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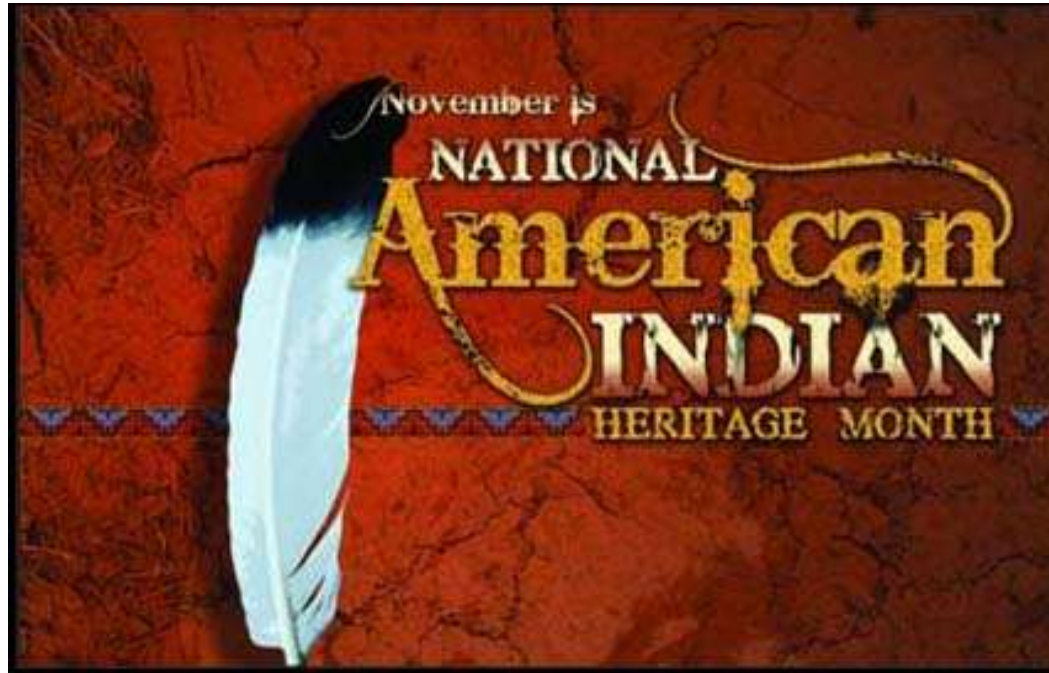
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Native American Heritage Month

On August 3, 1990, President of the United States George H. W. Bush declared the month of November as National American Indian Heritage Month, thereafter commonly referred to as Native American Heritage Month.

If Irish or Italian culture dies in America ... They will still exist in Italy and Ireland. Not so with us. There is no other place. North America is our old country.

— Janet Campbell Hale

Censoring American History

In a 2014 article in the TheHumanist.com, *Censoring American History*, a teacher in Jefferson County, Colorado, discussed a student walk-out of his school prompted by a draft of the history curriculum that stated “Materials should promote citizenship, patriotism ... should not encourage or condone civil disorder ... Instructional materials should present positive aspects of the United States and its heritage.”

In the words of one of his Native American students “My ancestors died for a reason. Will we leave that history out because it doesn’t present a ‘positive aspect’ of the United States?” adding “They want to hide what they did.”

There is a subset of the religious belief in American exceptionalism that the conquest of North America involving the extermination of whole nations of people was God’s will. As a matter of fact, extermination was the word used by American policy makers of the time. Nonetheless the United States has made great contributions to humanity. One of our nation’s founding principles is the liberty to criticize power. That freedom allows us to learn from our mistakes. We should be skeptical of a doctrine that tries to repress aspects of our nation’s history that are shameful.

We need know that these things happened because rationalizations come easy and we are not so different from our ancestors. We should be aware of and fight those injustices and atrocities that happen even today.





EVENTS

November 2019

Sunday

Mon.

Tues.

Wed.

Thu.

Fri.

Sat

Many things catch your eye
 But only pursue
 That which captures your heart
 American Indian Proverb



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3 11:00 AM Sunday Forum
 Future History: a General and
 Personal Perspective
G. David Nordley
 12:30 Buffet Lunch



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6 7:00 PM
 Freethought
 Discussion
 Mitchel Park
 Library



7 7:00 PM
 Academic
 Video
 Mitchel Park
 Library



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9 1:00 PM
 Atheist
 Abbey
 Brunch



10 11:00 AM Sunday Forum
 Two Videos with Discussion
Jeff Justice & Carl Angotti
 facilitate
 12:30 Buffet Lunch



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13 7:30 PM
 Freethought
 Discussion
 Scotts



14 7:30 PM
 Academic
 Video
 Mitchel Park
 Library



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16 9:00 AM
 HC Fun Group
 Santa Clara Senior Center
 CRAFT FAIR
 1303 Fremont St. Santa Clara
 408-610-3170

17 11:00 AM Sunday Forum
 How We Know What We Know:
 Quantum Mechanics
Ron Garret
 12:30 Buffet Lunch
1:00 Social Action Meeting

18 7:PM
 Board
 Meeting
 Members Welcome



19 Sunnyvale
 Shelter Dinner
 for Homeless
 Led by Humanists
 Social Action Event
 Monthly
 408-734-2635

20 7:30 PM
 Inquiring Minds
 408-246-3790
 Freethought
 Discussion



21 7:00 PM
 Academic
 Video
 TBA



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24 11:00 AM Sunday Forum
 Annual Creativity Sunday
 Do you paint? Write? Do a skit? Read a poem?
 Join us!
 408-739-5638



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26 2:00 PM
 We trim our
 Holiday Tree
 "Christmas
 in the Park"
 408-739-5638



27 7:00 PM
 Freethought
 Discussion
 Contact Carl for
 location



28 2:00PM \$20.
 Humanist Community in Silicon Valley
 Thanksgiving
 Dinner
 First 25!
 408-736-2635



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