## Bare Facts

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#### President's Corner

By: Ernie Cooper

In the last edition of the *Bare Facts* I mentioned we were trying to get an activity together for the weekend closest to Tax Day 2006. We had hoped we would be able to find an indoor place we could go in the event the weather turned bad.

Unfortunately that place could not be located at a price we needed to make it work. Checking the weather history for northeastern Kansas, I noted with some satisfaction that the normal high for the first weekend in May is about 72 with a low of 51 or so. I suggest we plan on the same activity, but at the lake for the first weekend in May. Those who plan on attending this activity, please email us at bornnude@aol.com, so we can spread the food assignments around.

Samuel Clemens, aka Mark Twain, is reported to have replied at one time that reports of his death had been greatly exaggerated. I think that same sentiment is in play for the Lake Edun Foundation and our association with the lake. While there are legal matters still pending with the county, be assured the foundation is not closed or dead.

Each month I receive several inquires asking if the lake is or is not available or if the foundation is still active. Most who write indicate they read in the paper or were told by so and so we no longer exist! Please! The reports of our death are greatly exaggerated! Along with these inquires, are from time to time comments and inquires about the naturist lifestyle. I think many of us are now so accustomed to being natural, we forget the positive aspect naturism has been in our lives.

Our detractors spend much time and effort on the nude equals sexuality aspect of the world we live in. Our press is rife with stories of sexual misconduct not only between adults, but involving children, many of whom are very young. We have stated repeatedly that our goals as a foundation have nothing to do with sexuality or exploitation of individuals. Instead, we stress the health and emotional benefits that come from the clothes-free experience.

The state of New Hampshire has as its motto, "Live Free or Die!" a phrase that traces back to revolutionary war days. Many might take exception to that phrase today. I do not. Our world has many problems. The Lake Edun Foundation does not have answers to all of them, but we do have answers to some! Those answers need to be stressed in our daily contacts. They need to be part of who we are. Those who fight against us on moral grounds stand on very shaky earth!

If we fail as a foundation it will not come from attacks from without, but from inaction within. We need our members and former members to stand with us and with patience and directness state the good we have found in our association with our fellow naturists. We need to support with not only our mouths but with our pocket books the cause we all enjoy so much. With the help of each of you and your support with activities and funding we will continue to be able to say, "The reports of our death were greatly exaggerated!"

#### **Upcoming Events**

The Libertarian Party of Kansas has contracted with the landowners of our special place to use their facility the weekend of July 7-9 for a political fundraiser. For this reason, it will be closed to Eduners that weekend. Eduners may contact the Libertarian Party of Kansas; C/o Scott McKenzie; 1603 SW 37<sup>th</sup>; Topeka, KS 66611 for additional information on their event.

Also, time has come to once again change our lock. Recently, the chain was left unlocked when no one was at the lake. Eduners will find a new combination enclosed. Remember, if you are the last to leave **be sure to lock the chain**.

#### Charity

We all have a favorite charity or two. For many, it is their church; others support a youth group like the Boy Scouts or Girl Scouts; or maybe you support relief agencies. All these groups and many others do wonderful things for our society and make our World a more liveable place.

We are pleased that an increasing number of our friends and supporters are adding Lake Edun to their list of charities. Their ongoing financial support permits us to maintain an active outreach program that includes the Evening of One-Act Plays, public presentations and a host of other activities designed to spread the word about Naturism.

If you are one of those who already support the Lake Edun Foundation through your gifts, we thank you; if you are not yet among our supporters, we urge you to consider making a tax-deductible gift or pledge. We all have different means and priorities. Support of the Lake Edun Foundation is an effective way to let your voice and your support of Naturism be heard.

#### DON'T FORGET

Activities designated HN are sponsored by Heartland Naturists

Apr 1; Sat; 6-8; Sauna

Apr 8; Sat; 12-4; Work Day

Apr 8; Sat; 5-7; Board of Directors

Apr 8; Sat; 6-8; Sauna

Apr 15; Sat; 6-8; Sauna

Apr 16; Sun; 12-4; Work Day

Apr 21; Fri; 8-10; HN Swim

Apr 22; Sat; 6-8; Sauna

Apr 29; Sat; 6-8; Sauna

#### May 5-7; Weekend; End Of Cabin Fever Days

May 6; Sat; 6-8; Sauna

May 13; Sat; 10-12; Board of Directors

May 13; Sat; 12-4; Work Day

May 13; Sat; 6-8; Sauna

May 19; Fri; 8-10; HN Swim

May 20; Sat; 12-3; Open House

May 20; Sat; 6-8; Sauna

May 27-29; Memorial Day Weekend

**July 7-9; Closed for Private Party** 

#### From The Mail Bag

Dear Lake Edun -

Thanks for sending the recent copy of Bare Facts! Being a new T.N.S. member and a long time AANR member, it is welcomed!

We were aware that the "Naked Plays" were produced in Topeka, and curious of their outcome. Seeing that you had a copy available was great. Please find enclosed check for a DVD copy.

Being conscience of Mark Story's efforts and others pushing the cause forward, it's great to know fellow Kansans' minds are "as wide as you think". Hope that we can visit Lake Edun someday!

- David M.

Dear Lake Edun -

We enjoyed your nice long newsletter today, thank you. You don't know us as we've never been out to see you. We work 16 hr days. Maybe we need to get a mobile nude office set up there so we'd show up:) Actually we will come out one day. We still fall into the category of a little hesitant/shy, even though we find ourselves on the beach of Ship Island, (Gulfport Louisiana coast line) in April with nothing on at all wondering if there will be much of anyone else there that early. If we ever get to Edun and you see us, remind us to tell you the stories we have had at Ship Island! Anyhow, on to my point. ...

As I read through the article re: The Moral Issue, Paul said he found possibly a moral issue presented to him that – it was not right to heat your house using so much energy just to run around naked. Initially I thought, yea, that's kind of so. However, if anyone ever tells one of our naked friends that heating for nudity is unreasonable ... here is the answer which was not in the article: Is it any more right to cool your house with air conditioning just so you can be comfortable in clothes. Why not just turn the temperature a bit warmer, use less AC, and just be naked all the time?

Now that I'm thinking about it, I hope Ship Island is still there ... anyone know?

- Rheuben and Annie

#### So, So True

Out of a great many prescient remarks H. L. Mencken made, this has to be one of the best:

The whole aim of practical politics is to keep the Populace alarmed, (and hence clamorous to be led to safety) by menacing it with an endless series of hobgoblins, all of them imaginary.

But, so many Americans are incredibly gullible, and they never seem to catch on to the manipulation.

Nudity in various forms, including naturism, is one of the hobgoblins of choice.

#### **Call for Stories**

Come on folks! I suspect all of you can write a letter. We need your submissions for the Nekked Memories and Clothed Encounters columns. See the February Bare Facts for details. A few minutes time is all it will take, and will be very welcome.

#### No Doubts, No Clothes

The scene is an RV park for nudists north of Tampa, Florida. The 59 year old retiree strolling through a lush yard full of trees and Spanish moss is naked. What's seemingly remarkable is that he's a born-again Christian. He is one of a growing number of Christians in North America who have reconciled their faith with their lifestyle, and become more vocal about it in the process.

In February the AANR is coordinating a Caribbean cruise for 2,200 nude passengers that will include many Christians. In Virginia, Allen Parker is planning his next "Christian Nudist Convocation." It will include workshops on how to relate to other nudist, and also to the clothes wearing public.

Christian nudism might sound like an oxymoron, but for thousands of devout followers, living and worshiping naked is at the core of their faith.

For Parker, raised a Southern Baptist and is now an independent, nudism and his religious faith "are so intertwined that there can be no separation." Parker admits many Christians attack his views.

Many Christian nudists blame Victorianism and pop culture's obsession with nudity for the disapproval of many Christians. "The sexual revolution of the '60s and '70s caused this backlash," Parker believes.

No one knows how many Christian nudists there are, but a number of web sites that cater to them have sprouted up in recent years, getting thousands of hits. One Yahoo discussion group has 6,000 users.

#### Nude Statue Honors Pop Diva

A nude Britney Spears on a bearskin rug while giving birth to her firstborn marks a 'first' for Pro-Life. Pop-star Britney Spears is the "ideal" model for Pro-Life and the subject of a dedication at Capla Kesting Fine Art in Brooklyn's Williamsburg gallery district, in what is proclaimed the first Pro-Life monument to birth, in April.

The life-sized statue celebrates the recent birth of Spears' son and applauds her decision of placing family before career.

The statue is purportedly an idealized depiction of Britney in delivery. Natural aspect of Spear's pregnancy, like lactiferous breasts and protruding naval, compliment a posterior view that depicts widened hips for birthing and reveals the crowning of the baby's head.

#### Items We Need

- Tops for trash cans
   Wheel Barrow
- Non-motorized boats
- Chipper/shredder we can use about once a month

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#### A Balanced View

The pages of Bare Facts have presented the views of non naturists in the press about their take on social nudity. Some have been serious, informed and positive, while others have been mocking and satirical in tone.

The one observation to be made is that uniformly the mocking articles have all come from men while articles written by women have taken the path of serious inquiry. I wonder why that is the case?

I could conjecture that the women may have started with as much skepticism as did the men, but there they parted company. The men laid out much of the same evidence the women presented, but then were unable to face up to what they discovered. The women, on the other hand, seemed to have discovered something that resonated with them sufficiently to give up their pre-conceptions and doubts to reach thoughtful and honest conclusions.

We can't generalize, but can it be that at least some women can be more courageous and honest than some men? Whatever the case, the mocker vs. the serious enquirer says a lot about the writers.

Take note of the excerpts from an opinion piece from a woman writing for her college newspaper.

It is no accident that in the Biblical creation story man was naked. After all, Adam and Eve represented nature.

It is also no accident that when they sinned they took up clothing to hide their shame. In some ways, wearing clothing was their punishment for sin.

But Adam and Eve had it wrong. Before they felt that nudity was shameful, they thought nothing of it. It was natural. God certainly had no problem with it. They were not obligated to clothe themselves.

Clothing is very functional, especially in cold weather. But, in the heat of a Texas summer, is clothing really necessary?

She notes the utilitarian functions clothing plays: shelter from the elements and bodily harm, and as a self-expression or disguise. As she says, "It can keep prying eyes at bay."

She observes clothing is also very restricting. It can restrict freedom of movement, and can even be painful. Try wearing an underwire bra for 18 hours or running in high heels. Certain styles of clothing can give the wrong impression to some people, and the wrong clothes can distort a body.

Beyond that, clothing is expensive. Keeping up with the latest fashions and having different clothing for every occasion is costly. Having to do this is the result of a form of societal pressure. Clothing she notes has long ceased to be merely functional and is worn in situations where it is clearly not necessary, like the beach.

But, help is on the way! The Naturist Society to the rescue! They don't think this is necessary.

The writer spoke with a naturist who explained that rather than covering a body to smooth out imperfections, clothing actually distorts the body and makes it appear uglier than it really is. He went on to add that the human body is natural and beautiful. When people become used to seeing each other naked, they lose their self-consciousness.

The writer elaborates that being a nudist is not about sex. This is what our culture teaches us is the purpose of nudity. This is usually what pictures commonly seen in our society almost always emphasize instead of showing people in natural or comfortable situations.

She asks that society and individuals learn to become more comfortable with the concept of non-senxual nudity. "Instead of portraying naked people as sexual commodities, accept them as beautiful and comfortable expressions of humanity. When people become used to nudity, and when it becomes natural rather than nude, nudity is no longer a state of continual arousal. Instead, it is a comfortable state of being."

Amazingly, the writer challenges her readers to try being nude more often. Don't immediately dress after a shower; visit a clothing-optional beach; experience the comfort of swimming without clothing. She does caution women not to pose for Girls Gone Wild. That isn't the type of nudity she's talking about. What she encourages is to just learn to be more comfortable in your own skin.

No mocker she, the writer offers the usual disclaimer we have come to expect, that she's not a nudist herself, but she does support nudist ideals. From my perspective that's a good start. Who knows, being from Kansas, she might visit Lake Edun someday, Toto.

#### **Nudist Resort Draws Opposition**

Near Lonedell, Missouri a developer wants to construct a "clothing optional" resort, but some of the neighbors are much less enthused.

"We don't think it's a positive thing," said Stephanie York, who owns property near the proposed resort site and started a petition drive opposing the plan. "When you buy property to raise your family, you don't want to do that across from a nudist colony."

Lawrence Schulz, president of Lawrence Enterprises Inc. said he hopes to change the minds of opponents. Either way, he has the legal right to develop a nude resort he said.

He believes the neighbors need more information to get over their fears. "What it boils down to is they have a moral issue with the resort, not a legal issue. Under the First Amendment, the right to do this is protected on private property."

The plan had been set for discussion at a planning and zoning commission meeting, but has been delayed until next month's meeting.

Schulz cites the nearby 50 year old Forty Acre Club as his inspiration. That resort hasn't caused problems and nearby property owners think it's a good neighbor.

His plan calls for a year-round facility with a large clubhouse, an outdoor pool, and an indoor pool and hot tub. There will be RV sites, campsites, motel rooms, lease lots and several permanent sites. There will be a self contained sewer system and its own well. The name for the new resort is "Caribbean Breeze."

Schulz claims his for profit club will bring in tax money to the county and visitors will spend a half million dollars each year in the surrounding area. None of that sways opponents. "We just don't want this," York said. "It's filth."

#### All In The Family

Some weeks ago I was thinking about the effects of social nudity. Effects that might go beyond the immediate. I thought of what might be long term and short term effects of an open door policy at home. I received this in an e-mail from a fellow naturist named Jim.

A few days ago our family returned from a week long vacation in Orlando.

My mother and father in-law own a three bedroom time-share condo and every year on week nine, we have a Disney Land family reunion. My wife is the oldest of eleven children, many of whom still live at home, and it will be interesting to see how this tradition evolves as more kids get married and the grandchild count continues to rise. But, this time around it was a fabulous trip all around, and we are already looking forward to next year.

On Sunday morning we held a short and touching bible study in the condo, and them we packed up a picnic and headed for the beach. When we returned late in the evening, we were all sticky with salt water and covered with sand, and as we piled out of the rented mini-vans, my mother in law said "Ok, group showers for everyone!"

I knew her well enough to know that she was kidding, but I also decided to seize the moment.

"That's what we do," I said.

"But wait... you are all wearing your swimming suits, right?" exclaimed my thirteen year old sister in law.

"That would defeat the purpose of getting all the way clean." I replied with a smile. (We had a similar conversation about a year ago, but apparently it didn't sink home that time.

"EWWWW!" said my sixteen year old sister-in-law. "If I were to see my dad's we-we I would absolutely FREAK OUT!"

"I saw it once on accident," said the thirteen year old, "and I HATED IT. I don't ever want to see it again!"

"That's just plain SICK that you guys all shower together," said the sixteen year old.

"Actually, it's very healthy," said my mother-in-law. I was shocked. Had I heard her correctly? "When I got married she continued, I had never seen one before. I was scared to death of that thing!"

I was amused that this was the reason she thought it was healthy for my daughter to see me naked, but it was a great place to start, and I wasn't about to push the issue.

"Does your daughter see you naked often?" my mother-inlaw asked me.

"I would say probably on a daily basis, or at least close to it," I replied.

"What about modestly? How does that figure in?"

"Modesty," I replied, "I think has much more to do with a person's state of mind then the clothing they are wearing. Of course it's important to dress modestly, but that does not mean that being undressed automatically implies lack of modestly."

I could see in her eyes that she was listening and processing what I was saying. I honestly expected some sort of mild argument or protest, but there was none. She just listened, then nodded when I was done.

Later that night when my wife and I were in bed and all was quiet, she told me about a short conversation that had occurred when I was not around. The two sisters (thirteen and sixteen) had confronted my seven year old daughter.

"Hey [name], is it true that you see your dads we-we almost every day?"

"Huh?" my daughter replied.

"His we-we! Do you really see him naked all the time?"

"Yea. So what?"

"And you see his... thingy?"

"You mean his P E N I S?" She said the last word very slowly, apparently irked at their refusal to use the proper word.

"Right. You actually see it?"

This time she didn't reply. She simply gave them a blank, confused stare and walked away.

My wife concluded the short recap by saying that our daughter simply was not able to make any sense of their curiosity or fascination.

And that is exactly what we had in mind when we decided to raise our kids in a no-closed door family.

#### 825 Nudes Star in Korean Film

The film, an allegorical poem on film is a statement meant to warn about destruction of the environment. However the 825 nude actors have stolen the show.

The art film "Mago," will debut across South Korea this month. The producers are cringing at and reveling in the publicity their film has received because of its depiction of frolicking nude bodies that get covered with mud and pollution.

The film, with a somber and strident soundtrack, is anything but erotic as it draws on a Korean creation myth to depict man's fall from paradise to corrupted modern life.

But it is the use of 825 nude amateur actors, including 100 young women recruited from Seoul college campuses that have drawn all the headlines in a country in which film nudity is relatively rare.

The bodies do most of the talking in the 80 minute film with only several lines of dialogue amid its poetic monologues.

"This story compares life in the paradise in Korea's mythical version of Genesis with the destruction-oriented modern life" said Mago's scriptwriter, poet Jang Kyun-ki.

The producer isn't happy about the media focus on the nudity. "To show life in the beginning of the world, they acted in the nude, not with any commercial purpose. I would not have produced this movie just to capitalize on the nudity," he said.

"Is the movie obscenity or art? It depends on the artist's conscience," the director said of the notoriety.

### A Look Backward – And A Look Forward

By Dave Bitters

My involvement with social naturist activities began, in a sense, while I was on a business trip to central California in the summer of 1980. One evening I wandered into a Brentano's bookstore in Carmel, wanting to kill a bit of time.

One section in the store dealt with items of local interest. There were the usual coffee-table books, architectural guides, local color essays, etc. One caught my eye. It was an 8 ½" x 11" softback photo essay titled *Free Beaches: A Phenomenon of the California Coast*. It dealt with the nude beach phenomenon that was beginning to emerge, particularly on the central coast between Santa Barbara and San Francisco.

In the preface, the authors indicated their original intent was to write a kind of Michelin guide to the local nude beaches. But public nude beaches were still something of a fragile social phenomenon. So they decided to limit their effort to documenting comments from local users about the joys of free beaches, the political squabbles with local sheriffs and county supervisors, and the friction between nudies and textiles. They didn't have difficulty getting photographs; quite a few users were okay with allowing their images to be printed once they understood that these would be used in a sympathetic context. Alex Comfort, the psychiatrist famous for *The Joys of Sex* wrote the foreword – essentially a paean to the mental and physical health benefits that flowed from what naturists now term "body acceptance."

The book was tantalizingly vague about the location of the beaches, providing only a rough indication on a crude coastal map (really a line-drawing). Those who knew, knew. The rest had to ask (if they had the nerve). Still, for some reason the names of the beaches stuck in my mind: Gaviota; Devereaux; Summerland; Pirate's Cove; Devil's Slide; Red, White and Blue, Hole-in-the-Wall; San Gregorio; Bolinas.

In 1988, I attended a conference in Monterey, and stayed in one of the downtown hotels. This facility provided guests a strip map of the central coast (from Monterey to San Francisco), including directions to a number of the public beaches. One of these was the San Gregorio state beach. This rang a bell. I remembered from the book that a nude beach of the same name was directly north of the state beach.

After some hand-wringing I decided that it would be worth the commitment of an hour and a half drive north along Highway 1 to try to find the San Gregorio nude beach. The trip was filled with a mixture of curiosity and trepidation (Why am I doing this? Can I even find the place?)

Finding it turned out to be fairly easy. The state beach had a big parking lot (\$2 per head) and a high bluff that demarked the northern boundary. At low tide it was possible to walk beyond bluff and north toward the (private) nude beach (about 34 mile).

As it was a weekday, there was little activity at this beach. Still, it was clear that there was no dress code. After a few minutes of internal struggle (Do I dare? Wouldn't it be silly to come all this way and not?) I went for it. To call my reaction revealing would be to invoke a tired cliché. But my feeling was, Wow! Here the usual social norms reversed.

Were someone to say "Hey, you don't have any clothes on," I could reply with impunity, "Go take a flying leap at the moon." It was, I believe, what psychologists might term a "peak experience."

I reasoned that others back home in the Heartland might like to have their own venues for similar growth opportunities. Thus began my activism in support of public-lands access for nude recreation.

I knew that if I were to make any headway with park officials and legislators in promoting this idea, I'd have to have some solid facts in hand. But my initial research efforts netted me only three items: a book in the Johnson County library called *Social Nudism in America* (the librarian looked at me like I was some sort of pervert when I checked it out) and two magazine articles in the Kansas City Missouri public library: one about a nudist park called Glen Eden in *Trailer Life* and one on Hippie Hollow by George Harker that appeared in *Parks and Recreation*. That was it. Eventually I found a few other sources in the KU and UMKC libraries. But it would not be an understatement to say that tracking down sources dealing with nude recreation was difficult in those days.

Nonetheless, these sparse initial sources led me to the Naturist Society, headed by Lee Baxandall and dedicated to the promotion of social nude recreation on public lands. Lee ran a publishing business in Oshkosh, WI, and this served as a platform for publication of his *World Guide to Nude Beaches and Recreation* and *Nude and Natural* magazine. He argued strongly in his magazine that nude recreation is both a liberating and civilizing activity – and an antidote to what he termed "automobile culture." Still, in the 1980's and 1990's his was something of a voice crying in the wilderness. Nude recreation remained very much in the closet. More, the lines between nude recreation and "adult" entertainment were somewhat fuzzy (and remain so to a certain extent). Naturists tended to protest loudly (mostly to each other) that It Is Not About SEX. Skeptics tended to roll their eyes.

In 1991 the Supreme Court handed nude recreation advocates a glancing blow in *Barnes v. Glen Theatre*. At issue was a statute in Indiana that made public nudity a crime. A cabaret in South Bend featured nude dancers, and the prosecutor in St. Joseph County saw fit to cite them under this law. They appealed to the Seventh Circuit Court, which declared the statute unconstitutional on First Amendment grounds. In a muddled decision that involved four separate opinions, the Supreme Court reversed the Seventh Circuit's finding.

The thrust of *Barnes* was that public nudity doesn't enjoy First Amendment protection in the circumstances described in the case because "the State's interest in preventing the secondary effects of adult entertainment establishments – prostitution, sexual assaults, and other criminal activity – is sufficient ... to justify the law's enforcement against nude dancing." This opinion, written by Justice Souter, was the least restrictive offered by those who voted to overturn the Seventh Circuit, hence (under the rules of the Supreme Court) became the law of the land. (Justice Souter later came to regret his vote to reverse.)

Barnes emboldened cultural conservatives to attempt to enact anti-nudity statutes and ordinances in a number of states and municipalities during the 1990's. Their main aim was to eliminate cabaret dancing, which they considered immoral (and more importantly, contrary to their world view). But potential spillover to public nudity in less erotically charged contexts didn't bother them either.

Thanks in part to the Naturist Action Committee (the Naturist Society's political arm) most of the proposed laws at the state level failed to gain traction. (At the local/municipal level, proponents of anti-nudity regulation enjoyed much greater success.) One effect of the threat to the naturist idea was to energize enthusiasts (present writer included) to dig deeper into cultural and psychological literature for facts in support of their viewpoint. The task was to convince legislators the supposed "secondary effects" needed to justify action (per Barnes) were a red herring. Proponents of anti-nudity legislation dragged out a litany of claims concerning crime, deterioration of property values, etc. (most of which proved bogus) and opponents challenged these. Eventually the justification for prohibition morphed into the claim "it's bad for children." (Famously, a conservative DA in Travis County (near Austin) used this approach to badger commissioners into restricting Hippie Hollow to adults only. An appeal eventually went to the Supreme Court, but the Supremes refused to hear it because the state has an interest in protecting minors.)

One effect of the many initiatives to prohibit public nudity

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was to bring the issue out of the closet (though some naturists still felt compelled to be circumspect about their efforts). While most press articles tended to be negative toward the naturist viewpoint, the topic had entered the public debate.

Meanwhile, a communications revolution involving the Internet was taking place. No longer is it necessary to rely on commercial media to air viewpoints considered outside of the mainstream. Search engines such as Google can generate dozens of links on practically any topic with few key words.

The problem now is there's a surfeit of information, both good and not so good. Key words such as naked, streaking, nude hiking, etc. bring forth, in addition to legitimate information about nude recreation, a variety of web sites that appeal more to prurient interests. But the genie is out of the bottle. No longer need one work very hard to find information about nude recreation. This is a remarkable change from when I became interested in the benefits of nude beaches.

Public nudity (and even nude recreation in accepting settings) remains controversial, particularly in Midwestern culture. And it probably will for a long time. Who knows? In a couple more decades, the pendulum may swing back—even in the heartland. Most likely it will happen by evolution rather than revolution; what may still seem daring now will be accepted as commonplace by the next generation. This evolution may involve a fair amount of hand-wringing and objection along the way, particularly from conservatives. But thanks to the Internet, it may not be so far-fetched after all.

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