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AOF July General Meeting CoExist Comedy Tour's Keith Lowell Jensen and John Ross: Sunday, July 13, 1:30—4:00 PM



July features the comedy team of **Keith Lowell Jensen and John Ross of the CoExist Comedy Tour**. Keith will also show excerpts of his recent feature film, "**Why Lie I Need A Drink**," an exploration of homelessness and panhandling from a first-person perspective. Keith's bio, from the CoExist Comedy Tour web site:

"When not on stage performing comedy, Keith likes to pan-handle dressed as a banana (or a mime, mummy, what have you) resulting in the recently released documentary film, "Why Lie, I Need A Drink."

"Oh Holy Day," a book of short stories authored by Keith was released in 2006 just in time for Christmas, because everyone needs presents, even filthy rotten atheists. Two new books are in the works. "The Atheist's Survival Guide," and "Truly, Awful, Stuff" (based on his popular website www.TrulyAwfulStuff.com.)

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"AOForum" Monthly Social Meetings Planned By Nancy Gilbert and Alice Corley

In the process of having a couple get-togethers over dinner for Atheist Centre (India) Director Dr. Vijayam, it really seemed clear to us that our members really enjoyed and were into conversation—and not all of it related to Dr Vijayam.

The AOF board has discussed the need for more social venues, and numerous times we have had individuals mention that we need to have some purely social meetups.

Thus, we took the liberty of asking two members of AOF, Suzanne (a brand new member) and Steve C. if they would be willing to coordinate a monthly get-together over dinner in some local establishment. They seemed enthusiastic to do so—Halleluea (ha ha)!

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Keeping AOF Going For Another 15 Years

President's Message

By Paul Storey

Congratulations on a successful celebration of our 15th year anniversary. Participation in AOF had a profound influence on who I am today. I would have been a different person if I had not discovered AOF 15 years ago. I would have been much less informed about lots of issues concerning how society is going and how I as an atheist would like society to be going. I would feel much less connected without all my atheist friends I interact with regularly. AOF is equivalent of my family. Most of my real family believe in a god, and we have had major differences about this since my awakening in high school to religion being a carryover from ancient mythology. So the people I can identify with the most, with whom I share the most values and principles, are my atheist buddies at AOF. I think everyone in the organization else feels the same way too.

We seem to be completely outnumbered by believers everywhere we go. Perhaps the greatest minds throughout history have had similar feelings. Today, we have the great fortune to be able to speak our minds freely, without fear of retaliation, at least by the government, at least not at this time. If another neo con president gets elected, this may not be the case. Am I the only one who has noticed a pronounced quieting of opinions counter to the religious right in the last eight years? Surely I'm not the only one who has noticed a more frequent, more commonplace voice of religion throughout our radio and television. Try tuning through the AM radio and see how many religious talk shows you get. They have even taken a flavor of political commentary, with only an occasional fallback to religious doc-

trine. This is an alarming trend to me. You have to listen for awhile to their thoughts before it becomes apparent their source of morality is religious based. Abortions are atrocious, stem cell research should be banned, all the bad of society is because we have strayed from the morality of God. Ouch! It seems like I'm living in a Christian version of a Muslim theocracy. Back to the good old medieval ages where the church dominated the state. When presidential candidates openly cater to religious constituencies, the influence of the churches over our lives looms ever more threatening. Unfortunately, from my study of history, this has not had a happy ending for people who were not part of the religious majority.

We as freethinkers must stand up for the rights our forefathers so wisely wanted us to have. Those rights have steadily eroded under the Bush administration. The emergence of mega churches spreading so rapidly has to be indicative of their money, their power and influence over elections and public policy.

The voice of reason, which gave us the enlightenment and the scientific revolution, may be a temporary phenomenon in the overall context of history. This is the message Carl Sagan gave in his last book "Demon Haunted World, Science as a Candle in the Dark". Those of us who base our fundamental explanations of the world upon rationality, not belief, have to continue to stand up and be heard in society. Otherwise get used to the believers controlling the laws of our country more and more.

SATURDAY, July 26 AOF Adopt-A-Highway Event—Please Help

A rugged band of AOF members and volunteers hit the road **June 7** to cleanup the 2-mile stretch of Highway 99 north of Elkhorn Blvd (just north of the 99 & I-5 junction) AOF has been cleaning continuously for nearly 13 years. There were windy conditions on that Saturday which made the new CalTrans trash bags all the more unmanageable but **Don Knutson, Carolyn Lignus, Alex Loyer, Linda Loyer, Marc Loyer, Robert Poeschel, and Rich Prowse still accounted for collecting 22 bags of refuse.** Once again, **Rich** is due for special recognition for contributing the use of his wife's van for the cleanup. Summer makes for increased litter accumulation so we will return to the site on **Saturday, July 26 @ 8a.m.** Please join us.

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We welcome additional involvement from AOF members. Right now we need volunteers to perform very small tasks at our meetings. Just phone the voice mail at **447-3589** if you can help us out. Or, send an e-mail to us at

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Aspiring Atheist Musical Performance and Road Stories, Sunday, September 14, 1:30—4 PM AOF September General Meeting

Paul Martin, AOF's September featured guest, forwarded us this bio:

Presentation for AOF: Paul Martin, a singer songwriter (aka: the Aspiring Atheist) is creating a new music genre called Freethought Folk-Rock. He will be performing songs from his new CD, "Born A Happy Heathen" on September 14th at the monthly meeting of Atheists and Other Freethinkers in Sacramento, CA. This CD is a collection of atheos, irreverent, and sarcastic songs critical of religious dogma, icons, leaders, and rituals. Paul will describe the background and inspiration for each song as they are based on his personal "spiritual" journey, and his motivation for "coming out" in this way.

Lifestyle:

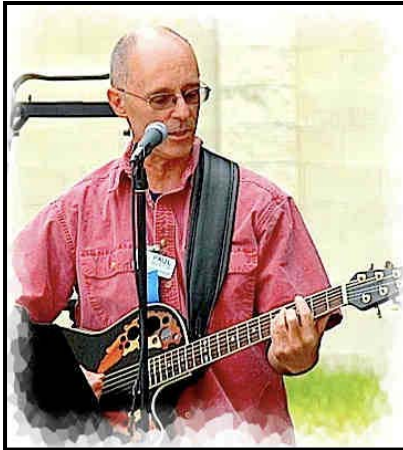
A full-time RVer since 2006 - travels/lives in a 30' Airstream
Home base is at Hart Ranch in Rapid City, SD

Musical Accomplishments:

Has performed at open mics around the country, Airstream & SKP rallies, and RV Parks Release of first CD, Born A Happy Heathen - July 2008

Musical Goals:

Promote a humanistic and rational view of life
Bring an understanding about the damage that religious indoctrination does to young impressionable minds
The message is - to WAKE UP, QUESTION EVERYTHING, and THINK FOR YOURSELF



Aspiring Atheist Paul Martin

Previous Career (s):

Multiple careers in engineering, finance, sales, and software
Most recent as a corporate trainer in the software industry

Other Life Journeys:

Four children, 3 grandchildren
Over 30 years in martial arts - holds a 4th degree black belt in Aikido.

Web site:

http://web.mac.com/pj_martin/Aspiring_Atheist/Welcome.html

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Keith was born Catholic. At age 12 he was "born again" and became a passionate Southern California style liberal Christian. At age 16 he let go of faith completely and has identified as an agnostic atheist ever since. He is probably the preachiast atheist you'd ever want to meet."

John's bio, also from the CoExist Comedy Tour web site:

"Armed with only an Omni-chord and a microphone, Ross takes the tragic trials of his own life and transforms them into a peculiar, yet genuine presentation.

Although being the first methadone-addicted child born in the great state of California, Ross' successes reach far beyond the drug-addicted womb of his now late mother.

Before entering the realm of stand-up comedy John embarked on three U.S. tours with two separate musical acts, Anguish Unsaid and Like David. Ross played guitar for both bands, selling over 30,000 units through Santa Cruz based Christian indie record label, Bettie Rocket Records.

After only six-months of doing stand-up comedy, Ross was invited to perform at the world famous Improv in Hollywood, with the Heavy Hitters of Comedy and the Rebels of Comedy. He has since performed at clubs all over the West Coast, opening up for acts such as Norm Macdonald, Nick Swardson and Mike Meehan."

Atheists and Other Freethinkers



AOF is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit educational organization. It is one of 50 member societies of the **Atheist Alliance International** ("a positive voice for atheism"). AOF

also maintains affiliations with the Council for Secular Humanism, American Atheists, and the American Humanist Association.

AOF's Statement of Purpose

The purpose of the association, Atheists and Other Freethinkers, is to promote the civic understanding and acceptance of atheism in our community. To accomplish this purpose, AOF will, through educational programs, projects, and publications, extend atheistic perspectives concerning the separation of church and state and the right to think and speak freely on these perspectives.

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Historical Figures Series

Tertullian: "I Believe Because It Is Absurd"

By Ken Nahigian

Quintus Septimius Florens Tertullianus was his name, or to most of us, Tertullian: a remarkable man. Born in 160 CE to a Roman centurion, he grew up to be a Carthaginian lawyer, a Christian convert, a prolific apologist and the most influential of the Church Fathers. He invented the terms "Trinity" (*trinitas*) and "Old" and "New Testament" (*vetus/novum testamentum*), as well as the classic formula, "Three Persons, one Substance." He was first to call Christianity the *vera religio*, the True Faith. He raged against heretics. And ultimately, ironically, he fell into heresy himself.

Beyond this, details are scant. This lion of early Christendom, who sketched the outline of modern orthodoxy, is mostly a shape in the shadows. We know little of his personal life, how he became Christian or why—only that he was about age 42, and the conversion was radical and sudden. Though married, Christians in Carthage made him a priest (not unusual in the day).

Tertullian left 31 extant books, all in well-heeled Latin, some quite lengthy; unusual arguments; and passionate opinions. He had irony, and a solid sense of rhetoric. He could be sarcastic, clever and funny, even to modern eyes. From the *Apologeticum*, here's an example:

If the Tiber rises so high it floods the walls, or the Nile so low it doesn't flood the fields, if the earth opens, or the heavens don't, if there is famine, if there is plague, instantly the howl goes up, "The Christians to the lion!" What, *all* of them? to a single lion?

In *De Monogamia* (On Monogamy) and *De Exhortatione Castitatis*, he argued that remarriage is a sin even for widowers. In *Adversus Valentianianos* he blasted Gnostics parading as Christians. In *De Testimonio Animae*

(Testimony of the Soul), he argued that men instinctively believe in one god—why? Because our very swear words prove it.

He also had an apocalyptic bent. In *Adversus Marcionem*, a five-book assault on his opponent Marcion, he breathlessly told of a walled city seen in the morning sky above Judea. Surely it was the New Jerusalem, the Celestial City as St. John foretold (Rev 21:1-6). To appreciate the drama of this, remember that the City measures 12,000 by 12,000 stadia at the base and stands 12,000 stadia high—a cube 1,500 miles on a side, made of



Tertullian (155-222 BCE), church father and theologian.

gold! Descending, it would well engulf all Palestine; due to earth's curve, the corners will be 15 miles above ground. Please bring a ladder.

Tertullian probably would not have cared for such problems, had they occurred to him—the City was a sign of the last days, that's all. In fact, Ezekiel had seen it some six centuries before (Ez 48:15-35), and nine centuries later the Crusaders reported seeing it, as did Hildegard of Bingen and other visionaries. So perhaps Tertullian was right: the City is on its way, just taking its time.

Of all his words and writings, Tertullian is most renown for *Credo quia absurdum*, "I believe because it is absurd." In fact it is a slight misquote. "The Son of God was born," he wrote: "there is no shame, because it is shameful. And the Son of God died: it is wholly credible, because it is ridiculous. And, buried, He rose again: it is certain, because impossible." The idea was that the first Christians would not have believed such palpable nonsense unless it had happened. This was not unreasonable, as lawyers' arguments go; but the phrase lives in the simpler form, and will live, as it seems to distill and embody a Christian mystery, a rubric without sense that speaks in a place where we are alone with our name. So it will continue to speak, and haunt and inspire believers, and annoy freethinkers. That is a quality of faith. The mystery can endure, the paradox live, even when history becomes leaves and dust, and blows away.

According to St. Jerome, writing 200 years later, Tertullian died peacefully of old age; but we are unsure even of that.

What of the heresy? At about age 52, apparently, he had a second conversion—again, details are lost. He joined the Montanists, an apocalyptic sect. Their leader, Montanus, fell into prophetic trances, predicted the imminence of Christ's return, and claimed an authority only just second to Jesus. Resenting this, the mainstream Church cast out the sect. By the Sixth Century, Tertullian's name had become anathema to the very community he helped create.

In fairness, remember: the Church now calls it heresy, but in his day it was just one of many understandings that bubbled and fermented within the nascent Christian world. Poor Tertullian. He bet and lost. There is another quality of faith, and of politics too. The winners write the history.

All Aboard—Atheist Alliance International Convention (September 26—28) To Be Held Aboard Luxury Liner Queen Mary

“Unsinkable Atheism,” the 14th Annual Atheist Alliance International (AAI) Convention, will be held the weekend of September 25—28, 2008 on the beautiful and historic Queen Mary, which is permanently docked in Long Beach, California.

Speakers include: Jennifer Bardi, August Berkshire, Matt

Cherry, Scott Cozza, Annie Laurie Gaylor, Ellen Johnson, Cathy Jones, Jamie Kilstein, Lori Lipman Brown, PZ Myers, Michael Newdow, Michele Rundgren, Michael Shermer, Eddie Tabash.

Full details: <http://www.atheistalliance.org/conventions/2008/info.php>

Beat the Sacramento Heat

Summer Potlucks—AOF Members Invited

By Kevin Schultz

In lieu of summer meetings, HAGSA holds three remaining potluck socials, inviting AOFers to attend.

1. **Mid-July Potluck, Sunday, July 13, 3:00 PM.** Though conflicting with the AOF general meeting time, AOF members can choose to eat and socialize afterwards at the home of Chuck O'Neil and Pat Naylor, 686 Riverlake Way, Sacramento 95831. If this will be your first visit to their house, you can call Chuck or Pat at 916-391-6274
2. **Early August Potluck, Sunday, August 3, 3:00 PM.** This will be held at the home of Wayne and Gloria Luney. In addition to HAGSA members, friends of HAGSA, including members of AOF, will be most welcome.

The Luney residence is at 8331 Marina Greens Way, Sacramento 95826. If this will be your first visit to their house, you can call Wayne or Gloria at 916-383-9393 or (preferably) click below to create driving directions. Please call, anyway, to let them know if you'll be going.

3. **Late-August Potluck, Sunday, August 24, 3:00 PM.** As he was last year, Brian Jones will be the host for this one, which will be at his house in Davis. In addition to HAGSA members, friends of HAGSA, including members of AOF and AgASA, will be most welcome. Brian lives at 44669 S. El Macero Drive, El Macero (Davis) 95618. If this will be your first visit to his house, you can call him at 916 765-5987 or (preferably) click below to create driving directions. Please call, anyway, to let him know if you'll be going.

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So, it seems we have a new committee, or shall we say two co-coordinators in pursuit of a monthly supper meet-up in town. Suzanne and Steve have agreed to put their heads together and come up with a plan, with AOF board member Alice Corley serving as committee liaison to the board.

Initial thoughts for locations: Someplace cheap, at rotating locations around the city, someplace with a meeting area, someplace not too noisy. Once we come up with a list of potential places, we'll notify members via the AOF e-tree and print announcements in the monthly newsletter.

If anyone else wants to participate in the planning committee, or has thoughts, suggestions, or comments, please contact Alice at alice@aofonline.org, or Nancy at nancy@aofonline.org.

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Sharing and Caring Info About Our Members

AOF Family News

- AOF members **Alvin and Elizabeth Bernstein** remain safe after fires in Paradise, CA, nearly destroyed their home. Jillian Stanley reports, "Elizabeth said they really had a rather dreadful time. Way back on Tuesday June 10, she saw the smoke and fires and called the police, who told her not to worry. It was not until Thursday evening, June 12th that a "reverse 911" call went to all the residents of the area telling them to evacuate. Police drove to each home. She packed a change of clothes, Alvin's medicines, her poetry books...by that time there was only one road open for escape and it was crowded with cars. She said it was like the scene of a volcano, and (in her poetic way) that the

flames were like little red devils.

They saw that south towards Yuba City there was thick black smoke, so they went to Chico, but all the restaurants and motels were full. They ended up having to drive clear to Red Bluff to get a room. Hotels and motels and restaurants were full of Paradise evacuees. On Friday night they stayed with a friend of hers, but before she could enjoy a bit of a rest, the all-clear came and they went back to Paradise....looking quite un-Paradisiacal by then, still with smoke and smoldering charred land. She said it was really too soon to return. But their home and those right around them had been spared...the fire got within a mile at least. It has been quite tiring for them, and they have eaten lunch out every day, she said, as she did not want to cook."

All of us at AOF wish them well

as life's rhythms return.

- During May, lots of school superintendents had an opportunity to read an essay by **AOFer Mynga Futrell**. Her second article was entitled, "The Secular Side of the Coin," and it formed the bulk of the recent issue of a quarterly Bulletin distributed to all of the public school superintendents in California by a religious liberty endeavor known as the California 3Rs Project. ("3Rs" stands for "rights, respect, responsibility"; the project is co-sponsored by the First Amendment Center and the California School Superintendents Services Association.)

With such wide distribution at the top, it is possible that the material may filter down to many school principals and even some teachers. Interestingly, this was the first time in the five years of California 3Rs' publishing its quarterly that material specifically about the nonreli-

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Do you have any info that you'd like to share with the AOF membership?

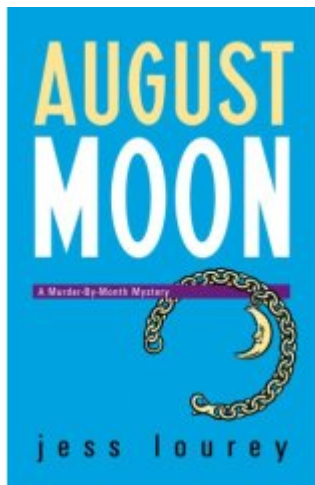
Please submit items to:

newsletter@aofonline.org and specify in the e-mail that you'd like to announce the information in the Family News section. **Thanks!**

Midwestern Freethought Author Jess Lourey “August Moon” Book Review by David Fitzgerald

When you think about it, a sleuth is a great role model for freethinkers: they are brave, tenacious, curious, skeptical, they don't take anything on face value, and above all, they make the world a better place by cutting through deception and uncovering the truth. Mira James, the heroine of Jess Lourey's Murder-by-Month series, is not only a great amateur sleuth; she's an out-of-the-closet freethinker as well!

Mira is a librarian stuck in the Red part of Blue state Minnesota. She can't quite escape the quirky little town of Battle Lake, “where the women are churchgoers, the men like to hunt, and the body count is above average.” In August Moon, the latest book in



the series, frustrated Mira is determined to hightail it back to Minneapolis to become a cat-collecting, fist-shaking, asexual English professor – until she starts to butt heads with the local new über-fundamentalists and their scary Bible Camp. Snooping around at the New Millennium Bible Camp only turns up a disturbing "Stepford Wives meets Hee Haw" atmosphere, which, to Mira's dismay, isn't a crime. But when a local is found murdered, she's still convinced the sinister evangelical ministry is hiding some dark secrets...Before ditching this eccentric small town, Mira becomes hell-bent on confronting her own demons and catching a killer.

Like her heroine, Author Jess Lourey is sly, sharp, observant, and ornery, a charming freethinker with little patience and no mercy for the fundies. If you think LandoverBaptist.com is funny, you'll roar at her dead-on send-up of a Creationist Science Fair, with exhibits like "My Great Great Grandpa Was a Christian, Not a Monkey," "Biology Proves Women Designed for House-

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Submit your newsletter items to the N&V submissions editor at this e-mail address:

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or mail item to the AOF mailbox: PO Box 15182, Sacramento, CA 95851-0182.

Preference is given to material in a PC-compatible word processing format such as *Word*, *Wordpad*, or *Notepad*. (To submit, attach your file to the e-mail and send.)

AOF also welcomes succinct and substantive letters to the editor. Note: All letters are prioritized by AOF's publishing criteria deriving from the organization's Statement of Purpose.

work," and "Thermodynamic Readouts Confirm Satan Is More Active Than Ever." And it's not all just played for cheap yuks, either. The book is filled with endearing characters, genuine creeps and suspense, and truly brilliant observations that will bring a smile to every atheist; such as her response when a preacher assures her science and faith are compatible: "Compatible, maybe. Interchangeable, no."

AUGUST MOON is available online or from bookstores everywhere. Jess Lourey's website is at <http://www.jesslourey.com>.

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gious has been presented. (All previous published items had focused on the "religion side" of the coin.) Mynga had produced the essay on behalf of OABITAR (Objectivity, Accuracy and Balance In Teaching About Religion: www.teachingaboutreligion.org). The OABITAR Project is supported in part by Atheist Alliance International, of which AOF is a member society.

- The IHEU World Humanist Congress invited AOF members and American Humanist Association (AHA) board members **Mynga Futrell** and **Beverly Church** to speak as part of the proceedings of the 17th World Humanist Conference in Washington DC. Congratulations to both of them for the recognition of their contributions.
- AOF member and webmistress emeritus of <http://rthoughtsrfree.org> **Pat Kelley** announces her latest personal web site endeavor—printable wrapping paper. From the web site: “Perfect for emergencies or last minute events such as forgotten anniversaries, office parties, birthday,

holiday or wedding shower party gift wrapping or spur of the moment gift giving.”

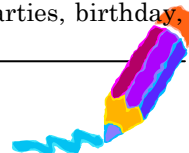
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<http://www.papergiftwrap.com/>

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July Calendar of Events

July Movie Night Friday, July 11, 7:00—9:00 PM

July General Meeting—CoExist Comedy Tour Sunday, July 13, 1:30—4:00 PM

AOF Adopt-A-Highway Event—Volunteers Needed **SATURDAY**, July 26, 8:00—10:00 AM

Davis Community Meals Event—Volunteers Needed Tuesday, July 29, 4:00—7:00 PM

August General Meeting—Speaker to-be-announced Sunday, August 10, 1:30—4:00 PM

September General Meeting—Paul Martin Musical Performance Sunday, September 14, 1:30—4:00 PM

AOF meetings are open to the public and are generally held on the second Sunday of the month, from 1:30 - 4 PM at the Sierra 2 Community Center, Room 10. Note: The months of February and October are exceptions, since AOF co-produces two public education events: (1) an outdoor fair in October - "Sacramento's Freethought Day" (2008-10-05), and (2) a science and humanity celebration - Sacramento's "Darwin Day Educational Gala" (2009-02-15). Watch the newsletter for details.

Directions to AOF's General Meetings

The Sierra 2 Center is located at 2791 24th Street in Sacramento, just south of Broadway and the Department of Motor Vehicles. Visitors are welcome. Parking is available on the street or in the rear, off 4th Avenue. AOF Board meetings are held at alternating sites, so please inquire about the location. For AOF's 24-hour recorder, call 447-3589. Leave your name and a number (repeat for clarity) and someone will phone back to answer your questions about AOF.

