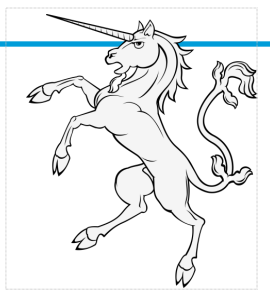




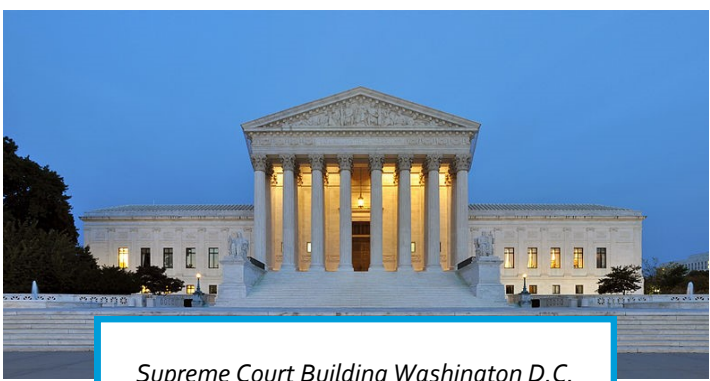
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## Trump's Supreme Court Choice is Dangerous



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Judge Neil M, Gorsuch, 49, serves on the 10th Circuit Court of Appeals, which is based in Denver CO. He has been called "cerebral" and "brainy" by various media outlets. But regardless how smart he is, he's a graduate of Harvard Law School (he was there at the same time as Obama) and studied at Oxford University as a Marshall Scholar, he's a radical Scalia-like "Originalist".

He answers Constitutional questions by considering how the Framers would have interpreted the plain language of the text back in the 18th Century. To Originalist like Gorsuch (and Scalia), the Constitution was encased in carbonite the moment it was written.

This approach is a convenient pretext for pushing a conservative ideology. Many of the basic Rights we consider essential to Modern Progressive Society, PRIVACY, GENDER and SEXUAL ORIENTATION EQUALITY, the RIGHT to CHOOSE, are not written explicitly in the Constitution. And there is little evidence that Alexander Hamilton and James Madison were thinking about a woman's right to choose (actually a woman's right to do anything) when they drafted and argued for ratification. Originalism also represent a shirking of the Judicial role: a lot has changed since 1789.

Judge Neil M. Gorsuch is unacceptable, his judicial record is hostile toward LGBT people. Through his decisions, he has promoted a vision of a society where the religious beliefs of employers can trump the law.

Lambda Legal's Fair Courts Project has conducted detailed research on

Judge Gorsuch. Here is a taste of his troubling record:

First and foremost, Judge Gorsuch's opinion on the 10th Circuit Hobby Lobby decision is disqualifying. It set a terrible and destructive standard that employers should be allowed to meddle in our sex lives and decide whether or not birth control is covered by the company's insurance plan.

We absolutely must not confirm a Supreme Court nominee who has ruled that the religious beliefs and moral judgments of employers can be forced upon their employees. It is a short hop from restrictions on birth control to restrictions on the intimate relationships and health care needs of LGBT people.

This trend of Religious exceptions lawsuits and statutes represent an extraordinary danger to our rights. Few of us expect the Supreme Court to reverse itself on marriage equality. But with Judge Gorsuch and four other conservative Justices on the Supreme Court, and the many other conservative Judges on the Appellate Courts, who are willing to cut out a doughnut hole in equality laws that would allow business to deny service to gay people if homosexuality violates their religious beliefs. They would even allow government officials to deny constitutionally protected rights to gay people and couples (including marriage) if doing so would violate their religion. If this dark future comes true, it would completely neuter marriage equality and public accommodation laws. And Gorsuch seems poised to do just that

Judge Gorsuch also joined a 2015 opinion rejecting arguments made by an incarcerated transgender woman who was denied medically necessary hormone treatment and a request to wear feminine clothing.

Judge Gorsuch has expressed disapproval of civil rights impact litigation, writing in 2005 that "American liberals have become addicted to the courtroom ... as the primary means of effecting their social agenda on everything from gay marriage" to other issues.

We believe Judge Gorsuch is an especially dangerous jurist to place on the highest court in the land.

Reports have already suggested that he is more conservative than Justice Scalia was on the so-called Chevron doctrine. Sounds like a technical issue just for lawyers, right? Not so. In fact, Gorsuch's radical stance on this issue helps show why his confirmation would jeopardize the health, safety, and rights of all Americans.

The Chevron doctrine is named after a case decided unanimously by the Supreme Court in the 1980s concerning the Chevron energy company.

The doctrine, or rule of interpretation that came out of that case, says that courts should generally defer to administrative agencies' interpretation of laws that Congress has charged them with enforcing—particularly when the laws are ambiguous—unless the regulation or other interpretation is unreasonable. As a result, courts in numerous cases have upheld agency rules that protect health, safety, the environment, and other key subjects. As Ranking House Judiciary Member John Conyers has commented, the Chevron doctrine is crucial to the “ability of federal regulatory agencies to protect public health and safety.”

For example, application of the Chevron doctrine was very important to courts upholding Department of Labor regulations that ensured that more coal miners suffering from black lung disease would receive adequate compensation from coal mining companies. The companies tried to contest the agency's rule, but relying on the Chevron doctrine, the corporations' argument was rejected. In another case, industry challenged an important EPA rule that toughened lead-based paint hazard requirements for home renovations under the Toxic Substances Control Act. Relying on cases decided under the Chevron doctrine, the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals upheld the amended rule. It specifically noted that the amendment would help protect against “dangers to families with young

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But Judge Gorsuch is a firm opponent of the Chevron doctrine. In fact, in a case that did not even specifically raise the issue, he wrote a long concurring opinion, commenting on the opinion that he himself wrote for the court majority, and argued that the Chevron doctrine should essentially be overruled, claiming that it represents “abdication of the judicial duty.” Of course under the Trump administration, federal agencies may well not enact rules that impose reasonable limits on corporations and help consumers. But over the long run, as Rep. Hank Johnson has explained, eliminating the Chevron doctrine would “shield entrenched economic interests from liability and make it harder for agencies like the Environmental Protection Agency to deal with emerging public health threats.” Both Johnson and Conyers spoke in opposition to a House Republican bill that would have attempted through legislation to eliminate the Chevron doctrine.

The Supreme Court ruled that they should defer to the experts who draft the regulations. Gorsuch disagrees with this, he thinks Judges know better. This is once again a pretext for forcing conservative ideology on policy. Regulatory Agencies are by nature, focused on regulations. When you take

power away from them, you neuter regulations. And that's the dream of the Koch brothers and the robber baron in the Whitehouse right now.

The fact that Gorsuch's views accord with those of House Republicans is no surprise. Both are concerned with protecting corporations and not the interests of ordinary people. This is already clear from Gorsuch's record, and eliminating the Chevron doctrine would do more of the same.

In contrast, while sometimes criticizing specific decisions, Justice Scalia defended the Chevron doctrine, explaining that “in the long run, Chevron will endure and be given its full scope” because it more “accurately reflects the reality of government, and thus more adequately serves its needs.” Thus Judge Gorsuch is clearly to the right of Justice Scalia on this issue, in a way that would ultimately help big business and harm ordinary Americans.

One final point is cause for even more concern. Judge Gorsuch did not write his criticism of the Chevron doctrine in a law review article. Instead, it was in a concurring opinion in a case that did not directly raise the issue, and essentially urged that the doctrine be overruled. This clear willingness as an appeals court judge to urge the overruling of a Supreme Court decision less than 40 years old is extremely troubling for a Supreme Court nominee. Indeed, if he were on the Supreme Court, which actually can overrule its own decisions, he could work towards that result. Gorsuch's record suggests that other established Supreme Court decisions could also be targets for a Justice Gorsuch, including *Roe v. Wade* and *Obergefell*. That's part of why Gorsuch's radical views on the Chevron doctrine, to the right of Justice Scalia.

Judge Gorsuch, though by all indications, is a lovely man, is no friend to progressives. He will be a reliable Scalia-like vote to turn this country back. This only helps show why he should not be confirmed as our next Supreme Court Justice.

The Senate Democrats need to stand **FIRM** and **REJECT** this nominee, and any other, until Mr. Trump nominates someone who stands at the center, where most Americans are. Democrats have done it before, confirming Justice Anthony Kennedy over Robert Bork.

Please, Call both your Senators right now, to make sure they are getting blasted with an outpouring of grassroots contacts about the need to OPPOSE Gorsuch. Tell them Judge Gorsuch is unacceptable, and tell them why.

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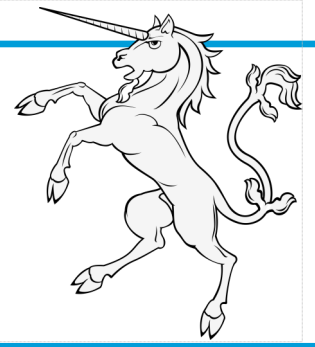
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## *Valentine's, Romance, and Serenade*

By Jack Giles, President



As I was considering this month's issue and my Column, what topic should I write about. It occurred to me February was traditionally to be about Hearts, Love, Romance, and Valentine's. But then again, we just had the Inauguration of POTUS, and the installment of one of the largest Anti-LGBT Congresses, after so many advances for our cause.

So should I be Political? I had almost forgotten it was also Awards Season, alas, the President-Elect provided me a solution with his incessant Twittering. Man is he thin skinned, seems he took offense to Meryl Streep's Golden Globe's Acceptance Speech. He attacked her, her craft, and her capability. So that settled my editorial view for this edition. Cinema, past, current, and coming in the near future. Look for Movie Reviews, both current and some from times long gone, as well as some Coming Attractions!

Meryl Streep's dragging of Trump during the Golden Globe Awards was truly sweet. However, don't let it, and especially Trump's ridiculous response to it, distract you from the fact that the GOP is trying to push in multiple confirmation hearings of his cabinet nominees, and these nominees have NOT been thoroughly vetted. A distracted people cannot unite to oppose wrongdoing. This appears to a "Standard Operation Tactic" of the next four years. Misdirection through Twittering



During her Golden Globes acceptance, Meryl Streep said what a majority of Americans believe: that cruelty and indecency aren't who we are, that our diversity beautifully defines us, and that our powerful should be accountable for the way they wield that power.

If you live in this country, if you contribute with your gifts and your work, if you pay taxes and you pay attention America is your lane. That's what our freedom means. That's the heart of our Constitution. Your citizenship gives you both the right and the obligation to speak.

The idea that Meryl Streep should be silent on matters of politics because she is "unqualified", is completely ludicrous as well as patently un-American. By such logic, no one other than experienced politicians gets a say in the way decisions that affect us are made, and the rest of us should all silently consent to whatever our elected officials say. (Apparently Vassar, Yale, and Dartmouth educations aren't an impressive enough resume for

someone to be able to speak into the value of empathy and the virtue of not being a jackass.)

She was right, and she was right to say it there and then, despite Vince Vaughn's dagger stare, despite the NRA/Bush advocate Travis Tritt's, ironic social-media scolding, and despite the President-Elect's petulant, childish but sadly completely expected Tweet tantrum at 5:30 AM the following morning. People telling her to "stay in her lane" are simply wrong.

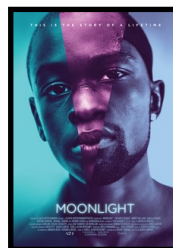
America's greatness is the fruit of activism, of the voices of disparate citizens raised in all spheres of life when it is called for. We have been continually renovated by our people speaking into the injustices around them, leveraging the power at their disposal. People who call this country Home, should use whatever platform, position, and influence they have to speak into the issues that matter to them. To not do so is irresponsible and selfish.

Meryl Streep was raised a Presbyterian, and as a Christian, I see her words drawing a clear line to the compassionate heart of the Jesus of the Gospels, who spoke of loving "the least of these"; not those who are at all less-than, but those treated as less-than. For me it was a powerful and subversive sermon. Without mentioning religion, the essence of her faith was evident in her manner and her message. I've never been able to say that about Donald Trump, and that's telling.

The great irony is that the same people criticizing Streep for being an "out of touch celebrity" who has no business commenting on politics, voted for one to run the country. They're the same ones who'll gladly boost the signal of the Duck Dynasty geniuses, the ever-eloquent Scott Baio, or that wisest of sages, Ted Nugent. (Apparently Fox News gets all the qualified celebs.)

The truth is, Meryl Streep did something inherently American: She used her moment of attention to speak for empathy and decency. She affirmed our shared humanity in a way that transcended politics, or should. She called vile behavior, vile. She reminded the bullies that we will not tolerate them. She asked people not to be horrible to one another.

If more people had done that this year, we'd have a much different nation than we have right now, I'm with her.



After being shutout for most of the evening at the Golden Globes, 'Moonlight', a movie about a black gay teen, written and directed by Barry Jenkins, took Best Motion Picture for Drama. Beating out the other Nominees: 'Hacksaw Ridge', 'Hell or High Water', 'Lion', and 'Manchester by the Sea'. This almost makes it a shoo-in for an Oscar later this month, Sunday, February 26.

Jenkins said while accepting the Award: "To my Mom, Denzel (Washington) said it best in 'Fences': "I gave you everything, I gave you life." Mom, you gave me life, and I hope being on this stage right now is the fulfillment of the life you gave me."

'Moonlight' had been nominated for six Golden Globes overall including two nods to Jenkins in the writing and directing categories. Naomi Harris for supporting actress, Mahershala Ali for supporting actor, and a nomination for best original score.

Which brings us back to Valentine's Day. I am writing this in advance, so at the moment, I'm contemplating on what to give my Hubby, Dennis. Any of the Films, Movies, Documentaries, or Television shows mentioned throughout this issue would be perfect to share with your special someone, and maybe a Pizza. But it won't be one of these, besides not traveling to New York City, I couldn't afford this. (even if I mortgaged the house)

Industry Kitchen on South St, has introduced a 24K Gold Pizza which cost \$2000. The pie features Black Squid Ink Dough, which rest for no less than 48 hours, White Stilton Cheese, after it is baked in a wood-fired oven, they top it with 24K Gold Leaf, Foie Gras, Beluga Caviar, Shaved Black Truffles, and garnish with Fresh Rose Petals. This concoction must be ordered and paid for 48 hours in advance. They have sold exactly two so far.

And for those of you who are imbibing libations for this Holiday, whether to set a mood with someone special, or because you are alone. [Super-call.com](http://Super-call.com), has some excellent advice in an Article entitled: "A Very Necessary Crash Course in Hangover Prevention".



**Lush Soaps LTD.** A UK company has included same-sex couples in their Valentine's Day Promotions.

Yet another choice, for the Truly Romantic out there. How about a nice Pampering for yourself and your loved one, grab a chilled bottle of white wine, add some soft music and take a long soak in a warm bubble bath together. Like the couple in the above ad from Lush Soaps, The Company headquartered in London, England, has taken upon itself to help normalize same-sex couples and Marriage Equality by being all inclusive.

Whatever I do, I will show him all the Love and Respect he richly deserves. He has made me so happy over the course of our years together.

*(But don't tell him I said so!)*

**January's Unicorn Meeting** - was held in 'The Upper room', otherwise known as the Clubroom of the Leather Stallion Saloon, and though it was one of our longer meetings, we not only accomplished the entire ambitious agenda laid out before us. We welcomed a new Pledge into our fold of miscreants. I am pleased to announce that Elijah Ortiz has been approved into pledgehood, after waiting several months to formally apply.

The vacant Committee positions were filled. With Jim Broginski taking on the duties of Miss Sunshine in addition to his duties as Sergeant of Arms, Road Captain Noel Walters will be retaining the Social Media/Promotional Committee. The position of Webmaster will become a sub-committee under his supervision with additional staff to assist in these duties.

It was reported to me that the Club has ended the fiscal year (2016) up 40% over that of 2015. Therefore, there is no need to raise dues, at this time. The Treasurer did announce that Dues notices will be going out shortly, but reminds everyone, dues must be paid no later than the June Meeting, 6/11/17. Full Members \$40, Associates, \$20. Pledges are reminded that the \$25 Deposit on their Patches are due also.

It was reported that Bob Kirsop has returned home from re-hab after his recent Hip surgery in December and is continues to recover and improve daily. Ever loyal Tom has been taking very good care of him, helping him shower and preparing meals as well as cleaning out the clutter, which has now become my responsibility to which there seems to be an overstock of old Run T-shirts, Run Pins, and Run Hats. Any Club Member who would like to have one please see me for sizes and runs (years) available.

I want to take this opportunity to announce to club members, there are still a limited number of Club Ball Caps available for sale. These are adjustable one size fits all, Black Caps with the Club Logo on them. Only \$5 each. Also available to Club Members Only are Club Friendship Pins. While the Club itself give these out to persons who have done an exceptional service for the Club, members may also exchange them with close or special friends from other Clubs, at events, Runs, etc. It is suggested that each member keep a small supply on hand. They are only \$5 each.

An Archive Committee was appointed to get the Clubs Archives in order and arrangements are being made for storage and Digitizing onto Disc for the Leather Archives & Museum in Chicago IL. A traveling Display will be created for the Social/Promo Committee for purposes of setting up at events and promoting the Club.

Thank you letters received from Keith Thayer's Cousin Gretchen, Steve Boger, Pilgrim UCC Food Bank, and Malachi House, were shared, along with Christmas Cards from Associates, Paul Hodge, Jeff Anderson & Ed Schultz.

After the meeting most attendees stayed, mingled, and socialized with the patrons of the Leather Stallion Saloon. Dennis and I were there for at least one cocktail. Hope to see everyone at our next meeting Sunday, February 19th, 6:30 PM, in the upstairs Clubroom. Reminders will be sent a week in advance. ~ Jack



## Great Lakes Regional Chapter

ONYX, a National Organization for Men of Color into Leather, grew out of a need for those who felt excluded from the Leather scene. While there have always been men of color in the scene, they often felt unwelcomed. This was 22 years ago a shortly after the Founders attendance to IML in Chicago. A different time, with a different attitude, I am glad to say that today attitudes are changing and everyone is welcomed into the Leather Lifestyle. From their humble beginnings when six friends joined together around a dining room table to undertake this adventure the Organization has grown to Regional Chapters throughout the United States. While full membership in ONYX is reserved for Men of Color, Associate memberships are open to everybody, men, women, and allies, anyone with an affinity for Leather.

February 4th, saw the establishment of their newest chapter, the sixth being, ONYX Great Lakes. As a way to introduce themselves to the Great Lakes Community, they hosted a Meet and Greet at our Home Bar, The Leather Stallion Saloon. Even though the weather was cold, no one noticed as the Patio was packed with many hot leather men. Dennis, Noel, Dave Reed, and I were on hand to welcome them to the Stallion and extend the hand of Friendship. The Ranger's were also present with quite a few members in attendance. After introducing the Unicorn MC, I met with Dan Panther Onyx, Road Captain and we agreed to cooperate in some future events.

As part of the evening's entertainment one of the ONYX members gave a demonstration of Hot Wax and Fire Play, no photography was permitted so I cannot show you.

Also thanks to the generosity of Michael Parker and his partner, Boy Troy Kaczorowski, the Stallion now has a portable St. Andrew's Cross as a permanent installation, to which Pup Genghis enjoyed immensely.

All in all it was an enjoyable evening, with the exception that the window on Noel's car was shattered while parked in the parking lot across the street which delayed our departure as we had to wait upon the 3rd Precinct of the CPD to file a report. Ken wants me to remind everyone the lot across the street is private property, own by someone else. **Parking Across the Street is at Your Own Risk!**



## Congratulations!



The Unicorns would like to extend our Congratulations to our Friend from Arktos Bears, Mr. Cleveland Bear 2016, Mark Robert Snyder-Schulte. Winner of the North American Daddy Bear 2017 Title. The contest was held during the North American Bear 2017 Weekend held in Lexington KY, February 2nd, 3rd, 4th, & 5th. Mark has said he cannot wait to get back to Cleveland to share this news with his husband Jim, the Love of his Life.

## "The Adventures of Two Jims"

*(By Jim Broginski, AKA Bad Boy from Detroit)*

Jim H. and I were in the Summerset Mall in Troy, on the corner of Coolidge Rd and W. Big Beaver (sometimes referred to as the Golden Mile by us Michiganders, because of the upscale stores in the mall). We needed to use one of the public restrooms and we proceeded to walk to the door of one, while a young man and his son, were just entering the facility before us. The little boy was probably no more than three years old and they both entered one of the stalls, as Jim H and I headed for the urinals. The four of us were the only people in the restroom and we could hear dad telling the child how to aim his own little ding-a-ling. Apparently Dad had to go too, and we heard the boy say very clearly "Boy Dad you have a real big PINUS", as Dad chuckled. Jim and I looked at each other in amazement, that the child knew the proper name for that part of the anatomy, and we all left the restroom avoiding eye contact, but smiling and chuckling.

### *On Behave of the Unicorns*

*We would like to extend Our Condolences to Our Brother, James Broginski & Family Whose Beloved Sister went to Her Eternal Home, this month, after an Extended Illness.*

*"May God grant her His Peace"*



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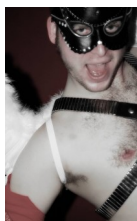


# “Hearts & Harnesses”

(by Sir Derryk Paramoure, Pledge)

The *Hearts and Harness* fundraising event by the Rangers, was yet again another amazing time. This is a yearly event held at the Cocktails 2.0 in Akron Ohio on or around Valentine's Day. Proceeds this year went to **The Leather Heart Foundation**, the only national organization of their kind: an organization of, by and for kinksters and leather folk. Their sole purpose is to help brothers and sisters who are experiencing financial hardships. It was a great night for a great cause.

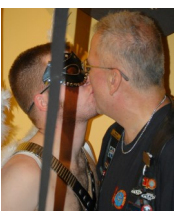
As we entered the bar, we noticed how fairly busy it was, to a nice surprise. For the past 2 years the crowd wasn't nearly as big because of the weather. Upon entry we received a few cock-tease chocolate penises made by Kel Hess, very realistic by the way. Alongside those decadent penises there was a bowl of assorted hearts you had the option of choosing to wear at the event. Wait, there goes Cupid, played by none other than Cody Feutch, he was busy fluttering around the hot leather filled room mingling with everyone.



We were then informed that everyone was eligible to be placed in the **Heartbreak Jail**, it cost \$2 to **File a Warrant** to put someone in and \$2 to get **Early Parole**. You could have anyone in the bar **Arrested**, even your Boy could have you put in. You could however, pay **\$5 Bribe**, to receive a lanyard that was a free stay out of jail pass.

Alongside the jail there were 4 great baskets donated by various members of the Rangers for raffle. Some of the things included in the baskets were floggers made by Kel Hess his famous bondage bears, so cute, and an amazing string picture by Joe who is Kel's partner in crime. Laughing out loud, I mean life partner in life. The last basket was an awesome emoji basket, it was rather large. The people that won those were rather lucky.

It was very amusing that our very own Road Captain, Noel had been sentenced to jail for over an hour yet he claims to be a 'good boy'. I beg to differ



on that point he put his Sir in jail. In fun I helped administer his punishment (what sadist wouldn't) which I enjoy doing so, I loaned my dreaded paddle to Mistress Kate. I think he was more entertained by being spanked. He claims he doesn't like it but gets all giddy when I bring my paddle out. (hehe)

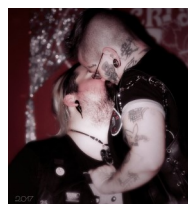
In all the excitement, I had completely forgot about the 'Hot Buns' contest that started at Midnight. I won first place 2 years ago but oddly forgot it was a part of this event, so this was yet another great surprise. They had 9 really hot contestants to choose from, but you could only see their buns when they competed. They were behind a tarp with holes in it. It was great when they did random order selection so you couldn't really tell whose buns you were looking at. Our very own secretary Dennis won second runner up this year, ooh what a nice ass. I mean Hello Nurse.

My absolute favorite part of the night was not just about the event as a whole but the part when I personally was asked by two HOT bears from

the Titians about friendship pins. I always get the best feeling when I see what this community stands for, friendship and brotherhood. I asked Daddy Jack and he presented them with the pins. This made my heart melt. The love from Jack's eyes as he gave them each their pins and the gratitude on their faces. Not to mention the adoration and thanks from all parties involved. They then both asked me to take their picture and explained to me that they come to a lot of events where there are some Unicorns and that they would like to run into us more often. They thanked me for the picture, gave me a great bear hug and continued with their fun for the night. Those lucky bears won each a basket from the raffle later on.




It was a night full of fun and memories and I can't forget to thank Azura Bowers and Julia Underwood, Tink, for organizing this fun event this year. And Daddy Gregg Lakota, as Emcee for the 'Hot Buns' contest, wowiee. Cupid, Cody Feutch, as always it was a pleasure and all the other Rangers that were there thank you so much.




All in all it was a great night and of course for the second year in a row I had some romance of my own. My husband presented me with a beautiful red carnation in his mouth and asked me for a picture with him. I had been completely unaware of the carnations up for sale for charity as well. This was a nice surprise. Last year my husband and I had our very first Valentine's picture together at this exact event. We've decided it's a tradition to be there every year. I hope to see everyone again next year.

Now to personally thank the Unicorns MC for believing in me and becoming a part of my journey in Leather and in life. Right now I want also to thank Daddy Jack for giving me the opportunity to write this article and take pictures at this amazing event. I look forward to many years with the group and many great opportunities to be a part of the brotherhood and community we are involved in. The events, the hardships, and everything in between. ~ Sir Derryk Paramoure, Pledge.

(edited by Jack, additional photos on page 13)



Special  
Prayer Request



The Unicorn MC extends their Prayers for healing and Well Wishes to Don Wolfe, a Friend and Icon of the Local Gay Community, web-designer who has worked with Claw for many years, and designed for the Leather Stallion and the Unicorns, in the past, suffered a Major Heart Attack in late January. He has been on Life-Support in Akron General Hospital. As of the 13th of this month it has been reported, he is improving, is no longer on Life-support, and will be transferred soon to a Step-down Facility near Kent. Call Patient Information at : (330) 344-6100 for further information. Updates when available.



# Academy Award Nominations



The nominations for the [89th Annual Academy Awards](#) were announced on January 24, 2017, and while there are too many Categories to list every-one here without taking up the entire issue. Here are the Top Categories:

**BEST PICTURE**, *Arrival, Fences, Hacksaw Ridge, Hell or High Water, Hidden Figures, La La Land, Lion, Manchester by the Sea, Moonlight*

**BEST DIRECTOR**, *Denis Villeneuve for Arrival, Mel Gibson for Hacksaw Ridge, Damien Chazelle for La La Land, Kenneth Lonergan for Manchester by the Sea, Barry Jenkins for Moonlight*

**BEST ACTOR**, *Casey Affleck in Manchester by the Sea, Andrew Garfield in Hacksaw Ridge, Ryan Gosling in La La Land, Viggo Mortensen in Captain Fantastic, Denzel Washington in Fences*

**BEST ACTRESS**, *Isabelle Huppert in Ella, Ruth Negga in Loving, Natalie Portman in Jackie, Emma Stone in La La Land, Meryl Streep in Florence Foster Jenkins*

**BEST SUPPORTING ACTOR**, *Mahershala Ali in Moonlight, Jeff Bridges in Hell or High Water, Lucas Hedges in Manchester by the Sea, Dev Patel in Lion, Michael Shannon in Nocturnal Animals*

**BEST SUPPORTING ACTRESS**, *Viola Davis in Fences, Naomi Harris in Moonlight, Nicole Kidman in Lion, Octavia Spencer in Hidden Figures, Michelle Williams in Manchester by the Sea*

**BEST ORIGINAL SCORE**, *Jackie, La La Land, Lion, Moonlight, Passengers*

Final voting by Members of the Academy began on Monday, February 13th and will conclude on Tuesday, February 21st, with the Awards presentation televised live on Sunday, February 26, 2017.

Membership into The Academy of Motion Picture Arts & Sciences, is by invitation only, there are no applications. One must be proposed to the Board of Governors by two current members of the branch one qualifies for, the Governors then review each candidate and issues the invitations. Membership consist of Actors, Actresses, Directors, Musicians, Technical Staff, anyone who works in the Production of the Motion Picture Industry.

In addition to awarding the Oscars, the Academy maintains and operates The Academy Film Archive, located at the PICKFORD CENTER FOR MOTION PICTURE STUDIES, 1313 Vine Street, Los Angeles CA. Cassie Blake, Public Access Coordinator may be reached by calling (310) 247-3016. There is a Public Viewing form available: [\(Viewing Request Form\)](#) And the Margret Herrick Library, located at the FAIRBANKS CENTER FOR MOTION PICTURE STUDIES, 333 S. La Cienega Blvd, Beverly Hills CA. Call (310) 247-3020 for hours of operation when visiting.

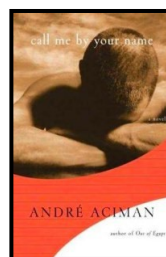
[The 2017 Sundance Film Festival](#) ran January 19th through the 29th this year, and it was as Gay as ever. The Festivities took place in Park City UT, featured LGBT Films, Q&As, events like, Andre Aciman's, 'Call Me by Your Name', Starring Armie Hammer, and Jill Soloway's, 'I Love Dick'. Along with Documentaries, whose subjects ranged from Civil Rights icon Bayard Rustin to transgendered You Tube star Gigi Gorgeous.

The World Premiere of Director & Screenwriter, Eliza Hittman's 'Beach Rats', cast newcomers: Harris Dickinson, Madeline Weinstein, Kate Hodge, and Neal Huff. As an aimless teen on the outer edges of Brooklyn struggling to escape his bleak home life and questioning his self-identity. Balancing his time between his delinquent friends, his new girlfriend, and the older men he meets online.

In August 2014, Daniel Ashley Peirce's family verbally and physically accosted him, before throwing him out of the house, because they disapproved of his sexuality. 'Out of Exile: Daniel's Story', presented by Film Artist, Nonny De La Pena. The Documentary is built upon the audio recordings that Daniel made at the time, and includes thoughts of hope and triumph, from Daniel and three other LGBT homeless teens.

'If Not Love', by Rosemarie Troche & Bruce Allan. A conflicted 'Christian' man carries out a mass shooting. In his past a same-sex hookup and self-loathing. What if events had unfolded differently? What if his partner had convinced him to face himself? Would that simple act have change the outcome? Featuring, Zachary Booth and Mitchell Winter

There are more reviews of the LGBT themed Films, Documentaries, and Shorts from [The Advocate Magazine Online](#).



During the Festival, the film adaptation of 'Call Me by Your Name' was picked up for World-wide Distribution by Sony Pictures Classics. The deal is reported to be in the low to mid seven figures. Directed by Italy's, Luca Guadagnino, he also worked on the screenplay with James Ivory, and Walter Fasano.

The story stars actor Armie Hammer, as a 24 year old American scholar spending the summer in Northern Italy during 1983, where he attracts the attention of a 17 year old Jewish boy, played by Timothee Chalamet. The film's rating are not known yet, but the book contains several sexually explicit scenes, which will raise the Ratings Board's eyebrows, if they remain in the final cut.

No Release Date has been set, but I have a feeling this is going to be a big hit, and possible Golden Globe and Oscar Contender next year! I know I would like to see it - Jack

## Film Reviews



### *Hacksaw Ridge*

(directed by Mel Gibson)

A 2016 biographical war drama film about the World War II experiences of Desmond Doss, an American pacifist combat medic who was a Seventh-day Adventist Christian, refusing to carry or use a firearm or weapons of any kind. Doss became the first conscientious objector to be awarded the Medal of Honor by the President Harry S. Truman for saving lives during the Battle of Okinawa in World War II, service above and beyond the call of duty.

Based on an earlier documentary about Doss, *Hacksaw Ridge* was chosen by the American Film Institute and National Board of Review as one of the top ten films of 2016 and has received numerous awards and nominations, including Golden Globe nods for Best Picture, Best Director and Best Actor for Andrew Garfield.

Doss had turned down many requests for books and films, after the war, because he was wary of whether his life, wartime experiences, and his Seventh-day Adventist beliefs would be portrayed inaccurately or sensationally. In 2001, after finally convincing Doss that making a movie on his remarkable life was the right thing to do, screenwriter/producer Gregory Crosby wrote the treatment and brought the project to film producer David Permut through the early efforts of Stan Jensen of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, which ultimately led to the movie getting financed.

Doss' only child, Desmond Doss Jr., stated: *"The reason he declined is that none of them adhered to his one requirement: that it be accurate. And I find it remarkable, the level of accuracy in adhering to the principal of the story in this movie."*

The Film receive Critical Acclaim with, Peter Travers of *Rolling Stone* giving the film 3.5 stars and praised it as *"the best war film since 'Saving Private Ryan'"* and wrote: *"Thanks to some of the greatest battle scenes ever filmed, Gibson once again shows his staggering gifts as a filmmaker, able to juxtapose savagery with aching tenderness."* He added: *"It is violent, harrowing, heartbreaking and unforgettable. And yes, it was directed by Mel Gibson. He deserves a medal, too."*

*'Hacksaw Ridge'* has received the 2016 Critic's Choice Award for Best Action Movie by the Broadcast Film Critics Association, and was nominated for three Golden Globes, as well as several Oscar nominations.

[\(watch 'Hacksaw Ridge' trailer\)](#)



### *The Great Wall*

(directed by Zhang Yimou)

Premiered in theaters this past Friday, across the Country. *'The Great Wall'* is a 2016 epic historical fiction action-adventure monster film directed by Zhang Yimou and written by Tony Gilroy, Carlo Bernard, Doug Miro, Max Brooks, Edward Zwick, and Marshall Herskovitz. The film stars Matt Damon, Jing Tian, Pedro Pascal, Willem Dafoe and Andy Lau.

Principal photography began on March 30, 2015, in Qingdao, China. The film was released in China on December 15, 2016, by Le Vision Pictures and China Film Group Corporation and is being released in the United States on, by Universal Pictures.

Matt Damon teams up with one of China's visionary directors for a monster war, during the Song dynasty, set against the East's most recognizable landmark. The movie looks bonkers, from the fire-breathing mayhem down to Damon's ponytail, but seeing as it's already a gargantuan hit across the pond, we'll pay attention to this cross-cultural experiment.

[\(watch 'The Great Wall' trailer\)](#)



### *Split*

(directed by M. Night Shyamalan)

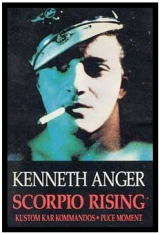
*'Split'* a 2016 American psychological horror film written and directed by M. Night Shyamalan. The film stars James McAvoy, Anya Taylor-Joy and Betty Buckley. Principal photography began on November 11, 2015, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The film premiered at Fantastic Fest on September 26, 2016 and was released in the United States on January 20, 2017, by Universal Pictures.

Though he was once knighted as "the next Spielberg," Shyamalan's latest phase is a string of thrillers shot on a dime. The exercise is keeping him in shape; 2014's *'The Visit'* was an icy found-footage movie, and his latest, *'Split'*, stars McAvoy as a dissociative identity disorder patient who kidnaps three girls and tortures them with his various personalities. Yeah, there's a twist.

[\(watch 'Split' trailer\)](#)

(reviews resourced and excerpted from: [Wikipedia.com](#) and [Thrillist.com](#) trailers linked to [Youtube.com](#) reviews continued on next page)





# Scorpio Rising

Written and Directed by Kenneth Anger, Circa

'Scorpio Rising' is an American experimental 28 minute short film, by Kenneth Anger, starring Bruce Byron, whom Anger asserts was 'half-crazy', as Scorpio. Themes central to the film include the occult, biker subculture, homosexuality, Catholicism, and Nazism; the film also explores the worship of rebel icons of the era, namely James Dean and Marlon Brando. Like many of Anger's films, the film does not contain any dialogue, it instead features a prominent soundtrack consisting of 1960's pop, including songs by Ricky Nelson, The Angels, The Crystals, Bobby Vinton, Elvis Presley, and Ray Charles.. 'Scorpio Rising' is considered by some to be the first drama film to feature a rock & roll soundtrack.

The film premiered in October 1963 at the Gramercy Arts Theater in New York City. When the film was screened at Cinema on Western Avenue, an Art Theater, in Los Angeles, it was protested by the American Nazi Party on the basis that it insulted their flag. The police were ultimately called to the site and arrested the theater manager for public obscenity and canceled the film's run. The case went to the California Supreme Court, where the case was settled in Anger's favor. Anger explained in an interview:

*"When 'Scorpio Rising' was shown, we've forgotten, in a sense, that it was a groundbreaker, legally. Because there are only a few flashes of nudity, genitalia, whatever in the film, I mean, they're very, very short and, if you blink, you won't even see them. At any rate, when it was shown, at the Cinema – it was called the Cinema on Western Avenue in Hollywood – the premiere run, someone denounced it to the Hollywood vice squad and they raided the theater and took the print. And the case had to go to the California Supreme Court to be freed and then it became, like, a landmark case of redeeming social merit. That was the phrase that was used to justify that it wasn't pornography. And, indeed, there's nothing pornographic about it. Somebody had to break the ice and have that kind of case at that time to establish the freedom, because, before then, the police could seize anything they wanted to. What I was doing on the West Coast, Jack Smith was doing on the East Coast with 'Flaming Creatures'. The two films happened at about the same time."*

'Scorpio Rising' was praised by West Coast critics upon its initial release. When it was screened in New York City in 1964, 'Scorpio Rising' garnered additional positive reviews from 'The New Yorker', 'Variety', and 'Newsweek'.

Nora Sayre of 'The New York Times' reviewed the film in 1975 stating, "Oddly enough, the references to the nineteen-fifties,

which seemed dated and rather ponderous in 1965, don't make the film appear old-fashioned now. Admittedly, one then saw it in an unfortunate context – draped in the mystique of the underground, when a number of inferior films employed some similar imagery, such as the juxtaposition of Christ and hipsters, or close-ups of all-purpose skulls. But after a decade's education in put-ons, one can savor the impudent freshness of 'Scorpio' today."

Although the film is no longer in circulation, and I cannot find a source where it can be purchased on DVD. This cult classic can be found on You Tube at this link:

[Kenneth Anger's "Scorpio Rising"](#)

## Coming Soon

### A Handmaiden's Tale Remake

Our first look at Hulu's adaptation of Margaret Atwood's 1985 dystopian classic 'The Handmaid's Tale' is finally here! Hooray! And also: SHIT THIS IS DEPRESSING. The show stars Mad Men's phenomenal Elisabeth Moss as Offred, a "handmaid" in Gilead, a horrifying post-war future America, where fertile young women are forced into sexual slavery by a scary fascist theocratic regime. So! It's a place where the reproductive rights of women are being controlled by power-crazy fancy men. Interesting. The 'Handmaid's Tale' debuts in April on Hulu. Watch the Trailer:

[Hulu's "A Handmaiden's Tale"](#)

### When We Rise



ABC Officials announce the premiere date for the new mini-series 'When We Rise,' created and written by Oscar-winning Dustin Lance Black. The LGBT docudrama will debut on February 27th, at 9 PM.

The show boasts an all-star ensemble, including Guy Pearce, Mary-Louise Parker, Dylan Walsh, Whoopi Goldberg, Rosie O'Donnell, David Hyde Pierce, Rob Reiner, and many more. The show has been in development for the last four years.

Recently the production has come under attack on-line by the Neocons of the fascist far right movement, associated with racism, bigotry, and white nationalism. Black has said, "That while he had hoped the political climate would be different, when the show aired, he wasn't blindsided by the current conservative re-emergence." And he, "Congratulated ABC for their Courage." Check out the trailer, then tune into watch.

["When We Rise"](#)

*Cyclops*

Tom Johnson, Editor Emeritus



## ***The Winter of Our Discontent***

***Soldiering on***, it all began on New Year's Eve on the hallowed stage of our beloved home bar, when our renowned Diva Amanda Reconwith, "*Callas with the Pampas*", had to compete for performance space with a pair of half-naked, way ex-teeny boppers, perhaps specimens of our burgeoning middle-aged sex and drug culture, who took the stage for a bit of modern dance which would have made the late Merce Cunningham chance to shudder. LSS-regular John DVK, beside me at the jammed bar, magnificently tended at flank speed by Michael and David, took nauseous glee in noting that one of the tot bravely bore the ravages of an inept C-section, perhaps performed by a veterinarian! Nevertheless, stars will be stars and, the two miscreants now banished out of the spotlight, Ms. R. delighted her cheering fans with another bravura demonstration of plangent, lambent whatever, frequently sinking to her knees and raising her arms toward the heavens which either bespoke an astonishing outpouring of religious fervor, or the old absinthe problems, from her wild, mispent youth in Paris' Montmartre, kicking up again. Nevertheless, Amanda received an enormous rain of coins flung stageward which finally kept her down there, clutching an old Ameritrust night deposit bag. Superstar DJ Doug, who cannot be bought at any price, added my roll of nickels to the Diva's horde. As a postscript to their on-stage outrage, the two wannabe dancers, and their coterie of sweeties, were given the heave-ho by management which they refused to obey. They hadn't counted on tangling with Mike, aka "Security Central," or Bobby "The Atom", alternate bar-back, snooker shot extraordinaire, and unflappable bouncer, not easily frightened, even by a flock of stoned sugar babies. The prospects augured ugly, so in terror, the naughty kiddies barfed all over the floor, and threatened reprisals with smelly wet mops wielded by our Dynamic Duo, quickly split for the nether regions the location of which are of utterly no interest to Cyclops or anyone else. Should anyone ever want to see their nether regions, check out those packets of Smokies not well-hung on the LSS snack rack.

***Tempest in a B-Cup***, today the world exploded, not literally but at least figuratively when Nordstrom dropped the Chinese-made Ivanka Trump couture line citing a lack of sales. Of course the great Twit from the Oval Office immediately went on-line and twatted, whining at random as is his wont. If that weren't enough, Dr. Miracle's prize automata and one-time Pellagra Queen of the Awful Waffle. Kelly Conway, got on Fox denouncing Nordstrom's and urging all loyal Americans to go buy Ivanka's "stuff" elsewhere. (Did you hear that Amanda?) There has followed a bipartisan explosion about conflict of interest, nepotism etc., and finally calling out that bravura White House pressman Sean Spicer who quieted

all of our nerves by announcing that Kellyanne has later been "counseled" whatever the hell that means: flogged (Too good for her!), burnt at the stake (The EPA is still functioning, thank you!), or strung up in a tepee like Richard Harris in '*A Man Called Horse*' (Ugh!). Actually, Kellyanne and Sean have lately become rivals over which of them has been made more ridiculous on NBC's *Saturday Night Live*. Kellyanne was given an enormous production send-up based on the Roxie Hart number from *Chicago* complete with scanty white dress, lots of dancing chorus boys, revolving mirrors, and a gigantic neon sign proclaiming her greatness. A week later, the brilliant comedienne Melissa McCarthy, in full "drag" portrayed a screaming Sean holding a press conference spoken largely in "newspeak" and using the White House insignia and the speaker's podium as offensive weapons against the reporters. This week the predictable blast at Nordstrom, wearing a rather cheesy Ivanka bangle bracelet and a pair of must-not-have high heels, as well as a big plug for the Shopping Channel. These were precious moments indeed and yet sad because they undermine the dignity and honor of the Presidential Office itself and to that, Mr. Trump needs no help at all. On the subject of "newspeak", Amazon had Penguin run a gigantic paperback edition of George Orwell's totalitarian classic, '*Nineteen Eighty-Four*' which was a complete sell-out! People are listening and thinking. Such statistic doesn't include the majority of Trump's rustic supporters who probably don't read at all: Fox does that chore fer'em.

***In all Fairness***, Nordstrom has flamed out quite a bit during the few years they've been in our Cleveland. The store has become less than extraordinary, it's staff, no longer service oriented or particularly informed about the very expensive goods they sell. (Those little thank-you notes for buying a pair of socks were a bit over the top anyhow.) A sign of the times in the men's fragrance area announces "*You are being monitored in this area by Hidden Cameras*." (Certainly not by any salespeople!) Pretty classy!!! Unfortunately, during my last few visits to Nordstrom I didn't see enough customers around even to shoplift. Over at Sak's Fifth, there are even fewer, give or take a few junior wannabe, drug lord types sprawled out on leather chairs drinking soda and eating hoagies. A week or two before Christmas, heading toward the parking area, I was wished Happy Holidays by a trio of lovelies from the Chanel and Louis Vuitton boutiques, plus the Beachwood (sic.) constabulary who apparently had nothing better to do. Beachwood (sic.) Place, where Saks and Nordstrom are located actually enjoyed a mall-wide riot the following week said to have been organized over social media, Perhaps it gave a tiny goose to business. We suspect that the whole place, after weak post-holiday sales, remains in lock-down mode, like Attica Prison which augurs rough sailing, during cruise wear season. Showing her usual taste, Ivanka, who has allegedly severed ties with the company bearing her name, remained silent while her husband has emerged in a role called Trump's Phantom Ambassador, thus adding yet even more to the comic book aura of the White House, enriching logical questions of nepotism and conflict of interest. Now, as the Executive Branch is engaged in an historic purse fight with the Judicial Branch, we suggest not missing *SNL*, for more details. One LSS regular, who begs anonymity, has

Remarked that we should give the President a chance: Wait what? If we wait until the dust settles. We could all be Dead!

**Yummy Treats and Great Company**, is what you'll find at the Leather Stallion's Tuesday potlucks during the remaining winter months. Some of these are even competitions with glamorous prizes including Bar Tabs, discontinued Donald Trump menswear accessories from Macy's such as those crotch-protector, elephantine red neckties, and Beachwood Place, a flotilla of unsold cruise wear. The schedule is as follows: **February 21st** - Meatloaf Competition, **March 18th, March 28th** - Casserole Competition, **April 11th, May 16th**, and on **May 30th**, Corn Hole Season Begins with Potlucks each Tuesday during the fierce and hilarious competition.

**Our First Family**, is certainly getting around making new friends for the Unicorns. At a recent Onyx-LSS event, Jack and Dennis, and their ward Noel flew the Unicorn banner with great splendor, that is until returning to the dingy parking lot across the street from the bar, they discovered that Noel had unknowingly left his cell phone on the front seat. Moral: always keep your valuables in the trunk, **ANYWHERE** - even Beachwood Place. For a Valentine's lark they headed Akron-ward for a gala bar night given by those well set-up Rangers called, the name escapes me, "Hearts and Harness" or "Tits and Tethers"... Some such. They had a best-butt contest and our entrant was glamorous Dennis who astonishingly demurred as being butt-shy and afraid to reveal it to anyone! Holy Pinocchio! Everyone's seen that thing, but Hitler. Anyhow, he was prodded and won 2nd runner-up and a trophy, a discontinued Ivanka Trump faux-chromium douche hose from the Nordstrom Rack. Bravo hot-stuff!

**Scariest Thought of the Month**, was spawned by *Time* magazine which featured on its cover a rather snarling portrait of controversial Trump White House staffer Steve Bannon which announced an article entitled "*Master of Manipulation*". We understand that being on a *Time* cover for a Presidential staff member the second week of a new term was unheard of, creating lots of buzz on the morning news shows including MSNBC's "*Morning Joe*". The most frightening question was asked by either Joe or Mika (I'm not sure which, they both talk at the same time.) was: "*How do you suppose Nancy Reagan would have reacted if some flunky in her husband's staff had received the same splash in the second week of that administration?*" Cyclops suspects the order-*du-jour* would be **Duck and Cover!**

**Breaking News**, The Leather Stallion Saloon, featuring its gigantic digital television set in the main bar, was really perfect, in sight and sound, and in diversity of its patrons last night politely and intently watching the Grammy Awards ceremony. A classical and over-the-top opera buff and Broadway aficionado, I view much of pop culture as money grubbing foolishness. But it has not only a solid fan base, and despite all the yelling and cheering, a highly respectable one. Up close, as only television can provide, we have a good look, at its virtues and shortcomings. A few of the performers were outclassed by the scenic and mechanical trappings of their numbers. Others really showed themselves triumphant over any shortcomings of teleprompters and material not really their own. Big Winner and Big Girl Adele, rigged up like Joan Sutherland about to belt the "*Casta Diva*"

from Bellini's *Norma*, lost her electronic lyric line, swore, apologized, and re-started her number from the start, an embarrassment, which she turned into a gigantic triumph in making an audience fervent by identification with her and she with them. For Beyoncé, the sky's the limit and in her award acceptance speech she reminded us that anything is possible if one has faith in oneself, a beacon in an event which with all its razzle dazzle has a great deal of the darkness which all creative people sense in these times. The total exception in a miraculous old hoyden named Lady Gaga, who last Oscar time astonished us with a beautiful medley from *The Sound of Music* as an intro to Julie Andrews. Last night, just for drill, she appeared with a band called Metallica with whom she, figuratively and literally shook the house down. In flames. Where this atomic force gets her verve and drive, God only knows, but boy, does He love her and so do we.

**In Conclusion a few Valentine Wishes.....**, I was seated at the LSS bar last week, two stools away from Brian Molnar who, after years of loving support of his recently deceased partner Norman Hines, and the subsequent funeral and legal responsibilities, is at last having a period of relaxation, taking this year's earlier postponed trip to Florida. Eschewing both the manic tension of driving and the utter incivility of flying on some greed-propelled airline, Brian will be enjoying his favorite mode of transportation, Amtrak. Despite the middle of the night departure from Cleveland, the luxurious, high-level streamliner the *Capital Limited* will be in daylight after departing Pittsburgh, streaking through the beautiful mountains to historic Harper's Ferry then down the Potomac River to Washington D.C., where Brian will transfer to one of Amtrak's Florida-bound *Silverliners*. So pull out the leg rest friend, have a cocktail, and enjoy your well earned rest with the love and admiration of all the Unicorns...

**To Jim Broginski**, in the lost of his sister from cancer, after a long fight and much chemotherapy. Please take heart; she is well again and free of pain. We all extend our support and brotherhood at this time...

**A Satin, Heart Shaped....**, box of bonbons to our first lady Melenea Trump, model, celebrity, beautiful native of Romania, ironically, as a former Soviet bloc country, once on America's banned list, and more recently, survivor of that ill-thought out GOP convention speech. (No matter who wrote it, you were thrown to the wolves and survived!) You might face some daunting moments ahead, but on that decidedly downbeat Inauguration Day, you positively glowed in that sensational blue, Bill Blass suit, showing glamour, taste, and beauty. A few self-appointed critics carped that the outfit was too fashioned, looking like something Jackie Kennedy might have worn. So what's wrong with that! (Class never goes out of style.) .....

**To Our Obsequious**, stooped, always clapping in each Trump photop, Vice President Mike Pence, who, to paraphrase Will Rogers, never licked a boot he didn't like; in recognition of servility to his master unseen since Roosevelt's *Falla*, a box of Milk Bones....

**And Last**, to Jack, our tireless Unicorn President and *Horn* Editor: for alerting us to major political and LGBT news, feeding me once in awhile, occasionally cutting my hair, allowing me to flirt with Dennis, and put up with my rantings. Always, big hugs. ~Cyclops

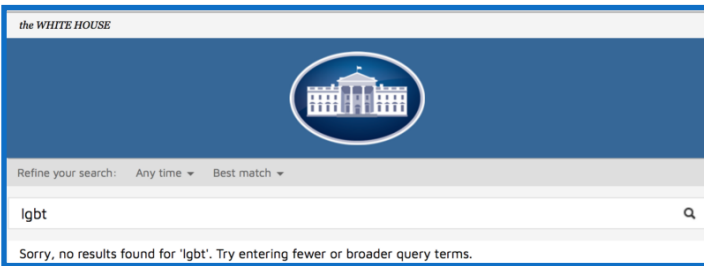


# Trump Can't Put Us Back in the Closet

*(reprinted from NCRM Blog)*

It's really sickening.

Within minutes of Donald Trump's inauguration, his administration removed all mention of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people from the [White House website](#), and selected LGBT-related documents have disappeared from the Department of Labor website. The Office of National AIDS Policy appears to have been closed, and its webpage has been disabled. ['We Won't Go Back'](#) in the closet, we won't disappear and we won't be silenced.



Donald Trump has already nominated a startlingly anti-LGBT cabinet, and erased us from the White House website—those are the facts. How dare he tell us today that “*you will never be ignored again*” and then, minutes later, literally erase us from our own government's website.

Donald Trump is sending a clear signal that he has no intention of serving as the president of all Americans. And his actions demonstrate how he truly feels about LGBT people and people living with HIV. He should know that [Lambda Legal](#) is watching the administration's every move, and will fight him at every turn. They promise to sue, to block every law targeting LGBT and HIV+ people this administration passes.

To LGBT people and to everyone living with HIV: Lambda Legal are your lawyers, and they are here to defend you.

We're not going back.

*Editor's note: Lambda Legal, is one of the premier law firms fighting for our rights and deserve our support. Should you have any issues concerning you Rights as LGBT or you wish to contribute, please contact them at:*

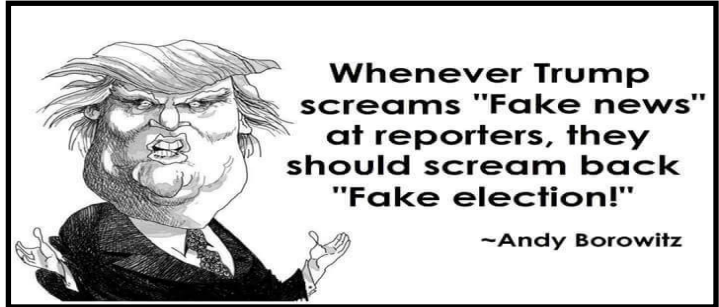
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*Remember, you have a Voice in this Country. Congress works for you, or should. Voice your Opinions, Write Letters, Make Phone Calls, Be Articulate, Lend your Time and Efforts to Organizations, who are making a difference, Support them with your Funds. As it was said, "All it takes for Evil to Triumph, is for Good men to do nothing!"*

*The Phone Number to reach your Congressional Representative or Senator is: [1-855-906-5654](tel:1-855-906-5654) click the active link or dial direct.*

## CARTOON

*(selected off the internet by the editor)*



## Thank you!

Dear Friends,

“Thank you to everyone who contributed for Joe Cybak's burial expenses. The money collected at the benefit has been written in a check to the cemetery handling the burial. I will be writing another check (or two) to the cemetery to include all other donations that are still coming in.

So you, or anyone else, may direct your donations to myself at the following address: Steve Boger, 303 Elgin Ave, NW Canton, OH 44708 (note: Joe's Burial Expenses Fund)

Joe's mother and myself want to thank everyone for their contributions. Unfortunately, Joe did not have any insurance, and we need assistance to complete the burial. We cannot begin to tell you how much this means to us. And also to know that others cared about Joe as well. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts. In love and friendship.”

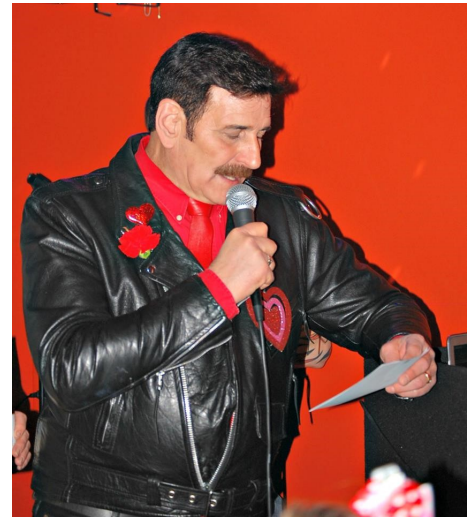
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*"Hearts & Harnesses Photos"  
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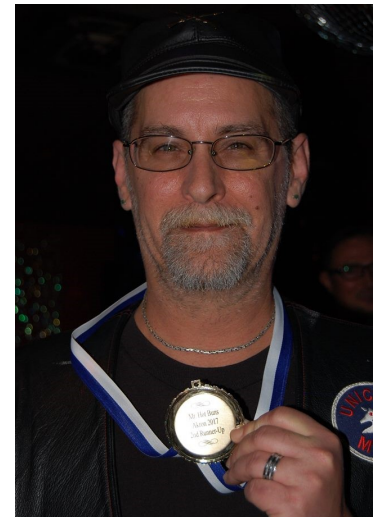
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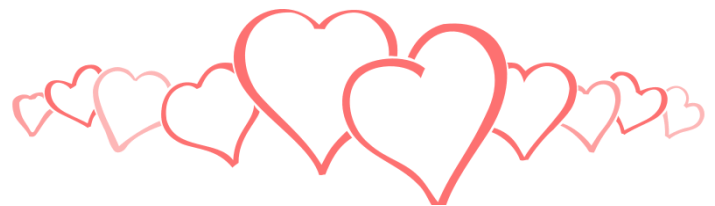
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February 26, 2017 - The 2016 Oscar Presentations- 89th Annual Academy Awards

February 27, 2017 - 9 PM - "When We Rise" premiers on ABC, a Dustin Lance Black's 8-Part Documentary on the Struggle for Equality.

February 28, 2017 - Presidential Address to Joint Session of Congress, all Major Television Networks

March 1, 2017 - Ash Wednesday

March 4, 2017 - 9 PM - "Cleveland Puppy Contest", Leather Stallion Saloon

March 5, 2017 - The Premiere of FX Television Series 'Feud', chronicling the hatred between Betty Davis (Susan Sarandon) and Joan Crawford (Jessica Lange). Pilot episode 'Whatever Happened to Baby Jane: Backstage'

March 11, 2017 - 9 PM - "Ranger's 28th Anniversary Bar Night", Leather Stallion Saloon

March 14, 2017 - "International Steak & BJ Day", show your Man you care!

March 14, 2017 - 6 PM - "Leather Stallion Saloon's Pot Luck Dinner" - Casserole Cook-off!

March 17, 2017 - St. Patrick's Day

March 17, 2017 - Dennis Sherrill's Birthday

March 17 & 18, 2017 - 9 PM - "Mr. Cleveland Bear Contest", Leather Stallion Saloon

March 17, 2017 - "Swim with the Bears", after the Bar event at Flex Spas

March 19, 2017 - 6:30 PM - "Unicorn Meeting", Leather Stallion Saloon, Upstairs Clubroom

March 21, 2017 - Mike Samolis' Birthday

March 24, 2017 - Jim Broginski's Birthday

March 25, 2017 - 9 PM - "Rock'n Roll Sister's Bar Night"

April 1, 2017 - 6 PM - "Unicorn Meeting", LSS Clubroom

April 1, 2017 - 9 PM - "Jesters, Fools, & Unicorns", LSS, fundraiser for Unicorn Charities