



San Francisco Atheists | July 3, 2009 Update

Two items of timely relevance: July 4 parade and July 12 AHA speech. See you there!

Atheists Marching in Concord Independence Day Parade



The [Atheists & Freethinkers of Contra Costa County](#) have once again scored a victory in Atheism's march towards public acceptance and respectability. The City of Concord's annual Fourth of July Parade will again feature an ATHEIST entry this year. All local Atheists and Atheist organizations are encouraged to come out and celebrate Atheist Pride in this very public and very civic event. Let's show up in force and make a strong community statement on **Saturday, July 4, 2009!**

Please [let us know](#) if you want to march in the parade. It starts at Noon, so you'll need to be there before that. We're also looking for a convertible to lead the group. We have reserved Baldwin Park in Concord – we can have 120 people! The parade and park are within 1 mile of the Concord BART station. The parade is in Todos Santos Plaza at Noon and we'll have the two bbq's fired up by 1pm. We're providing the grilling and paper products. Please bring your own beverages (alcoholic containers are not permitted), bbq food items and a side dish to share.

Please come out and join us as we celebrate our country and support the separation of church and state!

The Parade starts at 11:30. Meet us by 11:30 in the staging area in the PETCO parking lot on the north side of Salvio Street in between Broadway St. and Adobe St. Parking: Parking is available behind Park & Shop and at the local garages.

[Click here for a link to a map of the staging area.](#)

Jubilee: This year is the first 4th of July Jubilee in Todos Santos Park! There will be a number of food and craft vendors who will be available from 8:00 until 3:00. We highly encourage you to visit the Jubilee either before or after the parade. If you arrive hungry the Rotary Club's pancake breakfast will begin at 8:00 am!

Director of American Humanist Association to Speak in SF



The **Director of the American Humanist Association** will speak in San Francisco at Schroeder's on **Sunday, July 12, at 6:00 PM.**

Roy Speckhardt, executive director of the Washington DC based American Humanist Association (AHA) will speak on growing the freethought movement. His talk is jointly sponsored by East Bay Atheists, San Francisco Atheists and CFI San Francisco.

"Growing the Freethought Movement in a Faith-Based Society"

Is it worth risking offense to spread the freethought message? Can we be clear about our identity without rustling progressive faithful feathers? Humanists, atheists and other freethinkers, be they religious or secular in their approach to philosophy, can unite to bring freethought to the forefront of our faith-based society.

His commentary on freethought and progressive political issues frequently appears in print and other media. Also speaking will be Maggie Ardiente, the AHA's director of development, who will provide an overview of what the AHA is doing for freethought today.

Schroeder's is at 240 Front Street, in the Financial District, two blocks north of Market Street, between California and Sacramento Streets. Use the Westbound California Street Cable Car, MUNI, or BART (Embarcadero stop). The restaurant's phone number is 415-421-4778. We meet in the rear dining room, and order our individual "tabs" of food and drink.

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