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Annie Laurie Gaylor to Speak at Joint American Atheists/ Minnesota Atheists Regional Conference in Minneapolis

The featured speaker originally scheduled for the American Atheists/Minnesota Atheists regional conference, Susan Jacoby, has had to withdraw due to a unexpected change of plans.

Annie Laurie Gaylor will be the featured speaker at the upcoming American Atheists/Minnesota Atheists regional conference in Minneapolis. Ms. Gaylor is the co-founder and co-president of the Freedom from Religion Foundation and a well-known activist.

The Freedom from Religion Foundation was founded by Ms. Gaylor, her mother Anne Nicol Gaylor, and John Sontarck in 1976. The Foundation works to promote separation of church and state and to expand understanding of nontheism.

The Freedom from Religion Foundation has won several significant court victories. Among these are FFRF v. Faith Works (2002), in which a Federal district judge ruled that Faith Works, a faith-based addiction program, could not receive public funds; FFRF v. HHS (2005), in which a Federal district court ruled that the Health and Human Services Department could not fund MentorKids, a social service agency that actively promoted religion; FFRF v. Rhea County Schools (2004), in which the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals upheld a district court ruling that it was unconstitutional for the school district to provide religious instruction; and FFRF v. U.S. Department of Education (2005) in which a settlement was reached prohibiting the Department of Education from distributing funds to Alaskan Christian College, an unaccredited Bible college.

Ms. Gaylor has also actively worked to promote feminism. In 1977, while still a college student, Ms. Gaylor helped organize the successful recall of Dane County, Wisconsin, Judge Archie Simonson for his repeated statements from the bench blaming rape on women's appearance. She is the past co-chair of the Feminist Caucus of the American Humanist As-



Annie Laurie Gaylor

sociation and is currently a member of the Board of Directors of the Women's Medical Fund, one of the oldest abortion rights charities in the nation.

Ms. Gaylor has appeared on several national television talk shows, including Tom Snyder's *To-morrow Show, The Sally Jessy Raphael Show*, and Phil Donahue's *Last Word*. She is the author of several books, including: *Betrayal of Trust: Clergy Abuse of Children* and *Woe to the Women—The Bible Tells Me So: The Bible, Female Sexuality & the Law*, and the editor of *Women without Superstition: "No Gods—No Masters."*

The American Atheists regional conference will be held Saturday, August 10, 2013, from 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Ramada Plaza, 1330 Industrial Boulevard Northeast, Minneapolis, Minnesota. For more information and online registration see minnesotaatheists.org/conference.html.

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President's Column

Weekend of Unbelievable Fun: The Second Coming

by Eric Jayne

Since this is the last issue of *The Minnesota Atheist* until September, and because I've been so incredibly busy planning for our second annual Mr. Paul Aints game on August 9 and joint American Atheists/ Minnesota Atheists regional conference on August 10, I will use this column to talk about our Weekend of Unbelievable Fun: The Second Coming.

The conference planning committee of August Berkshire, Jill Carlson, Heather Hegi, Stephanie Zvan, and me has worked incredibly hard, and I am confident that attendees will be superbly happy with the product we have to offer. The main speakers and their topics have been carefully selected after thorough discussion, and the eight morning workshops described below cover ideas of particular interest to atheists, presented in an intimate, engaging environment. Attendees will have the opportunity to attend two of these forty-minute sessions.

Regarding our atheist-sponsored St. Paul Saints/Mr. Paul Aints game, we are very excited to provide Infield (Infidel) Reserved seating and fresh atheist-themed antics for what should be an even better experience than last year's. The Mr. Paul Aints logo now features the red, Atheist A which is available on T-shirts, hats, and authentic jerseys. All of these are available for purchase at our online store. The Weekend of Unbelievable Fun: The Second Coming begins at 5 p.m. in the parking lot next to Midway Stadium. That's when and where we'll have our pregame tailgating party with grilled food and drinks under the warm August sun.

Now, without further ado, for the first time ever, here is the full descriptive list of the American Atheists/Minnesota Atheists regional conference workshops. Refer to the enclosed insert for times.

Keeping Science Secular in Public Schools Greg Laden

We will examine organized efforts to insert religion in public school science class and the effects this has on learning in the classroom. We'll examine the role of citizens, teachers, and administrators in addressing this issue, and look at effective strategies for keeping science secular in the public school classroom given the current legal climate and the realities of how schools are run.

Arguing on Behalf of Science *Greg Laden*

Evolution, climate science, science-based medicine, and other scientific fields are often under attack from religious quarters. What are the most effective ways to argue on behalf of science, even science that is uncertain, as a citizen, teacher, parent, neighbor, or relative visiting the cousins for Easter? We'll focus on evolution and climate science, but bring your own stories and ideas in other areas if you like.

Answering Your Child's Difficult Questions and How to Teach Religious Literacy

Jill Carlson, Eric Jayne, and James Zimmerman

Children are naturally inquisitive and they rarely hesitate to talk about their ideas with their peers and parents. Three atheist parents will explore how to respond when your child asks why we don't go to church like their friends or why we don't believe in God like their friends.

Dealing with Religious Relatives while Raising Freethinking Children Jill Carlson, Eric Jayne, and James Zimmerman

You're trying to raise a critical-thinking child free from the indoctrination of religion, but some of your relatives disapprove or don't know about your godless parenting. In this workshop we'll discuss strategies for dealing with relatives, friends, and other elements that challenge your parenting.

Atheism and Animals: Making the Connection Rohit Ravindran and Kim Socha

Secularism is rising as an acceptable alternative to God-based views of reality. What does this mean for nonhuman ani-

Atheists infiltrate MnDOT but remain undetected.



mals? Rohit Ravindran and Kim Socha will explore what a lack of human divinity and the acknowledgement of humans as animals means for other creatures with whom we share this time on Earth.

Addiction, Recovery, and the Meaning of Life: An Atheist's Perspective Susan Campion

Ms. Campion is a State of Minnesota Gambling Treatment Provider, National Certified Gambling Counselor II, and a Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselor.

Treatment for addiction in Minnesota often involves reference to a higher power. This is a civil rights issue as nonreligious clients entering treatment often are discriminated against. The discussion will include recovery relationship with a higher power in lieu of spirituality, including recovery within a twelve-step program.

Atheism and Mental Health Cliff Buhl

This workshop will explore the psychological effects atheism has on individuals. We will review available research on the effects an atheist world view may have on an individual's functioning and discuss a preliminary study focused on exploring how individual atheists view themselves and their relationships with others, deal with bias, and manage existential questions.

Dealing with Shame Stephanie Zvan

Shame has its uses, but religions frequently abuse shame as a method of control. Come talk about what kinds of irrational shame religions and religious societies impose on us and how we can loosen shame's hold on our lives.

News and Notes

Recent Political Events Bittersweet for Atheists

by George Kane

When Rep. Juan Mendez' turn came up to provide the daily prayer to open a session of the Arizona House of Representatives, the professed humanist offered the following prayer-less invocation:

Most prayers in this room begin with a request to bow your heads. I would like to ask that you not bow your heads. I would like to ask that you take a moment to look around the room at all of the men and women here, in this moment, sharing this extraordinary experience of being alive and dedicating ourselves to working toward improving the lives of the people of our state.

This is a room in which there are many challenging debates, many moments of tension, of ideological division, of frustration. But this is also a room where, as my secular humanist traditions stress, by the very fact of being human, we have much more in common than we have differences. We share the same spectrum of potential for care, for compassion, for fear, for joy, for love.

Carl Sagan once wrote, "For small creatures such as we, the vastness is bearable only through love." There is, in the political process, much to bear. In this room, let us cherish and celebrate our shared humanness, our shared capacity for reason and compassion, our shared love for the people of our state, for our Constitution, and for our democracy—and let us root our policy-making process in

these values that are relevant to all Arizonans regardless of religious belief or non belief. In gratitude and in love, in reason and in compassion, let us work together for a better Arizona.

I quote Mendez' invocation in full to show that his sentiments should have united all the legislators, without exception. It is hard to find anything in this brief inspiration to which anyone could object. Nevertheless, his colleague Rep. Steve Smith lashed out at him angrily. The next day, after the usual prayer, Smith insisted on delivering a second one "for repentance of yesterday," asking colleagues to stand and "give our due respect to the creator of the universe."

Also in Arizona, the State Court of Appeals in June dismissed a suit in which a lower court had declared unconstitutional the annual Arizona Day of Prayer proclamations by Gov. Jan Brewer. The case was not lost on its merits, but on "standing." This is becoming the common result of most church-state violations for the last couple of years, both in federal and state courts. It used to be that simply being a taxpayer conveyed the standing to seek relief for Establishment Clause violations, but increasingly courts are requiring a claim of individual harm suffered by the plaintiff, and have been skeptical of these claims when they are presented. This has created a situation that is incompatible with constitutional government, in which judicial practice eliminates any recourse against governments that violate constitutional restrictions.

George Kane, Minnesota Atheists Director-at-Large



Recently, Rep. Jared Polis proposed an amendment to the National Defense Authorization bill to allow nontheistic chaplains. The amendment elicited bigoted and insulting comments such as this one by Rep. John Fleming:

This I think would make a mockery of the chaplaincy. The last thing in the world we would want to see was a young soldier who may be dying and they're at a field hospital and the chaplain is standing over that person saying to them, "If you die here, there is no hope for you in the future."

Of course there is no reason for anyone to expect that atheists would be insensitive at a time of grieving, and Fleming apparently does not think that the counseling needs of nonbelieving soldiers—needs that are filled for religious soldiers by the current chaplains—are worth considering. Ironically, Fleming had offered his own so-called "Religious Liberty Amendment" to this same bill, to remove all restraints on the proselytizing activities of evangelical Christian ministers.

I count it as a small sign of increasing political acceptance of nonbelievers that Polis' amendment was rejected by only 274-150.

Freethought Cryptogram

by George Kane

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May **Treasury** Report by Chris Matthews

Radio Fund

Paul Gramstad	\$75
Nancy Ruhland	\$50
Arthur Scearcy	\$50
James Wright	\$25
Robert Schmitz Trust	\$25
Shirley Moll	\$10
Mark Paquette	
Steve Petersen	
Total Radio Fund	\$255
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General/Visibility Fund

Paul Larson	\$100
Donald Theis	\$100
Harry Carpenter	\$50
Michelle Tjernagel	\$49
Sean Carstensen	\$47
Justine M Hartz	\$32
Sarah Gerold	\$21
Meghan Kosowski	\$10
Total Canaral/Visibility Fund	\$400

Total Income:	\$664
Building Fund Total \$13	1,355

Top Expenses for May

Baseball Game	\$2,000
Merchandise	\$1,181
Newsletter Printing	\$588
Storage	\$169

Crpytogram Answer

Why has the political color of the religious spectrum shifted so far to the right? It's because one segment of that spectrum has been missing: the nonbelievers.

—Approximate reconstruction of a statement by David Niose in his June address in Minneapolis.

R.T. Rybak **Proclaims** Day of **Celebrating** Reason

by George Kane

Bill Weir, a board member of the newly formed Minnesota chapter of the Secular Coalition for America, read the following mayoral proclamation while introducing David Niose at the First Unitarian Society on June 9. Mr. Niose is President of the national Secular Coalition for America.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS. the City of Minneapolis has fostered the highest quality of life, including reasonable thought and behavior, through cooperative efforts by the public and private sectors; and

WHEREAS, educational, ministerial and psychological professionals have contributed substantially to great advances in acceptance, fairness, reason and participative equality; and

WHEREAS, The Secular Coalition for Minnesota is being formed in Minneapolis at this time as a chapter of the Secular Coalition for America; and

WHEREAS, The Secular Coalition for

Minneapolis Mayor R.T. Rybak. (Photograph by Jonathunder.)



Minnesota will soon be in contact with legislative, administrative and judicial branches of government as well as school districts, cities, counties and other governmental organizations where its governmental advocacy is needed to uphold such reason;

Now, Therefore, I, R.T. Rybak, Mayor of the City of Minneapolis, do hereby proclaim June 8, 2013 as:

DAY OF CELEBRATING REASON IN THE CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS

and commend to all the people of Minneapolis the opportunity to join in this effort to uphold reason that represents sound judgment in reaching conclusions and inferences and in planning and implementing action and respect for non-theistic and other secular persons to participate along with other residents in civic life.

Minnesota Atheist Notes

The Secular Coalition for America

The Secular Coalition for America is an advocacy organization which works to promote the interests of nontheistic Americans. It is an umbrella organization which works on behalf of a number of member organizations, including American Atheists, the American Humanist Association, the Atheist Alliance of America, the Council for Secular Humanism, and the Secular Student Alliance. Its headquarters are in Washington DC, and a major part of its program involves lobbying the U.S. Congress.

Through a growing number of state chapters, the Coalition also works at the level of state government. A chapter in Minnesota has just been formed.

Major goals for the Coalition are to insure that health and safety are not compromised by religious beliefs, that children are free of religious education in public schools, and that religious beliefs are fully protected by antidiscrimination laws.

You can learn more about the Secular Coalition for America and the Minnesota chapter at secular.org.

Cable Television Schedule

Podcasts

Atheists Talk is available via both iTunes and YouTube. For more information see the Minnesota Atheist website at minnesotaatheists.org. Podcasts are made possible by Grant Hermanson.

Cable

Bloomington Community Access Television, Channel 16. Sundays, 11:00 p.m. Sponsored by David and Joanne Beardsley.

Burnsville Community Television, Channel 14. Broadcast on an erratic schedule. Check www.burnsville.org/ index.aspx?NID=484 to see if any showtimes are scheduled. Sponsored by Kevin Hardisty.

Eagan Community Television, Channel 15. Broadcast on an erractic schedule. Check www.eagan-tv.com/index.php/ channels/channel-15 to see if any showtimes are scheduled. Sponsored by Kevin Hardisty.

Minneapolis Television Network, Channel 75. Mondays, 7:00 p.m. Sponsored by Steve Petersen.

North Suburban Access Corporation, Channel 21, serving the Moundsview area. Wednesdays, 10:30 p.m. Sponsored by Shirley Moll.

Rochester Public Access, Channel 10. Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, 7:30 p.m. Sponsored by Jim Salutz.

Saint Cloud Public Access, Channel 12. Thursdays, 8:30. Sponsored by Tom Stavros.

Saint Paul Neighborhood Network, Channel 15. Wednesdays, 5:00 p.m. Sponsored by Jim Wright.

Suburban Community Channels, Channel 15, serving the Maplewood area. Saturdays 8:00 p.m. Sponsored by Michael Seliga.

Valley Access Channels, Channel 16, serving the Stillwater area. Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m., and Wednesdays, 9:00 a.m. Sponsored by Lee Salisbury. From left to right, Eric Jayne, Heather Hegi, and George Kane



Cable Television Report

Minnesota Atheists: The Next Generation of Leadership

by Steve Petersen

For our June taping of the Atheists Talk cable television show, Minnesota Atheists President Eric Jayne and Minnesota Atheists Chair Heather Hegi joined host George Kane to discuss Minnesota Atheists: The Next Generation of Leadership. Both Eric and Heather bring a fresh point of view to Minnesota Atheists and

look forward to the organization continuing to grow and to remain relevant to members of all ages.

The Atheist Talk cable television show is created by George Kane, Brett Stembridge, Shirley Moll, Steve Petersen, Wendy Steinberg, Grant Hermanson, and Art Anderson.

Cable Television Ideas and Sponsors Needed

by Steve Petersen

If you have an idea for our *Atheists Talk* cable television program, or if you have a public access television station in your community and would like to be a sponsor, please contact me at spetersen 175@

comcast.net or 651-484-9277. We would especially like to be back on in Duluth, Mankato, and Moorehead. Sponsorship is easy to do and you would be helping to bring the atheist voice to your community.

June Minnesota Atheists Picnic Defies God's Plan

Despite unseasonably cold weather and heavy rain, more than sixty people, including many children, came to the June Minnesota Atheists picnic. The next picnic will be on July 21 at noon at the Columbia Park picnic shelter. For more information, see www.meetup. com/minnesota-atheists/events/123800422/.

Radio Report

Victor Stegner, David Silverman, and Michael Shermer Featured on *Atheists Talk* Radio in June

The *Atheists Talk* radio show is broadcast live every Sunday morning from 9:00 to 10:00 on KTNF, 950 AM. A live stream and podcasts are available through the Minnesota Atheists website at minnesotaatheists. org. The shows for June featured a number of nationally known atheists as well as leaders from Minnesota Atheists.

God and the Atom: Victor Stenger on Atheists Talk #220, May 26, 2013

Renowned particle physicist, professor, author, skeptic, and atheist activist Victor Stenger joined Atheists Talk to discuss his recently published book, *God and the Atom*.

Dr. Stenger has been popularizing the science of reality for decades. He has published dozens of articles for popular magazines and peer-reviewed journals and has written more than eleven books, seven in the past decade. He popularized the phrase, "Science flies you to the moon. Religion flies you into buildings."

In God and the Atom Dr. Stenger takes us on a historical journey of the concept of the atom, which starts much earlier than you might expect. Atomism—the theory that nature consists only of atoms and void —survived for centuries in the absence of direct evidence. Only recently, however, has technology been developed that definitively proves the atom's existence. Stenger makes the case that the total absence of empirical facts and theoretical arguments to support the existence of any component to reality other than atoms and the void can be taken as proof beyond a reasonable doubt that such a component is nowhere to be found.

American Atheists: David Silverman on Atheists Talk #221, June 2, 2013

Love him or hate him, if you're an atheist in America, you probably have an opinion about David Silverman, president of American Atheists. Whether he's inspiring Bill O'Reilly to say incomprehensible things about science or putting up bill-boards that disturb almost as many atheists as Christians, Silverman demands our attention.

August Berkshire's Atheist Pamphlets: August Berkshire on Atheists Talk #222, June 9th, 2013

August Berkshire has been an atheist speaker, debater, and activist since he co-founded the modern atheist movement in Minnesota in 1984. He is a past president and newsletter editor of Minnesota Atheists and a past vice president of Atheist Alliance International. He has served on the board of directors of the Humanists of Minnesota and co-founded Camp Quest of Minnesota in 2003. He is on the speakers bureau for the national Secular Student Alliance.

August has developed a series of pamphlets that are distributed at schools, festivals, and other venues. The pamphlets cover a variety of topics, including atheism, religion, the problem of evil, abortion, the fine-tuned universe, Jesus, Biblical commandments, and humor. Skeptics Society founder Michael Shermer said August's performance in a debate in Fargo was "the best overall defense of atheism that I have ever seen."

Mr. Paul Aints and the Regional Atheist Conference: Scott Bush, Eric Jayne, and Steve Petersen on Atheists Talk #223, June 16, 2013

For the first segment of this program, we were joined by Scott Bush, Saint Paul Saints Assistant General Manager to talk about A Night of Unbelievable Fun: The Second Coming. This will be the second annual Saint Paul Saints game sponsored by Minnesota Atheists. On Friday, August 9, 2013, the Saint Paul Saints will once again become the Mr. Paul Aints just for us.

For the second segment of the program, Eric Jayne and Steve Petersen discussed the upcoming regional atheist conference, to be held on August 10, with featured speaker Susan Jacoby. (Just after the program was taped, Susan Jacoby had to cancel. Annie Laurie Gaylor will now be the headliner instead.)

Skepticism 101: Michael Shermer on Atheists Talk #224, June 23, 2013

Dr. Michael Shermer is the founding publisher of *Skeptic* magazine, the Executive Director of the Skeptics Society, a monthly columnist for Scientific American, the host of the Skeptics Distinguished Science Lecture Series at Caltech, and Adjunct Professor at Claremont Graduate University and Chapman University.

Dr. Shermer lectures frequently and appears regularly on radio and television. He is the author of seventeen books, including *Why People Believe Weird Things, The Science of Good and Evil,* and his most recent book, *The Believing Brain.*

On this show Dr. Shermer discusses his course "Skepticism 101: How to Think Like a Scientist." This course is part of The Great Courses series, an online educational resource with the mission "to ignite the passion for lifelong learning by offering great courses taught by great professors." With "Skepticism 101," Dr. Shermer seeks to help students use rational thought and scientific perspective to critically evaluate claims and to better understand the universe.

The Atheists Talk radio show is produced by Minnesota Atheists. The June shows were created by Brianne Bilyeu, August Berkshire, Carl Hancock, Greg Laden, Scott Lohman, David Pacheco, Steve Petersen, and Stephanie Zvan. Original music was composed and performed by Brent Michael Davids. If you would like to participate in the creation of the show, please contact us at radio@mnatheists. org

To learn more about *Atheists Talk*, visit us on Facebook and at twitter.com/ atheiststalk.

Atheists Talk radio costs about \$900 per month to produce. Please consider making a denotation by using the coupon on page seven or by visiting minnesotaatheists.org/join-and-donate/radio-fund.

Upcoming Events

Atheist/Agnostic Alcoholics Anonymous. Sundays, 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Men's Center, 3249 Hennepin Avenue South Suite 55, Minneapolis. Meets in the basement. Open to all genders.

Atheists Talk television show recording. First Thursday, 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., MTN Studio A, 125 Southeast Main Street, Minneapolis. Contact Steve Petersen, 651-484-9277.

Burnsville Book Club. First Wednesday, 7:00 p.m., Davanni's, 14639 County Road 11, Burnsville. Meet in the party room. The July meeting will be on July 10 at the Burnhaven library. The August meeting will return to the regular date and place.

Dinner & A Book. Fourth Wednes-

day, 7:00 p.m.. Davanni's, 5937 Summit Drive, Brooklyn Center.

Freethought Dinner Social. Second and fourth Mondays, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Davanni's, 8605 Lyndale Avenue South, Bloomington. Contact Bob or Marilyn Neinkerk, 612-866-6200.

Freethought Lunch. First Tuesday, 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Old Country Buffet, County Road B2 between Fairview and Snelling. Contact Bob or Marilyn Nienkirk, 612-866-6200.

Freethought Toastmasters. First and third Mondays, 6:00 p.m., Larpenteur Estates Party Room, 1276 Larpenteur Avenue West, St. Paul. Contact George Kane, dir2@mnatheists.org.

Little Canada Book Club. Second

Sunday, 1:00 p.m., Caribou Coffee, 3354 Rice Street, Little Canada.

Lunch at the Dragon House Restaurant. Third Wednesday, 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Dragon House Restaurant, 3970 Central Avenue, Columbia Heights. Contact Bill Volna, 612-781-1420.

Minnesota Atheists Board Meeting. Third Wednesday, 6:30 p.m., Party Room, 1276 Larpenteur Avenue West, St. Paul. Open to all members. Contact George Kane, dir2@mnatheists.org.

For all the latest meeting news, visit www. meetup.com/minnesota-atheists and subscribe to Atheists' Weekly Email (AWE) at minnesotaatheists.org/ atheists-weekly/subscribe-to-awe.html

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Minnesota Atheists is an affiliate of the Atheist Alliance of America, Atheist Alliance International, American Atheists, the American Humanist Association, the Council for Secular Humanism, the International Humanist and Ethical Union, and the Secular Coalition for America.

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