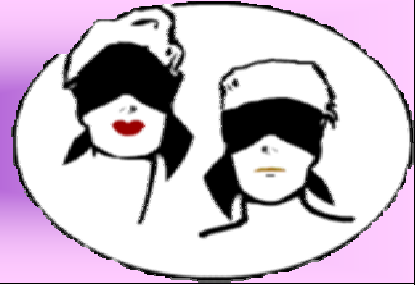


Power Lines

The Official Newsletter of the Orlando Munch



Happy Cinco de Memorial Mother's Day!

Okay, so there's a lot of confusion in my life, and it always seemed to get more frantic when May hits. But isn't everyone's life like that?

Not only does Mother's Day fall in May, but Memorial Day weekend, Cinco de Mayo parties, (Kinko de Mayo parties), the Zellwood Corn Festival.. Whew! I'm tired just thinking about it all!

Of course, May also brings new raffle items (page 7), a Newbie Group class, and another month's munch, which I always look forward to.

This May edition of Power Lines features a wonderful end to the Bondage articles by Jack Rinella, which has been getting gradually more advanced as they've progressed.

May used to be the big kick-off to the Florida bdsm conventions, so I'll have to get used to it starting even earlier with Beyond Leather in April! Don't

forget, they're doing super-early registration for next year already!

This edition also features a brand-new addition. A coupon!! Just print it up, cut it out, and bring it over to Western Crafts & Gifts to get your Orlando Munch Member discount!

I'm planning on going over on a Friday, getting some food, and then heading to the more laidback night at The Woodshed.

Check out page 10 for upcoming events at The Woodshed Orlando. Check out page 11 for the upcoming conventions!

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Bondage Part III

by: Jack Ringella

As my friend David pointed out this week, I haven't yet mentioned leather restraints: "Some very practical applications of bondage, thanks. I was surprised that you didn't mention pre-made wrist/ankle restraints as part of the scene, [as] they are easier to attach than plain rope for the novice & just as effective. Just my ideas," he writes via e-mail.



Good ideas too, but I was saving them for last. It's my experience to start your toy collection slowly and cheaply. That reflects my pocketbook, of course, but I'm probably not too much poorer than most readers.

The first leather purchase I would advise has nothing to do with bondage. Get yourself a bar vest, (priced as low as \$29.00, but more usually between \$60.00 and \$100.00) as it's the equipment that's most necessary and the one that's the least easy to make yourself.

Most everything else I'm going to list today can be home-made. Take a walk around a Tandy leather store. My first leather restraints were made from

remnants purchased in a "grab bag" for a dollar. The necessary tools and buckle don't cost much more. Making it yourself is a great way to spend these cold winter nights, when the wind chill (that make-believe number that the weather people use in order to make their news more newsworthy) is low enough to keep you home.

Besides, spreading a piece of leather out on the kitchen table is a great way to tell your lover that you want to start a new hobby!

Enough jokes, Jack.

The first leather toy then is a pair of wrist restraints. They come in either buckle or D-ring varieties. The buckle types are self-contained. The D-rings allow you to use padlocks. Some buckles can be locked as well and some restraints come with locking posts. Wrist restraints, as most leather toys,



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come padded or unpadded. The major difference between the two has to do with utility. If you are going to have long-term or more strenuous bondage scenes, the padding can be very helpful, even imperative. For ease of use and carrying convenience, the plain ones work well. (\$40 unlined, \$69 padded)

Prices quoted are from [Eagle Leathers](#), 5005 N. Clark St., Chicago. Similar equipment, of course, is available at Male Hide Leathers, Cupids, and the Pleasure Chest. The same can be gotten

by mail order from [Mr. S. Leathers](#), San Francisco.

With the restraints you'll want to make sure you have those bolt snaps mentioned in part one. Leather restraints have the advantage of being safer, since constriction is more easily avoided. Still, be careful to check extremities for circulation. I keep my locks locked so that I have to unlock them in order to use them. Doing so insures that you have the key handy when and where you need it.

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by: Jack Rinzella

Ankle restraints are a bit bigger than wrist ones (\$49 to \$79). Some come with attached chains, a nice feature. A set of ankle and wrist restraints serves well as the basic bondage kit, as it is useful for the spread-eagle position we all favor.



Next, I would go for cock and ball restraints. There are a myriad of varieties of stretchers, separators, and sheaths, too numerous to list here, but including figure eights to go around the nuts and cock and two-snap ball stretchers to pull the testicles away from the cock. Parachutes are a favorite of mine. They encircle the nuts leaving small chains dangling for the easy attachment of weights or cords. Eventually you'll want to buy weights as well. You'll have to experiment with your bottom's tolerance. Start easy and add weight as you see how much his nuts can take. Eight to ten pounds isn't unheard of. I've even seen a photo (was it real or Memorex?) of much more weight being lifted by the scrotum, but caution and reason is necessary here. I don't want anyone going to the emergency room saying that "Jack sent

me."

Thigh and wrist restraint combos (\$119) are straps that go just where you think, fastening the arms at the side and out of the way. Up in the neck department,

collars, again in a wide variety, sell for \$30 to \$65. Some have D-rings for attaching wrists to neck, some come with wrist straps already attached. The variations are endless.

A simple Ace Bandage is sufficient for blind-folding, but you can get fancier with a leather blind-fold (\$25-\$39). Jon, the manager of [Eagle Leathers](#), showed me a great blind-fold made of latex. It was inflatable. Now there's a neat present. More on latex later.

To get fancier in the blind-fold department, you can get a spandex hood (\$20). The advantage of spandex is that you can breathe through it and see shadows. They come off very easily and quickly, just the kind of thing to use with a novice. He won't be spooked by total darkness. Later, of course, you'll want to put a leather hood over it, but they are more

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expensive (\$115 or so). Again the varieties of hoods are endless. I prefer the kind with open mouths, since I love to use a bottom's mouth. They come with detachable gags and blind folds, and some have D-rings.



In a similar category, a head harness acts much like a hood except that much more of the head is exposed. I like to immobilize my bottom with it. He can hear, see, and use his mouth, but his head can't otherwise move, once I've attached the harness to the ceiling, cross, bed, or bondage box.

Harnesses come in chain and leather (\$45 to \$149) and encircle the torso in a number of ways. By and large you will find them strictly decorative, though there's nothing wrong with dressing for the part.

At this point, I'd suggest you get a hold of a catalogue (\$20) from [Mr. S Leathers](#) (800-746-7677). You can tell them that Jack sent you. Seeing pictures of all this gear will explain it much better than even my writing can do. Besides, the people at Mr. S have great looking models. Sorry ladies that

there aren't any women in the photos but I know you'll still get the idea.

I say that about the catalogue (I mean to get one) because the visual presentation really does explain a lot. Not every novice has to learn only by doing or having done. That said, I'll recommend a few books: [The Master's Manual, A Handbook of Erotic Dominance by Jack Rinella](#), Daedalus Publishing, ISBN 1-881943-03-8, \$14.95; [Learning The Ropes by Race Bannon](#), Daedalus Publishing, ISBN 1-881943-07-0, \$12.95; [Leathersex by Joseph Bean](#), Daedalus Publishing, ISBN 1-881943-05-4 \$14.95; and [Leatherman's Handbook II by Larry Townsend](#), Carlyle Communication, ISBN 0-503-09999-6, \$5.95.

As I promised, a quick note about latex bondage, with a nod to my friend Ryan Johnson. Depending upon the size of your bottom, three to six rolls of latex make a great mummification wrap. The rolls are 4 inches wide by 16 feet (\$20 each). They make immobility easy, though not really cheap.

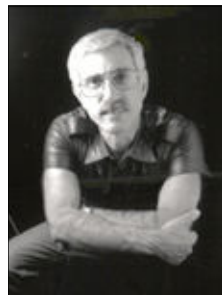


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Latex is a great turn-on and very versatile, though you really have to take care of it and learn a few of the do's and don'ts.



Other possibilities, well beyond intro bondage, are leather straightjackets, sleep sacks, and suspension equipment (from \$200 up, and I mean UP). All I've ever been able to afford is to look, but it sure looks good. This kind of bondage, though, takes expertise, both on the part of the top and the bottom. Make sure you've graduated with honors from Intro and Intermediate before you go for the gold.



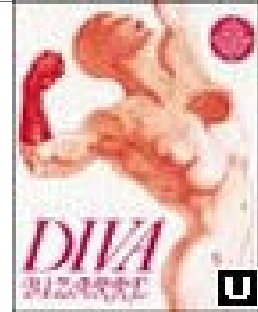
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~Eria

May Raffle

[Diva Bizarre](#) is a trilingual book all about the evolution of fetishism from the Marquis de Sade up to the 1970's. Of course, there are pictures of Betty Paige, as well as a ponyplay drawing from 1930, cartoons, erotic photography, and lots to read! This is in French, Italian, and English.



Diva Bizarre retails for about \$50, so buying a raffle ticket or two is worth it!

May Class

The Orlando Munch Newbie Group is sponsoring a class Saturday, May 24th at 6pm. The Woodshed Orlando is hosting

Mindfuck 101: Smoke & Mirrors.

This is the Newbie Group's "Introduction to psychological dominance" class.

Many thanks to Rounder for teaching, and many more to The Woodshed Orlando for hosting our classes.

FL. Legislative Update

by: Rand Hoch

As the Florida Legislature draws to a close, there is progress to report about the gay rights bills introduced at the request of the Palm Beach County Human Rights Council.

Knowing that it would take several years for Florida to enact GLBT-inclusive civil rights laws, in 2007 Senator Ted Deutch (D-Boca Raton) and Representative Kelly Skidmore (D-Boca Raton) initially introduced anti-discrimination legislation to amend Florida's civil rights and fair housing laws to prohibit discrimination in employment, housing and public accommodations.

The lawmakers' initial goals were to enlist co-sponsors for the two bills and to educate their colleagues on the need for GLBT-inclusive statewide anti-discrimination rights laws.

A "two-bill strategy" was implemented for the 2008 legislative session. Deutch's bill (S. 572) covered only "sexual orientation." Skidmore's bill (HB 191) also included "gender identity or expression."

Although this controversial strategy virtually guaranteed the Senate bill would not have the support of

organizations committed exclusively to transgender-inclusive legislation, many activists were surprised by steps taken to undermine the Senate bill.

In a disturbing move, Equality Florida persuaded Senate Minority Leader Steve Geller (D-Hallandale) not co-sponsor the bill. However, Equality Florida's efforts failed with Senator Charlie Justice (D-Tampa) failed, who signed on as a co-sponsor. (By the end of the legislative session, Equality Florida ultimately ceased its active opposition to the bill and instead encouraged senators to take transgender rights into consideration in the future).

Throughout the session Deutch's implementation of the strategy was nothing less than brilliant. After initially enlisting five Democrats to co-sponsor his anti-discrimination bill, Deutch bided his time until early April, when two pieces of progressive legislation passed in their senate committees. Understanding that the time was right, Deutch approached Senator Jeff Atwater (R-North Palm Beach) -- who will be Senate President if the Republicans retain control of the Senate after the November elections -- about supporting the anti-

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discrimination bill. (The Palm Beach County Human Rights Council had already held preliminary conversations with Atwater about the need for GLBT-inclusive legislation). Atwater promptly became a co-sponsor and arranged for a hearing before the Senate Commerce Committee. In a historic bipartisan 7-1 vote, on April 8 the Deutch Anti-Discrimination bill was approved by the Senate Commerce Committee. Unfortunately, legislative time constraints ended any further progress on the Senate bill.

In contrast to the efforts in the Senate where there was no concerted effort by GLBT groups to advance the anti-discrimination bill, the transgender-inclusive bill in the House of Representatives had the support of a broad spectrum of state and local organizations.

With the 2008 legislative session barely underway, Representative Skidmore enlisted twenty-seven of her colleagues from across the state - all Democrats - to co-sponsor her bill. After Equality Florida began its lobbying effort on the bill in late-March, four state representatives - all Democrats - also signed on. However, the lack of a single Republican co-

sponsor prevented the bill from moving forward.

(Republican State Representative Faye Culp of Tampa, a co-sponsor of Skidmore's 2007 bill, informed PBCHRC that she would not sponsor the 2008 bill "since the addition of 'gender identity or expression' ... will make the bill even more difficult to get a hearing and ... makes it very unclear.")

Despite the united efforts of so many organizations and individuals, the House took no action on the Skidmore bill

Still, more than 25% of the members of the Florida House of Representatives are now on record supporting GLBT-inclusive civil rights laws

Kudos to Representative Skidmore and her legislative assistant Aaron Blye for their valiant efforts.

Hopefully, legislative leaders, working with GLBT organizations, activists and allies, will adopt a unified strategy to advance comprehensive anti-discrimination legislation in 2009.

<http://www.pbchrc.org/>
for full article.

At The Woodshed Orlando

May 17th is

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May 10th- Submissive Safe Space Meeting

May 17th- Kinko de Mayo!

May 24th- Orlando Munch Takeover

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Upcoming Events

May 9-10

Mayhem in May
Shreveport, LA.

www.mayheminmay.com

May 23-25

Fetish Factory Anniversary Weekend
Fort Lauderdale, FL.

www.fetishfactory.com

June 12-15

Le Carnaval de Cuir (The Leather Carnival)
New Orleans, LA

www.nolakink.com

June 13-15

Southeast LeatherFest
Atlanta, GA

www.seleatherfest.com

July 11-12

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Atlanta, GA

www.secretroom.net

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