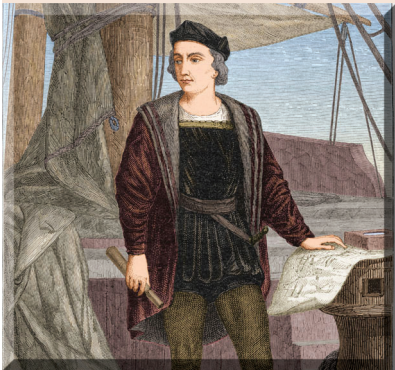


Sunday, December 6

ON THIS DAY



▲ **1492: Christopher Columbus discovered the island of Hispaniola, now divided between Haiti and the Dominican Republic**

1793: Madame Du Barry, last mistress of King Louis XV of France, was sent to the guillotine

1877: Thomas Edison recited *Mary had a Little Lamb* as he made the world's first sound recording

1917: Finland declared independence after being an autonomous Grand Duchy of Russia since 1809

2008: The Irish government recalled all Irish pork products after the discovery of contaminated fodder