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We love print.

## Dear Lover!

A lover is someone who loves. It can be important to remember that when getting lost in the jungle of paragraphs regulating what expressions our love lives are allowed to take; sexual politics demand the presence of a *lover*, be it for a lifetime or for five minutes in a dark alley. Without a lover, no intimate human relations to regulate.

It's my conviction that being able to love is something beautiful and basically innocent. That's why it's interesting that people are condemned to hefty sentences – be it in the middle ages, the 1930s, or today – simply for having loved. I guess it is proof of “the power of love” (how can you write about these issues without sounding pathetic?), a power strong enough to stir up *status quo*, thus frightening people.

The first issue of *The Lover* is focused on LGBT issues, or at least what once counted as such. In fact, the main theme of this issue is to explore how the homosexual identity and the “gay” movement have changed over time. The change is so severe that contemporary LGBT activists might not even recognize that the subjects covered in *The Lover* have anything to do with them. If so, they would be good to read up on homosexual history, for example by following the reading recommendations in this issue.

Oh, and you might notice that I've written all the articles myself, except the essay in the middle. That makes *The Lover* a kind of fanzine, I guess. Or a printed blog. Or an artwork. It's simply the way I do things. *Enjoy!*



Karl Andersson  
Berlin, September 2015

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# BUSTED!

Producing child porn is the new underage smoking. Here's the latest roundup of what North American law enforcement has been up to lately. Way to go, officers!

## Shared 30 images

**WAUKESHA, WISCONSIN, USA** A 16-year-old boy had girls send him "racy images", then shared the images with his friends in a Dropbox account.

Police was notified and media report that "investigators try to piece together this disturbing child porn investigation", which includes a whole 30 images. The 16-year-old could get expelled and face charges of possession and distribution of child porn.

Source: <http://www.620wtmj.com/news/local/16-year-old-Waukesha-boy-accused-of-sharing-child-pornography-272360541.html>

## Boy, 14, in custody

**PORT RICHEY, FLORIDA, USA** A girl, 13, sent a 14-year-old boy a nude photo of herself on KIK. The boy was arrested on felony child pornography.

Source: <http://www.bhodge.com/article/20140219/NEWS/140218920>

## Police photographed teenager's penis

**MANASSAS, VIRGINIA, USA** A boy, 17, and his girlfriend, 15, sent each other sexual photos and videos.

The boy was charged with possession of child pornography (sexts from his girlfriend) and manufacturing child pornography (taking video of himself).

The police photographed the boy's penis in order to compare it to the penis in the video. But since the boy didn't have an erection when the police photographed him, police wanted to take the boy to a hospital and inject him with something that will force an erection.

After the case made headlines in media, police decided to drop this plan.

Source: <http://thinkprogress.org/justice/2014/07/09/3458159/manassas-erection-pictures-police/>



Image not related to the news article. (Source: tumblr.com)

## Kids got caught

**TRAFALGAR, INDIANA, USA** A girl sent a 15-year-old boy a sexual image. Her mother later found the image on her phone and reported her daughter to the school, who in turn contacted police.

After an investigation, the boy (!) was taken into custody and charged with child pornography.

Police chief Kurt Heminger commented that "these kids" are "gonna be caught and it's illegal to do what they're doing".

Source: <http://americanlivewire.com/2014/01/05-child-pornography>

## Youngest child porn ring ever?

**MONTREAL, CANADA** Ten boys, aged 13-15, photographed their friends and girlfriends and shared the photos on their mobile devices. The boys were arrested during an early morning sweep and taken to youth court, charged with "production, possession and distribution of child pornography".

The image is not related to the news story.



Source: <http://www.immaculate.com/news/child-porn-charges-against-teenage-boys-for-sharing-girls-pictures-1696487>

## Boy, 15, created "child porn in text"

**CALGARY, CANADA** A boy, 15, sent sexual text messages to his ex-girlfriend, 14. The messages contained no images. The boy

was charged with "making child pornography". Sgt. John Guigon explained that "written material that describes sexual

acts between or involving a person under the age of 18 is considered child pornography under the Criminal Code".

Source: <http://www.sunnewsnetwork.ca/sunnews/canada/archives/2013/06/20130611-161921.html>





Will McBride at the opening of the exhibition at the gallery C/O Berlin, 30 October 2014. Right, his photograph "Boys playing in Charlottenburg", 1957. (Photos by KA.)



# Will McBride has passed away

**BERLIN, GERMANY** American-German photographer and artist Will McBride passed away on 29 January 2015, at the age of 84.

Will was sick in the last years, and suffered in the

last weeks before his de-  
cease.

Nevertheless, he could attend the opening of *Ich war verliebt in diese Stadt*, a retrospective of his post-war photography.

in Berlin, in late 2014. The exhibition was a huge success and was covered by all major media.

Will contributed in *Destroyer* several times. He is very missed. KA

## Bin Laden succeeded by Peeping Tom

**USA** After Osama bin Laden had been killed in 2011, he was succeeded by Eric J. Toth as the Number One on FBI's "Ten Most Wanted" fugitives list.

We all know what Bin Laden did, but what terrible deeds had his successor committed? When Eric J. Toth worked as a teacher in 2008 (aged 26), he installed secret cameras in the boys' school toilets.

And that was it.

He had had no physical contact with any minor; no sex, no abuse, no nuttin.

Murderers and drug lords eat your heart out.


# FBI TEN MOST WANTED FUGITIVE

## POSSIBLY OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY, PRODUCTION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

### ERIC JUSTIN TOTH



Photograph taken in  
April 2004, FBI, David Brown



Photograph taken in  
April 2004, FBI, David Brown



Photograph taken in  
April 2004, FBI, David Brown



Photograph taken in  
April 2004, FBI, David Brown

## DESCRIPTION

**Date of Birth** Child  
**Age** 34  
**Height** 5'11"  
**Weight** 175 lbs.  
**Hair** Black  
**Eyes** Blue  
**Occupation** Teacher  
**Sex and Marital Status** Male  
**Remarks** Toth has been charged with numerous "sexual" and "child pornography" offenses. He has been charged with producing child pornography, distributing child pornography, and possessing child pornography. He has been charged with producing child pornography, distributing child pornography, and possessing child pornography. He has been charged with producing child pornography, distributing child pornography, and possessing child pornography.

**Race** White  
**Complexion** Fair  
**Build** Average  
**Scars** None  
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## CAUTION

**ERIC JUSTIN TOTH, ALIASED PRISONER OF WAR, IS NOW BEING WANTED FOR ALLEGEDLY PRODUCE CHILD PORNOGRAPHY, PRODUCTION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY, DISTRIBUTION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY, POSSESSION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY, AND POSSESSION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY.**

## REWARD

**The FBI is offering a reward of up to \$10,000 for information leading to the arrest of Eric Justin Toth.**

Who's the next Number One?  
FBI might find inspiration on the  
previous spread of this magazine.

Mr Toth had his photo plastered on billboards across the USA, including in Manhattan's Times Square.

He was finally captured in 2013. *Human Stupidity* reports: "Non-violent Eric Justin Toth was arrested by a police force almost as heavily armed as the marines hunting Osama Bin Laden."

The arrest took place in Nicaragua. Mr Toth was then extradited to the US of A, where he now serves a 25 years prison sentence, which will be followed by lifelong supervision, lifelong registration as a sex offender, sex offender treatment and limits on his internet use and contact with minors. KA

## Berlin's missing homosexuality

**BERLIN, GERMANY** The exhibition "Homosexuality\_ies" runs until 1 December 2015 at Deutsches Historisches Museum — Germany's national historical museum — and at Schwules Museum, the gay museum.

Although the plural in the title implies a certain, well, pluralism, it is mainly one kind of homosexuality that is presented to the visitors: That of same-age couples. That is a

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city, considering the significant role pederasty played in the founding of the German "gay" movement some hundred years ago, and still played until some decades ago. Sure, there are some Wilhelm von Gloeden photos on display, but mainly as the pederastic alibi, it seems, and in the context of "colonialism".

The curators have given the exhibition a strong female focus.

which is uplifting in itself; the subject deserves the same thorough treatment as male homosexuality has previously enjoyed. But maybe they should have named the exhibition accordingly. Don't expect to find "Knabenliebe" ("boy love") under "K" in the exhibition's lexicon of relevant words, silly or serious. Expect "Krüppellesben" ("crippled lesbians"). Whitewashing comes to mind. KA



## COMMENTARY

# An insult to Stonewall

Why the US Supreme Court's ruling to legalize same-sex marriage leaves a bitter aftertaste.

The US Supreme Court ruled on 26 June 2015 that same-sex couples now are allowed to marry nationwide in the USA.

The ruling caused the whole world to rejoice; the white house was lit up in rainbow colors, people added a rainbow filter to their profile pictures on various social websites, companies such as Google and Wordpress changed their headers along the same idea. CNN wrote that the historic ruling came "nearly 46 years to the day after a riot at New York's Stonewall Inn ushered in the modern gay rights movement".

Ironically, Stonewall Inn would still be an illegal joint if it existed today, as it was a hangout for young hustlers and drag queens, of which the former have now become taboo and illegal if too young.

But don't take my word for it – ask those who were there.

"We were all runaways and some were like fourteen years old", activist Tommy Lanigan-Schmidt remembers in the 2012 documentary *Pay It No Mind – The Life and Times of Marsha P. Johnson*. (Marsha was the drag queen who allegedly threw the first rock, or if it was a shot glass.) He sums it up: "It was the street kids who had

nothing to lose that was the force that got it going."

This is confirmed by another participant who was interviewed by UK *Gay Times* on the 40th anniversary of Stonewall in 2009: "All the people on the fringes – those people who made Stonewall happen – have been squeezed out [of the gay movement]."

No matter if in London, Berlin or New York, gay bars used to be where gay men met straight boys; up until a few decades ago, a gay bar was equivalent to a hustler bar. And as youth protection has escalated at the same pace as (and as a result of) "gay rights", having sex with one of the teenagers that frequented Stonewall Inn would land you with a much longer prison term today than in 1969. Actually, you might have been slapped with fines (or the baton) in 1969, but today you could easily receive 20 years or more for having sex with a teenager in the USA.

The modern gay movement may have been born with Stonewall, but the old ideals and lifestyles died with it. The ruling of the Supreme Court should not be celebrated as a historic victory – it should be mourned as the final blow to what homosexuality used to be. KA



*Koinos* on display next to *Destroyer* and *Attitude* in Intermale Gay Bookstore, Amsterdam, in 2007. (KA)

## Where is Koinos?

**MEDIA** *Koinos*, the Dutch bilingual (English and German) magazine with the purpose "to capture in words and pictures the beauty of teenage boys", was published regularly since 1993. But in 2012, the magazine suddenly disappeared – nothing has been published since *Koinos* 73.

After numerous attempts to find out what happened, *The Lover* can finally reveal that *Koinos* has not ceased publication, but rather is taking a break. Here is what we found out:

*Koinos* struggled with heavily declining sales, which led to discussions about whether they should continue publishing or not. Those who wanted to continue researched print-on-demand solutions to lower production costs.

But just as things were clearing up, the team behind *Koinos* got caught up in the legal battle surrounding the *Vereniging Martijn*, a sexual rights advocacy organization that was banned, then allowed to exist and then banned again by Dutch courts. This struggle was both exhausting and time-consuming, which led to *Koinos* not coming out anymore. The team is currently considering taking the case to the European Court of Human Rights.

There is plenty of content ready to be published in future *Koinos* issues, so the magazine will hopefully reappear in the not too distant future. Check the magazine's homepage [koinosmag.com](http://koinosmag.com) for any updates. KA

## Gay bookstores bite the dust

**COMMUNITY** Recent years have seen a mass death of bookstores and online retailers.

- Intermale Gay Bookstore in Amsterdam, Netherlands, closed in 2011 after 27 years in business. American proprietor Eric Wulfert explained that it had become too hard to compete with online bookstores.

- Männerschwarm in Hamburg, Germany, closed in January 2015, also citing the need for a new business model as the reason. Männerschwarm opened in 1981. The publishing house with the same name remains in business.

- German publisher and retailer Erich Scheer closed down his shop in Berlin-Wedding some years ago after sales had lingered for some time. Erich and his partner retired.

- Pojkart, a Lübeck based mail order retailer founded in 1978, closed down in 2010, after its founder Harry Turné had died. Pojkart was subject to a smearing campaign in Norwegian media in 2009. KA



## Illegally perverse

It's not what you do, but what's in your mind when you do it that counts. Meet Germany's new sex laws.

**LAW** 2014 was the year that Germany's minister of justice Heiko Maas (SPD) drafted a new sex law that would make it illegal to photograph kids in the nude, thus possibly causing "far-reaching changes in the recreational life of many families", as weekly magazine *Der Spiegel* put it.

The most criticized parts of the new law were taken away before the German Bundestag passed it in November 2014, but the new law still makes it illegal to photograph naked (note: not sexual) children if the purpose is to sell or exchange the pictures. Sexting teenagers may now fear to be rounded up and apprehended in the same way as in North America, although European law enforcement generally prioritizes differently – so far.

Part of the background to the new legislation was the infamous EU directive 2011/93/EU (see story on p. 57), which the member states should have implemented by December 2013. Germany was well past deadline, but another incident sped up the process.

### The Azov connection

In November 2013, law enforcement in Canada claimed to have busted an international child porn ring by apprehending the proprietor of Azov Films, an internet

retailer of nudist films showing boys playing around naked (note again: no sex). Canadian police shared the customer database with their colleagues in other countries. But whereas Azov customers in North America got lengthy prison sentences after pleading guilty to having purchased from the company, European police outside the UK simply concluded that the movies were legal.

This was brought to the German public's attention when it turned out that popular politician Sebastian Edathy (SPD) was on the Azov list. The public's contempt seems to have been topped only by the realization that he had not done anything illegal. The tabloid newspaper *BZ*, proudly interpreting the feelings of the people, ran a telling headline on its cover: "LEGAL PERVERS" – "legally perverse" – and asked: "Why is it not punishable to buy photos of naked children in Germany?"

### "Lex Edathy"

There is a lot to say about that headline and how it focuses not on deeds, but on a certain perceived sexuality – it's not what Edathy did but what he *is* that is perverse. Legally so, indicating that certain people should be illegal by their perceived constitution rather than by their actions.

The German failure to catch Edathy – his case, which included some non-Azov images too, was eventually closed through a small sum of money – is clearly reflected in Heiko Maas' hasty law proposal, which was quickly dubbed "Lex Edathy".

The new law, which became effective in January 2015, also followed the EU directive in other areas. For example, the period of limitation now starts counting only when the victim has turned 30 years old.

A petition against the new law was made by Dieter Giesecking, editor of *K13 Online*, a German news site for sexual politics. The petition was signed by 100 persons, including the editor of *The Lover*, but in the end made no difference. KA



The cover that changed Germany. The headlines read "Legally perverse" and "Why is it not punishable to buy photos of naked children in Germany?"

## German sex legislation - a crash course

**§ 175** The infamous paragraph 175 from 1871 banned homosexual acts between males in Germany. The Nazis strengthened the paragraph in 1935 by extending the sentences and lowering the culpability requirements; no physical contact at all was needed – it was enough that "the general sense of shame was offended".

West Germany changed this law only in 1969, making homosexual acts legal, as long as a man above the age of 18 did not have sex with a man under 21.


Only in 1994 was § 175 completely removed and the age of consent lowered to the same level as for heterosexual sex, namely 14 – or 16 if money or dependence was involved. But by then, Germany had already followed East Germany's more lax sex laws since the unification in 1990; East Germany had ceased punishing homosexual acts already in the late 1950s.

**§ 185** In 2008, a good decade after the abolition of § 175 – the gay movement's great victory – the German child porn law § 185 was strengthened to not only apply to children, but also youths aged 14 to 18. In addition, the actual age of the portrayed did not matter; a person aged 18 or above would also count as "youth porn" if looking young enough, so called "fake underage".

With the additional changes described in this article, the symbolical takeover of § 175 by § 185 is complete.

The German child and youth porn paragraphs also ban expressions of fantasy, such as drawings and fiction, thus focusing more on a person's perceived inclinations than his actions. In other words, we're back to Nazi law, punishing not actions, but "the general sense of shame". Legally perverse has finally become illegally perverse.



A photograph of a young man with a baseball cap and a plant. The man is shirtless, wearing a dark baseball cap with "NEW AND" visible on the side. He is looking towards the camera. A green plant with variegated leaves is in the foreground, partially obscuring his face and chest. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

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THE AMAZING STORY OF THE  
GERMAN AUTHOR AND FILMMAKER

# SEBASTIAN BLEISCH

Text: Karl Andersson Illustrations: Censored facsimiles

Eastern Germany shortly after the fall of the wall: Never before had gay porn had such advanced scripts and such young actors.

Sebastian Bleisch worked with a whole village of teenage boys, and ultimately had to pay the price for it: Prison.

A book about the scandal reveals what happened behind the scenes, and what the boys thought about it all.

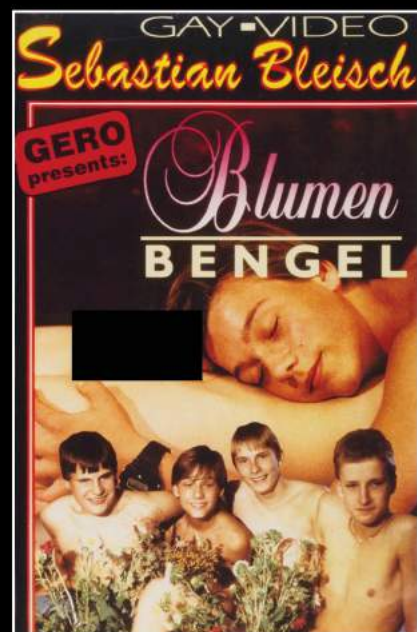
## ERSTE VERSUCHE...



In the 1990s, Sebastian Bleisch made himself a name as a gay pornographer. His movies were ambitious; they always followed an advanced script – for the genre, that is – and featured plenty of dialogue.

But most of all, they featured boys. Lots of boys. Barely legal and, as it would turn out, illegal teenage boys. Mr Bleisch was busted in 1996 and had to serve two and a half years in prison for making underage boys have sex in front of the camera and each other.

The interesting part of this story though, is not the bust itself, but the fact that Sebastian Bleisch was allowed to make his movies for many years, despite everyone knew what was going on. Not only the 160 boys who acted in his movies, but the whole city of Schwerin



seemed to be involved, if so only by silently looking away while the boys did “their thing”.

This fascinating story is told in detail in the book *Der Oscar Wilde von Schwerin* (“The Oscar Wilde of Schwerin”) by Frank Goyke and Andreas Schmidt, published in 1998 and very hard to get nowadays. The authors have not only interviewed Bleisch himself and his distributor, but also some of the boys and their parents. The story is exciting, the interviews read like a thriller, and the picture you are left with after finishing the book is nothing but revolutionary. But let’s take it step by step.

### Literary wonderboy

Sebastian Bleisch was born as Norbert Bleisch in 1957 in Schwerin, a small city in former East Germany. After finishing his studies to become a plasterer, he started to work at the theater, and from there continued studying history, also doing research in that area. In 1988 his first novel *Kontrollverlust* (“Losing control”) was published and nominated to a literary prize. His second novel *Viertes Deutschland* (“A Fourth Germany”) was published in 1991, and won the prestigious Alfred Döblin award.

Not exactly your typical pornographer, Mr Bleisch. So how come he started to film boys having sex?

Bleisch had always been interested in photography, and bought his first video camera in 1989, just as the wall came down. Shortly after, he became the leader of a video club at the local school, where the video camera was used for “alternative learning”.

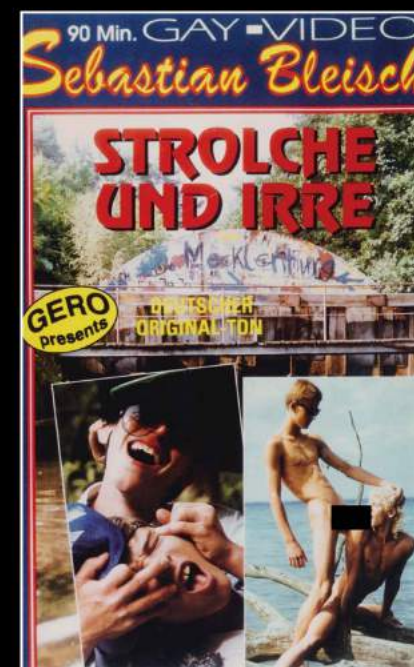
Since Bleisch was a recognized author, he was asked to open the first culture festival of Schwerin in 1990 with a performance, which he organized with his students. His 20 minute piece *Die Kinder des Marquis de Sade* (“The Children of Marquis de Sade”) was, according to Bleisch, a critique of media and society; “the sadism of the new times”. The performance revolved around cameras, monitors, and naked actors. A reviewer in the local newspaper was not impressed and called the piece a “super flop”. But it might have been there and then that the first seed to Bleisch’s enormous production – about 60 porn movies within six years – was born.

### Pocket money

After having shot some erotic material, Bleisch searched randomly for someone who could sell his films. He ended up at Gero, a big gay video producer and distributor based in Düsseldorf. The CEO himself flew to meet Bleisch, and offered him 6,000 Marks (~3,000 Euro ≈ 3,500 USD) per one hour movie. His terms were: Exclusive rights, five new actors per movie, all actors aged at least 16 or with fake ID’s, as Bleisch retells it.

From around June 1991, Sebastian Bleisch would deliver one movie a month to Gero up until the bust in 1996. To accomplish this, he featured a whole 160 local boys (and a few girls) in his movies.

In comparison to what Bleisch got for each movie, his actors only got pocket money but were content with that or didn’t know better. And of course, com-



pared to what Gero earned from the movies, which were exclusive and sold for the equivalent of 60 Euro/70 USD a piece, Bleisch himself only got pocket money and was content with that or didn’t know better.

### The whole boy gang

But it wasn’t about the money, as Bleisch explains in the book:

“It’s not only about the money. It was mostly gangs that participated, complete gangs. If one from the gang, or let’s say three of them, participated at first, then it wasn’t long until there were five, six, seven, nine of them. The gangs usually consisted of 12, 13 persons. It became part of the group unity to go to my place and make pornos.”



Since Bleisch always had an artistic idea for each movie, the shooting took place at different locations and included costumes and props. The journalists note that Bleisch seems to be a wonder of an organizer, driving around in his car to fix everything to the set, calling all the boys and transporting them to the location.

Gero (and maybe the customers) never cared for the artistic aspect of the movies, and that would later lead to frustration from Bleisch's side. But as long as he could direct and edit his own movies – Bleisch went to Gero in Düsseldorf once a month to cut his movies – it seems that he had quite fun.

### The boys speak out

And even though one shouldn't romanticize, it seems that the boys too had quite a good time, judging from the interviews. Let's hear what some of the boys say:

*How was your relation to Norbert?*

Matthias P, 18: "It was pretty good. Norbert was basically never in a bad mood, he was always pretty cool. He always has these eccentric ideas at the shooting. The relation to him was actually always quite good. One could always talk honestly with him, you know, because he also gave you honest answers. That's not too bad."

Bastian M, 17: "He's really like a buddy to me. I can talk to him about things that I don't talk to others about. I tell him there's something on my mind and he asks what it is. So I tell him what it's about, I always had some problems, but he said it was alright. I can always work things out with him. Never ever had a problem with him."

*Could one describe your relation as a friendship?*

Andy K, 19: "Yeah definitely, a friendship. It has sort of built up over time, the friendship."

*What is your relation to Norbert after the verdict?*

Christian J, 16: "Cordial. Very good, like between good friends, very good friends."

The authors quote from the verdict that says that Bleisch "ruthlessly used the developing sexuality of these youths, their curiosity, disorientation and natural urge to assert themselves", then laconically note that "the abused call the abuser a good friend".

### Like a social worker

One must understand that in a former East German small town the years after the reunification of Germany, youth unemployment was high (as it still is), and teenage boys would largely just hang



From the back cover of *Blumenbengel*, Sebastian Bleisch's fifth film, which the cover copy calls "a masterpiece".

around in the streets and let out their energy through occasional fights and other mischief. As teenage boys do anywhere if their energy is not channelled into work, scouting, the army or other activities.

It seems making movies at Bleisch's was such an outlet. It was something to do. Something that strengthened the group mentality. And in quite an innocent way compared to violence and crime, if one might say such a thing. This might be the reason why no one in Schwerin reacted, despite several families knew that something was going on. The journalists write:

"That Norbert Bleisch through his porn movies has saved some boys from a criminal career is a view that is more





Frames from *Erste Versuche*.

prevalent among the Schweriners than we had expected; you almost get the impression that Bleisch is the city's most successful social worker, one which the city ought to thank for pulling the boys off the street."

The Bleisch story is not without comical quality. As the rumors about Bleisch started to spread, the principal of one school called in the pupils' representative and told him about his suspicion that boys at his school might be involved. He asked the representative to ask around and report back. The representative, who hadn't heard about the issue before, asked around and found out that yes, boys at the school were indeed doing porn for Bleisch. But instead of reporting back, the rep-

resentative joined the porn makers and in the end appeared himself in several movies.

### Fun and "geltungsdrang"

When asked why they did it, the boys confirm that it wasn't about the money, or at least not mainly about the money. Andy K puts it like this:

"At first it was about the money for me. But after a while I didn't even think about the money. I simply did it because we had fun. Of course you take the money, sure, you always do, but somehow it was just really fun to shoot with all the people and all. ..."

The authors ask what it was that was fun: "All the stuff, the people. Yeah, we never took it that seriously. It was never like this: Now we have to work, work, work and so on, but rather we almost always enjoyed ourselves."

*If you had an idea, would it be realized?* "Yeah, exactly. Bring in your own idea or ... I don't know, it was just fun. Somehow you just forget about the money."

The other boys give similar answers. Sure, the money played a role, but so did for example the will to show off their bodies, the "urge to assert themselves" as the verdict put it (in one hard to translate German word: *Geltungsdrang*). There is also the classical teenage dream

of being a movie star and end up on the cover, never mind that it was amateur porn movies. And as we have seen, the gang unity. And the curiosity.

After interviewing many boys and reading the verdict again, the authors, who are refreshingly objective throughout the book, feel confident to conclude about Bleisch: "He has used, but not abused, the psychological characteristics of pubescents."

### Family affair

When the Bleisch story started to break, the boys' parents reacted in different ways. One mother kept silent, even when the boy tried to explain what it was all about. She did not want to talk about it.

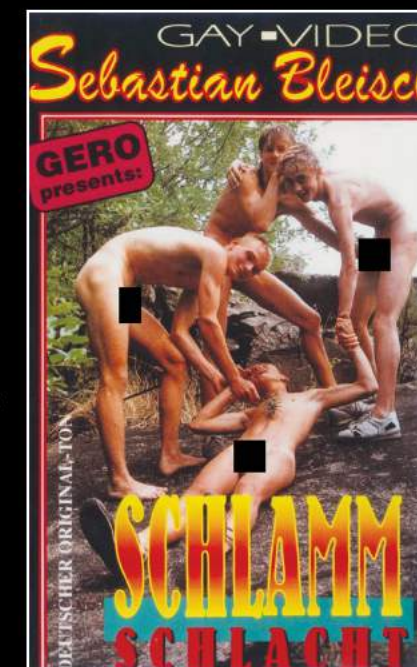
Other parents joked about it and one father called up Bleisch himself to apply for a role in his porn movies. Even before the story broke, parents got suspicious when finding too much money in their sons' pockets. One mother's reaction says a lot about the kind of mischief that could be expected of teenage boys in Schwerin in the 1990s: "Are you selling drugs? Are you making porn?"

Bleisch confirms that he never had any problems with the parents. It happened that they asked him if he really made porn, and when he said yes, they just replied "okay, so it's true, that's a relief",

according to Bleisch, who comments:

"In all these years there were eight girls who talked to their parents before the shooting started, and the parents agreed. No one of the boys told about it before the shooting, but they did so during the shooting. Most of the boys told their parents that they did casting, photos, some video. Of course they rephrased the word hardcore porn, they said erotic films, erotic pictures. And that was tolerated."

Before the big scandal broke in 1996, there were two investigations about Bleisch in 1992 and 1994 – the first one was regulated with a small fine, the second one was cancelled because of lack of severity. But it is telling, the authors note, that it was not the parents who reported

From the back cover of *Schlamm Schlacht*.





Cropped image from the back cover of *Schlamm Schlacht*. The English part of the back copy begins: "A handful of new Bleisch-boys, fucking like rabbits and jerking-off like fountains. The kids are always crazy and funny."

Bleisch; in the first case, it was a local photo shop who called the police when developing Bleisch's photos, in the second case Bleisch's films became part of a larger investigation, but were cleared.

### Sven's tragic story

There is one exception to the accepting parents, and it breaks your heart. It has nothing to do with Bleisch but all to do with a heavily dysfunctional family.

Sven grows up thinking he is adopted. His father, 39 at the time of Sven's birth, divorced and with older children, uses the adoption lie as a disciplinary tool; since you are not our biological son, we can kick you out at any time if you don't

behave. "My feelings for my father still equal zero", Sven writes in his diary at age 13. "I hate him."

When the scandal was a fact, Sven's parents were the only ones to contact not only the police, but also the local press, which wrote an article titled "Porn filmer crushed the happiness of Schwerin parents". In it, the father complains that their son's relation to the at the time 36-year-old Bleisch was "not normal", and that Bleisch showed the boys a world that was "limitless", that their son suddenly appeared in "expensive clothes", that he "came home late at night" and wouldn't "subordinate himself to the family norms".

A friend of Sven tells the authors that Sven's father would come to the gang, the boy gang that had nothing to do with Bleisch, and get his son. One can only imagine how embarrassing this must have been for a young teenager that had just been accepted in the gang. Instead of hanging out with them on the playground for the usual four hours on Saturdays, he was taken by his father to the family cottage where he had to mow the lawn and do other chores. He knew there would be consequences if he didn't.

### Flees from his parents

"In 1993 our son applied at the youth welfare office for his own admission into a children's home", Sven's mother complained in the newspaper article.

Yes, it's true. Sven ran away from home and asked the local authorities to place him in a home for children. What can possibly cause a young teenager to do such a radical thing?

In the police report that the parents filed against Bleisch, the father gives an example of how their well-behaved son had changed to the worse. He allegedly once called his mother and told her he had got "hair on his sack" and asked her if she wanted to have a look. Now what former "friendly, merry, almost problem-free child with good school records and a sports interest" would say such a thing to his mother, Sven's father asked the police rhetorically.

Sven's friend gives us the answer:

"Sven's parent's thought that Bleisch is gay and shoots child porn. They assumed that Sven and Norbert fucked;

it wasn't about the films. Well the parents knew that Norbert shot porn movies. And Sven told me: I have to show my asshole at home. His mother wanted to see his asshole."

The youth welfare office quickly came to the conclusion that Sven should not have any contact with his parents. They admitted him to a home, as he had wanted.

### Directs his own movie

Sven had got the idea to run away from home from his friend Patrick, who had done the same after being physically and mentally abused by his mother and her ever-changing boyfriends.

The two friends Sven and Patrick shot a movie together: *Manuel (1)*. It is based on Sven's experiences; he worked with great ardor on both the script and the direction. Sven plays Manuel, whose friendship with Patrick includes sex and therefore gets banned by Manuel's tyrannical father, whom Manuel ultimately flees



Another image from *Schlamm Schlacht*.



from. The movie allegedly stands out from the rest of Bleisch's production, in that it is acted with true feelings; the sex scenes are made with an intimacy that is rarely seen in porn, according to the authors, and even in the non-sex scenes, Sven's acting is very authentic.

### Open-minded boys

What is all the fuss about anyway? When confronted with the many articles and investigations digging into this case, and which are referenced in Goyke's and Schmidt's book, one can't stop wondering if maybe the boys are the sanest participants in this story. The boys who just had some sex in front of the camera and that was it. Even if the families didn't think it was such a serious thing, many of them at first reacted with disgust when they heard about what their sons had done. But why? Andy K made this reflection when his relatives found out:

"Everyone was like, gee, that's disgusting, how can you do something like that. And I have sometimes wondered about the reason, why they think like that, what's so disgusting about it. What is it that can be so repelling as they all say? And I've never found a reason."

### Bleisch moves on

So what happened to Bleisch in the end? He got sentenced to two and a half years in prison for making youths having sex for money in front of the camera and each other. It is important to note that the movies were never considered child porn. That was not what he was investigated or sentenced for – Norbert Bleisch was not a child pornographer.

He remained friends with the boys during the prison term and after.

Bleisch has talked openly about the affair in newspaper interviews, in which he says that he was thankful for the bust, because it put an end to an evil circle that he couldn't end himself. This seems to be a genuine feeling and not the usual amends that busted people sometimes repeat. Remember that Bleisch came from the world of arts and culture; he had written theater plays and published a couple of novels. He had had creative ambitions as he started experimenting with video, but had ended up a simple pornographer, let be one of the world's most popular.

The relatively advanced scripts and props had become an artistic alibi that Gero let him keep as a gimmick as long as he delivered his monthly tapes. Which he had to deliver to survive; Bleisch's salary from Gero had remained the same throughout the years. After expenses and paying the boys, about 3,000 marks (~1,500 euro ≈ 1,700 USD) remained for each month that he delivered a tape. His book writing had suffered from the filming, but he had to continue with the filming to have an income.

Bleisch's career after the prison term is proof of the frustration that he must have felt during the last years of porn making: He went back to history research and has

now published several successful books under the name Norbert Leithold. One can see it as a sign of integrity, a kind of respect for his disparate roles, that Norbert Bleisch kept part of his real name in both his pseudonyms.

One of his recent books got nominated for the Leipzig Book Fair Prize in 2010, but the nomination was withdrawn when the jury learned about Bleisch's history as a pornographer. In 2007 he published the dystopian novel *2040* about a future islamized Germany, a book which became popular among right extremists, but which nevertheless has both literary and humanistic qualities. (The book was mentioned in media reports after the *Charlie Hebdo* attack in January 2015, since that magazine's cover boy Michel Houellebecq's latest novel *Soumission* was written along the same premises.)

### Coming-of-age rites

What conclusion can be drawn from this story? Maybe this one: Bleisch and his boys created a kind of society within the society; an area for boys only, and not necessarily a bad one. We have seen how the porn making became a natural part of gang life and made the gangs stick together. We have heard how the Schweriners almost thought of Bleisch

as a social worker. So with all its imperfections, the porn making can be seen as a twisted version of the Boy Scouts. (Or maybe not that twisted, considering what we now know about the scouts – see other articles in this magazine.)

Which just proves the point that for a few years, boys may enjoy playing around with each other. It may be part of becoming a man, it's something you do before you get girlfriends, join the military or start your adult life in general, the one you will be stuck with forever after.

In that sense, Bleisch provided the boys a kind of lightly institutionalized coming-of-age process, while serving the rest of the world the most legendary porn that has ever been produced. ♥



Frank Goyke & Andreas Schmidt: *Der Oscar Wilde von Schwerin. Die Chronik der Pornografie Sebastian Bleisch* (Schwarzkopf & Schwarzkopf 1998).

The book is currently out of print and extremely hard to get.

**Note:** I managed to get in touch with Norbert Leithold and send him some questions. However, after some correspondence he decided that he did not want to answer them. I respect that, since they relate to things in the past and he has clearly moved on. /KA



Frames from *Manuel (I)*

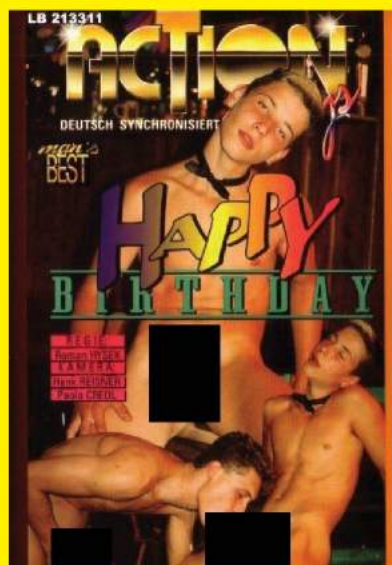




# Hi, we're hilarious!

*Action Boys, Mega Boys, Smiling Boys* – there were plenty of boys on the gay porn shelves in the 1990s. Their sudden disappearance reflects a change in gay men's self image.

Text: Karl Andersson Cover art: Google, censored by *The Lover*



*Happy Birthday*, 1994.

**I**n the 1990s, there used to be a whole genre of gay porn where the actors were teenage boys from the former Eastern Bloc, most of them probably between 16 and 19, plus minus a couple of years. The rise of home VCR's coincided with the fall of communism, and thus, these newly liberated teenagers started to populate the TV screens in many a Western European gay man's living room.

The movies were named *Action Boys*, *Smiling Boys*, *Mega Boys*, and similar, and were usually shot in the Czech Republic by names like Roman Hysek and Rolf Hammerschmidt. The movies were distributed by Man's Best, which is now a part of Europe's biggest gay porn studio Staxus. As for the graphic design ...

Let's just say it ranged from the infantile to over-the-top H-I-L-A-R-I-O-U-S! That's what you get when you combine DTP and Velvet revolutions.

If anything, these movies are the opposite to those by Sebastian Bleisch, at least production wise. Since the movies would be dubbed to German before release, the Czech actors could speak freely in Czech to the director, who yelled loud instructions to them while shooting. At least that's how it's re-enacted in the feature film *Mandragora*, whose director Wiktor Grodecki allegedly had insight into the productions.

Despite the production quality was low not to say miserable, movies of this genre sold for many times the price of mainstream porn. If a regular porn flick went for around 20 euro, a new installment in the *Action Boys* series would go for around 60, which was quite a sum twenty years ago. Low production values apparently don't bother connoisseurs of young flesh. In fact, many of the customers probably enjoyed the amateurishness of it all, and the fact that the actors were straight and often – this was before Viagra – struggled to get

hard, which was seen as proof of their attractive heterosexuality.

It was probably the Bleisch scandal that wiped these movies off the shelves over night. All of a sudden, a whole genre disappeared in gay porn. It would be succeeded by the safe alternative called "twinks". Twinks were 18 to 25 rather than 16 to 19. Twinks is a hugely popular genre today, but it can be wise to remember that it is a substitute. The typical twink flick is called "young skater boys" or similar and features twenty-something gays who dress up to look like straight teenagers. It's basically a drag show.

But something else emerged as well.

Parallel to the twink genre, with its relatively old actors, an underground and non-sexual genre of playing boys emerged. Azov Films, Baikal Films and similar producers started filming boys in their underwear or fully naked (but without any sex) and marketed them to those who self-identified as "boy lovers". The actors in these movies were much

younger than those in the *Action Boys* series of the 1990s. Many of them were young teenagers, but some were younger or even prepubescent.



*Boy Crash*, 1990.



*Bauernlümme*, 1993.



In a way, the development of these genres well reflects the development of the gay identity. In the 1990s, it was still gay to like *Action Boys*. Sure, it was a sub-genre, but those who enjoyed it self-identified as homosexuals, let be with a taste for the younger. When these movies disappeared and were replaced by twink movies, with a safe buffer to "real attraction", these men didn't fit in anymore. Henceforth, only those who were attracted to twenty-somethings could be counted as gays. As for those who went for anything younger, they were called pedophiles, which made it easy for the gay movement to denounce them, like the rest of society did.

A friend told me how the clerk in his local adult book store sneered at his loyal customer when he asked where the *Sebastian Bleisch* and *Action Boys* movies had gone, which he had bought there for quite a big amount of money over the years. "That's for pedophiles, we don't cater to those sick perverts!" the shop clerk exclaimed.

Of course, they were not pedophiles for real – the word means attraction to pre-pubescent children – but they were cast as such. At the same time, this group of men started to embrace this identity, but thought it would be more flattering to call themselves boy lovers. Most of them still weren't pedophiles for real (actually, very few people are), but with the new definition of children being everyone under 18, well, there was confusion. And if everyone already thinks that you're into children,



*Das lickende Klassenzimmer*, 1993.



*Spermakanonen*, 1995.

maybe that important border that puberty used to be for these people started losing its importance; if everyone already hates you, why not see how low you can go, sort of. Which might explain the very young boys in some of the Azov movies. Borders of attraction were pushed, tried, and sometimes crossed.

To conclude: When the *Sebastian Bleisch* and *Action Boys* genre disappeared, it gave way to genres with older and younger actors, with an awkward black hole in between, where many people's real attraction naturally used to hover.

Likewise, when the gay identity shed another layer of embarrassment, namely those who lurked at the bottom of the attraction age spectrum, this gave way to a new identity with a perceived much younger age of attraction, whereas the main homosexual identity jumped up a few ages in the same way – again leaving a weird hole where many gay men once felt most at home. ♥

SICK ROSE

# THE EVIL TWIN

PART ONE

Inspired by the US Supreme Court's decision to legalize same sex marriage, a well known academic writes freely – under the protection of anonymity – on the state of sexual politics in the USA of today. The first part is written before the Supreme Court's ruling and concludes that the conservatives made a big, big mistake.





I've been lurking at conservative websites taking in the reaction to the dust-up over same-sex marriage (SSM) in Indiana and all the fear and trembling over the upcoming Supreme Court decision.

The more perceptive understand they have lost the culture wars. There is talk of the "Benedict option" – retreat into homeschooling, evangelical colleges that stress the classics, churches that can withstand waves of liberal-cum-LGBT agitprop. You can find accounts by people who say they are being forced into "the closet" (yes, they use the term) lest they be fired or worse for openly acknowledging that they hold to traditional/orthodox Christian and Jewish beliefs on marriage and sexuality.

Now and again you get stabs at analysis that go beyond the this-is-what-happens-when-you-turn-your-backs-on-God. The analysis tends to be more interesting than what you read at the triumphalist liberal/LGBT sites of the Dan Savage type because it starts from an obvious premise that LGBT partisans refuse to acknowledge: sexual/romantic relations are trending badly wrong in our society, not right as SSM cheerleaders would have it (right as in good/correct), and the results are hurting many, particularly boys and young men in the working (or, perhaps given unemployment rates, non-working) classes.

There is a lot of fulminating at the sexual revolution and some acknowledgment that SSM is its logical culmination – that it is a symptom of derangement, not a cause. You'll see the occasional nod at the pill. You'll even encounter some materi-

alist reasoning – economic forces driving women into the workforce and all that. I've run into conservative bloggers quoting Marx's famous observation that the cash nexus of capitalism inevitably undermines all other forms of human connection, "profaning all that is holy." And most everyone on these sites is nodding in agreement with the notion that social conservatives have been played for suckers by the corporatist right and the Republican Party – useful enough for votes but never allowed to say or do anything that might disrupt dividend streams.

When Walmart is on one side and the theocons on the other, you know who is going to win. (It's the mirror image of what's going on over the TPP trade agreement – Democratic Party poohbahs are happy to take union votes and preen as champions of the working class, but heaven forbid that they do anything that might require Wall Street or corporate America to put the interests of ordinary Americans ahead of bonus pools and executive compensation.)

But for all their occasional flashes of insight, theocon analysts of the LGBT triumph fail because they cannot or will not see the elephant in the room. Bill Andriette put his finger on the heart of the matter in a talk he gave at a symposium back in 2012 on the legacy of Harry Hay:

*"The hallowed rights-bearing, hate-crime-protected, increasingly wed-able LGBT citizen enjoys status in the US only by virtue of a conjured evil twin. Against a putative internal caste of 'sexual predators,' Western governments increasingly define their legitimacy as they build, led by the US, an*

*apparatus geared toward this class's banishment and liquidation.*

*Like the ever extensible 'LGBTQ,' the term 'sex offender' is without meaningful referent... The facts of biology put the majority of males an impulsive gesture away from what is now the West's most unequal identity."*

How close these two identities are! Fall in love with a youthful looking man on the safe side of 18 who loves you back – or for that matter, exchange a kiss as a middle

television! Exchange naked pictures with your lover and be locked away for twenty years with the "Sex Offender" taped onto you for life if one or both of the bodies in question is under 18.

It was not always so. Within living memory (or at least my living memory), there was no way you could "come out" as queer – not to mention get married to another male – outside a few artsy circles in a handful of blue state cities.

You were subject to blackmail if your cover was blown. You could lose your job, and if a cop busted you while you were sucking cock, you could get locked up for a few nights. On the inside, you could get beaten up or raped. But you didn't face thirty-year prison sentences because the young male you went down on turned out to be "underage" as they now say. Jack-off material was hard to find and of rather poor quality, but you didn't risk what our former web-

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school boy with another middle school boy – and you will be hailed as a paragon of liberty, following your true nature. You may even be celebrated on national

master once called "death lite" for being lured to the wrong website and lingering there just a bit too long (he now being one of the living dead.)



We can thank the liberals for both SSM and the disappearance of the “meat rack” of available, willing, and horny boys that a reader described in his city (and that existed in practically every American – and non-American – city with large working class neighborhoods). Indeed, as Andriette suggests, one is unimaginable without the other.

The construction of a heavily policed gay identity has been a liberal project, dating to the takeover of post-Stonewall gay liberation by feminist lesbians and the expulsion of pederasts from the “gay community.” It occurred with the acquiescence of white-bread self-identified gay men terrified at what the newly

ascendent thought police might do if the cops had, uh, hard evidence of what actually stiffened many of their cocks.

The ordering of the letters in the LGBT acronym was not effected for purposes of euphony, nor to reflect the relative numbers of people involved (male homosexuality being far more prevalent than female). Rather, it proclaims the distribution of power. Those who seized that power formed a cohort of a wider army fresh from its triumph in the civil wars that tore apart the Democratic Party in

the late 1960s, drove the white working class into the arms of the Republicans, and turned the Democrats into the institutional voice of well-paid knowledge workers – liberal women chief among them. (I’m no expert on Britain, but my understanding is that essentially the same thing happened to the Labor Party there

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– busy-body women and neutered males with the right accents and politically correct attitudes pushed out the cockney proles and Liverpudlians that had brought the Labor Party into being – i.e., we’re dealing with something beyond historical accident here.)

A proper materialist analysis would see all this as inevitable. “The windmill gives you society with the feudal lord: the steam-mill, society with the industrial capitalist”, Marx wrote. And the internet, fiat money, algorithms, and data mining

give you a clerisy of knowledge workers who have captured organs of state power to police the boundaries within which they set about reproducing their newly ascendent class. It doesn’t matter any more whether boys get it on with boys or men get it on with men provided that nothing be allowed distract their children from the years of concentrated effort needed to secure a position in this class – particularly if those distractions stem from beyond the generational barrier. I’ll hover over my own kids, thank you, and can and will summon cops and prosecutors to lock away anyone who awakens needs, thoughts, and desires in my progeny that I do not approve and control.

Of course most kids have no prayer of clawing their way into this class – it’s hard enough for those sired by its members to stay in it, but, hey, that’s the price of nice, clean blue state cities where one can tut-tut at the rubes but never actually have to deal with them except when one is needed to unclog your drain, wait your table, or style your hair. Yes, there’s still a need for menial work, but the more submissive and supplicatory the folks who do it, the happier we all are. That’s why poor single mothers are so much better suited than discontented, obstreperous, romantically (if not sexually) deprived men. Such women, disciplined by fear for their children, can be more easily relied upon to do what they are told. They’re not going to take to the streets of Baltimore.

As for all those loutish lower class males, well, we know what Marx said about the ash-heap of history, although he was wrong about who would end up

on it. The priests, coaches, scout-leaders, teachers, boychoir conductors, and youth group organizers who might once have provided some sort of path out of the working class for boys are all either in prison or have been terrorized into staying away from any contact with youth.

The Republicans and the Murdoch empire come into their own with their skill at stoking rage among the resultant trapped, disgruntled males, but beholden as they are to money, are the very last entities who might organize those males into some organized force that could actually threaten current power alignments (*vide* what happened to the Tea Party). If worst comes to worst, the Republicans can always be relied upon to start another war in some Middle East hell-hole and ship off the troublesome males to get shot up, “thanking them for their service” when they come back trembling with PTSD if indeed they do come back.

**T**he conservatives were happy to let the liberals and feminists commandeer the police and the judiciary to stamp out any sign of man-on-boy affection; they sat back and even cheered as the government organized a vast bureaucracy to peer into the thoughts and whims of ordinary people. Orwell got it generally right when he forecast what would happen to privacy. But his thought police and telescreens are laughable when set next to the apparatus that Snowden revealed – to the power that Google and the DOJ have amassed to pinpoint at any moment what any and every one of us thinks and craves. Don’t be evil indeed. Don’t be doubleplusungood is more like it.



But now that they are getting a small taste of the coercive powers that have heretofore been directed at the likes of us to enforce the new sexual and romantic orthodoxies, the conservatives are howling. People are saying mean things about bakers and florists who won't cater gay weddings, even calling them bigots!

I think the conservatives are spot on when they say that it's not going to stop there. But then I've been paying attention for the last twenty years; I really haven't had any choice in the matter. It was either that or hear the clink of the prison door slide into place behind me. I have – out of raw, base need for survival – followed the course of events that started with NAMBLA marchers being boo'd at Pride Day parades and a science teacher losing his job because he was on NAMBLA's mailing list, and ended up with some 750,000 "sex offenders" in prison and a couple of million more branded for ever as demons beyond the pale of humanity. Is history likely to repeat itself? You bet!

Their own distrust of state power – of "the government" – should have alerted conservatives to the likely course of events once the job of disciplining and channeling human sexuality was removed from church, school, and home and handed over to the government. How many times have I read conservative bloggers recoiling at one or another revelation of pederastic goings-on, screaming that "this is a matter for the police!" and scolding those in charge of whatever church, prep school, boy choir, scout troop, or youth sports league it might be for trying to settle the matter on its own. It's the one issue where you can't tell the liberals from

the conservatives; they're both demanding that the police be let in to bring back scalp.

Yes, liberals were the ones who sent the prosecutors to the Catholic Church to rid it of pederasts, but it was the conservatives who unlocked and opened the door. Now that the pedos have either been imprisoned, terrorized, or fled to Rome, the prosecutors are not going to stop. The Church is no longer a sufficiently juicy target; its coffers empty, its distinctive voice largely stilled, it has become another anemic mainstream American Protestant denomination – which is what the feminist liberals wanted in the first place. So the police and prosecutors are turning elsewhere.

Once unleashed, coercive, bureaucratic power isn't content with what you want it to do and doesn't recognize your right to set limits. To be sure, some of the apocalyptic mewling from the evangelicals and Orthodox can sound like children having fun scaring themselves with horror stories, but I have little doubt that the more perceptive conservative commentators are onto something. Anti-discrimination suits and ferreting out signs of bigotry towards the sainted LGBT may not be as glamorous or titillating as hunting down pedos, but it's going to provide a steady stream of work, not to mention budget allocations and excuses for political preening.

Why were the conservatives so blind? Educated by a long chain of distinguished thinkers that stretches back from Allan Bloom to Russell Kirk, C. S. Lewis, Michael Oakeshott, Alexis de Tocqueville, and Edmund Burke and ultimately to Aquinas and Augustine, they should have

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known what would happen once you invite government and bureaucracy in to police and standardize the most intimate of human relations.

(I should be clear here that I'm referring to those who are usually known as social conservatives or, more rudely, thecons. We have two other groups of people who call themselves conservative in this country, but they are not conservatives – they have no interest in *conserving the traditional organs of civil society* that took shape without the help of bureaucrats wielding police power; just the reverse, in fact. They are as fanatic and determined as the liberals to sweep away anything that might interfere with their ambitions to remake things – it's just that their plans differ from the liberal project to force everyone to be appropriate. These two groups are the corporate types who control the Republican Party – Koch Brothers and the like; power holders whose wealth stems from extractive industries and view any restraint on their “right” to chew up any grassland, forest, or seabed that can be turned into cash as anathema. And the so-called neo-conservatives who are neither new nor conservative, but apostate Trotskyites who have hijacked American foreign policy in the service of Israel's Likud Party and, true to their Trotskyite heritage, seek to thrust society into endless war and tumult.<sup>1</sup>)

**I** suspect that the conservative blindness is wrapped up with the Judeo-Christian obsession with sex, homosexuality in particular. I have lived, worked, and studied in non-Western parts of the world and know that this obsession is a peculiarly Western phenomenon. (It's not even common to the Abrahamic religions since traditional Islam was pretty

**“People who have nothing to lose will eventually begin to act like people with nothing to lose.”**

relaxed about these matters; they didn't call the Islamic world “the pederasty belt” for nothing. The virulent “homophobia” encountered today in those places is a recoil against LGBT/feminist imperialism.) Out in the wider world of Asia and Africa, you can find instantly recognizable equivalents of our rightist yahoos, wingnuts, Bible-thumpers, and climate change deniers. They fetishize their weapons, fret over falling birth rates and the purity of their young women, demonize their minorities, lament for the good old days, and get all wet and hard when their soldiers gun down foreigners. The one thing they don't do is see the downfall of all that is holy when somebody gets his rocks off sucking some kid's cock (among other things, too many of them enjoy it themselves) – unless they're forced to swallow NGO-imposed LGBT orthodoxy. (And

until recently, they would have greeted with hoots of derision the “revelations” in the Western media that all-male priesthoods were rife with pederasts.) It's the small, liberal Westernized elites in these places that have decided that well, maybe our boys are at risk after all.

I grew up in a typical liberal agnostic household that viewed religion – particularly the Christian religion – with something between condescension and hostility. When I began to figure what my desires were and found – how shall we put this – “validation” for those desires in the novels of Mary Renault and other romanticized accounts of the classical world, I naturally saw it as lost paradise. I was a reasonably attractive boy and it was fun jerking off to visions of a place where I could have been naked in public with other boys, where our beauty would have been admired and celebrated with statues and all that, where I could look forward after a few years as the lover of man who would teach me everything I needed to know to selecting my own beautiful boy and passing on to him all that I had, uh, learned.

Given the standard secular liberal attitude towards religion I picked up with mother's milk as they say (and my mother was militantly hostile to Christianity), it was easy enough for me to fall into the trap of blaming the coming of those prudish Christians for destroying this paradise. (I do still sometimes wonder what all these thecon intellectuals pushing for the “Benedict option” and “classical education” are going to do if their sheltered kids actually learn Greek and Latin and start reading the *Symposium* or the *Eclogues* in

the original, particularly if any of those kids are anything like I was – for I too grew up in a very sheltered household.) What's worse, I started reading Nietzsche when I was far too young and failed to see that all his colorful anti-Christian invective was a cover for dismay at the full ramifications of the death of God for our civilization – he being the first fully to grasp those ramifications.

Nietzsche believed Christianity had sowed the seeds of its own demise – and thus inevitably of our civilization when it became central to our civilization – by its hostility to “life” as he put it, which in large part (not entirely) is a fancy way of saying “sex.” “Christianity gave Eros poison to drink,” Nietzsche famously said. “He did not die of it, certainly, but degenerated into vice.”

**B**ut it's not this simple. I have been poring over a fascinating new book, Kyle Harper's *From Shame to Sin: The Christian Transformation of Sexual Morality in Late Antiquity*. Given that I have lived through a complete transformation of sexual morality in my own lifetime, it's really, really interesting to see how that took place in another society, one that as luck would have it is the forerunner of my own. Of course things happened more slowly in those days – it took three centuries rather than three decades for a top-to-bottom revolution in attitudes towards such things as female virginity, homosexuality and pedosex – but you learn from what examples you have.

Harper starts from the central position of slavery in the classical world.



Even Nietzsche, for all his discussion of Christianity as a slave religion fevered with resentment, fails to grasp the full significance of his observation. It is no accident that Harper's previous book was on the slave economy of late antiquity and that he is arguably the world's leading living expert on the subject.

Let me quote from a review<sup>2</sup>:

*"The jolly free-for-all, which we like to imagine as forming a timeless human bond between us and the ancients, was based upon the existence of a vast and cruel 'zone of free access' provided by the enslaved bodies of boys and girls. Slavery, 'an inherently degrading institution,' was 'absolutely fundamental to the social and moral order of Roman life.'"*

Once you realize that the Christian attack on the sexual morality of the ancient world was the very means by which slaves were transformed from "breathing furniture" – the term Harper uses to describe pre-Christian Roman attitudes to slaves – to human beings created in the image of God, it gets harder to lament what happened. If the demonization of pedosex was the price of liberating millions of boys from their status as simple playthings, well, maybe it was worth paying after all.

(I know, I know, there's a third way, what about honorable Athenian pederasty and all that? Harper makes the point the Romans had little room for it; they didn't pretend that men don't find boys hot, but they believed pederastic sex is inherently destructive of boys' masculinity – it wasn't the Christians who first

had that idea – so freeborn boys were off limits. If you wanted to get your rocks off with boys – and what healthy man doesn't? – you had boy slaves if you were wealthy or frequented brothels if you weren't.)

In other words, the fulminations against pedosex and homosex (and sex with girls to whom you're not married) is totally wrapped up, Harper implies, in Christianity's DNA. Harper makes short work of the gay Christian liberals who try to dance around Paul's condemnation of male homosexuality in Romans. (Sorry, Matthew Vine! You're a nice guy and you mean well, but your analysis doesn't cut it.)

But this does leave traditional/orthodox Christians with a problem. I think a case could be made – maybe somebody's making it – that Christian sexual morality was a response to the conditions of late antiquity, that slavery is no longer a problem, and that just maybe certain elements of that morality can be overhauled without destroying the essence of the religion to reflect today's dilemmas and moral challenges rather than those of two millennia ago.

(Among today's challenges: too many boys growing up "without any stable relationship to adult male authority" to quote Daniel Patrick Moynihan, who went on to note that societies that allowed that to happen "asked for and got trouble," and entire classes of young males who are given to understand that they are human trash – unneeded, unwanted, refuse. As our late undead webmaster used to point out, people who have nothing to lose will eventually begin to act like people with

nothing to lose, a notion that any glimpse of what is going on in Baltimore or the Middle East should re-enforce.)

**I** leave it to the Christians to debate whether their religion can survive an update of its moral code; whether prohibitions against homosex and pedosex are too intertwined with its essence to permit an excise.

(Personally, I hope the excisers win the debate. I would like to live in a world where I could repair to a lovely gem of a church every Sunday and thrill to boy-choirs proclaiming the glory of God and of His creation through the music of Palestrina and Bach with a devoted man/boy couple on one side of me, a pair of happily married loveable old faggots on the other, and the pews in front and behind crowded with big grinning families, then listen to a kind pederast of a priest admonish us that we are not to use each other as things but to love each other in imitation of Christ while cute altar boys genuflect and wave censers full of burning incense back and forth. But I'm not expecting it.)

In the meantime, though, the social conservatives will continue to suffer defeat after defeat until they recognize that by ceding to liberals and feminists the prerogative of wielding police power to enforce the new sexual and romantic boundaries on intergenerational relationships, they have made it inevitable that that power will be turned on them to enforce other aspects of the new boundaries.

To be sure, it is much less likely today that some selfish monster of a priest or coach is going to subject Timmy<sup>3</sup> to

sexual assault. But it's also much less likely that when Timmy needs and wants a sympathetic older guy to help him deal with surging hormones that he is going to find one. The conservatives think that's a good thing, but the price for using the police both to protect Timmy from assault and to limit his freedom is that Timmy is going to try to figure things out from scurrilous web sites, from an equally confused girl or boy his own age – and that if and when Timmy decides to settle down with a same sex age-mate, the culture is going to celebrate it. And anyone who doesn't join in the celebration is going to find him or herself not just accused of bigotry but potentially driven out of the community at the point of a gun. ♥

## Notes

1. A good account of their origins can be found here: <https://www.jacobinmag.com/2015/04/neoconservatives-kristol-podhoretz-hartman-culture-war/>

2. <http://www.nybooks.com/articles/archives/2013/dec/19/rome-sex-freedom/>

3. This refers to Harry Shier, who raped boys, including one named Timmy, in North America in the 1930s and 1940s. Those of you who think it didn't happen need to read this: <http://harpers.org/archive/2013/01/sliver-of-sky/> It's behind a paywall, but you can read an interview with the writer here: <http://www.npr.org/2013/01/10/168964002/in-sliver-of-sky-barry-lopez-confronts-childhood-sexual-abuse>

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## Was Hitler a pederast?

Did the Nazis use the beauty of adolescent boys to seize power?

Next we will look closer at the twins' origins and join them in their battle for the homosexual identity.

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## La buena educación

The German scout movement was founded by men who loved boys. In his 1912 book, Hans Blüher spills the guts about a same-sex eroticism that aimed to learn boys respect women.

Text: Karl Andersson

**S**ex scandals in male groups such as the scouts, the Catholic church and college football have become everyday news. It is therefore interesting to read a book from 1912 which documents maybe the first big such scandal. That's what Hans Blüher's pamphlet *Die deutsche Wandervogelbewegung als erotisches Phänomen* ("The German scout movement as an erotic phenomenon") does.

Today we look upon the scouts – or at least the original idea of the scouts – as the epitome of morality. Good deeds and all that. That's why we get so shocked when reading about sex making its way into their ranks, tainting this chaste movement with something that doesn't belong there.

But Blüher shows that it was rather the other way around: The erotic component was prevalent in the German scout movement – called *Wandervogel* (lit. "migratory bird") – all from the start, to the extent that the movement wouldn't be possible without it. In plain English: The German



Hans Blüher,  
1888 – 1955.

scout movement was founded by men with an erotic interest in boys. You can call them homosexuals, pederasts, or, as Blüher does, "inverted". He concludes about them that:

"... the movement is unthinkable without them, since no one would put in so much work, voluntarily and often without thanks, who couldn't make use

of the secret force of attraction which ruled him, and of the successfully channelled love tension."

He also provides plenty of examples of how the men who enter the scout movement were interested solely in their own sex and didn't follow the mainstream path of meeting a woman and marry.

This was probably why people in general looked upon the fresh scout movement with suspicion in Germany. To bourgeois society, they were symbols of anarchy and treated almost like an early gay movement. Indeed, a newspaper even dubbed the *Wandervogel* a "pederast club". Blüher comments on the accusations: "If this club for boys, youths and men had anything



to do with ancient pederasty, then it had also been so from the beginning.”

It should be said that this eroticism didn't necessarily mean sex; there can exist an erotic tension in a group as a kind of underlying force which seldom or never represents itself as physical “sex”.

### Crash course in overcompensation

Despite the societal awareness of the erotic aspect, it could fly under the radar for some time. But it lurked there, like a sleeping bomb waiting to get triggered. As the idea of the homosexual started to gain ground, that became the trigger that caused the bomb to explode.

It was in Germany that sex between males first left the area of the criminal code and became a new field in medicine. Thus we went from punishable actions, of which anyone could be found guilty, and entered the area of pathology, where homosexuality rather was seen as a fundamental part of certain people's sexual disposition.

The result: Maybe the world's first man/boy sex scandal. One which Blüher provides insights to, which are highly relevant even today. The most important one is probably that of overcompensation; those scout leaders who most vehemently denounced other leaders for being “homosexual” were invariably homosexuals themselves. Denouncing others was a way of saving their own skin. Keep this in mind next time a person gets very agitated about a certain behavior! (Heinz Dörmer made the same observation in the concentration camp, see p. 55.)

The people who accused the Wandervogel movement of possessing an

“inverted basic instinct” were a minority – they were the loudmouths that turned out to be “inverted” themselves – but they caused significant harm, according to Blüher:

“And yet these few managed to saw up-roar and disruption in the whole movement! They lighted a fanatical persecution rage against anyone who was even remotely suspected of ‘homosexuality’. ... [The persecution] reminds strongly of religious agitation and inquisition and took a nervous, telltale form ...”

An objective observer must ask himself why this issue can't be dealt with quietly, Blüher comments, because the “inquisition” took extreme forms. At one point, there was a plan to send out a questionnaire to all scout leaders where they would “be forced to assure on their honor that they look deep inside themselves to see if they find any kind of ‘homosexual’ inclinations, and if yes, that they resign”.

### Erotic upbringing

One can only imagine the response from the senders of such a questionnaire to someone who defended the erotic component as a benevolent and crucial part of the upbringing of boys. That's exactly what Blüher does in large parts of the book.

Blüher argues that there exists an in-born hostility between the male and the female sex: “In every male-female relation lurks a struggle and a cruel lust.” Whereas the love relations between males are built on a different foundation: “The primal death enmity of opposite genders does not exist here; this eroticism thus has no trace of sado-masochism, and the

intellectual nature of both lovers is allowed to flourish.” He refers to Plato, who held this kind of love for higher standing, but stresses what its purpose is:

“When the man has planted this same-sex love in the boy, the boy will later apply a better style towards women, one that is ambitious rather than sadistic, and he will start to respect women. Only through the influence of the inverted eroticism will the male-female love of a civilized people (‘Kulturvolk’) reach a humane form.”

And that's what not only the scout movements, but most, not to say all youth organizations are about, or at least used to be: to raise the ambitions of the nation's civilized people. “All of this contribute to giving the human love a higher form.”

That's why girls in these boy organizations don't fit in. Those who argue for letting girls into the scout ranks – and people did already in 1912 – have not understood “the essence” of the movement, according to Blüher.

The scout movement survived its early scandal, and for a long time, boys were brought up to good citizens by way of this “inverted influence”. In recent decades, however, the scandals fall like rain and we're well through eradicating the erotic aspect of youth organizations. One can only speculate about the results of such a fundamental forced change in the lives of boys and men. ♥



Hans Blüher: *Die deutsche Wandervogelbewegung als erotisches Phänomen. Ein Beitrag zur Erkenntnis der sexuellen Inversion* (Kampmann & Schnabel). Sixth edition from 1922, originally published in 1912.

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### My own private crime classic



**FICTION** Robin Maughan's 1967 thriller *The Wrong People* is set in Tangier, Morocco, where the homosexual English teacher Arnold is on vacation. He

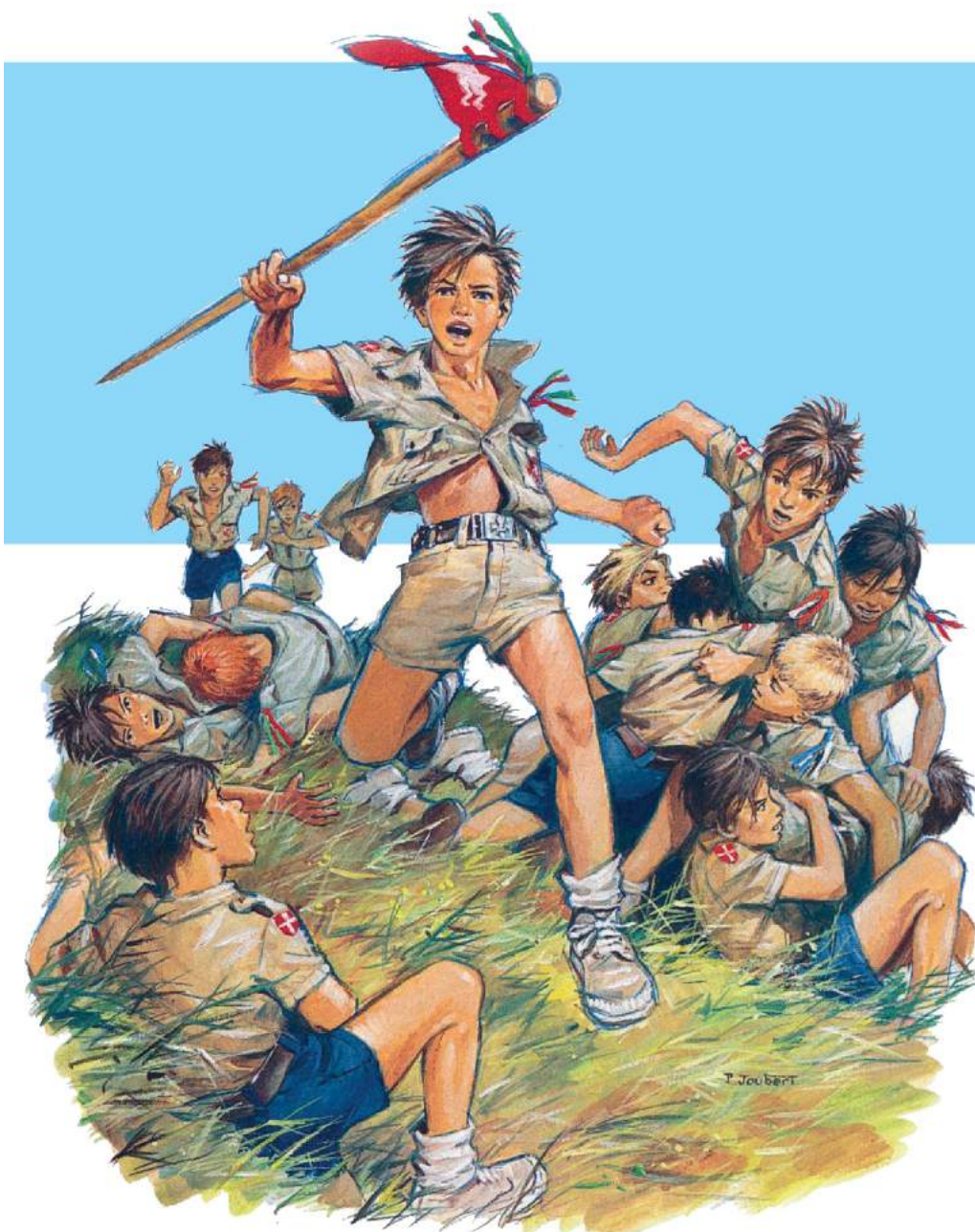
soon finds the homosexual subculture and makes friends with the English resident Ewing. As Arnold falls in love with a 14-year-old boy, he agrees to a devilish deal with Ewing, and the twisted plot can unfold.

Tangier was a “boy paradise” of the Pattaya kind, and just like in the Thai version, its retired residents quickly become bored and start intriguing.

They also reason about the perfect age of a boy. At 19, a boy has already become a man: “The most important formative years of his life had been the six years before I met him.” Which is why one should meet the boys at 13 or 14.

This reasoning works as an important backdrop to the story. What makes the book great, however, is that it's a subculture novel which is good “for real”, in that the dramaturgy does not follow wishful thinking. Buy it, read it, own it! KA





# THE BOY SCOUT PERVERSION FILES

The so called perversion files were supposed to contain evidence of child sexual abuse in the Boy Scouts of America. After browsing hundreds of files, we found evidence of something else: Culture.

Text: Karl Andersson Illustrations: Pierre Joubert

**I**n October 2012, the Boy Scouts of America released thousands of previously secret files. These internal documents allegedly describe child sexual abuse committed by about 1,500 scout leaders between 1965 and 1985.

Think about it for a moment. 1,500 scout leaders. Meaning many times as many boys; we're probably talking about tens of thousands of sexual incidents, and thus the word scandal doesn't quite do it this time. It might be more appropriate to talk about a culture.

The Boy Scouts used to be an all-male culture – that's even in the name. Men (or, as we shall see, youths) taught boys to grow up. Sex might have been part of that initiation, as it has been in most initiation rites, from the Dorians to the Papuans. It's a so called anthropological constant.

There is plenty of proof from other boy scout organizations that sex was part of the scout culture, along other plays, singing and learning to play musical instruments. There is more to "boys' life" (as the magazine of the Boy Scouts of America is



called) than just hiking and learning to tie a fisherman's knot.

A hundred years ago, Hans Blüher described this culture in his 1912 book *Die Wandervogelbewegung als erotisches Phänomen* ("The scout movement as an erotic phenomenon" – see the previous article.) In it, he shows that the erotic element was crucial to the German scout movement all from the start, which led to criticism and scandals already back then.

The 1994 interview book *Und alles wegen der Jungs* ("And all because of the boys" – see the next article) by Andreas Sternweiler tells the same story. In it, the scout leader Heinz Dörmer describes how sex was a natural part of the social activities of the boy scouts in Berlin in the 1930s. The leaders were older than the boys, naturally, but not much: Heinz was

only 17 when he became a scout leader, the boys a few years younger. When the Nazis seized power, they used the erotic factor to disband the scouts when forming their own Hitler Jugend bands. But according to Heinz, sex was frequent in the Hitler Jugend too.

It does indeed seem that boys and men often have sex when grouped together. This was evidently the case with the Boy Scouts of America too. This went on for many years without anyone bothering.

No mothers worried about their sons. No one reported anything. Until the 1960s, when the first seed to the modern mindset was sown.

### Enter Gay Liberation

In the 1960s, Gay Liberation introduced the Homosexual persona to the American mindset. All of a sudden, the sex that had probably been going on for a long time in the Boy Scouts was looked upon with suspicion. Parents started to look out for Homosexuals, and mothers

started questioning their sons and reporting the sons' scout leaders. Culture was replaced by Crime.

Isn't it ironic that the last Boy Scout scandal was that they wouldn't allow gays in the scouts, and now they're accused of not having

taken severe enough measures against them? Because no, this is not only about men having sex with boys. You don't have to browse many files before you encounter some scout leaders that were suspended merely for having flirted with the wrong guy, namely the plainclothes cops who used to entrap gay men in the 1960s.

Joseph B Wishnie, 40 years old in 1965, was one of those wrongly accused scout leaders. The file sums up his case in one sentence: "Arrested for making homo-



— Ah! Tu sculptes toujours tes totems? (p. 24)

"Nice totem!" A Pierre Joubert illustration from the book *Billy de West-Hill* from 1958.

CONFIDENTIAL RECORD SHEET  
DIVISION OF PERSONNEL  
B.S.A.

DATE 3/5/65

Full Name JOSEPH B. WISHNIE  
(No initials if you can possibly get full name)

Address 4808 N. RIDGEWAY

City CHICAGO State ILLINOIS

Age 40 (This is important and should be exact)

Approximate age \_\_\_\_\_ (To be used ONLY when exact age is not known)

Religion JEWISH Nationality POLISH

Occupation FACTORY WORKER - ELECTRONICS PLANT AT PRESENT

Education HIGH SCHOOL

Weight 190 Color WHITE Height 5'3"

Color of hair BROWN Color of eyes BROWN

Outstanding characteristics or interests YOUTH WORK WITH VARIOUS ORGANIZATION

Married or single MARRIED Children 3: 20 YRS, 12 YR  
(Number, ages, and names, if possible)

Wife's name MARCY 37 yrs YOUNGEST BOY AND GIRL ARE MENTALLY RETARDED

SCOUTING CONNECTIONS:

Unit #	City	State	Office	Date Reg'd.	Date resigned
3883	CHICAGO	ILL.	C.M.	2/64	2/65
3981	CHICAGO	ILL.	C.M.	3/64	3/65
3956	CHICAGO	ILL.	A.G.M.	9/64	3/65

Special recognition CUBMASTER'S KEY

Recommended for Confidential File for following reasons:

Arrested for making homosexual advances on a police officer in the Y. M. C. A. washroom. THE MATTER WAS CALLED TO OUR ATTENTION BY POLICE COMMANDER [REDACTED] OF THE AUSTIN DISTRICT STATION, CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT. THIS RESIGNATION AS AN OFFICER HAS BEEN SECURED.

Signed [Signature]  
Asst Scout Executive

GC-294-31

File #1162: Joseph was married, worked in a factory, and had three kids, two of which were retarded, when he made the mistake of "making homosexual advances on a police officer in the Y.M.C.A. washroom". One may wonder just what makes this a "perversion file".

sexual advances on a police officer in the Y.M.C.A. washroom."

Emmett White, 38 years old in 1966, was another one: "Mr. White was picked up by a local law enforcement agency on or about January 19, 1966 for making a contact [with an officer]."

These poor men were not only suspended from the Boy Scouts in the 1960s, but were once again named and shamed almost fifty years later, now not as homosexuals, but as child molesters. For being arrested in the 1960s for making contact with plainclothes cops.



# Suspected Child Abuse Reporting Form

ANY COUNCIL  
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

The following information was provided to

Name of person Alan A. Westberg Position Scout Executive

Address Box 1506, Casper Telephone 234-7329

Name of suspected abuser Wes Andreen

Address 867 Lane 7 1/2 Telephone 754-2310  
Powell, WY 82435

Scouting position if known Former Youth / Adult (18 years old)

Child's name [REDACTED] Date of birth 11/20/76  
16 years old

Address [REDACTED] Powell, WY 82435

Parent's name Dr. [REDACTED] Telephone [REDACTED]

Address [REDACTED] Powell, WY 82435

Physical indicators observed Downcast Eyes; Fidgety

Behavioral indicators observed Embarrassed; Angry; Hesitant to talk about it

Other indicators observed/known Upset

Reporter's name and position [REDACTED] Asst. Scoutmaster

Date of report 10/7/93 Signature [REDACTED]

File #0895: Wes Andreen, born 1975, got reported for having had sex with a "child" born 1976, who was "hesitant to talk about it" according to the reporting Asst. Scoutmaster.

Let's face it: There's a thin line between the LGBT people that everyone loves – and that the Boy Scouts of today have been criticized for not letting in – and the "child molesters" that the Boy Scouts are accused of *having* let in. Just when does sex between two males cease being homosexuality (thus loved and pampered

by society), and start being child sexual abuse? Is sex between an 18 year old and a 16 year old homosexuality or child sexual abuse, according to today's society? Meaning: Should it be defended *en masse* or should we put the 18 year old in jail? What about 19 + 15? 20 + 14? 21 + 13? 14 + 13? 15 + 13? It's funny how the line must go somewhere, and on the one side of it we're loving them and putting them in every sitcom, whereas on the other side we advocate death penalty and castration.

## Not two years apart

That's the dilemma of today's society, and here's a concrete "perversion file" to take a stand on: In 1993, Walmart employee Wes Andreen had been in the scouts for five years, since he was 13. At 18 he had just become a scout leader. He allegedly did some things with a 16-year-old "child" in the showers at a camp. Wes was born in April 1975, the "child" in November 1976, so roughly one and a half years separated the "child molester" from his "victim". Perversion, right? Or wait, is this the thing we're supposed to hail? Is this in fact one of those sacred LGBT people that we should criticize the Scouts for not letting in? This is all so confusing.

As for the "indicators" of sex abuse having taken place, the report notes these "physical" signs on the 16 year old: "Downcast Eyes; Fidgety". Under "behavioral indicators" we read: "Embarrassed; Angry; + Hesitant to talk about it". You don't say?

The bulk of files are officially called the "Perversion files". To me, that doesn't come off as very serious. It gives the impression

that we're not dealing with crimes (which they of course mean that we do), but rather with a certain personality type. Most sexual behaviors or "orientations" have been denounced as perverse throughout the times, homosexuality being one of the last ones. It's more or less a rule that what we regard as perverted at one point in history will one day be accepted. What does that reveal about the way that the "perversion files" were named?

When reading the files, you realize that the Boy Scouts themselves used this vocabulary, and that they actually recognized a certain type of man that they tried to watch out for and get rid of. Many of the letters in the files contain half-spelled-out insinuations; they mention they have found "another one", or "one of them".

Recommended for Confidential File for following reasons:

Homosexual

Gay Liberation spread the idea of the "Homosexual" to the masses.

Once again, the Gay Liberation of the 1960s is probably to blame for such a focus on a certain type of man. Sometimes it's more spelled out. They talk about "sodomy", "sexual deviance", "crime against nature", or just plain "homosexuality".

## Jailed for "sodomy"

German citizen Michael Zook was 25 years old in 1966, when he was suspended from the Boy Scouts because, as the Scouts write in their internal documents, he was "in jail on charges of sodomy". The report gets more detailed: "He was caught with a scout in his troop [name censored], committing oral copulation. He is also



Dear Sirs:

Evidence in the hands of the local police department make it necessary that I request that Wm. Wicke, 30 years old, and registered as Scoutmaster of Troop 134 Green Bay Wisconsin be placed on the confidential list.

A warrant for his arrest has been issued but he cannot be located by the police at the present time. The charges are making improper advances toward several boys in the troop.

This guy has been an enigma to us for a long time, but because of his extreme popularity as a school teacher he has been awarded several community awards. The parents of several of the boys in the troop have been hostile toward having any police action taken against him.

I hope the police are successful in locating him because he needs treatment so that he does not involve other boys elsewhere.

Sincerely yours,  
*Hugh Sargent*  
 Hugh Sargent,  
 Scout Executive

File #1155: The Boy Scouts acted – as in this letter to the “Personnel Division” – but the parents asked them not to.

charged with indecent liberties on three other scouts.” The report says nothing of the age of the ones he engaged in “indecent liberties” with. They are not called children or boys, just “scouts”, so it’s hard to know if Mr Zook was arrested because of gay sex or gay sex with a minor.

And once again, today’s society should have a hard time deciding whether it’s good or bad to be accused of “sodomy”. After all, gay is good, right? At what age of the younger partner does gay cease being good?

### But they *did* do something

The Boy Scouts have been harshly criticized for allegedly covering up these scandals and not doing anything. That’s what they’ve been apologizing for with the release of these files. But when I read the files, I get the impression that they actually did a lot. They always asked for more information, and they happily suspended people who were proven to have had sex with boys (or tried to have sex with adult police officers, as we have seen). They did everything that was ex-

pected of them back then. Now we view these acts as crimes, or much more severe crimes, and we are upset that proof of sex between a man and a boy didn’t result in more than a suspension from the Scouts.

But in fact, the Boy Scouts often reported the suspect to the police, according to the files. But the police didn’t always follow up on those reports. The reason might not only have been that they wanted to protect the Boy Scouts’ name, as is suggested in media reports about the files, but also that they simply didn’t view the incidents as serious enough to investigate further. Maybe that’s why “no formal action” was taken by police in the case of Theodore White, 31 years old in 1970, who, according to the file, had engaged in “improper moral conduct with boys in the troop”.

### Parents protested police action

Even more telling are the files where parents of the boys beg the Boy Scouts not to go to the police, as with school teacher William Wicke, 30 years old in 1964, who was accused of “improper advance with

Scouts”. The Boy Scouts write in their secret file: “This guy has been an enigma to us for a long time, but because of his extreme popularity as a school teacher he has been awarded several community awards. The parents of several of the boys in the troop have been hostile toward having any police action taken against him.”

The parents’ reactions show that there was another way of thinking around back then. And the fact that Mr Wicke had “extreme popularity” as a teacher probably shows something too.

### A male culture

To get back to where we started: The word that comes to mind when browsing the files is culture, or rather, the end of a culture. In the culture that was, sex was not a big deal. It was part of growing up as

a boy and being initiated in an all-male environment. It was something that everyone did, and thus it was per definition the norm. It wasn’t anything one talked about with one’s wife, just like most men who had the fortune to grow up in the time of group masturbations hardly lay out the words about it at the dinner table. It was a male culture.

But with the 1960s came Gay Liberation, which in turn was closely connected to Women’s Liberation. Both were

extremely successful, and the focus on sex legislation – and the vast changes of it – in the West today is largely a result of that.

Members of the male sex used to belong to the female hemisphere of life when they were children. Then they would transcend into the male hemisphere when becoming adults. This process took place around puberty. It is another one of those anthropological constants – it works the same way in virtually every society that has ever existed. But today, boys are kept

in the female hemisphere for as long as possible. In practice, that means that we look upon them as children ever higher up in the ages. But in the 1960s, and especially before the 1960s, the boy left the female hemisphere and entered the male one – or in this case, the Boy

Scouts of America – much earlier. He became a man. And as a man, what he did with other scouts in the showers was nobody’s business.

So to conclude: What we’re dealing with here is not an abuse culture. It’s a male culture. And the reason why we are shocked is that we’re now living in a female culture. ♥

Note: An abridged version of this essay appeared in *Baltimore Outloud*, Vol X, Issue 12, 16 November 2012.



— *Qu'est-ce qui se passe? Tu sais ce qu'il y a?* (p. 99)

“What did you do in the showers today?” “MUM!” Another Pierre Joubert illustration from *Billy de West-Hill*.



# I fell in love with a Hitler Jugend

Holocaust survivor and scout leader Heinz Dörmer devoted his life to boys – and had to spend years in concentration camps for it. His important story mirrors the development of society and the LGBT movement.

Text: Karl Andersson    Photos: Schwules Museum, Berlin

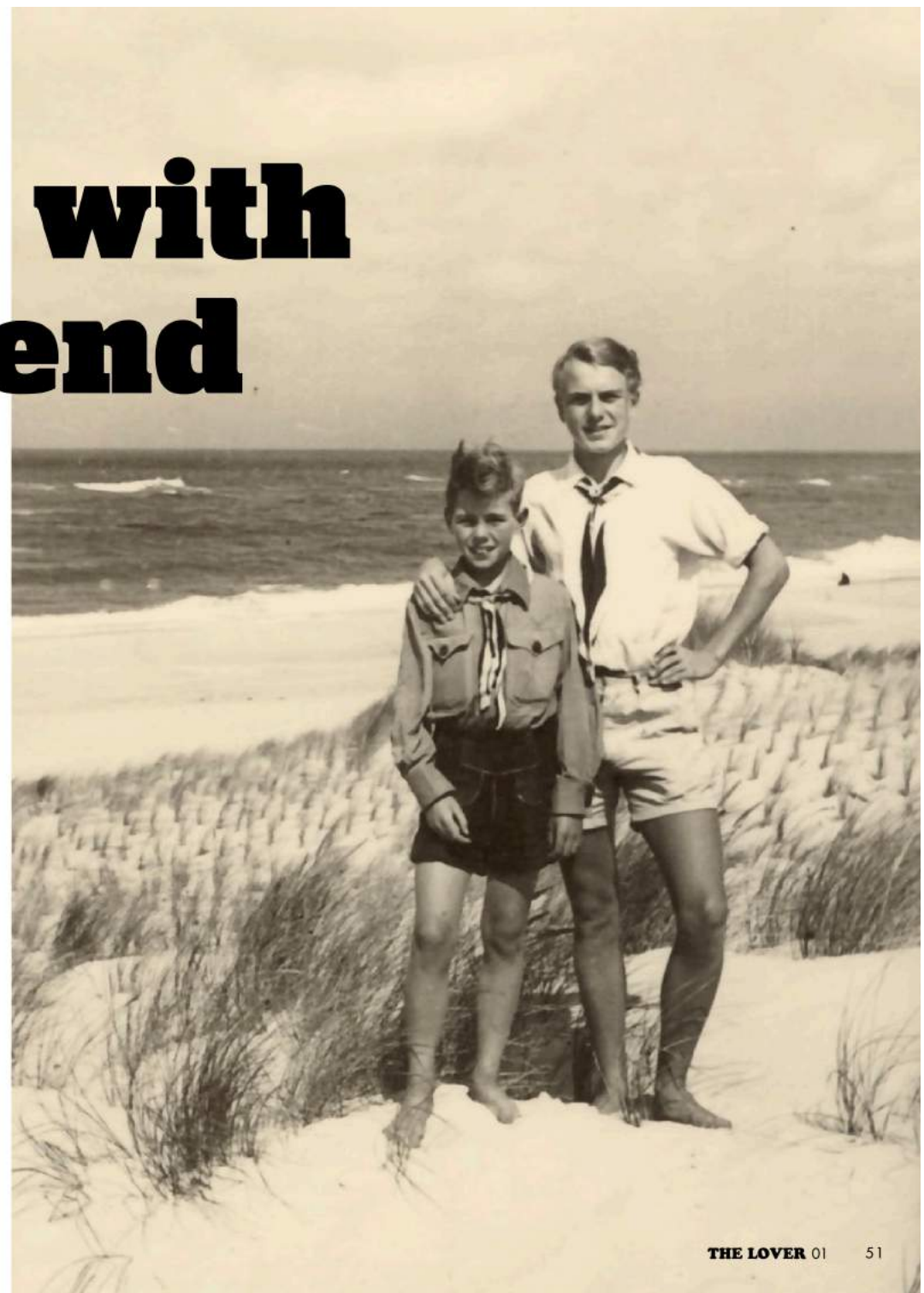
**I**n 1994, Andreas Sternweiler self-published an important biography in cooperation with Berlin's Gay Museum. *Und alles wegen der Jungs* ("And all because of the boys") is the result of many interview sessions with the, as the book's subtitle informs us, "scout leader and concentration camp prisoner" Heinz Dörmer. Born in 1912, Heinz was arrested by the Nazis in 1935 and spent ten years in prisons and concentration camps because of his homosexuality.



Andreas Sternweiler: *Und alles wegen der Jungs. Pfadfinderführer und KZ-Häftling Heinz Dörmer* (Schwules Museum & Verlag Rosa Winkel 1994).

It begins with some very nice years though. Heinz enjoys life in Berlin as a teenager in the late 1920s. He comes to terms with his homosexuality and starts seeing boys his age or a year older. He tries out different occupations, acts in plays at the local amateur theater, and goes on hikes with his scouting group. In 1931, when he has turned 18, he becomes a scout leader himself.

Sex was a natural part of being a scout; some of the games they played in the group had a sexual undertone (the loser of a game might have to pull down his pants and get his butt slapped), and sometimes they would masturbate together. We learn that it worked the same way in most of the scout groups that Heinz had some insight into; they were almost like a homosexual





subculture, but where the boys would grow up to healthy straight family fathers (which they did, if not killed in the war).

Heinz was an older teenager, the boys younger teenagers. Heinz would fall in love with one of the boys and become his friend for a longer period of time. This included getting to know the boys' parents, who were thankful and proud that their son was so close with the scout leader. Did they know about the sex? One probably didn't dissect friendships in that way back then. Intimacy of one kind or another was probably taken for granted.

These beautiful years end with the Nazis taking power in 1933. One of their first moves is to take control of the scout movement and convert it to Hitler Jugend. This is a complicated process. The scout leaders, humanistic rather than militaristic, many of them homosexuals, protest instinctively against this process. But by threats, violence and media campaigns, the Nazis manage to convert them one by one. Whole organizations change flag.

One gets the impression that the boys were a powerful raw material, available in huge masses without individual will, and that the Nazis knew how valuable this "boy bulk" was. Thus they did their best to reorganize it to suit their needs.

Heinz eventually switches to Hitler Jugend too, but he and his boys secretly make fun of the Nazis. And there was apparently plenty of sex in the HJ bands too.

### Five years for mutual masturbation

Heinz is arrested at age 23 in May 1935. He is thoroughly interrogated and eventually confesses to some masturbation sessions. More is not needed – Heinz gets



Heinz Dörmer on the right.

sentenced to five years in prison.

It's an interesting detail that none of the boys confessed to anything when interrogated, despite they were not accused of anything themselves; they were merely heard as witnesses. Heinz explains that they were a tight group after having spent about three years together, and that the boys were completely on his side and kept silent despite hard attempts to make them talk.

The protocol from Heinz's trial neutrally describes his crime: "The accused has in the protocol from 16 April 1935 admitted, that he during a HJ hike in Leipzig in March 1934 engaged in mutual masturbation with his comrades Regenberg and Strübing in a guest house at night."

It's an irony that the same regime that sentenced Heinz to five years in prison

for having "violated, abused and ruined" two boys by masturbating together with them, would later send one of those very boys to his death in the war – Regenberg drowned as the German soldiers were driven into a swamp by the Russian army.

### Concentration camp horrors

Heinz spends five years in a relatively mild working camp. He comes out in 1940, but only enjoys two months of freedom before he is arrested again. The background is a new Nazi decree stating that "all homosexuals who have seduced more than one partner" should be arrested again upon their release. This time, there is not even a trial. Heinz will spend the next five years in the concentration camps of Sachsenhausen and Neuengamme. And this is where hell breaks loose for real.

As always when reading accounts from Holocaust survivors, one is hit by the completely uncivilized practices in the camps. The prisoners are treated like animals. In fact, the lowest of the prison guards were uneducated peasant boys, only teenagers, who took pleasure in

treating the prisoners the way they treated their cattle – they even brought their ox whip from home to use on their new hoard. And if they whipped someone to death, they got praise from the higher ranking SS officers.

Killing becomes an everyday sport for the officers. A prisoner takes off his hat in the heavy sun. An SS man takes it from him and throws it some meters across the ground, then orders the prisoner to go get it. As the prisoner runs for his hat, the SS man shoots him dead in his back. Other officers use their fists to "finish off" prisoners who are lagging behind. Mass murders are committed by way of neck shots or hanging the prisoners on meat hooks where they slowly bleed to death. "Everyone trembled and no one knew if he would survive the next day," Heinz recalls. The corpse wagon (pulled by prisoners, of course) went like a shuttle to the camp's own crematory, dubbed "the baking oven." If the wagon wasn't around, a wheelbarrow would do.

Eventually, Heinz makes it into a safer part of the camp where he and his group

### Man/boy life in the 1930s



This photo beautifully captures what boys and men could do together before the internet. They are underway and their car breaks down; they have to change a tyre, working together to solve the problem.

One of these boys is Heinz Regenberg. The same regime that sentenced Heinz Dörmer for masturbating with him later sent Regenberg to his death in the war.



assemble weaponry and where knowledge in fine mechanics is needed – it would therefore be bad business for the Nazis to kill them off after having invested in their education. He also makes a camp-internal “career” by way of performing for the other prisoners; the camp management used culture to motivate the prisoners to work harder. And he had young lovers during his stay in the camp. This was common not only among the homosexual prisoners. Sex happened, but wasn’t common because of the bad physical shape of the prisoners. It was more about sharing the bed and looking out for each other.

Heinz’ account from the concentration camps is shocking, interesting and important reading – the book should be part of the “Holocaust canon” – but we will leave those atrocities for now.

### Post-war persecution

Heinz is liberated by the Brits in May 1945, when Nazi Germany has surrendered. He settles in Flensburg in northern Germany, where he creates a youth theater group. His new lover Günther, a 16-year-old plumber apprentice, helps



On the beach in Denmark, 1970.

with the technical stage work. Heinz also takes up scouting and reconnects with other scout leaders who have spent time in concentration camps because of their homosexuality. His new scout group mainly consists of Günther’s friends from school.

Heinz is finally back to the beautiful life he had created for himself back in Berlin before the Nazis came to power. He goes on hikes with his new scout group, and just like before, sex is a natural part of scout life.

### “Pedagogic eros” in the 1950s



After the release from the work camp in July 1954, Heinz takes up scouting again. He is inspired by Gustav Wyneken’s idea about “pedagogic eros”. Some of the parents of the boys explicitly approve of Heinz’s intimacy with their sons, since they can see that the boy benefits from it. A mother asks Heinz to photograph their son, since “you see him with other eyes”. The non-family perspective was appreciated.



In Deister, 1950.

This will all change in 1949, when Heinz is arrested again for having had sex with boys. The Nazis’ hardening of § 175 in 1935, which sent Heinz to prison the first time, has not been repealed by the new regime. He spends only two weeks in jail this time though, and is released during an amnesty with one year probation.

However, a new and bigger investigation shortly begins. This time, a homosexual scout leader has reported all other homosexual scout leaders in order to gain advantages for himself. (This is often how sex scandals are created, not least today. “The bigger the mouth, the more they themselves had to hide”, as Heinz put it.)

The trial is interesting to follow. Once again, the pattern from the 1930s repeats itself, in the sense that all boys keep their mouth shut about what they have done or not. “You sure have made a good preparation work” (in getting the boys not to speak), the judge sarcastically remarked to Heinz. But some apparently spoke and Heinz is found guilty. A media campaign against homosexuals writes about his

case, and Heinz is sentenced to two and a half years in prison plus the broken probation, makes three and a half years.

Heinz is taken to the same work camp as during his first sentence in the 1930s – and realizes that the camp is run by the same manager as in the Nazi era! But this time Heinz quickly manages to become the librarian’s assistant and later sets up a prison theater group, which in the end becomes so successful that they perform at other prisons in the country.

And then he’s out again.

And then he’s arrested again.

It’s 1960 and the Nazi version of § 175 is still intact. In addition, the age of consent for gay sex is 21. So when Heinz gets his last prison sentence, a full four years this time, it’s for having had sex with men 16, 17 and 18 years old. The verdict does not spare any details: “Manfred was not prepared for obscene deeds, but let it happen since he was curious and also so excited that his penis had become hard. The suspect then sucked on the boy’s penis and ultimately moved his own sex organ between the thighs and buttocks of the 16 year old, while masturbating his penis with his hand. Hereupon both of them ejaculated.” It can be noted that the “boys” too were sentenced to youth custody for having masturbated together.

Heinz was finally released in 1963 and did not get in trouble with the law again. In 1969, homosexuality became legal in Germany, but it would take until 1994 until § 175 was formally abolished. Heinz repeatedly tried to get recognition as a victim of the Nazi era, but all his applications were rejected for bureaucratic or other reasons. He died in 2001.





Heinz' new scout group at summer camp on the island of Sylt, August 1948.

The book about Heinz was published by a gay museum to bring to light previous societies' homophobic justice systems. We're supposed to shake our heads in disbelief at what Heinz had to go through, just because he was a homosexual. And we do. But at the same time, a lot has happened with the homosexual identity since 1994, when the book was published.

### Who's the Nazi now?

How would today's society react to what Heinz did? He had sex with young teenagers, some of them under 14 years old, when he himself was above 18. In the preface, Wolfgang Theis, co-founder of Schwules Museum, stresses the importance of writing down Heinz's and other homosexual Holocaust survivors' stories, as they constitute "a piece of homosexual

experience". But would Heinz even be called a homosexual today?

Despite the book is published to make us aware of the Nazis' persecution of homosexuals, it's a fact that Heinz would be sentenced by today's society too for having sex with young teenagers. In fact, the five years that the Nazis gave him seem mild compared to what you can get in the USA for similar deeds.

One can also note the similarities between Heinz's latest conviction and that of Eric (see next page). Both were in their early forties when they had sex with their boyfriend of sixteen. In 1994, this was still worth defending by the gay establishment as a legit expression of homosexuality. Who would defend Heinz today? ♥

Many thanks to the archive of Schwules Museum, Berlin, for finding and scanning the photos for this article.

# The new age of consent

Eric spent half a year in jail for having had sex with a 16 year old. His case shows how a new EU directive has made Europe's old age of consent laws obsolete.

Text: Karl Andersson

**I**n the summer of 2014, Eric (name changed) met a new friend, Janek (name changed), on a beach in Estonia. Janek was aged 16 and a half. Eric was just over 40. They started hanging out together, which resulted in oral sex on three occasions (Eric sucking off Janek).

Eric is a law-abiding citizen – he would not be able to work in his profession if he was previously sentenced. He has always been active in gay rights issues. Being from Eastern Europe, he has followed the fight for gay rights in the former Eastern Bloc up close. In Estonia, gay sex became legal in 1992, and in 2001 the age of consent for gay sex was lowered to the same age as that for straight sex, namely 14. That is also the age of consent in Europe's biggest country Germany and several other countries such as Austria and Hungary. In other parts of Europe, such as Scandinavia and the Czech Republic, the age of consent is 15. In the UK it is 16.

So Eric didn't think he did anything wrong when he started dating 16-year-

old Janek. The wall had come down. This was not the Soviet Union anymore. Gay rights had spread from the West to the East. And Janek was well above the age of consent.

### A "hypersexual" teenager

Despite this, Eric was apprehended and put in jail for half a year, awaiting trial. He was charged for having "purchased sex" from a person under 18. Eric had not paid for sex, but he had had given petty cash to Janek, as well as purchased some presents and taken him to a café, which



Police investigator Valentina with her 14-year-old son (anonymized by *The Lover*). Source: vk.com



counted as a “remuneration” according to the police investigator, Valentina, and according to the prosecutor, Gunter. That crime is punishable with prison up to three years (article 145-1, subarticle 3), but the prosecutor changed the charge to subarticle 1; if the prosecuted has committed the same crime before, the punishment is imprisonment between two and eight years. Eric had not committed such a crime (or any crime) before, but since he and Janek had had oral sex three times, the first times were considered a “previous crime”.

He was also charged with article 178-1, subarticle 1-1: Repetitive suggestion to a minor to have sex. This article relates to minors under 14, but the prosecutor claimed that 16-and-a-half-year-old Janek “did not understand the meaning” of what Eric did. This was because he was considered to be mentally under-developed because of poor results at school, and because he was, according to a psychiatric evaluation, “hyper-sexual from the age of twelve”. Society had tried to cure the

teenager from his “hypersexuality” since then, but without much success. Thus, the 16 year old, hypersexual since age twelve, could not understand what it meant to be sucked off, according to investigator Valentina and prosecutor Gunter.

Lastly, Eric was charged with possession and production of child porn, also under article 178. This was not based on any full images, but on some thumbnails found on his computer.



Gunter, the prosecutor.  
Source: vk.com

### Forbidden to enter the EU

The case reached the media, which published photos of Eric and warned the public that he was a dangerous child molester. The reports called him a “pedophile”, while carefully avoiding to mention

that his “victim” was 16 and a half years old. Along with the text that “it is highly probable that Eric committed sex crimes against many children” was a telephone number that the public could call if they had any information on him.

In February 2015, Eric was sentenced to five years: Half a year in prison and four and a half years on parole. Since he had already spent half a year in Estonian jail, he was “free” to go. He was expelled from Estonia, and since his home country is not yet a member of the European Union, he had to sign a paper prohibiting him to enter the EU for six years, as he was considered to be “dangerous to the health of the European society”:

“I had to sign the agreement, because otherwise I was threatened to wait in jail for one to one and a half more years until the

court hearing, and the chances to get clean out are far from 100 percent”, he explains.

### EU raising the age of consent

Eric’s case is the first one to highlight an important change in sex legislation that is being implemented in Europe, and which makes the previous age of consent laws obsolete. Estonia introduced the new laws in December 2013, and Eric was unfortunate enough to become a kind of showcase for them.

The new laws are based on EU directive 2011/93/EU “on combating the sexual abuse and sexual exploitation of children and child pornography”, which replaced an old framework decision. An EU directive leaves it up to each

member state to implement it in the ways they see fit to achieve the results drawn up in the directive. This specific directive was voted through by the European Parliament on the 17 December 2011, and the deadline for the member states to implement it was set to two years later: the 18 December 2013.

Let’s take Sweden as an example of how this process works. In November 2012, a promemoria (Ds 2012:45) from the Ministry of Justice suggested how Sweden would implement the directive. In September 2013, the government had a law proposal (2012/13:194) ready, and in November 2013, the parliament discussed the proposal and voted yes to it. The Swedish take on the EU directive focused on checking people working with children against a police register, and

extending the period of limitation so that it starts counting only after the victim has turned 18.

In Austria, the Nationalrat voted unanimously for a similar law in June 2013. Their take on the EU directive was to criminalize grooming (which had already been done in Sweden) and to strengthen the law which regulates in which areas a previously sentenced person can work.

Even Russia, a non-EU country, has followed the EU recommendations. Right on the directive’s deadline, in December 2013, Russia adopted an amendment to its criminal code. Now a “purchase” of sex from a person under 18, or “a promise of money or any kind of remuneration”, is punishable

with up to five years in prison (whereas sex with a person under 16 is punishable with 20 years or life in prison).

And as we have seen, Estonia too amended their sex laws right on deadline.



Irina Kivimäe, the photographer.  
Source: facebook.com

### Violations of human rights

Eric says he experienced several violations of human rights in the Estonian justice system. One of them was the way his photo was taken. According to Eric, the police investigator Valentina wanted to spread his photo to the media, but since media don’t publish mugshots, she invited them to take their own photo of him:

“On the second day of my detention, Valentina invited a photo journalist, Irina Kivimäe, who works at a newspaper, to the detention house. I was ordered to get out of the cell and into a corridor,



Olga, part of the investigation team and present during the search of Eric’s flat. Source: vk.com



and there I met her. She did not present herself, so I thought she was working at the police, and I followed an order to get photographed. Had I known then that she was a journalist, I would have hidden my face in my hands and not allowed her to take any pictures."

It was only six months later, out of jail and watching a TV reportage about her, that Eric recognized her and understood who she was and that he had been fooled. He mentions laconically that the photographer stresses her high work ethics in an interview: "I respect everyone who I photograph."

### Homophobia behind youth protection

The wave of new sex legislation that Eric became a victim of is called "child protection", but results in classic homophobia, as is evident from Eric's story. Strip the case of labels such as "child" or "hypersexual" and see it for what it is – a man thrown in jail for having a sexual relation with another man – and it shows striking similarities to the situation pre gay liberation.

It is no news that relaxed laws on homosexuality go hand in hand with strengthened "youth protection". It should therefore come as no surprise that the current LGBT triumph in the West causes ever more extreme countermeasures. But as long as the protected children were *real* children, these laws at least had an ounce of credibility. What we're seeing now is the virtual increasing of Europe's various ages of consent to a universal 18 years level through a few judicial "tips and tricks". This backlash of human rights deserves to be brought to light, not least by the LGBT movement, since gay men, as always, are the ones most targeted. ♥



Police investigator Valentina. Source: vk.com

## Help Eric!

Eric is seeking a good faith lawyer who would be interested in assisting Eric to place an appeal with the European Court of Human Rights, for a success fee.

According to Eric, violations of human rights

committed by the Estonian police were numerous, including homophobic humiliations during the "investigation" and while in prison, as well as keeping Eric in prison longer than the term set by the first court decision. The Supreme Court of Estonia dismissed Eric's state-set lawyer appeal,

stating that "they were not interested in dealing with the case". They also dismissed Eric's own appeal, stating that Eric "had no right to appeal himself, only via a lawyer".

*The Lover* would be happy to forward any suggestions to Eric. Email [editor@thelover.eu](mailto:editor@thelover.eu).

# AT LAST

Have anything to say to your fellow *The Lover* readers? Email [editor@thelover.eu](mailto:editor@thelover.eu) to be included on this page! You can also send letters to: *The Lover* c/o Der Kreis, Katzbachstr. 33, 10965 Berlin, Germany.

## ASK THE LOVER!

Have something on your mind? Email [editor@thelover.eu](mailto:editor@thelover.eu) for advice!

There is a boy I met several years ago. He is a very, very handsome kid. He is quite well built, as a friend described, quite curvy. Anyway, he came out to me almost two years ago. He knows I love him unconditionally and feels safe talking with me. He straight out asked if I thought he was attractive. I told him he is a very beautiful young man. He thought he was overweight. I told him part of what makes him beautiful is his solid build.

Now, a few months later, he messaged me that he wants a physical relationship. I told him again I find him very attractive, has an amazing build, but since he just turned 16, I didn't feel it appropriate. I told him I love him, but need to figure out if I am in love with him.

Honestly, it sounds rather erotic and exciting, but morally and ethically it seems wrong. I have, of course, never said this to anyone. I am hoping to get more information on this type situation.

**John**

*Dear John — what you are describing is the possibility of a homosexual relation, that is, a sexual relation between two men.*

*What's "morally and ethically" right is not always easy to decide in human relations, no matter the age. But a general advice is to not take responsibility for the other person's thinking. He is an adult and you have to trust that he knows what he wants — it's not your duty to figure that out for him. Instead, you should take responsibility for your own feelings. Do you want him?*

*As always, follow the laws of the society where you live. Even if some laws are silly, breaking them can hurt you and your partner in many ways. The obvious example being Iran, where you could be executed for having gay sex, but the West is not far behind in some regards.*

*Good luck!*

## No compassion for "mislead sheep"

In July 2015, the *Zug der Liebe* (lit. "train of love") took to the streets of my hometown Berlin. The organizers stress love: "WE DON'T HAVE ENEMIES! Even mislead sheep are mothers, fathers, uncles or aunts — at least they are somebody's child. (...) We teach our children how it should be right: share and do not be greedy, don't fight, talk to each other, respect each other, be proper

and don't hurt other beings. But today exactly like yesterday entire nations break those simple rules while we keep allowing it. TODAY is exactly like YESTERDAY."

Beautiful, eh? And the banner "Refugees welcome" to top it off. I tested the beautiful wording by sending a question to the press spokesman: "Are pedophiles welcome to join?" It's a silly question,

because it's irrelevant; no one knows or checks the sexuality of people who attend events. And what does "the P word" mean anyway? The answer was nevertheless enlightening, in confirming who's the most hated group in society, beyond "mislead sheep" and "respect". It read: "Nope." Today is indeed exactly like yesterday, and even love bombers apparently have enemies.

**Fett**





<b>THE LOVER</b> ART COLLECTION	ITEM #1: <b>Sex Pistols Châlet du Lac poster</b>
YEAR: <b>1976</b>	DESIGN: <b>Malcolm McLaren</b>
PRINT RUN: <b>Less than 100, few of which have survived</b>	
ESTIMATED VALUE: <b>~10,000 US Dollar</b>	

## “I met him at Waterloo station with a large wedge of cash”

The Sex Pistols Châlet du Lac poster from 1976 was screen printed in less than a hundred copies to advertise the band's first concert in Paris. We asked an English punk rocker how he got hold of his copy.

“I actually had four of these posters about 13 years ago, I got them from the promoter of the gig himself, arranged through a mutual friend; he got the train over from France and I met him at Waterloo station with a large wedge of cash.

He actually still had the brown wrapping paper with McLaren's hand writing and 1976 postage stamps still on.

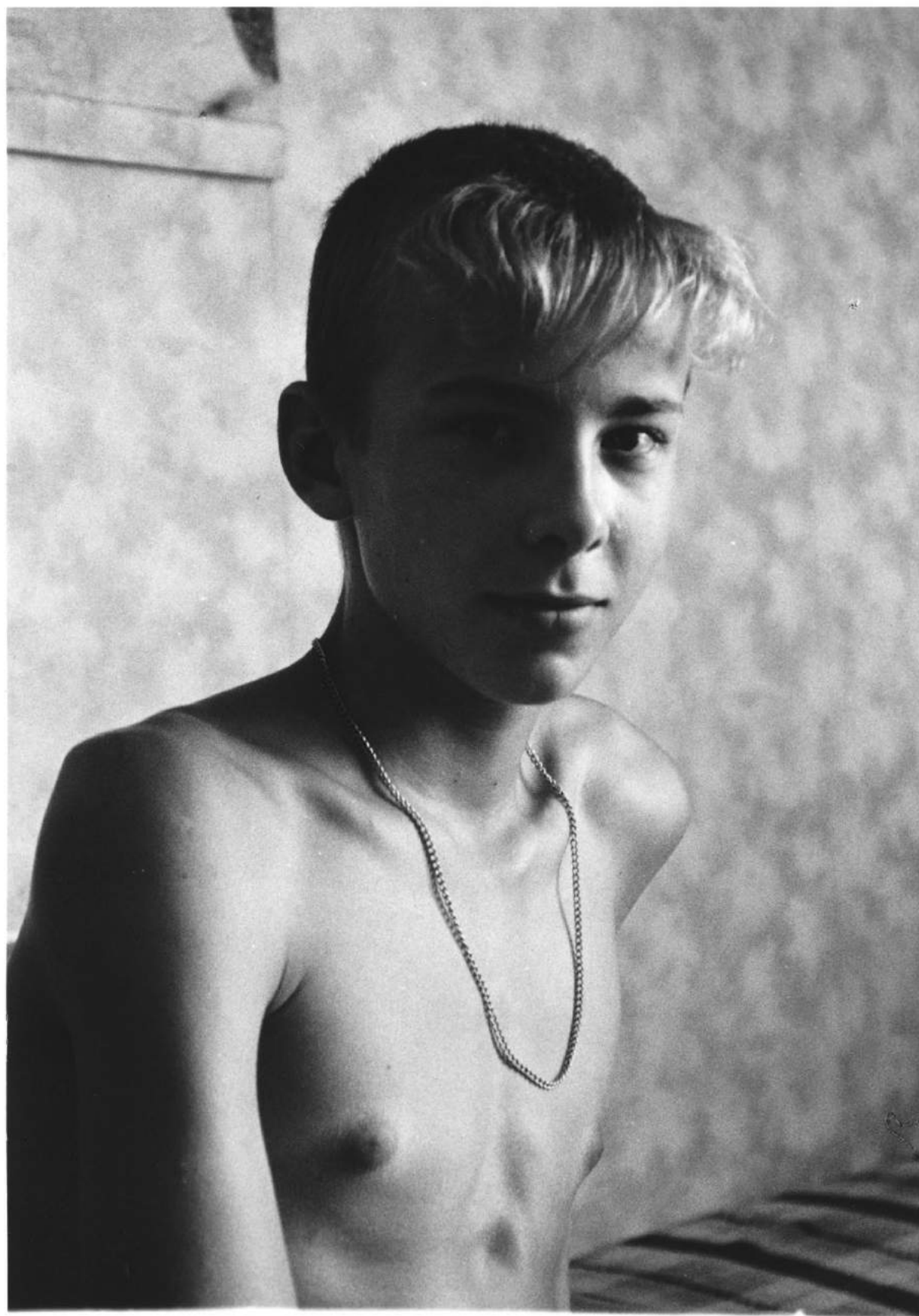
Of the four posters, one went to a friend here in UK, another went to a friend in the US, and I kept the other two for ten years. About three years ago I

sold my spare to [art historian] Richard Kendall for 4,000 GBP (~5,630 EUR ≈ 6,180 USD). Six months later he sold it to a collector in Italy for 6,500 GBP (~9,150 EUR ≈ 10,040 USD). Nice profit he made in six months, eh!

I do still have the last one, this was the best out the four as it has some blue ink fingerprints on the rear from the screenprint. Wonder whose fingerprint? McLaren, Matlock, Bernie Rhodes? Maybe someone else did the screenprint but I did read it was those three that did the posters.” KA







*Prague.* A new photo book.  
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