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Rafferty, John: Can Conservatives Publish In PIQUE?  
Erickson, George (R): "Yellow lines and dead armadillos" filler  
Abrams, Sol: Religious Tradition and the Man-Made Biblical God  
Free Inquiry magazine (R): That's Reverend Mr. President!  
O'Brien, Conan (R): "Jesus, all those big words" filler  
Bush, George W. (R): "Faith-based programs" filler  
Rafferty, John: So ... How Are Faith-Based Initiatives Working Out In Texas?  
Washington Spectator (R): Faith Pays  
Unsigned: Your opinion, please: What Is A Religion?

### **April 2003**

Moyers, Bill (R): Patriotism And The Flag  
Unsigned: Thomas Jefferson: April 13, 1743 – July 4, 1826  
Watson & Crick (R): "Scientific Understatement of the 20th Century"  
Watson, James (R): On Cloning  
Epstein, Alex (ARI) (R): "Science By Permission of Religion"  
Park, Robert L. (R): The Seven Warning Signs of Bogus Science  
Mogel, Karl J. (R): The "Open Mind"  
Rafferty, John: Princess Di Still Dead & AfterlifeTelegrams.com  
Byatt, A.S. (R): Plus ça Change  
Schechter, Danny (R): What's Wrong With A "Happy Ending" News Story?  
Gould, Stephen Jay (R): Thought For An April Morning filler  
Rafferty, John: Freethought Haikus for Passover & Easter  
Unsigned: Why We Live In New York (#36 Psychic Is In)  
Unsigned: "The End Is Near," Or Why We Shouldn't Get Too Uppity About  
Living In New York & "The End Is Near" #2: Uh-Oh

### **May 2003**

Rafferty, John: Emily Litella Lives! (In Amherst, NY)  
Unsigned: Spring Rolled In (And We Scarfed Spring Rolls)  
Rowell, George: What is a Religion? The Origins of Religion  
Rance, Hugh: What is a Religion? Childish Fantasy  
Faris, William: What is a Religion? Evolution and Religion  
Arents, John: What is a Religion? Some Offbeat Religions  
Berland, Howard: What is a Religion? Secular Humanism and Religion?  
Bernard, Victor: What is a Religion? Religion is a Worldview  
Harris, Arthur: What is a Religion? A Crutch For (Most of) Humanity  
Rafferty, John: What is a Religion? A Religion Is ...  
Unsigned (American Atheists) (R): Prayer Bullying  
Ebert, Roger (R): Prayer, Vertical and Horizontal  
Webb, Charles, MD: Darwin and the Wisdom of Our Ancestors  
Penn & Teller (R): The Creationist Argument  
Unsigned (R): Daniel Patrick Moynihan, 1927-2003

## **June 2003**

Rafferty, John: Everybody Has To Be Somewhere  
Summers, Lawrence H. and Tribe, Laurence H. (R): Race Is Never Neutral  
Horstein, Michael (R): comment on Summers and Laurence, above  
Arents, John: Affirmative Action In The Good Old Days  
Rothman, Stanley (R): Is Diversity Overrated?  
Milne, Andrew (R): comment on Rothman, above  
Schwartz, Peter (R): The Racism of "Diversity"  
Rance, Hugh: What's In A Name  
Pigliucci, Massimo (R): Who Knows What?  
Claborne, Conrad: Should We Embrace Sodomy?  
Santorum, Rick (R): Santorum On Santorum  
Leno, Jay: Jay Leno On Santorum  
Unsigned: The Limits of Philosophy  
Adams, Scott (R): Dogbert On God's Origins  
Unsigned: Idiocy Roundup

## **July 2003**

Jefferson, Thomas (R): On Independence Day (plus McCullough on John Adams' death) – 7/03  
Packer, George (R): (filler re Hitchens on American revolution)  
Sontag, Susan (R): Do Stuff, Pay Attention  
Trudeau, Gary (R): Surprise Yourself  
Unsigned: Your Representatives At Work  
Salisbury, Lee (R): Can We Know God? Which God? (with pic)  
Schissel, Dr. Marvin (Chic): Left: Define the Terms  
Harris, Art: Right: The Definitions Have Changed  
Schissel, Marvin: (letter re "Everybody ... Somewhere" June03)  
Rance, Hugh: (letter re "Everybody ... Somewhere" June03)  
Adams, Douglas (R): (filler re "digital watches neat idea")  
Unsigned: Our Very Own Christian Terrorist  
Rafferty, David: (Comment re "Our ... Terrorist" same issue)  
Laughlin, Meg (R): An Army Chaplain's Christian Charity  
Unsigned: In Other News From the War Zone (Pontifex Maximus pic)  
Rafferty, John: McWisdom Of The Ages  
Unsigned (R): Windex Holy Water (with pic)  
Rafferty, John: How Bright Is This Idea?  
Unsigned: Does Dubya Know About This? (Humanist Helen Keller)

## **September 2003**

Dennett, Daniel C. (R): The Bright Stuff  
Arents, John: Not A Bright Idea  
Kennedy, Sheila Suess (R): Scalia in the Culture War  
Rafferty, John: Scalia is Right, Sort of ... So What?  
Pigliucci, Massimo (R): It's the Fundamentalism, Stupid!  
Unsigned (R): Sudan Enters the 14th Century

Unsigned (R): In Our Own New and Improved, Enlightened Afghanistan ...  
LaHaye, Tim (R): And Right Here at Home ...  
Tomorrow, Tom (R – cartoon): This Modern World, “Christian Terrorists”  
Rauch, Jonathan (R): Apatheism: America’s Default Religion?  
Filler: (Apatheism better than Bright?)  
Unsigned: Unilever Looks Like a Fun Place to Work  
Filler: (sign-seeking evangelist struck by lightning)  
Nunberg, Geoffrey (R): If It’s “Orwellian,” It’s Probably Not  
Fillers: (Orwell on clear language; on Newspeak)  
Filler: (T. Roosevelt on “weasel words”)  
Berland, Howard: CrissCross (poem)  
Schissel, Marvin J.: Humanism and Flag-Waving  
Unsigned: Katharine Hepburn 1907-2003

### **October 2003**

Rafferty, John: Celebrate Columbus Day!  
Shermer, Michael (R): The Ignoble Savage  
Collier, Curt (R): Reverence for Life  
Schweitzer, Albert (R – filler): Reverence for life  
Pigliucci, Massimo (R): Whence Animal Rights?  
Barboza, David (R): Animals Seeking Happiness  
Adams, Scott (R): “The Vegan Pounced”  
Unsigned: (filler) Don’t eat Babe!  
Eviatar, Daphne (R): Is There a Right to Be Crazy?  
Kleinman, Mark A. R. (R): Faith-Based Fudging  
Unsigned: And If It Doesn’t Work in Texas ...  
Unsigned: One More Shot at Jeb Bush  
Leno, Jay: On a New Iraqi Constitution  
Unsigned: The Church of Baseball  
Rafferty, John: Socially Useful Things Your Computer Can Do ...  
Unsigned: October 12 is Freethought Day  
Unsigned Notice: Dr. Joe Nickell on “The Real X-Files”

### **November 2003**

Rowell, George: An Evening of Real X-Files  
Arents, John: Bulletin from the Nation’s Capital  
Rafferty, John: Death Penalty Logic  
Abrams, Sol: Judging Past Villains by Today’s Standards  
Unsigned (filler): Bart Simpson says Grace at Thanksgiving  
Scribner, Ron (R): Are Humanists Altruists or Individualists?  
(intro to Curland & Griffin, same issue)  
Curland, Nathan (R): Altruism vs. Individualism  
Griffin, Phil (R): Altruism vs. Individualism: A Response  
Unsigned: One Humanist Non-Recommendation in the November Elections  
Rafferty, David: Picking Fights With Rabbis  
Maher, Bill (R) (filler): Religion is a childhood trauma ...

Shermer, Michael (R): The Demon of Determinism – Part 1  
Unsigned (filler): Moon Over Murtosa  
Rafferty, John: Thanks to ... Whom?

### **December 2003**

Meislich, Estelle: Revising Galileo's "Mistake," Reviewing *Galileo's* Mistake  
Anon (*The Onion*) (R): Pope John Paul II – 25 Years of Laughs  
Rafferty, John: John XXIV  
Pigliucci, Massimo (R): Bush, The Pope, and Gay Rights  
Reagan, Ronald (R): Religion, Politics and Sex (Guess which flaming liberal ...)  
Gorenfeld, John (R): Bad Moon Rising Over the White House  
Shermer, Michael (R): The Demon of Determinism – Part 2  
Arents, John: A Thought On Free Will  
Amend, Bill (Foxtrot cartoon) (R): Too Deep  
Scribner, Ron (R): Do You Consider Secular Humanism Your Religion? Yes  
Dority, Barbara (R): Do You Consider Secular Humanism Your Religion? No  
Rafferty, John: Merry SantaClausmas  
Anon (filler): Christmas: A holiday celebrated ...  
HumanLight.org (R): Light A Candle for HumanLight

### **January 2004**

Harris, Art: An Encounter  
Benbassat, Jacques (R): Faith and the Fear of Falling  
Edamaraku, Sanal (R): India Has No Reason to Be Grateful to Mother Teresa  
Unsigned: Judge Roy Moore, In Turbaned Disguise, Comes to New York  
Watson, Danie (filler - R): A Modest Proposal  
Rafferty, John: I Do, I Do  
Anon (*L.A. Times*) (filler – R): New Hampshire Episcopalians ...  
Rowell, George: Altruism's Identity Crisis – Part I  
Unsigned (filler - R): Bend Spoons? This Guy Moves Stars!  
Adams, Scott (R): New Airline Idea  
Anon (Humanist Network News – R): Who Says Thor Is Dead?  
Unsigned: Where Do You Surf?  
Light, Flash: A Humanist/Pantheist Art Project  
Unsigned: Shall We Have A Book Club?

### **February 2004**

Unsigned: Feb 12 Membership Meeting Notice  
Schissel, Chic, Dr. (R): Is Alternative Medicine Really Religion?  
Rafferty, John: The Consolation of Imaginary Things  
Unsigned: You Have a Sore Throat, and ...  
Shermer, Michael (R): What's the Harm?  
Rance, Hugh: Reflections In an Appalled Eye  
Sagan, Carl (filler): "... prescription for disaster"  
Dickinson, Emily: (filler) faith/microscopes/emergency  
Unsigned: Book Club Notice 2/17 "Terror in the Name of God"



Arents, John: Is God Really Dead?  
Liebowitz, Fran (filler): randomness  
Claborne, Conrad: Would Darwin Have Been Pleased?  
Gould, Stephen Jay (R): Evolution's Million Stories To Tell  
Dawkins, Richard (filler): Douglas Adams, puddle  
Clarke, Arthur C. (filler): alone in the universe, or not  
Bryson, Bill (R): A Short History of Your Own Personal Evolution  
Jacoby, Susan (R): One Nation, Under Secularism  
Rafferty, Colin: Your Tax Dollars At Work  
Rowell, George: Altruism's Identify Crisis – Part II  
Unsigned: Christian Love and Charity at Work  
Rafferty, John: Updates  
Unsigned: Straight Reporting, or Sneaking One Past the Religion-Page Editor?

### **March 2004**

Unsigned: Ezra Kulko 3/18/04 Meeting Notice  
Rafferty, John: The 2004 Membership Meeting: A Report  
Arents, John: The Historicity of Jesus (incl Takaroff and Sorrentino, same issue)  
Takaroff, Rob: Joshua of Nazareth, As Seen Through the Perspective of  
Imaginative Time Travel  
Sorrentino, Roger: The Historical Jesus and His Myths  
Durant, Will (R): The Argument for Jesus  
Lifton, Barbara: A Dissenting View  
Alexander, Aaron: An Even Stronger Dissent: "The Soporific Society"  
Unsigned: A Response from "Them" (re Alexander, same issue)  
Rafferty, John: Ask Not What *They* Should Do. Here's What *We* Can Do  
Unsigned: Omnipotent and Omnipresent, But Not, It Seems, Omniscient  
Russell, Bertrand (filler): fools certain of themselves  
Arents, John: A Musical Voyage of Discovery with Charles Darwin (by) Richard  
Milner  
Unsigned (R): The Artists Are Coming! The Artists Are Coming!  
Unsigned: The Book Club Reads *Terror In the Name of God*  
Unsigned (filler): "Terrorism never works" from *The West Wing*  
Sagan, Carl (filler): "If we can't think for ourselves ..."

### **April 2004**

Unsigned: SHSNY Needs Help  
Bovard, James (R): Free Speech Zones  
Rafferty, John: One Big Free Speech Zone  
Unsigned: 2.7 Million More Terrorists Under the Bed  
Abrams, Sol: No Evidence for Exodus  
Mullen, Earl: When What You Don't Believe Isn't Even True Anymore  
Halpern, Baruch (filler): Evidence for Exodus like Unicorn  
Russell, Bertrand (R): FreeThinking and Orthodoxy  
Millar, Kevin D. (filler) No evidence for Abraham, etc.  
Rafferty, John: Editorial Note on C.E. and B.C.E.

Chase, Caleb (R): A Neat One-Paragraph History of Christianity in America  
Unsigned: The Christian Loving Way (Jews Killed Jesus sign)  
Cronkite, Walter (R): On Mr. Bush's Proposed Amendment Against  
Gay Marriage  
Unsigned (filler): Another Tunnel-Vision President on Walter Cronkite  
Morford, Mark (R): Where Is My Gay Apocalypse?  
Unsigned (R): In Defense of Biblical Marriage  
Mencken, H.L. (filler): Moral Certainty a sign of cultural inferiority  
Unsigned (filler): Ecumenical Notes from All Over  
Harris, Arthur: Alternative Healing: A Positive Attitude  
Schissel, Dr. Chic: Long Life to Art Harris  
Tennyson (filler): more faith in honest doubt

### **May 2004**

Unsigned: Paul Grosswald 5/26 meeting notice  
Cosentino, Remo: Remember Why You Became a Humanist?  
A New Member Writes  
Claborne, Conrad: Matters of Choice #8: Competition Vs.  
Nurturing & Compassion  
Greider, William (R): A New Mobilization is Just Beginning: Reshaping  
Capitalism  
Rafferty, John: The Three (Make That Eight) Stooges are Alive and Well in  
Tennessee  
Shaw, George Bernard (R): Bible Beauty and Bible Science  
Dunn, Russell: Blame Is The Name of the Game  
Unsigned (R): Ask Dr. Laura About the Bible  
Rafferty, John: The SHSNY Book Club Reads Carl Sagan's  
*The Demon-Haunted World*  
Hume, David (R): filler "worst skeptic better than best believer and bigot"  
Swartzberg, John, M.D. (R): The Power of Stories  
Charman, Karen (R): Environmentalist = Terrorist  
Unsigned (R): And Yet Another Terrorist Threat  
Claborne, Conrad: Howard Waite (1907-2004) A Humanist Life Well Spent  
Unsigned: Thank You, Hugh Rance  
Unsigned: SHSNY Needs More Help

### **June 2004**

Notice: June 16 Book Club: Jennifer Hecht: Doubt: A History  
Rafferty, John: It Isn't About Iraq, It's About America  
Unsigned: Winning Hearts and Minds in Iraq  
Claborne, Conrad: From the Front Lines of the "March for Women's Lives"  
Notice: A Freethinker Tour of New York, June 19  
Notice: Gay Pride March, June 27  
Pigliucci, Massimo (R): Liberal Vs. Illiberal Democracy  
Roosevelt, Franklin D. (filler): "bulwark of liberty ... strong people"  
Harris, Arthur: Who Cares If Kerry Takes Communion? We Should.

Johannson, Scarlett (filler): "10-year-old"  
Orlet, Christopher (R): How the Humanists (Not the Irish) Saved Western Civilization  
Unsigned: Mel Gibson's Movie Stirs Passions  
Anon (R): Top 10 Reasons Why Beer Is Better Than Jesus  
Shermer, Michael (R): Survival of the Fittest Religion  
Unsigned: It's Only Weird If Liberals Do It  
Sagan, Carl (R): Pale Blue Dot

### **July 2004**

Arents, John: (Report on Ezra Kulko talk) How Life Started On Earth  
Rafferty, John: Prayer Scam  
Hillman, John W. (R): Alternative Medicine Belongs In Our Free Market  
Schissel, Chic: (reply to Hillman)  
Twain, Mark (filler): Power of imagination to heal or make sick  
Dunn, Russell: Biomagnets: An Exercise of Faith?  
Unsigned: Institute for Humanist Studies Debuts Continuum of Humanist Education  
Notice: Summer (2004) Schedule  
Arents, John: (Report on Paul Grosswald talk) Cults and Coercion: How Ordinary People are Turned Into Extraordinary Fanatics  
Unsigned (filler) Pop Diva Madonna ("Call Me Esther") Embraces Judaism  
Unsigned: In Memoriam (Ray Charles)  
Ehrenreich, Barbara (R): An End to A Feminist Illusion  
Unsigned: Rush Limbaugh On The Pictures from Abu Ghraib  
Notice: Congratulations (Ed McCartan and Rita Cheren)  
Anon (R): My Thinking Problem  
Rafferty, John: The Book Club Reads *Doubt: A History*, and Meets Jennifer Michael Hecht  
Hecht, Jennifer Michael: The Scale of Doubt Quiz  
Unsigned: The SHSNY Book Club Line-Up for Fall

### **September 2004**

Notice: Alan Brown talk 9/30/04, Separation of Church and State  
Notice: Massimo Pigliucci talk 10/23/04, Is Evolution a Logical Fallacy?  
Unsigned: SHSNY Elects New Board Members, A New Treasurer  
Unsigned: Thank You, Remo (Cosentino)  
Harris, Dorothy: Militant Christians  
Unsigned: Human Problems and Godly Solutions in 21st Century Asia  
Unsigned: The Presidential Issues of PIQUE  
Rafferty, John: Why Humanists Must Fire George W. Bush  
Kerry, John (filler): (America needs a president to promote science)  
Schissel, Chic (filler): (Bush worst president)  
Ferrara, Maria (filler): (Vote for Kerry)  
Harris, Art: Voting for Kerry, Holding My Nose

Rooney, Andy (R): Using the Flag  
Hertzberg, Hendrick (R): New Time Religion  
Brandeis, Louis (filler): (most important political office is private citizen)  
Light, Flash: Big Bang Theory  
Easterbrook, Gregg (R): The End Is Nigh?  
Fuller, Buckminster (filler): (nothing in universe is obvious)  
Anonymous (R): The Gods of Yesterday (poem)  
Unsigned (R): "JesusDressUp" Site is Crucified, then Resurrected  
Unsigned: Of Buddhists ... and Brights ... and Brooklyn  
Notice: Two New SHSNY Book Club Dates (9/22/04; 11/04/04)

### **October 2004**

Unsigned Notice: 10/23 lecture: Massimo Pigliucci on "Is Evolution a Logical Fallacy?"  
Abrams, Sol: George W. Bush's GOP Has Become the POG  
Light, Flash: If the 2000 Election Had Turned Out Differently  
Marxer, Donna: The Elephant In My Living Room  
Mandel, George: The Dumbell's Dilemma  
Takaroff, Rob: Secular Greens  
Wheeler, Brad: Some Humanist Humility, Please  
Unsigned (R): Convert Or Go To Jail  
Schissel, Dr. Chic: Is Absence of Evidence Evidence of Absence?  
Dunn, Russell: Palindrome  
Layzer, David (R): Two Visions of Truth  
Hedges, Chris (R): Do We Secretly Love War?  
Unsigned: See, We're Just Like Everyone Else  
Rafferty, John: A Modest Proposal for Equality Under the Law  
Rafferty, John: Celebrate Freethought Day October 12  
Unsigned Notice: Book Club Meets to Discuss Freethinkers by Susan Jacoby  
Nov 4

### **November 2004**

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Nov 4  
Arents, John: (Report on Alan Brown talk) The History of, and Challenges to, Separation of Church and State  
Claborne, Conrad: A Humanist Answers Brad Wheeler's Questions  
Rafferty, John: Comment on Claborne, this issue  
Unsigned Notice: Renew Now, and Beat the Price Hike  
Mandel, George: The Chaos Candidate. Civil War Two, Anyone?  
Abrams, Sol: What If George W. Bush Were Running Against Thomas Jefferson?  
Unsigned (R): What If George Bush Were Running Against Jesus?  
Rafferty, John: Get Out The Vote? Not Necessarily.  
Berland, Howard: GB Good-Bye

Rowell, George: (Report on Samuel Huntington's book) "The Clash of Civilizations and The Remaking of World Order"  
Claborne, Conrad: (Report on CFI-MetroNY panel) "The Ethics of Deception"  
Cross, David (R) filler: "Crossing Over?" No, church!  
Rafferty, John: "Is God In Our Genes?" Yes, If It Sells Magazines.  
Zimmer, Carl (R): "Is God In Our Genes?" Probably Not, Certainly Not Proved  
Harris, Art: "Is God In Our Genes?" No, and Don't Be Ludicrous  
Unsigned: One Last Shot at G.W.B. (laundry label)  
Unsigned: Some Changes in the SHSNY Book Club Schedule  
Unsigned Notice: Natalie Angier in Public Forum Dec. 14  
Kelly, Rebecca: Wait, Wait ... One More Shot at Bush ("foolish consistency")

## **December 2004**

Notice: 12/4/ lectures: Two Perspectives on Humanism: Norm Allen Jr. & Conrad Claborne  
Abrams, Sol: Happy Saturnalia  
Flynn, Tom (R): Matthew vs. Luke  
Mencken, H.L. (R): (filler) No one ever went broke ...  
Arents, John: Report (Part I) on Pigliucci, Massimo: Is Evolution a Logical Fallacy?  
Pinsky, Mark I. (R): Secular 'Toonism  
Adams, Scott (R): How To Stop Global Terrorism  
Unsigned: The Literary Life at America's Largest Retailer  
Rafferty, John: The Book Club Meets Susan Jacoby  
Jacoby, Susan (R): Freethinker couldn't be President, from "Freethinkers"  
Notice: Next Book Club Meets Jan 20 to Discuss "American Jezebel" and "Fanny"  
Unsigned: Religion News From All Over  
Rafferty, Colin: Take A Tour of the New WWW.SHSNY.ORG  
Notice: Give PIQUE for the "Holy Days"  
Notice: Renew Your Membership or Subscription Now, and Beat the Coming Price Hike

## **January 2005**

Notice: SHSNY Election Notice  
Arents, John: Report on Norm Allen, Jr. on Secularism and the African-American Community  
Unsigned: In Memoriam: Paul Edwards  
Arents, John: Report on: Conrad Claborne on Gays and Secular Humanism: A Personal Journey  
Unsigned (R): Are Atheists (and Humanists) Now in the Cultural Mainstream? Maybe ...  
Unsigned (R): ... But Would You Want Your Sister to Marry One?  
Arents, John: Report (Part II) on Pigliucci, Massimo: Is Evolution a Logical

Fallacy?

Spencer, Herbert (R) filler: on anti-Evolution based on no facts at all  
Unsigned: Why We Live in New York (#17 Alabama election; #33 Texas  
Republican party platform)

Rafferty, Colin: He Also Had More Money for Candy and Comic Books

Buchanan, Pat (R) filler: Our (Christian) culture is superior

Notice: The SHSNY Book Club Lineup

## **February 2005**

Rafferty, John: When Bad Things Happen to 220,000 People

Dawkins, Richard (R): Science Saves

Russell, Bertrand (R) filler: "the open windows of science"

Harris, Art: A Priest, A Minister, A Rabbi and A Tsunami

Wieseltier, Leon (R): The Nature of His Goodness

Hertzberg, Hendrick (R): And Lest We Forget ...

Cousineau, Dick (R): Ben Franklin's Prediction

Wills, Garry (R): The Day the Enlightenment Went Out

Unsigned (R): Sex Education and Gender Studies in Year 5 of the Bush Ministry

Rafferty, John: Transatlantic Junk Science

Unsigned: The Vatican Wins the 2004 Ig-Nobel Prize in Economics

Notice: SHSNY Election – Second Notice

Claborne, Conrad: (election statement)

Harris, Art: (election statement)

Marxer, Donna: (election statement)

Rafferty, John: (election statement)

Notice: Free Books

Beyerstein, Barry L. (R): Do We Really Use Only 10 Percent of Our Brains?

Brooks, David (R): Or Do We Give Only Two Seconds to Thought?

Voron, David (R): Is That All There Is?

Unsigned (R): Neurotheology

Notice: Book Club Spring Schedule

## **March 2005**

Notice: SHSNY 3/10/05 Roundtable: Physician-Assisted Suicide

Keizer, Garret (R): We Are Owners of Our Own Lives

Whitmore, Wayne G., M.D.: Our Duty Is Still to Our Patients

Anonymous, M.D.: Caring, Competent, Conscientious

Schissel, Chic, D.D.S.: It's an Individual's Right

Claborne, Conrad: The Dutch Have the Right Idea

McCartan, Ed: Individual Choice is Not Euthanasia

Dowd, Maureen (R): (Hollywood, Christian Right, assisted suicide)

Voron, David, M.D. (R): When Death Calls, Call Epicurus – review of

Facing Death: Epicurus and His Critics by James Warren

Rafferty, John: Outnumbered 527 to 6

Marxer, Donna: Feminists From America's Past Star at the SHSNY Book Club

LaPlante, Eve (R): Freedom of Conscience

Rafferty, John: Tony Soprano, Meet the Rebbe  
Unsigned: Christian Higher Education: Math  
Unsigned: Christian Higher Education: Science  
Unsigned: And the Dumbth Award Goes to ...  
Unsigned: Some More Useful Websites  
Unsigned: Fish Story  
Notice: SHSNY Election – Third Notice  
Notice: SHSNY Book Club Spring Schedule  
Unsigned (filler): How many Bush officials ... light bulb?  
Orwell, George (filler) (R): Political language ...  
Unsigned (filler) (R): And finally, the End-of-Times *Good* News

## **April 2005**

Arents, John (Reporter): Physician-Assisted Suicide: A Roundtable Discussion  
Unsigned: Stand Up and Be Counted  
Bowden, Thomas A. (ARI) (R): Defying God's Divine Plan to Make You Suffer  
Unsigned (filler) (R): On Terri Schiavo's Right to Die in Florida  
Allen, Woody (filler): "... immortality through not dying"  
Unsigned (filler): Ever Wonder Why So Many College-Educated Kids Are  
Right-Wing Christians?  
Voron, David, M.D. (R): When Death Calls, Call Epicurus – Part 2, review of  
Facing Death: Epicurus and His Critics by James Warren  
Christina, Greta (R): What Matters is That We Get to be Alive  
Chopra, Deepak (R): Another Opinion on God and the Tsunami  
Unsigned (R): Lamb of God Sacrificed  
Unsigned (R): 2001DA42  
Rowell, George: Fraudulent Science in the Op-Ed  
Dawkins, Richard (R): The God Meme  
Anon (filler): "higher power ... surge suppressors"  
Wieseltier, Leon (R): A Prescription for the Tyranny of a Majority  
Unsigned: Antonin Scalia, Meet Thomas Jefferson  
Unsigned: Jennifer Michael Hecht is Honored  
Poll, Ed (R): In Whose Image?  
Unsigned: Why We Live in New York: #63 Virginia legislature; #64 No Lincoln  
Day Dinners in S.C. – 4/05  
Unsigned: The SHSNY Book Club Meets April 10 to Discuss Ecohumanism  
(and next) The End of Faith

## May 2005

Notice: New Board of Directors Elected for 2005-2008 Term

Notice: Next Order of Business: Changes to the Bylaws

Notice: New SHSNY Phone Number

Unsigned: A Few Dissenting Opinions on “Saintly” John Paul II

Cahill, Thomas (R): The Price of Infallibility

Huffington, Arianna (R): Whitewashing the Pope

Hitchins, Christopher (R): Papal Power

Hitchins, Christopher (R): On Not Mourning the Pope

Filler: Flash! Vatican City, April 19

Claborne, Conrad: Report: The SHSNY Book Club Reads *Ecohumanism*

Berliner, Michael S. (ARI) (R): And Now for Something Completely Different

Rafferty, John (as Moses): The Eleventh Commandment

Notice: May 5 is National Day of Reason

Claborne, Conrad: Report: Religion and Human Rights

Arents, John: Limits on the Authority of Science

Pigliucci, Massimo (R): The Myth of “The Liberal Media”

Rafferty, John: Comment re Pigliucci, above

Fraser, Muriel (R): Moving to Canada? Think Argentina. Instead of Bush, Think Nestor Kirchner

Unsigned (with picture): Jerusalem Religious Leaders in Rare Unity Against a Common Enemy: Homos

Unsigned: As If Being a Mets Fan Isn’t Hard Enough, Or, Why We Live in New York #116

Notice: Next on the Book Club Schedule: *The End of Faith*, by Sam Harris, Thursday Evening, May 12, 7:00 p.m.

## June 2005

Notice: The SHSNY Board Elects New Officers

Rafferty, John: Lunatic Logic

Unsigned: Kansas, Again

Unsigned: The Idiocy Watch: May 1

Unsigned: A Lot Pithier than the 21-Point, 494-Word *Affirmations of Humanism*

(Unsigned (filler) (R): Uh-Oh

Traister, Rebecca (R): Religion’s War Against Women

Unsigned: Why Are We Not Surprised by the Above (Traister, this issue)?

Rafferty, John: This Is Too Good, and I Am *Not* Making It Up

Unsigned (R): Separation of Church and Air Force

Carroll, Jon (R): Unitarian Jihad

Pictorial Essay: SHSNY “FriendRaiser” Party, May 19, 2005

Unsigned: The Idiocy Watch: May 4

Unsigned (R): Jews, Muslims, Hindus Agree on Chicken

Vonnegut, Kurt (R): Kurt Vonnegut Advises Iraq on Democracy

Rafferty, John, Reporter: The Book Club Reads *The End of Faith*, by Sam Harris

Harris, Sam (R): Against Moderation, Against Tolerance



Unsigned: What Shall We Read This Fall?

Eisenhower, Dwight D. (R): Finally, Political Prophecy, Circa 1952

## **July 2005**

Notice: Summer Schedule

Rafferty, John: How We Got To Be Who We Are – Book review of “The Island at the Center of the World,” by Russell Shorto

Shorto, Russell (R): All Sorts of Heretics and Fanatics

Filler: In New York City, In the 21st Century (mohel with herpes)

Gore, Al (R): American Heresy

Filler: The Idiocy Watch (Politico to change name NJ Devils)

Haddock, Doris (R): Courage is Freedom (Sendoff Speeches)

Batali, Mario (R): Pay Attention to Truth (Sendoff Speeches)

McBride, James (R): Walk the Earth (Sendoff Speeches)

Bush, George (R): War Transformed in Our Favor (Sendoff Speeches)

Mencken, H.L. (filler) (R): A moron in the White House

Mandel, George: Echoes of “The Agnostic Imperative”

Filler: One for the Road to Rome (ads on beer coasters)

Unsigned: The Secular Answerperson Explains Everything for You (Giles Kelly letter, God the Father & Mother Nature)

Filler: An Online Message of Christian Love (Boondocks “burn in Hell”)

Filler: And Buddhist Pacifism in Practice (street fight between monks)

Rafferty, John: Europe, The Good Life, and Us

Brooks, David (R): Fear and Rejection (Eur/GoodLife/Us)

New York Times readers (R): Times Readers Respond (Eur/GoodLife/Us)

Friedman, Thomas L. (R): A Race to the Top (Eur/GoodLife/Us)

Stephenson, Neal (R): Real Americans Don’t Learn Calculus (Eur/GoodLife/Us)

Unsigned: What Shall We Read Next? The Book Club Lineup for Fall

Filler (R): End Times Plague to Strike U.S. July 1

## **September 2005**

Rafferty, John: Questions for the Next Mayor

Notice: SHSNY Bylaws Revisions Approved

Armstrong, Lance (R): It’s Not About the Bike, Or About God, Either

Rafferty, Colin: On the Uptown #2 Train, Morning Rush Hour, June 24

Rafferty, John: Do Evangelicals and Secularists Want the Same America?

Goldberg, Michael (R): One Nation, Divisible

Leno, Jay (filler): “Pope Benedict recently deplored ...”

McCartan, Edward F.: The Rose-Colored View from the Ivory Tower

Lifton, Barbara: “No” is No

Schissel, Chic: Exclusion is Everybody’s Right

Marinelli, Peter: Add Religion, Subtract Freedom

Kingsley, Emily: How About Wicca and Voodoo?

Unsigned: News Flash: Catholic Priest Said to Prefer Adult Women

Claborne, Conrad: Is Violence Part of the "Christian Conservative Lifestyle"?  
McCain, John (unsigned): It's Not About Them, It's About Us – 9/05  
Rafferty, John: About, Face. Backward, March.  
Light, Flash: Malevolent Design  
Slomanson, Joan Kanel (filler): "ID ... and the earth is flat!"  
Unsigned (R): Evolution in Oklahoma? Thank Ganesh!  
Harris, Paul (R): Adam and Eve and T. Rex in Neverland  
Tomorrow, Tom (R): The War on Rationality

## **October 2005**

Allen, Jr., Norm R.: Helping Hands are Needed, Not Prayer  
Kurtz, Paul (R): Yes You Can Make a Secular Humanist Contribution  
Claborne, Conrad: What We Have Here is a Failure to Communicate  
Elliott, Carmen (filler): "remember America is not just us."  
Rafferty, David (filler): "Act of God? ... our leaders are morons."  
Rich, Frank (filler) (R): "cronies come first in this White House."  
Rafferty, John: George W. Bush Films a TV Commercial for Katrina Relief  
Notice: And We Have a New Candidate for the SHSNY 2005 Dumbth Award  
Lifton, Barbara G.: We are the "Intelligent Designers" of Hurricane Katrina  
Dennett, Daniel C. (R): Show Me the Science – Part I  
Notice: Sunday, October 9 is Freethought Day  
Harris, Arthur: Science Vs. Religion: A Short History of the War  
Hertzberg, Hendrick (R): Slinging Mud at Science  
Onion, The (R): Evangelical Scientists Refute Gravity with New "Intelligent  
Falling" Theory  
Boxer, Sarah (R): Teach I.S. (Pastafarianism), Too  
Unsigned: Kidding Aside, Guess Who's Winning the "Teach Both Sides" Battle?  
Rafferty, John: Mayor Bloomberg Sucks Up to New York's Religious Right  
Unsigned: And In News from the Other Great World Religions ...  
Rafferty, John (reporting): Political Quackery by Marvin Schissel  
Notice: Lolita "Book Report" Next Month

## **November 2005**

Notice: Yes, We're Late. Sorry  
Dennett, Daniel C. (R): Show Me the Science – Part II  
Harris, Arthur: Faith and Creationism  
Filler: No Fair, They're Using Their Brains  
Carroll, Bob (R): Should Fundamentalists Be Tolerated?  
Gledhill, Ruth (R): Is Fundamentalist Religion the Worst Thing that Can Happen  
to a Society?  
Kluepfel, Charles: "When I Use a Word, It Means Just What I Choose It to  
Mean" – Humpty Dumpty  
Rafferty, John: And Speaking of Public Displays of the Ten Commandments ...  
Swinehart, Lisa (R): Onward Christian Soldiers? The Theists, The Thinkers

and Today's Youth  
Unsigned (R): And ... Just in Case You Think You Understand Today's College Kids ...  
Marxer, Donna: The Book Club Reads "Reading Lolita in Tehran"  
Filler: And How Have Things Changed in Iran?  
Notice: We (Not the Bush Administration) are Represented at the U.N. ...  
Notice: ... And Now in Bush's Washington, Too  
Haberman, Clyde (R): Notice the Dirty Streets? Thank God.  
Unsigned: Dummies: First You Build the Church, Then You Steal

## **December 2005**

Rafferty, John: Support Our Troops ... No, Really  
Notice: Give PIQUE for the "Holy Days"  
Mathews, Chris: The First Christmas Eve  
Unsigned: A Gift for a Little Girl? Consider an "American Girl" Doll  
Dacey, Austin: The Non-Science of Good and Evil  
Notice: Samuel Milligan Joins the SHSNY Board  
Notice: Art Harris Has a Blog  
Carter, Jimmy (R): Defining Fundamentalism: Guess Which Radical Atheist Said This  
Rafferty, John: 1-1/2 Victories For Our Side in the November Elections  
Wilson, Edward O. (R): These Three Views of Life  
Notice: Here They Are: The Nominees for the 2005 First Annual SHSNY Dumbth Awards  
Rafferty, John: Reading "The Bookseller of Kabul," Analyzing the Bookseller  
Unsigned: A 21st Century Office Christmas Party  
Clarke, Arthur (filler): And Further on the Multiplicity of Religions  
Light, Flash: Having Fun With Intelligent Design  
Arents, John: Are Religionists and Criminals the Same People?

## **January 2006**

Stevens, Fritz, et al (R): What is Secular Humanism?  
Arents, John: The Moral Lesson of Genesis  
Murray, Gilbert (R): Supernatural Knowledge and The Search for Truth  
Attenborough, Sir David (R): Giving Credit to the Almighty Power  
Jillette, Penn (R): This I Believe: I Believe There is No God  
(filler): A Christian Fundamentalist Prays at His Neighbor  
Milligan, Samuel: Doing the Lord's Work (When It Suits)  
Marxer, Donna (filler): ... don't keep me awake.  
Deanhardt, Michael (R): How About "Equal Time" for All Religions Equals "No Time"?  
Unsigned (R): Smut for Smut  
Seder, Sam (R): Yes, There is a War On Christmas, and American Has To Win It  
Kristof, Nicholas D. (R): Bush Meets St. Peter

Unsigned (R): Voice of God Revealed to Be Cheney on Intercom  
Rafferty, David: Controversy? What Controversy?  
Schissel, Chic: Evil? What – Or Who – Is Evil?  
Dunn, Russell: Heaven Can Wait. Please.  
Rafferty, John: They Will Not Change, Though Children Sicken and Die  
Gyatso, Tenzin (Dalai Lama) (R): Are You Listening, Rabbi Niederman?  
Are You Listening, Pope Benedict?  
Dreifus, Claudia (R): Live Longer With Evolution?  
Mirsky, Steve (R): The Intelligent Design of Penguins  
Trudeau, Garry: “Doonesbury” on Intelligent Design

## **February, 2006**

Notice: We Have a Winner  
Notice: And the First Nominee for the 2006 SHSNY Dumbth Award  
Rich, Frank (R): What God Do the “Faith-Based Have Faith In? It Seems  
to be Mammon  
Hersh, Seymour M. (R): George W. Bush: God’s Man  
Fischer, David Hackett (R): Would the First George W. Have Authorized Torture?  
Sullivan, Andrew (R): Stop the Torture – Now!  
Hauser, Marc and Singer, Peter (R): Morality Without Religion  
Kelly, Giles: “Munich”  
Rafferty, John: Rabbi Fischer, Rabbi Niederman, Meet Mary Mallon  
Claborne, Conrad: Religious Vs. Secular Values  
Wheeler, Brad: Faith Doesn’t Just Happen  
Unsigned (R): More “Jesus Loves Me (But He Can’t Stand You)”  
Unsigned (R): And the Perfect Accompaniment: A Fine Sacramental Merlot  
Unsigned (R): Congratulations, Chile  
Marxer, Donna: The Book Club Reads Chris Hedges’ “War Is A Force That  
Gives Us Meaning”  
Filler: The Great Nullity, “Is nothing sacred?”

## **March 2006**

Rafferty, John: Buy Something Danish  
Brooks, David (R): Different Ideas About Ideas  
Gordinier, Tom, PhD (R): The Heckler’s Veto  
Osman, Iman (R): For Those of Us Living in Glass Houses  
Jefferson, Thomas (filler) (R): newspapers or government  
Reichgut, Martin, M.D.: An Improved Healthcare System  
Madden, Tiya (R): “Liberal Media Bias”? How About a Stupidity Bias?  
Shermer, Michael (filler) (R): “think of things not to believe in”  
Notice: SHSNY Celebrates Darwin Day  
Chapman, Matthew (R): Mr. Mehring, Welcome to Our World  
Milligan, Samuel: Doing (Or Not) Unto Others  
Winfield, Anicole (R): Taking Jesus to Court

Unsigned (R): "God" Is In Legal Trouble, Too  
Harris, Lynn (R): Today Teen Dorothy Might Thank Goodness She's  
"Not In Kansas Anymore"  
Overbye, Dennis (R): It Seems Science *Does* Matter to the Religious  
Right in Washington

### **April, 2006**

Dacey, Austin (R): Believing in Doubt  
Zizek, Slavoj (R): Europe's Muslims Should be Grateful for Europe's Atheists  
Traufetter, Gerald (R): Who's Afraid to Criticize Islam?  
Unsigned: Updates on the Cartoon Wars  
Unsigned: Easter Gets Very Weird Indeed  
Colbert, Stephen: A Thought for Easter  
Rafferty, John: With Friends Like These ...  
Light, Flash: A Modest Proposal for Building SHSNY Membership  
Filler: most Anglican priests can't name 10 Commandments  
Rafferty, John: To Hell With Limbo  
Unsigned: A "Trick Question" On Abortion  
Whitmore, Wayne G., M.D.: Saving Health Care  
Milligan, Samuel: Confucius and Democritus on Government  
Unsigned: Updates In the Right-Wing War on Reason

### **May, 2006**

Milligan, Samuel: A First-Class Scientist and Teacher – Review of "The  
Ancestor's Tale" by Richard Dawkins  
Dunn, Russell: The Problem with Evolution  
Rafferty, John: What, Like "The Flintstones"?  
Claborne, Conrad: Money Corrupts Politics, But Christianity Makes It All Better  
Unsigned (The Onion) (R): Many Senators Developing Simple Tools for  
Governing  
Unsigned: Two Cheers for Al Sharpton  
Unsigned (TheRudePundit) (R): Three Signs that Your Superpower is Becoming  
a Cheap Rip-Off of the Old Soviet Union  
Reichgut, Martin: It's Still \$400 Billion Down the Drain  
Shermer, Michael (R): Believing in Belief – Review of "Breaking the Spell" by  
Daniel C. Dennett  
Unsigned (The Onion) (R): Pope Benedict Asks If It's Too Late to Change  
His Name  
Unsigned: Why We Live In New York #57  
Unsigned: Further Updates on the Right-Wing War on Reason

### **June 2006**

Dunn, Russell: The Eclectic Skeptic  
Thomas, Doug (R): Agnosticism: The Power of Not Knowing (and Enjoying It)  
Martell, Yann (R): It's Agnostics Who Stick in My Craw

Harris, Sam (R): The Atheist's Problem with Faith  
Shelley, Percy (filler): If ignorance of nature ...  
D., Jane: A.A. for Non-Believers  
Unsigned: Praying for Lower Gas Prices  
Kurtz, Paul and Flynn, Tom (R): In Defense of Blasphemy  
Shermer, Michael (R): Giving the Devil His Due  
Arisian, Khoren (filler): "we cannot tolerate intolerance ..."  
Arents, John (filler re Arisian this issue): "... suppress intolerant thought?"  
Rafferty, John: Boycotting The Da Vinci Code isn't Censorship, It's Good Taste  
Harris, Arthur (filler): Da Vinci Code and religion both fiction  
Smith, Helena (R): Ladies and Gentlemen, Please Welcome Back the  
One and Only ...*Zeus!*  
Kasman, Laura (R): Two Questions, Two Answers About Evolution  
Unsigned: The Gamut of Political Diversity, from A to B  
Unsigned: Fish Story  
Unsigned: "*What Rough Beast, Its Hour Come Round at Last, Slouches  
Toward Bethlehem to be Born*" ... Next Week?  
Sagan, Carl (R): Sagan on Spirit

### **August 2006**

Appleman, Philip (R): Darwin's Example  
Milligan, Samuel: The Cosmos Series  
Rowell, George: The Jackson Pollock Code  
Rafferty, John: The Bush Administration Champions Freedom Around  
The Globe ... Just Not Here  
Schissel, Chic: Atheism & Agnosticism  
Lindley, Bill: God Talk Among the Unbelievers  
Dunn, Russell: Help Me Understand  
Wypijewski, JoAnn (R): Ten Years After "Just Say No" to Teen Sex  
Unsigned: And More Than Ten Years After "Don't Ask, Don't Tell ..."  
Rafferty, John: You Can't Think That! The Two-Front War on Science  
Rafferty, John: After Five Infections, A Compromise  
Klein, Marty (R): Maybe Pitchers Rather Than Preachers  
Unsigned: Why We Live In New York #8  
Unsigned: Intelligent Designer Found

### **September 2006**

Philips, Kevin (R): Christianity in America: Preached, Punched, and Proselytized  
Rafferty, John: So, How is Religion Working Out for America?  
Krugman, Paul (R): Is Being American Bad for Your Health?  
Miller, Michelle (R): Who's for Family Values? Blue-State, Liberal, Godless Us  
Unsigned filler: James Dobson defends Mel Gibson's anti-Semitic rant  
Quindlan, Anna (R): The Company We Keep  
Rowell, George: The Neo-Neoliths and Their Drought God

Schissel, Chic (filler): George Rowell is not descended from Jesus, I am  
Schissel, Chic: So-What-Research is a Waste of Time and Resources  
Rafferty, John: "So What?" Is an Open-Ended Question  
Kocol, Hank (R): What Would You Do If You Did Not Love Jesus?  
Unsigned: Why We Live in New York #46  
Unsigned: Romania Marches Into the 7th Century  
Unsigned (R): And There'll Always Be an England, However Peculiar  
Unsigned (R): Christmas for Christian Dominionist Kids  
Pinsky, Mark I. (R): Look, Up in the Sky! It's a Bird! It's a Plane! It's ... *Jesus!*  
Watterson, Bill (filler) (R): More (And Better) Comic-Strip Religious Philosophy

## **October 2006**

Sullivan, Andrew (R): A Conservative Christian Defines – and Defies –  
"Christianism"  
Harris, Sam (R): Head-In-The-Sand Liberals  
Rafferty, John: Pope and Muslims, Pots and Kettles  
Notice: Changed Your Email Address?  
Herbert, Bob (R): Who Are We?  
Unsigned: If You Let the "Culprit" See the Evidence, He Might Find Out What  
He Did  
Rafferty, John: What the Hell Is Wrong With Us?  
Notice: Welcome, Elaine Lynn  
Unsigned: Secular Socializing? Try Richie's List  
Notice: Chuck Corbett, 1930-2006  
Friedman, Elaine (R): Religious Criticism Is Not Religious Hatred  
Traister, Rebecca (R): Cancel the Good News for Women in Pakistan  
Unsigned: A Political Quiz Worth Taking  
Rafferty, John: A Secular Crib Sheet for Voting this November  
Unsigned: Unintended Irony of the Month  
Dowd, Maureen (R): Pig-Headed "Leadership"  
Harris, Sam (R): Small Appliances Religion  
Rafferty, John: Sudan, It Seems, is More "Liberal" Than We Are  
Unsigned: Religious-Political Correctness Runs Amok in the U.K.  
Haberman, Clyde (R): And Ethnicity PC (TV Subdivision) Gallops Along  
Right Here in New York  
Rude Pundit (R): The Rude Pundit Visits Texas' Public School Bible Classes

## **November 2006**

New York Times editorial (R): The Death of Habeas Corpus  
Olbermann, Keith (R): Your Words are Lies, Sir  
Unsigned (R): And Speaking of Lies ...  
Arents, John: Balancing Evils  
Claborne, Conrad: An Open Letter to Jerry Falwell, Pat Robertson, Pat Buchanan, et al  
Unsigned: Hypocrisy Unbound  
Keillor, Garrison (R): Time to Clean Some Congressional Clocks  
Claborne, Conrad: The "Judeo-Christian Values" Racket  
Cosentino, Remo: Conservative Sullivan and Liberal Harris: Both Wrong  
Dawkins, Richard (R): "Darwin's Rottweiler" Bites – Part 1  
Large, Jerry (R): Your God is So ... *Different!*  
Alibhal-Brown, Yasmin (R): A Muslim Woman Against the Veil  
Unsigned: And Speaking of Muslim Dark Ages  
Unsigned: Why We Live in New York #28  
Rafferty, John (Reporting): SHSNY Hosts Michael Shermer, and Buys Some Books  
Unsigned: What the Hell is Wrong With Us? – Continued  
Unsigned: We Have Another Nominee for the 2006 SHSNY Dumbth Award  
Marxer, Donna (filler): I'm a Meist  
Unsigned (R): Scientology Losing Ground to New Fictionology

## **December, 2006**

Rafferty, John: Why We Live in New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut  
Claborne, Conrad (Reviewing): Bumbling Through History with Too Many Preachers, a review of Kevin Phillips' *American Theocracy*  
Harris, Arthur: What in Hell Happened to the People in Limbo?  
Harris, Sam (R): Sam Harris Gets Letters  
Unsigned: Atheist Argument on Prime-Time TV  
Unsigned: No Idiots, We  
Notice: Give PIQUE for the "Holy Days"  
Unsigned (ballot insert): And the 2006 SHSNY Dumbth Award Goes to ... *You Choose!*  
Dawkins, Richard (R): "Darwin's Rottweiler" Bites – Part 2  
Unsigned (R): Hell Hath No Fury Like a Nun Scorned  
Rafferty, John: Appeasing Religious Wackos Won't Work  
Unsigned: What About November 4?  
Hoffman, R. Joseph (R): First Century Pulp Fiction  
Unsigned: Uh, Oh ... We're in *Big* Trouble  
Unsigned (R): In the Name of the Lager  
Murtha, Bob: And Finally, A Merry Pan-Christian Xmas



## **January, 2007**

Notice: February Will Be Late

Claborne, Conrad: Trust

Unsigned (NYT) (R): Just In Case You Thought George W. Bush Learned  
Anything from the Election

Unsigned filler (R): Pray or Die

Dunn, Russell: A Humanist Among the Spirits

Unsigned: Why We Live in New York #83

Unsigned: Why We Live in New York #84

Unsigned (R): Mikey Weinstein for Air Force Chief of Staff, No, President

Unsigned (R): Finding Jesus

Unsigned (R): It Wasn't a Rib

Unsigned (R): Scientists: Science Is Hard

Rafferty, John: A Christian Nation? Not Now, Not Ever

Rafferty, John: Another Phony Issue, Another Rewriting of American History

Murtha, Robert (Reporter): The Book Club Reads "Why Darwin Matters: The  
Case Against Intelligent Design," by Michael Shermer

## **February, 2007**

Notice: "Sentimental Favorite" Robertson Wins 2006 SHSNY Dumbth Award

Harris, Sam (R): The Case Against Faith

Abrams, Sol: The Golden Calf and 9/11

Unsigned (R): One More Time: Prayer Doesn't Work

Leno, Jay (filler): The Pope's Message for the 21st Century

Shweder, Richard A. (R): Atheists Agonistes

Fillers: Atheists Agonistes: Times Readers Reply

Unsigned (R): The Church of Google's Proofs that Google Is God

McMellon, Chuck: Grandfathered Into Hell

Schissel, Chic: Mencken's Bigotry

Mencken, H.L. (R): H.L. Mencken On the Varieties of Religious Experience

Rafferty, John: "All Possess Alike Liberty of Conscience"

## **March 2007**

Wilford, John Noble (R): Meet the Relatives, They're Full of Surprises

Notice: Elaine Lynn Reviews on the NYC Atheist Book Club on Cable TV

Shermer, Michael (R): What Evolution Is

Notice: Lee Loshak Joins the SHSNY Board

Brooks, David (R): The De-volution of an Idea

Appleman, Phil: Intelligent? Design?

Harris, Sam (R): 10 Myths (and 10 Truths) About Atheism

Lynn, Elaine (R): Misquoting Atheists: *Who's* Not God?

Wolfe, Alan (R): Evangelicals, Politics, Abortion and Slavery

Moyers, Bill (R): Saving Lives, Baptist-Style

Rafferty, John: Why I Read *The New York Times*

## **April 2007**

April Fool: Robertson Accepts SHSNY Dumbth Award: "Greatest Honor Ever"

April Fool: God Denies Talking to Pat Robertson

April Fool: NASA "Dangerous" Say Most Americans

April Fool: Kansas Outlaws Practice of Evolution

April Fool: Iran President Declares War on Sparta

April Fool: Clinton Finally Takes Responsibility for Bush Administration's Failures

April Fool: Leading Republican Presidential Contenders Woo Gay Voters

Steinfelds, Peter (R): Atheism on the Best-Seller Lists

Harris, Arthur: On Rotten Eggs and Religion

Vonnegut, Kurt (filler) (R): Unquestioning faith ... vile

Rafferty, John: Don't Blame the 20th Century on Secularism

Lifton, Barbara G.: Yes, You Do Have to Prove God Exists, and No, You Can't

Notice: We Have Our First Nominee for the SHSNY 2007 Dumbth Award

Hoffman, R. Joseph (R): 26 Things CNN Will Never Tell You About Christianity, Islam, and the Middle East

Friedman, Thomas L. (R): Highly Enriched Islam

Salon.com (R): And Now, Muslim Rationality

King, Gordon: Remember Why You Became a Member of SHSNY?

Reed, Martine B.: Condemned to Pray

Rafferty, John: The Most Unpopular Column I'll Ever Write for PIQUE

Claborne, Conrad: Atheism on the 86th Street Crosstown

Sullivan, Andrew (R): Our Favorite Gay Conservative Bitch-Slaps Ann Coulter

## **May 2007**

Rooney, Andy (R): Bring Back the Draft?

Rafferty, John: Why I Agree With Andy Rooney

Kelly, Giles: "Ask not ..."

Harris, Art: No Exemptions

Filler: Day of Prayer? Make It a Day You Give the Gift of Life

Shakir, Evelyn: A Few Things You Should Not Have Been Told "About Christianity, Islam, and the Middle East" in April PIQUE

Notice: Bob Murtha Joins the SHSNY Board

Murtha, Robert A., Jr. (reporter): The SHSNY Book Club Reads *The Republican War on Science* by Chris Mooney

Lee, Barbara Coombs (R): The War on Living Wills

Reed, Martine: The Sidewalk of the Good Christians

Clark-Flory, Tracy: Mother's Rights, Child's Rights: Where to Draw the Line in HIV Testing

Filler: There is No God but God, and Luke Skywalker is His Prophet

Rafferty, John (reporter): A SHSNY Roundtable Evaluates Richard Dawkins's *The God Delusion*

Notice: Kurt Vonnegut, Humanist, 192-2007 – So It Goes

Walsh, Joan (R): Sweet Jesus  
Filler: A Not-So-Funny Psychiatrist Joke

### **June 2007**

Rafferty, John: This is America, We Don't Punish People for What They Think  
Kluepfel, Charlie: Bring Back the Draft? Don't  
Lynn, Elaine: Bring Back the Draft? It's Not a Humanist Question  
Rafferty, John: Bring Back the Draft? Yes, It Is  
Murtha, Bob: Bring Back the Draft? Bring it Back  
Harris, Sam (R): God's Dupes  
Marxer, Donna: Pagans 10, Christians 0 at The Met  
Dawkins, Richard (R): Richard Dawkins Answers "What If I'm Wrong?"  
Kelly, Giles: So Who Are You Going to Thank?  
Milbank, Dana (R): The "National Day of Prayer" Was a Bust, But Then Look  
Who Was Promoting It  
Kleiman, Mark (R): Concerning the Word "Christian": How Many of Us Could  
Parse These Distinctions?  
Slomanson, Joan (R): Kurt Vonnegut, Humanist Chef  
Unsigned: Rush Limbaugh Makes His Bid for the 2007 SHSNY Dumbth Award  
A., Alice: Murder, Yes. Atheism, No  
Unsigned: Uh-Oh  
Rafferty, John: Capital Crimes: The Re-Writing of American History Never Stops  
Lindley, Bill: George Washington and Fig Trees  
Rowell, George: Generous and Affectionate Religion  
Unsigned: Why We Live In New York #76  
Angier, Natalie (R): Sociable Darwinism  
Brooks, David (R): The Age of Darwin  
Unsigned: Peanut Butter, The Atheist's Nightmare!  
Unsigned: What the Hell is Wrong With Us? (candidates don't believe evolution)

### **July 2007**

Epps, Garrett (R): Happy 14th Amendment Day  
Murtha, Robert A., Jr.: Citizenship is (and should be) a Birthright  
Notice: Massimo Pigliucci is Elected to Honorary Membership in SHSNY  
Lifton, Barbara: Science Literacy on East 23rd Street  
Birkenhead, Peter (R): The Virtue of Doubt  
Gore, Al (R): The Assault on Reason  
Unsigned: What the Hell is Wrong With Us? (Paris Hilton)  
Isaacson, Walter (R): Are We Rome?  
Hedges, Chris (R): Our Own Praetorian Guard  
Fisher, David Hackett (R): The First American Army: Not Mercenaries –  
"Gentlemen"  
Ambrose, Stephen (R): The Greatest American Army: Not Mercenaries – "Citizen  
Soldiers"  
Collins, Billy (R): Flock  
Unsigned: Why We Live in New York #5.3

Unsigned: Why We Live in New York #286  
Unsigned: American Politicians Aren't the Only Science Illiterates (and Idiots)  
Ehrenreich, Barbara (R): Dance, Dance, Revolution  
Filler: Emma Goldman (R): "If I can't dance ... "  
Unsigned: Ban the Bible?  
Light, Flash: Evolutionary Theory: Stickier than Peanut Butter  
Notice: Tell Us What You Think

### **September 2007**

Allen, Norm R., Jr.: In Defense of Hate Crime Prevention  
Haberman, Clyde (R): On Slippery Slopes  
Harris, Art: Two Letters-to-the-Editor The Times Did Not Print In July  
Rafferty, John: Two Letters-to-the-Editor The Times Did Not Print In July  
Notice: We Have Another Dumbth Nominee: Debbie Schlussel  
Bronstein, Ken (R): Say Goodbye to Your Religious Programming  
Jesus and Mo (R): Jesus and Mo Walk Into a Bar ...  
Jesus and Mo (R): Jesus and Mo Enlighten the Atheist Barmaid  
Jesus and Mo (R): Jesus and Mo, On a Park Bench, Consider the Barmaid's Arguments  
Notice: Albert Ellis, 1913-2007. Psychotherapy Revolutionary and Honorary Member of SHSNY  
Unsigned (R): An Hour with Albert Ellis  
Hyman, Noell (R): The End, As We Know It: Teaching Kids About Death  
Cosentino, Remo: An Interested Party Comments on Immigration and the 14th Amendment  
Livingston, Philip O., MD: Citizenship as Birthright is One Option  
Murtha, Bob: Bob Murtha Replies  
Rafferty, John: The Editor Says "Enough," For Now  
God (R): The Last Word on "The Last Times"  
Unsigned: Religion and Politics Roundup: We Are Not Making These Up  
Appleman, Phil: Letter praising July issue  
Tapp, Robert B: Letter praising July issue  
Middlebrooks, Dennis: Letter of thanks, plus immigration thoughts  
Unsigned: Think TV's Dumb? Watch it Get Dumber this Fall. No, Wait, Don't Watch  
Unsigned: And What You Won't See on CBS or Fox ...  
Notice: John Rafferty is the New President of SHSNY, Elaine Lynn is Secretary

### **October 2007**

Notice: Perhaps the Most Important Ethical Question of the 21st Century  
Shermer, Michael (R): Rational Atheism  
Parris, Matthew (R): Passionate Agnosticism  
Rafferty, John: Why Are We Shouting?  
Jordan, Mary (R): "Nonreligious Movement" On the Move  
Anon (R): Religion 101: Final Exam

Pictorial essay: Picture at an Exhibition: From the Muslim "Religion of Peace  
Demonstration in London this Spring  
Hitchens, Christopher (R): Why Are We So Scared of Offending Muslims?  
Anon: The "Religion of Peace" in India  
Price, Catherine (R): Saudi Arabia Honors Women's Modesty ... and Your Burka:  
Harmful to Your Health?  
Unsigned: Think It Can't Happen Here? Think Again  
Jesus and Mo (R): Jesus and Mo Assess Islam's Media Image  
Filler Joke: (Family pray before dinner? Nope, Mom's a good cook.)  
Harris, Art/John Arents: Where Was the Garden of Eden ...  
Arents, John/Art Harris: ... And Did the Snake Come From Africa?  
Filler: More Biblical Exegesis: (The termites stayed on Noah's Ark)  
Breathed, Berkely (R): Lola's Heaven, Jerry Falwell's Hell  
Unsigned: Religion 'Round the World  
Marxer, Donna: A 20-Word Refutation of all the World's Religions  
Abrams, Sol: Ode to Reason  
Beer, Giddian: On Stupidity and Evil  
Rafferty, John: Follow the Logic, If You Can, All the Way Down the Rabbit Hole

## **November 2007**

Notice: Next Question: Five Books?  
Sibanye: Where Do We Go From Here?  
Lynn, Elaine: Getting Involved Politically, Carefully  
Rafferty, John: Zombies "Appear Abruptly" in America  
Cherry, Matt (R): Spitzer's Stupid Idea  
A.P.(R): Good Thing the Power of Prayer is Zero  
Unsigned: OK, Now the Speculation Can Start  
Harris, Art: Ben Franklin Nominated for Honorary Membership in SHSNY  
Miller, Wiley (R): Science for Sale or Rent  
Unsigned: The "Christian Nation" Lie Lives On ...  
Unsigned: ... But It Doesn't Seem to Matter Much  
Notice: Dumbth Nominee Ann Coulter Wants to "Perfect" Jews  
Unsigned: Flat-Earth "Brain Poopies"  
Unsigned: God Forbid a College Education Should Upset Christian  
College Kids. No, Really, God Forbid!  
Maher, Bill (R): Bill Maher On Religious Tests for Political Office  
Unsigned: Remember those Reports of Gradual "Liberalization" in Saudi Arabia?  
Urrows, Arthur: Find God? Um, Let's Wait 'til We're on the Ground  
*[Gene Manipulation section]*  
Rafferty, John: Sadly, However ...  
Rafferty, John: We Will, Won't We?  
Schissel, Chic: Why Not?  
Reed, Martine: It's About Choice and Freedom  
Jacks, Irving: What is "Better"?  
Whitmore, Wayne G., M.D.: Genetic Tinkering  
Goldsmith, Ed: From Bible to "Blade Runner"

Lifton, Barbara G.: Some Regulation is Necessary

### **December, 2007**

Unsigned (R): God's Love Child Born in Barn!!  
Unsigned: What Would Have Happened if Three Wise Jewish Women ...  
Kennedy, Randy (R): An Atheist Can Believe in Christmas  
Watson, Emily (R): What Would Jesus Buy?  
Bronstein, Ken (R): The Church of Bloomingdale's  
Rafferty, John: A Holiday Gift Suggestion ("The Golden Compass")  
Unsigned: Give PIQUE for the "Holy Days"  
Araujo, Derek C.: The Secular Society and Its Enemies  
Darrow, Clarence (R): The Same Enemies, Eighty Years Ago  
Multiple Authors: What Five Books Would You Take to Prison?  
Wade, Terry (R): Earthquake-Proof Idiocy in Peru  
Clark-Flory, Tracy (R): More Barbarism in Saudi Arabia  
Rafferty, John: Here's a Tip: Listen to the Waitress  
Dick, Philip K. (filler) (R): "spurious realities manufactured by the media"  
*[Gene Manipulation section]*  
Allen, Norm R.: Learn From History's Lessons  
Beer, Giddian: It Could Even Backfire on the Rich  
Marxer, Donna: Genes and Genius  
Loshak, Lee: More Genes: What the Hell For?  
Millman, Irv: Better Than Who and What?  
Rafferty, David: We're Asking the Wrong Question  
Mendel, Jerome: Beam Me Up, Scotty, There's No Intelligent Life ...  
Rafferty, John: Why the Red Sox Swept the World Series ... Or Not

### **January, 2008**

Unsigned (R): Welcome to 2008 ... And Earth's Future  
Alvarez, Ted (R): The Poo Theory of Life  
Unsigned: Are Science and Religion Both Based on Faith?  
Pigliucci, Massimo (R): Science is Not at All Like Religion  
Harris, Art: Rock of Ages Vs. Age of Rocks  
Notice: Irv Millman Joins the SHSNY Board  
Rafferty, John: Sherri Is Us  
Unsigned: The 220-Year Devolution of an Idea  
Condell, Pat (R): Prying Apart Politics and Religion  
Notice: And the 2007 SHSNY Dumbth Award Goes to ... You Choose!  
Pomerantz, Charlotte: Galileo Galilei (poem)  
Keillor, Garrison (R): The Library Fix  
Unsigned: Three-Quarters of a Million Terrorists Next Door?  
Utley, John Basil (R): Now Meet the 20 Million *Real* Terrorists Next Door  
Ali, Ayaan Hirsi (R): Islam's Silent Moderates  
Unsigned: Muslim "Moderates"? Moderate for Muslims, Maybe  
Reed, Martine: What's in a Name? Maybe a Death Sentence  
Unsigned: Bill O'Reilly Wins His War on the War on Christmas

Unsigned: It's Official: Congress Says Christmas is "Important." Sun  
And Moon are Pretty Good, Too  
Keillor, Garrison: Garrison Keillor's Advice for the New Year

## **February, 2008**

Notice: SHSNY Election Notice  
Otto, Shawn Lawrence (R): Let's Have a Presidential Debate on Science  
Amster, Edith: Change the Subject  
Notice; Congratulations, Massimo!  
Lynn, Elaine: Book Review: The Synaptic Self by Joseph LeDoux  
Notice: Speak Up for Humanism in Albany  
Rafferty, John: Not Necessarily the News  
Cohen, Roger (R): Secular Europe's Merits  
Goldsmith, Edward: Thoughts on Galileo and the Pope  
Beer, Giddean: On Scientific Proof  
Unsigned: America is ...  
O'Brien, John (R): Evenings at 7 in the Parish Hall  
JesusAndMo (R): Mohammed Evaluates Science  
JesusAndMo (R): Jesus Explains Pro-Life  
JesusAndMo (R): Jesus and Mohammed Explain Sin and Morality  
Abrams, Sol: The "Pagan DNA" in Pat Robertson's Primitive,  
Punishing Deity  
Spivak, Anton: The (Updated) Ten Commandments of the  
Evangelical Right  
Unsigned: Socialized Medicine in the U.K. Screws Up Again  
Lifton, Barbara G.: What Would Have Happened If Three Wise Jewish  
Women Members of SHSNY Had Gone to Bethlehem  
Gerson, Michael (R): Divine Evolution  
Rafferty, John: Divine Baloney, However You Slice It  
Unsigned (R): The Pope Solves the Church's Pedophile Priests Problem  
Unsigned (R): Now, About those Thuggish Nuns ...

## **March, 2008**

Notice: What a Swell Party That Was!  
Notice: Ann Coulter Sweeps the Field for the 2007 SHSNY Dumbth Award  
Klinkenborg, Verlyn (R): A Farmer's Perspective on Cloned Food and  
Evolutionary Diversity  
Filler, George Carlin (R): The planet is fine ...  
Unsigned (R): Why Not "Soft Core" Atheism?  
Arents, John: Copernicus Was Right  
Beer, Giddian: A Point of (World) View is More Than a Point On a Graph  
Notice; Matthew Chapman: Our Newest Honorary Member  
Filler: An atheist's biggest sexual problem ...  
Pictorial Essay: "What an elegant, swell-egant party this is!"  
Notice: SHSNY Election – Second Notice  
Remo Cosentino

Arthur Harris  
Lee Loshak  
Donna Marxer  
Robert A. Murtha, Jr.  
Varsavsky, Martin (R): What Happens When a Country Gives Up  
Religion? In Spain, Nothing Much  
Price, Catherine (R): Our Christian Right Opens a Second Front in the  
“Culture War”: Europe  
Rafferty, John: Lodging One’s Head Where the Sun Will Never, Ever Shine  
Neil MacFarquhar (R): Evangelism Gets Bolder (and Crazier) at the Air  
Force Academy  
Goldwater, Barry: Another Bleeding-Heart Liberal Secularist on Politics and  
Religion  
Harris, Art: Art Harris Writes His Son (and Granddaughters) on Religion  
Rafferty, John: As (Almost) Seen in The New York Times

## **April 2008**

Notice: Sorry We’re Late  
Dennett, Daniel C. (R): What is “Soul”? What is “Self”?  
Notice: SHSNY Election – Third Notice  
Elaine Lynn  
Sam Milligan  
Irv Millman  
John Rafferty  
Unsigned: Arthur C. Clarke, 1917-2008, Novelist, Futurist and Secular  
Humanist, Has Left the Planet  
Staten, Linda (R): Let Us Bow Our Heads in Thanks for Atheists  
Pigliucci, Massimo (R): Religious Tolerance: An Oxymoron?  
Unsigned: The True Meaning of Easter  
April Fool: Pope, Shut Out of Yankee Stadium, to Meet SHSNY Book Club  
April Fool: Ann Coulter Announces Engagement to Al Sharpton. Sharpton:  
“News to Me”  
April Fool: Muslim Suicide Hot Line Opens  
April Fool (R): Diebold Accidentally Leaks Results of 2008 Election Months Early  
April Fool: Rudy Giuliani Makes VP Bid  
April Fool (R): Retired Gen. George Washington Criticizes Bush’s Handling of  
Iraq War  
April Fool: Jesus Denies New Workout Regimen is Prelude to “Second Coming”  
Beer, G.: Intelligent? Design?  
May, Brian (R): Life is Evolution  
Kingsley, Emily P.” There Are Just Too Many Gods  
JesusAndMo (R): Mohammed Channels Aretha Franklin  
Light, Flash: Flash Light: A New Nominee for the Board, With an Unusual  
Platform  
Unsigned (R): What’s That You Have in There? Nothing. Don’t Lie to Me, What is



It? Nothing, Honest.  
Harris, Sam (R): The Absolute and Inerrant Bible Truths of the Future

## **May 2008**

Notice: Vote

Rafferty, John: Lying for Jesus: Ben Stein Blames Darwin for the Holocaust

Unsigned: Papal Visit

Abrams, Sol: Our Constitution is a Secular Document, Not a Christian One. It  
Guarantees Freedom of – and From – Religion

Adams, John (filler) (R): revolution in religious sentiments

Schissel, Chic: Diversity: A Good Thing?

Moyers, Bill (R): Voters and Politicians Alike, Oblivious of the Facts

Unsigned: Illinois Representative Monique Davis, Oblivious of the First  
Amendment

Unsigned: Congressman Chris Cannon (R-Utah), Meet Rep. Davis

Unsigned: Politically Correct Brits, Frightened to Death of Crazy Muslims, Get  
Crazier and Crazier

Notice: We Have Our First Two Dumbth-Award Candidates

Silver, Mitchell (R): The Case Against God (Part 1)

Unsigned: Why We Live in New York #91 ... #s 92-102 ... and #103

Dykman, Jackson (R): The Marketplace of Faith

Unsigned: Evil Authority, Bad Parents, and Successful Christianity

Beer, G.: Global Warming: Five Facts and a Corollary

Filler: Idahoan changes name to Pro-Life

Franklin, Benjamin (filler) (R): beer is proof God loves us ...

Unsigned: The Buffalo-and-Beer Explanation of the Evolution of the  
Human Brain. Cheers!

Henick, Al: Obama's Problem is Not Rev. Wright, It's "Magic Thinking"  
Christian Doctrine

Rafferty, John: No, Let's *Not* Have a Presidential Debate About Illegal  
Immigration

Pictorial essay: 3 presidential candidates as Three Stooges

Chass, Murray (R): Hey, Getcha Peanuts, Ya Cold Beer, Ya Christian  
Faith Right Here

Unsigned: The Brooklyn Taliban

## **June 2008**

The 2008 SHSNY Election Results

McGowan, Dale (R): "Oh, My God, What If My Kid Becomes Religious?"

Rafferty, John: Bush Court: 6, Democracy: 3

Pigliucci, Massimo (R): What Elevators Can Teach Us About Superstition

Unsigned: Ben Stein Makes His Bid for the 2008 SHSNY Dumbth Award ...

... But Has Serious Competition from Dick Cheney ...

... And a Steven Hitler Fan in Indiana

Silver, Mitchell (R): The Case Against God (Part 2)  
Hedges, Chris (R): The B.S. Re-Writing of American History Never Stops  
Unsigned: What Part of “Make No Law Respecting an Establishment of Religion”  
Don’t These Clucks Understand?  
Dacey, Austin (R): A Value Voter’s Trap  
Barnhart, Sunny: (Pictorial Essay) – “You’re coming to church ...”  
Judd, Terri (R): The Other War in the Iraq We Created: The One Against Women  
Lindley, Bill: Lying for Jesus? It Started With Paul  
Unsigned: “Sexpelled: No Intercourse Allowed”  
Smith, Warren Allen (R): The Founding Editor of PIQUE Skewers the Pope in  
*The News*  
Evangelist, Bernadette: ... And Bernadette Evangelist Writes *The Times* About  
Harassment in the Army  
Stewart, Jon (filler): “On Larry King Live ...”  
Unsigned (R): With Apologies to Every Reader of PIQUE in Leonia ... etc.

## **July 2008**

Notice: The New SHSNY Board Cries: “Help!”  
Shermer, Michael (R): Independence Day  
Berkowitz, Bill (R): Damn, We Missed “Ten Commandments Weekend” Again  
Abrams, Sol: Edison or Moses: Who Did More For Civilization?  
Anonymous (R): God Resigns  
Tomorrow, Tom (R): Political News 2008: The Important Stuff  
Goldsmith, Ed: A Different Point of View on “Expelled, No Intelligence Allowed”  
Rafferty, John: Rebuttal to Goldsmith, above  
Harris, Art: Art Harris’ Memorial Day Ruminations  
Reed, Martine: Does Religion Make More Charitable Doctors? Apparently Not.  
Brooks, David (R): The Neural Buddhists  
Unsigned: Saudi Arabia Combats Atheism and ... um ... Religion  
Rowell, George: The Lessons of Gilgamesh  
Rafferty, John: Why Not Polygamy?  
Unsigned: Things in Life Learned, So Far  
Unsigned: Follow-Up on Peace and Justice in Iraq  
Schissel, Chic: Pascal Was Wrong  
Light, Flash: Cloning Dr. Schissel  
Unsigned; How to Win in Iraq

## **September 2008**

Carlin, George (R): George Carlin, 1937-2008  
Flynn, Tom (R): There is no God, no Heaven – Now What?  
Rafferty, John: Let’s Borrow an Idea from the Brits  
Vonnegut, Kurt (filler): telekinesis  
Rafferty, John: On the Other Hand, Here’s a “Religious” Hustler to Applaud  
Unsigned: Counting Down: The Last (142) Days of the George W. Bush  
Administration

Unsigned: The Great Agnostic  
Wilkinson, Francis (R): The Legend of a Heretic  
Ingersoll, Robert Green (R): Good-By, Gentlemen  
Unsigned: Why We Live in New York #s 73, 74 & 75  
Lynn, Elaine: The Book Club Reads "Conversations on Consciousness"  
Rafferty, John: Things In Life Learned, So Far – Part 2  
Unsigned: Giving Credit Where It's Due ... But of Course ...  
Harris, Art: Of Swinging Chickens, *Shatnes*, and the 613 Commandments  
Unsigned (NYTimes Edit) (R): The Cons of Creationism  
Judson, Olivia (R): Optimism in Evolution  
Beer, Giddian (Letter): re July PIQUE  
Lindley, Bill (Letter): re July PIQUE  
Light, Flash (Letter): re July PIQUE  
Rafferty, John: We Made the Honor Roll  
Pence, James: If I Was a Terrorist  
Unsigned: Thank You, Volunteers  
Unsigned: Corrections  
McCain, John (filler): John McCain Supports Cloning

### **October, 2008**

Rafferty, John: "Pulpit Freedom Sunday": The Religious Right's Latest Assault on the Constitution  
Rafferty, John: A Secular Crib Sheet for Voting this November  
Harris, Arthur: Conservative Humanism  
Harmon, Amy (R): A Teacher on Evolution's Front Line  
Appleman, Philip: A Teach of Evolution Responds (to Harmon)  
Unsigned: Church of England to Darwin: Sorry. Oh, Wait, um ... Never Mind  
Watterson, Bill (R): Hobbes Parses Evolution for Calvin  
Zimmerman, James (R): ATHEISM: a•the•ism [noun]  
Asimov, Isaac (R): Isaac Asimov on the Rational Minority  
Unsigned: Faith: 2. Rationalism: 0.  
Unsigned: Religion as Entertainment in Italy  
Lynn, Elaine: "The Future of Freedom" by Fareed Zakaria  
Franklin, Ben (filler): two wolves and a lamb, democracy and freedom  
O'Rourke, P.J. (filler): No drug ... bad as stupidity, etc.  
Unsigned: The Wicked Witch of the Right, Again  
Jesus and Mo (R): Jesus and Mo Compare Sins  
Jesus and Mo (R): Mohammed's Perception Problem  
Appleman, Phil: Here's Another Letter ... One The Times Will Never Print  
Unsigned: Just A Few More Six-Word Memoirs  
Rafferty, John: October 12 is Freethought Day  
Unsigned: And Celebrate October 23: Happy 6012th Birthday, World!

### **November 2008**

Milligan, Samuel: Confucianism as a Secular Ethical System  
Neubauer, Steve (R): Religion is a Lot Like Tobacco

Allen, Steve (filler) (R): Don't understand no interest in religion  
 Scientific American (R): Spooky Science: Does a Fear of Ghosts Keep  
 Us Honest?  
 Van Biema, David (R): More Spooky: Do Angels Keep Us Safe?  
 Unsigned: Think of This the Next Time You think "Real Science" Has All  
 The Answers  
 Milner, Richard: The Origin of Modern Agnosticism  
 Multiple Contributors: Define Yourself: Readers Respond  
 Beer, Giddian: Are We Alone?  
 Unsigned: Another Dastardly Attack in The War Against Christianity  
 Unsigned: Didn't We Settle All This in 1865?  
 Harris, Arthur: My Conversion to Heathen  
 Wachtel, Harvey: letter re Happy Birthday World (Oct PIQUE)  
 Lippe, Bill: letter re No bad guys on religious left?  
 Unsigned: Fox News' Bill O'Reilly Discovers a New Proof of God's Existence. It's  
 Bill O'Reilly!  
 JesusAndMo (R): Jesus and Mo at the Thanksgiving Table  
 Rafferty, John: Saying Grace at Thanksgiving  
 Unsigned: Here Come Christmas and Hanukkah. So what?  
 Notice: December PIQUE Will (Probably) Be Late  
**December 2008**  
 The Nation (R): Why We Vote  
 Notice: 'Tis the Season to Support Operation Foxhole Atheists  
 Notice: Obama's First Hundred Days: Your 100-Word Suggestions, Please  
 Rafferty, John: (On) The Varieties of Scientific Experience, by Carl Sagan  
 Rafferty, John: Another Letter the Times Didn't Print  
 Unsigned: Religion Round-Up 'Round the World  
 Rafferty, Colin: Letter re "Think of this next time ..." (Nov PIQUE)  
 Beer, Giddian: Letter follow-up to "Are We Alone?" (Nov PIQUE)  
 Dickhoff, Robert: Letter re "Are We Alone?" (Nov PIQUE)  
 Notice: Two More 2008 Dumbth Award Nominees  
 Notice: And the Early Favorite for 2009 Is ...  
 Rennie, John (R): 15 Answers to Creationist Nonsense, Parts 1-2  
 Unsigned: Metacognition? Rats!  
 Cline, Austin (R): What Christmas Wars?  
 Peikoff, Dr. Leonard (R): Christmas Should be More Commercial  
 Condell, Pat (R): Christmas Partying with Jesus  
 Unsigned: Born in a Manger, Wandered in Deserts and Galilee, and  
 Still No Permanent Address  
 Fugelsang, John (R): filler: Jesus/Elvis fan clubs freak me out  
 Anonymous (R): filler: Christmas: a holiday celebrated by ... etc.  
 Unsigned (R): Miracle Toast  
 Unsigned: And Feliz Navidad to You, Too, Steve  
 Unsigned: Merry Hanukkah from the White House  
 Notice: Give PIQUE for the "Holy Days"

## **January 2009**

Unsigned: Happy New Year

Rafferty, John: Late Night Thoughts on the Start of the Just-Ended Season of Peace and Joy

Kurtz, Paul (R): Is Belief in God Essential for Moral Virtue?

Anonymous (R): filler: "secular humanists ... don't steal"

Harris, Arthur: Aux Armes!

Pettinger, Paul (R): filler: "secularism is about ..."

Rennie, John (R): 15 Answers to Creationism Nonsense – Parts 3-4

Dickhoff, Bob: Bob Dickhoff Recommends ...

Notice: And the 2008 SHSNY Dumbth Award Goes to ... You Choose!

Reed, Martine: The SHSNY/CFI-New York Theater Group Sees – and Reviews – "The Atheist"

Unsigned: Larry Beinhart Reads (Just a Little) from "Salvation Boulevard"

Multiple Contributors: Obama's First Hundred Days: Our 100-Word Suggestions

Unsigned (R): And Guess What the Rest of the Country Wants Him to Do

Schissel, Chic: Yes, We Are Really, Really Alone

Watterson, Bill (R): filler: "... surest sign that intelligent life ..."

Geller, Ruth N. (R): Evolution is So Over ... Or Not

Higgins, Andrew (R): How is This "Muslim" Not Dead?

Notice: We Gain a New Recruit

## **February 2009**

Ingersoll, Robert Green (R): England's Noblest and Her Grandest

Wilson, Edward O. (R): Charles Darwin's Difficult Legacy

Editors of Scientific American, The (R): Why Everyone Should Learn the Theory of Evolution

Unsigned: "No One Has Seen Human Evolution," the Creationists Argue. Oh, Really?

Leonard, Andrew (R): Can Humans Really Alter Earth's Climate? It Seems We've Done It Before

Rennie, John (R): 15 Answers to Creationist Nonsense – Parts 5-6-7

Blow, Charles M. (R): Heaven for the Godless?

Rafferty, John: I'm Not Surprised and I am Surprised

Multiple Contributors: More Suggestions for the Obama Administration's First 100 Days

Whitmore, Wayne, M.D. (R): Secularism and Libertarianism: Rooted in Reason

Arents, John: John Arents Responds to Art Harris

Harris, Art: Art Harris Responds to the Response

Lynn, Elaine: Elaine Lynn Chastens John Rafferty

Beer, Giddian: Giddian Beer Takes on Paul Kurtz, Too

Unsigned: Another Setback for Muslim Women

Henick, Alfred: Self-Hypnosis

Darwin, Charles (R): Let's Give the Last Words to Darwin (multiple quotes)

## **March 2009**

Notice: The 2008 SHSNY Dumbth Award: Ben Stein Sweeps the Field!

Kaplan, Marty (R): The Science of 44

Overbye, Dennis (R): Elevating Science, Elevating Democracy

Harris, Art: Anti-Stem Cell Research: The Logic Trap

Lifton, Barbara: Miracle on the Hudson, Barbara Lifton, Skeptical SHSNY  
Reporter

Murtha, Robert A. (Reviewer): The SHSNY Book Club Reads "Spirituality for the  
Skeptic by Robert C. Solomon

Mora, Carlos Martin (Reporter): Darwin's 200th Birthday Celebration

Filler: A Thought for Saint Patrick's Day

Notice: The SHSNY Bus Slogan Contest

Rennie, John (R): 15 Answers to Creationist Nonsense, Parts 8-9-10

Meyers, PZ, Pharyngula (R): Stirring Up the Snakes

Barber, Matt (R): Baal Worship: The Power of Liberalism

Beer, Giddean (Debate Reporter): Away With All Gods (Baal, too?)

Nash, Ogden (filler) (R): "The door of a bigoted mind ..."

Unsigned: Why We Live in New York #72

Verstandig, Milton: Secular Double Standards

Schissel, Chic: Libertarianism: Rooted in Reason?

Jesus & Mo: The Barmaid Embraces Fideism

Turgenev, Ivan (filler) (R): "Whatever a man prays for ..."

Russell, Bertrand (filler) (R): "What makes a freethinker ..."

Hein, Piet (filler) (R): "Knowing what ..."

Rafferty, John: Albert Schweitzer, Dr. Livingston and the Shoe Lady

Rafferty, Colin – Pictorial Essay: Two Pictures Worth a Million Words

Ivins, Mollie (Filler) (R): "So keep fighting for freedom ..."

## **April 2009**

Jacoby, Susan (R): Keeping the Faith, Ignoring the History  
Harris, Art: Art Harris Responds to Milt Verstandig's Response  
Rafferty, John: When "Pro-Life" Means Pro-Abortion  
Rafferty, John: And When "Pro-Life" is Anti-Child  
Unsigned: And If the Vatican is Still Wondering Why Congregations are Shrinking ...  
Rafferty, John (Reporter): William Lobdell Tells an Overflow Audience All About *Losing My Religion*  
Unsigned: The Boss on Evolution in New Jersey  
April Fool (R): Black Man Given Nation's Worst Job  
April Fool (R): New Ice-Cream Flavor Honors Obama: Yes, Pecan!  
April Fool (R): Large Hadron Collider May Have Destroyed God "By Accident"  
April Fool (filler): Saudi bearded ladies  
April Fool (R): 32 Percent of Prayers Are Deflected Off Passing Satellites  
April Fool: Rudy Giuliani Ends Recount Effort  
April Fool (R): Public Notice (USA quality supplier of liberty ...)  
April Fool (R): Evolutionists Flock to Darwin-Shaped Wall Stain  
April Fool: John Rafferty Admits Editorial Bias  
Notice: The SHSNY Bus Slogan Contest  
Unsigned: We Have 2009's First Dumbth Nominee: Pope Benedict XVI  
Unsigned: And We Have Our Second: Michele Bachman  
Rafferty, John (Reviewer): Karma, Dharma, Pudding & Pie by Philip Appleman  
Harris, Art: Jews, Faith & Bernie Madoff  
Jesus and Mo (R): Jesus and Mo Discuss Africa and ... Um  
Sirota, David (R): We're Addicted to Fake Outrage (and our drug policy is idiotic)  
Vargas Llosa, Alvaro (R): We Can't Win "The War on Drugs"

## **May 2009**

Rafferty, John: Shame  
Sullivan, Andrew (R): The Torture Report  
Fischer, David Hackett (R): In America's Most Perilous Struggle, "A Policy of Humanity"  
Rowell, George: Hard Drugs: A Social Cancer  
Rafferty, John: (Response to Rowell, same issue) – 5/09  
Sirota, David (R): Our Nation's Narcotics Policy is Drug-Fueled Madness  
Millman, Irv: How Unbiased and Enlightened are We Secular Humanists?  
Unsigned: Why We Live in New York #55  
Bering, Jesse (R): Is Evolutionary Thinking Unnatural?  
Notice: We Have a Few More Suggestions for a SHSNY Godless Bus Ad Slogan  
Unsigned: Why We Live in New York #1: Because It Just Keeps Getting Better  
Unsigned: Going Somewhere? Try Not to Book on Tuninter Airlines  
Unsigned: The Sensitive, Comprehensible, Merciful Vatican  
Jesus and Mo (R): Mohammed Reflects on the Easter Season Just Past  
Kleupfel, Charles: Which Libertarianism?  
Verstandig, Milt: Government is No Substitute for Reason

Whitmore, Wayne G., M.D.: Individual Property Rights are the Core Principle of  
Libertarianism

Parcival (R): The False God of the Lie

Unsigned: We Have Our Next Dumbth Nominee (Glenn Beck)

Unsigned: Why We Live in New York #114

Unsigned: "Zero Tolerance" in the Nanny Societies

### **June 2009**

Rafferty, John: Secularism vs. Democracy: Which Side Are You On?

Krugman, Paul (R): Reclaiming America's Soul

Unsigned: Jesse Venture (No Squishy Liberal) On Waterboarding

Marquand, Robert (R): 2001: Afghanistan; 2003: Iraq; 2010: Holland

Aronson, Ronald (R): 40 Million Nonbelievers

Jesus and Mo (R): Jesus and Mo Deplore New-Atheist Name-Calling

Jesus and Mo (R): The Barmaid Explains Modern Mockery for Jesus and Mo

Goodstein, Laurie (R): More Atheists Shout It from the Rooftops

Rafferty, John: Shackin' Up With God

Rafferty, John (Reporter): Our Day of Reason/Week of Reason Was a Huge  
Success

Pigliucci, Massimo (R): Faith & Reason

Allen, Ethan (filler) (R): "In those parts of the world ..."

Kristof, Nicholas D. (R): Islam, Virgins and Grapes

Wheeler, Brad: Brad Wheeler's Letter to The Times Invites Kristof Back to the  
Real World

Unsigned: And Meanwhile, Back in That Real Muslim World

Middlebrooks, Dennis: While In the World's Most Scientifically-Advanced  
Country ...

Unsigned: One Reason Humanists are Mets Fans

Unsigned (R): Political Correctness Correctly Defined

Unsigned: Only 16 Shopping Days to Xmas

### **July 2009**

Rafferty, John: What a Mess

Sullivan, Andrew (R): This I Believe – July 4

Myers, P Z, Pharyngula: The Disgrace of the Irish Catholic Church

Unsigned (R): The Mendacity of Bill Donohue of the Catholic League

Jesus & Mo (R): Jesus & Mo on Irish Catholic Abuse

Rennie, John (R): 15 Answers to Creationist Nonsense – Part 11

Kristof, Nicholas D. (R): Is Your Morality Conservative or Liberal? Take the  
Test to Find Out

Aaronovich, David (R): God Is Not Back

Jesus & Mo (R): Jesus & Mo on Free Speech and the Defamation of Religion

Anderson, Clive, CounterPunch (R): "Stupefied!" The Bush-Years Religious  
Craziness Was True – All of It

Freston, Kathy (R): What If We Were All Vegetarians, Just for a Day?

Unsigned (R): He Played God, But What He Really Wants to do is Direct



Unsigned (R): What Would Jesus Do? Torture!  
Unsigned (R): What Else Would Jesus Do? Kill!  
Miller, Wiley (R): Preconceptual Science – You Know, Like “Creation Science” – Explained  
Unsigned: Secularism vs. Democracy. Some Answers to the Question: Which Side are You on?  
Harris, Art  
Lifton, Barbara  
Middlebrooks, Dennis  
Kaufman, Jeff  
Dickhoff, Robert  
Doerr, Edd, President, Americans for Religious Liberty  
Storch, Sim  
Rafferty, John  
Angier, Natalie (R): Cosmic Proportions and the Emptiness of Space  
Sagan, Carl (R): Carl Sagan on those Same Cosmic Proportions  
Unsigned: John Quincy Adams, Born July 11, 1767  
Unsigned: Sam Milligan Retires from the Board

## **September, 2009**

Shermer, Michael (R): Genesis Revisited: A Scientific Creation Story  
Ingersoll, Robert (R): filler – believe Garden of Eden story?  
Rafferty, John: Janet McCloskey Robbins Strauss: 1925-2008  
Kelly, Giles: Confessions of a Humanist on Visiting Washington’s National Cathedral  
Brooks, David (R): Evolutionary Psychology  
Jesus & Mo (R): Moses Explains Apophatic Theology to Jesus and Mo  
Unsigned: More on “Secularism vs. Democracy”  
Friedland, Stanley  
Whitmore, Wayne  
Harris, Arthur  
Anonymous Alcoholic Atheist: Good Christians, Bad Manners  
Jackson, Robert (R): filler: two kinds of thought (their own and evil)  
Grayling, A.C. (R): The Curse of Religion  
Grayling, A.C. (R): More from Philosopher A.C. Grayling  
Klein, Marty (R): Abortion: “Morally Equivalent” Doesn’t Mean “Politically Equivalent”  
Unsigned (R): But Isn’t “Abstinence Only” the Only Sex Education We Need?  
Middlebrooks, Dennis: Dennis Middlebrooks Writes *The Daily News* about Murderer George Sodini  
Florien, Daniel (R): Is George Sodini with Jesus?  
Herbert, Bob (R): Bob Herbert Has another Point of View  
Notice: We Have Two More Candidates for the 2009 SHSNY Dumbth Award (Joe the Plumber and Sen. John Thune)  
Unsigned: Why We Live in New York #92 (MO: AK-47 w/purchase of pickup)

Unsigned: Manning the Ramparts in Defense of the Language of Shakespeare and Milton

Unsigned: Religion Round the World: A Summer of Silliness and Stupidity

Jesus & Mo (R): Moses Makes Jesus, Mo and the Barmaid Sick

Unsigned: An Egregious Omission Corrected (re JQAdams July 2009)

Schissel, Chic: Letter (re Veggie for a Day July 2009)

Unsigned: The Preachers were Right: He's the Devil's Spawn!

Unsigned: Oh, No, Brad Pitt's Going to Hell, Too!

### **October, 2009**

Rafferty, John (reporting): The Godless Mafia Meets

Miller, Lisa (R): We Are All Hindus Now

Araujo, Derek C.: Ted Kennedy on Church and State

Rafferty, John: SHSNY (and Friends) Fight Catholic League Censorship

Jesus & Mo (R): Jesus, Mo & the Barmaid on Silence and Mockery

Light, Flash: You Can't Sue God. No, You Really Can't

Nussbaum, Alexander: Evolutionary Psychology is as Beyond-a-Doubt True as is Evolution

Begley, Sharon (R): (Un)Wired for God

Wright, Robert (R): Morality: Evolved, or Part of the Reality of the Universe?

Oswalt, Patton (R): Sky Cake

Carter, Jimmy (R): America's Best-Known "Born Again" Thinks Again

Rafferty, John: A Respectful Disagreement

Unsigned: Our Three Major Western Religions in Love-Thy-Neighbor Mode

Skeptics Dictionary (R): Tooth Fairy Science and Fairy Tale Science

Trudeau, Gary (R): Doonesbury Disses "Reasonists"

Rennie, John (R): 15 Answers to Creationist Nonsense – Part 12

Lohan, Tara (R): Who Walks Bowser While You're in Heaven?

Unsigned: God's Game Plan

Unsigned: Only 3% of Oklahoma H.S. Students Would Pass the U.S. Citizenship Test

Unsigned: Dumb ... and Fatally Dumber

Notice: SHSNY Website – New and Improved

### **November 2009**

Notice: Big Apple Coalition of Reason and BigAppleCoR.org are Launched

Unsigned (NYT) (R): Faith-Based Discrimination

Gilgoff, Dan (R): Four Ways the "No Religion" Boom Will Alter American Politics

Rafferty, John: Word Up

Williams, Mary Elizabeth (R): Monkeying with Darwin

Unsigned: A Thoughtful Creationist Analysis

Waldman, Steven (R): Deism: It's Back

Silverman, Sarah (R): Sarah Silverman's Plan to End World Hunger

Trillin, Calvin (R): The Liberal (Usually Humanist) Left Turns Itself Inside

Out for an "Artist"

Filler: Jean Anouilh on God and the rich

Filler: "The Simpsons" on Americans and dead "heroes"

Notice: SHSNY Celebrates Freethought Month and "Poetic Atheism" with  
Jennifer Michael Hecht

Harding, Kate (R): Another Child Dies of Unanswered Prayers

Henick, Alfred: Who's Guilty?

Silverman, Herb (R): How is Vaccination "Controversial"?

Miller, Wiley (R): Stupidity or Ignorance Seem to be Our Choices

Unsigned: It Isn't "Liberal Media Bias" – It's Crap Bias

Horwitz, Tony (R): The Real First Thanksgiving

Paul & Storm (R): The Way-Too-Early Christmas Song

Rafferty, Colin: A Catholic Funds an Abortion

Clark-Flory, Tracy (R): Islamist Anti-Woman Insanity

Lynn, Barry (R): Thanks, We Think

Rafferty, John: October 7, 2009, A Date That Will Live in Somedamnthng  
or Other

Notice: More Unraveling In Amherst

## **December 2009**

Keillor, Garrison (R): A New York Kind of Holiday  
Harrison, Kathryn (R): The Man Who Invented Christmas  
ThisIsTrue (R): The Poop on Christmas  
Hardy, Thomas (R): Christmas, 1924  
Stenger, Carlo (R): Atheism: A Class Distinction?  
Dacey, Austin (R): The Secularist Case Against "Atheism 3.0"  
Sanderson, Terry (R): I'm a Confirmed Indifferent  
Spivak, Anton: Whatever Happened to "Rhymes-With-Shmashmortion"?  
Rafferty, John: A Biblical Education  
Notice: Last Call for Dumbth Nominations  
Unsigned: What the Pope's Suggestion That Dissident Flocks in the CofE ...  
Unsigned: Change We Don't Believe In  
TheOnion.com (R): December Named National Awareness Month  
Jesus & Mo (R): Jesus and Mo Salute the Humanist Bus & Subway Campaigns  
Unsigned: Notes for the Underground  
TheDailyMash (R): Church of Scientology Guilty of Acting Like a Church  
Rafferty, John: December 21, 2012

## **January 2010**

Rafferty, John: The Swiss Question ... and Answers, I Hope  
Harris, Art: Return of the Nativist  
Johnston, Rowena: A Joyless Decision on "Gay" Marriage  
Parris, Matthew (R): Religion as a Jigsaw Puzzle  
Blow, Charles M. (R): Mr. Potato-Head Religious Mashups  
Unsigned: Church & State in Japan  
Notice: Cast Your Vote for the SHSNY Dumbth-of-the-Year, 2009  
Unsigned: A Past Dumbth Winner and a Certain Future Nominee Rewrite History  
Tierney, John (R): How Will Religion Evolve?  
NYTimes Readers Respond (to above)  
Lemaire, Brian: The State of Church-State Issues  
Rafferty, John: Speaking of Which ... East Ramapo, Again  
Beer, G.: Understanding "The Culture of Life"  
Unsigned: Modern Judaism  
Unsigned: Shameless  
Unsigned: Why We Live in New York #79 (Bibles in Texas jury room)  
Unsigned: Signs of Our Times  
Unsigned: Why We Live in New York #125 (trying to unseat NC atheist politico)

## **February 2010**

Judson, Olivia (R): The Origin of Darwin  
Rafferty, John: One Opposable Thumb Up for Darwin, One Prehensile Tail Down  
for Blue People (A Review of "Creation" and of "Avatar")  
Rafferty, John: The Other Birthday Boy of February 12, 1809  
Pigliucci, Massimo (R): On the Scope of Skeptical Inquiry: Skepticism, Athesim &  
Political Theory

Sagan, Carl (R): On "Spirit"

Rafferty, John: Of Minarets In Switzerland, Immigrants in America, and School

Boards in East Ramapo

Vogel, David

Middlebrooks, Dennis

Reed, Martine

Friedland, Stan

Nussbaum, Alexander

Friedberg, Barbara

Offenhardt, Harvey

Schissel, Chic

Jesus & Mo (R): Jesus & Mo Settle the Debate

Unsigned: What's Your Philosophy Type?

Middlebrooks, Dennis: The Dietary Benefits of Religion

Unsigned: In Texas He'd Have Been Promoted

Lepore, Jill (R): Murders 'R' Us

Unsigned: 2010 Looks Like a Great Year in Dumbth

Unsigned (R): The Ridiculous Claims Quiz

Aurelius, Marcus (R): Marcus Aurelius on The Good Life

Notice: March PIQUE Will Be Late

### **March 2010**

Rafferty, John: James Madison: March 16, 1751 – June 28, 1836

Murtha, Robert A., Jr.: Re Swiss Minarets and Muslim Immigrants

Twain, Mark (filler) (R): human is bad enough for me

Sullivan, Andrew (R): Why the Trial Should Be in Criminal Court in New York City

Wooldrige, Adrian (filler) (R): September 11 an act of religious war

Anonymous (R): ProtestorsTake Mass Homeopathy Overdose, Get Sugar Rush

Jesus & Mo (R): Jesus, Mo & Moses Debate Homeopathy

Park, Robert (R): Cell Phones are Found to Emit Nonsense

Unsigned: We Celebrate Darwin Day, Our 22nd Anniversary, and Pope Benedict XVI

(Photo Essay): 66 For Dinner

Dawkins, Richard Foundation (R): Haitian Relief and American Secularism

Rafferty, John: "Miracles" in Haiti ... "As Seen on TV"

ABC News, Australia (R): A Great Read-Between-the-Lines Story

Mohler, Albert – Baptist Preacher (R): Answer Us This, Pat Robertson

Kelly, Giles: Secular Humanist Spirituality?

Christina, Greta (R): Why We Don't Need Religion to Give Life Mystery

Jesus & Mo (R): Jesus and Mo Find Meaning in Myths

Middlebrooks, Dennis: Philosophy as a Two-Edged Sword

Unsigned: In the 21st Century, In a Country Equipped with Nuclear Weapons

Unsigned: Why We Live in New York #88

Unsigned: Why We Live in New York #89

Tencer, Daniel (R): South Carolina Solves the Terrorists-in-our-Midst Problem  
Unsigned (R): Savonarola is Alive and Well in Alcoa, Tennessee  
Unsigned: It's About Time

## **April 2010**

Unsigned: What is the Secular Coalition for America?  
Rafferty, John: The Texas School Board is Not Conservative  
Reed, Martine: The Door to Freedom is in the Wall of Separation  
Christina, Greta (R): Why "Everything Has a Cause" is no Justification  
For God's Existence  
Goldstein, Rebecca Newberger (R): Morality and the Argument From The  
View from Nowhere  
Rennie, John (R): 15 Answers to Creationist Nonsense – Part 13  
April Fool: *Ich Gewonnen Habe! Ich Gewonnen Habe!*  
April Fool (R): Pope Reverses Ban on Abortion  
April Fool: 3.4 Trillion Prayers Recalled in "Quality Control" Effort  
April Fool (R): Some Prayers Are Finally Answered  
April Fool: South Dakota Legislature Enacts "One Foot" Abortion Law  
April Fool (R): Supreme Court Gives Gore's Nobel Prize to Bush  
April Fool (R): Church Cancelled Due to Lack of God  
Nussbaum, Alexander: Is Homo sapiens the Reasoning Animal?  
Steel, Mark (R): Sex Education in a Catholic School  
Friedrichs, Ellen (R): The Definition of Crazy  
Henley, Kari (R): Is the "Easter" We Know a Joke?  
Jesus & Mo (R): Jesus and Mo Celebrate Good Friday  
Quatro, Jamie (R): God Texts the 10 Commandments to Moses  
Jesus & Mo (R): Jesus Explains the Importance of the Commandments to  
the Barmaid  
Unsigned: Jesus of Nazareth: Commie Nazi  
Limbaugh, Rush: Promises, Promises

## **May 2010**

Unsigned (R): New from Paul Kurtz: "Neo-Humanism"  
Rafferty, John: Why I Did Not Sign On  
Lynn, Elaine: Atheists at Play in New Jersey: A Report on American Atheists,  
Inc.'s 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention  
Anonymous: *Now You're Getting Mad?*  
Keiller, Garrison (R): The Sensible Virtues  
Light, Flash: Cloning, "Engineered Immortality," and the Long View  
Unsigned: Great Minds Think Alike  
Rafferty, John: May is "Lying for Jesus" Month  
Dowd, Maureen (R): Women Can Clean Up the Messes Made by Men in  
Dresses  
Dawkins, Richard (filler) (R): Ratzinger Should Not Resign  
Williams, Mary Elizabeth (R): Who's *Really* to Blame?  
Unsigned: For All Those Climate-Change Deniers Who Mocked Al Gore During

Last Winter's Snowstorms  
Unsigned: Pity the Poor Islamic Fundamentalist, Beset On All Sides by Well, the World  
Dvorak, Petula (R): One Business Failure We Can Celebrate  
Unsigned: Why We Live in New York #66  
Goodwin, Michael (R): Christian Soldier Overdid It a Tad  
Angier, Natalie (R): All in Good Time  
Rafferty, John: A Delightful New Book and a New SHSNY Contest  
Eagleman, David (R): Sum  
The SHSNY Afterlife Contest  
Unsigned: A Dumbth Nominee Who Makes the Others Look Smart

### **June 2010**

National Academy of Science (R): Climate Change and the Integrity of Science  
Wise, Tim (R): What If the Tea Party Was "A Black Thing?"  
Unsigned: Okay Fellow Liberals, What's the Party-Line Position on This?  
Unsigned: Opposition Paints Alabama Politician as Rational, Sane. He Denies It.  
Clark-Flory, Tracy (R): The Month in Islamic Crazy  
Unsigned (R): Sarah Palin Flunks Middle-School American History. Again.  
Notice: SHSNY's "Day of Reason" Brunch Was a Smash Success  
Notice: New York's "Reasonables" Turned Out in Big Numbers for Massimo Pigliucci's New Book  
Wright, Robert (R): Ethics for Extraterrestrials  
Notice: Paul Kurtz Resigns  
Gregory, Leland (R): Jesus On Eggs  
McMellon, Chuck (Reporter): Our Lady of the Bedroom Floor  
Dacey, Austin (R): Decomposing Humanism: Why Replace Religion?  
Notice: The Afterlife Is Cancelled  
Wills, Gary (R): Raping Jesus  
Middlebrooks, Dennis: Cancel the Mother Teresa Postage Stamp  
Unsigned: You Ran Over *Who*?  
Lifton, Barbara: Barbara Lifton Takes on Paul Kurtz and "Neo-Humanism"  
Rafferty, John: (Pro)-Life Imitates (Satirical) Art

### **July 2011**

Rafferty, John: We are now a Charter Chapter of the American Humanist Association  
Gibson, David (R): Secularist Schism Widens, Threatening a Movement's Finances – and Future?  
Schissel, Chic: Kurtz's "Kinder, Gentler" Humanism is the Right Tack to Take  
Marxer, Donna: Vatican Haiku  
Rafferty, John: Arizona Nun Excommunicated for Saving a (Mother of Four) Woman's Life  
Unsigned: White-Washing  
Unsigned: George Washington and Abe Lincoln: Trash-Talking Homophobes  
Unsigned: And Speaking (Stupidly) of "DADT" ...

Unsigned: Alabama Refuses to Concede “Stupidest State” Status to Arizona  
Notice: Our Newest Dumbth Nominee Confuses (Proto-Fascist) Fiction with  
Reality

Notice: Wait, Wait ... Don't Ever Count Newt Out

Unsigned: Rush Limbaugh, 59, (heart) Kathryn Rogers, 33

Loehr, Davidson (R): Is God Irrelevant?

Christina, Greta (R): Why Did God Create Atheists? (Part 1)

Delamontagne, R. Georges (R): Trinitarianism Explained

Unsigned (R): The Slashdot.com Explanation of the Universe

Henick, Alfred: The Fix Was In

Rafferty, John: World Cup Soccer News from the Talibans: Religious and  
Secular

Unsigned: Statue of Jesus Destroyed by Act of God

Ingersoll, Robert (R): Ingersoll on the 1876 Centennial of the Declaration of  
Independence, July 4, 1876

Notice: Reminder: No Pique in August



## **September 2010**

FunnyOrDie (R): Religion: The Commercial  
Blow, Charles M. (R): Let's Watch Out for Our Left Flank  
Frantz, Karen (R): Congratulations, Australia  
Unsigned: Why We Live in New York #62 (Florida Koran burning)  
Christina, Greta (R): Why Did God Create Atheists – Part 2  
Rafferty, John: Hey, Getcha Red-Hot Opinions Here!  
Hitchens, Christopher (R): Loony Prince Charley  
Brooks, David (R): The Moral Naturalists  
Zafon, Carlos Ruiz (R): ... And the Flesh Bleeds  
Krauss, Lawrence M. (R): Hold Religious Leaders Accountable  
Luther, Martin (filler) (R): If a woman grows old ...  
Unsigned (R): Famous Christian Quits Christianity  
Dowd, Maureen (R): If Roman Polanski were a Priest ...  
Sullivan, Andrew (filler) (R): "they pretend ... we pretend"  
Notice: Irving Jacks, 1925-2010  
Unsigned (R): "Humanists Announce Formation of New Institute Dedicated to Ethics"  
Kurtz, Paul (R): Neo-Humanist Statement of Secular Principles and Values  
DeDora, Michael (letter): On CFI/CSH/CSI  
Harris, Art (letter): On Paul Kurtz  
Henick, Al (letter): On "Touchdown Jesus"  
Schissel, Chic (letter): On Obama's "Targeted Killings"  
Franklin, Benjamin (filler re Schissel): "deserve neither liberty nor safety"  
Nietzsche (filler re Schissel): "the abyss gazes also into you"  
Middlebrooks, Dennis (letter): On the Pledge of Allegiance  
Notice: Re: Letters and PIQUE Editorial Policy  
Rafferty, John: I Told You, I Told You, and I Told You  
Notice: Help Wanted! Call for Volunteers!

## **October 2010**

Rafferty, John: About the "Ground Zero Mosque"  
Wright, Lawrence (R): Intolerance  
Harris, Art: Beware of Elephants and Camels  
Henick, Al: Move the Mosque to the U.N.  
Jesus and Mo (R): Jesus and Mo on Interfaith Harmony  
Tomorrow, Tom (R): The "News of the Galaxy" is Just as Puerile as It is Here  
Letters on Hate Crime Law:  
    Owens, Nan  
    Middlebrooks, Dennis  
    Cosentino, Remo  
Unsigned: Theologian of the Month: Lady Gaga  
Unsigned (R): Realist of the Month: Woody Allen  
Lynn, Elaine: I'm Real, You May or May Not Be  
Pigliucci, Massimo (R): The Place of Science  
DeVega, Chauncey (R): When Stupid People Don't Know They are Stupid

Keillor, Garrison (R): Garrison Keillor on Anti-Elitism  
Iyriboz, Tunç: Turkey's Choice: An Islamic Trojan Horse?  
Unsigned: The Great Debate Continues  
Unsigned: George Rowell 1929-2010  
Peter Rowell  
Milt Verstandig  
John and Gabriele Arents  
Unsigned (R): Be Afraid, Be Very Afraid, and Stick to your Diet on Halloween

## **November 2010**

Babelgum (R): Elect the Willfully Ignorant! The 2010 All-Purpose, Any-Candidate Political TV Commercial  
Unsigned: The Newest (and Odds-On Favorite) 2010 Dumbth-Award Candidate  
Conn, Joseph L. (R): A Christian Minister Makes the Case for Separation  
Kohn, Sally (R): Glenn Beck's "Collective Salvation" Myth Misuses American History – Again  
Rafferty, John: Two Footnotes to the Chilean Miners "Miracle"  
Appleman, Phil: Thanksgiving  
Murtha, Bob (reporter): "Great Lectures": Great Start  
Rafferty, John (reporter) Our October 10 Freethought Day Brunch Was a Rousing Success  
Marxer, Donna: Now You Can Pay Your SHSNY Dues, Buy a Subscription, Prepay for an Event, or Make a Donation – On PayPal  
Goodstein, Laurie (R): We Aren't Ignorant of Religion, We're the Ones Who Understand It  
Daily Mash (R): Religious Belief Linked to Being a Bit Dim  
Rafferty, John: Pancakes, Not Prayers, Make People Happy  
Unsigned: Sol Abrams, 1923-2010  
Hedges, Chris (Truthdig) (R): Let's Call the New Tyranny by Its Name: Radical Christianity  
Unsigned: Your Tax Dollars at Work: Giving a Whole New Meaning to "Tone Deaf"  
Wachtel, Harvey (letter): Yet Another Letter on Hate Crime Law  
Middlebrooks, Dennis (letter): More on the "Ground Zero Mosque"  
Rafferty, John: Ho-Hum  
Unsigned: Why We Live in New York #109  
Unsigned: Except for the Archbishop, Maybe We Should Live in Australia  
Dobyns, Stephen (R): Confession

## **December 2010**

Gordon, John Steele (R): A Brief History of Christmas, Both of Them  
Jesus and Mo (R): The True Meaning of Christmas  
Brooks, David (R): The Hanukkah Story  
Rafferty, John: The Supremes Take Instruction from the Archbishop  
Johnson, Steve (R): Flies, Elephants, Cities & Ideas, Or, Why We Live in

New York

Unsigned: Wait, One Last (Belated) Dumbth Nominee

Marxer, Donna: Our Partners and Pals: The Plants (A précis of "The Botany of Desire" by Michael Pollan)

Pollan, Michael (R): Opiates are the Religion of the People, Not the Other Way Around

Henick, Al (letter): The "Mosque" Keeps Inspiring Letters

Martin, Steve (R): Atheists Don't Have No Songs

Ingersoll, Robert (filler) (R): (sense of humor/religion)

Russell, Bertrand (filler) (R): (God unlikely to be vain)

Rafferty, John: Holiday Gifts for Freethinkers

Unsigned (R): To Conclude Our Holiday Editorial, A Heartwarming Christmas Story

Unsigned: What Has Secularism Done to Norway?

Miller, Wiley (R): The Church of Danae, Version 2.0

Unsigned: A Call to PIQUE Readers: What Would Be Your Advice?

## **January 2011**

Haight, James A. (R): Is This Really the Biggest News Story of Modern Times?

Park, Robert L. (R): Watson and Crick Walk Into a Bar ...

Lanza, Robert, M.D. (R): Why Are You Here?

Unsigned (cartoon) (R): As the Three Kings/Magi/Wise Men Make Their Way ...

Cousineau, Dick (R): Corliss Lamont 1902-1995

Rafferty, John: We're Number 84! We're Number 84!

Notice: Who Gets the Dumbth-of-the-Year 2010 Award? Cast Your Vote!

Christina, Greta (R): Is Atheism A Belief? Part 1.

Jesus and Mo (R): Jesus and Mo on Atheism as a Faith

Rafferty, John: Religious Right: Obama Has No Business Quoting the Founders  
National Secular Society (UK) (R): Before We Get All Excited About the Pope's "U-Turn" on Condoms ...

Filler: Bumper Sticker of the Month: He's Your God ...

Navarro, Joseph (R): Report from California: The Two Basic Flavors of Ideology

Broughton, John (letter): A Conservative Critique of November PIQUE

Lindley, Bill (letter): Letter from California: On Brunch, Prayer and Pancakes

NYTimes Obituary (R): Edward F. McCartan

McCartan, Rita: Edward F. McCartan: An Extraordinary Life

Rafferty, John: Nutcase Christians Honor Just Some of America's Soldiers ... But All of Nazi Germany's

Unsigned: Meet Richard Milner, SHSNY's Newest Honorary Member

## **February 2011**

Notice: SHSNY Election Notice

Unsigned: It's Official: Britain is Secular

Pinker, Steven (R): Western Civilization is Humanism, and We Should

## Claim It

Diamond, Jared (R): Religion is Theft

Cartoon (R): The Invention of Religion

Rafferty, John: Are We Missing the Most Important News of All Time?

Christina, Greta (R): Is Atheism a Belief? Part 2: Let's Get Rid of "Belief"  
Itself

Notice: We Have Our First 2011 Dumbth Nominee

Cupp, S.E. (R): The Arrogance of Atheists

Middlebrooks, Dennis: One Atheist Responds

Rafferty, John: And So Does Another

Gervais, Ricky (R): Why I Am an Atheist

Schissel, Chic: Why Are We Here? Is the Answer Solipsism?

Unsigned: Hitchens Remains Hitchens, Right to the (Almost) End

Leopold, Jason (R): How Can You Be Qualified to Kill People If You're Not  
"Spiritual"?

Why We Live in New York #78 (Glen Beck ratings in NYC drop)

Why We Live in New York #79 (KY "Ark Encounter" boondoggle)

Notice: Meet Carl Marxer, SHSNY's Newest Board Member

## March 2011

Skeptics Dictionary (R): Contrary-To-Fact Conditionals, the Tucson Massacre  
and the Media

Kristof, Nicholas D. (R): Autos Don't Kill People, People ... Etc.

Light, Flash: The Question Is: Is Atheism a Belief? The Answer Is: Yes

Henick, Al: Belief and Unbelief: Who Cares?

Sagan, Carl: Why Believe at All?

Notice: Craig T. Nelson Wins the 2010 SHSNY Dumbth Award

Cousineau, Dick (R): Whence the Term "Dumbth"? Humanist Humorist Steve  
Allen, 1921-2000

Unsigned: Why We Live in New York #61 (Repub Gov Bentley of Alabama)

Unsigned: We Celebrate Darwin Day, Chinese New Year, The Dumbthest of  
Last Years and, What the Hell, Ourselves

Rafferty, John: Where Do We Go From Here? What Shall We *Do*?

Unsigned: A Humanist Joke for St. Patrick's Day

Scislowaska, Monika (R): Just In Case You Thought the Catholic Church Had  
Advanced Beyond the 14th Century ...

Schopenhauer, Arthur (filler): "no absurdity so palpable ..."

Beal, Timothy (R): A Question for Creationists: Which Creation?

Tyson, Neil deGrasse: Neil deGrasse Tyson Makes the Case for Mars ... and  
For Science

Unsigned: Have a Slice of Pi on March 14.

Notice: The SHSNY Board of Directors Election Attracts Two New Nominees

## April 2011

Brooks, David (R): The New Humanism

New York Times (editorial) (R): Welcome to the Anthropocene

Appleman, Philip (R): God is an Unnecessary Hypothesis  
 Jesus and Mo (R): Jesus and Mo Instruct the Barmaid in Metaphor  
 Delamontagne, R. Georges (and George Carlin) (R): Will Jesus Return in  
 a UFO?  
 Schissel, Chic: On the Quality of Belief  
 McGowan, Dale (R): Of Babies and Bathwater  
 Rafferty, John: Where is Keith Olbermann When We Need Him?  
 Rafferty, John: In Newt Gingrich's World Adultery is Patriotic and One Plus One  
 Plus One Equals Two  
 Greene, Robert Lane (R): Is Language in Decline? Maybe. And Maybe That's a  
 Good Thing.  
**PEEK**  
 Rafferty, John: April Fool: Miramax, Dreamworks, AOL, Google, News Corp,  
 Microsoft, Citicorp and God Ink Pact to Produce "Second Coming"  
 The Onion: April Fool (R): Gay Teen Worried He Might Be Christian  
 Rafferty, John: April Fool: Glenn Beck Demands Posthumous Pardon for Joseph  
 Goebbels  
 Wade, Nicholas (R): Why Are We Smarter Than Chimps? We're More Social,  
 Less Promiscuous  
 Pitts, Leonard (R): Slouching Toward "Jersey Shore"  
 Klein, Naomi (R): Why Do Intelligent Right-Wingers Deny the Science of Climate  
 Change?  
 Kingkade, Tyler (R): Do Half of Iowa Republicans Really Believe Obama is a  
 Muslim?  
 Mill, John Stuart (filler) (R): stupid people conservative  
 Jesus and Mo (R): Mohammed Bakes Jesus a Good Friday Cruciversary Cake  
 Miller, Laura (R): Cream of Bible Soup  
 Collins Billy (R): Flock

## **May 2011**

Unsigned: Here It Comes: No Postponement, and Mark Your Calendars  
 Christina, Greta (R): Why We Need Atheist Ad Campaigns  
 Beer, Giddian: Epiphany  
 Unsigned: Share Your Story  
 Stoppard, Tom (R): Wanting To Know Makes Us Matter  
 Rafferty, John: Galileo Was Wrong and The Church Was Right. Really, Just  
 Ask These "Scholars"  
 Unsigned: Why We Live in New York #117, #118, #119  
 Friedland, Stanley (letter): Guns, Humanism and SHSNY  
 Unsigned: Newt Gingrich Wins His Third Dumbth-Award Nomination  
 Rafferty, John: Humanism, Politics and the Pages of PIQUE  
 Eisenhower, Dwight David (R): 50 Years After the "Military-Industrial Complex"  
 Speech: What a Genuine Conservative Sounds Like  
 Lincoln, Abraham (R): Another Conservative, The First Republican, on  
 "Illegal Immigration"  
 Vitello, Paul (R): The Power of Bloc Voting in New York

Schroeder, David A. (R): The Social Science of Up and Down  
Brooks, David (R): The Modest Manifesto  
Trudeau, Gary (R): A Banker's Progress  
Borowitz, Andy (R): Exporting Democracy Has Led to Shortages of It In the U.S.  
Unsigned: Why We (Most of Us, Anyway) Watch MSNBC  
Unsigned: Happy Birthday, Science

## **June 2011**

Unsigned: The SHSNY Election Results are in, and We've Rounded Up the Usual Suspects  
Unsigned: New Committees: New Opportunities for You to Get Involved and Serve  
Christina, Greta (R): Leaving Life and Religion Behind  
Robinson, Gretchen: Mortality for Beginners  
Dawkins, Richard (R): We're the Lucky Ones  
Miller, Wiley (R): End of Life (As We Know It) Decisions  
Aslan, Reza (R): "Sacred History" and Genuine History  
Campbell, Joseph (R): Living Without Myth  
Hitchens, Christopher (R): Living Without Faith  
Unsigned: No Religion? Here's One to Try  
Rafferty, John (Reporter): Barbara Friedberg Discusses "Reason at the Crossroads"  
Rafferty, John (Reporter): Tom Flynn Gives a Master Class in Demographics  
Unsigned: Congratulations, Maria & Harry  
Lifton, Barbara: Bibles Make News  
Rafferty, Colin: Genesis 46-47: Joseph and The Amazing Technicolor Grift  
Goodstein, Laurie (R): Pitzer College in California Adds a Major in Secularism  
Rafferty, John: In Other Academic Freedom News ...  
Unsigned: ... And in Military Academia, Poisoning Dogs for Jesus  
Rafferty, John: ... While the *Times* Sort-of Considers Atheist/Humanist Military Chaplains  
Notice: Dorothy Harris: October 22, 1925 – May 10, 2011  
Wood, Graeme (R): What Will Become of Us? First, Listen to Yogi Berra  
Friedland, Stanley (ltr): Kudos for PIQUE & "Epiphanies"  
Marxer, Donna: Art: 10; Christianity: 0  
Schissel, Chic: The Liverwurst Epiphany  
Rafferty, John: I Learned a New Word this Month  
Notice: Ed (Henrion)'s Satiric Site Sighted  
Unsigned: We're Still Here (no rapture)

## **July 2011**

Wood, Gordon S. (R): The American Revolution: "A Profoundly Secular Event"  
Whatley, Stuart (R): The Dangerous Idea of a "Christian Nation"  
Vowel, Sarah (R): "Come Over and Help Us" Puritan Foreign Policy, 1631-2012  
Rafferty, John (Reviewer) "Perfidious Proverbs and Other Poems: A Satirical Look at the Bible", by Philip Appleman

Rafferty, John: Why Sarah Gets a Dumbth Nomination (Bill-O and Newt, too), But Not Rand

Unsigned: Should We Have a Good-Guy Award?

Schissel, Chic: Chic Schissel Explains the May 21 (rapture) Mistake

Beer, Giddian: Climate Change: Five Facts and a Corollary – Updated

Friedman, Thomas (R): The Earth is Full

Unsigned: Climate Change? Obviously, God is Quite Irrate

Middlebrooks, Dennis: Our Own Dennis Middlebrooks Replied (to above)

Arents, John: And Our Own John Arents Rebuts (to above)

Seltzer, Sarah (R): The Church Makes it Official: Blame Woodstock

Mehta, Hemant (R): And the Church Gives New Meaning to “Suffer the Little Children”

Stewart, Katherine (R): Separation of Church and School in New York City

Unsigned (R): Bet You Didn’t Know: Jesus Hates Yoga

Lynn, Elaine (ltr): Intimations of Mortality in June PIQUE Provoked Reader Response

Beer, Giddian (ltr): Intimations of Mortality in June PIQUE Provoked Reader Response

Jesus & Mo (R): Jesus and Mo Have the Last Word on End-of-Life

Carter, Bill: From Atheism to Religion and Back Again in Two Generations: Another Epiphany

Dennett, Daniel (R): On “Secular Spirituality”

## **September 2011**

Rafferty, John: How Do You Kill an Ocean?

Maher, Bill (R): Bill Maher on Anders Breivik: “A Christian Terrorist”

O’Reilly, Bill (R): Bill O’Reilly on Anders Breivik: “Not Possible He’s a Christian”

Breivik, Anders (R): Anders Breivik on Anders Breivik: “100 Percent Christian”

Pareene, Alex (R): Planned Parenthood Bombed, Right Wing Silent

Middlebrooks, Dennis: The Ham-Handed (You Should Excuse the Expression) Power of Bloc Voting

Lee, Barbara Coombs (R): Real Choices at Life’s End

Unsigned: The Idiots We Vote For: #1 – Lori Klein

Christina, Greta (R): Why “Religion is Useful” is a Terrible Argument for Religion – Part 1

Unsigned (R): Brad Pitt – Atheist

Schultz, Connie (R): Of Moral leaders, Politics and Penguins

Goldman, Josh (R): Why “Moral Leaders” Are Annoying

Rafferty, John (Reporter): Barbara Oakley Annoys Fifty of Us, and Vice-Versa

Bonnett, Alastair (R): A “Post-Secular World”? Not So Fast

Hayward, Tim (filler) (R): religion like golf

Angier, Natalie (R): Altruism; Is It in Our Genes?

Trudeau, Gary (R): Doonesbury Teaches Alternatives to Evolution in Louisiana

Rees, Martin (R): Evolution: The Really Long View

Unsigned: Austria Sort-of Recognizes Pastafarianism

Blake, John (R): 52% Approve of God’s Job Performance

Unsigned: Pray to Saint Anthony to Find Saint Anthony  
Onion, The (R): Americans React to Texas Gov. Perry's "The Response" Prayer Meeting  
(Photos): Two Signs Seen at Summer Tea Party Meets ...  
Unsigned: Why We Live in New York Times Four  
Rafferty, John: I Will Marry You

## **October 2011**

Rafferty, John: You Need an Elevator Speech: What is Secular Humanism?  
Dawkins, Richard (R): Attention, Governor Perry: Evolution is a Fact  
Rafferty, John: So, How Did Rick Perry's Christian Prayer Rally Work Out?  
Jesus & Mo (R): Jesus and Mo Explain Religion's Edge over Science to the Barmaid  
Gutting, Gary (R): Beyond "New Atheism"  
Unsigned: Well, It's Better than Eternity in Hell  
Rafferty, John: Good Grief! Is It Possible Pat Robertson is Right about an Ethical Question?  
Lynn, Elaine (Reporter): 285 Freethinkers Turn Out for "Good Without God"  
Christina, Greta (R): Why "Religion is Useful" is a Terrible Argument for Religion – Part 2  
Miller, Wiley (R): Honesty in (Danae's) Religion  
Unsigned: Michelle Bachmann Earns Her Second Consecutive Dumbth Nomination, and No, She's Not Really Funny  
Postman, Neil (R): Amusing Ourselves to Death  
Solomon, Steven (R): Water, Water, Everywhere ...  
Unsigned: Why We Live in New York #84 (gun un-control)  
Schechter, Cliff (R): Guns: Coming Soon to a Library Near You  
Milner, Richard: Don't Register Guns. Register ... um ... Us.  
Henick, Al: To My Christian Friends  
Rafferty, John: The British is Coming! Or is it?  
Unsigned (R): The Tragedy of Literature Abuse

## **November 2011**

Strom, Stephanie (R): Tax-Exempted Right-Wing Clergy Get Out of Jail Free, Again  
Wooden, W. Frederick (Rev.) (R): A Different Kind of Cleric Writes a Letter to the *Times*  
Rafferty, John: More Elevator Speeches: Why Don't You Believe in God?  
Elliott, Carmen: What is Secular Humanism?  
Lindley, Bill: What is Secular Humanism?  
Appleman, Phil: What is Secular Humanism?  
Kurzweil, Ray (R): Machine Intelligence  
Honan, David (R): Ray Kurzweil: The Six Epochs of Technology Evolution  
Kaku, Michio (R): What Travels Faster Than the Speed of Light?  
Rafferty, John: Faster than Light? Scientific Skepticism  
Beer, Giddian: Confusions: Faith, Spirituality, and God



Unsigned: Alan Alda Sounds Like a Humanist  
Balcerak, Walter: What Secular Humanism Lacks  
Unsigned: An Interfaith Joke  
Lynch, Michael P. (R): Reasons for Reason  
Unsigned (R): Guess Which Darline of the Political Left Said This  
Appleman, Phil (ltr): Re: The British is Coming! Or is it?  
Rafferty, John: Re Appleman, same issue  
Kapp, Trevor & Connor, Tracy (R): Hasids Warn Women and Girls: Step Aside  
Jesus & Mo (R): The Barmaid Can't Follow Jesus's and Mo's Logic  
Unsigned (R): Stay Hungry, Stay Foolish – Steve Jobs, 1955 -2011  
Philbrick, Nathaniel (R): The First Thanksgiving: Forget the Picture-Book Cliches  
Adams, Franklin P. (FPA) (R): Thanksgiving

## **December 2011**

Notice: End-of-Year Giving? Think of SHSNY  
Notice: Give PIQUE for the Holidays  
MacCulloch, Diarmaid (R): The Christmas Story; Whenever, Wherever, Whatever  
Unsigned (R): Christmas in America: "Valentine's Day with More Presents"  
Jesus & Mo (R): Jesus Promotes Abstinence, Mo Offers a Seasonal Reminder  
Jesus & Mo (R): Jesus and Mo Swap Religions  
Rafferty, John: More Elevator Speeches: Answering Evolution Deniers  
Lindley, Bill: Readers Respond: "Why Don't You Believe in God"?  
Friedland, Stan: Readers Respond: "What is Secular Humanism"?  
Bhaerman, Bob: Readers Respond: Of Secular Humanists and Boy Scouts  
Parcival (R): The False God of the Lie  
Rafferty, John: "OWS" Isn't About Utopia, It's About Reality  
Rafferty, David: Comment re Rafferty, John, same issue  
Roosevelt, Franklin (filler): private power over democracy equals fascism  
Rooney, Andy (R): A Last "Few Minutes With Andy Rooney"  
Rafferty, John: Comment re Andy Rooney, same issue  
Rogatz, Peter and Julian: "Joy and Satisfaction" in a Non-Theist Life  
Buck, Pearl (R) (filler): like Confucius, no other life  
Kelly, Giles (ltr): Walter Balcerak Inspires Letters  
Lifton, Barbara (ltr): Walter Balcerak Inspires Letters  
Goldstein, Rebecca (R): Wilde, Spinoza, and Our Confraternity of the Fatherless  
Ehrman, Bart (R): Positive Atheism  
Wachtel, Harvey: Looks Like The British Really Is Coming  
Edelstein, Gene: Looks Like The British Really Is Coming  
Bohr, Robert: Looks Like The British Really Is Coming  
Sharpe, Nicole (R): How Many Rigatoni Can Dance on the Head of a Pin?  
Unsigned: One More (Late-Arriving) Dumbth Nominee (Cain)  
Barry, Dave (R): Religion or Humor  
Unsigned: Thank You, Jerry, Gary, and the Rest of "The First Amendment Nine"

## **January 2012**

Rafferty, John: Christopher Hitchens: 1949-2011

Shenk, David (R): Happy 2012: Another Year of Getting Smarter  
Marxer, Donna: A Post-Christmas Carol  
Balcerak, Walter: The Truth About Santa  
Rafferty, John: Elevator Speeches for "Christian Nation" Nuts and Born-Again  
Torpy, Jason: (Elevator Speech re) "Evolution is Just a Theory"  
JesusAndMo (R): The Barmaid Shocks Jesus and Mo ("So what?")  
Anon (filler) (R): lies about Santa, lies about Baby Jesus  
Unsigned: Who Do the Saudis Think They Are, Texans?  
Unsigned (R): A Burka Covers Everything Except a Woman's Eyes. Oh, Wait ...  
Cartoon (R): (Bikini-ed western woman; burka-ed Muslim woman)  
Unsigned: Who Gets the Dumbth-Of-The-Year 2011 Award? Cast Your Vote  
Bohr, Robert: And Then What?  
Weiner, Eric (R): Americans: Undecided About God?  
Unsigned: Why We Live in New York #118 (Okla applause for anti-gay rant)  
Burke, Edmund (filler) (R): (oppression by the majority in a democracy)  
Christina, Greta (R): Why It's So Tricky for Atheists to Debate with Believers – Part 1  
Rafferty, John: "Wit" Returns  
Olbermann, Keith (R): God, the Political Philanderer  
Lennon, John (R): John Lennon on Happiness

## **February 2012**

Grossman, Cathy Lynn (R): Move Over, "Nones": Here Come the "So Whats?"  
Ladd, Chris (R): Disorganized Religion  
Hitchens, Christopher (R): Does Science Make Belief in God Obsolete? No, But  
it Should  
Watterson, Bill (R): Calvin Explains Astrology and Responsibility to Hobbes  
Christina, Greta (R): Why It's So Tricky for Atheists to Debate with Believers – Part 2  
Camus, Albert (R) (filler): "If there is a sin against life ..."  
Pinker, Steven (R): Has Religion Made the World Less Safe?  
Wachtel, Harvey: The Truth About "The Truth About Santa"  
Beer, Giddian: No, Laura, There is No Santa Claus  
Cosentino, Remo: Peek-a-Boo, God, We Don't See You  
Speckhardt, Roy (R): Wishy-Washier Than Thou  
Aristotle (R) (filler): "... the mark of an educated mind ..."  
Brashear, Hilary: In Morocco: A Young American (Atheist) Woman Among the Muslims  
Tyson, Neil deGrasse (R): Which (Eight) Books Should Be Read by Every Intelligent  
Person on the Planet?  
Rafferty, John: A Modest Proposal: The Three-State Solution  
Unsigned: Haven't Voted Yet? Cast Your Ballot Now, for the Dumbth-of-the-Year 2011

## **March 2012**

Sullivan, Andrew (R): The Church Never Misses an Opportunity to Miss an Opportunity  
Dowd, Maureen (R) (filler): On Catholic Birth Control  
Unsigned: Evangelicals and Fundamentalists  
Worthen, Molly (R): The Evangelical Brain Trust  
Beer, Giddian: What Would Jesus Be?

Singer, Peter and Sagan, Agata (R): Are We Ready for a "Morality Pill"?  
Unsigned: Why We Live in New York #81 (OK no-fetus-in-food bill)  
Unsigned (R): If You Were Worrying About That Mayan-Calendar 2012 End-of-the-World Thing ...  
Unsigned: Our Darwin Day & Anniversary Banquet: A Good Time Was Had By All (photo spread)  
Unsigned: Third Time is the Charm: Newt Gingrich Wins the SHSNY Dumbth-of-the-Year 2011 Award  
Jacoby, Susan (R): American Atheists Must Define Themselves, Not Be Defined By the Religious – Part 1  
Maher, Bill (R): New Rule: Atheism is Not a Religion  
Harris, Sam (R): The Fireplace Delusion  
Brooks, David (R): Think for Yourself? Not So Fast!  
Reed, Martine: The "Right" to Wear the Veil  
Unsigned: More Books: Two at a Time  
Unsigned (R): Freedom of the Press? We're #47

## **April 2012**

Kurtz, Paul (R): Neo-Humanism: Human Values and Planetary Humanism  
Schmidt, Stanley (R): Say a Prayer for Exobiology Studies  
Jacoby, Susan (R): American Atheists Must Define Themselves, Not Be Defined By the Religious – Part 2  
Gilbert, Mitchell S. (R): Catholic Sharia  
Unsigned: Arizona: On the Front Lines of the War On Women  
Trudeau, Gary (R): "Doonesbury" and the Texas Transvaginal Funnies  
Clinton, Hilary (filler): "Extremists ... want to control women"  
Middlebrooks, Dennis: Another Death by Mohel  
Rafferty, John (Reprint from 10/2005): Mayor Bloomberg Sucks Up to New York's Religious Right  
Unsigned: Suck-Ups Notwithstanding, Why We Live in New York #71 (MO Limbaugh)  
Rafferty, John: A Blog Worth Your Time

## **PEEK**

TheOnion (R): Sumerians Confused as God Creates World  
BorowitzReport (R): Satan Deserts Limbaugh  
Daily Mash (R): Christians Worldwide Celebrate the Martyrdom of Saint Pancake  
TheOnion(R): Americans Encouraged to Try Thinking for 2 Seconds  
Anthony, Louise (R): Good Minus God – Part 1  
Tyson, Neil deGrasse: The Most Astounding Fact About the Universe  
Rafferty, John: The Most Predictable Thing About Christian Fundamentalists  
Arents, John: Fundamentalists & Evangelicals: Re-Re-Defined  
Unsigned: Our First 2012 Dumbth Candidate: Returning Champion Newt Gingrich!  
Unsigned (R): Senator Inhofe (R-Petroleum) Has Proof-Positive Global Warming is a Hoax  
Rafferty, John: After Ten Years and Tens of Billions of Dollars in Afghanistan  
Harris, Art: How to Recruit More Atheists  
Unsigned (R): The Sky Did Not Fall! Pat Robertson Says "Legalize Pot"

Marzani, Charlotte: Poem

Dawkins, Richard (R): Dawkins Answers the Same Damn Atheist-Morality Question for the Umpteenth Time, Beautifully.

Rafferty, John: A Cosmological "Never Mind"

## **May 2012**

Balcerak, Walter: David Hume: A Skeptic's Skeptic

Unsigned: Happy Birthday, Science, Too

Lemaire, Brian: The Scientific Method and Falsifiability

Stenger, Victor J. (R): God is a Testable Hypothesis

Anthony, Louise M. (R): Good Minus God: Part 2

Silverman, Herb (R): What Atheist Groups Learned From the Christian Coalition

Unsigned: Why We Live in New York #71, #72, and #73

Rafferty, John: Humanism 101: Evolution

Kristof, Nicholas D. (R): Politics, Odors, and Soap

Chapman, Steve (R): The Republican Party's Problem With ... um, Us

Brooks, David (R): "Noir" Moral Realism for Today's Young Idealists

Harris, Art: Genesis: The Case for Birth Control

Filler: A Thought for Our Times (Greece is collapsing...)

Dawkins, Richard (R): A Thought for a Fine May Morning ...

Clooney, George (R): ... With Which George Clooney Agrees

Camus, Albert (R): ... As Did Albert Camus

Eisenhower, Dwight D. (R): Finally, A Thought for the "Experts" Who Took Us Into "Preventive War" in Iraq ...

Brecht, Bertolt (R): The Worst Illiterate

Stein, Robert (letter): Reader: Go Thou and Do Likewise

## **June 2012**

Rafferty, John: A *Shandeh*

Dowd, Maureen (R): And on the Other Side of the Faith Aisle

Christina, Greta (R): Why Does Religion Always Get a Free Ride? – Part 1

Fraser, Sean (R): Norway Abolishes the Church of Norway

Rafferty, John: Faith, Belief, and Knowledge: Defining Our Terms

Unsigned: Why We Live in New York #93

Lemaire, Brian: Reason and Karl Popper

Feynman, Richard (filler) (R): Not knowing more interesting ...

Balcerak, Walter: Secular Humanism: Sense and Goodness

Smoker, Barbara (filler) (R): atheists and secular humanists – 6/12

IHEU (R): Defining Humanism: Start Here

Shermer, Michael (R): Much Ado about Nothing

Savage, Dan (R): Face It, Faithers: The Bible is Pro-Slavery

Bible Study Lesson: "Slaves, obey ..."

Michaelson, Jay (R): Traditional Marriage: One Man, May Women, Some Girls, Some Slaves

Clarke, Arthur C. (filler) (R): "hijacking of morality by religion"

Unsigned: Ten Reasons to Ban Gay Marriage

Unsigned: Limbaugh is Outraged! It's "War" on Traditional Marriage!  
Jesus and Mo (R): Jesus and Mo Denounce "Bigotophobia"  
Rafferty, John: The Best Short-Form Argument for Free Will I've Ever Heard  
Unsigned: Mike Weiss Joins the SHSNY Board

## **July, 2012**

Adams, John (R): "The Real American Revolution"  
Holland, Joshua (R): This Fourth of July, Let's Stop Worrying What the Founders Would Think  
Vaver, Anthony (R): Our Founding Convicts  
Balcerak, Walter: Morality is in Our Genes – Part 1  
Watterson, Bill (R): Calvin Defines Bliss for Hobbes  
Holt, Jim (R): Physicists vs. Philosophers  
Wilkins, Alasdair (R): When Christianity Conquered the Universe  
Allen, Gavin (R): Did Jesus Die for Klingons, Too?  
Bible Study (filler): "kill all ... inspiration of God"  
Unsigned: Maurice Sendak, 1928-2012  
Rafferty, John: It's Time to Legalize Pot  
Christina, Greta (R): Why Does Religion Always Get a Free Ride? – Part 2  
Kurtz, Paul: The "True Unbeliever"  
Unsigned: Pastor Charles Worley Make His Logic-Defying Bid for the Dumbth Award  
Leon, Donna (R): The Italian Detective's Wife On When to Trust the Clergy's Truthfulness  
Schissel, Chic: Free Will and Determinism  
Letters, various: Sometimes We Do it Right ...  
    Appleman, Phil – 7/12  
    Balcerak, Walter – 7/12  
    Stone, Ray – 7/12  
    Wachtel, Harvey – 7/12  
    Kelly, Giles – 7/12  
    Amster, Edith – 7/12  
    Henick, Al – 7/12  
    Cousineau, Dick – 7/12  
McMahan, Dick (R): ... And Sometimes We Get it Wrong

## **September, 2012**

Winston, Kimberly (R): Atheism Rises, Religiosity Declines in America  
Chapman, Bill: On Atheist Strategy  
Grayling, A.C. (R): On the Other Hand ... (no respect for faith)  
Humanist Network News (R): And the Times, They Are A-Changing  
NYC Atheists (R): Sexual Atheism  
Dictionary of Contemporary Mythology (R) (filler): "faith and insanity"  
Christina, Greta (R): Eight Atheist and Agnostic Scientists Who Changed the World – Part 1  
Winston, Kimberly (R): Say it "Ain't" So: A Night of "Unbelievable" Fun  
Unsigned: Phyllis Diller, Happy Atheist: 1917-2012

Rafferty, Brendan (filler): "frost giants"  
Rafferty, John: Announcing Humanism 101  
Balcerak, Walter: Religion's Role: Social Cohesion – Part 2  
Robinson, Sara (R): Six Reasons We Can't Change the Future without Progressive Religion  
Unsigned: "Legitimate Rape" Idiocy Earns Todd Akin a Dumbth Nomination  
Unsigned: Taking Tone-Deaf, Ethics-Blind Hubris to a Whole New Level  
Russelsteapot.com (R): And a Little Child Shall Lead Them ... to Norway  
Jesus and Mo (R): Mo Explains Infallibility to Jesus  
Unsigned: No Thinking in Texas  
Rafferty, John: Israel's Ultra-Orthodox Going Blind Over Sex. No, Not That.  
Middlebrooks, Dennis: Defending "Religious Liberty", Outraging Decency  
Appleman, Philip: Precious, Beautiful, Priceless: Us  
Russell, Bertrand (R): The River of Our Lives  
Balcerak, Walter: ltr re 7/12 good issue"  
Weiss, Mike: ltr re 7/12 "legalize pot"  
Cosentino, Remo: ltr re 7/12 "legalize pot"  
Wilson, E.O. (filler) (R): "bizarre ... emotions and technology"  
Russell, Bertrand (R): A Liberal Decalogue  
Bible Study: "dash babies against the rock"

## **October 2012**

Unsigned (R): We Lost One of the Best of Our Own in Benghazi  
Harris, Sam (R): On the Freedom to Offend an Imaginary God  
Gautama Siddharta (the Buddha) (R): filler, on belief  
Hookway, James (R): Just in Case You Think Buddhism is "The Rational Religion"  
Readers Respond to September PIQUE:  
    Weiss, Mike: re Robinson, Humanism 101  
    Middlebrooks, Dennis: re Chapman, Robinson  
    Lemaire, Brian: re Robinson  
    Schissell, Chic: re Chapman  
    Henick, Al: re Chapman  
Rafferty, John: One Small Subversive Act for Secularism  
Notice: Larry Shaw's New Podcast: Tuesdays at Eight  
Rafferty, John: Humanism 101 First Meeting/Discussion October 29  
Unsigned: This Month's Bible Study Lesson  
Dunt, Ian (filler): "secular multiculturalists not enemies of religion"  
Scientific American Editors (R): Obama and Romney Answer 14 Science Questions  
Montgomery, Peter (R): 12 Rules for Mixing Religion and Politics  
Rafferty, John: Not on Some Alabama Crossroads, Right Here in the Diocese of New York  
Reagan, Ronald (R) (filler): church and state forever separate  
Balcerak, Walter: Morality Clash: Left vs. Right – Part 3  
Reed, Martine: Jesus Christ on a Bike!  
Unsigned: Ronald McDonald Takes an Illegal Hit from "Touchdown Jesus"  
Rafferty, David: My Nominee for Anti-Dumbth of the Year: Bill Nye, "The Science Guy"

Swanson, Davis (R): Seconding the Nomination  
Jefferson, Thomas (filler) (R): "tax ... for the purpose of education ..."  
Rafferty, John: If There Was an Afterlife, Who Would You Invite to Lunch?

## **November, 2012**

Unsigned: Paul Kurtz: December 21, 1925 – October 20, 2012  
Horowitz, Tony (R): Thanksgiving Thoughts on Plymouth Rock, Beer, and a Cure for Clap  
Stewart, Jon (R): On an Old-Fashioned Thanksgiving  
"Simpson, Bart" (R) (filler): Thanksgiving grace  
Appleman, Philip: Thanksgiving  
Brooks, David (R): The House Conservative of *The Times* Considers the Conservative Mind  
Rafferty, John: Comment on Brooks, same issue – 11/12  
Lipton, James: James Lipton Type-Casts Mitt Romney  
Mantel, Hilary (R): Congress ... Um, I Mean Parliament Rejects the 1536 Stimulus Package  
Miller, Wiley (R): 2012 Electoral Economics  
Minow, Newton H. (R): The Man Who Saw a "Vast Wasteland" on TV Takes Another Look  
Rothman-Alee, Lori: The Secular Secret to Life  
Unsigned: Freethought Day Was Another Fill-the-Room Success  
Debrovner, Chuck: Life, Death, and Slippery Slopes  
Notice: Humanism 101 Second Meeting/Discussion: November 26  
Christina, Greta (R): Eight Atheist and Agnostic Scientists Who Changed the World – Part 2  
Unsigned: Rush Limbaugh Makes His Stupidest Bid Yet for the Dumbth Award  
Rafferty, John: Way Beyond Dumbth: Insanity in Arkansas  
Unsigned (R): We Don't Need No Stinkin' Smart People  
Unsigned: Why We Live in New York #88 (Broun "lies from pit of Hell")  
Unsigned (R): Saudi Scholars Discover the Cause of Homosexuality and, Well, Everything  
Unsigned (R): Where and When Was *This* Said? ("immodest" dress)  
Harris, Arthur: Arab Spring  
Unsigned (R): Grimm's Fairy Tale  
Unsigned: Madonna Stands Up for Free Speech  
Jesus and Mo (R): The Barmaid Asks Jesus and Mo A Question About Divine Guidance  
Jesus and Mo (R): The Barmaid One-Ups Jesus Again  
Marxer, Donna: re 10/12 Afterlife Lunch  
Middlebrooks, Dennis: re 10/12 Afterlife Lunch  
Friedland, Stan: re 10/12 Afterlife Lunch  
Light, Flash: re 10/12 Afterlife Lunch  
Wheeler, Brad: re 10/12 Afterlife Lunch  
Cosentino, Remo: re 10/12 Afterlife Lunch  
Rafferty, David: re 10/12 Afterlife Lunch

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Tarico, Valerie (R): The "Rational Swiss Cheese" of Belief  
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Savage, Dan (R): Ignoring the B.S. in the Bible About Homosexuality  
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Barr, Thomas (R): Texas Officially Loses It: Bans Tampons and Diabetic Supplies from Senate Chamber. Guns OK.  
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Atheist Barney Frank  
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