New Year's Greetings to our Fellow Humanists and Friends!

How amazing to have survived the double-dreaded Y2K and terrorist fears. All was joyous in Times Square! I know because I was there, despite my promise to hibernate instead. Here's new hope! Perhaps this year we Humans may make progress in learning to live together peacefully.

A great event is planned for June. The AHA and the American Ethical Union will hold a joint Conference in New Jersey. How about our Chapter hosting a Broadway theater party for the attendees before or after the conference? Suggestions and ideas are welcome.

Although it's too small, for now we'll still use the upstairs meeting room at the Moonstruck East Restaurant, 449 Third Avenue at 31st Street.

Here's the first quarter schedule of upcoming events. Please check the Web site for any possible last minute changes.

Tuesday, January 11th, 6:30 PM: Joe Friendly will describe "The Battle in Seattle." He was videotaping in the middle of the action and will show the peaceful protest and police reaction footage.

Saturday, January 22nd, 3 PM: We will enjoy and discuss a movie: The Life of Brian, a Monty Python spoof on religious fanaticism.

Tuesday, February 8th, 6:30 PM: Larry Gell will discuss "US Foreign Policy and the UN." He'll show excerpts from some of the hundreds of informative NGO briefings he has videotaped at the UN over the years.

Saturday, February 26th, 3 PM: Another great Monty Python movie: The Holy Grail.

Tuesday, March 14th, 6:30 PM: Jeremiah Guttman will give an eye-witness account of the McCarthy days and show how the danger has not diminished. He tells of "Threats to our Civil Liberties; Past, Present and Future."

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Saturday, March 25th, 3 PM: Another movie, perhaps one of the greatest of all time: the Spencer Tracy classic about the Scopes Trial, Inherit the Wind.

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