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August 20th: Globalization

In August the monthly meeting will feature a panel and open discussion on the timely and vitally important subject of "Globalization." Panelists will include members Frank Vernava and Walter Giger, and guest Justin Rubin, who is doing research on globalization at Yale.

Among topics slated for particular attention will be the book *Empire*, by Michael Hardt and Antonio Negri, which some reviewers have hailed as a brilliant new synthesis of political economics at the start of the new millennium. For an introduction to it see the Op-Ed piece by these authors in the *New York Times* of Friday, July 20; also see the related column by Tom Friedman on the same page.

As a lead-in to the main program, member Mickey Koth will give a short talk on "Why I Am a Humanist."

Join us at the Unitarian Society of New Haven on Monday, August 20, at 7:30 p.m. The evening will begin as usual with half an hour of informal conversation with refreshments, and the program will start promptly at 8:00 p.m. Come and bring a friend, and take part in the discussion to follow the panel presentations!

Calendar of Events

AUGUST

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| Mon., 20 | Monthly meeting, USNH, 700 Hartford Turnpike.
Coffee and conversation. | 7:30 p.m. |
| | Main program: Panel Discussion: <i>Globalization</i> | 8:00 p.m. |

SEPTEMBER

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| Sun., 16 | Monthly meeting, USNH, 700 Hartford Turnpike.
Coffee and conversation. | 3:00 p.m. |
| | Main program: Manny Ratafia <i>The High Cost of Prescription Drugs</i> | 3:30 p.m. |
| Sun., 23 | Board meeting, USNH, 700 Hartford Turnpike. | 2:00 p.m. |
| Fri., 28 | Humanist Conversations at 700 Hartford Turnpike. | 7:30 p.m. |

OCTOBER

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| Mon., 15 | Monthly meeting, USNH, 700 Hartford Turnpike.
Coffee and conversation. | 7:30 p.m. |
| | Main program. Dr's Robert & Lois Wolsch - <i>Assuring Literacy in Spite of Plato's Roadblocks</i> | 8:00 p.m. |
| Fri., 19 | Humanist Conversations at 700 Hartford Turnpike. | 7:30 p.m. |
| Sun., 21 | Board meeting, USNH, 700 Hartford Turnpike. | 2:00 p.m. |

NOVEMBER

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| Fri., 16 | Humanist Conversations at 700 Hartford Turnpike. | 7:30 p.m. |
| Mon., 19 | Monthly meeting, USNH, 700 Hartford Turnpike.
Coffee and conversation. | 7:30 p.m. |
| | Main program. Mickey Koth - <i>The Humanist Heroes Series</i> | 8:00 p.m. |
| Sun., 25 | Board meeting, USNH, 700 Hartford Turnpike. | 2:00 p.m. |

DECEMBER

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| Mon., 17 | Annual meeting, USNH, 700 Hartford Turnpike.
Coffee and conversation. | 7:30 p.m. |
| | Elections and Solstice Party | 8:00 p.m. |

We're on the web at: www.cthumanist.org

SUNDAY 9/16!

Are you paying too much for drugs?

The high costs of prescription drugs affect us all. For many, drugs are a major cost of living, alongside food and housing, and some simply can't pay for the medicines needed. Drug costs are the fastest growing part of healthcare, and today's advances in biology make possible a proliferation of costly drugs far greater than what we have today. In addition, the pharmaceutical companies are making record profits and these companies are charging people in other countries much less than Americans pay for the exact same products.

At next month's meeting, Manny Ratafia will discuss how the costs of medications are affected by doctors, pharmaceutical and biotech companies, employers, governments and your behavior as a consumer.

Manny has consulted and published reports on biotechnology, pharmaceuticals and other technology-based industries. His reports have been

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purchased by the major pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies as well as governments, universities and consulting firms throughout the world. He has also published several newsletters, including *TMG's Pharmaceutical Pricing Monitor*.

Join us on Sunday, September 16 at 3:00 p.m., when Manny will provide an unusual insider, yet humanist, perspective on a vexing problem.

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