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Busy, busy. Things to do: Take the Secular Survey, salute Jerry Nadler, campaign in Connecticut, bake a pie for Pi Day, and plan an anniversary party – No, wait, scrub that last. Herein we have a few more things to say about “the unsayable”, consider “woke” outrage over hamantaschen and the persistence of stupidity, wonder what Republican atheists think they’re thinking, and whether any Republicans are thinking beyond resentment and race at all. Most important, we turn to Dawkins for science and hope for the future, while we stare in horror at fascism in the here and now. — JR

**IT IS FASCISM.
AND IT IS HERE, NOW.
David Orenstein**

On January 6, 2021, Donald Trump and his fascist accomplices attempted to overthrow our secular constitutional government. Never before had a sitting President sent a mob to kill and disrupt members of a co-equal branch of government.

The ultimate goal was to disenfranchise voters and for Trump to maintain power through violence and intimidation, since Trump did, in fact, lose the free and fair election by over seven million votes.

This attack was fomented by Trump himself. For months prior to and then after the election, Trump claimed election fraud, but none of his allegations were truthful. His lawyers lost 60 of 61 cases they brought to prove unfairness. Even the U.S. Supreme Court, with three Trump-appointed justices, found that the allegations of voter fraud were unsubstantiated.

Trump’s last gasp for power, the attack on the U.S. Capital by white nationalist Trump supporters, seems like a bad memory at this point. Something we hope we could put into the file cabinet of history under the label of “dysfunctionally violent president and his minions attempt to overturn the will of the people”. The reality is that the sickness that Trump and his supports accept and embellish isn’t going away anytime soon.

Case in point: the recent C-PAC convention held in Florida. The full adoration of Trump was on display (including a gold statue!), disgusting to observe and chilling at the same time. Frankly, I used to dislike Republicans just for their ideas, now I find the GOP repugnant, as it has become nothing but a death cult following one man to their own political oblivion.



This (bottom) is the actual stage for CPAC 2021. And that’s (top) the actual Odal Rune, used by Nazi SS divisions, including the SS-Rasse-und-Siedlungshauptamt, which was the office tasked with maintaining the “racial purity” of the SS.

If you may think that the “Grand ‘Ol Party” hasn’t devolved into a fascist death cult, one need only look at the stage that was designed and installed at the C-PAC convention for the speakers, including Republican party leaders to stand on.

Clearly those who planned the C-PAC convention knew this and also knew what they were doing. Their intention was a not so subtle tip of the hat towards hatred and

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bigotry. They're not even trying to hide it any longer. The Nazi symbol and its iconography mean everything to those who choose hate, intolerance and anti-democratic white nationalist violence.

Is this, perhaps, why many non-Trump Republicans have left or are leaving their party? This is not just disgusting to Democrats or political independents. It is equally putrid to anyone with a modicum of humanity, of personal dignity and respect for the dignity of others. It is repugnant to anyone who remembers 1933-1945 with any clarity of real and actual history.

We must not remain silent as the forces of fascism attempt to overtake secular constitutional democracy in America. We must remember that, just as in Germany, the United States experiment in democracy is fragile and must be held up by us all if we are to move forward in justice and secular freedom.

Certainly as humanists, this recent C-PAC meeting must move us to secular action. The dangers are real and a positive and humane future is not set in stone.

It is we who own the American experiment in secular democracy. Only through our force of political will can we supplant, educate and return the American dream to the many here at home, and the American experiment in secular democracy – even if at times imperfect – as the blueprint for all future governments worldwide.

ATHEIST REPUBLICANS? WAKE UP!

Hemant Mehta

(Excerpted from "Right-Wing Atheists Are Oddly Excited About CPAC Embracing Secular Conspiracies" at friendlyatheist on patheos.com, 3/1/2021)

I've written before about my thoughts on atheists who support the current version of the Republican Party. I don't think it makes sense to claim you're logical and rational while supporting a party that promotes conspiracy theories and bigotry.

I also don't think it's a strategic or useful kind of activism to attend an event like CPAC. Unlike purchasing a booth at, say, a Flat Earth conference where your entire goal is to convince attendees they're wrong, the atheists going to CPAC support the Republican Party's policies. They're not going to argue people out of their delusions; they're going there because *they believe those delusions*, too, minus one.

Case in point: the conservatives at Atheists for Liberty celebrated a CPAC straw poll that claimed the most pressing issues for the party were election fraud (which didn't occur), "Constitutional Rights" (as if they were seriously under attack), and immigration (because you know why). But since the issue most closely tied to the evangelical base is abortion, and that was lowest on that particular list, the atheists were very excited.

A party that promotes *secular* harmful irrational conspiracy theories isn't "better" than one that promotes *religious* harmful irrational conspiracy theories. This isn't a "win" for reason. We're not better off having a party of insane people who prop up Donald Trump, Marjorie Taylor

Greene, Lauren Boebert, and all the other kooks who took center stage over the weekend just because they don't necessarily bring religion into the picture. (Even though just about all of them normally do.)

Keep in mind that those items at the top of that poll – election fraud conspiracy and constitutional concerns – are routinely brought up in the right-wing echo chamber in the context of Christian Persecution. There's a reason you saw all those Jesus banners and prayers during the Capitol riots, and church leaders have filed multiple lawsuits against sensible COVID restrictions.

The point is that religion is still at the top of that list even if not explicitly so. ...

The Republican Party doesn't represent diversity in any meaningful way and you have to be clueless to pretend otherwise. They want a Christian Nation, but, sure, they'll accept the votes of atheists who support that vision. They support discrimination against LGBTQ people, but, sure, they'll accept the votes of LGBTQ people who are fine with that. That's not hypocrisy. That's opportunism.

And if the Log Cabin Republicans and Atheists for Liberty can't see how they're being used by the Party as proof of some bigger tent that doesn't actually exist, then, well, no surprise there.

But the secular movement writ large isn't in a better position just because one group has a mild presence (that they paid for) at an event dedicated to pushing conspiracies, fighting democracy, rejecting science, and stoking racism. Just because people are worshiping a golden bust of Trump instead of Jesus doesn't earn you points for atheist activism.

RESENTMENT, CULT WORSHIP, RACISM

Jennifer Rubin

(Excerpted from "The worst-kept secret: Conservatism has no value(s)", Washingtonpost.com, 3/1/2021)

Whatever conservatism is these days – a reactionary stance, an irrational resentment, a delusionary cult – it has no principles at all. As we saw from the golden calf – er, the golden Trump statue – at CPAC (never has a group had less self-awareness than that crowd) and the utter lack of any policy discussion at the event, this is a party rooted in multiple lost causes. To the lost cause of White Christian domination, the MAGA crowd has added the lost cause of a mythical stolen election. ...

Seething with resentment, the MAGA right considers revenge – "owning the libs" – to be an end unto itself.

Even if Republicans held power, they could not abolish "cancel culture". They could not make White Christians into a majority of the population, as they once were in America. They could not eradicate an overwhelming majority of voters who are roused by the Black Lives Matter movement and support the American creed that "all men are created equal". ...

As for the Republican Party, without a democratic (small "d") ethos and viable ideology (moderation? centrism? 19th century liberalism?), it serves only as a receptacle of resentment, cult worship and racism.

THOUGHTS ON “THE ENCROACHMENT OF THE UNSAYABLE”

Jon Engel

In his opinion piece, “The Encroachment of the Unsayable” (reprinted in PIQUE Feb 28), *New York Times* editorial writer Bret Stephens decries what he considers to be encroachments on free expression. He makes some fair points. There is a tendency among some to tiptoe around certain truths, in case some would find those truths offensive. This could stifle the unfettered discussion of issues, which discussion is necessary in a free society. But what Stephens omits from his essay speaks even more loudly than what he actually says.

If the only essay that you read on the subject of censorship was Stephens’, you would be forgiven for thinking that censorship is purely a Muslim/liberal problem. Examples of when liberals declined to criticize Muslims for fear of causing offense are the only ones he cites. When was the last time you heard Stephens or any other conservative criticize Christianity or Judaism for intolerance? When Trump was president he and his fellow conservatives in his administration refused to allow the foremost authority on infectious diseases in the world (Dr. Anthony Fauci) to tell the truth to the American people about the most deadly pandemic in 100 years. If Bret Stephens is truly worried about things becoming “unsayable” perhaps he should be protecting the right of Fauci to say “Here’s the scientific truth about Covid” as much as Stephens wants to protect the right to speak ill of Muslims.

In truth, we’re really not talking about censorship here. The First Amendment in this country protects the right of people to criticize Islam and its adherents. But it doesn’t protect anyone from being called a bigot and a jerk for doing so. What Stephens and his conservative brethren seem to want is the ability to say offensive things without anyone calling them out on it. Because if anyone responds harshly to their beliefs, it somehow becomes creeping censorship. Bret Stephens is and should be able to say whatever he wants, within the limitations of laws on defamation, incitement, etc. But criticism of his views does not render his words “unsayable”. Bret Stephens has a huge platform for his opinions as an op-editorial writer for the *New York Times*. He is the last person who should be complaining about being squelched by liberals or anyone else.

THREE CHEERS FOR JERRY NADLER

(Based on CFI’s *The Morning Heresy*, 3/1/2021)

When GOP Rep. Greg Steube complained on the House floor about “gender confusion” being a “rejection of God’s good design”, New York City’s own Democratic Rep. Jerry Nadler responded, “Mr. Steube, what any religious tradition describes as God’s will is no concern of this Congress.”

This got misquoted by right-wing bloggers as “God has no authority in the House of Representatives,” which is also true, but not what Nadler said. Anyway, anything to further the Right’s moral outrage as performance art.

WOKE ME WHEN IT’S OVER Bret Stephens

(From *nytimes.com*, 2/22/2021)

In 2015, *Bon Appétit* ran an article by the food writer Dawn Perry about hamantaschen, the triangular cookies that are a tradition during the Jewish festival of Purim. It was headlined – brace yourself for outrage – “How to Make Actually Good Hamantaschen”.

Six years later, a woman named Abigail Koffler found the article while researching hamantaschen fillings. She was not amused.

Perry, Koffler wrote on Twitter, isn’t Jewish. Perry’s husband, Koffler added, had been forced out of his job at Condé Nast last year based on accusations of racial bias. Above all, Koffler objected, “Traditional foods do not automatically need to be updated, especially by someone who does not come from that tradition.”

Most Jews would probably be grateful for an “actually good” hamantasch. Yet within hours of Koffler’s tweets, *Bon Appétit* responded with an editor’s note atop the article, now renamed “5 Steps to Really Good Hamantaschen.” It’s a note that defies summary, parody and belief.

“The original version of this article included language that was insensitive toward Jewish food traditions and does not align with our brand’s standards,” the editor wrote. “As part of our Archive Repair Project, we have edited the headline, dek, and content to better convey the history of Purim and the goals of this particular recipe. We apologize for the previous version’s flippant tone and stereotypical characterizations of Jewish culture.”

Behold in this little story, dear reader, the apotheosis of Woke.

No transgression of sensitivities is so trivial that it will not invite a moralizing rebuke on social media.

No cultural tradition is so innocuous that it needn’t be protected from the slightest criticism, at least if the critic has the wrong ethnic pedigree.

No writer is so innocent that she should be spared from having her spouse’s alleged failings trotted out to suggest discrimination-by-association.

And no charge of cultural insensitivity is so far-fetched that it won’t force a magazine into self-abasing self-expurgation. What *Bon Appétit* blithely calls its “Archive Repair Project” is, according to HuffPost, an effort to scour “55 years’ worth of recipes from a variety of Condé Nast magazines in search of objectionable titles, ingredient lists and stories told through a white American lens”.

George Orwell warned in 1984 of a world in which “the past was erased, the erasure was forgotten, the lie became the truth”. At the Ministry of Truth, Winston Smith was obliged to rewrite what had been said about sweets – chocolate, not cookies – to hide the fact of ever-dwindling rations.

What *Bon Appétit* – which saw its editor depart last year after a 16-year-old Halloween photo of him trying to look like a Puerto Rican stereotype resurfaced on the internet – is doing with its recipe archive may seem like a farce.

But it's a telling one. If a major media company like Condé Nast can choose to erase and rewrite its food archives for the sake of current Woke sensibilities, why stop there?

In the summer of 2008, *The New Yorker* ran cover art of Barack and Michelle Obama giving each other a fist bump in the Oval Office. He was dressed in Middle Eastern garb. She had a machine gun slung over her shoulder and wore her hair in a big Afro. A portrait of Osama bin Laden hung over the mantel, and an American flag was burning in the fire. Even by the comparatively liberal standards of 2008, the cover was considered egregious.

At the time, *The New Yorker's* editor, David Remnick, defended the art by saying that it was satirical. But in the humorless world of Woke, the satire is never funny, the statute of limitations never expires, Remnick's intentions are irrelevant and his judgments inherently biased. If Condé Nast is serious about "repairing" its archives for the sake of rectifying past sins, there's no good reason not to erase that cover, too.

What comes next? In January, Jason Kilborn, a law professor at the University of Illinois at Chicago, was placed on indefinite administrative leave, barred from campus and kicked off his committee assignments after students protested that he had included "n____" and "b____" as part of his semester exam on civil procedure.

No, he didn't use the slurs themselves. He just wrote the first letter followed by a line. It still didn't spare him.

"The visual of the N-word on Professor Kilborn's exam was mental terrorism", claimed a petition from the Black Law Students Association.

Whatever happens to Kilborn, every professor in America has now been put on notice: In the game of Woke, the goal posts can be moved at any moment, the penalties will apply retroactively and claims of fairness will always lose out to the perpetual right to claim offense.

A friend of mine, a lifelong liberal whose patience is running thin with the new ethos of moral bullying, likes to joke, "Woke me when it's over."

To which I say: Get comfortable.

STUPID NEVER DIES

John Rafferty

As those of us in the real world wonder when certain of our fellow citizens are going to wake up to some staring-you-in-the-face facts like, say, that anthropocentric climate change is real and/or that the Covid-19 virus that has killed half a million of us is not a hoax, consider that this week, 59 years after *Engel v. Vitale* outlawed "official prayer" in America's public schools: 1) a bill is working its way through the Texas legislature to mandate Bible readings in that state's public schools; 2) the Oklahoma House approved a bill requiring that "In God We Trust" be plastered on every state building (including schools, of course); and, 3) Alabama Sen. Tommy Tuberville bloviated on the Senate floor that the U.S. needs to get "God and prayer back into schools".

Stupid doesn't die; it doesn't even slow down.

REASONS FOR HOPE: THE HIDDEN BENEFIT OF COVID IS SCIENCE THAT COULD CHANGE OUR WORLD

Richard Dawkins

The true men of action of our time, those who transform the world, are not the politicians and statesmen but the scientists . . . When I find myself in the company of scientists, I feel like a shabby curate who has strayed by mistake into a drawing room full of dukes.

—W. H. Auden

Humanity's best hope for the future is, as it has long been, science. Previous plagues such as the various waves of Black Death left medieval humanity with no hope beyond the solace of futile prayer and worse-than-futile witch-burning. Much the same was true of England's Great Plague of 1665–7. Yet that terrible episode led to the Lincolnshire lockdown and *annus mirabilis* of the greatest scientist of the age, perhaps of any age. Still in his early twenties, in that astonishingly short time while exiled to Woolsthorpe Manor, Isaac Newton invented calculus, discovered the true nature of colour, and proposed the laws of motion and universal gravitation which are still used to slingshot spacecraft around the inner planets en route to the outer ones. Stephen Hawking, Newton's great successor as Lucasian Professor, endured a kind of exile in a lockdown of the body for most of his productive life. Would Newton have been so productive if he had had no reason to break away from normal life in Cambridge? We cannot know, but may plausibly argue that the unspeakable horrors of bubonic plague deserve some back-handed credit.

Our current worldwide plague, too, may have hidden benefits. Others have speculated that, having learned that we can work productively without the daily commute to the office, and that you can convene a meeting over the internet rather than round a table, these habits may persist — with benefit to our quality of life and air. But I want to mention a more specific benefit. The science that Covid-19 has provoked.

Looking beyond this particular virus, the techniques developed to make messenger RNA vaccines can be generalized to future vaccines against other viruses. Perhaps also against cancer. Such future vaccines might even be swiftly edited to crush rapidly changing viruses like those responsible for the notoriously heterogeneous "common cold" — and not only those versions which actually are coronaviruses. The point is that as soon as the enemy's genetic code has been sequenced, the data can be fed into the vaccine production protocol with near-instant results. The immune system troops are instantly informed of enemy plans as if by a molecular Bletchley Park. The phrase "roll out" will seem less of a cliché.

And of course, when the world breathes again, in 2022 if not before, the heroes of the hour will be the scientists: the men and — especially, as it happens — the women who rose to the occasion and developed at least three effective vaccines with astonishing speed. They built on the spectacular discovery by Francis Crick, James Watson, Fred Sanger and

their successors throughout the world that molecular genetics is a form of digital information technology. Today's vaccine developers couldn't have proceeded with such speed but for the early sequencing and sharing of the virus's digital code by colleagues in China.

I stress "sharing", for an altruistic readiness to share information is one of academic science's great virtues. Not, incidentally, a virtue conspicuously displayed by Isaac Newton, who could be ungenerously possessive of his ideas. Nor, for more pardonable reasons, is it a typical virtue of commercial scientists, inventors and engineers, whose very livelihoods depend upon jealously guarding their ideas — that's what patents are for. A truly honourable exception is Elon Musk, who released the Tesla electric car company's patents to the world because he altruistically preferred that rival car manufacturers should switch to clean electric cars rather than continue polluting the world with petrol and diesel vehicles. This, too, is perhaps a hopeful augury of a cleaner future, increasingly free of pollution by oil and by the malign influence of oil-rich regimes such as Saudi Arabia.

But above all science gives me hope, not just because of the problems it can solve—must solve if civilized life is to continue—but because of its contribution to civilized values themselves. Science joins the arts, music and literature as one of the great pillars of civilization. Science emplaces our very existence in time (13.77 billion years after the origin of all things) and space (third planet in orbit around the yellow dwarf star Sol, in one spiral arm of the Milky Way Galaxy). Science tells us not only where and when we exist but why.

We are evolved survival machines built by our inherited DNA for the purpose of bequeathing its digitally coded information to future generations. And, lest that sound like a less than noble purpose, unworthy to count as a pillar of civilization, it is of course fully compatible with the setting up, by our evolved big brains, of purposes and goals of our own — including enrichment by the other noble pillars.

It is science that will save us—if anything can—from the looming disaster of climate change. It is medical science that will save our lives. It is agricultural science that will feed the world. And academic science that will continue to feed our minds and our aspirations as we reach deep into the large-scale grandeur of the universe, the small-scale enigma of the quantum and the enticing complexity of life.

It is science that gives me hope for the future.

TAKE THE SECULAR SURVEY

John Rafferty

The Secular Communities Survey is billed as "the largest-ever study of the community life of secular and nonreligious people in the United States". It is an exciting project that will also measure secular (that's us) people's political views and our degree of civic engagement. It's live, in process right now, until April 11, and it needs your input. Give it 15-20 minutes; I think you'll find it as interesting as I did. Do it today, by going to:

<https://secularcommunities.com/secular21>

CONNECTICUT HUMANISTS: HELP REPEAL THE RELIGIOUS EXEMPTION TO VACCINATION

(Excerpted from a Center For Inquiry release)

Connecticut lawmakers are considering an important bill to advance the safety of school children. The proposal, Senate Bill 568, would repeal the state's religious exemptions for school children to be vaccinated.

Connecticut is among the forty-five states that grant a dangerous religious exemption to immunization requirements for school children. According to the Department of Public Health, COVID-19 had claimed the lives of 7,562 Connecticut residents as of February 22, yet at a recent hearing for S.B. 568, members of the Committee on Public Health were inundated by testimony from anti-vaxxers who signed up in the thousands to promote their extreme conspiracy theories.

If S.B. 568 passes, Connecticut would close a major anti-vax loophole—a loophole that currently endangers the health of the state's children. If you live in Connecticut (as a growing number of PIQUE readers do), please take a moment to write/text/phone your state representatives to support this vital legislation.

ON MARCH 14, HAVE A SLICE OF PI, AND WISH ALBIE A HAPPY 142nd BIRTHDAY

(From AOF News & Views, March, 2021)

Pi Day is Saturday, March 14, 2021. Pi, Greek letter (π), is of course the symbol for the ratio of the circumference of a circle to its diameter. $\pi = 3.1415926535 \dots$ (it's an irrational number, so the digits continue infinitely.)

Math enthusiasts around the world celebrate Pi Day on March 14th, i.e., 3/14 in the American dating convention, since the first three digits of pi are 3.14. The San Francisco Exploratorium celebrated the first Pi Day in 1988, with staff and public marching around one of its circular spaces, and then consuming fruit pies. Pizzas have been added to the fun since then, and across the continent the Massachusetts Institute of Technology often mails out its acceptance letters to be delivered to prospective students on Pi Day.

Oh, March 14 also happens to be Albert Einstein's birthday. So celebrate Pi Day by doing anything to get students — and everyone — interested in mathematics. *Hint:* a slice of real pie (blueberry, please) can increase interest.

READERS RESPOND

To the Editor: Other PIQUE readers might like this as much as I did, from Facebook, titled "Spiro Agnew's Ghost":

"I love being told that I have an irrational fear of a deadly virus by people who are afraid of immigrants, LGBTQ, brown and black people, working women, windmills, vaccines, electric cars, voting by mail, universal health care, environmental protections, higher wages, and face masks." — *Marvin Schissel*

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

March 11 marks one year since the World Health Organization declared the coronavirus outbreak a global pandemic. ... Gee, it seems like only a year ago ...

SHSNY CALENDAR: MARCH – MAY 2021

FICTION BOOK CLUB ONLINE

The SHSNY Fiction Book Club meets online via Zoom for the duration of our enforced isolation. Join the Zoom Meeting at <https://zoom.us/j/97467470190?pwd=dGdEbTkwV0pSRmZRWHYvbj-FoTXIrZz09>
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TUES, MARCH 9, 7:30 pm
MR. BRIDGE
and/or
MRS. BRIDGE
Evan S. Connell

Mr. Bridge is a classic portrait of a man, a marriage, and the manners and mores of a particular social class in the first half of twentieth-century America.

Mrs. Bridge completes the group portrait of a family divided by loneliness, boredom, isolation, and sexual longing. – *Paperback, Kindle*

TUES, APRIL 13, 7:30 pm
THE ISLAND OF SEA WOMEN
Lisa See

The *NYTimes* best-seller takes place over many decades in Korea, from Japanese colonialism in the 1930s and 1940s through the era of cell phones and wet suits for the women divers of their village's all-female diving collective. A "mesmerizing new historical novel." – *Paperback & Kindle*

TUES, MAY 11, 7:30 PM
THE GOOD LORD BIRD
James McBride

The story of a young boy born a slave who joins John Brown's antislavery crusade – and who must pass as a girl to survive. – *Paperback & Kindle*

HUMANIST BOOK CLUB

Harry French invites you to our monthly Zoom meeting and book club discussion. By Zoom rules you will be in the waiting room until he lets you in. Zoom in at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82413289962>
Meeting ID: 824 1328 9962

THURS, APRIL 1, 7:00 pm
ON TYRANNY:
Twenty Lessons from the Twentieth Century
Timothy Snyder

A historian of fascism offers a guide for surviving and resisting America's turn towards authoritarianism.

We are no wiser than the Europeans who saw democracy yield to fascism, Nazism, or communism. Our advantage is that we might learn from their experience. *On Tyranny* is a call to arms and a guide to resistance. – *Paperback & Kindle*

THURSDAY, MAY 6, 7:00 pm
OPERATION DRAGON:
Inside the Kremlin's Secret War on America
R. James Woolsey
& Ion Mihai Pacepa

The former CIA Director and Romanian spy chief describe why Russia remains a dangerous force, and finally put to rest the question of who killed JFK. – *Hardcover & Kindle*

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HUMANIST HAPPY HOUR ONLINE

SUNDAY, MARCH 7, 5:00 pm
Pour something, grab a snack, and join 15 or more humanists and rationalists for lively conversation in our SHSNY Happy Hour! Zoom in at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9806344432?pwd=c0NrNUoweDVGWWho2ditvYmJlEVjVGdz09>
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MONDAY MOVIES

Let's introduce each other to movies we love, screen them ourselves and discuss them together. Rent 'em (many on Amazon @\$3.99), watch, then Zoom in at ... <https://zoom.us/j/92351454127?pwd=OVg5NnBaUFc4NWtLbHJJNW1vZ1Y1Zz09>
Meeting ID: 923 5145 4127
Passcode: watch

MON, MARCH 15, 8:00 pm
TOO MANY GIRLS
Lucille Ball stars – before she was "Lucy!" – in this 1940 bit of froth and fun. With Eddie Bracken, Ann Miller, Frances Langford, Richard Carlson, and some Cuban bandleader.

MON, MARCH 29, 8:00 pm
IN A LONELY PLACE
Starring Humphrey Bogart and Gloria Grahame, and directed by Nicholas Ray, this mordant 1950 comment on Hollywood mores and the pitfalls of celebrity is now considered perhaps the best film noir of all time. April 12: Spike Lee's "School Daze"