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Civil Liberties and the Election

Join us Monday, October 11, 2004, 7:30 p.m. at 700 Hartford Turnpike in Hamden

Please notice the meeting date is a week earlier than usual!

We are pleased to present the new Legal Director of the Connecticut Civil Liberties Union, Annette Lamoreaux, in a talk on "Civil Liberties and the Election," on Monday, October 11, in the main meeting room, following an informal half-hour for refreshments beginning at 7:30 p.m. (To accommodate Annette's busy schedule the regular Humanist monthly meeting has been moved to this night from the usual third Monday of the month.)

Previously while working for the ACLU of Texas, Ms. Lamoreaux represented (1) a death row inmate in suing the state court judge who refused to appoint his long time appellate lawyer to represent him at retrial, (2) a minor seeking release from custody to obtain an abortion, and (3) over a dozen Arab, Muslim and South Asian men during FBI interviews. A former staff attorney at the Texas Death Penalty Resource Center, she represented more than 35 inmates on death row, including one of the few men in Texas to be found too incompetent to be executed. Since coming to Connecticut she has been active in overturning unconstitutional local ordinances restricting political signs around the state. She speaks frequently on civil rights and civil liberties topics around the country.

Don't miss this important talk! Bring a friend to 700 Hartford Turnpike in Hamden on Monday, October 11. Coffee and conversation begins at 7:30 p.m. followed by the main presentation at 8:00 p.m.

Calendar of Events

OCTOBER, 2004

Sat., 9	Book discussion: "Demonic Males" at Joseph & Miriam More's home in Cromwell	3:30 p.m.
Mon., 11	Monthly meeting, USNH, 700 Hartford Turnpike, Hamden	7:30 p.m.
	Coffee and conversation	7:30 p.m.
	Main program. Annette Lamoreaux, Esq., of the CCLU will discuss <i>Civil Liberties Issues Connected with the November Election</i>	8:00 p.m.
Mon., 18	Dinner at Pasta Fair, 262 Boston Post Road, Orange. RSVP at humanism.meetup.com	7:00 p.m.
Sun., 24	Board meeting, USNH, 700 Hartford Turnpike, Hamden	2:00 p.m.
Mon., 25	Film "Unconstitutional," by Robert Greenwald	7:30 p.m.
Wed., 27	Dinner at the Bombay Indian Restaurant, 54 Pembroke Rd, Danbury. (203) 746-6425	7:00 p.m.

NOVEMBER, 2004

Sat., 6	Humanist Conversations, 700 Hartford Turnpike, Hamden. <i>We will discuss the outcome of the election.</i>	2:30 p.m.
Mon., 8	Dinner at Pasta Fair, 262 Boston Post Road, Orange. RSVP at humanism.meetup.com	7:00 p.m.
Mon., 15	Monthly meeting, USNH, 700 Hartford Turnpike, Hamden	7:30 p.m.
	Coffee and conversation	7:30 p.m.
	Main program. TBA	8:00 p.m.
Wed., 17	Dinner at <i>Pearl of Budapest</i> , 57 Unquowa Road, Fairfield. (203) 259-4777	7:00 p.m.
Sun., 21	Board meeting, USNH, 700 Hartford Turnpike, Hamden	2:30 p.m.

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"Unconstitutional" on October 25

We have arranged to sponsor a showing of the documentary film "Unconstitutional," by Robert Greenwald, in the main meeting room at 700 Hartford Turnpike on Monday, October 25, in a program starting at 7:30 p.m.

According to the Connecticut Civil Liberties Union, which has exclusive distribution rights to this hour-long film, it details "the shocking way that civil liberties of American citizens have

been infringed upon, curtailed, and rolled back since 9/11 – all in the name of National Security." This is one of a series of films by Greenwald including "Uncovered," "Unprecedented," and "Outfoxed."

The film will be shown at 8:00 p.m., after our usual informal half hour of refreshments beginning at 7:30 p.m. A general discussion will follow the showing. All are welcome.

Join us and bring a friend!

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Nomination Time Again

The Nominating Committee is looking for candidates for officers and committee chairs for the upcoming election in December.

If you'd like to serve on the board or help run the association, or if there's someone you'd like to suggest, please contact the nominating committee by calling Joan Rafford at (203) 758-9798 or June Schafer at (203) 281-6232.

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Book Discussion: "Demonic Males"

Join us at the lovely home of Joseph and Miriam More on Saturday, October 9 at 3:30 p.m. for a discussion of the book, "Demonic Males: Apes and the Origins of Human Violence," by Richard Wrangham and Dale Peterson.

Booklist reviewer Steve Shroeder says of this book, "The book is an accessible, gripping, sometimes surprising account of the depth and extent of violent behavior among primates as well as a provocative discussion of its origins and possible remedies."

Please let the More's know to expect you by calling them at (860)635-6268 or by e-mail at josephmore@sbcglobal.net!

Directions: 10 Windwood Drive, Cromwell, CT 06416:

Take Rt. 91 to exit 22 South, (Rt.9 S.) Take the first exit, #19, (CROMWELL WEST ST, Rt. 372). At the end of the ramp take a LEFT. Go past the first light, past a SONOCO gas station on your left. At the next light (about 0.3 mile from the exit ramp) take a LEFT to: WASHINGTON ST. From Washington St. the first Left (about 0.1 mile) will be WINDWOOD DRIVE. # 10 is the fourth driveway on your right, a gray 2 story house.

Humanist Dinners

If you can join us at any of the dinner meetings listed in the calendar please RSVP to editor@cthumanist.org or (203) 264-8546!

The New Haven area dinner and monthly program will swap dates in October so we can accommodate our guest speaker, Annette Lamoreaux, from CCLU. This puts the New Haven Pasta Fair dinner on Monday, October 18, at 7:00 p.m. If you can RSVP for this dinner at <http://humanism.meetup.com>, please do.

Our Danbury/Waterbury area dinner will be at one of the most unusual Indian restaurants in the state: Bombay Restaurant, on Route 37 in Danbury, near the New Fairfield line. From I-84 westbound, take exit 6 to Route 37 north. From I-84 eastbound, take exit 5 to Route 37 north. The restaurant is at 54 Pembroke Rd, Danbury, approximately 3 miles north of I-84 on the left in the tiny Franklyn Plaza (on the left side of the street when you are heading north). Call the restaurant at (203) 746-6425 if you need additional directions.

Now What?

By November 6 we will either be embroiled in another recount fiasco or we'll know the outcome of the presidential election. Regardless, we'll want to discuss it! So join us on Saturday, November 6th at 2:30 p.m. at 700 Hartford Turnpike for Humanist Conversations when we will consider the implications of the outcome as it stands on that date. Refreshments will be served.

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