



JIM C'S QUIZ OF THE WEEK

COLUMBUS DAY - 10/08/2007

HOW DID "*COLUMBUS DAY*" ORIGINATE?

1492 – Christopher Columbus “discovered” the New World.

1792 - The first recorded celebration of *Columbus Day* in the United States took place on October 12 and was organized by the Society of St. Tammany (Columbian Order) in New York City. It commemorated the 300th anniversary of Columbus's landing.

Oct. 12 1866 - Out of the pride for their native son, the Italian population of New York organized the first celebration of the discovery of America.

1869 - Italians in San Francisco celebrated October 12th and they called it *Columbus Day*.

1892 - President Benjamin Harrison proclaimed the 400th anniversary of the event.

1905 - Colorado became the first state to observe a *Columbus Day*.

Since 1920 the day has been celebrated annually.

1937 - President Franklin Roosevelt proclaimed every October 12th as *Columbus Day*.

1968 - President Lynden Johnson declared *Columbus Day* a federal public holiday on the 2nd Monday in October.

Zen: Some think that Columbus may have gone over the edge