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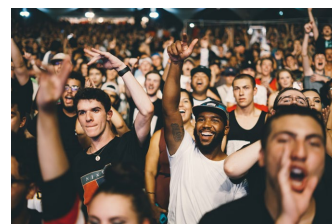
## May 2023 Newsletter

### BACK SQUAWK

THREE HECKLERS, TWO MOMS,  
ONE CRINGY CONVERSATION

Flying under the radar is easy for me, especially with my gray hair, a slightly tragic fanny pack, supportive hiking boots and a well-worn baseball cap. Confronting intoxicated college student hecklers at a sports event is not a practice I relish, but sometimes I can't help myself from stepping into the mix. I never have a plan, but I bank on years of playing sports with boys to guide me.

While sitting in the stands watching the game, I hadn't noticed the three guys chirping the goalie on our son's team. This particular goalie is a badass on fire. Game after game, he fiercely lays himself out there with his incredible skills. He has also played long enough to not be too fazed by sideline squawkers. My friend and fellow parent pointed the chirping guys out. She and most of the other parents closer to the action had listened to three quarters worth of harsh, loud and very direct heckling by the three guys who followed the goalie from one end of the field to the other each quarter. I am well aware that boys and young men tolerate as well as engage in what they perceive as normalized banter. Conforming to the codes of



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male behavior is often just easier.

Generally, people of all ages are conflicted about speaking up in these situations. The chances are low that one would change the minds or behavior of drunk hecklers. It is usually not worth the elevated blood pressure. My friend and I were annoyed enough that we decided to at least plant a few seeds by having a conversation with the three guys. I was also curious about what they were thinking. We thought they might be less defensive being confronted by two moms.

Nothing throws off a bitter, intoxicated heckler more than being approached by the likes of me - an odd, old mom with a jolly smile on her testicle-like face who drops a couple F-bombs early in the inquiry-scolding. It was small of me to swear, but I was nervous and hoped that a little confusion would engage them. I was correct. [READ MORE](#)

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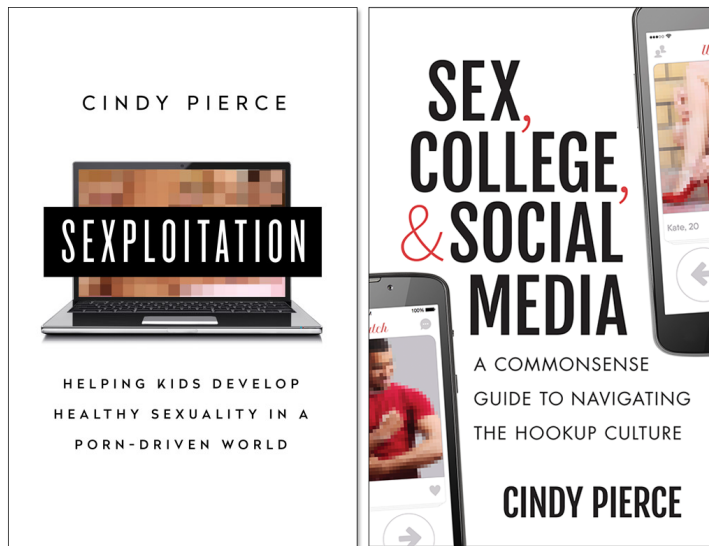
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