

FREELY SPEAKING

Space Coast Freethought Association

July 2009

Upcoming Events

Sunday, July 5

SCFA Monthly Meeting

Location: Melbourne Public Library, 540 E. Fee Ave.
Melbourne, large conference room by entrance
Topic: Movie - Julia Sweeney, Letting Go of God
Time: 1:30-3:30



Sunday, July 19

Meetup Eat-Up

Location: Chili's, 6550
Colonnade Ave, Viera
Time: 1:30pm

Sunday, August 2

SCFA Monthly Meeting

Location: Melbourne Public Library, 540 E. Fee Ave.
Melbourne, large conference room by entrance
Topic: TBD
Time: 1:30-3:30



Saturday, October 17

Freethought Day at Disney

Location: Magic Kingdom
Time: all day, we'll have
planned meeting times to
gather - wear lime green
freethoughtdayatdisney.org

November 6 - 8

Freedom From Religion National Convention

Location: Seattle, WA
Speakers: Ron Reagan, Ursula K. LeGuin, William
Lobdell, Jennifer Hecht, Barry Kosmin, & sociologist
Phil Zuckerman
ffrf.org

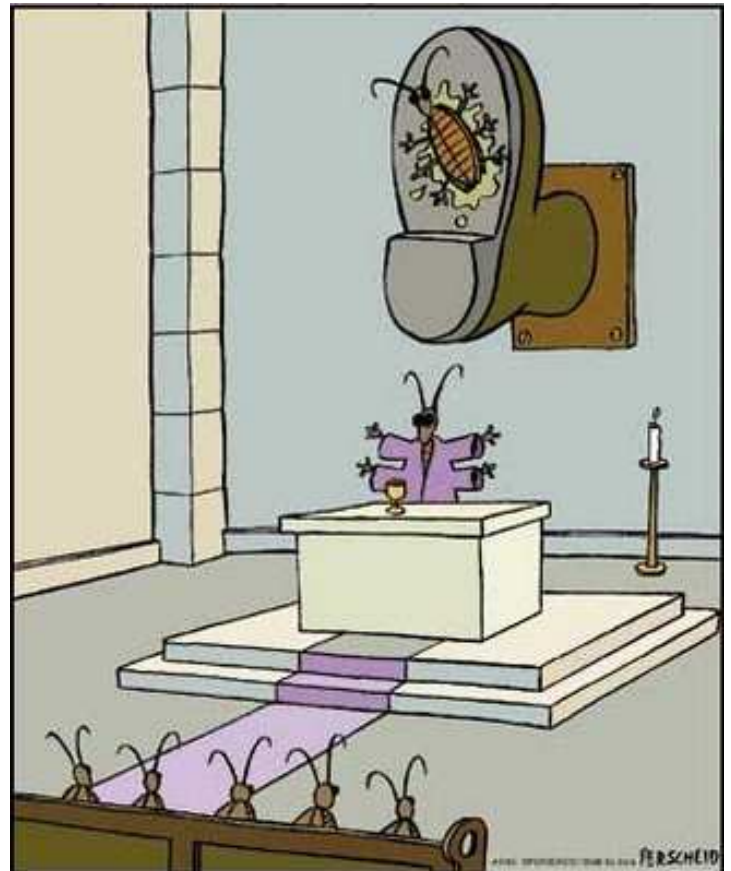
Welcome to Our Newest Board Member -- Bill Hunter --

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(SCFA) is a nonprofit community of reason-based individuals organized to facilitate social interaction, promote the non-theistic, rationalist viewpoint as a valid contribution to public discourse, reinforce the First Amendment guarantee of separation between government and religion through education and activism, and work in coalition with like-minded organizations where joint action is needed to achieve these goals.

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Church-State Update

A Report on Church-State Legal Issues Affecting Brevard County Citizens

National

Liberty reaches agreement with student Democrats (6/23)

'Liberty University's student Democratic club can continue as a campus group — unofficially. Chancellor Jerry Falwell Jr. said Tuesday that a change in university policy will allow the Liberty University College Democrats to exist as an unofficial club. The policy change, which took effect Monday, also changed the College Republicans from an officially recognized campus group to an unofficial one. The conservative Christian school founded by Falwell's father, the Rev. Jerry Falwell, withdrew official recognition of the College Democrats last month because the group supported the Democratic Party's platforms and candidates. University officials said they couldn't endorse groups that hold positions on issues such as abortion that go against the school's moral principles.' — Associated Press

Obama to Replace Bush's Bioethics Panel (6/17)

'Members of the President's Council on Bioethics were told by the White House last week that their services were no longer needed and were asked to cancel a planned meeting, a council staff member said Wednesday. The council was disbanded because it was designed by the Bush administration to be "a philosophically leaning advisory group" that favored discussion over developing a shared consensus, said Reid Cherlin, a White House press officer. President Obama will appoint a new bioethics commission, one with a new mandate and that "offers practical policy options," Mr. Cherlin said.' — The New York Times

National Con't

President Obama fails to quell gay uproar (6/18)

'President Barack Obama's announcement Wednesday offering limited benefits to the same-sex partners of federal employees failed to quell growing anger in the gay community that gay rights issues were getting short shrift at the White House. In fact, Obama's promise to offer ancillary employee benefits — such as long-term-care insurance and the right to use sick leave to care for domestic partners — while still denying more valuable benefits, such as health insurance and retirement funds, may have further agitated gay and lesbian activists who were already fuming over other perceived snubs [...] Gay leaders have been in a slow burn through much of the spring, distressed about the Obama administration's failure to press for immediate repeal of the military's don't ask, don't tell policy prohibiting openly gay men and women from serving. Some also chafed at the White House's refusal to suspend forced discharges of gay military personnel. The concern escalated to a public furor after the Justice Department filed legal briefs in recent days defending the military policy and DOMA. Justice officials explained that they were required to defend the laws, but many gay leaders said the briefs used unnecessarily inflammatory language, particularly by citing legal precedents from cases that related to incest and underage spouses.' — Politico

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