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Saving Threatened Species; Creating Third-World Jobs

Our speaker on March 17 will be Jon Miceler, who manages to combine adventurer, entrepreneur, and environmentalist in a single person. Jon spends alternate months in Hamden and the politically highly sensitive corner of south Asia where Myanmar (formerly Burma), China's Xizang (Tibet), and India's Arunachal Pradesh (formerly the Northeast Frontier Agency) intersect. He will speak to us having just returned from his most recent adventure, and will tell us how his imaginative approach to the economic and environmental problems of the 21st century is taking shape. Jon travels with a group of porters into the jungles where rare and even previously unknown species are to be found. When he is not accompanying world-famous naturalist George Schaller he is usually the sole Caucasian making the trek. Not long ago he received one of the prized MacArthur awards, thus being able to spend several years focusing on this interest. (He hastened to add that this was not one of the "genius" awards, but

Calendar of Events

MARCH, 2003

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| Mon., 17 | Monthly meeting, USNH, 700 Hartford Tnpk. Coffee and conversation Bob Rafford — <i>Why I am a Humanist</i> Main program. Jon Miceler, adventurer, entrepreneur, and environmentalist: <i>Saving Threatened Species and Creating Third-World Jobs</i> | 7:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m. 7:50 p.m. 8:00 p.m. |
| Sun., 23 | Board meeting, USNH, 700 Hartford Turnpike | 2:00 p.m. |
| Wed., 26 | Dinner at Connecticut's oldest inn, the Curtis House, Main Street South, Woodbury | 7:00 p.m. |

APRIL, 2003

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| Fri., 4 | Conversations, USNH, 700 Hartford Turnpike <i>The Use Of Force in Civilized Society</i> | 7:30 p.m. |
| Mon., 14 | Dinner at Gabriele Restaurant, 326 Boston Post Road, Orange | 7:00 p.m. |
| Mon., 21 | Monthly meeting, USNH, 700 Hartford Tnpk. Coffee and conversation Main program. AHA Executive Director Tony Hileman — <i>The Future of Humanism</i> | 7:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m. 8:00 p.m. |
| Sun., 27 | Board meeting, USNH, 700 Hartford Turnpike | 2:00 p.m. |
| Wed., 30 | Dinner at Connecticut's oldest inn, the Curtis House, Main Street South, Woodbury | 7:00 p.m. |

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quite adequate anyway.) He'll show slides and comment on the tribes and rare animals he has encountered.

Join us at the Unitarian Society of New Haven, 700 Hartford Turnpike in Hamden, on Monday, March 17 at 7:30 p.m. We'll start off with twenty minutes of informal conversation and refreshments at 7:30 p.m. At 7:50 Bob Rafford will speak

briefly on the popular topic "Why I Am a Humanist." Jon Miceler's talk will begin promptly at 8:00. Bring a friend and join us, Monday, March 17!

Have you Heard?

Nat and Joyce Wolf's first cousin, Jessica Kate Meyers, is in the movie, *The Pianist*.

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Conversations

The next Humanist Conversations will be Friday evening, April 4 at 7:30 p.m. Our topic falls in the area of the use of force in civilized society: war and peace. A video detailing the development of our current government's policy on the proper use of American power in the world will be the focus of discussion. There are many ramifications on our current path and, hopefully, we'll share many opinions and views. We'll take suggestions for future discussions on this or any other topic, as usual. Light refreshments will be served.

Please notice that our April session is a Friday evening meeting. Friday, April 4 at 7:30 p.m. in the USNH library.

Mystic/Noank on Humanism

The Mystic/Noank group will meet Saturday, March 22 at the Mystic Noank Library at 10:15 a.m. The topic for discussion will be *Humanism- what does it mean for you?* (Note: this meeting was originally scheduled for March 15.)

If you need directions call George Marcus at (860) 449-0800.

Secular Congress, Washington D.C.

A congress, hosted by the Council for Secular Humanism, will be held in Washington, D.C. during April 11-13, 2003. The conference will be on the topic "One Nation Without God: Secularism, Society and Justice." Among the speakers will be Christopher Hitchens, Michael Newdow, Peter Beinart (Editor of The New Republic), Julia Sweeney (of Saturday Night Live), Ibn Warraq, Eugenie Scott, Rob Tielman (Commissioner of Education of the Netherlands), Eddie Tabash, and others. For details, see www.secularhumanism.org or contact info@SecularHumanism.org.

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