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Death Penalty

Robert Nave, who is spearheading the fight to abolish the death penalty in Connecticut, will be the featured speaker at our regular monthly on Monday evening, November 15, at 700 Hartford Turnpike in Hamden.

Connecticut presently has several inmates on death row, and one of them is scheduled to be executed early in 2005. Significantly, most of those awaiting the death penalty were prosecuted by a single zealous attorney in Waterbury.

Robert Nave, himself a life-long resident of Waterbury, opposes the Connecticut death penalty in his triple capacity as State Death Penalty Abolition Coordinator for Amnesty International USA, National Steering Committee Member and Northeast US Representative of the Amnesty International Program to Abolish the Death Penalty, and Executive Director of the Connecticut Network to Abolish the Death Penalty (CNADP). A member of the ACLU and its Connecticut CLU affiliate, he works very closely with the CCLU in the struggle to abolish capital punishment in Connecticut. A high school teacher for nineteen years, he is currently much in demand as a speaker on this important topic.

The evening begins at 7:30 p.m. with refreshments and conversation, followed by the main program at 8:00. Bring a friend!

Calendar of Events

NOVEMBER, 2004

Sat., 13	Book discussion on the Blank Slate, by Steven Pinker. At Ellen Snyder's home in Bethany. http://www.mit.edu/~pinker/slate_reviews_file/economist.htm	2:30 p.m.
Mon., 15	Monthly meeting, USNH, 700 Hartford Turnpike, Hamden Coffee and conversation Main program. Robert Nave, Executive Director of the Connecticut Network to Abolish the Death Penalty (CNADP).	7:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m. 8:00 p.m.
Wed., 17	Dinner at <i>Pearl of Budapest</i> , 57 Unquowa Road, Fairfield. (203) 259-4777	7:00 p.m.
Sat., 20	Mystic-Noank discussion: Preventive War.	10:15 a.m.
Sun., 21	Board meeting, USNH, 700 Hartford Turnpike, Hamden	2:30 p.m.

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Mon., 13	Dinner at Pasta Fair, 262 Boston Post Road, Orange. RSVP at humanism.meetup.com	7:00 p.m.
Mon., 20	Annual meeting & Solstice Party, USNH, 700 Hartford Turnpike, Hamden Coffee and conversation Elections and Solstice Party	7:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m. 8:00 p.m.
Sat., 25	Brunch at Shangri-Lee in Cheshire	11:30 a.m.
Wed., 29	Dinner at Lisboa Restaurante, 19 Lafayette St., Waterbury.	7:00 p.m.

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Mystic/Noank Discussion Series

Preventive War. Is it un-ethical under all circumstances? Could World War II have been averted if the allies took military action after Hitler annexed the Rhineland? Discuss this on Saturday, November 20, at 10:15 a.m. at the Mystic-Noank Library. For more information and directions, phone George Marcus at (860) 572-9188 or e-mail gminnoank@worldnett.att.net.

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The Blank Slate

Join us on Saturday, November 13 at 2:30 p.m. at the home of Ellen Snyder at 66 Munson Road in Bethany (Tel: 203-606-5267) when we will discuss the book, "The Blank Slate: The Modern Denial of Human Nature" by Steven Pinker, or at least the article at http://www.mit.edu/~pinker/slate_reviews_file/economist.htm.

From New Haven: Take Rt. 63 North through Woodbridge to Bethany. After passing town center (fire station and two churches) go approximately one mile. Turn right after Billy's Ice Cream onto Munson Rd. House #66 will be on your right and have a white picket fence.

From North: Get to the intersection of Routes 63 and 42 in northern Bethany. Go south to top of hill. Your left onto Munson Rd. will be after the Country Diner, which is also on your left..

Dinners

On Wednesday, November 17, at 7:00 p.m. we will enjoy an authentic Hungarian meal at Pearl of Budapest, located at 57 Unquowa Road in Fairfield. (203) 259-4777. Please RSVP to Carol at editor@cthumanist.org or (203) 264-8546. Directions to Pearl of Budapest:

- From New Haven and points east of Fairfield, take I-95 south to exit 23 (King's Highway). Follow signs to Route 1. Follow Route 1 west about 1.3 miles. Turn right onto Unquowa Road. The restaurant will be on your left.
- From Norwalk and points west of Fairfield, take I-95 north to exit 21 (Mill Plain Road). Follow signs to Route 1. Follow Route 1 east about 0.4 miles. Turn left onto Unquowa Road. The restaurant will be on your left..

Join us at Pasta Fair (at the intersection of US 1 and 114) on Monday, December 13, at 7:00 p.m. RSVP to Carol or at humanism.meetup.com.

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