, name this type of object that is dropped in Times Square to ring in the New Year.

ANSWER: time ball

22. The first literary evidence for this food describes a ritual known as the Ceremony of the Log. In one story, an employee at the Big-Name Production Company gives up an enormous one of these items to a lawyer named Risma because the lawyer had helped him out in the past. One legend holds that this food was invented by a nobleman who disguised himself as a baker and sold his valuable hawk collection to come up with the extra ingredients now characteristic of this food. This food was supposedly invented by a lover of Adalgisa named Ughetto. In the early 20th century, Gioacchino Alemagna and Angelo Motta revolutionized this food by adding more yeast and giving more time for the dough to rise. For 15 points, name this Milanese bread loaf popular at Christmas.

ANSWER: panettone

23. Buddy Hackett did a popular Borscht Belt routine set in one of these locations that originally involved the use of rubber bands. These places are the second of two locations mentioned in the last line of a song where a singer claims his "code name and number" is "16761" and that "Reggie White is Stupid." During her confirmation hearing, Elena Kagan told Lindsey Graham that she was likely at one of these locations when discussions veered to an attempted bombing of an airplane. Sociologists Gaye Tuchman and Harry Gene Levin have argued that these places provided the most reliable options for "safe (*) treyf" for people who were engaged in *oyssessen*. For an updated "live" film that aired on FOX in 2017, Mr. Parker responds that he "wasn't expecting that" after a perfect rendition of a song by employees at one of these places. Employees at one of these places sing a problematic version of "Deck the Halls" at the end of a film that TBS made into a holiday tradition, *A Christmas Story*. For 10 points, name these establishments stereotypically visited alongside movie theaters by Jews on Christmas.

ANSWER: Chinese restaurants

24. An object named for these events owned by Lorenzo de Medici depicts the Triumph of Fame and is in the Met's collection. Board games often appeared on the reverse side of a *desco*, objects named for these events. Following one of these events in Mexico, it was traditional for a person to wear bands called fajas and consume remedies known as purgantes. A period known as La Cuarentena traditionally followed these events in many Latin American countries. In Renaissance-era Italy, it was common for a tray named for these events filled with sweetmeats and chicken soup to be consumed and then hung on the (*) bedchamber. In China, hair washing is usually shunned during a period known as *zuo yuezi* or "sitting the month" that traditionally follows these events. In the Netherlands, the government appoints a worker known as a kraamverzorgster to provide assistance following these events. At a royal court, this activity was often publicly witnessed to ensure no switching took place. For 10 points, name this event usually assisted by midwives.

ANSWER: childbirth

25. The South Dakota firm Raven Industries specializes in making these things. Newark's Louis Bamberger had the original idea for an annual tradition involving these things. One of these things called *Love Flies Up the Sky* was designed by Yayoi Kusama in debuted in 2019. A 1925 Act of Congress established a top-secret National Reserve to preserve the resource critical to using these festive objects. The popularity of an event centering on these things led to the decline of a holiday called Ragamuffin Day. Four people were (*) injured by one of these objects in 1997, leading to new regulations that prevents them from being used in certain weather conditions. One of these things in the shape of the Cat in the Hat is the reason why New York bans their use when winds are above 23 miles per hour. For 10 points, name these objects that are paraded above the streets of New York in the Macy's Thanksgiving Parade.

ANSWER: Thanksgiving Day balloons [or hot-air balloons]

26. One highlight of celebrations of this event was the drum playing of "Old" Jordan Noble. At the first celebration of this event, young women in white held silk banners that proclaimed "glory and safety" or "valor and generosity" and took place at the Place d'Armes. A classic piece of newspaper satire was the "hugag and tunjo article" satirizing a dinner commemorating this event which predicted that attendees would dine on an alligator. In 1851, the first colored participants in this event were allowed to march in a celebratory parade. Sandra Frink argued that celebrations of this event were designed to give pride of place to white (*) Creoles. The federally recognized holiday known as The Glorious Eighth celebrated this event until the Civil War. The narrator of a song about this event records how "We took a little bacon and we took a little beans" and later describes how "We fired our cannon 'til the barrel melted down." Johnny Horton recorded a pop hit about this battle. For 10 points, name this battle honored in feasts where Democrats cheered for Old Hickory beating the British.

ANSWER: Battle of New Orleans