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If you're wondering why this month's column is shorter than usual, it's because we're writing it at the last minute. We had a guest column planned for the November-December issue, but the author decided that he didn't want the piece he had written published after all.

As we were wondering what to fill this spot with, we were struck by an interesting (at least, to us) thought that was raised in an email discussion we were having with Fran from Smoking Sweeties. He mentioned the creation of "Cannabis Social Clubs" in Spain (where he lives) - which intrigued us. And after a little research (if you call searching on Wikipedia "research") we found this:

"A Cannabis Social Club is a concept of the pan-European non-government organization ENCOD conceived in 2005 as a way to enable legal production and distribution of cannabis for adults. Cannabis Social Clubs are non-commercial organizations which organize the professional, collective cultivation of very limited amounts of cannabis, just enough to cover the personal needs of their club members...Cannabis Social Clubs exist in New Zealand, Spain, Belgium, France, the Netherlands and Germany." Pot use is already legal in Cambodia and North Korea, and has been decriminalized in a number of countries.

When you couple that with the legalization of marijuana in Colorado, the growing number of states and countries which now allow the use of medical marijuana and the seemingly unstoppable move toward complete legalization, at least for personal use - the irony for our community is clear.

Before long, whether it's due to bans on smoking in public or a complete 21st century version of prohibition, it may very well be impossible for smoking fetishists to see anyone smoking in public. Our time will have passed. But the apparently smaller number of people who have a fetish for women who smoke pot will be entering their own "golden era" with opportunities for sightings abounding.

We should mention that our conclusions about the relative number of smoking fetishists and

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pot smoking fetishists are based on the sole fact that there are only a few websites or online resources dedicated to marijuana smoking fetishes, compared to the number of smoking fetish websites and online resources - and the pot smoking videos on YouTube and similar sites seem not to be aimed, for the most part, at a fetish audience. (And we hope you appreciate our restraint, not railing at the hypocrisy of governments banning one type of smoking while allowing another.)

But who knows? Perhaps the growing amount of exposure people will have to women toking up - will give birth to a huge new fetish in the coming years. If so, we hope those fetishists enjoy themselves as much as we have over the last hundred years or so.

Enjoy the November-December issue!