**Columbus Day**

We all know two things about Columbus Day: we get school off (YAY!) and it remembers the day that Christopher Columbus arrived to the Americas. But do we ever think further about what this holiday is about. Hare Today dug a little deeper.

Officially, Americans are invited to celebrate the discovery of their country with services, parades, or activities. These celebrations though are not widespread; most are concentrated around the Italian-American community. In California, Nevada, and Hawaii, it isn’t even a public holiday.

Columbus Day originated as a celebration of Italian-American heritage and was held in San Francisco in 1869. In 1937, it became a holiday throughout America, and is celebrated on the second Monday in October (Chris landed actually on the 12th).

The holiday is controversial because the arrival of Europeans to America led to the death of large portions of the native people. It has been argued that Columbus should not be honored for discovering America because of the tragedy and demise of history and culture of the indigenous people.
Institute of Contemporary Arts

Many Harvard students may not know that simply having a Harvard ID allows you free admission to some of Boston’s best museums. Take advantage of this deal now—once we graduate, a ticket to the Museum of Fine Arts ramps up to a frightening $25. And unless your name is Isabella, you will have to pay $15 every time you want to get into the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum (when I first discovered the Gardner, I went three times in the course of one week. And I don’t really like art. It’s actually one of the coolest places I have ever been to). However, I want to draw your attention in particular to the Institute of Contemporary Art, which is currently featuring Some Pictures of the Infinite, an exhibit of works by Josiah McElheny. McElheny does a lot of incredible things with mirrors as he attempts to address themes of infinity and time (wow, I’m such a sophisticated art connoisseur—just said “themes”). The exhibit’s last day is on October 14th, so try to make it over this week if you can—it’s definitely worth the visit (but if you miss this particular exhibit, go to the ICA anyway—their collection will always give you something to think about, even if the deepest question you reach is, ‘How the hell did this end up in a museum?’). The museum itself has a fantastic location (just take the Silver Line to Courthouse!) that gives a beautiful view of the Boston waterfront. And for those of you over 21, the Harpoon Brewery is just a couple minutes away—why not combine your contemporary art intake with unlimited samples of beer? (Answer: because if you’re like me, you will literally fall over in the gallery). Happy museum-going!

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Give good advice OR receive bad advice?
Be 4’5” OR 7’7”?
Never play OR always play but never win?
Be super strong OR super fast?
Lose half your hair OR lose half your hearing?
Go to jail for a year OR live in your car for a year?
Have your flight delayed by eight hours OR lose your luggage?
Eat a stick of butter OR snort a tablespoon of salt?

Upcoming Games:
T 10/9, 7pm B Volleyball v Eliot
W 10/10, 8:15pm Soccer v Quincy
Th 10/11, 7pm A Volleyball v Mather
Su 10/14, 5:30pm Tennis v Cabot

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