WESTERN CIVILIZATIONâ€™S OCTOBER HAT TRICK

The second week of October offers a triad of heroic anniversaries worth celebrating by any admirer of Western Civilization.

Today, October 11, we celebrate the 1,280th anniversary of the Battle of Tours in 732 AD, when Charles Martel (686-741), forever known as The Hammer, and his 30,000 Christian soldiers crushed an invading horde of 200,000 Moslem Jihadis in what is now central France.

As Gibbon noted, had the Moslems won that day, all of Europe would have been Islamized and Western Civilization would have been extinguished. The famous passage from Book 7 of his masterwork, *The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire* describes the consequence had the Christians lost:

> "A victorious line of march had been prolonged above a thousand miles from the rock of Gibraltar to the banks of the Loire; the repetition of an equal space would have carried the Saracens to the confines of Poland and the Highlands of Scotland; the Rhine is not more impassable than the Nile or Euphrates, and the Arabian fleet might have sailed without a naval combat into the mouth of the Thames. Perhaps the interpretation of the Koran would now be taught in the schools of Oxford, and her pulpits might demonstrate to a circumcised people the sanctity and truth of the revelation of Mohammed."

Yet it was the Moslems who lost, not the Christians on this historic day, thanks to the military genius of Charles the Hammer - who followed up his victory at Tours (the actual battle site is near the hamlet of Moussais about 60 miles south of Tours) with additional crushing victories over invading Moslems.

As historian Antonio Santosuosso makes clear in his definitive book, Barbarians, Marauders, and Infidels, these victories - such as at Arles in 736 and Narbonne in 737 - were just as momentous in preserving Europe from Moslem conquest as Tours.

So a toast to Charles the Hammer, savior of Europe and Western Civilization!

Saturday, October 13, is for celebrating the 87th birthday of the great Lady Champion of Liberty, the most heroic woman of the 20th century, Margaret Thatcher. The story of how she, with Ronald Reagan and Pope John Paul II, saved Western Civilization from Soviet Communism is told in Now There Is One (April 2005).

Another toast to another savior, Lady Thatcher!

And we must also celebrate this October 13, for it was on this day 237 years ago, 1775 in Philadelphia, that the US Navy was founded. From two sailing ships with ten carriage guns, it has grown into the greatest naval force - by far - in human history. We can be sure Lady Thatcher would join us in a toast of gratitude to all the men and women of the US Navy at sea defending us at this moment. To the US Navy - long may it rule the waves!

Tomorrow, October 12, is for celebrating the 520th anniversary of Columbus' discovery of America, for on this day in 1492, the Great Admiral landed on Guanahani (now known as San Salvador or Watlings) island in the Bahamas.

We commemorate this as a true discovery in contrast to all the claims of Vikings, Chinese, Irish, and others who supposedly came earlier - for once and only after Columbus discovered America, it *stayed discovered*.

Unfortunately, Columbus Day is for most Americans just an excuse for a three-day weekend (last weekend this year, 10/06-08). What it should be is a commemoration and celebration of Western Civilization - which is why the Left hates Columbus and his holiday.

So there's the usual spectacle of American Indians using the holiday to denounce the White Man and his genocidal war-mongering culture-destroying earth-murdering imperialism, blah blah blah - with White Liberals joining in, masochistically condemning their own civilization. Typically, the

Leftie La-La Land of Berkeley, California has renamed it "Indigenous Peoples Day."

If it's your misfortune to run into any of these folk bemoaning the nightmare and tragedy of our coming here, you might suggest to them that they abandon every vestige of the civilization they hate as so evil.

Not just every *material* benefit - electricity, the wheel, and all post-Stone Age inventions. Every *psychological* vestige as well - starting with the very concept of American Indian or Native American or any other collective term for North American aboriginals.

The concept of "American Indian" is a modern one, not possessed by any Amerindians until they learned it from Europeans. An Indian's pre-Columbian identity was that of his or her membership in a particular tribe such as the Kiowa or Lakota.

This is why *there were no Indians in America when Columbus discovered it*. There were Chippewa and Iroquois and Mohawk and Miwok and Powhatten and hundreds upon hundreds of others - but there were no Indians, because none of them possessed any sort of pan-tribal notion of common humanity and cultural identity.

That common identity they learned from *us*. As a reprehensible act of cultural imperialism, the concept of "Native American" should be stricken from their vocabulary as the politically correct thing for them to do.

The multitude of tribes here were in a state of constant warfare with each other. Alliances were ephemeral and temporary. The fantastic level of violence perpetrated by pre-Columbian Amerindian tribes upon each other is documented by anthropologist Lawrence Keeley in War Before Civilization: The Myth of the Peaceful Savage.

Keeley documents with both historical and grisly forensic evidence that *European settlers were on the whole far more peaceful than Amerindians, who were far more violent*. Thus at America's founding, it was with good reason that Thomas Jefferson listed in The Declaration of Independence as one of the "injuries and usurpations" afflicted upon the Colonies by King George III was that:

> "He has endeavoured to bring on the inhabitants of our frontiers, the merciless Indian Savages whose known rule of warfare is an undistinguished destruction of all ages, sexes and conditions."

As you savor celebrating Western Civilization this week, reflect on how totally cool it is that

America's founding document tells the truth with such political incorrectness that it actually calls untouchably noble and pure "Native Americans" as "merciless Indian Savages."

For Amerindians were certainly just as merciless and savage towards each other as they were to us. In their state of perpetual war upon each other, victorious tribes seized control over the land of a defeated one.

The Sioux, for example, kicked out the native inhabitants of the Plains, moving there after they themselves were kicked out of Canada by other tribes. Of course, the Sioux culture of the Great Plains with the eagle feather headdresses and hunting buffalo on galloping horses romanticized in the movies, was made possible by the introduction of horses by Europeans in the first place.

So another thing the Columbus-haters would have to give up would be horses -- in addition to cars, trucks, motorcycles, bicycles and any other form of land transportation except their feet.

That larger and stronger tribes from Europe eventually conquered all Amerindian tribes and took most of their land is in no way essentially different from their own pre-Columbian history. Actually, no way different than the history of most every piece of habitable land on earth.

For all those guilt-ridden liberals who think we should give it back -- ask them to what tribe are they donating their home and other property?

Ask them if they are suggesting Amerindians relinquish all products of European psychological imperialism, all Eurocentric concepts such as the earth goes around the sun, reading, writing, mathematics, physics and chemistry, and all other educational oppressions? Oh, yes, all forms of modern medicine and medical technology too.

You can have a lot of fun posing such questions to liberal lovers of the Stone Age -- and telling them to act as they preach. For if they don't *act* to abandon every vestige of the civilization they hate as so evil, they condemn themselves as bottomless hypocrites.

So this week - most appropriately over a glass or two of Chianti, Montepulciano or other Italian red of your choice (if you prefer white, perhaps a Pinot grigio) - give thanks to the Admiral of the Sea, one of the great heroes of history, Christopher Columbus, and the blessings of Western Civilization that his discovery bestowed upon America.

And to Lady Thatcher, the US Navy, and Charles the Hammer. Western Civilization is mankind's oldest. Human culture first originated among the Cro-Magnon peoples, as the world's oldest cave art attests (40kya, thousand years old, at El Castillo, Spain; 35kya at Chauvet, France, etc.) in Western Europe.

After seeing the magnificent cave art of Altamira in Spain (22kya), Pablo Picasso said, "After Altamira, all is decadence." See Cro-Magnon: How the Ice Age Gave Birth to the First Modern Humans, by paleoarchaeologist Brian Fagin, and Cave Art: A Guide to the Decorated Ice Age Caves of Europe, by Paul Bahn.

For the last several centuries, Western Civilization has been mankind's preeminently most successful. Today in Western Europe, it is in decline. An eye-opening example is Scotland. Instead of it being the land of a famously frugal, rational, and prudent people, 88% of Scottish households are paid more in state welfare than they pay in taxes. Scotland leaves Mitt Romney's 47% in the dust.

America is the last great bastion of Western Civilization. There are other bastions, such as Canada, Australia, New Zealand, the countries of Eastern Europe, but they are too small to save

WesternCiv on their own. Only America can carry the torch forward - and at this moment, in October 2012, it is flickering.

On November 6th, Americans will choose either to snuff the torch out, or have it burn brightly anew.

Thankfully, after *The 90 Minutes That Saved America* last week in Denver, it's looking more and more likely they'll choose the latter.

We have much to celebrate during this second week of October. Enjoy the wine or whatever adult beverage you choose. Then it's back to work to do whatever we can to help ensure that we have much more to celebrate on November 7th.

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Ps: While you're enjoying that glass or two, perhaps I could tell you a Political Correctness Corrected Story about Columbus and how much damage Amerindians did to Europeans:

On August 3, 1492, Christopher Columbus departed the Spanish port of Palos at the mouth of the Rio Tinto. After discovering islands he named San Salvador (in the Bahamas), Juana (Cuba), and Hispaniola (Dominican Republic & Haiti) on the other side of the Atlantic Ocean, he returned from his epochal voyage, reaching Palos on March 15, 1493.

According to the journal of Spanish physician Ruy Diaz de l'Isla, the pilot of Columbus's ship had contracted a previously unknown disease marked by severe fever and frightful skin eruptions.

The pilot wasn't the only one. By the time Columbus reached Barcelona, several of his sailors had come down with this strange new disease and were treated by the mystified Dr. de l'Isla. Unbeknownst to them, the sailors had acquired the disease through cohabitation with infected native women on the discovered islands, Hispaniola in particular.

A number of these sailors were from Naples, and upon their return, the infection spread throughout the city. Naples was the capital of the Kingdom of Naples which controlled the entire southern half of Italy. When the young King of France, Charles VIII (1470-1498) decided to conquer it, entering Naples with a massive army in February of 1495, the infection was rampant.

As always, the first goal of a conquering soldier is as many liaisons as possible with the local women. This time such liaisons proved lethal. The new disease devastated Charles's army, which suffered a disastrous defeat at Fornovo in July. As the French army retreated across western Europe, the disease spread in its wake.

Europe had finally begun to recover from the Black Death of the bubonic plague in the middle

1300's, which had killed fully *half* of all Europeans. Once again, Europe was ravaged by a plague now known as *morbus gallicus*, the French Disease. It would kill *one third* of the entire population of Europe.

In 1521, Girolamo Francastoro, an Italian poet, wrote a poem about the disease, which he named after a shepherd in Greek mythology who refused to worship Apollo and was infected by the vengeful god with ulcerous sores all over his body. The name of the shepherd was Syphilis.

Liberals have desperately searched in vain for evidence of syphilis in Europe before Columbus so as to disprove its American Indian origin. Smallpox wiping out many American aboriginal tribes has always been for liberals the ultimate malevolent evidence of evil White Man.

Conclusive research shows however that syphilis is a New World mutation of yaws, existing among American aboriginals for many centuries before Columbus. An American Indian disease wiped out a third of Europe, to the great embarrassment of liberals. See Origins of Syphilis and History of Syphilis.