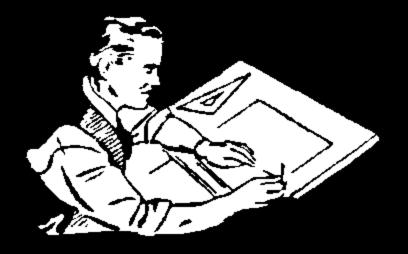
# Why We Need New National Holidays, and Should Start All Over Again

Suggested New Cultural Celebrations Designed by by Charles Paidock



US Department of Celebrations

### Presentation for the College of Complexes The Playground for People Who Think weekly free speech forum on social issues and current events Every Saturday at 5:00 PM



## 1. The History of Holidays in General

2. Analysis of Current US Celebrations

3. Adoption of a Perpetual Fixed Calendar

4. Suggestions for New Holidays to Enhance our Culture

## Leisure is the Basis of Culture

"Leisure should be an affirmation, it is not just the absence of activity"
The Greek word for "leisure," σχολη,
produced the Latin scola, which in turn gave us the English school

Haphazard Collection of Annual Events

Many Celebrated for No Discernable Reason





### Signs of Cultural Decline Everywhere

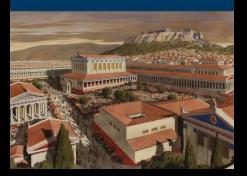
increased indifference insolvent, ineffective government superficiality, lack of knowledge no consistent arguments against violence entitlement philosophies among the young elected leaders have lost their moral authority prevalence of base and immoral entertainment

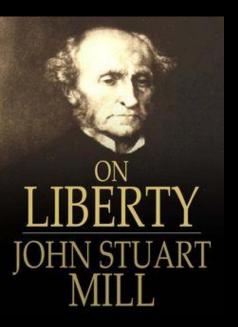
"The final indicator of the demise of a civilization is the failure of its people to see what is happening"

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SECOND EDITION ARISTOTLE'S POLITICS

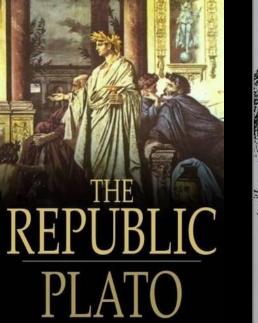
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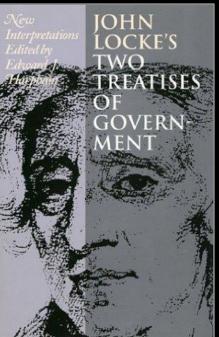




At a Republican presidential debate, Sen. Marco Rubio advocated vocational training instead of academic studies, stating:

"Welders make more money than philosophers. We need more welders and less philosophers."









## Stop Cultural Appropriation



### In Medieval Europe, there was at least one festival in each month



Medieval Europeans were without the luxury of the modern technology, and festivals and feasts were among the few things they could enjoy, usually agricultural celebrations, timed to the crop cycle.

Nobles vs. Peasants

Only the wealthier members of society were able to eat white bread made from wheat, while the poor usually ate a dark type of bread made from rye or barley.

The nobles ate a great variety of meats, believing that eating vegetables was only fit for peasants.

### Why a medieval peasant got more leisure time than you



Sundays were labor-free, and when the plowing and harvesting seasons were over, the peasant got time to rest.

Weddings might mean a week off quaffing ale to celebrate, and when wandering troops of entertainers came to town, or sporting events were held, the peasant expected time off.

Fast-forward to the 21<sup>st</sup> century, and the U.S. is the only advanced country with no national vacation policy whatsoever. Many American workers must keep on working through public holidays, and vacation days often go unused. And many of us answer emails and "check in" when off from work.





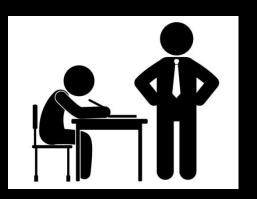


#### Established Cultural Element





There are usually about 250 working days in a year 2,080 hours in a typical work year.



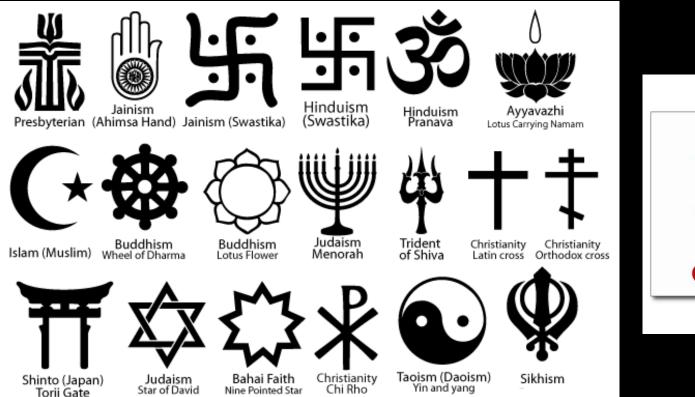
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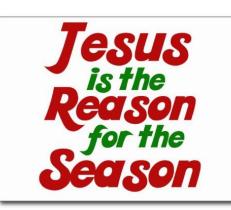
70 percent of American children live in households where all adults are employed

the U.S. does not have laws setting the maximum length of the work week

There is no federal law requiring paid sick days in the US

## Many Holidays Religious in Origin No Longer Relate to a Secular Society





With Muslim minorities growing across the United States, many are demanding that public schools close not just on the Christian holidays, but also on their major holidays such as Eid al-Fitr at the end of Ramadan and Eid al-Adha, the Feast of the Sacrifice.





At one state university, students and staff were warned not to use the colors red and green in their decor because they are not neutral enough and may not reflect an "inclusive holiday spirit."

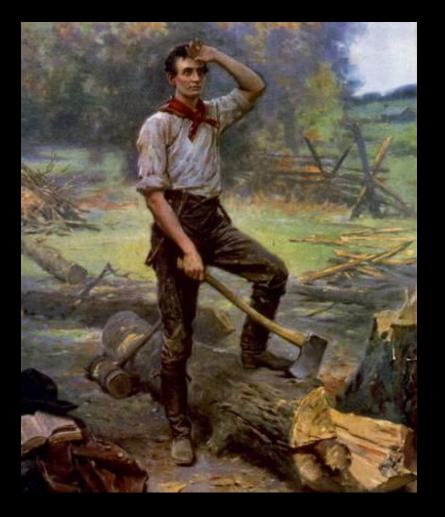




**Christmas Caroling:** 

Winter Park, Florida, voted on an ordinance regulating street performers and creating "designated public performance areas" around the town's Central Business District.

### Pioneers didn't waste time taking days off, and were too busy building the nation





## Holiday

A holiday is a day set aside by custom or by law on which normal activities, especially business or work, are suspended or reduced.

Generally, holidays are intended to allow individuals to celebrate or commemorate an event or tradition of cultural or religious significance.

Holidays may be designated by governments, religious institutions, or other groups or organizations.

The degree to which normal activities are reduced by a holiday may depend on local laws, customs, the type of job being held or even personal choices. The Fair Labor Standards Act does not require payment for time not worked, such as vacations or holidays (federal or otherwise).



These benefits are generally a matter of agreement between an employer and an employee, or organized labor representative. Over the course of U.S. history, federal holidays were created and then abolished over time as their significance waned. (The "Eighth" of January that marked the Battle of New Orleans was once celebrated.)

The Monday Holiday Act of 1968 shifted several holidays to always fall on that day of the week.

Federal law also provides for the declaration of other public holidays by the US President (e.g., funeral of Ronald Reagan).

In 1999, the US District Court denied the charge that Christmas Day's federal status violated the Establishment Clause of the Constitution.

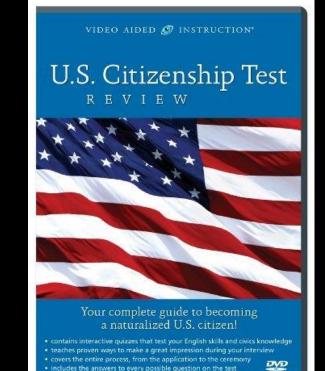


### **Citizenship Test Questions**

C: Holidays99. When do we celebrate Independence Day?July 4

**100.** Name two national U.S. holidays.

New Year's Day Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Presidents' Day Memorial Day Independence Day Labor Day Columbus Day Veterans Day Thanksgiving



Proposal to Make 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday in November "Election Day" (+ Income Tax Filing Day)







#### IVI

Independent Voters of Illinois National Affairs Committee Charles Paidock, Chair

















#### North Korea Public Holidays 2015

January 1 New Year's Day

February 16 Day of the Shining Star (Kim Jong-il's Birthday)

April 15 Day of the Sun (Kim Il-sung's Birthday)

April 25 Army Day

May 1 Labour Day

July 27 Victory Day

August 15 Liberation Day

September 9 Independence Day

September 27 Chuseok (Harvest Moon Festival)

October 10 Foundation of the Korean Workers' Party

December 27 Constitution Day

























How young adults celebrate holidays in free-market capitalist countries



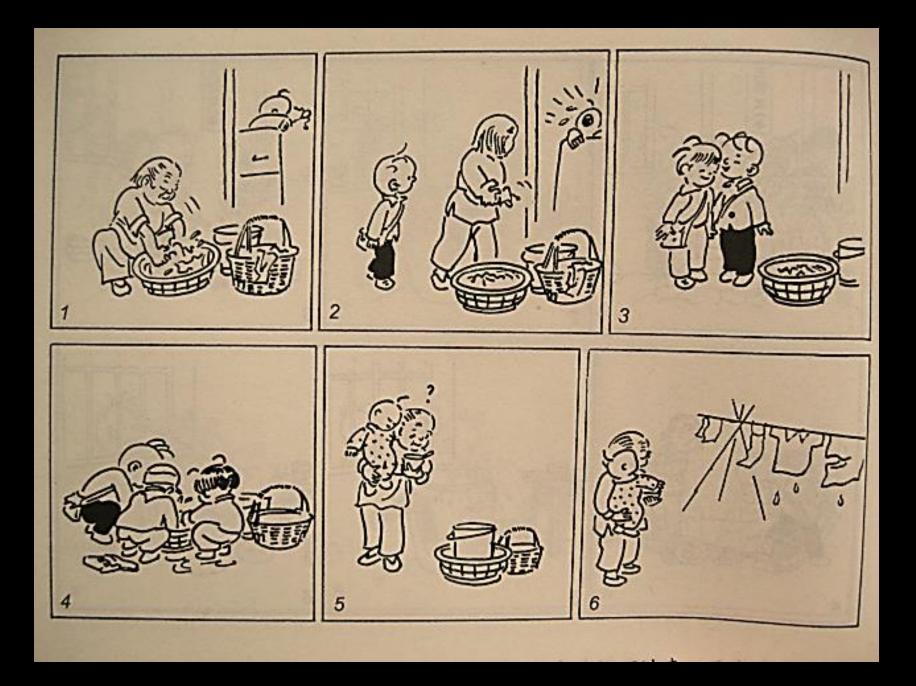




## Learn From Lei Feng Day in China

Thousands of students across the country participate by drawing pictures, penning essays and singing songs.





On-Line Game: through good deeds one scores points, winner gets to meet Chairman Mao.

Recently, on Lei Feng Day, about 1,000 college students in Shanghai, all dressed in army uniforms like Lei Fend wore, gave lectures at metro train stations on the importance of good manners when traveling.



Other party icons include Iron Man Wang, who dog-paddled in a vat of cement when there was no machine to mix it, and Wang Yiqing, an electronics worker who assembled five million radio parts without a single mistake.

# Detrimental Effects of Current Holiday Arrangement

- random designation over time without review of entire schedule, haphazard collection of events
- no oversight if holiday has any merit, lost its meaning, or may result in community disturbances
- poor reflection by other countries of our culture
- duplication and uneven spacing on calendar
- have become simply capitalist events for selling stuff/making money
- unequal opportunity for participation





Recommendation to Establish a U.S. Department of Celebrations

maintains calendar revises theme for each year on what to emphasize provides grants / support for events, performances prohibits violations of any labor laws End Corporate Control of the US Culture for Purposes Only of Getting Customers Restore Authenticity, Meaning, and Substance

















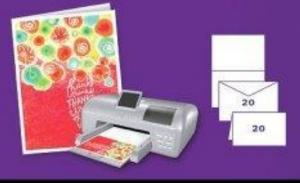
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20 Blank White Greeting Cards Folded Size 5 1/2" x 8 1/2"

**20** Matching Envelopes





EASY! Frint personalized greeting cards for any event or occasion.

HIGH-QUALITY! 85 Ib Matte Heavyweight card stock

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12,500 entries. 196 countries. 366 days. All in one book.

# 2016 CHASE'S Calendar of Events

The Ultimate Go-to Guide for Special Days, Weeks and Months

- 4,000 notable birthdays
- 1,400 historical anniversaries
- 650 national and international holidays
- 160 religious holidays EXCLUSIVE ACCESS TO ONLINE

CONTENT

- And thousands of additional days
- of note from all over the globe

#### THE AUTHORITY SINCE 1957

Feb 4 Rosa Parks Day

Feb 15 Susan B. Anthony Birthday

Apr 21 National Library Worker's Day

- Apr 22 Administrative Professionals Day
- Mar 2 Casimir Pulaski Day
- May 2 National Explosive Ordinance Disposal Day (OED)

May 8 Truman Day

- Aug 27 Lyndon Baines Johnson Day
- Oct 9 Leif Erickson Day
- Dec 10 UDHR Adoption Day

Dec 17 Pan American Aviation Day



#### **National Day Calendar**

December 12 National Ambrosia Day National Ding-a-Ling Day Gingerbread House Day Poinsettia Day National Wreaths Across America Day– Second Saturday in December International Shareware Day– Second Saturday in December



#### HISTORY

In 1972, Franky Hyle placed a free ad in Chase's Calendar of Events with his PO Box Number in Melrose Park, IL stating that for \$1 you can join the National Ding-A-Ling club. The club, with 871 original members, would call friends and relatives they haven't heard from in awhile every year on December 12.

### What Americans Are Doing



#### A Look at Current US Celebrations



#### National Clean Our Your Refrigerator Day





#### New Year's A holiday for nationwide Intoxication lasting all night, celebrating nothing?





#### Jan 14th National Dress Up Your Pet Day



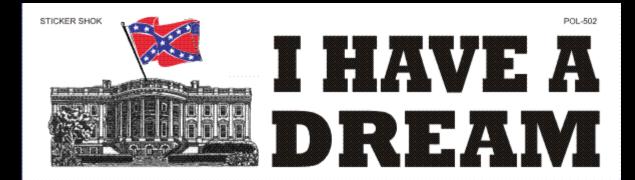
#### New Year Celebration Started in Ancient Rome

The Ides March 15<sup>th</sup> observance had originally been the New Year's Day. People would lay about and drink heavily. It was said that one should have a drink for each further year of life one wanted to live.





# Jan 19<sup>th</sup> Martin Luther King Day vs. Robert E. Lee's Birthday **Confederate Memorial Day** AL, AR, FL, MS, TX Lee Jackson Day Jan 16 VA



Apr 26/27, May 10, Nov 27 Confederate Memorial Day Jefferson Davis Birthday





# Groundhog Day



The Punxsutawney, PA, groundhog proclamation is a ritual performed by 13 men dressed in black, which sounds very much similar to a coven of 13 witches dressed in black







President's Day Only a Sales Day for Autos, Appliances, etc. No events or Activities





# Mattress Land



#### Presidents' Day Sales

Are you Commander and Chief of your household budget? Enjoy great **Presidents' Day** savings at Viejas Outlets, where you can declare your right to shop for your favorite high-end products at liberating prices!

February 13 - 16

and... on February 14th **Valentine's Day Sweets** Receive a FREE box of Rocky Mountain Chocolates with \$100 purchase to enjoy with your Valentine!

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Valentine's Day retailing of candy, flower, cards, jewelry and dining at restaurants



Restaurant Sales Now Surpass Grocery Sales

Millennials view dining out as a social event (i.e. a chance to connect). At the same time, older Americans have been funneling more cash toward grocery trips.





#### Merchandising of Love



#### Purchasing Romance





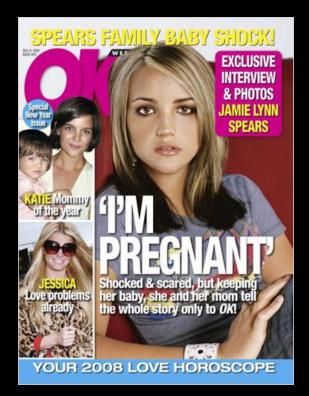














### March 8 Women's Day





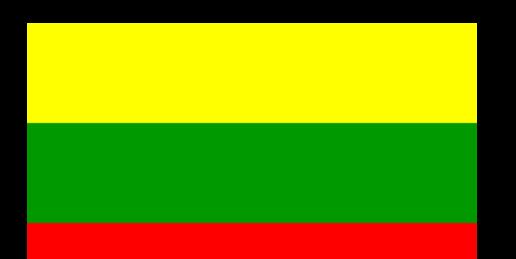




### Lithuanian Independence Day March 11<sup>th</sup>



First known habitation of Lithuania dates back to the final ice age, 10 000 BC.







All the participants raised their three color sheets and sang the song "The Most Important Colors".



### St. Patrick's Day







### Make Up Your Own Holiday Day March 26<sup>th</sup>



#### **Best Friend Day**

A day to honor and celebrate the friendships we have with our Best Friends. Spend the day with your best friend maybe have brunch or lunch, go to the movies or maybe shopping. If your Bestie is in another area code or country, write them a letter, email, send a message, Skype them or pick up the phone and ring them! Cesar Chavez Day March 31<sup>st</sup> CA, CO, TX



### April Fools' Day



#### **Taco Bell Buys The Liberty Bell**

In an effort to help the national debt, Taco Bell is pleased to announce that we have agreed to purchase the Liberty Bell, one of our country's most historic treasures It will now be called the "Taco Liberty Bell" and will still be accessible to the American public for viewing. While some may find this controversial, we hope our move will prompt other corporations to take similar action to do their part to reduce the country's debt.

BBC television program Panaroma ran a hoax showing Swiss harvesting spaghetti from trees. They had claimed that the despised pest, the spaghetti weevil, had been eradicated. A large number of people contacted the BBC wanting to know how to cultivate their own spaghetti trees.

Smell-o-Vision: In 1965, the BBC purported to conduct a trial of a new technology allowing the transmission of odor over the airwaves to all viewers. Many viewers reportedly contacted the BBC to report the trial's success.

British astronomer Sir Patrick Moore told BBC radio listeners that the unique alignment of two planets would result in an upward gravitational pull making people lighter at precisely 9:47 am that day. He invited his audience to jump in the air and experience "a strange floating sensation." Dozens of listeners phoned in to say the experiment had worked.

Google announced that Google Docs will have the capacity to upload *anything*, including physical objects like keys, remote controls, etc. The site declared that one could use this to find items like keys using CTRL-F and send objects around the globe by "uploading" and "downloading" them, at the low price of \$0.10 per kg.



Easter The name "Easter" has its roots in ancient polytheistic, pagan religions (Eastre, the Teutonic goddess of Spring)

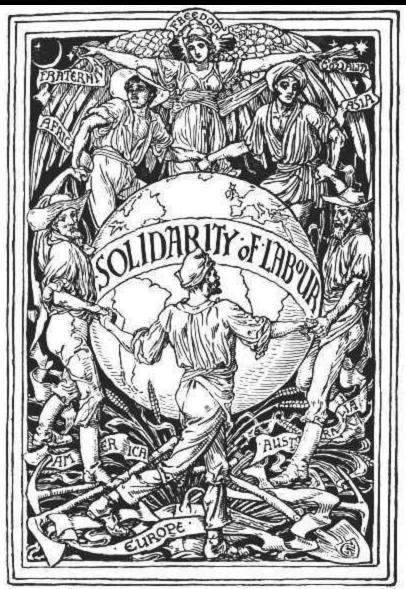
This name is never used in the original Scriptures, nor is it ever associated biblically with the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

# Earth Day



### Series of Eco Speakers Chicago Greens in April at the College of Complexes





LABOUR'S MAY DAY DEDICATED TO THE WORKERS OF THE WORLD

# May Day

# Labor Day



# Cinco de Mayo Day



# May 10 National Train Day



May 10 Mother's Day June 21 Father's Day July 26 Parents' Day Sept 13 Grandparents' Day

All Retail Inspired





# June 14 Flag Day July 4 Independence

A woman was fined \$75 by her homeowner's association for flying the American flag.

She was given a notice which states: "All exterior decorations must be removed within 10 days following the holiday... Please remove your flag from the common area (Utah Community Association Act. 57-8a-219)"

# October 12 Columbus Day













# Oct 31 Halloween





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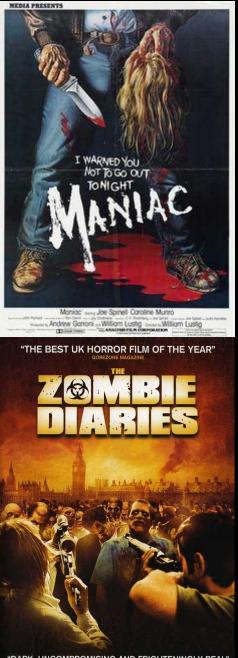






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"DARK, UNCOMPROMISING AND FRIGHTENINGLY REAL"

# Nov 11 Veterans Day May 30 Memorial Day



# Thanksgiving



### When the Frost is on the Punkin

By James Whitcomb Riley – who fostered a midwest cultural identity

When the frost is on the punkin and the fodder's in the shock, And you hear the kyouck and gobble of the struttin' turkey-cock, And the clackin' of the guineys, and the cluckin' of the hens, And the rooster's hallylooyer as he tiptoes on the fence; O, it's then's the times a feller is a-feelin' at his best, With the risin' sun to greet him from a night of peaceful rest, As he leaves the house, bareheaded, and goes out to feed the stock, When the frost is on the punkin and the fodder's in the shock.











### Take the Train to the Parade on the New York and Chicago RR











# Nov 27 Black Friday 24 states



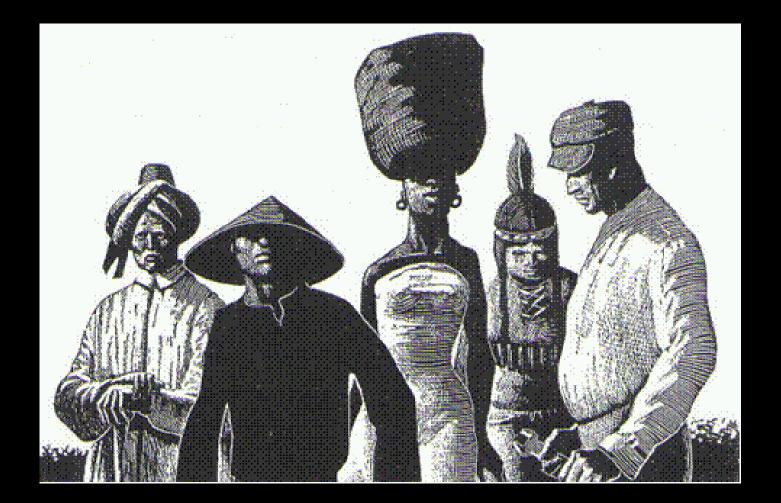




# Friday is Buy Nothing Day

#BlackFriday #Degrowth #BuyNothingDay

## Dec 10 The Universal Declaration of Human Rights







# Christmas





# Intense Materialism and Rabid Consumerism



In the run up to the holidays Amazon hired 25,000 full-time associates, and 100,000 more seasonal employees



The "national wardrobe" According to the EPA Office of Solid Waste, Americans throw away more than 68 pounds of clothing and textiles per person per year





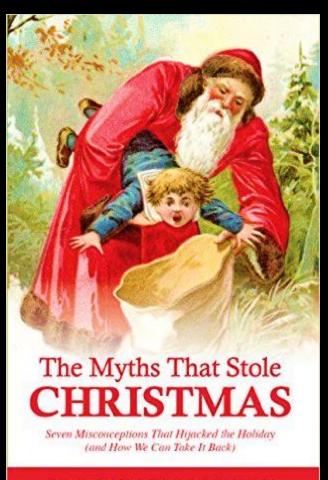








The book keenly observes that Christmas has become an expensive and stressful obligation, not the joyful celebration we portray it to be.



Teaching children to believe in Santa Claus is not harmless fun, but bad parenting that hampers critical thinking, imaginative play, and moral values in children.

BY DAVID KYLE JOHNSON

# Winter Solstice



#### Stopping By Woods On A Snowy Evening

Whose woods these are I think I know. His house is in the village though; He will not see me stopping here To watch his woods fill up with snow.

My little horse must think it queer To stop without a farmhouse near Between the woods and frozen lake The darkest evening of the year.

He gives his harness bells a shake To ask if there is some mistake. The only other sound's the sweep Of easy wind and downy flake.

The woods are lovely, dark and deep, But I have promises to keep, And miles to go before I sleep, And miles to go before I sleep.

~Robert Frost

















# Rent Christmas Decorations "Light Up Your Holidays" "Perfect for busy parents and executives"

Send in a photo of your home, and "we'll digitally decorate your home for your approval before we install"

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# The International Fixed Calendar

is a solar calendar proposal designed by Moses Cotsworth, who presented it in 1902. It provides for a year of 13 months of 28 days each, a perennial calendar, with every date fixed always on the same weekday.  $(13 \times 28 = 364)$ .

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28

An extra day added as a holiday at the end of the year (December 29), sometimes called "Year Day", does not belong to any week and brings the total to 365 days.

The extra month is inserted between June and July, and called *Sol*, in homage to the sun.

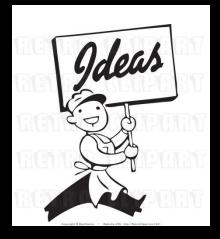
#### Every Month (13):

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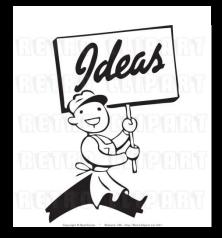
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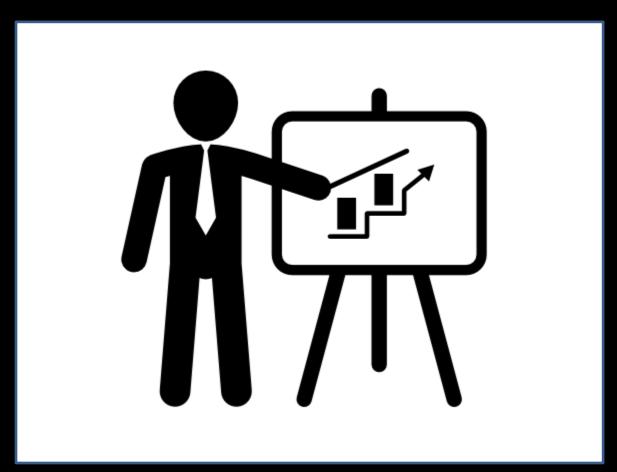


Suggestions for New Holidays to Enhance our Culture





Commencement Day to Plan Personal and Public Improvements



### Public Hearings of Government Agencies / Town Hall Meetings





Civilization Day to celebrate human cultural accomplishments through the centuries

#### Traditions / Ethnicity Day multicultural food + performances vs. monoculture



#### Academy Day to stress need for educational achievement



#### **OPEN HOUSE**

Come meet our new college President - Dr. Greg Gillespie

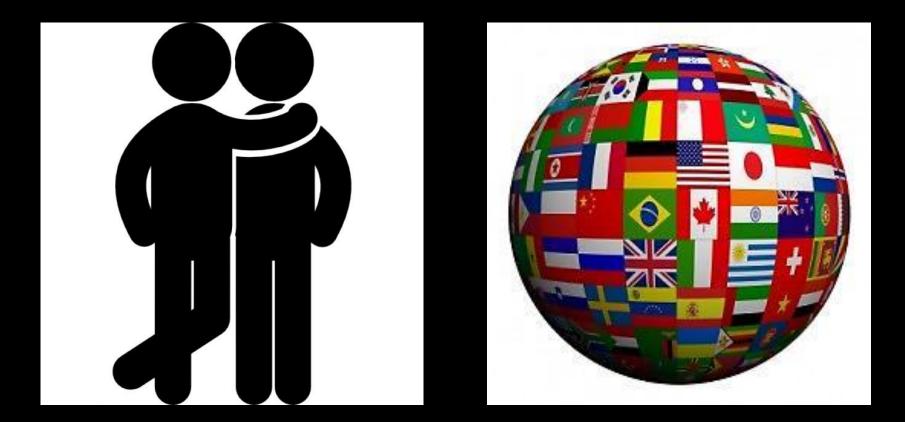
Town Hall meeting on educating the Santa Clara River Valley communities!
 All are welcome!

OCTOBER 2, 2013: 6:00pm - 8:00pm

957 Faulkner Road Suite #106 RSVP to Sabrina Canola at scanola@vcccd.edu Public Service Day to understand and appreciate the importance of government agencies at the federal, state and local levels

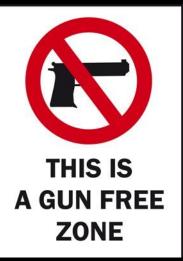


# Global Governance All Nation Peace + Cooperation Day



#### Weapons Reduction + Confiscation Day









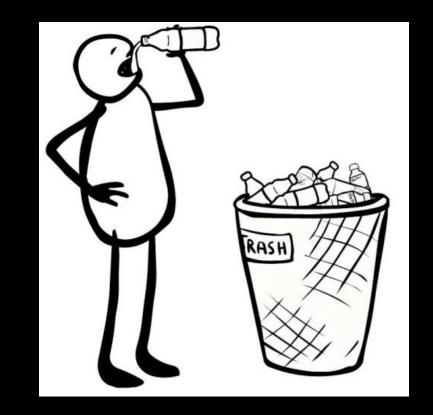
THIS IS A GUN FREE ZONE

# Evolution / Biosphere Sustainability Day



#### Local Celebrations on Eco Village Day





Plastic Reduction Day 15 million tons of plastic packaging waste is generated each year

## Friendship Dinner Day to foster social harmony



#### Harvest Holiday Dinner











# Artistic Day for plays and performances of merit art fairs and museum visits





Didactic Plays Should be Performed intended to teach people something



#### Solidarity Forever

When the union's inspiration through the workers' blood shall run

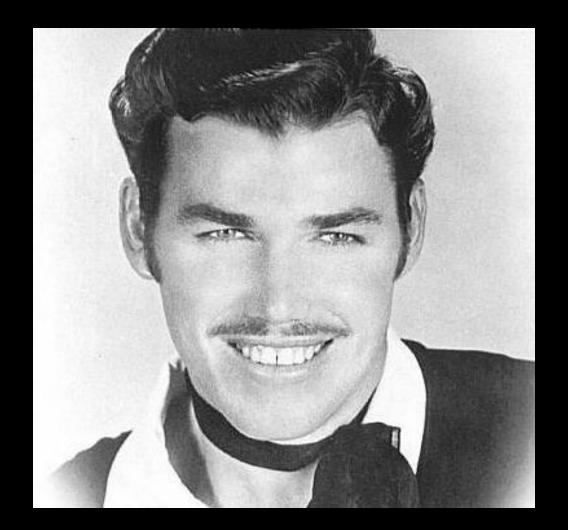
There can be no power greater anywhere beneath the sun Yet what force on earth is weaker than the feeble strength of one

For the Union makes us strong

Appropriate Thematic Folk Musical Performances

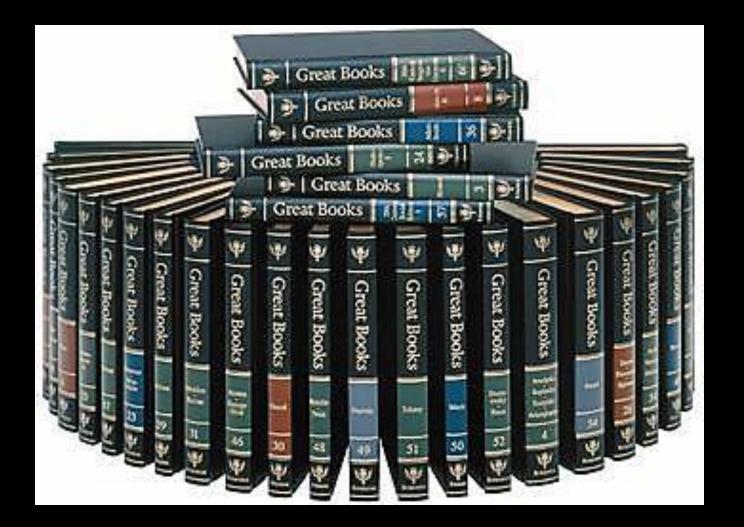


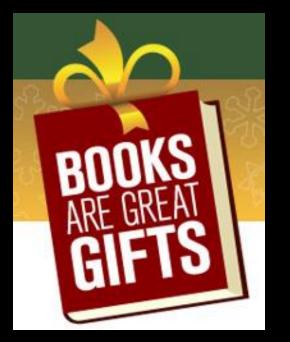
#### Quality Popular Music by Artists with Proven Talent

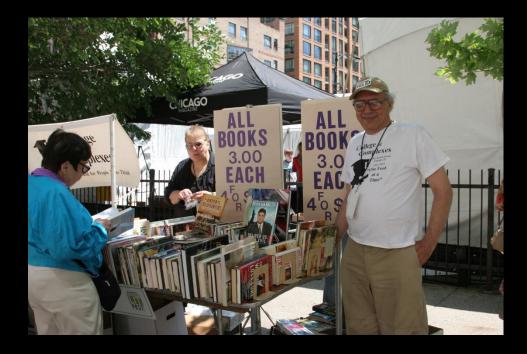


Slim Whitman Appreciation Day prolific output of over 100 albums and around 500 recorded songs

#### Library and Literature Day / Book Fairs



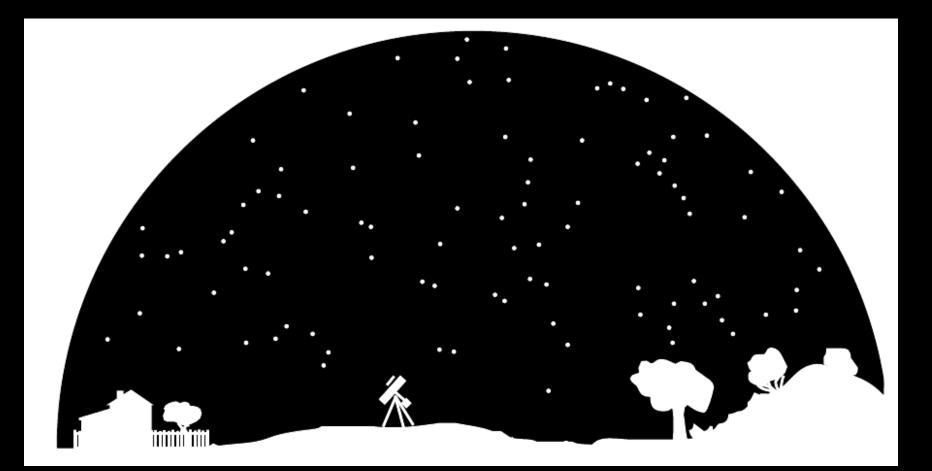








# Laws of the Universe Science and Technology Discovery Day



Purpose + Goal: To advance Scientific Literacy vs. individuals or organizations who may profit from misinterpreting data, or who may distort scientific findings to promote their own agenda



# Secular Separation Day



# Historic Event / Heritage Day



### Anniversaries e.g., Transcon RR 150 years



#### Individual Recognition Day(s) either fixed or changing, foreign or domestic



#### 800 Individuals Featured 40,000 Suggestions Citizens' Stamps Advisory Committee subjects of significant impact on American history or culture

anniversaries of associations, institutions, 50 years



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# Interpersonal Relationship / Neighbors Day



#### Social Progress Day - For Discussion and Understanding of Current Events and Social Issues

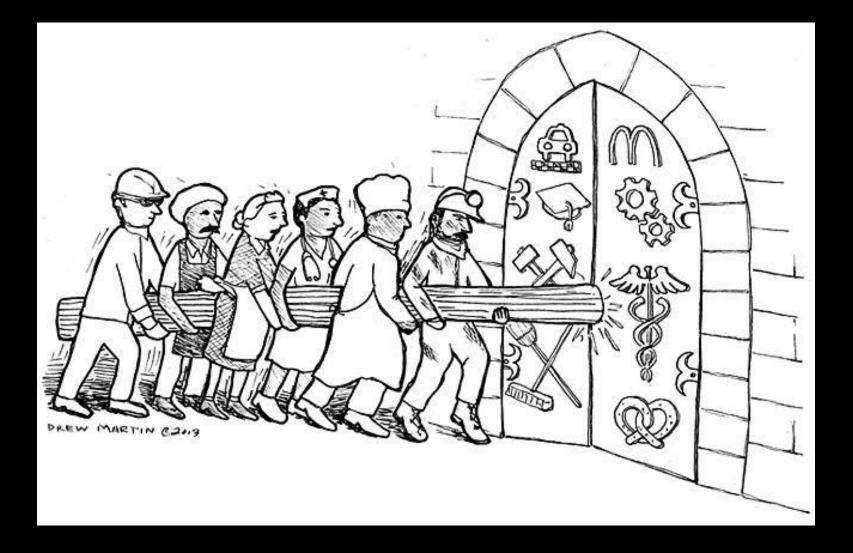
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# National College of Complexes Day





# **Organized Labor Day**





### Solidarity Economy Day







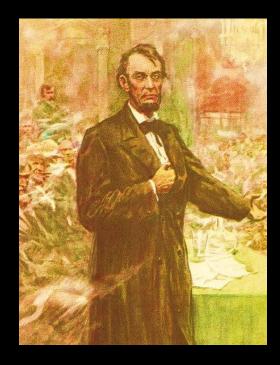
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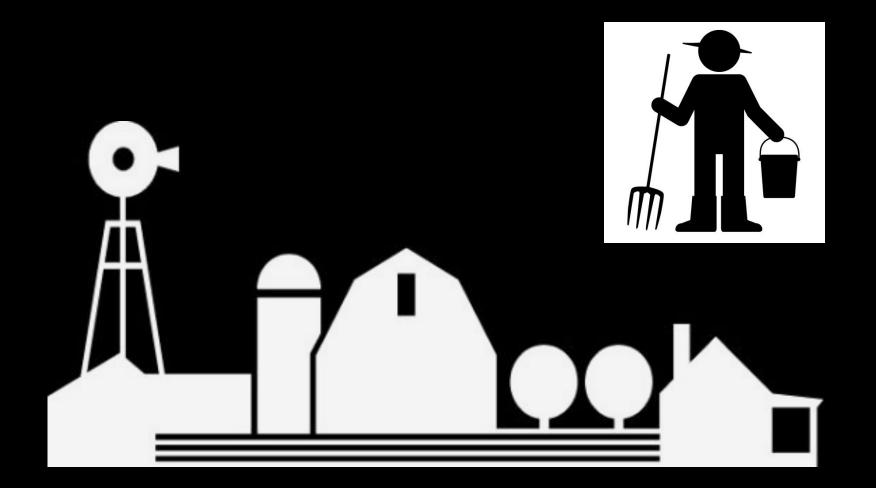


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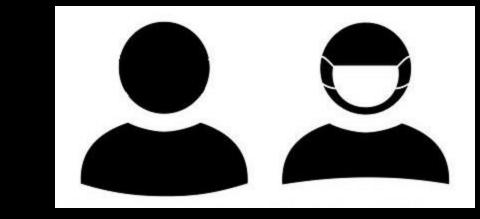


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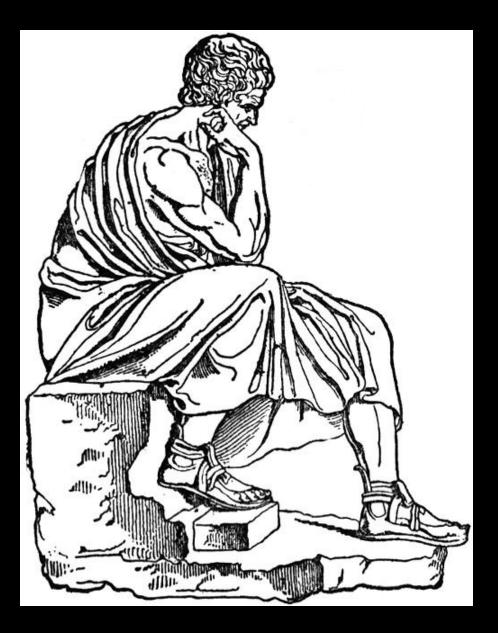


### Public Health Practices Day









**Great Thoughts** a day to discuss universal truths and think about intangibles Authentic Activities Day Support for Charities / NGO Non-Governmental Organizations focus on goals of Non-Profits





**Commencement Day Civilization Day** Traditions / Ethnic Day Academic Day Public Service Day World Governance **Biosphere Day** Friendship Dinner Day Artistic Day Literature / Library Day Science and Technology Day History and Heritage Day Community / Civic Day **Relationship Day** Social Progress Day **Organized Labor Day** Health and Nutrition Day Great Thoughts and Discovery Day Authentic Activity Day



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