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Family Day

Many families have enjoyed our hospitality at various times. Individually they have a wonderful time. Too often, however, they are the only family visiting at the time, although another family may visit the next day. We addressed this in our fall survey and were encouraged with the overwhelming support for a scheduled Family Day. Our first Family Day will be Sunday, June 12. It will be an opportunity for all families that have visited in the past (or have considered visiting) to visit again and meet other families. Put it on your calendar.

To make it even more enticing, our friendly arborist will be on hand to make it educational, as well. We have a large number of trees, flowers, and shrubs on our property. He will explain their characteristics and uses to all who are interested. Last year, this was an extremely well received talk and is sure to be again this year. Adults won't want to miss it; children shouldn't miss it. Remember: Lake Edun is always clothing-optional for children ... at their option.

Former Member Reunion

The weekend of June 18-19 has been set aside as a time former members and friends of Lake Edun may reunite. We hope all those who have visited in the past will use this weekend to visit again and renew old (and getting older) acquaintances. They can also see all the changes we have made to our special place.

This weekend will include a commitment ceremony during which couples may renew their wedding vows.

Tie Dye – Create An Original

Forrest, one of our new Student Members offered to lead a day of tie dying. Any cotton item is eligible: T-shirts are most popular but sheets or pillow cases or Oxford shirts can also be made uniquely yours by tie dying them.

All the ingredients will be available June 25. Just bring your garment. Our leader will offer suggestions on how to get the best tie dye results. Think about the pattern you would like to make; pick out the object you want to tie dye and come ready for a fun day making something that is truly uniquely yours.

Host A Saturday Evening Program

In the survey we conducted last fall, many of our friends and supporters indicated they really enjoyed the weekly Saturday evening programs. This year, we will be doing them a bit differently. Each Saturday evening will have a host.

Volunteers to host the event can sign up for a weekend and provide any kind of event they choose. We can provide a DVD player, surround-sound, projector and screen, if desired. The host(s) should pick a movie or other event. Some may wish to include pop corn.

This is a great way to meet others and is easy. Anyone can sign up to host a Saturday evening, so get on the list soon.

Report From The Board

An extraordinarily full calendar of upcoming activities leaves little room for board comment. We have an Open House on both June 11 and July 9. Many are curious about all we take for granted. They merely await an invitation. Don't disappoint your friends. Invite them to Lake Edun.

Topeka's TK Magazine carried a positive mention of our special place in a recent article. In response to a "bucket list" survey they conducted, many claim a visit to a nude beach is on their list. We want to make that visit easy.

Soon our Mulberry Season begins. If you have not stood beneath one of our Mulberry Trees and eaten too many of their delicious fruit, your Bucket List may not be complete.

Like most of the waterways in the mid-west, our lake is now home to an invasive species of small, clam-like habitants. Their shells can be sharp and we have reports of visitors suffering cuts on their feet. Please use appropriate caution.

Take a few minutes to go through the calendar below. Mark the events of interest to you and plan to participate. With all that is planned, surely there will be something that fits your interests. Additional information on each of the activities can be found elsewhere in this issue and the next.

DON'T FORGET

Activities designated HN are sponsored by Heartland Naturists

June 11; Sat; 12-3; Open House June 11; Sat; Dusk; Evening program - Host: Chuck H. June 12; Sun; Family Day June 12; Sun; 2 PM; Walking talk by arborist June 12; Sun; 1-3; Board of Directors June 15; Mulberry season begins June 17; Fri; 8:30-10:30; HN Swim June 18-19; Former Member Reunion June 18; Sat; June Birthday Bash & Pot Luck June 18; Sat; 8 pm; Commitment ceremony June 18; Sat; Dusk; Evening program June 25; Sat; Tie Dye July 1-4; Clothing Independence Weekend July 1; Fri; Dusk; Evening program July 2; Sat; Dusk; Evening program July 3; Sun; 1-3; Board of Directors July 4-10; Nude Recreation Week July 9; Sat; 12-3; Open House July 9; Sat; Dusk; Evening program July 15; Fri; 8:30-10:30; HN Swim July 19; Sat; July Birthday Bash & Pot Luck July 16; Sat; Dusk; Evening program July 23; Sat; 3pm; Dermatologist Screening July 23; Sat; Dusk; Drum Circle July 29; Fri; National Commando Day July 30; Sat; Home Brew Competition & Presentation July 30; Sat; Dusk; Evening program

Don't Miss The Birthday Bash

Turn out for our first monthly Birthday Bash was a bit disappointing but we did share a birthday cake and sang the appropriate song. We hope Eduners will share their special day with others at our special place.

If you have a birthday in June, we want to celebrate it with you; if you don't, be on hand to be among the well wishers. Our next two events are June 18 and July 19.

Body Painting Is For Everyone

We've all seen or heard about extraordinary examples of body painting. They are often passed around on the internet. Now Eduners will have their chance to practice this art.

Not to be taken lightly, it is possible to create extraordinary body art. It's hard to paint your own body ... particularly the back ... so find a friend and talk about the scene you want to create. Then come on August 13 to show off. We'll have the body paint available. You bring the "canvas" and painter.

The Sun Is Our Friend But Check Anyway

Every summer we try to schedule a visit from our friendly dermatologist to provide a free screening of our skin. It is important we not neglect this vital organ that is often taken for granted. While exposure to sun is vital for production of vitamin D, there can be some not-so-pleasant side effects.

Be safe. Plan to be at our special place on July 23 so your skin can be examined by the dermatologist.

From The Mail Bag

Hi!

Got your newsletter. It was good to hear from you! "Biology Bill" and I are living in St. Cloud, MN. Bill is a biology professor and I have my own psychotherapy practice. We have a son, Danny. Unfortunately, there are not a lot of opportunities for naturism in Minnesota as we would love to introduce our son to Naturism. We have many good memories of our weekends at Lake Edun and hope to make it back there the next time we are in Topeka.

- Dizzy and Biology Bill

They Must Be Carefully Taught

Sanity is a rare commodity in a society where mass media is so influential in shaping attitudes and whose stock in trade is whipping up fear by highlighting the sensational and most terrifying stories. Yet, here and there people think for themselves and voice their contrarian opinions.

Such is the case with the following excerpt written by a British mom in much greater detail than is presented here. Actually, I don't think people like her are really so rare. It's just that their voice is seldom heard, leaving the impression that the opinion setters represent everyone. That's just not necessarily so.

The writer has the courage to advocate for common sense when too many abjectly go along with the conventional wisdom. In fact, resisting the current excessive and repressive worries about the risk of pedophilia is an appeal to return to traditional values. Hers is an appeal to return to a time when people used common sense and lived their lives instead of huddling in their homes in fear made large by media and other overly zealous fear mongers. [Ed.]

Last week, during one of the hottest Easter holidays on record in the UK, my three children and I went to the local park. After an hour or so of running about my daughter, who has just turned 11, had turned into a sweaty, par-boiled lobster and desperately wanted to take her T-shirt off to cool down. But she didn't.

When I asked her why on earth not, she said in an exasperated voice, as if I didn't understand anything, 'Mum, I can't take my top off in a park. People will stare and point!'

Millions of children in Britain have been indoctrinated with the idea that nakedness is rude, naughty or shameful and that it's always connected with sex.

Girls even as young and totally undeveloped as my younger daughter, already feel that they 'shouldn't' expose their top halves in public. Because their nakedness is somehow wrong.

But despite all this ease around nudity within the family environment, they have picked up on the message from outside our home that showing naked flesh in public is something unthinkable, even for children.

The public's media-fuelled terror of pedophilia is now so strong that many parents don't want their children to be seen naked by strangers 'just in case' they are photographed and put onto the internet, or peered at by sexual predators. In the same vein, one mum I know impressed upon her daughter: 'It's to keep your boobies covered up.' Her what?! She's three years old!

Paradoxically, the ever-present appearance of sex and sexual messages in our culture and media goes along with fear and horror at actual nudity - and causes all kinds of problems for people's sexual activity and self-confidence.

When nudity is considered unacceptable, but highly-charged sexual messages in advertising and pop videos are not, is it any surprise that so many children are growing up with a confused attitude to their bodies, or feeling ashamed to take their tops off in a park when they're hot?

I continue to fight hard against our very British culture of bizarre, unhelpful prudishness. I still change in the middle of the changing room at my local pool.... Why? Well, because I happen to think that there's nothing wrong with it and I'd rather teach my children that their bodies are beautiful and natural just as they are, and don't need dressing up in sexy clothes or to be hidden from view to be acceptable.

Go to: http://www.dailymail.co.uk/femail/article-1381295/ Why-children-confusing-messages-bodies.html?ito=feedsnewsxml

Items We Need

Please see our website at lakeedun.com for more details.

- Non-motorized boats
- Lawn or lounge chairs
- Concrete pavers
- 5 gal. buckets • Aluminum cans, etc
- Plastic barrels
- Large water storage tank

Swimwear 2011

By Suzanne Schell

We nudists sure have it easy compared to those poor fulltime textiles who have to shop for new bathing suits. Maybe it's not so bad for guys whose suits all look pretty much the same, but on second thought; they've had to deal with soggy, wet fabric practically to their ankles for the past 15 years or so.

When I read about buying a woman's swimsuit, it seems so stressful and complicated. It makes you wonder how you're ever supposed to just relax by the pool or at the beach. Here are some typical words and phrases taken from just a couple of recent articles with "tips for finding the perfect swimsuit" and some swimsuit ads (my hint – birthday suit!).

Potential problem areas: Draw attention away from; Draw attention to; Slimming; Conceals; Hides; Camouflages; Minimizes; Problem areas; Trouble spots; Figure flaws; Slimming panels; Tummy control; Compresses; Flattens; Enhances; Maximizes; Deflect attention from; Doesn't add poofiness; Smoothes out any lumps; Stay away from adding any bulk; Built in bra for support and shape; Draws attention to an area that you do want to flaunt, thus distracting from an area you don't. The vertical lines narrow the frame and draw the eye up and down instead of across; Padded cups at the bust and a compression liner that runs from under the bust to the lower torso; Prints can get really tricky and in most cases draw attention to areas you'd rather they not, as well as create kind of a dizzying effect that might make some areas look bigger than they are; If you go with a print, just make sure it flatters the right areas - again, maybe it draws attention to an area that

you do want to flaunt, this distracting from an area you don't. Whew!

It's understandable that women have the hardest time trying nudism for the first time and then are the most enthusiastic after experiencing it. When they allow themselves to get past the ridiculous idea that their body, no matter its size or shape, has to be "fixed" with the perfect swimsuit or other clothing, they are able to finally relax, having one less thing to worry about.

Here's to a fun and stress-free nudist summer!

Good points Suzanne. All the words and phrases catalogued are in terms of deficits. The hidden message is – You are ugly! So, cover up! These words are an intended judgment about the body as unacceptable. Unacceptable that is in terms of not meeting the exacting societal beauty standards to be considered beautiful – eye appealing.

The illusion is that if these swimsuits are worn, you will more closely match those unattainable standards of perfection and acceptance. If anyone really believes that line, then they are to be pitied. They probably don't, but denial can be comforting. [Ed.]

Source: Rixplace Digest 699

"How is it possible for the human body, which was created in the image of god, to be offensive to anybody? Satan would love to see God's greatest creation be considered offensive."

Trip Advisor's Top Nude Beaches

Nude recreation is more popular than ever. In fact those who frequently turn to TripAdvisor, the world's largest travel site that assists customers in gathering travel information, posting reviews and opinions of travel-related content and engaging in interactive travel forums, tend to think so.

TripAdvisor has just released its 2011 "nude beach survey results" revealing nearly half of Americans (49%) would bare it all at a nude beach (up from 48% in 2010 and 31% in 2009). Thirty-two percent of respondents indicated they would not, while 19% remain on the fence about taking the skinny dip plunge.

Sun Safe Warning

Summer fun in the sun time is here again. I can't wait to get down to my favorite place. However, as we do every year, we want people to have their fun, but don't get sunburned. So here's the warning.

Just like most of you, I want to have a nice golden all over tan. This can be done with relative safety. I say relative safety, because UV light is always harmful to our skin. But then, just about every aspect of life has the potential for harming us if misused. We each have to decide on what value it is to us to assume the risks that are a part of everyday life.

We all agree skin cancer is bad and melanoma is deadly. So, we don't want to go there. However, to have a well lived life, we can't stay in a bunker all the time. Common sense has to be applied.

Common sense, plus generous amounts of sun screen. It is advised that the sun screen should be applied a half hour prior to sun exposure to allow the chemical action to become effective. Avoiding prolonged exposure to direct sunlight between the hours of 10 AM and 4 PM is also advised. That's common sense.

However, I've lately learned about actinic keratoses first hand. It's not skin cancer, but it is a pre curser to what can become squamous cell carcinoma. If you haven't heard of this before, it's an area of skin that has become damaged by UV light.

When actinic keratoses, (AKs) appear the affected skin cells are the keratinocytes. These are the tough-walled cells that make up 90% of the epidermis, and give the skin its texture. The typical AK is a dry, scaly, rough bump that is skincolored to reddish-brown. The size may be a pinhead to larger than a quarter. They may also be recognized as they often feel like sandpaper.

There are a variety of fairly simple treatments. Cryosurgery is the most common treatment. Liquid nitrogen is sprayed on the affected area twice, freezing the surface skin. In turn the skin flakes off, and new skin forms. It's quick and relatively painless.

The moral of the story is protect your skin; have any changes in your skin checked by a doctor; have a wonderful summer at Lake Edun. If you have questions, you may ask the dermatologist when he visits July 23. [Ed.]

Home Brew Contest Brewing

We know some of our supporters also enjoy the creativity of making their own beer and wine. We want to recognize their efforts and will have a competition to choose the best homebrew our supporters make.

If you are an experienced home brewer or want to try your hand, bring the product or your efforts on July 30 to see how they are received by our Eduner-judges. We are looking for the best Naked Brew and Naked Wine. We expect a lively competition and an enjoyable day of judging.

Experience A Drum Circle

During one of our mid-winter saunas, a soon-to-be student member suggested we schedule a drum circle at our special place during the summer. He even offered to lead it and bring some appropriate instruments.

Anyone can enjoy this. And we can use most anything to beat out the rhythm. If you have experience with a drum circle, we hope you will share it the evening of July 23. If you have never enjoyed this event, you won't want to miss it.

Garden At Your Own Risk

Sigh! The easily offended have struck again – this time in England. Despite a decidedly more tolerant display of naked flesh in England on TV and in advertising than in America, the belief that nude is rude or lewd still has some life in it. A local naturist was snared via telephoto lens and the police called. He now finds himself caught in the grips of sensation and legal proceedings.

Possibly it was the vigor he displayed whacking weeds that caused their alarm. You know – today the weeds, tomorrow Aunt Betsy. Who knows? We wish him well. [Ed.] Go to: http://www.thisisgloucestershire.co.uk/news/Gardening-nude-man-face-trial/article-3530825-detail/article.html

A naturist who loves doing his gardening in the nude is to stand trial accused of "insulting behavior" after complaints from neighbors who saw him naked. The charges all allege that he used "threatening, abusive or insulting words or behavior or disorderly behavior within the hearing or sight of a person likely to be caused harassment, alarm or distress thereby."

The accused denied three charges brought under the Public Order Act, alleging his nude digging and weeding caused "harassment, alarm or distress."

He maintains he is a practicing nudist and he does this in his own back garden.

The neighbors who have complained are 150 meters away, (that's about 487 feet, or more than 1½ football fields, Ed.). They have taken pictures of him in his garden and they say he is acting in an indecent manner. He says that he always checks first and only goes into his garden naked when he knows his near neighbors are away. He says he has acted lawfully at all times and taken reasonable care to ensure no one would see him and be offended by his actions.

"Mr. Sprigg firmly denied that he was doing anything indecent on the three occasions when the neighbors saw him," added his attorney.

The Academic Naturist

So reads the title of a naturist blog I want to call your attention to. Go to: <u>http://academicnaturist.blogspot.com/</u>

The whole blog is interesting, articulate, thoughtful, and even, "academic" in tone. For example, I bring your attention to the 3-25-11 posting titled, "Health Movement."

"Naturism, who was once riding on the back of the health movement, has been bucked off and left in the dust. At best, naturists sometimes advocate healthy living. The health movement no longer advocates naturism. Likewise, it seems the majority of naturists no longer strive for healthy living.

It is unclear why the partnership between the health movement and naturism ended. Perhaps it's because the health movement turned to science, medicine, and surgery instead of lifestyle changes. Perhaps because the main two naturist groups in the US promote body acceptance and recreation. The individuals who promote healthy living through naturism are certainly a minority. Naturism needs to piggy-back something else in order to grow, like it did in Germany and other areas. Throughout history, it has never grown all by itself – it has always had some sort of fuel to help it.

For the benefit and possibly survival of naturism, another group needs to embrace it. The most promising group, based on our history, is the health movement. To get the health movement to take us seriously, we need to limit our consumption of alcohol and cigarettes, and get ourselves in shape. We need to return the naturist philosophy from 100 years ago. We should all be taking steps to improve our own health anyway, so why not start now?"

Left out of this excerpt is the Academic Naturist examination of other possible contemporary themes or movements that might serve as a catalyst to further naturism. The thesis that modern naturism needs to look back to its origins for inspiration is one that has been advocated in the pages of Bare Fact for the last few years. Likewise, the critique that American naturism has narrowed its focus to nude recreation on one hand and body acceptance on the other has also been decried in these pages.

The rub is German naturism developed in unique historical and cultural circumstances and was adopted by a number of idealistic reformers with their own causes to champion. That's not the same as saying naturists today should adopt an agenda that is widely accepted and piggyback on its success. It is highly unlikely this hypothetical movement would adopt or even welcome, or endorse naturism as a fellow traveler, in their efforts to make the world better.

This is not to say that as naturists we shouldn't participate in practices approved of by the larger society. No one is opposed to healthy living, or working to save the environment for example. In fact, these agendas and possibly others are a good fit for the goals of naturism.

This is a reasonable proposition to embrace which would broaden the appeal of naturism and add much needed depth and credibility to its reason for existence. I fear that the twin emphases of recreation and body acceptance largely give the impression to outsiders of a group devoted to self indulgence and preoccupation with self. But, I could be wrong. [Ed.]

Seeking Young Naturists

Recently the Wall Street Journal set out to check on the progress being made to recruit younger people to naturism. No doubt this fine old mainstream newspaper was motivated by a sincere desire to get all of America up to speed on this pressing national problem. As if.... [Ed.]

On a recent Friday morning, a youthful first time visitor arrived at the Sunsport Gardens Nudist Resort clad in a Tshirt and shorts. Despite saying she felt a wave of anxiety before disrobing in public for the first time; she overcame her hesitation and jumped into the pool. But by evening, the 19year-old wearing only a string of purple Mardi Gras beads was dancing around a bonfire with about 200 young nudists, many of them first-timers. "I don't think I've ever felt this free" she yelled over pounding drums.

Membership in the two big nudist umbrella groups has been flat or declining for years, prompting a youth-recruitment effort that includes reverse-strip-poker nights, volleyball tournaments, naked 5K road races and music festivals like Nudepalooza and Nudestock.

Nicky Hoffman of the Naturist Society is quoted as saying, "The whole lifestyle will just disappear unless we attract a younger crowd. The problem is that most of these resorts aren't geared to young people."

While it is apparently true young people are not joining the existing naturist movement in significant numbers, the article's author claims they are going to places like Hippie Hollow in Austin, Texas, Baker Beach in San Francisco or Haulover Beach in Miami, Florida is a stretch. Three widely scattered nude beaches simply aren't soaking up most or all those who otherwise would participate in social nudity.

While people do go to these venues, it isn't in massive numbers. A more plausible explanation for the decline in club memberships is that the willingness to participate in public nudity has declined everywhere in this country in the face of a massive rise in prudishness. Naturist clubs are simply feeling the effects of this trend. [Ed.]

Whatever the causes, both AANR and the Naturist Society have asked their younger members to reach out to their peers and think of ways to make them feel that undressing in front of strangers is wonderful. Florida Young Naturists, Vita Nuda and other young nudist groups have since formed.

Reacting to the lack of similar aged peers at the Sunsport Gardens Winter Festival, one under 30 in attendance founded the Florida Young Naturists. He then opened a Facebook account and organized the first Spring Break Bash at Sunsport Gardens for people under 30 which attracted 55 people. This year, 140 young nudists showed up for a free weekend. At this year's Spring Break Bash, some of the older residents and visitors joined the younger guests for volleyball.

One of the young attendees observed that, "The barriers between people just fall away when you're nude. It's like watching chains falling off." Another attendee, who is starting college in May, said she felt as if she'd known her fellow nudists for weeks.

For the full article go to: <u>http://online.wsj.com/article</u>/SB10001424052748703856704576285653184636030.ht ml?mod=WSJ_LifeStyle_LeadStoryNA

But just a minute! There's more to this story than meets the eye. It so happens that this article was commented on by one of the writers at the Chicago Tribune. His opening line was, "Would you like to see your grandparents' nude?"

What these self appointed know-it-alls always get wrong is to believe the demands of the discerning voyeur is the criteria for being a naturist. No doubt this comes from their limited frame of reference derived from viewing pornography. This being their concept, they darn sure only want to "SEE" prime young bodies. Due to this warped and perverse expectation they ask the stupidest questions, all the while thinking they have made some self evident and devastating point. Pathetic!

In any event, one of the people interviewed for the Wall Street Journal article, Tom Mulhall, owner of the Terra Cotta Inn in Palm Springs, California said: "I talked with Mr. Belkin for over 30 minutes. He ignored the fact that nude recreation in America is thriving.

1) Nudism is more popular than ever! An Aug 17th, 2010 poll by CNBC found 53% would like to go on a naked vacation?

2) A Trip advisor survey in Aug. 2010 showed 48% of Americans would be willing to bare all on a nude beach, up from 31% in 2009.

3) 76% of American adults are between ages 35-80. Only 16% are in their 20's, (US Census Bureau). About 20% of people at nudist resorts are under age 35 which closely follows age demographics. Nudist Resorts, The NFL, MLB, NASCAR, etc all follow these same demographic trends. Also people age 35 and older have more money and more vacation time.

4) This story has "Been there", and "Done that" many times before. The oldest story about the so called "decline" of nudism online is Time Magazine on 7/19/71 predicting "The Decline of Nudism." Time wrote: "The old nudes have got to step aside or this place is going to die...its youth, baby, that's where it's at." Here's the link: <u>http://www.time.com</u> /time/magazine/article/0,9171,905385-2,00.html

Every few years a reporter decides let's make fun of nudists. This year it was the WSJ's turn.

Frankly, I think Tom's rejoinder brings some light and hope to a situation that has churned up a lot of angst among naturists, i.e., the graying of naturism. His reporting that the demographic statistics show that the under age 35 members are in line with those of the general population is encouraging. Assuming these numbers are accurate, naturists may have been excessively agitated about a supposed lack of younger members based on unscientific anecdotal evidence that was wrong. If so, this is good news. [Ed.]

To see this article and all the comments go to: <u>http://www.chicagotribune.com/travel/takingoff/chi-the-problem-for-nudists-20110506,0,7348221.story</u>

It's A Balancing Act

It's another of those heartwarming, "alls well that ends well" stories. Go to: <u>http://sanrafael.patch.com/articles/county-asks-to-restore-controversial-nude-painting</u>.

Marin County, California officials asked the Marin Arts Council to reinstall an oil painting of a female nude in the Civic Center building.

The painting, by San Rafael artist Sylvia Goodman, shows a woman seated on a chair, facing front with her legs slightly open. The piece was removed after an employee complained that the artwork was offensive for the workplace.

"The County of Marin must balance its employees' rights to be free from a hostile work environment with the artists' freedom of expression under the First Amendment." Officials said, "Upon further review, and in balancing these rights, the County of Marin has offered to restore Ms. Goodman's painting to the exhibition."

Goodman was enthusiastic upon hearing the news saying, "Art is supposed to stir emotion, otherwise it's just flat colors on a wall." Goodman, who was raised in Italy, said she was surprised and insulted when she heard about the complaint. In Europe, she observed, nudity can be found in paintings and sculptures everywhere, even churches. "Look at the Sistine Chapel," she said. "Everyone's naked up there."

The Chief Assistant County Administrator apologized for the negativity the artist or art-lovers encountered because of the controversy. "Hopefully, this discussion can raise awareness about the importance of art, but also how we can respect other people's opinions and sensitivities – be they related to gender, culture or other differences."

This is another example of the ongoing culture war in which too many Americans are wound way too tight. Of course finding something offensive or saying something is creating a hostile work environment is often a matter of subjective interpretation. Usually, of course, the one complaining is presumed to have the legal upper hand. Apparently, it is now in vogue to believe that not being offended is some sort of protected right.

It is probably too much to hope that this decision signals a retreat from the tyranny of the lone complainer getting to trump the rights of the majority. In this case to see a piece of art was preserved in the face of an objection. We can only hope that from this seed a thousand flowers will bloom. [Ed.]

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