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Hello Ethos Magazine readers!

Well, here we are at issue #11 already. Can you believe it? It is now the Summer of 2019, and the boys are outside, running about, playing in sports, and jumping shirtless through puddles and open fire hydrants. It is a great time for picnics and beach trips.

This issue has a lot of great material in it, including some IBLD memories from members of the various BL boards, some great poetry, awesome BL fiction, entertainment reviews and so much more. We invite you to have a nice long read, and please do feel free to use the magazine's website for comments. We are interested in what you think!

Sadly, in this year alone we lost two of the longest-running BL sites on the net: The Christian Boylove Forum and Boy Tales. Both sites had been up and running for 20 years or so, and the loss is one felt by all, even though not all of us were members on those boards. When any BL community closes its doors, it is a tragedy, especially when they close down after so many years. Our hats come off in memory of those boards, and our thanks go out to their owners for so many great years of service. You guys were the pioneers of the online BL communities.

And so, with that we invite you to turn the page, sit back and enjoy issue #11 of Ethos Magazine. We'll see you next time for the holidays!

Dragonlover
Assistant Director

Adventures always start at the sea...



ETHOS NEWS

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What is Ethos News?

Ethos News is a recurring segment in Ethos Magazine, designed to highlight recent happenings relevant to the boylove community and, at times, to highlight the wonder that boys bring to the world.

If you have stories you think we'd be interested in writing about for our next issue, please send us a brief description or a link using the contact form on our website. As long as the story pertains to boys, boylovers, cybersecurity, or our rights as people, it's enough for us to consider publishing.

'Cultural mistake' led to touching boy's genitals in changing rooms in Christchurch

In New Zealand this July, a man arrested in August after an incident in which he touched a toddler's penis, was released without conviction after the presiding judge ruled that a cultural mistake led to the "tweaking".

The man in question is 79-year-old Changfu Ren, born and raised in mainland China. His defence argued that the practice of "tweaking" a boy's penis was used as a sign of affection where he was raised, and he was not aware that such a practice was not accepted in other places, despite being a New Zealand resident since November 2009.

Curiously, the boy's opinion on this incident has either been excluded or not collected. What did he think of it, and how did he feel?

Source:
<https://www.stuff.co.nz/national/crime/114300644/cultural-mistake-led-to-touching-of-boy-at-changing-rooms-in-christchurch>

Alaska Supreme Court rules sex offender registry as unconstitutional

A ruling made by the Supreme Court in Alaska this June stated that the state's own sex offender registry was unconstitutional. In their opinion, they labelled it as "unnecessarily broad" as it does not allow persons on the register to prove that they are not dangerous.

The ruling follows from a lawsuit filed in 2016. A man moving into the state with a former conviction in another state argued that he shouldn't be mandated to sign the register as his crimes occurred in another state. The court ruled that he is still required to sign the register in Alaska, however also ruled that offenders must be allowed to prove that they are not a danger to their community.

Source:
<https://www.ktuu.com/content/news/Alaska-Supreme-Court-rules-that-sex-offender-registration-law-violates-due-process-511327931.html>

Ruling:
<http://mustreadalaska.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/sp-7375.pdf>

Machete wielding 11-year-old foils North Carolina home invasion

On June 14, an 11-year-old boy in North Carolina found himself being forced into a bedroom closet by a man intent on stealing property from his home. He was alone, and managed to defend his home by attacking the home invader with a machete.

He was able to escape the closet he was forced into, found his way to the cutting utensil, and struck the man in the head with it. Despite being attacked by the man several times, he was able to deter the

invader. The man fled, and was later arrested after he attended a hospital to receive care for the injuries inflicted by the boy.

Sources:

1. <https://www.newsobserver.com/news/local/article231647148.html>
2. <https://www.foxnews.com/us/machete-wielding-11-year-old-foils-north-carolina-home-invasion>

Stranger Things star Noah Schnapp says Will Byers' sexuality rumours are "up to interpretation" (SPOILER ALERT)

A comment made by the character Will Byers in the third instalment of one of Netflix's most popular shows, Stranger Things, brought back to the surface rumours that Byers may be gay.

In one episode, Will's friend Mike Wheeler (played by Finn Wolfhard) yells "It's not my fault you don't like girls" in response to Will's complaints that his friends spend too much time around their girlfriends and not enough time doing the things they always used to spend time doing, such as playing Dungeons and Dragons.

Schnapp says that Will's disinterest in girls most likely because he doesn't want to grow up, a side-effect of the trauma experienced from the previous two seasons. In an interview, he said "I kind of just interpret it like he's not ready to grow up and he doesn't really want to move on to dating and relationships yet."

Source:
<https://www.indiewire.com/2019/07/stranger-things-3-noah-schnapp-gay-will-byers-theory-1202156568/>

Supreme Court rules for sex offender in child pornography case testing power of judges, juries

The Supreme Court ruled in late June that "even sex offenders deserve to have the reasons for their sentences determined by a jury, not a judge."

The 5 to 4 ruling was about a federal law which required sex offenders to return to prison based on the findings of a judge, and was ruled unconstitutional with the court giving precedent to juries rather than judges.

Source:

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/supreme-court-rules-sex-offender-140851131.html>

Botswana Decriminalises Homosexuality

The African country of Botswana decriminalised homosexuality on June 11th this year in a ruling that has been labelled as landmark.

Judge Michael Elburu, one of the three judges who ruled unanimously on rejecting the proposed law, said that a sexual orientation is "an important attribute of one's personality," adding that laws prohibiting homosexuality would be discriminatory.

Source:

<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-africa-48594162>

Juvenile detainee groped by guard in detention center

A 15-year-old girl has made a report of sexual assault against a Customs and Border Protection agent following what the agency describes as a "routine pat-down."

Reports received by NBC News allege that the agent had first felt inside the girl's bra before pulling her underwear down and groping her. Throughout this it is reported that the guard was communicating with other facility members and even laughing.

Unfortunately, these are not the

first reports of improper treatment that the U.S. Government has received regarding their migrant detention centers. In February, Ted Deutch released a batch of documents detailing more than a thousand child sexual assault allegations against facility staff members in these detention centers.

Source:

<https://www.commondreams.org/news/2019/07/10/only-tip-iceberg-outrage-over-border-abuses-grows-amid-reports-sexual-assault-and>

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Florida Bans Child Sex Dolls

In late May, Florida state governor Ron DeSantis signed into a law a bill that made the possession and distribution of a "child-like sex doll" illegal.

Per the new law, anyone convicted under the new law can be sentence from five to 15 years in prison. The rationale used to pass this law was that child sex dolls would desensitize a paedophile and cause them to target real children.

Bob Goodlatte said last year, "these dolls create a real risk or reinforcing paedophilic behaviour and they desensitize the user causing him to engage in sicker and sicker behaviour."

The manufacturers of these dolls have argued against the bill, and in March 2019 the Australian government wrote in a report that "The available evidence in relation to sex dolls in general and child sex dolls in particular is very weak, with almost no studies empirically examining the implications of doll use."

Source:

<https://reason.com/2019/05/28/florida-makes-possessing-child-sex-dolls-a-felony/>

Boy, 9, donates year's worth of dog food to animal shelter

9-year-old boy Caleb Merron donated a year's worth of dog food, won from a competition he entered, to an animal shelter to help reduce the shelter's financial burden of feeding the dogs.

He entered a picture of his two dogs into a competition and won, and as a prize was given a year's worth of Purina Dog Food. Rather than keeping it, he donated it. "It's really nice to donate to people and they need food because soon the animal shelter is going to eventually run out of money, so they need that free dog food," Caleb said.

Caitlyn Robbins, one of a number who work at the shelter, said this: "Recently we haven't really been getting the trucks filled with the broken bags and everything, so any little bit helps. This food will probably last us at least six months if not longer which is a huge impact for the animals."

"This day and age you really don't see a lot of people in that generation do that. So, we are just blessed to be in such a wonderful community that they would do something like that," she added

Source:

<https://www.kfvs12.com/2019/06/30/year-old-boy-wins-years-worth-dog-food-donates-it-all-an-animal-shelter/>

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Hope you enjoyed this round of Ethos News.



REALTALK

It's time to speak up

It happened again.

I was with a group of friends and the subject of pedophiles came up.

"They should all be killed," one of my friends said. We've known each other for years.

"I wish there was a blood test or something," another friend added. She once had a crush on me. "Then we could find them all and castrate them."

I said nothing, letting these people spew hate speech at me without even knowing they were doing it. The conversation went on, all of them expressing their disgust for me, their friend—the one they admired, the one they shared their inner feelings with, the one they trusted to watch their children because they knew, rightly, that their kids were safe with me.

On and on they went, killing me with their words.

And I said nothing.

We've all been in that situation, and we've all hung back, keeping silent as loved ones poured hate on us. We've all felt that alienation of knowing that friends and family members might never speak to us again if they knew the objects of our love. And we've all asked that crushing question—if our friendship is based on a lie, is it really a friendship?

So we keep our thoughts and feelings inside, where they fester and grow bitter. But that comes at a terrible cost. Turning inward can lead to self-hatred, it can lead to depression and substance abuse and, for all too many of us, it can even lead to suicide.

In a society where everyone shouts about their oppression, where the media bends over backwards to be inclusive, we are left out, shunned and dismissed. No one will speak for us. No one will call for our inclusion or give us a safe space. We are alone.

But we don't have to be silent.

In fact, we have a moral duty not to be silent, an inalienable right to express ourselves. I have found it is

the only path to anything close to happiness, and once you start it feels so good that you don't want to stop.

There are many ways you can rebel against this enforced silence. Writing for Ethos is one way, or getting onto any of the other public websites that speak plainly about intergenerational relationships. While private boards are vital to forming a community, they are closed off from mainstream society and do nothing to help us be understood by outsiders. We need to speak out in public and let our voices be heard.

One thing I've taken to doing is using a fake and untraceable user account on YouTube to leave comments on videos with a boylove interest. The channel is filled with coming of age films and documentaries about abuse. You can imagine what the comments sections for these videos are like. So I go on there and try to balance that, telling of my life as a childlover and how we exist as a community and how we truly care about kids.

I never read the responses. I know what they're going to be like and I don't need that kind of abuse. I just hope that among all the haters, there will be one or two readers who might think twice, or realize that they aren't the only childlover in the world. Maybe I can point a few open-minded people to some good articles on the subject like the Rind report or the IPCE database.

Say what you got to say, and then get the hell out of there and let the haters have their knee-jerk reaction. Don't get drawn into long debates on the Internet. Those are always pointless no matter what the subject. The important thing is to stand up for yourself and say what's on your mind. In a world that systematically marginalizes and alienates you, there is nothing more liberating than saying what you feel.

Of course you have to do this intelligently

and safely. A few brave (or foolhardy) childlovers have made blogs or YouTube channels where they use their real names. I don't advise that. Those people will find themselves shunned and out of a job. They'll be used as scapegoats by society to reinforce its ignorant values at the activist's expense.

If we speak anonymously they can't hurt us. They can scream and shout, but they can't make themselves feel better by doing us any real damage. And maybe, just maybe, they might learn something from us.

I have to admit that I am pessimistic about making any real social change. Expressing ourselves is more for our own mental health, and that of any childlovers who might hear us, than to change any minds in mainstream society. Sure, a few intelligent people might learn a thing or two, or question some of society's prejudices, but it's not like they're going to become activists for our sake. A white person showing support for Black Lives Matter on Facebook is going to get a lot of applause from liberals. No one is going to applaud someone showing support for NAMBLA. All we can hope for is a little room to breathe.

And that little extra breath of air sure smells sweet.

Let's make it sweeter. Let's stand up in public. Yes, we have to do it anonymously, but we can still do it. We can leave comments on YouTube and blogs and newspaper articles. We can post on public forums. We can even start more childlover magazines. Ethos is great, but the more the merrier! If anyone has the energy to start another magazine, I would be honored to write for it while continuing to be a regular contributor to Ethos.

Writing for Ethos feels so good because I know it can be publicly accessed. It's out there for all to see. Sure, I hide behind an alias. That's just for survival, and to allow my true feelings to come out of hiding. You really are getting the "Real Me" in these articles.

And that's the best therapy I know. Try it.

I remember the first time I spoke out, as an awkward nineteen-year-old searching through books on pedophilia in the university library. Hiding in the most distant cubicle, furtively reading books I didn't dare check out. I was searching for answers, and found little but condemnation. Even the psychologists and sociologists were against me. Only a few texts showed any sympathy—books on ancient Greek culture, a few travelogues, the rare novel.

I went looking for something other than the unknowing abuse my friends and family heaped on me. Mostly I just got more of the same.

After one of those secret reading sessions, I went to the library bathroom and sat in a stall to relieve myself of the tensions that always built up inside of me, imagining scenes I didn't dare try to make come true.

After I finished, I sat in the stall for a minute, momentarily sated but by no means satisfied.

Why did it have to be this way? I asked myself. Why couldn't I find others like me? How could I even start that conversation?

So I took a pen out and wrote on the wall:

"Pedophiles of the world, unite! You are NOT alone!"

I never returned to that stall to see the responses. I knew what they were going to be. I just wanted to say it. I had to say it.

Yeah, the first time I stood up for myself was by scrawling on the wall of a public restroom. Pretty weak. But it was stronger than silence.

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Realtalk is a recurring column in Ethos written by Realmé.



Hello Faithful Readers,

As you know, International Boylove Day is celebrated twice a year, in June and December. On the first Saturday after the Summer Solstice, and the first Saturday before the Winter Solstice. We placed threads on all of the major Boylove boards asking its members to share their memories of IBLDs past. So, here are a couple who have given their permission to use their memories in this issue of Ethos Magazine.

“For many years I have been putting a blue candle in the window for IBLD. I don’t light it, always worry about a fire. But IT’S THERE. No one have ever noticed why it’s there. But I HAVE TO DO IT. I’m a PEDOPHILE/BOYLOVER, AND HAVE NO SHAME I AM. My name is Keith, and I am proud to be a boylover!”

~Keith

“I first joined the BL community in April of 1998. That was, in fact, before the first International Boylove Day was even celebrated. Yet I did not find out about it until 2000, and celebrated it for the first time in December of 2000.

At that time I was very intrigued by the concept of a special day for boylovers to celebrate our orientation, and was eager to take part in a worldwide effort to show our pride. Since we could not march in the streets or openly participate in any public expression of BL pride, the idea of lighting a blue candle seemed like a good idea as an act we could all participate in, privately and safely.

Originally the proper way to celebrate IBLD was for a boylover to light a blue candle and leave it in a public place, with a note written by that boylover expressing his feelings about being a BL and some words in favor of man/boy love relationships, meant to express our point of view. This was supposed to (hopefully) open the eyes of the person or people who find the candle and note, to the reality of boylove, words contrary to the incorrect public perception of us.

The tradition soon settled into the act of boylovers instead putting a blue candle by a window, for passers-by to see, and without a note. Of course, we could do it the original way if we desired, but the alternative was acceptable too. The alternative way, which is now the standard, was based on safety and practicality.

My first IBLD, on December 23rd, 2000, at the age of 17, was very important to me. A night I will never forget, because it was a very personal expression of my place in the world. I had my blue candle ready, and did light it and put it by the window. Yet I admit, it was not perfect. The candle was not entirely facing the window, by it’s position on the small table, and the window did

not face a public space but rather the walkway leading to the front door of my house.

So nobody saw the candle, and I made no meaningful public expression. But it was important to me, because it solidified my identity as a boylover, and my commitment to the ideals of boylove. In spite of the imperfections, it was monumental in a personal way because it had the feeling of a rite of passage that gave me a place in a community where I knew I had found a home.”

~Zoomzoom4

“I bought a blue electronic candle a few years ago - I know they’re a little tacky but I’d rather not leave real candles burning. I’ve always been a little apprehensive about leaving it in the window in plain view...but I light it anyway on my mantelpiece.

I’ve thought about going for a walk on Saturday evening and looking to see if anyone else has a blue candle in the window...but then again if I don’t how many other BLs don’t either?”

~ItsHedwig

“Different people have different ways of commemorating International Boylove Day. Some light a single blue candle and place it in a window, others perhaps just wear something blue, and others prefer to keep it in their heart, celebrating quietly and privately. All of these ways are fine, and I’m sure there are ways I haven’t mentioned, too.

I chose to celebrate in a different way this year. In years past, I have elected to simply wear something blue or light a single blue candle. However, this year I decided to try making it more meaningful. I decided to do a bit of research and light a blue candle in memory of boys in my city and surrounding areas who have left us due to tragic circumstances within the past six months. Specifically, by some kind of violent crime or accident. While people may wonder why I would choose to commemorate IBLD in such a seemingly depressing fashion, to me, its not so depressing.

Violent crime and accidents are on the rise where I am from it seems, which is truly a sad thing. However, I

do feel that it is important celebrate these boys' lives as opposed to the fact that they are gone. They were somebody's sons, brothers, grandsons, nephews, cousins and friends. They had dreams and aspirations. But, during their short time on this earth, I believe they made a difference in someone's life, and that deserves recognition.

I lit 21 blue candles for IBLD in celebration of the 21 boys who lost their lives in the past six months. I won't mention their names here due to space constraints, but there are 21 dating from December 21st, 2018. It was a little ceremony, where I would say each boy's name as I lit each candle, just letting it be known that they are not forgotten.

Depressing to some? Perhaps. But I felt good about it afterwards, and that is what IBLD is all about. Celebrating the day in our own way."

~**Dragonlover**

Not everyone knows what IBLD is, the popularity of the day has waned in recent years, so here's what a few people said when they found out there is a day for it.

I did not know about the date and everything that surrounds it, but I think it's worth having a day to celebrate our love. It's a pity that we have to be discreet and almost make it hidden.

For me, every day is IBLD. I do not know how I will celebrate my first, most certainly I will be with my YFs. I've never seen someone with a blue candle where I live, so maybe I can do it. After all, the houses here have walls. If I put it on my window outside the house, you'll see, but I doubt anyone knows the meaning of it.

I am happy to know that I am not alone in the world. With my guidance and this power with people who dedicate themselves to being together, it proves that we are good people and that we deserve respect.

Happy Boylover Day to everyone!

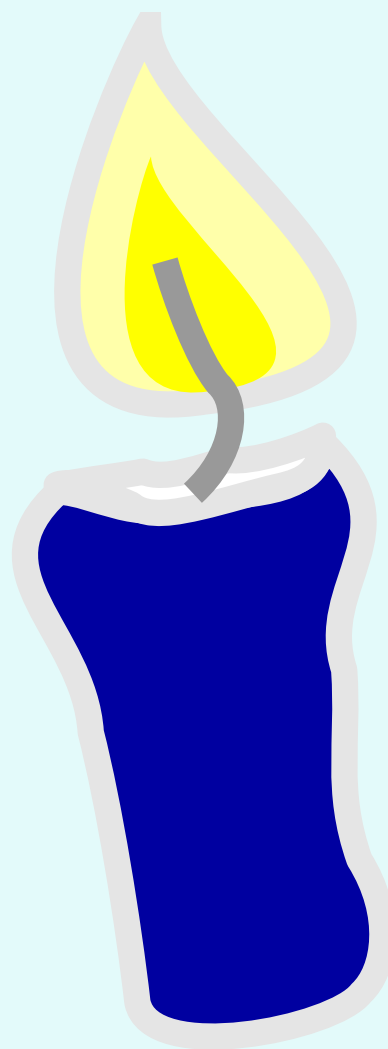
~**Junni**

This has really warmed up my heart! I did not know about the IBLD! A special day for us to share our love for boys! There will be a blue candle burning at my window this year!

In fact we should chose a location and make a huge BL party! No cover charge for boys!

I'll bake boy shape cookies and we can have some blue candles for the romantic touch.

~**Arashi**



“On International Boylove Day, Every Year,
I light my blue candle, and let it burn down.
And remember those who have gone before me,
And the ones who suffer, and the injustice in this world.

I light the candle for the young BL,
Who has grown up lonely, confused and depressed.
Who feels like he has nowhere to turn to.

I light it for the 10-year-olds on the sex offender register,
Whose lives were ruined unjustly by irrational hysteria,
For nothing more than a little natural sexual fun.

I light it for the old BL,
Who feels lonely, hopeless and isolated.
Who feels there’s no light at the end of the tunnel.

I light it for the persecuted, the reckless, the condemned,
The one who did nothing but love someone younger.
The ones who grow up repressed and damaged.

You might say, we haven’t got it all that bad,
There have been plenty worse off than us.
But I think it is a small but symbolic gesture.
To light a candle for an injustice in this world,
And the hope that maybe one day it will be a better place.
That blue candle has been abused, disregarded,
Beaten, trashed, rejected, ignored.
But as the smoke rises up into the heavens,
Somehow it makes me feel safe,
In the knowledge that someday there will be justice.
Someday we will prevail,
Into a safer, more humane and more accepting world.”

~BL in Black

Let Them Walk On Their Own

by FalseAlias

No one learns to walk if they're not given an opportunity to try on their own. Think about it. When you learned to walk, in the beginning, you were supported but eventually you let go of someone's hand and you walked on your own. For the first time, you were unsupported and standing tall.

Today, children are mollycoddled. So many children now have touchscreen phones. They act like entitled brats! They have such an unbelievably hard time doing reasonable things in their daily lives that it's a wonder they're growing up at all! If I didn't know any better, I'd think half the "teens" just starting college in Britain are still 12 or 13 year olds with no sense of respect. Don't like something? "Swear at it," or something like that.

Sure, touchscreen phones are all nice to look at, but typically that's about it. I have two nephews, both 14-years-old, and truthfully I feel like they're in a different world to me. I'm about 8 years older than them, and that's not a whole lot of years when you put things into perspective of the average lifespan. I could fit half a childhood in that difference. Yet, the level of respect they have for the things they get is astonishingly low.

One of my nephews is on what I think is his fifth touchscreen phone. I'm not even sure anymore. He claims that he has dropped each one, but I am pretty confident that at least one was thrown; "accidentally", of course. The other one has broke his tablet's charging port multiple times, with the port got replaced each time. He has also lost at least two phones, on the same bus. He got caught watching porn some months ago by his parents, so they put restrictions on his Internet access and limited his time on electronic devices. A step in the right direction in my opinion.

I was reading through the August 1979 issue of PAN (later named Paedo Alert News). On page 28, I came across a piece titled "Boy-caught" written by Edward Brongersma. If you're not aware, Brongersma was a member of the Dutch Senate and is noted to have controversial views which typically support paedophile rights. He also started the Dr Edward Brongersma Foundation in 1979 (source: BoyWiki.org).

In this article written by Brongersma, he describes the conclusion reached by various historians that children were, "best off during those times when they were least protected." He even suggests that all the child protection society claims do be doing "impairs their development."

I think that child development is a complex thing,

and that children need a certain level of exposure to become reasonable adults. You needed to be exposed to walking unsupported to learn how to walk. There is even a certain amount of risk and danger involved which you did not even realize until you hurt yourself. You learned from this experience.

Now, I am not suggesting we stop protecting children. That would be quite bad, for everyone. Instead, I'm suggesting we give them more freedom to be a little stupid, and perhaps daring, when they are younger so that they don't become disrespectful entitled brats when they are older. Give them opportunities to do things that don't involve staring at a screen all day, unlike what most children do these days.

Nothing impairs development like lazy parenting. Now, before you have a go at me, I recognise that sometimes there are genuine situations where this cannot be avoided; though they are rare.

Often, children are not given the opportunity to do things that they want to do because we're too afraid that they'll get hurt. We prefer stick a screen in front of them, and I think this needs to stop.

They want to do new things, so I think that we should let them. If that means you go there and watch them do the new thing, and go watch them do the new thing and be a wonderful supportive parent, or friend, or boylover. Grow them into someone you'd aspire to become.



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No one learns to walk if they're not given an opportunity to try on their own.



Boys Are People

by Zoomzoom4

There is a major difference in an adult/child love relationship versus any other relationship model. We want very much to be able to pursue and enjoy a relationship with the one we love, but know we will automatically encounter tremendous opposition from society.

It's a scary thing for a boylover to contemplate losing all they have with family, friends, and their social and professional standing. To be an adult who says, "Yes, I am emotionally and sexually attracted to male children," is a taboo like no other.

Somebody has to do it? Yes, but very few of us have the stomach for it. Gay men had a similar problem, and many of them were brave. Those courageous gay men stood up and faced the issue head-on.

But there is a major difference. Gay men had the advantage of saying that at least their activities were between two consenting adults. Boylove obviously does not have that advantage. It is a relationship between an adult and a male child, that is supposed to model a man/woman or man/man relationship.

Yet here is the fundamental difference. A boylove relationship involves a third party: the adults, his parents. It's not just between two people, as any other relationship is.

This is because a child does not count as a "person"

in the official sense. A child can not sign a contract, or consent to any kind of legally binding agreement. A child must always have the permission and approval of his parents, in order to do anything in his life.

It is the same with a relationship. A child and an adult are not on equal terms in society, and can't (according to society) have a relationship where they keep secrets or confide in each other. Because one is an adult – a real person – and the other is a child, a person-to-be.

The child is the property of his parents, in the official sense. Not a person, but someone's property.

If you are an adult, and the love of your life, the person you want to spend all your time with, is an 11-year-old boy... that is not taken seriously by others. They believe that such a "love" is entirely in your mind, and not real, because there is no way a pre-teen boy can "love" in the sense that only mature adults can.

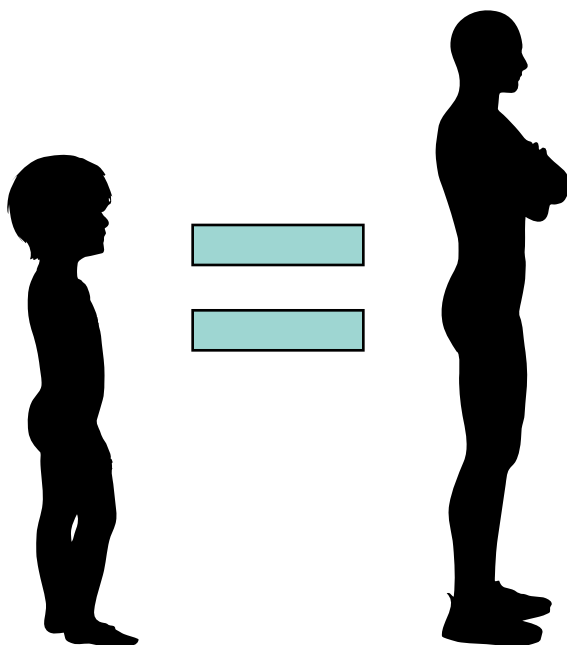
So it stands that the parents of the boy are in charge, and always stand to limit or shut down any aspect of the relationship. And there is nothing the boy – or you – can do about it.

The boy can commit to you and consent to the relationship all he wants, but it will make no difference because he is only a child. In the official view of society, a child is not a real person. Any love or affection he expresses or claims to feel is not real but merely an illusion to his immature and undeveloped mind.

This is the seemingly permanent obstacle standing in the way of men and boys forming the relationships that we know are real and genuine. Since the boy is "merely a child", his feelings, according to society, are not real. They say relationship is not genuine because the boy is not a real person, doesn't know what he wants, and is easily manipulable and emotionally vulnerable.

Therefore, the official view is that no man/boy love relationship is genuine, because the boy has no ability to determine his feelings or what is good for him, and because officially, he is not a real person, and has no ability to determine anything.

This aspect is the biggest obstacle to the legitimacy of man/boy love.



Unplugged

The Power Of Man-Boy Love

by BoiTrakR

It is late in the evening I lay in my cot.
I lie in wait for my precious treasure,
My Boy God, the one and only True Love
I have ever known.

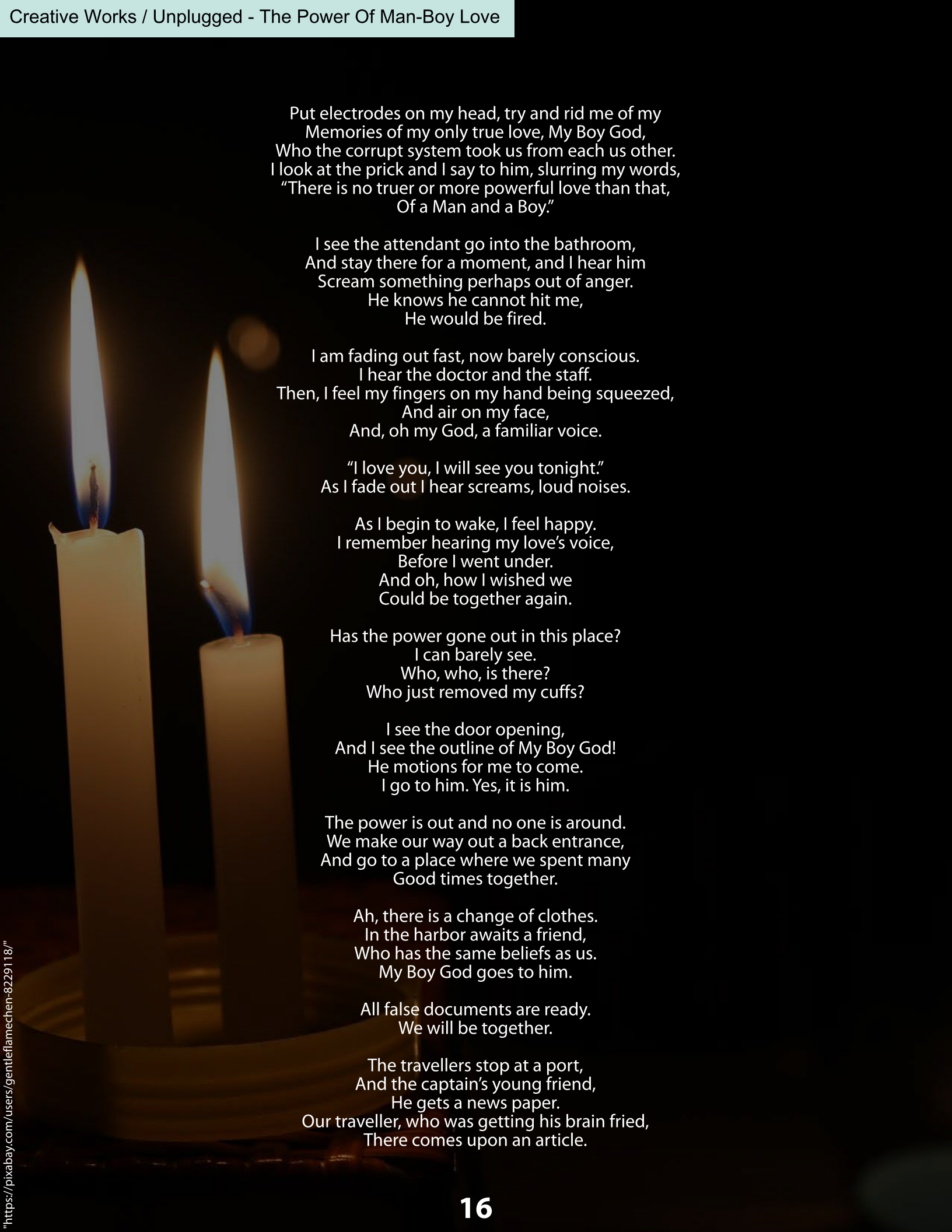
He comes through the dimly lit doorway,
Ready for bed, barely dressed.
With a look on his face and his posture,
A certain way that he knows I adore.

He climbs onto the cot.
His belly rubs mine.
Looks into my eyes,
His appear to look like marbles,
Fixated straight through mine.

I feel his breath upon my face.
My heart beats faster as if I am in a marathon race.
Slowly his face moves down toward mine.
Then his wet lips touch mine,
And our lips embrace, my arms lock him in tight.
Then, we both fade into a deep sleep for the night.

Damn, I hear a shout. I am awake.
That fucking attendant screamed at me,
"You, pedo, awake!"
He tightens the leather straps upon my wrists.
I am soaked in sweat as step two is strap in my ankles.

Now comes step three.
The attendant comes at me with a hypodermic needle,
A long needle and plunges it under my skin.
Fuck, that hurts. That prick hurts me because he can.
And he begins injecting me with horse tranquillizer,
Laughing as he does, so I will lie still when they do,
The deed.



Put electrodes on my head, try and rid me of my
Memories of my only true love, My Boy God,
Who the corrupt system took us from each us other.
I look at the prick and I say to him, slurring my words,
"There is no truer or more powerful love than that,
Of a Man and a Boy."

I see the attendant go into the bathroom,
And stay there for a moment, and I hear him
Scream something perhaps out of anger.
He knows he cannot hit me,
He would be fired.

I am fading out fast, now barely conscious.
I hear the doctor and the staff.
Then, I feel my fingers on my hand being squeezed,
And air on my face,
And, oh my God, a familiar voice.

"I love you, I will see you tonight."
As I fade out I hear screams, loud noises.

As I begin to wake, I feel happy.
I remember hearing my love's voice,
Before I went under.
And oh, how I wished we
Could be together again.

Has the power gone out in this place?
I can barely see.
Who, who, is there?
Who just removed my cuffs?

I see the door opening,
And I see the outline of My Boy God!
He motions for me to come.
I go to him. Yes, it is him.

The power is out and no one is around.
We make our way out a back entrance,
And go to a place where we spent many
Good times together.

Ah, there is a change of clothes.
In the harbor awaits a friend,
Who has the same beliefs as us.
My Boy God goes to him.

All false documents are ready.
We will be together.

The travellers stop at a port,
And the captain's young friend,
He gets a news paper.
Our traveller, who was getting his brain fried,
There comes upon an article.

The mental hospital, where he was a patient,
It suffered a blackout.
Staff was locked in a ward with their patients.
There were rapes and murders.

In a strange twist,
In a shock therapy room,
A doctor and his staff
Committed suicide.
By cutting the power cords
From the therapy room's equipment,
And strangling each other with the cords.

A patient being treated at the time.
Where a-bouts,
Are unknown.
In addition, that patient's records have disappeared...

**"There is no truer or more powerful love than that,
Of a Man and a Boy."**



TV Review:

Young Sheldon

by Zoomzoom4



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Young Sheldon follows the life of Sheldon Cooper, a 9-year-old bowtie-wearing science prodigy. A genius beyond his years, the pilot episode shows him attending his first day of high school. Fans of the main show, the long-running sitcom *The Big Bang Theory*, are very familiar with the character and his past, but never did we expect to be taken back to his childhood in a full immersion type of series, which brings us directly into his experiences as a small boy.

Those familiar with *The Big Bang Theory* may be expecting something similar to that, but in fact, *Young Sheldon* has a completely different tone and style. Slower and more gentle, with a wide-eyed innocence at its heart, this may seem like a show with no resemblance to the parent series it was born from. There are three distinct differences.

Firstly, and most notably, this is a single-camera sitcom, shot like a movie, as opposed to the multi-camera style which is performed live on a sound stage in front of an audience. The most significant difference is the absence of a laugh track in the single-camera format. The look and feel it seems to be going for is reminiscent of nostalgia classic *The Wonder Years*. The show takes place in 1989, and successfully hits upon all the necessary trends and music of the time.

Secondly, *Young Sheldon* is a dramedy, taking a more restrained approach to the comedy than the frenetic joke-a-minute *Big Bang Theory*. The humor is far more leisurely and subtle, maintaining a laid back tone which fits nicely with its suburban East Texas setting. This is afforded to it by the single-camera format, which does not have to constantly feed a laugh track with a steady stream of zingers. This gives it the benefit of more realism when trying to portray the childhood of a unique person in a unique place and time. Compare this to the shallow tone of most child oriented sitcoms on Nickelodeon or the Disney Channel.

Thirdly, this is about a little boy and his family.

Compare this to *The Big Bang Theory*, which is about a group of young adults. *The Big Bang Theory* has often been described as being *Friends* with PhDs. A show about a group of young men and women living in Los Angeles in the 2010s gave birth to a wholly separate show about one of those characters' childhoods in a small town in the late 80s.

Sheldon shares a room with his same age twin sister. She keeps the laughs going with her wisecracking ways. In his own room is his football playing teen brother. He and his brother are in the same class even though they are five years apart, and Sheldon is smarter than the teacher – smarter than anyone he knows, in fact, just like his character in *The Big Bang Theory*. However, here he has his parents and siblings to deal with daily, and life lessons to learn.

Naturally, these shows are going to be very different from each other. They both have original charms and endearing qualities. They have both had their impact on audiences, each in their own way.

This show was born in large part because of the way the character's richness had been built up over many years of seeing him as an adult. So much had been alluded to with regards to his past, that a whole show about his past seemed to cry out as something audiences would be interested in. There were so many connect-the-dots elements to it that reconstructing Sheldon's childhood seemed like a TV series that had already written itself.

While the 30-something Sheldon Cooper has become a sitcom legend, we have seen in just two seasons how a pre-teen Sheldon is making his mark as a favorite for audiences around the world.



Childlover Safety

Mobile Devices by FalseAlias

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I was tempted to title this as "Internet Safety in the BL World – Part 4" but that's getting a bit silly. Instead, I decided I'd name this for what I am actually addressing: mobile devices. Phones, tablets, and a whole bunch of other "smart" devices. Why the name change? Boylovers aren't the only people who need to keep safe. Girllovers exist too, and they need to keep themselves safe just as much as boylovers do. We're no different, we just like different sexes.

There is no question that the popularity of these smaller more portable devices has increased considerably since their invention. Most children now have some sort of fancy touchscreen smartphone or tablet (and unfortunately, they're glued to them and missing the wonderful outdoors). Most adults will have a smartphone, or a tablet, or both, or possibly more such as a smartwatch. It's really kind of ridiculous how much we now rely on these devices.

With their increase in popularity, it's more than likely that more childlovers than ever before are using these too. The devices are more convenient, they're easier to use, they're smaller and far more portable, and chances are you can get Internet access on them from anywhere you go as well. Benefits on top of benefits.

Sadly for us, there are also drawbacks upon drawbacks. While these smart devices scream of convenience and ease of use, that isn't without sacrifices to the privacy we desperately try to protect with our mysterious usernames.

Android is a very popular operating system for mobile devices. Developed actively by Google, the latest version has the name of Pie. It's the 9th major version of Android, and being run by Google it's another way for them to get your data by providing services marketed as useful. You can't disable all of the privacy-stealing features of an Android device, even if you try, because some of them are marked as required for certain essential services to run.

If you're super paranoid and really don't want to deal with the privacy migraine that is Google, the general advice I've heard is to switch to an iOS device or put a custom operating system (OS) on your device. Apple have fought against privacy violations, even

when national security is allegedly on the line as demonstrated in 2016 when they objected to a court order which required them to create software to access a locked and encrypted iPhone following a terrorist attack.

So what can I do to protect my privacy as a mobile device user?

1. Encrypt your device.

Encryptions scrambles the data in such a way that it can only be read with the correct password or PIN code. Since encryption requires the exact password or PIN to be entered in, this makes it more secure than simply having a good lock code. I'll explain why.

A good lock screen code is not the same as encrypting the device. Forensic analysts won't need to decrypt anything if you don't use encryption so they won't even need your lock screen code. All they'd need is a way to access the internals of your device, which most manufacturers might have by default, as a means of testing the device and not to intentionally steal data from it. If the device is encrypted, this default backdoor won't work.

When you turn on an encrypted device it will ask you for your encryption password or PIN to decrypt the device. When you enter this code correctly the device will be accessible until it shuts down. If the device powers off for any reason, including the unexpected, the encryption still remains active and you'll still need to enter that password or PIN on start-up.

2. Set a good lock screen code.

This can vary between password, PIN, pattern,

fingerprint sensor, or eye sensor (so I've heard). I personally would advise avoiding the latter two, as it is extremely easy to get those if you fall asleep or if you're drugged. It's very easy to sleep through someone touching a small thing to your finger, or just holding something in front of your face. A password is likely to be the strongest, as it allows alphanumeric character input (any letter, number, and most symbols). A PIN code can vary in length but is usually restricted to just numbers (Personal Identification *Number*).

A good password is over 8 characters, and uses a mix of lowercase, uppercase, numbers, and symbols. A good password is also something that is completely random in every aspect. If you base your password on something or someone nearby, it is easier to guess as it's something personal to you. Unsurprisingly, some pretty embarrassing "hacks" have come as the result of poor password security.

You're also advised to change your lock screen code and password every few months. This means that if anyone figures out your old codes, they are useless anyway as you'd have replaced them with new codes. It can be tedious having to create new codes all the time but the benefit in peace of mind is worth it.

3. Only install apps from official venues and sources.

This means only using apps that are verified as being what they say. On Android, only install apps from the Google Play store. On Apple, from the App Store.

Vet the reviews for any apps you are interested in installing. Are they good? Are they bad? Do you trust the reviews, or do they seem dodgy? If it passes this test, check over the permissions. What does the app want to access, and does it reasonably need access to these things? Will you use the features that require certain permission or can you work without them? Sometimes you can deny an app access to something, such as your device's camera if it has one, and the app will still function perfectly fine minus whatever the camera might've been used for.

As a rule, only install things you know you will use. If you don't use it anymore uninstalling it is a reasonable idea as well. This is primarily for space saving, and doesn't impact security a huge deal, but it's still good to do.

4. Review all your privacy settings.

Mobile devices, particularly Android ones, are well known for being somewhat invasive of your privacy. Android is the worst being owned by Google, the capital of personal information collection and distribution.

If you're insistent on using Android, go through every privacy setting you can find and make sure to disable Google's access to that information. The less information Google has on you, the better for your privacy and safety as a childlover. This also means not using Google Chrome even if it is conveniently always

installed.

One of the most important privacy settings you'll want to disable is geotagging. When enabled, geotagging allows your camera to write your exact location to a picture's metadata every time you take the picture. This means that anyone who reviews the metadata of the picture knows exactly where you were when that picture was taken down to around a 5 meter radius. By disabling this, that information isn't written. As a precaution you should wipe metadata from pictures before sending them anyway, even if you think it's clean already.

Want to communicate safely?

There are ways to do this too. Some VPN providers have mobile apps that allow you to use your mobile device with a VPN. The Tor Project has recently released its Tor Browser for Android (in alpha, unstable and potentially very buggy) and it has had available its Tor tunnel app (Orbot) for a long time.

I encourage everyone never to access any Boylove-related resources, even if they're safe and legal, without either a VPN or Tor. This applies to mobile users as much as computer and laptop users because exactly the same risks apply. Without VPNs or Tor, your ISP can see your network requests (not necessarily the data being transferred) and the server can see your IP address.

In short, should you become investigated then there's a direct link indicating both that you visited the site (via checking ISP logs) and that you're a member (via server logs, which show the address of pages accessed). Using a VPN or Tor, this information cannot be tied to you as the IP address making these requests to and from the website is not your own. Your ISP doesn't see you connecting to the site, and the site doesn't see you connecting to it either.

If you want to IM people safely, there is a (buggy) version of Tox for Android called Antox. It is poorly maintained and has various bugs which get quite frustrating, however it is functional. Further, it can be configured to use a local proxy meaning you can route Antox through Tor.

For users of Apple devices you can use Antidote for Tox, which is one of the only Tox clients available for iOS devices. Like Antox, Antidote is outdated with its last update being released in September 2017. It's also open source, as is everything Tox uses for its messaging protocols.



If you're not a fan of Tox or find it too inconvenient to use, and while I personally don't recommend it (I favour Tox), Wickr is well-known and well-trusted. Amongst other features, it boasts delete-on-read messaging and auto-deletion of messages after a certain time in addition to using multiple layers of end-to-end encryption.

Numerous security audits stretching back over five years also support the app's dedication to security and privacy of its users. Messages and contacts are stored, encrypted, on a central server, and all connections to and from the app are encrypted to prevent outsiders peeking at the data.

Avoid Discord. Don't use it for childlove-related activities. In 2018, two prominent boylove boards ran Discord servers. Both of those servers were taken offline by Discord and every member of each server had their account terminated.

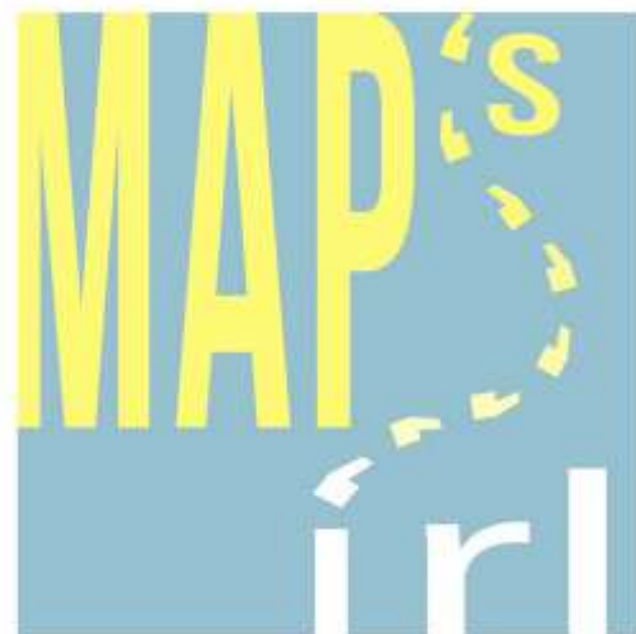
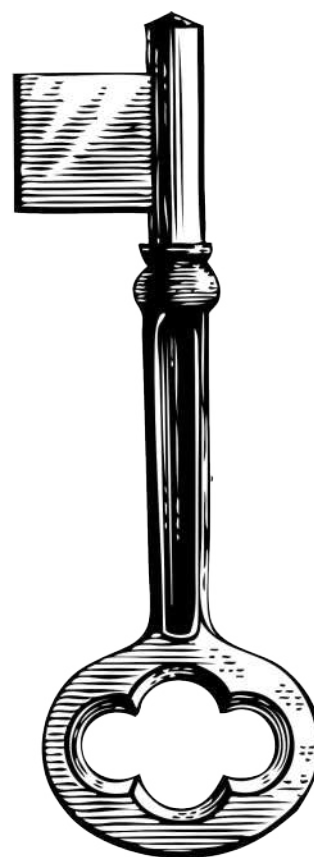
To close this off, I think it's important to note that I don't use mobile devices for childlove related stuff. As a rule I keep it all to my computer and my laptop. It is important to keep this stuff separate, since your mobile devices are likely to be seen by other people on occasion. It would not be good if they seen childlover stuff flashing across your mobile screen.

If anyone would like to suggest a specific topic for me to cover regarding safety as a childlover, please let me know by contacting Ethos via the contact form. I'll get back to you within a day or two about whether it's a subject that I'll cover and how I'll go about covering it.

Trust carefully, childlovers.

Make sure you have a read of joedoe's piece on *Smartphone and tablet security for girl lovers* on page 93 of Alice Lovers Magazine issue #4. ALM is a magazine similar to Ethos, but aimed at girllovers. The advice written by joedoe applies to boylovers just as much as girllovers, and should be followed just as much as advice for boylovers.

To read ALM, visit their website: <https://alichelovers.net/>



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An Introduction To Consequence

by Alexander

It was a miserable morning in March, 1999, and the rain was pelting down with daylight about an hour away. Thankfully, I was in my car and driving at the time so I was comfortable and dry. This was some years ago and mobile phones were not as common then as they are today, but I had one and there was only one person who had my number. That was my elderly mother. I had just pulled up to a set of traffic lights when the phone rang.

My heart jumped into my mouth as my mother wasn't keeping too well. However, I got a bigger shock when I answered it and she told me that the police wanted to talk to me. The police never want to "talk to anyone at that time of the morning anywhere in the world," so naturally I knew that I was looking at something serious. Obviously that meant that I had to come straight home. I can't really remember the drive home, but I do remember thinking if I could make a run for it. The ten miles or so back to my house was horrific! I had that sinking feeling that I knew what it was all about.

Everything for a while was just a blur, even after I got home but the police did everything by the book. The reason being because it was a cross border arrest and I had to go England to get charged. The police had first had to go to the Sheriff Officers in Scotland to get the necessary arrest warrant, then go to the local police station to get two police officers to accompany them which was a long drawn out thing as far as they were concerned. Instead of just one or two police officers, as would be the norm in England, there were four officers, a police photographer, and another officer bagging everything up and labelling it. In Scotland, there has to be two officers present to make an arrest so that they can corroborate each other's actions in a court of law. This made the search of my bedroom a bit awkward with everyone in it, including me.

I wasn't allowed to call a lawyer then - the law has changed in Scotland since, but if I had been in England

I would have been allowed to have talked to my legal representatives. I didn't know this at the time and when you are arrested like this for the first time, everything is a learning curve and you have to learn fast!

The English police had a list of what they were looking for: cameras, computer and my new laptop, floppy discs and so forth. This was 1999, so things were still a bit old school as far as technology was concerned. A few weeks later I learned that the Scottish police don't have lists and when they do a search they look for anything that "might assist them in their enquiries." As a result, the English police were advised to take things that weren't on their list.

Obviously with no lawyer present, you are unable to challenge anything the police do at the time! Searches certainly aren't done as they are in the films, that's the first thing you learn. I couldn't even go to the toilet without the door being left open and I couldn't get changed out of my work clothes in private. I eventually got a receipt from the English police, which you don't get from the Scottish.

By about 1PM (I'm only guessing at the time as I didn't have my watch on and your mind is going ten to the dozen), everything had been bagged and put into the police car and we were on our way south to England. As the police (male and female) had travelled up the previous day and booked into a hotel, they had their overnight things as well so a lot of my things were in the back seat of the car. I can't remember if I was in handcuffs or not, that's how much a blur everything still was. About halfway we stopped for a break, the two officers wanted to have a smoke. They ended up taking the long road over the moors. Well, at least it was scenic if nothing else!

The two officers were debating for about an hour where to take me in England: either, the first police station over the border, which would have meant that they would have to give them all the files and they would then have to hand over the case. Or, to take me

further into England and their own station.

After about a six hour drive we got there, and as soon as they go me into the police station they could then formally charge me and caution me (again). I had already been cautioned in my house but as this was now a different legal jurisdiction. Scotland has its own distinct legal system and is still a sovereign nation, but has been joined with England by an International Treaty since 1707, so there has to be a lot of legal niceties which I won't go into. After being formally charged in the police station in England, the clock starts to count down. The police in the United Kingdom don't initially charge you with a specific crime as then they are unable to question you on that. They charge you with suspicion of, and in my case it was suspicion of sending a 15-year-old boy indecent images.

Again, it's nothing like you see in the television or films; they charge you then you are sent to a police cell so they can fill out their paperwork and file reports to their senior officer, log you in and who knows what else. Then there are all the other formalities that need to be taken care of like taking your finger prints and photo, also "do you want a lawyer," as this was England. Again, the law in Scotland has changed since then through a European Human Rights Case which went through the European Courts.

While you are in a bit of a state at being arrested and in a police cell, this is actually working in your favour here. The police, once they formally charge you

I had to make several trips to the police station over the next two years. English law can be fairly slow in that respect, I found out. In Scotland, once they charge you, they have to take you to court within 366 days if you are released on bail and 140 days if they hold you in prison on remand.

and book you in, have 24 hours to either question you and let you go or charge you with a crime and hold you. As such, the longer their paperwork takes, the better. As this was a working day, and in the afternoon, the duty solicitor was busy so I had to wait for him to come. By the time I met with my lawyer, he'd been briefed by the police and he filled me in on what else

the police were concerned with.

The interview that day was fairly tough going. Like a lot of people in that situation, it was my first time so I was relying on the lawyer to guide me. The interview lasted about thirty minutes, and it was tape recorded. I had been advised to say nothing other than to confirm my name and address.

Eventually, I was released and given a day and time to report back. By this time it was late at night, about 9PM, and I had no idea how to get home. Luckily, I had my Visa card with me and the police gave me some directions to the railway station.

Finally got a train to Edinburgh, where I spent the night, then got the train home the following morning. As I couldn't go to work the previous day, and because the police were involved, my employer was told what I was arrested for and I was "suspended pending enquiries" as they say. Some weeks later, I was dismissed. So much for their sexual equality conditions. You can be gay or whatever, but if you are a boylover, forget equal rights! They don't exist!

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Along with the charge of sending an indecent picture to a minor, I was charged with four counts of having indecent images of children and two counts of sexual assault of a minor aged 15 over his clothes.

Eventually, after nearly 30 months, I had a court date and my lawyer still hadn't received all the paperwork from the police. That seems to be the norm in England. It isn't as common in Scotland but still fairly regular. If it happens in Scotland, your lawyer puts in an application to the court via the Procurator Fiscal (the prosecution team for the Crown) and your trial just gets put back a week or two. However, as it was a Crown Court case, I had to get a barrister, who lodged my plea of not guilty, then I had to return again a few weeks later. I lost count of the times I went south because of this, but in August 2004, I was finally up for trial.

The trial itself was in an old court house with a long history, which I won't identify for obvious reasons, but there have been some famous cases held there. If you have been in some of these old court rooms or seen some of those old films of English court rooms, you can imagine how imposing they look. They are more so when you are standing in the dock facing the judge in his robes.

Before the trial actually started, the prosecution team asked to talk with my team. They were prepared to do a deal with him. Not me, but my barrister! Effectively, this meant me as he kept returning and asking me if I would accept the plea deal. This was that they would drop some charges if I accepted to plead guilty to others. The worst thing is the judge is waiting for you to enter the dock and the court usher is putting pressure on you to enter the dock.

By this time I was in such a state I don't know what I was agreeing to or what my team was telling me, so to get things over with I agreed to what they asked. That was probably the worst decision of my life. Not that I wasn't guilty of some things, but everything they wanted to do me for - No! A few minutes later I was in the dock and a new plea was given, and then I'm back out of court and given another date to attend.

That was the start of my troubles as I was now officially a Sex Offender, although at that time I hadn't been sentenced so didn't have to sign the register. Despite this, my local police were contacted by the court as were the local Criminal Justice Social Work. In Scotland, they are the equivalent of Probation Officers, but they also compile background checks on you. Let's just say they think they are better than any judge in any court!

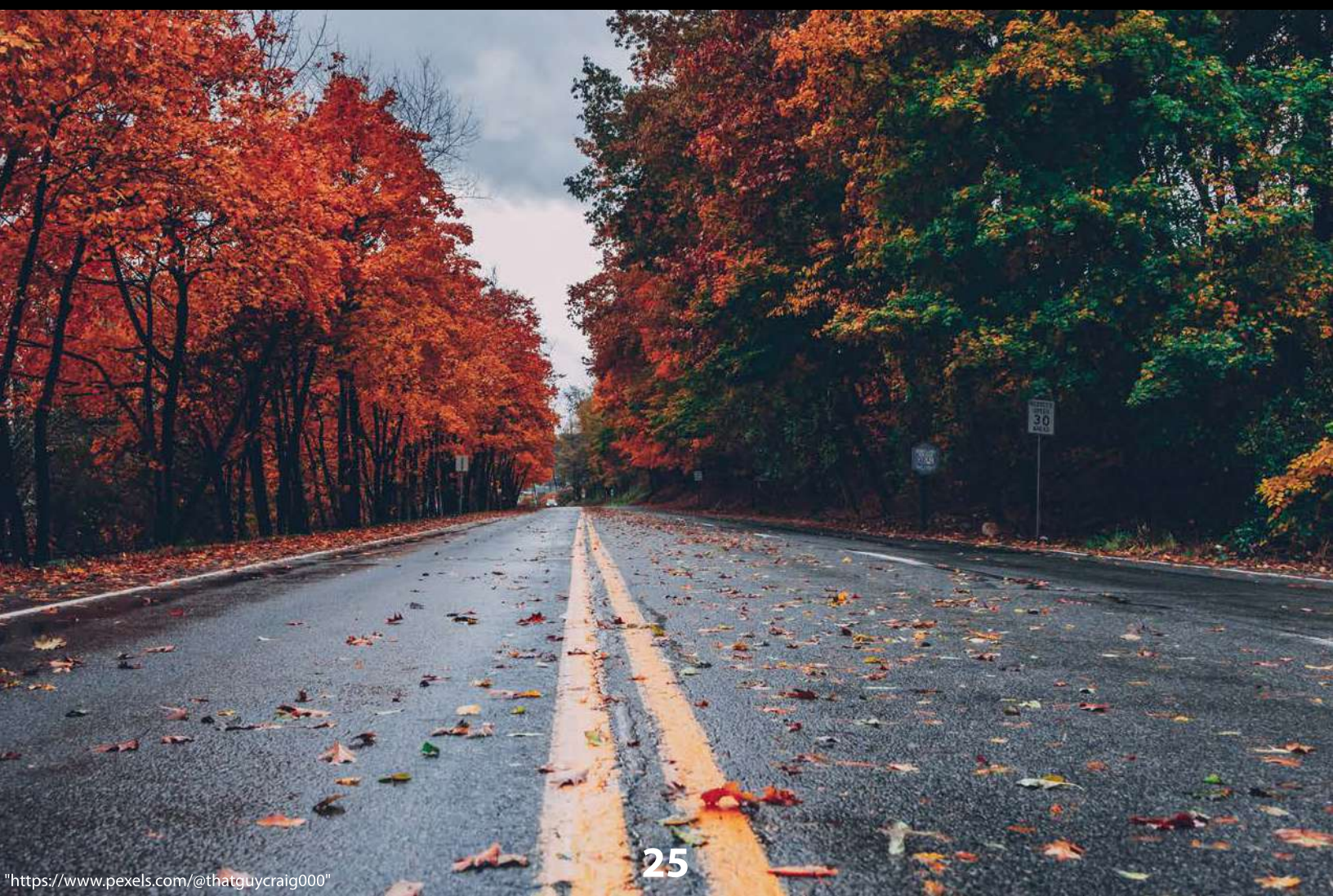
I never got to see the report they compiled on me for some time, but when I did it made disturbing

reading. It was nothing short of a figment of their imagination. My lawyer never got a copy of it before my sentence which I understand is common place in England, whereas in Scotland your lawyer gets a copy and goes over it with you before you attend court. But as I said, I was naïve at the time.

The sentence was supposed to be a formality, according to my lawyer, and as it was my first offence and the low nature of the crimes he informed me that I was highly unlikely to be given a custodial sentence.

I'm back in the dock on the day and the Judge starts reading out his judgement. I'm listening to it and trying to signal to my lawyer that I needed to talk with him urgently. Seems you aren't allowed to do this in that court. As the judge was talking a lot of rot and there wasn't a word of truth in what he was saying. To this day I don't know where he got his information from, so I did what any sensible man would and called him a "blatant liar!" in his own court room. That certainly got my lawyer's attention and everyone else. I think the judge wasn't too pleased, to say the least.

Sentence was then passed, one year indefinite sentence for Public Protection, at the time was a fairly new type of sentence in England (that has since been discontinued) and meant that I had to do a minimum of one year before I could apply for parole, but the down side was that it was a life sentence.



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David L. Riegel

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One activist who could never be shut up in his lifetime was Dave Riegel, whose death in his late eighties earlier this year can now be reported, after a period of some months in which his family and close friends asked for the information not to be released.

I found out Dave was no longer with us a couple of months ago when I emailed to congratulate him on the publication of a new peer-reviewed article (<https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s12119-019-09606-6>) in the academic journal *Sexuality & Culture*. A reply came, not from Dave but from someone who said he was a friend. This friend wrote:

"From my understanding, Dave acquired some people who hated him vehemently ... and he specified in his will that the news be kept quiet for 3-4 months, so that there's distance between him, his death, his real life friends and loved ones. He wanted to protect the people who he loved and cared about, and hopefully lessen the chances of them being associated with him."

I responded by saying, "Please be assured that I will respect Dave's wish. I will not say anything on my blog about his passing until at least July."

No heretic is ever short of enemies who hate them, of course. Being loathed is pretty much part of the definition, or it ought to be if it isn't. But Dave was beyond question a difficult, abrasive character, quick both to take offense and to dish it out. Anyone who doubts this can check out the gory details here (https://www.newgon.net/wiki/David_Riegel) at Newgon, under the extensive "Controversy" section. Biographical notes of a more positive nature are also to be found in this entry, and it is the more constructive side of Dave's record I wish to focus on today.

David was born in 1931 and came late to boylove activism after a varied career in which being an airline pilot was perhaps the high point, if you'll forgive the pun. He was drawn into research and writing in the behavioral sciences when he was approached in 1999 by an editor of the McGraw Hill textbook *Taking Sides: Clashing Views on Controversial Issues in Human Sexuality* for an essay on the controversy that was then swirling around the famous 1998 Rind et al. analysis (https://www.ipce.info/library_3/rbt/metaana.htm), which gave survey data showing that children do not typically suffer psychological trauma from sexual contact with adults, contrary to popular opinion.

After that, he became involved in internet-based studies into the psychosexual development of boys and also conducted survey research on boylovers' views and sexuality. In 2005 he gained a degree in psychology. Remarkably, for a newcomer to academic research, and without the benefit of ever having undertaken a supervised Ph.D., he managed to secure the publication of at least 10 of his papers in academic journals. Through his own online SafeHaven Foundation, he published numerous other articles and books. His website was still up and running only a couple of days ago but now appears to have been suspended.

The Dave Riegel I will remember was energetic and determined, driven by a fiercely-held belief in ethical boylove as a power for good. While he was always more of a partisan activist than an objective scholar, he was entirely sincere, in my view, in seeking truth through scientific enquiry. He was as honest as he was cantankerous, and I will remain in his debt for the support he has given me.

Brother Can You Spare A Dime?

by Dragonlover

"Congratulations, you got the job. Welcome aboard."

In today's economy, many people are out there on the streets pounding the bricks looking for work. For someone with a college degree, a decent work history reflecting plenty of experience and positive references, getting a job may not be that difficult. This person has a lot going for him. The job he gets may not be his dream job, but at least it's an honest way of earning an income. He can apply for a job he is qualified for and if he handles the interview right, he can get that job. He is now working. No need for food stamps or medical assistance, and no need to apply for aid from the government.

Now, on the other side of the coin we have another



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guy. He has a high school diploma, but is a fast learner and a great employee. He has worked some really great jobs steadily, and earned some really great money. He had the house, the car, the great benefit package offered by his employer, his family and friends. In other words, he is living the American dream.

But in one instance, his life changed. He was arrested and put in jail. He was guilty of a felony, perhaps a violent crime. But whatever the offense, it is a felony. Plus, the related charges that are attached to that conviction, which include felonies of a lesser degree as well as misdemeanors. This will follow him for the rest of his life no matter where he goes or what he does. Even after he dies, that conviction will stay attached to his social security number for five years

after his death.

So, he serves his time and is released as a free man back into society. Let's say that the staff at the jail arranged for him to stay in a halfway house or something like that. He has a place to stay. So now it is up to him to obtain some kind of gainful employment. He figures that he has the high school diploma and has a lot of great work experience. That should account for something, right? Let us analyze.

He gets up early one Sunday morning and heads to the local corner store to get a nice, fresh cup of coffee and the newspaper. He hurries home and turns immediately to the classified section and turns to the employment section. Grabbing his pen eagerly, he immediately spots six jobs that he knows he is qualified for. They all ask for him to submit a cover letter and resumé via email. So, he goes to the local library the next day and jumps on an available computer and prepares cover letters and a really great looking resumé. He emails these materials to the proper people, leaves the library confident that he will start receiving phone calls from potential employers wanting to arrange interviews. He goes home, satisfied.

That very day he receives his first call. Would he be available to come in at 10 AM tomorrow to meet with the hiring manager? Yes, that would be fine, thank you for your call and have a good day. He hangs up, feeling confident that this is going to work. He can get the job, earn some decent money, and maybe move out of the halfway house and into his own place. Maybe even get a car. He could finally get his life back on track.

The next day comes. He wakes up, showers, shaves and gets dressed in his best suit and tie. He takes a long look in the mirror and thinks to himself that if he gets this job he could dress like this everyday. He hops the bus and heads off to his interview.

He is greeted by a friendly receptionist and even offered coffee, which he accepts. He sits in the waiting area thinking of what to say and how to say it. He is nervous yet confident. A man walks out of an office and speaks with the receptionist, then greets him with a firm handshake. The two go into the office and the interview begins.

"Yes, his experience looks really great, yes, good references, oh I see you've supervised people in the past, very good, yes, and well, it looks like you would

be a great fit for our company. We are starting people out at \$26,500 a year, benefit plan starting after three months of employment. Is that fair to you?"

He answers with a happy YES, and is now confident that he has this job in the bag.

"Well sir, if you have time, we just need you to fill out some basic paperwork. You know, the basic stuff. W-2, I-9 and a background check. It won't take too long. Do you have your social security card and picture ID handy?"

He hands over his ID and social security card, and sits down to fill out the paperwork. W-2 for taxes, I-9 for identification purposes and to ensure US citizenship, health insurance forms. He comes to the last form. At the top of the form it says Request for Criminal Background Check. He stares at those words. The form doesn't ask about his crime or conviction, but it does require all of his vital information. This form is going to the state police, who maintain the criminal records for the state. He is positive that form will be returned to his employer revealing all of the ugly details about his past. He reluctantly fills out the form and returns the completed paperwork to the receptionist.

"Thanks for coming in today and it was great meeting you. If everything checks out, you can start next week."

If everything checks out... those words echo in his head as he heads for home. He realizes now that his criminal record just may prevent him from getting this job, even though they have virtually hired him. All he can do is wait.

He gets a call two days later. "Hey, we spoke the other day about the sales position. Well, we got all your paperwork back, and, well, I hate to have to tell you this, but your state records check came back with a positive. It looks like you have some felony convictions here, and that means that we cannot offer you the position. We're very sorry." CLICK.

Very sorry. He was so sure he had the job, and it slipped through his hands just like that. His attitude was, do not give up, and that failure is not an option. So he waits on calls from the other employers he sent resumés to. Some called him back, some didn't. He got called in for two interviews, both ending with filling out forms, and yes, even the background check. He did not get either job. He submitted more resumés, went on more interviews. No luck. No one would hire him, given his background. Sure, he could probably get something in construction or demolition, but he wasn't skilled in those areas, not to mention he wasn't physically built for that kind of work.

He is forced to apply for state welfare. He gets it, and then has to apply for government benefits. That process is a very long one, requiring many forms, a few meetings, many doctor visits to verify that he is disabled in some way. Some doctors agree, some don't. He is denied benefits. He has to seek the aid of an attorney to appeal the decision, and that takes many more months. He is granted a hearing before a judge, who then determines that he is disabled, and is hereby

ordered to receive social security benefits. For this, he is grateful. He now has income. A very small income, barely enough to cover his basic needs, but its an income.

The point here is, people coming out of a period of incarceration with a felony conviction these days find it very difficult to obtain employment. They come out

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wanting to do well in society, maybe even wanting to give back to the community. He's paid his dues, did his time, and now it's behind him. But is it really? The simple answer to that is no. And sadly, it will never be behind him. Try as he may, no matter what, that conviction will prevent him from working and earning an honest living.

So, my questions are, "Does he deserve this?" and, "Should his record indeed be allowed to prevent him from working?" I can remember seeing movies and documentaries from the 1960s and 1970s where guys being released from prison were able to find decent work despite being an ex-felon. But, with the advent of the internet and employers requiring background checks, this has changed dramatically. Some of these men have families to support. Some even get the attitude that if they can't get a job, they'll be forced to revert back to their old ways, robbing and stealing to get money to pay the rent and put food on the table. Getting on government benefits can take months, possibly up to two years. Guys coming out of prison don't have that kind of time. They need money very soon. If they could get a job, sure, they can wait two or three weeks for that first paycheck. But if they can't find anything, what are they supposed to do?

In a society that sees people getting out of prison as damaged goods, not worth the time of day, they are forced to do what they have to do to survive. And, many of them get caught and return to prison for even lengthier sentences. Thus the high rate of recidivism in the USA. It is a system which sets a guy up for failure. Sure, you did your time and you are a free man. The question is, will you survive?

Sports Quality Of Life For You And Your Boy



by Junni

No matter who you are, there are countless benefits of practicing sports, including preventing the dangers of physical inactivity and improving learning function.

From the beginning, sports practice has brought various benefits to its fans. With younger people these advantages increase considerably, benefiting mainly the individual's health and learning capacity. According to the World Health Organization (WHO), the ideal is for children and adolescents to practice at least one hour of physical activity during the day (including leisure time and playtime).

For this reason, we highlight here the six major advantages of practicing sports for children and adolescents:

1. Preventing dangers of physical inactivity

Physical activity strengthens cardiac tissue and aids in blood circulation, preventing future heart and respiratory diseases. It also increases the rate of HDL (good cholesterol) in the blood and can help prevent diabetes. Researchers have found that a well-exercised body may also have greater resistance to infections, thus having a strong immune system.

2. Bone formation

Practicing sports helps in the fixation of calcium, preventing bone diseases such as osteoporosis (which affects mainly women). It also helps improve motor coordination and other attributes such as resilience, elasticity, posture, balance, motor skills, and assists in correcting physical disorders.

3. Mental health

Participating in sports contributes to the reduction of social and psychological problems in children's behavior, such as anxiety, insomnia, stress and aggression, and potentially reduces the likelihood of depression symptoms, bipolarity and other psychic disorders in the future.

4. Learning

In a study conducted at the University of Illinois, it was pointed out that children and adolescents who practice physical activities regularly perform better in academic school activities. This is because of the understanding that physical exercise causes new inter-neural connections to be developed, which contribute to a more active mind. Physical activities have an influence on memory development, logical reasoning, concentration and, moreover, help to minimize the stress of time management related to testing and work hours.

5. Social interaction

Participating in sports is also significant as a centerpiece in the social life of children and especially adolescents. The interaction with people of the same age group provides the reduction of shyness and introversion, collaborating a lot with collective thinking. In children this helps them to not grow up with a sense of individualism, but rather with a sense of cooperation. They form more of a group mindset. Above all, physical activities help keep the body in shape, which improves personal self-esteem.

6. Commitment

Practicing sports contributes to an individual's sense of responsibility and commitment, as well as teaching him to follow rules. This leads him to improve behavior and education in interpersonal relationships.

All this combined with a good diet, as well as healthy and structured family environment, make our children and young friends have good physical and emotional development, and can also be applied to any child or teenager regardless of social class, motor and psychological conditions. This means a child with any kind of disability can also play sports, as long as they are oriented correctly and with specific activities.

Offering your boys a better quality of life is never too late, in addition to making your bonds with them closer and establishing a relationship of trust and companionship between him and you. The biggest and best friendships certainly do begin in sports, in the incentive that both have to overcome the difficulties, whatever they may be.



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A Boylover's Code of Rights

by BL in Black

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One issue of concern for me and other boylovers I have known, has been the large number of members in our community who seem to suffer from low self-esteem due to the stigma inflicted on them by society. Too often, it seems that minor-attracted persons (MAPs) are left with no lifeline of support at all, and this has made me think: "What are some of the things that we should consider to be our inalienable rights?"

I firmly believe that we must acknowledge that we are human beings who are valued and have a right to be in this world just as much as everybody else. So, I therefore propose the following to be a code of rights for boylovers:

1) The right to be sexually attracted to boys.

This may sound overly simple, but I believe it is vital. So many boylovers, whether they are aware of it or not, have been affected deep down by messages sent to them by society condemning them for their thoughts and sexuality in some way.

The reality is that nobody in any society has the right to judge another person for their sexual thoughts, which occur in the privacy of their own mind. If a society chooses to condemn and punish people for their thoughts and feelings because they are unable to come to terms with this, then it is the fault of society and not the minor-attracted persons.

2) The right to live a normal life.

It is a sad fact that too many boylovers and minor-attracted persons have been excluded, hated and condemned by society and all those around them when they are outed for their sexuality. We must recognize this as unjust, as the reality is many boylovers are fully capable of being fully functional beings and have a lot to offer.

Society has no right to exclude or condemn someone simply because of their thoughts or feelings. In all areas such as work, family and community, a boylover must not be prevented from functioning to the fullest extent and living the most fulfilling and rewarding life they are capable of.

3) The right to an opinion on sexual matters.

While opinions differ on whether or not sex with minors should be acceptable, they are just that: opinions. No healthy society should ever exclude such issues from fair, free and rational debate. The issue is an important one that needs honest and rational analysis. Someone cannot be suppressed for holding a viewpoint that happens to go against the norm.

If a society marginalizes an individual who happens to hold a favorable view on the legality of sex with minors, then it is the fault of society for not allowing such views to contribute to a rational discussion. It should be noted that those with opposing views are also allowed the opportunity to debate; we must hear both sides of the story.

4) The right to reject irrational and negative attitudes toward us.

Further to the above points, if the society a boylover lives in condemns them for their sexuality or views then we have the full right not to be complacent. We, as boylovers, have the right to absolutely and completely dismiss any irrational, hysterical or unfounded criticisms of us put forward by a society which show no understanding on the issue.

Just like with all forms of criticism, if the individual being criticised finds that they have no basis in reality upon analysis of the criticism then they have no obligation to accept what is being said of them. We need to realize it is okay to not let negative stigma being put forward affect us personally, and simply let it roll off so we can move on.

5) The right to find like-minded companions and associate with them.

In a normal and functional society, freedom of association is an absolute right. If a minor-attracted person finds it difficult to cope with the challenging conditions in the society surrounding them, they have the full right to reach out in search of support.

There should be no barriers put in place by society toward a boylover seeking a safe, rewarding friendship with other minor-attracted persons. If the boylover wishes to participate in groups, online message boards or communities which are fully legal to air his views, it is his absolute right to be left at his own will to do so.

These are five points which I feel strongly should be considered inalienable rights for all of us.

If we are to move on as a fully functional community and gain strength, I believe we must acknowledge our right to stand up for them. Once we have reached the point where we acknowledge we are individuals with rights against discrimination, it will pave the way for us to legitimize ourselves more as fully capable and functional members of society in our quest for understanding, acceptance, and peace of mind.



Nature Vs. Nurture

by BabyBear

A wise man once said to me, "No one cares what you think they, just wanna know why you think it." In other words, if you make a case always be prepared to provide evidence to support your it. I believe that we, as boylovers, have never really been able to argue in defense of our sexual preference because we don't have the answers to counter the anti's. If we could defeat the anti's arguments, we would have a legitimate case for who we are.

The argument I want to address is the foundation of the anti's case against us: the idea of "child abuse" and the idea that children are somehow "victimized" by pedophilia, something that has been scientifically proven to be false based on the fact that children are inherently sexual from birth. There is no such thing as the sexualization of children because sex is an inherent part of our nature from the womb. No one is too young or too old to enjoy sex, it just depends on how we are nurtured. Children nurtured in a sexual environment will love sex and gravitate towards adults in a sexual way, while children raised in a society where it is taboo will reject it.

Children are aware, from a very early age, that their bodies can give them pleasure and they exhibit this behavior through masturbation and sexual play. Their natural curiosity about their bodies and sex encourages them to explore and learn. All that's necessary for the adult to do is encourage them to do so by use of their natural instincts. It is societal conditioning that suppresses their sexuality, by teaching them that it's wrong for them to touch themselves or engage in healthy and consensual sex with adults.

This is the conflict between nature and nurture, every society has its standards of what's acceptable or unacceptable and we are raised according to that from birth. We are nurtured according to what is good and "moral" and we're taught to suppress natural instincts. One perfect example would be the nudists; are we born wearing clothes? No, we are taught to wear them. Nudity is our natural state, just as sexual behavior in children is their natural state.

Without the societal conditioning, there would be no fear or trauma because they would know that its perfectly natural to enjoy sex. Even in the midst of the hysteria we see child sexuality is very much alive and well on YouTube, with boys dancing to I'm Sexy And I Know It. The only thing that stops them from stripping completely naked is parental intervention. Ask yourself: was it a "pervert" that taught them to strip? No, it was their own sexual instinct!

Acceptance of a behavior starts with the normalization and destigmatization of it. As these happen, the stigma will continue to diminish. We need to acknowledge and accept the fact that children are sexual beings, and it is social attitudes that are the real problem.

We live in a world today when 3-year-olds are telling parents what sex they are. Transgender children are becoming more and more common, even to the point of transgender summer camps for kids. In addition, we are now seeing the phenomenon of 8-year-old boys who want to be drag queens.

Many will say this doesn't mean it's okay for adults to have sex with kids, but that's the long term implications of what all this means. If a boy knows he's gay, or that he was born the wrong sex, then why can't he know how it feels when his little peepee gets sucked and beg for it to be sucked? Twenty years ago none of this would be happening.

The writing is on the wall. I believe that we are on the road to acceptance.



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