



# JIM C'S QUIZ OF THE WEEK

## SUPER TUESDAY - 02/05/08



February 5, 2008 is *Super Tuesday*, when 24 states hold primaries or caucuses, where 52% of all pledged Democratic Party delegates and 41% of the total Republican Party delegates are at stake.

### HOW DID TERM “*SUPER TUESDAY*” ORIGINATE?

*Definition (Encarta):* A Tuesday in a presidential election year on which many states hold primary elections, the results of which provide the basis for choosing the parties' presidential candidates.

*Origin:* Some experts say that the phrase “*Super Tuesday*” entered the political vocabulary in 1988, but Wikipedia states that it was first used in reference to presidential primary elections in 1984. In fact, the 1984 primary season had three “*Super Tuesdays*,” ending with “*Super Tuesday III*”, when Walter Mondale finally secured the Democratic nomination.

By the spring of 2007, 24 states with over half the delegates to the national conventions moved to change their primary dates to February 5, 2008, which will dwarf previous “*Super Tuesday*” primaries, creating what some pundits call “Super Duper Tuesday, Giga Tuesday, Tsunami Tuesday, or The Tuesday of Destiny.”

**Conventional Wisdom:** Super Tuesday = A Primary Tipping Point

**Moment of Zen:** Remember, most of the Presidential candidates cannot be in two or three places at the same time.