

# Gay man, ex-skinhead unite to fight biases

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When Matthew Boger was 13, he told his mother he was skipping school because he was being bullied, and that he was being bullied because he was gay.

“I was sort of seeking her help,” he said.

He didn't get it.

After trying to convince him that he couldn't be gay, she grew angry and “dragged me across the room and pushed me out the door,” said Boger.

Now, at 44, Boger lives on 20 beautiful acres over the Cosumnes River in El Dorado County. But he was homeless for most of his teen years, because his mother kicked him out of their Bay Area home.

That may not have been the worst of it.

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