COLUMBUS DAY

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I discover the hard way the second Monday of October is Columbus Day. I need to cash a check and all banks are closed. Columbus is controversial. Did he or did he not discover America? The United States have divided opinions. New Yorkers started it all when Italian Americans had a parade to honor a confused explorer named Columbus. The lost sailor landed in a place he thought was India. In New York any excuse brings on a parade. In California Labor Unions use any excuse for a 3 day Holiday. On Columbus day, no mail, no school, no banking. In L.A. Cinco de Mayo is more fun than Columbus Day We should have a Cheech and Chong day. The truth is Columbus was just one drunken sailor who discovered the world is round. In South Dakota the explorer is accused of genocide. That state changed October 12 to Native American day to protest Columbus laws which drove Taino people from their land. I'm not ranting because I need to cash a check but I believe there are better Historical figures as an excuse for a three day Holiday. Give me Billy Holiday and the blues. In the future when Astronauts travel faster than light, a ship from California may get lost in space land on a pristine green planet take their fresh air away and call it new LA.