

**NLA FLORIDA
AN INTRODUCTION TO OUR
LIL XIV CHAPTER**

In an effort to educate, unify and just provide some good old fashioned grass roots activism for the Leather Folk here in South Florida and around the state, a group of 13 dedicated people began the long process of forming our own chapter of NLA-FL.

This effort was preceded by an earlier one down in Miami. However, that group was short lived.

In February 1994, the first official organizational meeting was held at the local MCC, under the careful direction of Mr. Chuck Higgins from International. The Florida group was Born!

Monthly meetings were established and a liaison with another SM organization in town came about that led to several months of sharing a great play space and exchanging of ideas. Unfortunately, like all good things, this had to end and the Black Orchid Group disbanded. However, NLA-FL group was not to follow suit and continued meeting and having events, bar nights, demos, educational seminars and more, as long as the will and locations were available.

Membership grew and diversity among the members did too! Eventually, like other chapters around the country, a female perspective was added beyond just the token female member. Much of this is thanks to the new local group known as SLLAP, of which, thankfully, some members have taken active rolls in the NLA-FL organization. With the current increase in size of our local Leather Community, NLA is finding, or rather, is making its' niche.

Membership continues to grow and with this growth the current board hopes to reach 100 members this year as well as create more effective outreach, more educational programs, better networking and communication statewide. With everyone's input and help, this can happen.

To add to an already ambitious direction this Pansexual organization has taken, in 1999, Fort Lauderdale will be hosting LIL. Many from around the world and locally will converge here in sunny South Florida for a weekend of idea exchange, leather education, and networking, as well as some great dungeon parties!

NLA-FL current Board Members are:

Eric Lawrence - President
Jerry Shope - Vice President
Lawrence Fox - Secretary
Shelly Licari - Treasurer

Members at Large: Jeff Adler, Michael Brown, Michael Cruz, Lin Federici, Bill Masters, Drew Osborne, David Park.

NLA-FL now puts out a monthly newsletter, calendar of leather events throughout the state, and already has one successful fundraiser under its belt.

CONSENSUAL SM DOES NOT EQUAL ABUSE SAYS OREGON APPEALS COURT

The Court of Appeals in Oregon issued a ruling on July 15, 1998 in a case involving SM activity which has some good language for SM players. The case is Boldt v. Boldt, Case # 95-DR-0441, CA A 99286.

In this case a couple who met via mail had been together for about 4 years. The wife was from Russia and had moved to the US to marry her husband. Both of the parties conceded that they had a D/s relationship in which the husband was the Master and the woman, the slave.

In November 1996 the parties had a situation where the husband was unhappy that the wife did not join him on a weekend trip. When he returned home, he was withdrawn. The wife asked for forgiveness, describing herself as "a bad slave girl" and suggesting a punishment. Husband thereafter hit her with a belt across the buttocks 5 times. Afterwards, everything returned to normal and the parties were happy again. No other such punishment happened after that date.

In April of 1997 the wife sought a restraining order on the last possible day in relation to the events of that day in November 1996. The court issued the order. The husband appealed.

On appeal the Court ruled that certain elements of the law allowing for restraining orders had not been met as their was no evidence presented of a present danger of further abuse.

The Court notes in the appellate decision that it needn't reach the question of "whether and under what circumstances [the law in question] reaches pain-inflicting activity engaged in by competent, consenting adults" and then goes on to note that the law certainly doesn't contemplate such contact sports as boxing and football and indicates that trial courts need to look at the issues of consent, agreement and/or mutuality with particular care in domestic situations. However, the Court further states that "we are not prepared to declare that whenever competent adults agree to engage in conduct that involves inflicting pain, the behavior necessarily constitutes abuse....."

Hard copies of the case are available by sending \$1.00 to NLA:LIP, c/o Spencer Bergstedt, 1122 E. Pike #1070, Seattle WA 98122.

NOTICE TO ALL UNIFORM, BADGE, AND PATCH COLLECTORS

WASHINGTON DC - A congressional bill, HR 4282, has been presented to the House Committee on the Judiciary that would make it illegal to possess, transfer, or transport law enforcement badges, either authentic or counterfeit, with citizens subject to a major fine and prison time. The wording of the bill as now drafted would automatically make criminals out of millions of collectors, hobbyists, wild west reenactment clubs, motion picture and television actors and producers, retired law enforcement officers and any child who obtained a deputy sheriff or detective badge with his or her water pistol set.

Not to mention any uniform fetishist who uses the badge either in the privacy of his/her own home, or at public functions at bars or uniform gatherings. And guess who is likely to be targeted first by overzealous cops looking to bust people for this bill?

HOUSE BILL HR 4282 - This bill would amend title 18, United States Code, with respect to police badges, and would criminalize the wearing, ownership, transportation etc of law enforcement badges.

The full text of the bill is available at:
<http://www.bairdco.com/hr4282draft.htm>

SEX TOYS OUTLAWED IN ALABAMA

Lawmakers in Alabama have recently passed a law banning all sex toys from the state in yet another attempt by politicians to legislate morality. The law bans "any device designed to be marketed as useful primarily for the stimulation of human genital organs".

The ACLU has filed suit on behalf of a number of women who are challenging the constitutionality of the law. Noted sociologist Professor Pepper Schwartz has filed a declaration on behalf of the women noting that sex toys are one of the tools that many non-orgasmic women have used in developing happy, healthy orgasmic sex lives and that the effect of the law would be detrimental to women in the state.

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Recently an article was printed that citation was inadvertently left off.

PLAYING WITH NETTLES

by Uticus, aka Daemon (<http://www.geocities.com/Athens/8792/>)

Membership Report

As of August 1998 NLA:I consists of the following chapters and memberships:

Atlanta	5
Austin	8
Calgary	21
Columbus	29
Dallas	61
Florida	14
Houston	27
Los Angeles	25
New England	43
New Orleans	15
Portland	88
Toronto	9
Non-chapter members	86

NLA:I Membership total = 431

Please remind folks to renew when their expiration date draws near (or even far <G>. One member sent in dues for a two year membership!). Also remember that renewals, as well as new memberships, still need to fill out a new official Membership Application and send it along with their check to:

NLA:International
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Portland, OR 97232

Respectfully submitted,
Rick Spector
Acting Membership Chair

NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

MARK FRAZIER

For the past three years as Co-chair and then President of the organization, my LINK articles have centered around a variety of topics. Each topic was unique about what was happening within the organization. At the end of the articles I always concluded or implied that your efforts can make a difference. "Making a difference" comes in many forms ranging from involvement, support, input, communication, or a simple thank you.

As the end of my tenure as President of NLA-I approaches, I asked myself what is the biggest or greatest contribution that I or NLA-I and other organizations could give the Leather/SM/Fetish and help to continue to make a difference. In all the searching, I kept coming back with an answer which the NLA-I elders included in the structure on which NLA-I was founded.

In my opinion, education is one of the greatest challenges we face. If we want acceptance and understanding from individuals outside of our tribe we must begin to better provide the education to help them understand what our lifestyle is all about.

When I step down at LIL, I am proposing to the EC of NLA-I a project, which I hope to lead, that will make NLA-I more visible and help it continue to be involved with other organizations the help make-up our tribe.

I am proposing that the NLA-I take the lead role in a project which provides a video taping of opinions from a few Kink professionals around the North America about the differences between SM and abuse.

In order to accomplish this, my plan includes contacting a few prominent psychotherapists and psychologists from the Kink community who may be willing to agree to submit a short video tape of their professional opinions on the differences between SM and abuse.

All the different video tapes would be used to create one single video tape which explains these differences. In addition to the video, I would like to gather additional information which already exists that shows the different markings of somebody who may be involved in SM verses somebody who is in an abusive relationship and also include contact information for anybody who has additional questions.

Once the material has been gathered and compiled into a professional presentation packet, I would like to make it available to all organizations and communities to help and share in their education efforts with police departments, fringe organizations who shy away from our community and individuals who are interested but apprehensive about our lifestyle.

During LIL, I am going to speak to organizations who are in attendance at the "Roundtable" to seek support, input, recommendations and help for a project which, in my opinion, is the greatest undertaking of education that I can remember. Hopefully the grunt work will begin shortly after LIL.

Although the project is not one which will be accomplished overnight, I feel the end results will be beneficial to our lifestyle for years to come. If you are interested in helping or have any comments, please let me know. I still believe that through projects such as this "together we can all make a difference".

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Reminder
If your mailing label
has a blue mark
it is time to renew
your membership

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

To establish and maintain a worldwide communication, information, education and support network for sisters and brothers of the Leather/SM/Fetish community.

To promote with power and pride the right of all adults to engage in Safe, Sane and Consensual sexual expression.

To increase communication and understanding among women, men and transgenerals of Leather/SM/Fetish interests and lifestyles.

To facilitate political activism, visibility and education in order to destroy stereotypes, misconceptions, and media misrepresentations about the Leather/SM/Fetish family in the community at large.

To provide, through our publications, educational material and *LIVING IN LEATHER* conferences, a forum for sharing of knowledge, viewpoints and practices of a diverse group of men, women and transgenerals.

To build, strengthen and defend individuals, organizations, publications and businesses within our community, especially against threats to their freedom of expression, freedom of press, right to free association and right to equal protection under the law.

To develop outreach to women, those people of color, transgenerals, the hearing impaired, those physically challenged and other minorities who have been traditionally discriminated against or poorly represented in the Leather/SM/Fetish community.

To develop fund raising for deserving projects, clubs, organizations, defense funds, and/or other charities which have given or are giving direct service to the Leather/SM/Fetish community.

The RED BOOK being Establishes

Since the beginning the National Leather Association International has worked from year in and year out with different Executive members as their term to the position ends a new member starts.

The years differ from years in the past and new logic statures and procedures are administered to keep a viable and growing association. We always seem to look back in the past to see about keeping our future. This is not a very easy situation, but we keep the records and data intact from the beginning we can make that difference for the future.

During the last meeting of the EC- NLA-L in July, I suggested a RED BOOK be put together, don't ask me why, I said the word RED, it could have been any color of the rainbow, but RED seemed applicable to what I was thinking of doing. During the meeting I go the go a head to start working on it, and I hope to have it officially launched at LIL XIII in Dallas in October.

This book will have a list of the members who served on the council with the years and position they served. It would also have any important data and a guide for the future officers of the Executive who will be coming on board and execute the position. It's a little Archival book, which we can look at and help direct us in some difficult decisions.

I am asking at this time if you have any information, large or small, which I could use to put into this book. If you do, please contact me at any time, with your questions or your support. I am looking forward hearing from you on this very worthy cause.

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To fight for the decriminalization of all sexual acts between consenting adults.

To preserve a record of our history, traditions and culture.

STATEMENT ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

NLA International (NLA: I) has called on the Leather/SM/Fetish community to take the lead in reducing domestic violence through education.

NO GROUP IS FREE OF DOMESTIC BATTERING AND ABUSE, BUT FEAR, DENIAL AND LACK OF KNOWLEDGE HAVE SLOWED PUBLIC RESPONSE TO THIS SERIOUS SOCIETAL PROBLEM.

NAL: I is committed to reducing this violence by attempting to:

1. Show that community action can reduce domestic violence;
2. Hold batterers accountable for choosing to be violent; to encourage victims to take legal action; to deny drug or alcohol abuse excuses battering; and to encourage the batterer to seek treatment, and the victim to seek support;
3. Listen to and support those who have had the courage to tell us; to help them end their shame and isolation;
4. Educate the legal and social service systems about the difference between consensual SM and domestic violence, and to encourage their appropriate intervention;
5. Take responsibility for educating our community about the forms of domestic abuse and their extent and severity, and
6. Promote information and where to get help.

Domestic abuse takes many forms: physical violence, isolation, outright and subtle psychological or emotional abuse, economic control, sexual abuse and the destruction of personal property. Non-consensual manipulation, terror and assaults are not part of Sadomasochism.

NLA advocates relationships and friendships based on personal responsibility,, honesty and integrity in which power and pleasure derive from mutual respect.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Balance Sheet
Treasurer's Report
Spencer Bergstedt
August 13, 1998

Right now we are running ahead of projections for LIL XIII which is a great sign. We already have many of our vendors and presenters signed up and lots of folks coming to participate in the event. Other than that, we've had some extra expenses for the EC due to longer, more detailed phone conference calls to deal with some of the issues that the organization is dealing with. Currently, the general fund is operating at a deficit for the year of (\$633.06).

Overall, we have \$9,333.35 in the General Operating Fund; Travel Fund has \$2,889.00; and the LIL account has \$26,597.13, for a total of \$38,819.48.

Respectfully submitted,
Spencer Bergstedt

YEAR TO DATE FINANCIAL REPORT LIL

Jan 1 - August 13, 1998

INCOME

(Numbers have been rounded up to the nearest dollar)

Starting balance	\$15,666.13
Ad sales	\$
Corporate Donations	\$
Dungeon	\$
Registration	
Full	\$8,100.00
Presenters	\$ 630.00
EC members	\$ 50.00
	\$ 8,780.00
Thursday Dinner	\$ 540.00
Sunday Brunch	\$ 407.00
Vendors	\$ 1,400.00
TOTAL	\$11,127.00

EXPENSES

Awards	\$
Bank charges	\$
Bounced checks	\$
Equipment	\$
Ads	\$ 272.00
Pins	\$ 691.00
Cash Bank	\$
Conference Site	\$
Directors Expense	\$ 113.00
Entertainment	\$
Food and Beverage	\$
Insurance	\$
Meals (additional)	\$
Parking	\$
Presenters	\$
Printing	\$
Program	\$
Refunds	\$
Registrar	\$
Vendor coordinator	\$
TOTAL	\$1076.00

BALANCE GENERAL ACCOUNT \$25,717.13

Jan 1 - August 13, 1998

INCOME

Ads	\$
Membership	\$3890.00
T-shirt sales	\$
Donation	
Law project	\$ 5.00
TOTAL	\$3895.00

EXPENSES

Advertising	\$ 100.00
Bank fees	\$ 3.30
Donation to LA&M	\$
Exec Council:	
Cost reimbursement	\$ 240.00
Supplies	\$ 92.55
Phone	\$1,422.69
T-shirt sales	\$
Historian:	\$
Link:	
on-line	\$ 440.67
Postage	\$ 434.42
Printing	\$ 983.01
Miscellaneous	\$ 496.36
Membership: refund to chapter	\$ 15.00
Membership: postage	\$ 36.00
Mail Box	\$ 215.00
Bulk permit	\$
Treasurer	
Postage	\$ 13.50
TOTAL	\$ 4,597.50

Net (\$702.50)

BALANCE \$9,333.35

TRAVEL/SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Jan. 1 - August 13, 1998

No activity

BALANCE \$2,889.00

Living In Leather XIII October 9th – 11th 1998 Crown Plaza Hotel

(Formally The Harvey Hotel)

Keynote Speaker
Race Bannon
Author of "Learning the Ropes"



A tentative list of workshops that have at least one presenter confirmed as of press time.

Abrasive Techniques: George Cameron, Activists Round Table: attendees contact AthenaL970@aol.com, Age Play: Christine Baker a Wendy Price, Beating Ass: Christine Baker, Canine Role Play & Training: Animal J Smith, Changing Gender: Spencer Bergstedt, Christine Baker & LR, Chapter Leadership: Jim Richards, Fluffy, Spencer, Jan Hall, Lawrence (FL. Chapter) & Pat McCarty (New Orleans Chapter), Co-Chairs round Table: Chapter Reps., Michelle Buckle & Mark Frazier, Dealing with Loss: George Cameron, Female Genitorture: Keith K, Michelle K., Female Dominance 101 - The Basics for Women: Amy Hunter, Eileen Fix, Fetish Small Business: Christine Baker, GenderPlay: Phil Swenson
Intro to SM: Basic Skills Course (TWO WORKSHOPS Parts 1 & 2) Michelle & Rikki Buckle, Law & SM: (TWO WORKSHOPS) 1. Criminal law, Civil Law Spencer, 2. Law and the Professional Dominant: Spencer Bergstedt Amy Hunter, Leather Mythology/History: Animal J. Smith, Novices and Novice Issues: Stacey, Pointy-Things: knife play. Wendy Price, Punching and Kicking: Spencer Bergstedt
Protocols: the role of Clubs in our history and at present: George Cameron, Relationships, Multi/Longterm: Don Bastian, Rope Bondage: (TWO WORKSHOPS) Bondage 1, Bondage 2, techniques. Hands on/discussion. Phil Carson, (Excellent outline), Singletails: Lynne Pierce
Don Bastian, Phil Swenson Topping: Lynne Pierce

Presenters and Panelist are still needed, not only will you get a discount rate (we ask you do 2 workshops please) but you also get to share your experience with other. Please contact Don Bastian at lthman@canuck.com or by sending a business size SASE to address NLA-I LIL XIII for a volunteer registration form if you're interested.

Thursdays Early Arrival Theme Dinner "A Taste of Texas" will be a great excuse for polishing up those dancin' boots as we boot-scoot the night away. So make sure to check off the early arrival dinner on your registration and enclose the fee, no at door tickets will be sold.

Friday night we be a Fetish Cocktail party followed by Opening Ceremonies.
Saturday night features a sit down dinner followed by Keynote Speaker Race Bannon.

This Years LIL'S Dungeon parties will be held at an off-site private dungeon. 5500 sq. ft. of play space that will include 30 to 50 stations as well as 4 bathrooms, a clean-up room, smoking lounge, quiet lounge as well as uniformed security and transportation to and from the facility. Parties are schedule for Friday, Saturday and Sunday night. Dungeon parties are not included in registration fee. Cost will be \$20.00 per night for singles and \$30.00 per night for couples. Tickets sold on site only, no mail order.

Late breaking News

NLA-I is now able to accept credit cards for LIL Walk-up Registration, Dungeon Parties and new and renewal of Membership.

Make plans on filling out the registration form enclosed in this issue of The Link. Additional copies of registration forms, vendors forms, rates for advertising in the LIL program can be obtained on-line at:
<http://www.nla-i.com>
Or by sending a business size SASE to:
NLA-I LIL XIII
POB 763056
Dallas Texas 75376
Enclose a note explaining which form you are requesting.

Travel and hotel arrangements should be made with the official LIL XIII agent. This gives us a way to track attendance and gives us hard data when soliciting bids for future LIL'S.

The Travel Bureau
Tony Gorrell
1-800-598-7004 or (214) 905-3995.

Make your hotel reservations ASAP to guarantee staying at the host hotel. Rooms are going fast.

AROUND THE WORLD

Mid Atlantic Leather (MAL)

Centaur Motorcycle Club has set January 15-18 for Mid Atlantic Leather (MAL) in Washington DC. Full weekend package is \$69 and includes the contest, famous leather cocktails, brunches and more. I know it's early but the host hotel will sell out - it always does - so reserve your room now:

The Washington Plaza Hotel, 10 Thomas Circle NW (800-424-1140 or 202 842-1300).
For info on MAL: <http://www.dcpide.org/CentaurMC/DatePl.htm>
or 202-884-0060 or 800-494-8497

QSM SALE ON BOOKS ETC

QSM is adding a shopping cart and secure MasterCard/VISA ordering to their website. To get the ball rolling, they're having a 10% off sale for web orders through July 24th. QSM sells over 400 SM books, magazines, and comics. The sale includes everything in the current catalogue.
<http://www.qualitysm.com>

BOUND EXPANDS

Bound, the industrial fetish dance and play club in Washington, DC is now opening branches in the following cities:

Tampa, FL: Thursday, July 30th at The Cherokee Club
Hartford, CT: Wednesday, August 5th at The Velvet
Philadelphia, PA: Friday, August 7th at The Attic

Plans are under way for Bound in New York City and good people/promoters are being sought to work on the NYC team. Info: http://www.bound.org.org_cagekeeper@erols.com

IMSL 13 Location Set

ImsL 13th will be in Las Vegas July 16-18, 1999. The theme is XXX

STORY OF THE WEEK

Salon Magazine, one of the most popular and acclaimed webzines, is running a story titled "Fetish Nation" (<http://www.salonmagazine.com/feature/1998/07/07feature.html>)

As good as the story is, it's worth checking out just for the cool corset illustration on the first page of the article. While the story is ostensibly about how the internet has helped fuel the growth of sexual minority cultures, it is mostly an excuse for Salon to write about SM, infantilism and foot fetishists. Most of the story deals with SM and quotes the likes of Jay Wiseman and Cleo Dubois.

FRC ANTI-SM COMMENT

National Public Radio's Talk of the Nation (www.npr.org) hosted a debate about the James Hormel nomination on Thursday, July 2. One of the show's two guests was Steve Schwalm, a cultural studies analyst for the right-wing Family Research Council. When Schwalm was asked by a caller how the FRC could be anti-gay when every major medical and mental health organization defends the rights of gay men and lesbians, Schwalm responded with what we believe to be the FRC's first anti-SM comments. Schwalm asked the caller how he could take the American Psychiatric Association seriously when the fourth version of their Diagnostic and Statistical Manual failed to identify sadomasochism as a mental illness. You can join the Hormel debate or respond to Schwalm's comments in the Your Turn section of the NPR web site at <http://www.npr.org/yourturn>. At this time the NCSF does not recommend responding directly to the FRC.

JOHN WARREN'S NEPHEW

John Warren, author of "The Loving Dominant," reports the following:

I've learned again that there is someone claiming to be my nephew (as if that is some sort of qualification to be a dominant). However, the fact that his person is lying about this, makes me very suspicious of his motives. If anyone is contacted by someone claiming this sort of "qualification" please be aware that is lying from the word go.

safetyNET DEBUTS

safetyNET is a new nationwide network of BDSM/fetish support and education groups joining together to promote safety awareness, increase precautionary safety procedures and provide safety 'buddies' for those people planning to meet a potential BDSM/fetish partner for the first time, especially when that meeting is being held in an unfamiliar venue or involves long-distance between the partners. Cyber-space has increased the need for each of us to take on a higher level of responsibility for our own and other's safety. If one life is saved, one person spared from harm, safetyNET then will have done its job.
For more info: <http://www.lvdi.net/~safetynet/safety.html>

NOW/SM AT NOW NATIONAL CONVENTION

Educational brochures for the S/M Policy Reform Project will be available at NOW's Women's Rights Convention & Vision Summit, July 10-12 in Rochester, NY. If you are a supporter of the S/M Policy Reform Project and plan to be at the convention, please contact NOWSM@aol.com and let them know.

This year's convention is different from past conventions. A new declaration of our movement's rich diversity will be created "to express a shared vision for women in the new millennium that will continue to inspire us and keep our movement strong." Since there will be no other workshops or issues hearings presented this year, the S/M PRP will have to wait until the 1999 convention to give our educational discussion and present our resolution. This year, participants are encouraged to remember that sexual orientation and expression should be protected rights, just as NOW supports personal choice in regards to legal abortion.

Info: 718-383-3318 or <http://members.aol.com/NOWSM/Home.html>

GLMA SUPPORTS NOW/SM

The Gay and Lesbian Medical Association passed the following resolution in June 1998 in support of the S/M Policy Reform Project for NOW:

Background of Issue:

In April 1997 the S/M Policy Reform Project, comprised of members of the National Organization for Women who believe that the current NOW policy against S/M should be amended, requested the endorsement of the Gay and Lesbian Medical Association. The National Organization of Women's official policy against S/M was codified in the "Delineation of Lesbian Rights."

The S/M Policy Reform Project thanks Angela Garcia for guiding this resolution through GLMA. Info: 718-383-3318 or <http://members.aol.com/NOWSM/Home.html>

A LEATHER JOB OPPORTUNITY

The CIA (yes, the Central Intelligence Agency) is looking to hire Leather Specialists. Spooks in Leather. I love it! Lots of benefits...I wonder if they give you time off to go to IML.

<http://www.odci.gov/cia/employment/Jobpostings/Leather.htm>

NEW PEP CHAPTER IN BUFFALO

Mistress Kali Ward announces Buffalo PEP (People Exchanging Power) in upstate New York. They will host meetings, parties and lectures and hope to host demonstrations from Professional Mistresses/Masters from across the country.

Meetings for August are Saturday 8/1 "SM As Philosophy," Monday 8/3 "How To Find A Partner," Monday 8/17 "Relationship Issues," and Saturday 8/22 "Psychology of Dominance; What A Submissive Wants." Meetings are held at Compton's After Dark, 1239 Niagara Street in Buffalo. The cost to attend is Ladies \$6, Men \$12, and Couples \$15. Info: 716-559-3062 or KaliPEP@aol.com

DS DESIRES WEEKEND

DsDesires hosts "LET YOUR DESIRES ROAM" Weekend Getaway at the Malibu Resort in the Poconos (Milford, PA) from Friday November 6 (check-in 3pm) until checkout Sunday November 8 (after lunch). Play anywhere on the 1000 acre property - the dining hall, lobby, indoor pool, the stables, the lake, the balconies, the variety of dungeon equipment. Demos/workshops include Creative & Stringent Bondage, Flogging & The Single Tail, Play Piercing, Fire and Electricity.

Prices are per person: \$295 double, \$250 triple, \$215 quad (prices are \$40 lower before 8/15, members of TES and BR get 10% off) and includes meals, lodgings & all activities (workshops, parties, unlimited horseback riding).
Info: <http://members.aol.com/dsdesire/.htm>

IT'S TIME TO END NEGOTIATIONS WHEN...

Pam (Alkallah@aol.com):

I spent a lot of time this morning talking over possibilities with someone, and you know the way my mind works...instead of hearing what he said, I kinda heard the meaning behind what he said. So it's time to stop the discussion with a potential play partner when...

You ask for references, and he gives you 3...Tarl Cabot, the Marquis de Sade and Caligula.

He tells you that on line role-play does so count as real time experience.

You ask if it's possible to speak to someone he has played with in the past and he brings up his hand, a la Senor Wences and says in a funny voice, "So what would you like to

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know?"

The 'so how big are them things, anyway?' discussion starts. (details are important, but there are limits)

He tells you he wants a service-oriented submissive because he keeps misplacing the remote control.

He tells you everything is agreeable and he's looking forward to a relationship with you if the visitors allow him to remain on this planet.

He mentions he's getting better with fire-play...the last sub only suffered 3rd degree burns on 40% of her body.

He says he wants a relationship just like the ones in Penthouse Forum.

He tells you that birth control methods aren't needed, since he had the mumps while he was in college.

He makes an off-hand comment about running out of places to hide the bodies.

He states he doesn't have a job because being a great dominant takes so much time.

He tells you his wife approves of this relationship, but doesn't allow him to receive calls at his home or go out in public with his submissives.

His hobbies include any of the following: cow-tipping, drive-by moonings, flatulent flaring, or cruising elementary schools.

He asks if you can loan him some money just until he cashes his \$24,000,000 lottery ticket.

He tells you the best party he ever attended was that kegger just before he flunked out of college.

He mentions that he was a good Dom to his last few subs, very caring and attentive, and he still doesn't know why they charged him with 'stalking.'

He tells you the only reason he drives that beat up rust bucket and dresses like that is so you could get to like him for himself and not for his fortune.

You ask him what he does for a living and he says nothing since that *\$%ing psychological review.

He informs you that he wrote several BDSM books under his pen names, Jay Wiseman, Race Bannon and John Warren.

You ask about the aluminum foil hat he is wearing, and he says, "Sssh, they might hear you!"

THE LEONARD DWORKIN MEMORIAL ISSUE OF PROMETHEUS

TES is publishing a memorial issue of Prometheus to celebrate the life and times of Leonard Dworkin. This special edition is due out in the beginning of December and will feature anecdotes, photos and special articles by and about Leonard, stories, artwork and photos from past contributors, guest writers and their recollections.

Past contributors are being contacted to help make this an historic edition. Articles will include a collection of Leonard's favorite topics, issues and experiences throughout the years. This issue will help to preserve the memory of his life and contributions not only to TES and Prometheus but also to our community.

Submissions for feature articles, photographs, anecdotes and fiction are being requested. These should be submitted by September 15. Ad space should be reserved by September 15 as well. Info: issue31@mtnlion.com

KINK: A WOMEN'S PERSPECTIVE OPENS AUGUST 9 IN CHICAGO

The Leather Archives & Museum (LA&M) presents "Kink: A Women's Perspective," a museum exhibit that explores the ideas, work and art of women with regard to kinky sexuality. The work of artists like Sue Anne Rische, Molly Devon, Darla Hallmark and Naomi LK (among many others) will be shown along with artifacts and records of kinky women's magazines, contact clubs, leather/SM organizations and musical compositions. Art and music by renowned tattoo artist Jacki Randall and cartoonist Mercy van Vlack will be included alongside the work of videographer-documentarian Michelle Handleman and records of WomanLink and Samois, two of the most important early SM-women's organizations.

The Women's Perspective show opens at the LA&M, 5007 N. Clark Street, Chicago, with a reception on August 9, 1998, from 4:00 PM till midnight. The show will be open to the public every Saturday evening during those same hours and, any day, by appointment. Groups are especially encouraged to see the show by making appointments, but individuals are also welcome. Call 773-275-1570.

The reception will include the opportunity to meet several of the artists in the show and features Molly Devon signing copies of her world-famous book *Screw the Roses, Send Me the Thorns*. TES' own Lori Fran Hechtman will be at the reception which features several of her pieces. A women's-work raffle will also be included in the evening's festivities. The Leather Archives & Museum, according to Executive Director Joseph W. Bean, "has been associated with gay male art and artifacts in the public imagination, but we collect and preserve the work and records of all leather/SM/kinky communities and individuals. This show is a demonstration of that fact. Even more, it is a celebration of the very distinct and important role women play in defining themselves in kinky contexts."

Admission to the LA&M is free, although donations are always welcome.
Info: 773-275-1570.

SM WOMEN OF THE SOUTH

A new SM support (educational and social) group open to women living in the southern states is forming. Info: MstrsP@aol.com

YES, THERE IS S/M IN FARGO

The Northern Munch meets regularly in Fargo, ND. The munch is a non-threatening way to meet and talk with people in the lifestyle in a public forum. Casual non-fetish dress is appropriate and appreciated.

Info: softgntl4u@aol.com

INTERNATIONAL MS. & MR. DEAF LEATHER

The 8th annual International Ms. & Mr. Deaf Leather 98 event will be held in conjunction with a regional deaf gay and lesbian conference (September 1-6) at the Adam Mark Hotel in Denver, CO. On Friday 9/ 4, Celebration Night event at T Bar will introduce the contestants, judges, and tally masters. The International Ms. & Mr. Deaf Leather 98 Competition will be held Saturday night in the ballroom. Judges are Cool Cat (Int'l Ms. Deaf Leather 96-97), Patrick Richardson (Int'l Mr. Deaf Leather 97), Genelle Moore (International Ms. Leather 97), Jeffrey Adler (International Mr. Drummer 97), Dragon (Editor of Communities Together Network and webmistress of Deaf Queer Resource Center), Jim Jensen (Mr. Leather Colorado XVII, 1996-1997), and Kent Epperson (Rocky Mountain Mr. Leather 1995-1996).

Info: 614-478-1631 TTY or
bobdonald@aol.com

MEGAN'S ITINERARY

Megan Dejarlais, International Ms Leather 1998 is traveling! Here are some of expected appearances:

- * 8/1 Victory party at Playhouse Studios and Gallery, Baltimore, MD
- * 8/8-9th, "KINK: A Women's Perspective" at the Leather Archives & Museum, Chicago. Also the **Grand Reopening of the Chicago Eagle**.
- * 8/15 FIST Bar night, Baltimore Eagle. Also Black Rose Women's Play party.
- * 8/21-23 International Mr Fantasy, Omaha, NE
- * 8/29 Victory Party at The Bike Stop, Philadelphia
- * 9/4-7 POWERSURGE, Seattle, WA
- * 9/12-13 Ms. Philadelphia Leather Contest at the Bike Stop
- * 9/18-19 Ms. Minnesota Leather 1998, Minneapolis, MN
- * 9/25-27 International Mr. Drummer and the Folsom Street Fair, San Francisco, CA
- * October Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays National Convention, San Jose, CA
- * 10/2-4 Ms. Sacramento Valley Leather Contest, Sacramento, CA
- * 10/9-12 Living in Leather '98 Dallas, TX
- * 10/16-18 Black Rose '98 New Carrollton, MD
- * 10/23-25 SouthEast Olympus Contest Atlanta, GA
- * 10/30 Mr. Europe Drummer? Amsterdam, The Netherlands
- * 11/6-8 Ms. San Diego Leather Contest, San Diego, CA
- * 11/13-15 Ms. Louisiana Leather Contest, New Orleans, LA
- * 11/27-29 Mr. Toronto Leatherman Contest, Toronto, Canada
- * 1/15-18 Mid-Atlantic Leather Weekend, Washington, DC
- * February {date to be announced} Ms. LA Leather
- * 2/5-7 Pantheon of Leather Awards Weekend, New Orleans, LA
- * 4/9-11 New York Leatherwomen Contest Weekend, NYC, NY
- * 4/23-25 American Brotherhood Weekend, Washington, DC
- * 5/7-9 Mr. Pennsylvania Drummer and Drummer boy contests at the Bike Stop, Philadelphia, PA
- * 5/28-31 International Mr. Leather 1999 Chicago, IL
- * 6/19 Leather Pride Night, New York City
- * 7/15-18 International Ms. Leather 1999, Las Vegas, NV

Megan can be reached at IMsL98@aol.com

RUDY SHUTS DOWN THE HARMONY CLUB

New York City officials requested that six businesses ranging from adult theaters and strip clubs to book and video stores be shut down for violating the city's new zoning laws. But Manhattan Supreme Court Judge Stephen Crane ordered the closure of only one venue, the Harmony in downtown Manhattan, where city officials testified topless dancers "put their breasts into male patron's faces" in a club littered with used condoms. Herald Price Fahringer, lawyer for the sex shops, filed an appeal to keep the Harmony open.

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NEW GROUP IN NJ/PA

The Mission is a private pansexual club dedicated to providing members and the greater BDSM community of central NJ and eastern PA and beyond with information, education's and a friendly environment to explore their interests and fantasies in BDSM. The activities, parties, meetings, munches, workshops and other activities are intended for the voluntary social enjoyment and pleasure of its members and guests. With the exceptions of compensating occasional guest speakers or demonstrators, this club is not aligned with nor engaged in any professional services.

The group adheres to the principals of "Safe, Sane and Consensual" play and is a private club and is restricted to members and their guests. Dues are \$25 per year. Friday night play parties are \$10 for members, \$15 for guests. Saturday night play parties are \$15 for members, \$20 for guests. Anyone wishing to join the club must either be sponsored/recommended by a member in good standing or attend a munch or non-play event and/or contact the Head Dungeon Master. Minimum age requirement is 18. Info: SirOak7@aol.com

LA&M NEEDS PROGRAM BOOKS FROM PAST LILs

Do you have a program book from one of the previous Living In Leather events? George Cameron is looking for them, especially the one from Toronto '94. MASTER1G@aol.com

DRUMMER ANNOUNCES JUDGES

The International Mr. Drummer contest will be held at 3pm Saturday, September 26 at the Russian Center on Sutter near Divisadero, in San Francisco.

The judges are Jeffrey Adler (International Mr. Drummer 1997), John Embry (Founder, Drummer Magazine and Mr. Drummer Contests), Chuck Renslow (Founder, International Mr. Leather), John Weis (Chairman GMSMA), Dragon Xcalibur (Distinguished member of the Seattle community), Wickie Stamps (Former Editor, Drummer Magazine) and Andrew Lennox (Mr. Australia Leather).

VIP tickets for seating at reserved tables are \$65. General admission tickets are \$25. To get tickets: with credit card call 415-252-1195 or mail check/MO to PO Box 410390 San Francisco CA 94141. Info: DrummHQ@slip.net

TRAVEL TIP FROM MARCUS THE MERCILESS

It's tough finding reasonable hotel space during Leather Pride Week (Sept 20-27) in San Francisco. Mr Marcus recommends the Mosser Victoria Hotel, 54 Fourth St, between Market & Mission (right across the street from the Marriott). They have rooms available Sep 26 to 28 for \$99 for up to two people plus tax (14%). Info: 415-986-4400 or mosservice@worlennet.att.net

AGE PLAY LIST

Bladerunner has started KATS (Kidz and Adultz Together Sharing), a mailing list for non-infantilism ageplay. It's meant as a support group/ mailing list/ local announcement board for people into ageplay. It has a strong overlap with the BDSM community (some do BDSM while they ageplay, others do one or the other but not both at the same time), but it's not BDSM-exclusive.

To get on the mailing list, go to <http://www.onelist.com> go to "Find List" and search for KATSpdx and follow directions for subscribing. Questions: KATSpdx@aol.com

NOVICE MEETINGS IN ORLANDO

The Orlando Power Exchange group and the Advisory Board from the Orlando Munch community will be hosting regular Newcomers/Beginners meetings, beginning Noon-2pm Saturday at the GLCS Center, 714 Colonial Drive in Orlando. Immediately following will be the regular August O-PEX meeting "Sense-sational Toys, or how the implements of our lifestyle affect the senses." The Beginners Meetings/classes will have information about safety; the whys and wherefores of what we do; things one can expect at a play party or munch, and other important topics. Voluntary donation: \$1. Info: orlmunch@mindspring.com

THE 1998 INTERNATIONAL MR DRUMMER FINALS

The selection of the 20th man to hold the Mr. Drummer title will take place in San Francisco at the Russian Center on Sutter near Divisadero, on Saturday, 26 September at 3 pm.

Contestants from Europe, the Gulf Coast, Southeast and Mid-Atlantic regions have already been selected. Northern and Southern California, Florida, Great Lakes, Great Plains and New England regional competitions will be held in the next 7 weeks making a

total of 10 competitors for the title of International Mr. Drummer. The theme for the show this year is "Drummer Bootcamp: Where Leathermen become Drummermen" and will be produced by Cara Hanes.

Tickets are available from the Drummer office (415/252-1195) Mon-Thurs, 9am to 5 pm and they accept VISA, MC, AMEX and Discover. Or you can send a check or money order to PO Box 410390 San Francisco CA 94141 (please allow two weeks for personal checks to clear and include a phone number for confirmation).

SCANLON vs GMSMA

Handing a resounding victory to the Defendants and a huge rebuke to the Plaintiff in the Scanlon v. Gay Male S/M Activists lawsuit, District Court Judge Constance Baker Motley, in a decision dated July 9th and released yesterday, dismissed all the claims against the three individual GMSMA board members, Gil Kessler, Bruce Marcus and John Weis, and most of the claims against GMSMA, and only awarded Scanlon \$500 - the absolute bare minimum possible - each for two incidents of copyright infringement which occurred when two of Scanlon's photographs inadvertently remained on the GMSMA website after the filing of the lawsuit. The decision is important not just for GMSMA and the three individual defendants but for anyone who becomes involved in community or non-profit organizations

Top Ten Ways You Know You Might Be Too Old For BDSM:

10. Sensory deprivation is when your Dom hides your hearing aid batteries.
9. Your nipple clamps have training wheels.
8. Edge play is standing by the microwave with a pacemaker.
7. When you tell your sub to get the cane, she has to specify "walking" or "beating".
6. You can't tell the difference between your tattoos and your age spots.
5. You shout "One, two, three, CLEAR!" for electrical play.
4. Your idea of breath play is when your wheelchair runs over your oxygen hose.
3. Your idea of suspension is an UltraLift bra.
2. You hold the paddle and say, "You're younger than me....back into the paddle HARD!"

And the Number One way to tell you might be too old for BDSM:

1. Age play really is 24/7.

NATIONAL COALITION FOR SEXUAL FREEDOM ACTION ALERT

NEW YORK, August 20 -- Wednesday's New York Daily News reported that a man named Fitzroy Green was killed in his Greenwich Village apartment on Tuesday night.

In its lead, the Daily News writes that "A Greenwich Village man who neighbors said made his living in the sadomasochism trade was found slain in his apartment yesterday, stabbed repeatedly in the chest, stomach and back."

The NCSF strongly objects to this lead for several reasons. First, there is no such thing as a "sadomasochism trade" (nor is there a homosexuality trade, for example). A sexual preference and choice cannot be a trade. There is an SM community, not an SM trade.

The body of the Daily News story makes no further mention of SM, leading the NCSF to wonder why the writer felt the need to mention it. Had the story said that Green's involvement in the SM community was a factor in his murder, the mention of SM would be acceptable.

NEWSPAPERS

In the wake of the Bedford trial, Canadian newspapers can't get enough SM into their papers. In an effort to keep SM front-and-center even during a recess in the Bedford trial, the Toronto Sun published a book review of "A Defense of Masochism" by British theorist Anita Phillips (http://www.canoe.com/TorontoNews/910_n1.html). The review, which wanders from the book into explaining why masochists enjoy what they enjoy, is interesting, insightful and sexual minority-friendly.

Both the Toronto Sun and the Toronto Star ran stories on Friday about the end of Bedford's testimony.

Toronto Sun: <http://www.canoe.ca/TorontoNews/ts.ts-08-21-0019.html>
Toronto Star: http://www.thestar.com/editorial/news/980821NEW03_CI-SADO21.html

What do I get for my 30 bucks!?

This question has plagued NLA ever since I joined the organization in 1993, quite frankly, I think this is the most sophomoric question anyone can ask of any kink organization that is so deeply committed to leather acceptance. Local and national membership differs vastly in terms of function and service. Local chapters are committed to maintaining our credo of safe, sane, consensual adult sexuality through venues such as hands-on education and social interaction. A physical place where kinksters gather together once or twice a month to celebrate their uniqueness and perhaps, for the first time feel 'normal' about themselves. A safe harbor to meet other like minded people where we can learn and grow as individuals and finally do the stuff that has been swirling around in our heads and hearts, which in the past before organized SM, was imagined in secret, fearing mainstream's wrath and unjust persecution!

Before chapters were formed, none of this first-hand interaction was possible on a regular basis other than an annual LIL. People simply needed more. In my opinion, I believe that's why chapters were initiated by NLA-I, for more personal attention to our needs as a leather community. Whether you agree or not with the strategy it proved to be very successful in terms personalized quality and quantity. NLA:I worked hard to setup the system and has maintained its integrity all these years. How? By electing an international board and executive council, your peers who, to the best of their collective ability, want nothing more than to ensure a fair future for the next generation of SM'ers and themselves. Why is organized SM necessary? Because it gives our lifestyle credibility in self education, socialization, in the political trenches, and yes, we even police ourselves in the event of crime and wrongdoing. We are a government! And as such we are making our mark on the planet, which every group of living beings have done since the beginning of time.

Wrongdoing? YES! NLA:I experienced embezzlement of membership funds in the past, this is fact. That was a black day for NLA... how can one of our own betray an entire community, we all suffered. I find that behavior unforgivable and unredeemable... period! This happened ONCE and the crime was committed by only ONE person not by an entire board of officers. And still, this crime is brought up time and time again with every new administration as though the current office is still guilty for the actions of one person years ago. It saddens me to see someone bringing up this issue in current dialog, which is totally unrelated to the matter at hand. It is nothing but a cheap shot and ploy to discredit an organization as a whole and only demonstrates irrational thinking falling short of intelligence!

30 bucks?

NLA:I is actively making its way to the political frontlines. We are keeping our finger on the pulse of humanity, lending a helping hand to leather acceptance more than ever before. Last year NLA:I set precedence by holding the first SM Activist Roundtable... this was the brainchild of NLA:I (namely Mark Frazier, NLA:I President). Mark conceived the idea and EC gave birth through a labor of love. The Roundtable at LIL '97 gathered together international leather leaders to discuss new and ongoing projects, each and every one of the programs add to the political wheel of leather acceptance in one form or another. The success of that first meeting continued its momentum by other organizations such as Black Rose and the Leather Leadership Conference '98 who generously facilitated the ongoing dialog among the community. The Roundtable belongs to us all and will continue the goodwill with commitment to a better future for each one of us.

NLA:I is making itself visible as a member and supporter of the National Coalition for Sexual Freedom. NCSF is crucial to leather credibility, it has proven itself to be one of the hardest working political organizations dedicated to bringing you and I the freedom of sexual expression. NLA:I is actively supporting the Leather Archive & Museum, an organization that tells the world who we are through a rich history of artifacts. It reflects a loving culture proud of its heritage and survival from sexual oppression. Also, NLA:I attended the first Leather Leadership Conference '97 NYC (two members of EC were present including myself) and supports its efforts wholeheartedly. LLC offers a comprehensive teaching seminar on how to organize and communicate effectively in and out of the leather community... how to get things done.

NLA-I's statement of Domestic violence (authored by Jan Hall, NLA:I Vice President) has been adopted by nearly every national and international leather organization I know. The statement separates fact from fiction surrounding the myth of our culture and again, brings credibility to a safe, sane consensual lifestyle. NLA:I maintains its personal history archive (by Tony DeBlase, former EC). It is incredibly important to preserve our past to show and teach future generations of our solidarity and validity just as the cave etchings tell us of our beginnings. And it tells mainstream we are moral individuals who have not just ignited from a flash in the pan. Our natural proclivities always have been and always will be... our history tells us so.

NLA-I's Law Project (spearheaded by Spencer B <sp>, NLA:I Treasurer) is a chronicle of legal issues the leather community has faced over the years.

Again, it gives an account of legal history that impacts us today and tomorrow. NLA:I actively supported the legal actions in the Spanner Case and the Houghton Case, both of which suffered tremendous injustice in parliament and the US judicial system. Currently,

NLA:I is working on the Library Project, a resource center for factual SM information and commitment to education, which will be made available to all members. The LINK (NLA-I's newsletter) in mailed internationally informing membership of their leather connection, local and national news. NLA:I also maintains its own website, another open door communication for its membership.

And once a year, we let our hair down and party hardy at the Living In Leather conference, an NLA:I tradition. But not without responsibility. At LIL, members and non-members are invited to attend educational fun workshops presented by some of the most knowledgeable and experienced SM'ers in the world. We hold our political stride through outreach programs and encourage leather activist to join our public forum to discuss our futures. We play and flirt with one another at nightly dungeon parties and give recognition to the dedicated mover and shakers who sacrifice much for sexual freedom.

Ok, that covers the tangible evidence of your 30 bucks, but I would like to add a few words about the personal feelings (peace of mind) I've gained by joining a national organization. Before I knew about NLA I lived in total isolation of my SM inclinations... a dark, secret place that even terrified me. I never knew such words as safe, sane, consensual existed or that there were so many other people just like myself. My first exposure to the lifestyle was via cyber where my self-education began and then continued through NLA. Joining NLA gave me the confidence to venture out into a new brave world that I thought would forever live in my just in heart with a distinct possibility of winnowing away without realization. And if that weren't enough, there is something far greater NLA has given me and that is knowing it's ok to be me... I'm 'normal' and not alone... that's priceless!

Love, Peace

Athena Lyons

Q & A OF THE WEEK

From Lolita's P&P

Q. Could you tell me how, if at all, someone can play if they're pregnant? Are their any special techniques? Special (non-obvious?) precautions? Or should I not play at all?

This week's "Q" is answered by Charles Moser, Ph.D., M.D., Internal Medicine, San Francisco, CA 94114

A. You can really do a lot:

- 1) The obvious precaution is no abdominal trauma, blows, caning or etc. NO FISTING! anal or vaginal
- 2) Avoiding infections is important, so condoms over toys and condoms for any new partners (which everyone should be doing anyway).
- 3) No blowing into the vagina, air or fluids.
- 4) Hormonal changes during pregnancy can make women more emotional, so psychological play needs extra sensitivity.
- 5) Breasts can be very tender and somewhat more fragile, so extra care is needed there.
- 6) On the other hand, nipple play can be helpful in toughening up the nipples for breast feeding (and yes, you can breast feed if you have pierced nipples).
- 7) Sexual positions may need to be and should be changed, for the woman's comfort not the tops.
- 8) It is better to err on the side of doing less than too much.
- 9) Absolutely, listen to the directions of your obstetrician rather than relying on these suggestions.

Q. How do you clean your singletails after they have drawn blood?

A. This is a good question to ask a top. There are various answers to this question. So I will give you mine. After I am done with a scene, I wipe the whip down with a benzalkonium chloride towelette. Then I spray it with Citrace, a hospital germicide that is supposed to kill everything. I then put the whip in a plastic baggie and take it home. At home, I wash it twice with water and an antibacterial soap, I let it air dry for a week (time is an important factor) and then I treat it with Pecard's dressing. Personally, I would feel comfortable bottoming to a whip that was cleaned in this manner. It is up to each bottom to decide if they are comfortable with that procedure. The best solution is that a bottom has his/her own whip that is used just on them.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS OF INTEREST

BDSM RESEARCH SURVEY

(Trevor Jacques) Editor@alternate.com

Just a quick note to mention that I have finally got myself together enough to put a massive survey of BDSMers onto the web.

Just a bit about the survey: I have been toying with this idea with a professor at the University of Toronto for about three years, now. Several people on this list have also given me useful pointers.

The idea is to gather psychological and sociological data from BDSM practitioners with a view to comparing them with the population at large. While we have some ideas about what we're likely to find, I'm sure that there will be several surprises. To date, there have been few such academic research projects, and most of those were very superficial. This survey should correct all that and give us some solid facts for when we need them.

The survey is very thorough in the questions that it asks, so it does require a commitment of approximately two hours to complete. To make things easier for those who choose to help by filling out the questionnaire, the site is designed so that you can take a break and then return to your questionnaire at a later date.

There are actually two identical surveys going on at the site at once. One is for people known to be in the BDSM scene, and the other is for web 'tourists' who come across the site through Yahoo, etc.. We'd like to keep these two groups well separate, so that the comparison of the groups will be valid, so please keep the address

<http://BDSM.SexResearch.org/BDSMSurvey.html>

within our community ONLY. Since you're part of the community we're trying to investigate, to opposite also holds true: Please don't use the tourists' link from the home page to create your questionnaire (that would skew the results, too). Please distribute the above URL to anyone and everyone you know to be in the BDSM community. Again, please do NOT give it to anyone outside our community. Thanks.

If you need to, please send web tourists to the home page of the domain, i.e.:
<http://BDSM.SexResearch.org>

The questionnaire should be available in .pdf format at a later date. It may also be available as a downloadable runtime database, if people want that. Our preference is to have people answer the one on the web.

If you find any problems, please report them by e-mail. If it's a serious problem, please call and leave a message at the number below. Thanks.

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CRUCIBLE ANNOUNCES \$500 GIFT TO NATIONAL COALITION FOR SEXUAL FREEDOM

WASHINGTON, DC -- August 21, 1998 -- The Crucible, an SM club in Washington, DC, has announced that it has donated \$500 to the National Coalition for Sexual Freedom.

Frazier, who runs the Crucible, said that the money was raised on August 16 from Crucible customers. Funds were raised by way of a slave auction, a raffle and a jailer's cell.

"As a new SM club we think it's important to establish credibility in the community," Frazier said. "Our community needs an organization like the NCSF. It's important that the leather community support the NCSF and I'm just trying to do my part. Getting our patrons involved and watching them enjoy it was a lot of fun for me."

"It's great to get private businesses involved in helping us spread our message of sexual freedom for consenting adults," NCSF executive director Susan Wright said. "The more people we have spreading our message and helping us reach our goals, the better. Frazier came up with some great ways of raising money for us and we thank him very much!"

For more information contact Susan Wright at (718) 383-3318 or Frazier at CrucibleDC@aol.com.

NLA-PORTLAND DONATES \$1,000 TO NATIONAL COALITION FOR SEXUAL FREEDOM

NEW YORK -- August 21, 1998 -- The National Coalition for Sexual Freedom and the National Leather Association's Portland chapter are proud to announce that NLA-Portland has made a \$1,000 donation to the NCSF.

The money was raised during NLA-Portland's successful Leather Pride Week 1998, which was held between August 7-16. NLA-Portland hosted free events and four fundraisers which collectively raised over \$3,000.

"We were especially pleased to be able to tell the rest of the community about NCSF and our feeling that you are doing great work," NLA-Portland secretary Simon said. "And you're doing it with enthusiastic volunteers and no membership dues. We definitely want to be among your major supporters."

"We're thrilled that NLA-Portland is contributing to our efforts," NCSF executive director Susan Wright said. "Their participation is important in many ways. First, we need money to advocate on behalf of sexual minorities. Secondly, we are very excited that more and more groups are helping spread the word of the NCSF's mission. And it's great to be working with the Portland chapter, which is 3,000 miles away from our offices. It shows that distance is no impediment to successful activism."

BOYCOTT RED LOBSTER AND THE OLIVE GARDEN.

According to The Washington Blade (July 17, 1998, pg. 12, col. 1), Darden Restaurants, the owner of Red Lobster, Olive Garden, and the new Bahama Breeze restaurant chains, wants to be able to fire employees solely because those employees are Gay.

Darden Restaurants is going to court to try and get Cook County's (Illinois) human rights ordinance -- which prohibits discrimination based on race, sex, religion, sexual orientation, and other categories, in matters of employment, housing, public accommodations and credit transactions -- declared unconstitutional. Their action comes in response to an order from the Cook County Human Rights Commission that they reinstate a Gay employee who was repeatedly ridiculed and eventually fired because of his sexual orientation.

The restaurant is not trying to claim that it did not discriminate - it is acknowledging that it *did* discriminate, and that civil rights laws which prevent them from acting on their bigotry are unconstitutional!

This is not just a company that supports an anti-Gay "foundation;" This is not just a company that discriminates and tries to cover it up; (although those examples are bad enough!) This is a company that is actively seeking to overturn important civil rights legislation - which would open the doors for countless other firings, harassment, and other forms of discrimination.

I know many of you often eat at these restaurants (I have as well), but Red Lobster and The Olive Garden are not establishments you should support. Next time you're tempted to eat at Red Lobster or The Olive Garden, imagine your Lesbian daughter/ sister/ granddaughter/ aunt/ niece / friend/mother/lover/self...being fired solely because she's a lesbian -- for no other reason. Or imagine your Gay son/ brother/ grandson/ uncle/ nephew/ friend/father/lover/self losing his housing - or being unable to find a place to live - solely because he's Gay. There are hundreds of other restaurants out there -- ones that aren't using your money to take away the civil rights of those you know and love. Patronize them, but not Red Lobster or The Olive Garden.

NLA-I is seeking a newsletter editor. After nearly 3 years I am resigning. This "job" also requires that you do distribution and learning how to send bulk mail. If interested email janhall@hotmail.com

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Meetings 3rd. Sun. of each month
Bar night last Fri. of each month
@ Atlanta Eagle

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Open Board Meetings - 3rd Wednesday of ea. mo.
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512-703-8927
www.io.com/~austinla/austinla.html

Meetings 4th Mon. of each month 7-9 PM @
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NLA: Columbus
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Columbus Ohio 43216

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NLA: New Orleans
P.O. Box 51496
New Orleans, LA 70151-1496

NLA: Dallas
PO Box 7597
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General meeting 1st Tues. of each month 7-9
PM @ Gay and Lesbian Community Center
corner of Brown and Regan in Dallas
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@ various members homes

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