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Our computer died and that cost us the illustrated calendar. We'll replace it soon.











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I love this time of year. TV is obsessed with movies about ghosts, monsters, demonic possessions, and events with no rational explanation. Things to make your hair stand on end.

You'd think that as a humanist I'd dismiss such nonsense. There are no ghosts, haunted houses, or curses. But a good horror movie with that spooky aura is still a delight.

It's play. In nature animals play to hone the skills they'll need as adults. It's instinctive. It doesn't teach us what we need in the modern world but it's still fun.

I feel sympathy for adults who still believe in hell, the devil, and evil forces; who think they need to protect themselves with prayer and rituals or by to invoking a higher power.

It's a small minority of religious people who think that way. Most don't consider the dark side of religion and probable don't believe in miracles. When people say they believe in God, it may just be a catch-all for all the good in nature.

I'm looking forward to the small monsters coming to my door on halloween.

Have a happy Halloween!

### Humanist Forums

Forums are held Sundays at 11:00AM at our new location, the Mountain View Senior Center at 266 Escuela Avenue, and still simultaneously available on Zoom.

You can get the Zoom location from meetup.com/humanistcommunity.