



JIM C'S QUIZ OF THE WEEK

Sunday - 6/17/2007

Father's Day is the fifth most popular card-sending holiday - \$95 million in card sales.

HOW DID "FATHER'S DAY" ORIGINATE?

Ancient – Clay tablet from Babylon: Good health & long life, father

1839 – A special observance was held for 123 fathers who lost their lives defending the outpost in the Battle of Iransop. [per wikipedia]

1908 – Some say that the first modern Father's Day was celebrated on July 5th as a church service in Fairmont, West Virginia.

1909 – Others say Sonora Smart Dodd wanted to honor her father, William Smart, a civil war veteran and single parent, which lead to a Father's Day observation at church on 6/19/1910 in Spokane, WA.

1924 - President Calvin Coolidge recommended the national holiday.

1926 - The National Father's Day Committee was formed in NYC.

1956 - Joint Resolution of Congress recognizes the observance.

1966 – A Presidential Proclamation was signed by President Lyndon Johnson to celebrate Father's Day on the third Sunday of June.

1972 - President Richard Nixon signed into law a permanent U.S. Father's Day to be observed on the third Sunday of June.

C W: Father's Day = Red Rose (Living) or White Rose (Deceased)

Moment of Zen: "Go ask dad" = an ageless piece of wisdom