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"Saint Patrick's Day" by Chuck Robb

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徐々に暖かくなり、東北でも桜が咲き始めました。今月は、宮城県内2 校(泉パークタウン校・古川校)を受け持っているチャック先生に、出身 地の米国ジョージア州での祝日について書いてもらいました。

ach spring there is a very large holiday in my hometown, Savannah, Georgia, called St. Patrick's Day. This holiday is celebrated on March 17th. St. Patrick's Day is **recognized** in many other places in the United States, but in my hometown it is very big. Schools and many businesses have the day off. There is also a very large parade in downtown Savannah. Many high school marching bands, military **units**, and families march in the parade. When I was a child I remember getting to the parade route with my family to watch the event. My parents brought folding chairs and drinks. Everyone wore green: green t-shirts, green hats, green beads. **On top of that**, **spectators** drank beer from big green plastic cups, and one of the city's fountains was dyed green. Many visitors from around the country travel to Savannah for the holiday, and most of the city's hotels are booked up.

Who is Saint Patrick

The holiday comes from Ireland. Patrick was born around 390A.D. He wasn't Irish; he was British. He was taken to Ireland

As a young man. In Ireland he became a Christian. He worked as a **shepherd** and finally escaped to England. But he returned to Ireland as a **missionary** and helped spread Christianity. He was very good at his job and helped start about 1000 churches. Unfortunately, the true story of Saint Patrick is not known by many people.

Why is Saint Patrick's Day Big in My Hometown

In the 1800's and 1900's many people from Europe immigrated to America. My city has a large port, and many immigrants arrived there. Many Irish people came to my city and settled. Even today, there is a large population of Americans with Irish last names. At my high school, many of my classmates had last names like Aimar, Hagan, and Donelly. Many of these families march together as a group in the Saint Patrick's Day parade. Also, they belong to organizations of Irish-Americans. The holiday is more than just a big

party, it is actually an important part of their heritage

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世界では色々な国に様々な理由で移民する人々がいます。今回は、移民割合の多い世界の都市を紹介します。

1. ドバイ(アラブ首長国連邦)

2006年の統計によれば、およそ70%以上の人口を移民が占めています。その人口は140万にも上り、主な出身国は東アジアのバングラデシュ、インド、パキスタン出身の人々が多いようです。その次に多いのがヨーロッパなど、西洋圏出身の人々です。

2. マイアミ (アメリカ)

人口200万以上のうちの約半分以上が外国出身で、彼らの多くはキューバやニカラグアといったヒスパニック圏の出身です。英語同様、スペイン語も話されています。2000年以降は、商業や観光産業の躍進が見られています。

3. トロント (カナダ)

都市部の人口のおよそ半分が、国外で生まれていて、約120万の外国人が住んでいます。高齢化のため、若い人や意欲のある人々を積極的に移民として受け入れています。世界有数の多種多様な文化が共存する都市圏であると同時に、安全な街としても有名で、様々な催しなどが開催されています。

※参考サイト: Askmen.com "Top 10 Immigrant Cities"



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