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# Ethos Notation

*Welcome to Issue 24 of Ethos Magazine!*

*Let me start by giving congratulations to Boymoment on reaching 20 years old. I do remember being on Boymoment back when it first opened. I am overjoyed that a true treasure of the BL community has attained such an amazing milestone this year.*

*Still, 20 is way out of my AOA now. Ethos, on the other hand, is 7. This is the boylove community's premiere magazine; I hope you'll join me in taking this issue along for a cupcake.*

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### SEXTORTION SCHEME TARGETS BOYS

Teens catfished into believing they're sending pics to someone their age, then find extortionists demanding money.

<https://nypost.com/2022/04/28/teen-boys-increasingly-targeted-in-online-sextortion-schemes-fbi/>



### LAKE ACCIDENT LEADS TO TRAGEDY

Three young boys in England sadly died in an accident on a frozen lake.

<https://people.com/human-interest/three-boys-dead-one-critical-condition-falling-frozen-lake-england/>

### 9-YEAR-OLD BOY GRADUATES HIGH SCHOOL

David Balogun, 9, wants to be an astrophysicist when he grows up. At the rate he's going, we're sure he'll be one by 16!

<https://people.com/human-interest/9-year-old-boy-graduates-high-school-wants-to-be-astrophysicist/>

### KID USES AMAZON ALEXA TO CHEAT ON HIS HOMEWORK

Learning to, "Work smarter, not harder," young is never a bad thing!

<https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/technology/mom-catches-son-us->

### ISIS WOMEN TURNING BOYS INTO HUMAN STUD FARMS

Now this is abuse: barely pubescent boys forced to procreate for the benefit of terrorists.

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/isis-women-accused-turning-teen-093206828.html>

### 13-YEAR-OLD FATHER "ROBBED OF HIS CHILDHOOD"

The boy's mother is outraged that the woman having her son's baby will face no jail time.

<https://www.kktv.com/2023/03/02/colorado-woman-who-admits-having-sex-with-13-year-old-having-his-baby-wont-face-jail-time-under-plea-deal/>

# Boy Moment's 20th Anniversary!

By Jamieboy

Boy Moment is an online support board for minor-attracted people, and on May 2nd we'll be proudly celebrating our 20th anniversary.



Unfortunately, after all their work, Boyfeet suddenly decided to shut the board down. All their work was lost. Boymoments was gone. It was down for about a month before Steven joined as the new owner and operations resumed at the new URL,

Boymoment.com. It's been there ever since.

Personnel changes followed. In 2006 Pimme signed on as owner, followed in 2011 by Zakidance. Today, Tigerboy-- one of the original three --- is standing in while Zakidance is temporarily away. Then in 2016 it was the host who pulled the plug. For whatever reason they shut us down and withheld access to our backups so that, once again, all was lost. It was a very frustrating time, but a new host was soon found and the board that grew out of that reboot is the one that lives on today.

The mission statement for today's Boy Moment emphasizes that we are a support board.

Boy Moment arose from the combined energies of three members of another board. Tigerboy, Matrix, and Boyfeet were moderators there, though they weren't entirely happy with the direction it was going. But rather than sit back and accept what they didn't like, they decided to break away and build their own space on firm principles that they could support.

So in August 2003 they secured the URL boymoments.com and started building a place where their members could safely gather to discuss their pain.

There were some definite teething problems. Rules were needed. The mood of the board would follow from there. There were several boylove boards back then, so there was some stiff competition, but their early success encouraged them to persevere.



We value inclusiveness, respect, diversity, and caring. While we understand all viewpoints on the boylove spectrum, our focus is the overall health of the community, and the safety and comfort of the members.

Our board operates in a family-like environment, with support in several languages and acceptance of numerous cultures. We're proud of this --- it's an important part of who we are. We want our members to feel free to speak out on subjects that matter to them, but at the same time when problems arise, we rely on them to be part of the solution.

We wholeheartedly support the wider boylove community.

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We enjoy direct ties to another support board, Paradise Mountain, and to WIRED-PM Radio. We also support the efforts of this very magazine to spread the message of understanding and tolerance. Even so, we love our independence, and we know that the vast majority of our members really appreciate our kind and gentle tone.

We focus every day on our core values of loyalty, commitment, open-mindedness, innovation, creativity, good humor, compassion, respect, positivity, optimism and education. Ultimately, we are a fully legal boylove community. We honor our roots with fondness and melancholy, but we also look ahead, accepting change as a critical part of our own evolution.

Our structure is simple: there's a general discussion area called The Hub, an area for announcements and introductions called Main Stage, and a room called Peer Counseling for more direct support activities. Other important functions, like tech support and board rules, are in the Member Services area.





Additionally, our members have the ability to create club spaces and blogs of their own. These reside in the Club House, and they help to express the passions our members have, away from their boy focus. Beyond all that, our fun side is found in the Galleries, the Media Center, Arts and Music, Sports and Snacks, and in a kind of virtual play area which we call Just for Fun.

All of these areas are monitored by volunteers who participate, who encourage, and who ensure that the members are staying within the board's rules. The rules are very important to us, and we believe they are a key reason the board is still vibrant and healthy after twenty years. They are geared toward both an understanding of the legal world that we live in, and our determination to maintain a safe space for our membership.



## Here's to twenty years of Boy Moment!



Truly, the space and the rules combine to create the mood. Boy Moment is a safe space where boylovers can go to be themselves without being watched or judged simply for being the way they are.

At the moment, we are celebrating our amazing milestone in a new Anniversary Celebration area. We are casting our minds back. Those of us who have been around longer are sharing stories about the way it was and about the people from those earlier times. Newer members are getting a sense of history from these interactions --- and hopefully an understanding that something about Boy Moment must be pretty cool, because we have been supporting each other in here for a very long time.

We will continue the work. We're not perfect --- we understand that. No one ever is. But in our decisions, we always try to focus on the needs of the members. We know that many of them have been battered in some way by a society which treats us like animals. Our little space allows us a respite from all that, and we're very proud to be part of it.

We work hard to keep Boy Moment safe for today's members, and for those members who haven't found us yet. We understand the need, and we're determined to meet it.

# Little Lad Of The Tricks

By Padraid Pearse

Little lad of the tricks,  
Full well I know  
That you have been in mischief:  
Confess your fault truly.

I forgive you, child  
Of the soft red mouth:  
I will not condemn anyone  
For a sin not understood.

Raise your comely head  
Till I kiss your mouth:  
If either of us is the better of that  
I am the better of it.

There is a fragrance in your kiss  
That I have not found yet  
In the kisses of women  
Or in the honey of their bodies.

Lad of the grey eyes,  
That flush in thy cheek  
Would be white with dread of me  
Could you read my secrets.

He who has my secrets  
Is not fit to touch you:  
Is not that a pitiful thing,  
Little lad of the tricks?

# Treating a Boy Right

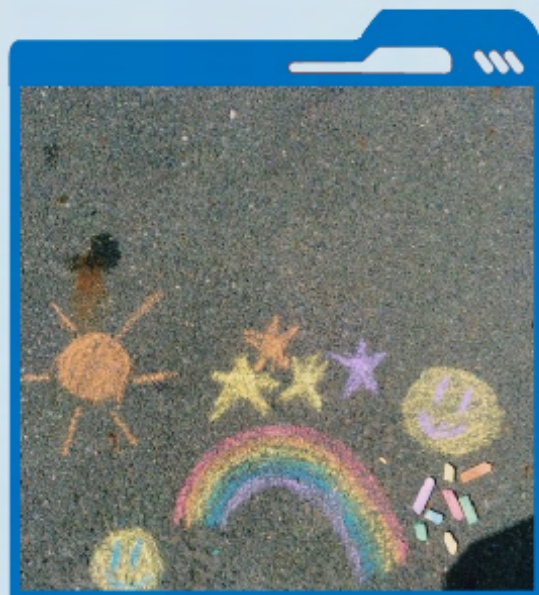
By aboysXO

## How do you treat a YF?

There is actually more to it than what's here but in brief this is what I think treatment should entail.

There are children. There are boys. And there are YF's. Young Friends. This is a whole different category. A special designation.

All boys are not suitable candidates for that special relationship that can develop between a man and a boy. It is a special relationship that calls for special behaviors. Special policies and practices. They are entitled to special treatment.



Rights and privileges that are not usually extended to young boys.

As far as possible, I think they deserve to be treated with the same level of respect and dignity one would extend to another adult. I think they deserve to be spoken to and interacted with in as equal a manner as possible.





There is always going to be a barrier that can't be breached. Questions that are not to be entertained. Thoughts that are not discussed.

In ways, no matter how close and wonderful, there is a strain. I think a part of this derives from a concept that fathers and sons should not/do not display the love and affection for each other that they might indeed feel. This is a barrier. Also there is a concept of parental respect that sets up barriers.

These are just general statements. There are specific instances for which they do not apply. I am just saying that in general a father/son relationship contains limitations. The extension of general equality is one of them. I do not wish to place limitations on our interactions but to create an atmosphere conducive to their free development.

In general, I want our interactions to be that of friends, to respond to each other as friends in a manner similar to that of age mates. I want to be one to whom he can talk without fear of general adult judgment or of being discounted because he's "just a kid anyway."

The general relationship between a father and son can be very close and wonderful. But no matter the degree of that, there are talk and behaviors that a father would never allow.



I am not his father and I do not wish to be treated as if I were. Certainly there are fatherly obligations, responsibilities and such that I can willingly (of course) fulfill. In many respects he is my little partner and I believe he is entitled to be treated in that manner. I want him to feel comfortable to talk to me on any topic he chooses.

I want him to freely express his opinion even if it's something I might not like. Perhaps even of a nature that might include actions and behaviors of mine he wishes to make comment on.



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Kids are far from stupid. They do indeed have fresh perspective and intuitive thinking. I want him to feel free to express and develop these things. I want to provide him the opportunity for input, to take an active part in planning our activities and outings.

I have found that there is a behavioral difference between doing a chore because your father says you have to, and doing so as a result of decisions you were an equal participant in. I believe as much as possible in extending equal treatment. Of course one of us has to take a lead. And as I am older with more experience (and I am the one with the money) I am actually in charge. That isn't a power trip. It's a practical necessity.

This is, primarily, what I think is fair and equitable to a young friend in the very important position he occupies.



# JWTX **20** Years on of Boy Moment

By Zoomzoom4

**ZOOMZOOM4:** So you joined Boy Moment a few months after they opened?

**JWTX:** Yep, yep.

**ZZ4:** And do you think you might have found it through the BoyLinks site?

**JWTX:** Something like that, I think so.

**ZZ4:** When you joined, were you looking for support, or to make friends, or what?

**JWTX:** The pictures, that's what I was really into.

**ZZ4:** Ah. Okay. And uh, did you find good ones there?

**JWTX:** Kinda sorta ...

**ZZ4:** And how about friends? Did you make friends pretty quickly there?

**JWTX:** No actually, for a while because of my approach at the issue, I was kind of, how would you say it ... I felt like an outsider.

**ZZ4:** What do you mean your "approach"? What was wrong with your approach?

**JWTX:** Back then most of it was more worked up, shall we say? Worked up or hyped up, about their attraction.

**ZZ4:** Oh, okay.

**JWTX:** And I was more, "Look but don't touch."

**ZZ4:** Alright.

**JWTX:** I take more of a conservative way of looking at it.

**ZZ4:** And that led to conflicts with some of the more liberal minded members?

**JWTX:** Exactly. Yep. And I learned pretty quick to stay out of political discussions with most of them.

**ZZ4:** Yes, that too.

**JWTX:** Well because you know, my politics, and your politics, they may not be the same.

**ZZ4:** So you learned to keep it to yourself? Your political views?

**JWTX:** Pretty much, pretty much. And to my Christian point of view, versus their Agnostic point of view.

**ZZ4:** That must have lead to conflicts.

**JWTX:** Oh yeah.

**ZZ4:** Did this strain any of your friendships there? Or even go so far as to lead you to make enemies?

**JWTX:** Well, it taught me who my real friends were, on there. Which were basically the ones who might've been Christians, or may not necessarily have been Christian but they respect the Christian belief. If that makes sense.

**ZZ4:** Do you still have a friend from back then that you associate with, or that you talk to, regularly?

**JWTX:** If you mean from way back then ---

**ZZ4:** 2003

**JWTX:** Then no.

**ZZ4:** Well you said Tigerboy.

**JWTX:** Well he and I weren't exactly friends, which is kind of a ... We just know of each other, we do have a reasonable level of respect for each other. But we don't make it a point to just regularly talk.

**ZZ4:** So if I rephrased the question to be, "Do you have acquaintances from back then?" you would say, "Yes."

**JWTX:** Yeah.

**ZZ4:** And that would be him. Are there any others?

**JWTX:** Uh ...

**ZZ4:** No one comes to mind?

**JWTX:** None that are still around, anyway.

**ZZ4:** And you're still a member there to this day, right? So did you ever leave because of these "strained relationships" that you were talking about?

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**JWTX:** No ...

**ZZ4:** No, you stayed.

**JWTX:** I'm too hard-headed to leave.

**ZZ4:** Okay, alright ... Lol

**JWTX:** I think my being so hard-headed is kind of why they gave up trying to --- or, why they kinda gave up and started listening to me a little bit.

**ZZ4:** And so the political conflicts and such, that you were talking about ... they kind of blew over, after a time?

**JWTX:** Pretty much.

**ZZ4:** Okay so now let's take a look back. BM opened 20 years ago. Going back to that time, 2003 ... what were you doing? What was your life like?

**JWTX:** I was in my mid twenties, about 25. I started doing hotshot work.

**ZZ4:** What is that?

**JWTX:** Basically truck driving on a smaller scale.

**ZZ4:** And why's it called "hotshot" ... what does that mean?

**JWTX:** On demand trucking. Basically I use a pick-up, instead of a semi. So it's a little easier to get into, if you have the right vehicle.

**ZZ4:** So would you say things were going well for you, at the time?

**JWTX:** No. I was in debt because I had just bought a house, and I was trying to save money but I couldn't. So it's like I was taking one step forward and three steps back.

**ZZ4:** Did being on the board benefit you in that sense, help you deal?

**JWTX:** It did help me in a way, basically to kind of de-stress.

**ZZ4:** Yes, after a long stressful day, to kind of unwind. I think a lot of people can relate to that.

**JWTX:** Definitely.

**ZZ4:** Would you say there is any secret to their success? Some kind of key to BM's longevity?

**JWTX:** I'd say their focus on security.

**ZZ4:** Security? You think they've done a good job with that?

**JWTX:** Especially with the galleries, because we've seen what's happened to other boards.

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**ZZ4:** Getting shut down? Have you ever felt that BM was in danger, during it's 20 year run, of being shut down?

**JWTX:** Not really.

**ZZ4:** Because they take security seriously, right. And have you made any good friends in the past five years or so? Because you said you made some enemies in the early days

**JWTX:** Okay the enemies I made in the early days. I think they kind of ... faded out. They've pretty much left the entire scene as far as I know. Or they've changed their names, or something.

**ZZ4:** They're not really around.

**JWTX:** Right. But, the people that are still around, seem more settled.

**ZZ4:** Settled?

**JWTX:** Yeah, kind of settled down. And a little more level-headed, I'd say.

**ZZ4:** Okay.

**JWTX:** Like, for example there's turkboy. Here's been there for a while.

**ZZ4:** Not since the beginning?

**JWTX:** No, but he's been there about 10 or 12 years. And do you know Dakota?

**ZZ4:** Yeah.

**JWTX:** He's a good guy.

**ZZ4:** Okay so without naming names, are there any people on there that you kind of avoid, or don't particularly like?

**JWTX:** Yeah. There is one that comes to mind immediately. And I don't mind calling him out, either.

**ZZ4:** Oh wow, okay. Well who is it?

**JWTX:** He used to go by the name Strange Days.

**ZZ4:** I know who that is.

**JWTX:** He changed it to Sunny.

**ZZ4:** I know Sunny too.

**JWTX:** Well they're the same person. What I don't like about him is how he goes on the immediate attack against somebody who posts something he disagrees with. And he gets pretty vicious about it too.

**ZZ4:** Okay.

**JWTX:** Which that is why Zakidance went ahead and decided to ban political discussion. I think he's the reason. Because he and Blues would go at it for a long time. And I'd sit there, reading their posts, how they'd go back and forth at it. And I'd sit there and think, "Should I? Or should I not?" And then I'd think, "Naw, I'll just let them go."

**ZZ4:** So do you think it's better off, without the political stuff?

**JWTX:** Things seem to have improved.

**ZZ4:** About the staff or leadership of Boy Moment, what mistakes have they made, would you say, or things you disagree with? Are there any?

**JWTX:** There's one thing I'd call questionable. I can kind of understand why they do it, though.

**ZZ4:** What is it?

**JWTX:** They log your IP address. The reason they do it is because it makes it easier when they have to ban somebody, they can do it by IP address.

**ZZ4:** Okay.

**JWTX:** The other boards who don't do so, they can only ban by username. And all the user has to do to bypass that, is register under a different name.

**ZZ4:** Still, someone could get around what BM does, it just takes an extra step

**JWTX:** If you're going to ban somebody, you have to be able to do it by both ...

**ZZ4:** Their name and their IP address.

**JWTX:** If you're going to log the IP address anyway, might as well ban both IP address and the name.

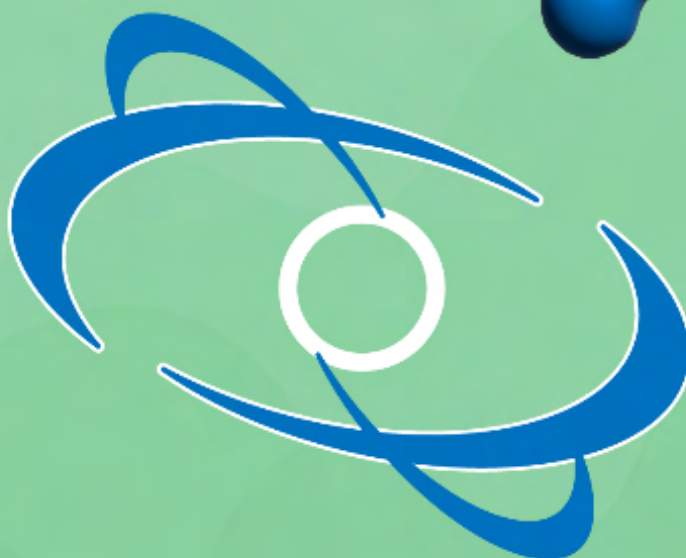
**ZZ4:** All this time you've been on BM but you've also belonged to other boards. Which other places have you also been involved?



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JWTX: Currently, or in the past?  
ZZ4: Well, currently and in the past.  
JWTX: Okay. Currently I am there (BM), Paradise Mountain, uh ... BLOL ... and Boy Planet.  
ZZ4: Okay.  
JWTX: And that, uh ... GL site.  
ZZ4: Oh. Yeah, VOA. Visions of Alice. You're on there? Okay.  
JWTX: Not real often, but once in a while.  
ZZ4: Because your friends are there? You're not a GL, are you?  
JWTX: Well I ... I kind of am.  
ZZ4: Oh you are? Okay, I got you. Have you ever posted on Boychat?  
JWTX: No.  
ZZ4: Okay. And let me ask, do you remember Kermie?  
JWTX: Yeah I remember -- I don't remember any interaction with him, but I do remember him. Or I remember hearing of him.  
ZZ4: Was he on BM also, back then?  
JWTX: That, I don't remember.  
ZZ4: Okay, well thank you for talking to me today.  
JWTX: It was my pleasure, Zoom.  
ZZ4: Awesome. And here's to 20 more years of Boy Moment.  
JWTX: Here's to it.

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# Spring into Boyhood!

By Zoomoom4

Spring is the season most in tune with the very youngest of males, as it hums along to the tune of boyhood.

Like boyhood itself, it changes and becomes something entirely different. For a boy, it changes to a man -- as for spring, it becomes summer.

Setting the stage, yet complete in its own right.



# Hockey Boy

By Ethanfx



I've never been as obsessed or as in love with a boy as much as I am with hockey boy. I first noticed his beauty on a cool soccer field when he was 8. Drooled over him watching him play when he was 9 and 10. I still got to see him when he was 11, but then the pandemic hit.

Now I see him occasionally around town but never close up anymore. He's still beautiful but at 12, its sad to know, history will have no record of his ultimate bare beauty as a smooth child .

Surely he is hitting puberty. It's very sad. My first time experiencing this "loss." I'll still be into him when he's 18 (I assume) but its not the same kind of attraction.

Because then he'll be a man.

# Why Adults Are Not on Our Side

By Kipling & Wolf Witch

Most adults seem to have a strong form of childhood amnesia. That is, they forget what it means to be a kid. They forget in much the same way as the rich forget what it means to be poor.

We have selective memory. And while naturally we care more about what we want and desire now, we think considerably less about what we wanted and needed when we were 10 years old.

So as adults, most people don't think --- or care --- about how they felt at age 10. Even those who had a pedophile that loved them as a child will not necessarily understand or appreciate, the relational dynamic.

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Those who did have a relationship with a pedophile might appreciate them and what they did. They will likely remember them very fondly. Unfortunately, that doesn't necessarily mean that they would support pedophiles hanging out with their kids. In their adult brains, the needs, longings, and desires of that 10-year-old self, no longer hold the same priority. At any rate, most people don't remember that much from their childhood. The old priorities give way to the new ones.

Lack of relational empathy is a major contributor to this condition. It is yet another reason for the great impact of childhood amnesia. Adults want their lives to play out according to their specific plans. The needs, wants, and desires of children are often regarded as trivial and subordinate. As a result, they're given little room unless it's in the interests of the adults.

The agenda of an adult is accepted with respect, however foolish that agenda might be regarded, because we believe that as adults they deserve to run their own lives and chase their dreams. An adult's agenda achieves greater respect also as they are more capable of asserting themselves. Children have as yet to develop that position, or the ability to do so.

While observing an individual spouting a stream of abusive language earlier today, I thought about how, in past times, they would have been implored not to curse in front of the ladies. I'm sure you know what I'm talking about. Women were treated as fragile idiots who needed to be coddled and protected. Women have now been emancipated, but of course we still do the same with children.

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The "don't swear in front of children" concept is a good example of how children are denied the respect and dignity of personhood and how it is diminished to "protect them" ... "for their own good."

The claim that their child is naive and vulnerable may well be true, especially since the coddling they do ensures this. Still, I doubt that this qualifies as a reason to deprive anyone of their autonomy.

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It is possible to guide and protect someone without ultimately controlling them. Perhaps in the same manner as you would for a "foolish" adult. My grandmother has rather severe dementia. The last thing we would do is disrespect her person and deny her human dignity.

The state has, in effect, already done that. They treat her "like a child" --- that is, to take away her dignity and respect as a person. Yet we seemingly have no problem with the same degradation of our children. Seems like we even take pleasure in the half-human recognition we apply to them.

The adult world says that, in general, children are less capable of making sensible decisions. On the contrary, given access to factual information, they are in many ways vastly more capable. Children are possessed with unique wisdom. Adults should recognize the complementary nature of that wisdom and be humble before it.



# The Boy In The Box: Finally Solved

by Dragonlover

In February 1957, a grisly discovery was made along the side of Susquehanna Road in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. A boy had been found murdered, lying naked in a simple cardboard box. The box indicated that it once held a bassinet sold by the JC Penney retail chain. He was wrapped loosely in a blanket. He had also been very recently bathed, fresh haircut, and had very clean and trimmed fingernails and toenails.

The matter was initially investigated by the Philadelphia Police Department. A coroner's investigation revealed the cause of death to be

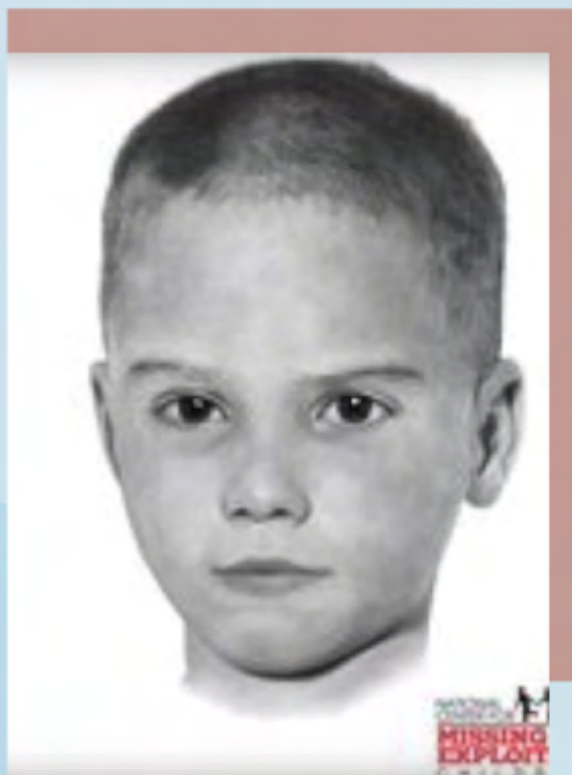
blunt force trauma to the head and torso, as well as his lower extremities. The things they did not know were, who this boy was, and who did this terrible thing to him.

Police distributed 400,000 flyers with pictures of the boy's head and face. He was clothed, in a seated position, and as he would look in life. More than 270 police recruits searched the area immediately surrounding the site where the boy was found. They turned up several items: a boy's scarf, a handkerchief with the letter "G" embroidered in the lower left-hand corner and a man's blue corduroy cap. These clues were investigated but turned up nothing. He became known as "America's Unknown Child."

The boy was unceremoniously buried in a potter's field. He was then later re-interred at Ivy Hill Cemetery, in the Cedarbrook section of Philadelphia. A casket, burial plot, and tombstone were donated by the son of the man who paid to have the boy buried in 1957. There he remained until 1998 when his body was exhumed for the purpose of extracting a DNA sample from a tooth. On March 21st, 2016, The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children released a forensic facial reconstruction.

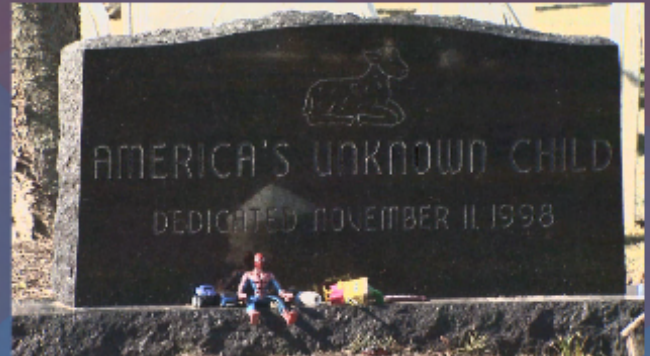
The boy's body was exhumed yet again in 2019 for additional DNA samples.

There were several theories associated with the murder. One was that he was the product of an abusive foster home. That investigation was closed in 1960 after police followed up on a few clues. Another theory was proposed in 2002 by a woman only identified as "Martha" or "M". Her story had been considered as plausible at first. But her diagnosis of mental health issues made it questionable.



Martha claimed that her abusive mother had "purchased" the unknown boy (whose name was Jonathan) from his birth parents in the summer of 1954. Subsequently, the boy was subjected to extreme physical and sexual abuse for two and a half years. One evening at dinner, the boy vomited up his meal of baked beans and was given a severe beating, with his head slammed against the floor until he was semiconscious. He was given a bath, during which he died.

These details matched information known only to the police. The coroner had found that the boy's stomach contained the remains of baked beans and that his fingers were water-wrinkled. Martha's mother cut the boy's distinctive long hair (accounting for the unprofessional haircut which police noted in their initial investigation) in an effort to conceal his identity. Martha's mother forced Martha to assist her in dumping the boy's body in the Fox Chase area.



Martha said that as they were preparing to remove the boy's body from the trunk of a car, a passing male motorist pulled alongside to inquire whether they needed help. Martha was ordered to stand in front of the car's license plate to shield it from view while the mother convinced the would-be Good Samaritan that there was no problem. The man eventually drove off. This story corroborated confidential testimony given by a male witness in 1957, who said that the body had been placed in a box previously discarded at the scene.

In spite of the outward plausibility of Martha's confession, police were unable to verify her story. Neighbors who had access to Martha's house during the stated time period denied that there had been a young boy living there and dismissed Martha's claims as "ridiculous". Several other, lesser-known theories were also presented to the Philadelphia Police Department, all of which were investigated and found implausible.

Then, in 2022 the Philadelphia Police Department got a big break in the case. It was determined on November 30th of that year, that positive identification was made using the DNA material and investigative genetic genealogy. Sources determined that the boy was the son of a prestigious Delaware County, Pennsylvania family.



Rest in Peace, dear Joseph. You finally have a name. Know that for 65 years, you MATTERED to a lot of people. And you will continue to matter.

Even to this day, people tend to the boy's grave, bringing flowers and toys.

After 65 years, the boy in the box, "America's Unknown Child" had finally been identified. On December 8th, the boy's name was announced as Joseph Augustus Zarelli, born on January 13th, 1953. The murder case remains open at this time, and police are following up on new leads as a result of this positive identification.

This story touches me personally. I have visited the site where the boy in the box was originally found. It is creepy and eerie. But, an innocent boy was thrown on the side of that road, treated as common trash. He wasn't common trash. He was a human being.



# VirPed's

By John Holt

# Fatally Flawed Ideology Part 2

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## Human psychology

As well as being open to abuse, the pro/anti-C distinction, and the similarly loaded "NOMAP" are also inaccurate ways of characterizing the bifurcation of our movement. While some extreme pro-C MAPs will not cross the divide (and likewise, most VirPeds), there are large numbers of moderate and some extreme MAPs from either end of the spectrum, who associate freely with one another.

The most pronounced splitting of peer groups is actually along the line of self-concept as a MAP. Ego-dystonic MAPs --- who truly believe they are suffering from a disorder --- are left in a self-excluding group, as they are unwilling to partake in the broader movement. Ego-syntonic MAPs (who are self-accepting, regardless of their contact stance) tend to get along with one another just as well as they did 15 years ago.

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## Counter-factual

NOMAP CSA-assimilationist positions are not supported by the evidence. We have known this for at least 25 years (before NOMAPs were even a thing!) and even with minimal funding, the occasional new study comes out to reconfirm this. As long as there remains doubt regarding the assumed properties of CSA (particularly at the age boundaries), there will be attempts to lobby on this topic. Especially if one assumes that a MAP Movement is at anything close to a functioning size. The temptation is just too great.

## Counter-theoretical

If the general public is unwilling to entertain the idea of a non-offensive, non-offending virtuous MAP, theorists also have found fault with this ideology. In their review of Sarah Goode's "Understanding and Addressing Adult Sexual Attraction to Children" Queer Theorists Richard Yuill and David Elliot (2012) criticize her exclusive destigmatization approach. That for employing "stratified, hegemonic narratives on adult-child sexual relationships [...] supposedly [presenting] a liberal notion of progressive tolerance." It ultimately offered nothing more than a dystopian future of suspicion and surveillance.

I agree with this summation, and would also add that because the VirPed "internal struggle" can never represent the mindset of a stable, self-actualized MAP, it is highly unlikely to represent a viable end-point to the personal journey of any such person. Within the context of a social movement, the VirPed/NOMAP phase might at best be recalled in good humor, as a useful intermediate calling point at which some unwanted baggage was offloaded from the band wagon.

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However, to assume that further aspirations will not evolve, or indeed do not already exist would be naive and completely ignorant of past social movements and their roles in challenging and subverting the dominant moral preconceptions.

The solution is, quite frankly, to accept what is already happening. To let nature run its course. To embrace an integrated model. Some of us will be NOMAPs, and some of us will be Yesmaps. Lack of conformity among a group reduces the chance of being seen as a cult --- a hive-mind, and makes that group more accessible/marketable and likely to grow over time.

We had this nailed down 15 years ago. There was no real bifurcation back then, but zero scale and zero visibility. As to scale and visibility, we are just getting started now.

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# Is He the Boy of Your Dreams?

By Zoomzoom4

Does his face light up when he sees you? Do his eyes sparkle when you and him are talking? Do you both uncontrollably break out into big goofy grins when you first see each other?

Does it seem like literally 45 seconds have passed from the time you pick him up to the time you have to return him home?

When he has to go eat at IHOP with his family, does he bring you some dessert that he saved for you?

Do you still laugh every time he tells the joke, even though his family rolls their eyes after having heard it so many times?

Do you help him when he has to clean his room? Do you buy him the new shoes that his mom says they can't afford?

Do his parents ask you to pick him up from school? Does he ask you to keep a secret from them?

Do you both have a secret from the world?

Do you love him more than anything or anyone on Earth?

Is this the purest and truest love known to man? The love for a boy.

The boy of your dreams.



