

FREELY SPEAKING

Space Coast Freethought Association

March 2010

Upcoming Events

Sunday, March 7

SCFA Monthly Meeting

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

Sunday, March 14

Adopt-a-Road

Location: Stack Blvd. and Palm Bay Rd., west parking lot near Amscot shopping center
Time: 9:00a.m.

Saturday, March 20

Vernal Equinox, 1:32p.m.

Friday, March 26

Dinner and a Lecture

Hypermassive Black Holes

Location: Dinner - Middle Eastern Aromas, 3150 S Babcock St, Melbourne - 6pm

Lecture - FIT, 150 W University, Olin Eng. Auditor - 8pm



Sunday, April 4

SCFA Monthly Meeting

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

Sunday, April 11

Adopt-a-Road

Location: Stack Blvd. and Palm Bay Rd., west parking lot near Amscot shopping center
Time: 9:00a.m.

Sunday, May 2

SCFA Monthly Meeting

Location: **Central Brevard Library**, 308 Forrest Ave., **Cocoa**. Turn left after entering lobby, near restrooms.
Time: 1:30-3:30



Church-State Update

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

National

Amendment to Continue D.C. Vouchers Added to Jobs Bill (3/4)

'Sen. Joe Lieberman (I-CT) filed a D.C. voucher amendment to the second jobs bill under consideration by the Senate. The D.C. voucher program uses taxpayer funds to pay for parents to send their children to private religious schools. The program is called the "D.C. Opportunity Scholarship Program," but a 2007 government report found that these vouchers do not give D.C. students seeking a private school education sufficient secular choices, forcing them to attend religious schools or remain in the failing public school system.' - *secular.org*

Florida

Florida bill would allow majority to promote their religion in public schools (3/2)

"Bills were introduced into the Florida House and Senate that would allow students to vote on whether or not they want to hear a prayer and which student they want to hear it from. In the Senate, Stephen R. Wise, a Republican Baptist, proposed SB-1580 which states: "District school boards are authorized, but not required, to permit the delivery of an inspirational message, including a prayer or an invocation, at a noncompulsory high school activity, including a student assembly, a sports event, or other school-related activity, if a majority of the participating students request the delivery of an inspirational message and select a student representative to deliver the message." The companion bill in the Florida House is H-0031 and was introduced by Brad Drake and is cosponsored by Greg Evers ." - *examiner.com* (Dianna Narciso)

Other News

Atheists, including **Secular Coalition** and **American Atheists**, meet with Obama's aides, *secular.org/node/218*

Atheist Agenda promotes "Bibles for Porn" at their college. This seems to be a successful program over the last few years. *atheistagendausa.blogspot.com*

