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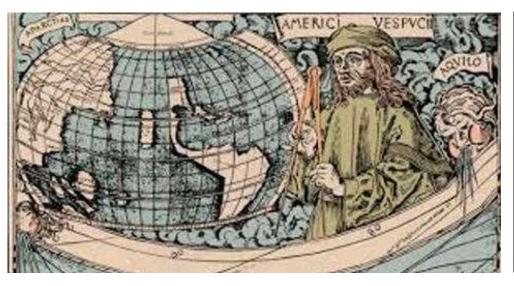
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I want to thank Jeff Justice for pointing out to me that there are several freethought conferences and conventions taking place around the U.S.A. this month, including California's 18th Annual Freethought Day in Sacramento, CSI Con in Las Vegas, Women of Color Beyond Belief in Chicago, and the Freedom from Religion Foundation in Wisconsin.

If you have the time and money, consider attending one of them to share plans and ideas from freethinkers across the U.S.A.

- Alex Havasy

Italian American Heritage Month

The proud heritage of our Italian American citizens includes, "The Glory that was Rome," the artistic skills of the Etruscans, and all the strengths of the many people that contributed to the richness and diversity of that extraordinary land.

In the United States we can count many people of Italian descent recognized for their achievements in every field, from Fiorello La Guardia and Mario Cuomo, Rudolf Valintino and Frank Sinatra, and Bank of America founder A.P. Giannini. The list includes Geraldine Ferraro – the first woman to be nominated for vice president of the United States, and Nancy Pelosi – first women to hold the office of Speaker of the House.

It was a blow to Italian Americans when Christopher Columbus was thrown in the dust bin of history for opening the gate through which the rest of us entered.

They managed to keep all the beautiful customs and traditions by changing over to Italian heritage Month. I hope we don't reassign October to another group to replace them.

Italians have contributed some of the world's great inventions:

Newspapers – date from 1556, when the government of Venice published monthly news-sheets called Avvisi.

Jeans – come from the French word for Genoa, Genes. Denim came from Genoa in the 17th century.

Radio – Guglielmo Marconi sent the first transatlantic radio signal in 1901. His work earned him a Nobel Prize.

Battery – The first electric battery was created by Alessandro Volta before 1800.

Banks – can be traced to medieval and renaissance Italy. The Medici Bank was founded in 1397.

Besides all these wonderful things, many of the greatest artists and sculptors were Itallians and, before them, the amazing Etruscans.

— Sena









EVENTS

October 2019

		Tues.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat
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6 11:00 AM Sunday Forum Develope Your Speaking Skills Dennis Dawson & Brendan Murphy 12:30 Buffet Lunch	7	8	9 7:30 PM Freethought Discussion Scott's	10 7:00 PM Academic Video Mitchell Park Libra Palo Alto	11	Atheist Abby Brunch
How Bad is Eating Meat? Jeff Justice 12:30 Buffet Lunch Hosted by the Social Action committee to include special Vegan dishes	14	15 'Sunnyvale Shelter Dinner for Homeless' Led by Humanists Social Action Event Monthly 408-734-2635	Inquiring Minds Inquiring Minds 408-246-3780 Freethought Discussion	17 7:00 PM Academic Video Fahrenheit 119 Mitchell Park Libr Palo Alto	18	Atheist Community of San Jose and Atheist Abbey 11:00 PM to 3:00 PM Duesca Park - Mt. View
20 11:00 AM Sunday Forum The Vienna Manifesto on Digital Humanism Edward A Lee 12:30 Buffet Lunch 1:00 Social Action Meeting	21 7:PM Board Meeting Members Welcome	22	7:30 PM Freethought Discussion Scott's Contact Carl for location	24 7:00 PM Academic Video Fahrenheit 119 Mitchell Park Lib Palo Alto	25	26 Humanist Community Halloween at the Sau Jose Home of Susan and Roy for details are More Up contact monig@expand.com
27 11:00 AM Sunday Forum The Woman Who Shot at Gerald Ford Geri Spieler 12:30 Festive Italian Lunch	28	29	30 7:30 PM Freethought Discussion	Halloween Ar Ar	Foru Hallo	2nd Cancelled m Lunch Italian On oween Party is On esqiving Dinner is On

Details about many of our events can be found at Meetup.com. Your RSVP is appreciated for planning Purposes. www.meetup.com/humanistcommunity