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ASHS Affiliate

“Girls Will be Boys”

On Monday, January 21, in the Children’s Chapel, we will begin as usual at 7:30 p.m. with a half hour of informal conversation and refreshments, during which Al Rader will talk on “Why I Am a Humanist.”

At 8:00 p.m. Walter Wells will present another in his acclaimed series of illustrated lectures on opera, this one entitled “Girls Will Be Boys,” on the history, the esthetics, the politics, and even the theology of orchidectomy, or castration, in connection with the performance of church music, music in general, and opera in particular. You will not want to miss this spectacular evening, especially if you are a little bit curious about the possible relation of Walter’s subject to the separation of church and state.

Bring a friend and join us at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, January 21 at the Unitarian Society of New Haven, 700 Hartford Turnpike, Hamden. We’ll start with a half hour of informal conversation and refreshments followed by our talk at 8:00.

Dine at MisFitz

Our first social dinner of the year will be held in Southbury at MisFitz Thursday, January 17 at 7:00 p.m. Please RSVP to Carol Stone (editor@cthumanist.org or (203) 264-8546) by Tuesday.

Calendar of Events

JANUARY, 2002

Fri., 11	Conversations, USNH, 700 Hartford Turnpike Bill Goward — <i>Energy Sources for the New Century</i>	7:30 p.m.
Thu., 17	Dinner at MisFitz Inn, 57 Oak Tree Rd. Southbury	7:00 p.m.
Mon., 21	Monthly meeting, USNH, 700 Hartford Turnpike Coffee, conversation and Al Rader — Why I Am A Humanist Main program. Walter Wells, <i>Girls will be Boys</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.

FEBRUARY, 2002

Fri., 8	Conversations, USNH, 700 Hartford Turnpike	7:30 p.m.
Mon., 18	Monthly meeting, USNH, 700 Hartford Turnpike Coffee, conversation and Cynthia Harvey — Why I Am A Humanist Main program. Panel Discussion — <i>Civil Liberties and the War On Terrorism</i>	7:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m. 8:00 p.m.
Sun., 24	Board meeting, USNH, 700 Hartford Turnpike	2:00 p.m.

MARCH, 2002

Fri., 8	Conversations, USNH, 700 Hartford Turnpike	7:30 p.m.
Mon., 18	Monthly meeting, USNH, 700 Hartford Turnpike Coffee, conversation and Tom Platt — Why I Am A Humanist Main program. Nick Orsini — <i>Immortality</i>	7:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m. 8:00 p.m.
Sun., 24	Board meeting, USNH, 700 Hartford Turnpike	2:00 p.m.

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Humanist Conversations

Join us at the Unitarian Society of New Haven (700 Hartford Turnpike, Hamden) on Friday, January 11, at 7:30 p.m. in the Library. Bill Goward will bring informative materials and lead a discussion on the critically important subject “Energy Sources for the New Century.” For those who would like to read something in advance he suggests the special issue of *Science* for July 30, 1999; an article on alternative energy sources in the September/October 2000 issue of *The Humanist*; and the cover article of *Time* for April 9, 2001, on global warming. The pizza (\$5 per person) is optional.

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To the Tilt

*Here's to the Tilt! Worshipers, down on their knees,
Have lauded their gods for centuries.
All through those years, constant as taxes
Earth spins on, atilt on its axis,
Angled in space like the Tower of Pisa,
But we've paid more respect to the Mona Lisa.
It's tilting now, and for what reason?
To bring us the Solstice Holiday Season!
Comes the vernal equinox, it'll still be leaning,
Bringing us the crocuses, willows greening.
On 'round the sun, our trusty earth waltzes,
Holding that tilt for the summer solstice -
Fresh tomatoes, and beach-time fun!
Yet the tilt of the axis goes unsung!
Autumnal equinox: the foliage gets painted.
Still, faithful Tilt goes unsainted!
We've given our temples and celebrations
To Yahweh, Jesus and Constellations.
Oh shame! But might we assuage our guilt
Celebrating now? Plunge in to the hilt.
Alleluia! All hail Saint Tilt!
-Lois Woodrow*

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