

# T H E NATIONAL LEATHER ASSOCIATION

## FIRST LINK

### CHAPTER NEWS

#### NLA:SAN DIEGO:

The big news from NLA:San Diego is their successful bid for the Living in Leather V Conference, tentatively scheduled for October, 1990, and to be held in San Diego. The Conference will be chaired by Sallee Huber (President of NLA:Portland), and Ed Wiant and Terri Foster (Officers of NLA:SD). Plans (arguments, discussions, etc.) are already coming along for this big event of 1990.

NLA:SD is hosting a Bar-B-Que and scavenger hunt on August 5. Starting with the first Sunday in September, NLA:SD meetings will be at the Center for Social Services in Hillcrest, starting at 6 PM.

Current Officers are Ed Wiant, President; Terri Foster, Vice President; Bradley Chamberlin, Secretary; and Bobby Foster, Treasurer.

#### NLA:ARKANSAS

NLA:ARKANSAS held its organizational meeting on Saturday, July 15, 1989, and voted at that time to form a Chapter of the NLA, elect officers, and adopt By-Laws. Officers for the remainder of 1989 are President Chuck Higgins (Arkansas Mr. Leather, '89), 1st Vice President Raymond Weber, 2nd Vice President Kenneth Pope, Secretary Paul Dorman, Treasurer Eric Hooysschuur, and Adam Jones, Program Director. NLA:ARKANSAS had adopted the name "The Officers' Club."

Initial events planned by NLA:ARKANSAS include a "Wet Fantasy" show on August 11, a run to Memphis Tenn. August 5, and possibly participation in the Tsaurus Run Sept. 1-2. Chaps is the home bar for the group. General meetings will be every 2nd Saturday at 9 PM, at Chaps unless other notification is given. Address for NLA:ARKANSAS is P.O.Box 4392, No. Little Rock, ARK 72116.

#### NLA:SEATTLE:

Though attendance at the July Board meeting was light, the Balcony provided a refreshing new setting. The Board noted tremendous exposure and enthusiasm at the Pride Festival, and a proud riding contingent at the Pride March. NLA has been asked to provide security at the August 19 All-City Picnic.

NLA:Seattle will now be publishing a newsletter for its Chapter members; deadline is the first of each month. Contact George Morton and Michael Letourneau at the NLA:Seattle Post Office Box with news and information.

A working retreat held July 23 confirmed the recent mail election and by-law issues mailed out at the end of May. The Chapter's name remains NLA:SEATTLE. Issues and problems were successfully discussed at this retreat.

### N.L.A. CALENDAR

#### \*\*AUGUST, 1989\*\*

- 14 NLA:PORTLAND PORTLAND,OR  
Board Meeting 7:30 PM Embers
- 15 NLA:SEATTLE SEATTLE  
Board Meeting 7:30PM Balcony
- 18 NLA:SEATTLE SEATTLE  
All-City Picnic Maple Valley

#### \*\*SEPTEMBER, 1989\*\*

- 1 NLA:SAN DIEGO SAN DIEGO  
Bar Night 8-11 Wolfs
- 3 NLA:SAN DIEGO SAN DIEGO  
General Mtng 6 PM Wolf's
- 7 NLA:SAN DIEGO SAN DIEGO  
Scavenger Hunt/BBQ
- 8 NLA:BC VANCOUVER  
Bar Night Ms.T's
- 8 Deadline FIRST LINK III:9
- 9 NLA:BC VANCOUVER  
Psych/Physiol SM
- 10 NLA:PORTLAND PORTLAND,OR  
Meeting 7-9PM Embers
- 10 NLA:SEATTLE SEATTLE  
Auction
- 10 NLA:BC VANCOUVER  
Board Meeting 7 PM VGLC
- 12 NLA:SEATTLE SEATTLE  
Board Meeting 7:30PM Balcony

#### \*\*OCTOBER, 1989\*\*

- 1 NLA:SAN DIEGO SAN DIEGO  
General Mtng 6 PM Wolf's
- 6 NLA:SAN DIEGO SAN DIEGO  
Bar Night 8-11 Wolfs
- 6 NLA:NAC PORTLAND,OR  
Meeting 4:30 Inn at Colis.

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- \*6-8 NLA PORTLAND \*
  - \* Living in Leather IV \*
  - \* FRIDAY:Registration & \*
  - \* Hospitality \*
  - \* SATURDAY:Exhibits,Workshops \*
  - \* & Party \*
  - \* SUNDAY:Exhibits,Workshops & \*
  - \* Commemoration \*
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#### NLA:PORTLAND:

June 12 General Meeting and July 3 Board Meeting: Kevin was reelected Vice President. Living in Leather plans are progressing, committees are formed, and a triumph is guaranteed. NLA:Portland has ordered a flag based on the Leather Pride design of Tony DeBlase. Pride weekend plans included a Mud (Jello) Wrestling Match, the Parade, an information table, and other community events. By-Law revisions will be voted at the Sept. 11 meeting, which will also include discussion of the Mr. & Ms. Portland NLA Contest, LIL IV planning, and other major topics.

Portland Leatherpersons are justly proud of the numerous activities and events from their Pride weekend; a truly remarkable job from this growing community.

- 8 Deadline FIRST LINK III:10
- 13 NLA:BC VANCOUVER  
Bar Night Ms.T's
- 17 NLA:SEATTLE SEATTLE  
Board Meeting 7:30PM Balcony
- 21 NLA:BC VANCOUVER  
General Meeting
- 28 NLA:BC VANCOUVER  
Fetish & Fantasy Ball

#### \*\*NOVEMBER, 1989\*\*

- 3 NLA:SAN DIEGO SAN DIEGO  
Bar Night 8-11 Wolfs
- 5 NLA:SAN DIEGO SAN DIEGO  
General Mtng 6 PM Wolf's
- 8 Deadline FIRST LINK III:11
- 10 NLA:BC VANCOUVER  
Bar Night Ms.T's
- 12 NLA:SEATTLE SEATTLE  
General Mmbrshp Meeting
- 12 NLA:BC VANCOUVER  
Board Meeting 7 PM VGLC
- 14 NLA:SEATTLE SEATTLE  
Board Meeting 7:30PM Balcony

#### \*\*DECEMBER, 1989\*\*

- 1 NLA:SAN DIEGO SAN DIEGO  
Bar Night 8-11 Wolfs
- 3 NLA:SAN DIEGO SAN DIEGO  
General Mtng 6 PM Wolf's
- 8 NLA:BC VANCOUVER  
Bar Night Ms.T's
- 8 Deadline FIRST LINK III:12
- 10 NLA:SEATTLE SEATTLE  
Toyland Express/Toys 4 Tots
- 10 NLA:BC VANCOUVER  
Board Meeting 7 PM VGLC
- 12 NLA:SEATTLE SEATTLE  
Board Meeting 7:30PM Balcony
- 17 NLA:SEATTLE SEATTLE  
NLA Childrens' Party

#### NLA:B.C.

Meetings of June 11 and July 9: NLA:BC reports several new Officers, including Jo Leroux as Co-Chair and Michael Scrode as Recording Secretary. Continuing in office are Don Robbins Co-Chair, Larry Gillis Treasurer, and Hody Allan Co-Ordinator. The Chapter extends its deep appreciation for outgoing Officers Jan, Stephanie, and Myrna.

The Bi/Het group, working in cooperation with NLA:BC, is doing well, with workshops, meetings, a successful picnic, and a growing constituency.

A July Workshop on Toys was lightly attended, but well-received. Members participated in a P.W.A. Walk-A-Thon. Jo was named the new NLA:BC representative to the NLA National Advisory Council. August events include a picnic on the 20th and a pub night on the 11th. The major upcoming event is the third Fetish and Fantasy Ball, scheduled for October 28th at Uncle Charlie's Lounge.

### N.L.A. CHAPTERS

The N.L.A. has great news to report about its chapters this month. While we already have well-established Chapters in Seattle, Vancouver B.C., Portland, OR, and San Diego, and a brand-new Chapter in Little Rock, ARK, we are pleased to present four Chapters-In-Formation, in Denver, Detroit, Los Angeles, and San Francisco. Also, local groups are working hard and we expect great things in the near future from Dallas, TX, and Tulsa, OK. If you are interested in forming a Chapter in your own area, please contact the NLA at POB 17463, Seattle, WA, 98107, or leave a request on our message line at (206)-789-8990. For your convenience in contacting us, our addresses follow:

- NLA:NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS  
P.O.Box 17463, Seattle, WA 98107  
(206)-789-8990
- NLA:SEATTLE P.O.Box 20674, Seattle, WA 98102
- NLA:B.C. 1170 Bute St., Vancouver, B.C., V6E-1Z6 Canada
- NLA:PORTLAND P.O.Box 5161, Portland, OR 97208
- NLA:SAN DIEGO P.O.Box 3092, San Diego, CA 92103
- NLA:ARKANSAS P.O.Box 4392, No. Little-rock, ARK 72116
- NLA:DENVER--Chapter in Formation. P.O. Box 13034, Denver, CO 80201-3034
- NLA:DETROIT--Chapter in Formation. P.O. Box 725368, Berkley, MICH 48072
- NLA:LOS ANGELES--Chapter in Formation 7985 Santa Monica Blvd, Suite 109-217, West Hollywood, CA 90046 (213)-656-0258 ext.117
- NLA:SAN FRANCISCO--Chapter in Formation 484 Lake Park Ave., #16, Piedmont, CA 94610

## DUES INCREASE ON THE WAY

Increased publication cost, increased outreach, and expanding activities all have mandated a dues increase for membership in the N.L.A. Currently, National Members (those not affiliated with any Chapter) are paying \$25 per year. Out of each membership collected by a Chapter, only \$10 is going to the National Organization. STARTING OCTOBER 1, 1989, THE NATIONAL WILL RECEIVE \$25 FROM EACH INDIVIDUAL MEMBER. This means that Chapters will have to collect higher dues than formerly, in order to support their own activities in addition to submitting the \$25 per member to the National. If your membership will be expiring soon, remember to renew at once (before October 1) as that may be your last chance to join at the current \$25 rate. Each Chapter will be informing its own members as to its new rate structure. Dues outside the North American Continent will be increased to \$30 per year per individual (U.S. funds).

\$1.00 out of each membership will be going into the Mack MacKinnon Travel Fund, to support travel by title-holders and officers in furtherance of the NLA Statement of Purpose.

Dues are scheduled to remain the same for National Affiliates (\$25 for non-profit organizations, and \$50 for commercial entities).

### NOTES ON NAC BY-LAW COMMITTEE AND NAC EXECUTIVE MEETING SAN FRANCISCO, JULY 15-16

The NAC Executive Committee, in addition to its By-Law work in San Francisco last month, spend some time discussing a variety of other issues.

After hearing from both current Mr. & Ms. NLA title-holders, the Exec. determined that the next national contest should be held in conjunction with LIL-V, as would future National contests. Both current titleholders will continue in their positions until the next contest (both Jan and Guy agreed to do this). In the future, more extensive funding, publicity, and materials will be planned. In conjunction, a 3-fold PR brochure is being prepared. Both Jan and Guy were appropriated up to \$200 for travel expenses. Both have already done extensive travel and have very full schedules.

A unanimous vote by the NAC has awarded the site of Living in Leather V to NLA:San Diego. Chairing the Conference will be Sallee Huber, Ed Winant, and Terry Foster. In addition to the Mr. & Ms. NLA Competition, the Conference will incorporate a national meeting of the NLA.

The Exec. voted, due to our limited sources of National income and slowly growing operating expenses, to increase national dues. As of October 1st, 1989, National dues will be \$25.00 for all individual members. Local Chapters will have to plan for this increased assessment over the current \$10.00 rate.

Steps were taken to increase knowledge available to Chapters-in-Formation (we currently have 7) re. their local constituency and making local contacts for PR, advertising, and other business more easily accomplished.

The Exec. directed establishment of a committee to formulate policy and procedures for activities of the "Mack" MacKinnon Travel Fund. Vik Stump will chair the committee and bring recommendations back to the Exec. at their next meeting.

The next meeting of the NAC will be a dinner meeting, Friday, October 6th, from 4:30 to 7:30 PM, in conjunction with LIL-IV in Portland. NAC members will be advised of cost (projected about \$15.00), time, and location. The Executive determined to extend all current NAC members and officers until elections are held after implementation of the new by-laws.

Finally new By-Laws: 16 hours of intensive work produced completion of a majority of the proposed structure. Such sticky items as governing structure, qualifications and representation of the 3 member categories, and election (and recall) procedures have been thoroughly discussed. Several of our Bay Area members will continue to iron out details and clean up language so the final recommended edition may be presented to the full NAC in October.

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### NEW AFFILIATES

The National Leather Association proudly announces its newest affiliate, GAUNTLET, INC.. Jim Ward, the owner, is famous for his expertise at workshops, clinics, and panels around the country. You can contact Gauntlet at 8720 Santa Monica Blvd., Los Angeles, CA, 90069 or by calling (213)-651-6677. Appointments in San Francisco are available by calling (415)-431-3133 or writing 519 Castro St., #73, San Francisco, CA, 94114. Attendees at Living in Leather III will remember Jim Ward and his presentation at the Piercing Workshop. We look forward to seeing Jim at LIL-IV as a participant in several panels, as well as as an exhibitor.

We are also proud to announce the renewal of the affiliate membership of MACK'S LEATHERS, INC., of Vancouver, BC. Mack's Leathers is carrying on the fine traditions of craftsmanship established by Mack MacKinnon, whose death saddened us earlier this year. They are offering a 15% discount on their own leather products to NLA members.

### LEATHER PRIDE

New York reports a grand success with the 6th annual Leather Pride Night benefit and auction, held June 18 in New York. Mistress and Master of Ceremonies were NLA's own International Ms. Leather Susie Shepherd and GMSMA representative Barry Douglas. Over \$11,000 was raised for the co-beneficiaries, Heritage of Pride and the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation. Among the donated items which were auctioned were a pair of Living in Leather IV Conference registrations. One week later, a block-long Leather-SM Contingent marched in the New York Gay Pride March, along with a Jeep carrying Mr. NLA/International Mr. Leather Guy Baldwin.

In San Francisco, Susie Shepherd and Ms. NLA Jan Lyon were present, to participate in a benefit auction arranged for them and to proudly participate in that city's Pride Parade.

Portland Oregon celebrated its pride weekend on June 17-18. In a weekend filled with benefits and programs, and the enormously successful premiere ORGASM dungeon night, a large number of leathermen and leatherwomen from around the Pacific Northwest walked and rode to celebrate pride, and adjourned to a fine rally along the river side, where the first ever International Ms. Leather (and Co-Chair of the NLA) Judy Tallwing delivered a stirring address.

Seattle reports a lot of interest raised at its Pride Festival booth on June 18, and participated along with its brothers and sisters from Oregon and Vancouver in the June 25 Pride Parade. A convertible and a truck filled with proud leatherfolk were followed by a modest inter-city walking contingent, representing the NLA, Living in Leather, and our brother organization the Seattle Dungeon Guild.

August 4-7 will be Pride Weekend in Vancouver, British Columbia, where a whirlwind of activities (including the third running of the Mr./Ms. Vancouver Leather Contest) and a parade are scheduled.

### SPECIAL TRAVEL PACKAGES FOR LIVING IN LEATHER IV

Special travel packages are in the works for LIL-IV, via plane, train, and bus. Plane and train arrangements are available only through Ineka at Orion Travel Agency, 563 Castro, San Francisco, CA 94114. Call her at 1-800-552-3326 or 1-415-864-3233, Monday to Saturday. The packages are as follows:

Via air, the preferred carrier is U.S. Air. If a certain number of flights are sold, free flights will be available (to be used by PWA's to travel to Conference). Any of three airlines (U.S. Air, Alaska, and United) offer 5% off the lowest price available on the day reservations are made, or 40% off the full coach fair. The following "windows" are available for travel: United--any date from October 2 to 12, U.S. Air and Alaska--any day from October 3 to 10. All three airlines' arrangements apply for round-trip travel between Portland and any city West of the Rockies. Remember, make your arrangements through Ineka, and let her know you're coming to Living in Leather.

Train travel is available for round trips between San Francisco and Portland, for \$156. Leave at 8:20 PM on Oct. 5 and arrive in Portland at 2:20 PM on the 6th. Again, make your arrangements with Ineka.

We may rent a bus for travel between San Francisco and Portland for \$3500 (plus lodging for the driver in Portland). We need 40 riders in order to do this. Cost will be about \$90 a head to do this. However, without 40 prepaid riders it will be impossible. In order to indicate your interest in the BUS trip, call Jan at 206-784-9572 and leave YOUR NAME and YOUR NIGHT PHONE. Do NOT contact Ineka regarding the bus trip.

We extend our thanks to Ineka and Jan for all their work in setting up these arrangements. See you at LIL!

### CONFERENCE HOSPITALITY

Laurie and Dan are arranging hospitality functions this year. We'll be having a Hospitality Suite adjacent to the Registration area on the evening of October 6, featuring the NLA's official 3rd Birthday Party and Cake, and titleholders galore! The Board Rooms at the Inn at the Coliseum will be the site of morning coffee and ...., on Saturday and Sunday. Later in the day these will be the sites for optional Twelve Step programs, Wiccan gatherings, PWA/HIV+ support groups, etc.

### HOTEL INFORMATION--LIVING IN LEATHER IV

Headquarters Hotel for LIL-IV is the Inn at the Coliseum at 10 No. Weidlar in Portland. Rates start at \$45 (double occupancy). Phone numbers are 503-239-9900 or 800-342-1342. They still have rooms available, but they're filling up fast, so reserve as soon as possible. The Inn is the site of Friday registration and of hospitality services and special meeting spaces throughout the weekend, and it is just across the street from the Memorial Coliseum (site of workshops and exhibits). Backup hotel is Hyatt Lodge (call 503-233-5121). Rates are a bit lower (starting at \$37.50 for two) but it is farther away. When registering at either hotel, please mention the Living in Leather Conference and the National Leather Association in order to get a room.

### REGISTRATION--LIVING IN LEATHER IV

You will find a registration form in this issue of FIRST LINK. Do fill it in, and send it in, today. Note that rates go up on September 10. Our Conference bills are being paid with advance registration money; we are depending on you to make this event possible.

Even though you may register in advance for LIL-IV, you will still need to check in at Conference Registration in Portland. There we will have your Conference identification, your program, guides and maps, and information. Also, this will be your only opportunity to register for four limited-attendance workshops (only 20 people are permitted in each, first come first served, one to an attendee).

If you are unable to register ahead of time, you may register on site. Registration will occur at the Inn at the Coliseum on Friday evening, October 6 (starting at 5:00 PM); registration will also be open at the Memorial Coliseum, Assembly Hall Area (North Wing) on Saturday, October 7, opening around 10 AM. If you have registered in advance, you will need to check in here.

Please, if you must delay sending in your registration, DO NOT MAIL IT TO US AFTER THE 22ND OF SEPTEMBER; we must allow time for it to reach us and be processed. After that date, you still may use the form attached, but bring it in with you. All registrations received by September 24 will be confirmed by mail.



### LIVING IN LEATHER IV EXHIBITORS

Exhibitors for the famous LIL vendors area are signing up. As this goes to press, there is still room, but if you are interested in displaying your merchandising or promoting your organization at LIL, sign up quickly. If you need exhibitor information sent to you, leave a message on our NLA Answering Line (206-789-8990) and we'll get it to you at once. Each year, vendors from around the country bring their goods and their catalogs to Living in Leather. We provide a large and highly-targeted audience for clothing, playthings, books, videos, and other material of interest to the Leather/SM/Fetish community.

If you are attending Living in Leather, bring some extra spending money, as I'm sure our vendors' merchandise will tempt you.



### LEATHER BREAKFAST

A Highlight of Sunday morning for LIL attendees will be the Leather Breakfast. This will feature our keynote speaker, Nan Borrows, who is nationally respected for her power, her warmth, and her wisdom. The NLA annual awards will be presented here. Also featured will be speeches from the NLA Chapter Chairs, from our National Chairs, and from our Conference Chairs. We will provide you site and cost information during in-person registration.

### WORKSHOPS AT LIL-IV

Workshops are at the heart of LIL Conferences; this year, we've got a really impressive group of workshops and panelists. A sampling of the many panelists who have already confirmed our invitations includes Guy Baldwin, Nan Borrows, Pat Califia, Tony DeBlase, Barry Douglas, Dragon, Cleo Du Bois, Dean Dunlap, Fakir, John Ferrari, the Hun, Albert Kraus, Jan Lyon, Chuck Renslow, Dave Rhodes, Jim Richards, Eric Rofes, Gayle Rubin, Alan Selby, Susie Shepherd, and Jim Ward.

Among the over 20 workshops and demos being presented are the following: AIDS and the "Non-Gay" Community, Our Amazing Family of Fetishes, Permanent Body Decoration, Bondage as Art, Build It Yourself Dungeon Equipment and Space, Catheters and Sounds, Party Politics (organizing and staging a dungeon play party), Since Dallas '88, and Switching.

For the first time at a LIL Conference, we will be presenting four limited-attendance workshops (only 20 people are permitted in each). These will be available only at in-person registration (October 6-7) on a first come first served basis, one to an attendee. Some very special presenters and topics are scheduled for these workshops.

## LIVING IN LEATHER IV REGISTRATION FORM

Registration for Living in Leather IV includes all Conference Workshops and Demonstrations, access to the Exhibits Room and the Hospitality Area, and the BLACK OUT BALL party on Saturday night. After September 10, an additional \$5 per person will be charged.

RATES: Please circle below the rate under which you are registering:

- N.L.A. MEMBER:  to Sept. 10, \$55.  after Sept. 10, \$60.
- NON-MEMBER:  to Sept. 10, \$65.  after Sept. 10, \$70.

Please enclose check or money order (US funds only); we cannot accept credit cards. Please mail forms and money to National Leather Association, P.O.Box 17463, Seattle, WA, 98107.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

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Are you a member of NLA: \_\_\_\_\_

(Note: you may use the space below to join the N.L.A.)  
I AM NOT a member of NLA, but wish to join. I support the Statement of Purpose. [Please enclose an additional \$25.00 per person, check or money order]. I certify that I am over 21 years of age.

(signature) \_\_\_\_\_

May we release your name to any Chapter in your area?

#### TRAVEL BY NLA TITLE-HOLDERS

Ms. NLA Jan Lyon has had a hectic travel schedule since winning her title, including attendance at International Mr. Leather in Chicago where she proudly supported Guy Baldwin's successful attempt at the title, and where she helped pass out LIIV brochures, sell t-shirts, and host a hotel hospitality room. She appeared with IMSL Susie Shepherd on the winning float in the Portland Pride parade and in the San Francisco Pride Parade. Jan wishes especially to thank Ruth for the wonderful fundraiser on which she worked so hard in San Francisco. Several weeks later Jan was again in San Francisco for the NLA NAC meetings, where she was also interviewed along with Guy for Gay Television. Jan will travel to Vancouver August 5-7 for the Pride March and the Mr. & Ms. Vancouver Leather Contest, to Michigan August 12-14 to the Whips Camp Ground at the Michigan Women's Music Festival, and to Omaha on August 18-20 for the "Fantasy '89 Weekend and AIDS fundraiser. September 23-25 she'll be in San Francisco for Leather Pride Weekend; October 6-8 she will be at Living in Leather IV in Portland, Oregon; and November 11 she'll be judging the Southern California Ms. & Ms. Leather Contest in San Diego.

Following his triumph at the International Mr. Leather Contest in Chicago, Mr. NLA Guy Baldwin was at the NYC Drummer Contest and Pride March in June. On July 8, he was at the Zeus Studio fundraiser "Phantom, while the following weekend he was in San Francisco for the NLA-NAC meetings. July 29 found him in Dallas for the Gulf Coast Drummer Contest, and on August 12 he will be at the Pacific Northwest Drummer Contest in Seattle. August 18/19 will find in him Omaha, Nebraska, for Fantasy '89, while he will be in Montreal August 26/27 for the MC Faucon Run. He will be in attendance at the Mr. Drummer International Finals on Sept. 23/24, and at the Mid-Atlantic Mr. Leather Contest in Washington, D.C., on Jan. 13, 1990. October 6-8 will see him at Living in Leather in Portland, Oregon.

Both Jan and Guy have already signed up to be on the workshop team for Living in Leather IV. They assure us you should all expect to see them there. Keep up your energy, and keep up your good work, Jan and Guy!

#### GOFF MAINS

We are grieved to report the death of Dr. Geoff Mains, from complications arising from AIDS, on June 21, 1989. Anyone who has attended a Living in Leather Conference will remember Geoff, whose warmth and whose expertise were remarkable. Geoff's book Urban Aborigines is must reading for those interested in radical sexuality, and has brought self-respect, hope, and a sense of community to leather-people worldwide. Geoff has been published in Drummer magazine, and his new novel Gentle Warriors is due shortly. We will miss Geoff, who has been a friend, a loyal supporter of the N.L.A., and a most remarkable figure in the national leather scene.

#### NLA:ARKANSAS, THE FIFTH CHAPTER

Our calendars were already printed, and layout on this issue of FIRST LINK had begun, when we received news that our fifth chapter had formed. OUR HEARTIEST WELCOME AND CONGRATULATIONS to NLA:ARKANSAS. You will find news about their activities and meetings in the Chapter news column. Let us welcome this energetic Little Rock-based group into the NLA family; we'll be hearing lots about them in the months ahead, and will be welcoming their representatives to the Living in Leather IV Conference.

#### IT'S ALMOST OFFICIAL

NLA:DETROIT has written its by-laws, and elected its first officers; it will be having its membership recruitment meeting on August 12, and at that point will be submitting its formal Chapterhood bid. We expect to have Chapter 6 of the NLA within 2 weeks! Co-Chairs of NLA: Detroit are Shannon Kennedy and Dean Wain; Recording Secretary is Eric Duran; Corresponding Secretary is Karen Udell; Treasurer is Danny Majewski. Congratulations. NLA:DETROIT will have a booth at the Metra Picnic, held Labor Day in Berlin Park in Detroit, from noon to 10 PM. They will be passing out NLA information and hope to be able to vend some NLA merchandise. More great news from the expanding world of NLA! Contact NLA: Detroit at P.O.Box 725368, Berkeley, MICH 48072.

#### STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:

\*To establish and maintain a National/ world-wide 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/ Sanc/ and Consensual sexual expression.

\*To increase communication and understanding among women and men in leather/SM.

\*Political activism, visibility, and education to destroy stereotypes, misconceptions, and media misrepresentation 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 the sharing of knowledge, viewpoints, and practices from a diverse network of women and men.

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

\*To develop outreach to women, people of color, transgenerals, the deaf, the physically challenged, and other minorities who have traditionally been

discriminated against or poorly represented in the Leather/SM/Fetish community.

\*Fundraising for deserving projects, clubs, organizations, defense funds, and/or charities which have given direct service to the Leather/SM/Fetish community.

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

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

#### CHAPTER FORMATION

Currently, the NLA has Chapters in Vancouver, Seattle, Portland, and San Diego, and a Chapter-In-Formation in Denver. We have many members in other locations throughout the U.S. and Canada, with heavy concentrations in Massachusetts, Ohio, Virginia, Florida, and throughout California. No matter where you live, we hope you will consider the advantages in having a chapter of NLA in your own local community. We will be happy to send you the basic information needed for establishing a local NLA chapter. Of establishing a chapter of NLA. Please inquire at P.O.Box 17463, Seattle, Wa., 98107.

#### THE S/M COMMUNITY FLAG

(from Growing Pains, July, 1989)

The S/M Community Flag was unveiled for the first time at San Francisco's Lesbian and Gay Freedom Day Parade on June 25th, 1989. With a central white stripe surrounded on either side by blue then black stripes, it is crowned in the upper left corner with a red heart. San Francisco's own Tony DeBlase of Desmondus Publications designed the flag. He presented a copy to the S/M communities of San Francisco, Seattle, Chicago, and New York.

the flag was "just a thought that struck him one day." He left, however, to everyone's interpretation as to what the flag's meaning is.

The community now has a banner around which we can all rally. [We should all]...take the time to thank Tony for his inspiration and his gift.

[NOTE: Tony presented to us will make its debut performances during the Vancouver Pride Weekend on August 4-7, at the Mr. Pacific Northwest Drummer Finals in Seattle August 12, and during Living in Leather IV in Portland on October 6-8.]

#### ADVERTISING IN THE FIRST LINK

FIRST LINK advertising rates are as follows: each side of 8 1/2 x 11 pages costs \$75 for businesses, \$50 for Non-Profit groups. For full-page (8 1/2 x 11) ads only, if YOU do the printing and send us 750 copies of the finished piece, we will charge only 75% of the above amounts.

Half pages cost \$50 for businesses, \$30 for non-profit groups. Quarter pages cost \$35 for businesses, \$20 for non-profit.

All of the above rates are per insertion ones. We offer a package deal for business-card-size ads. For commercial cards these run \$20 for one insertion, or \$50 for three consecutive months. Non-profit groups pay \$13 per insertion, or \$30 for three months.

NLA Affiliates are entitled to a further 10% discount. This might be a good time to consider affiliating with NLA.

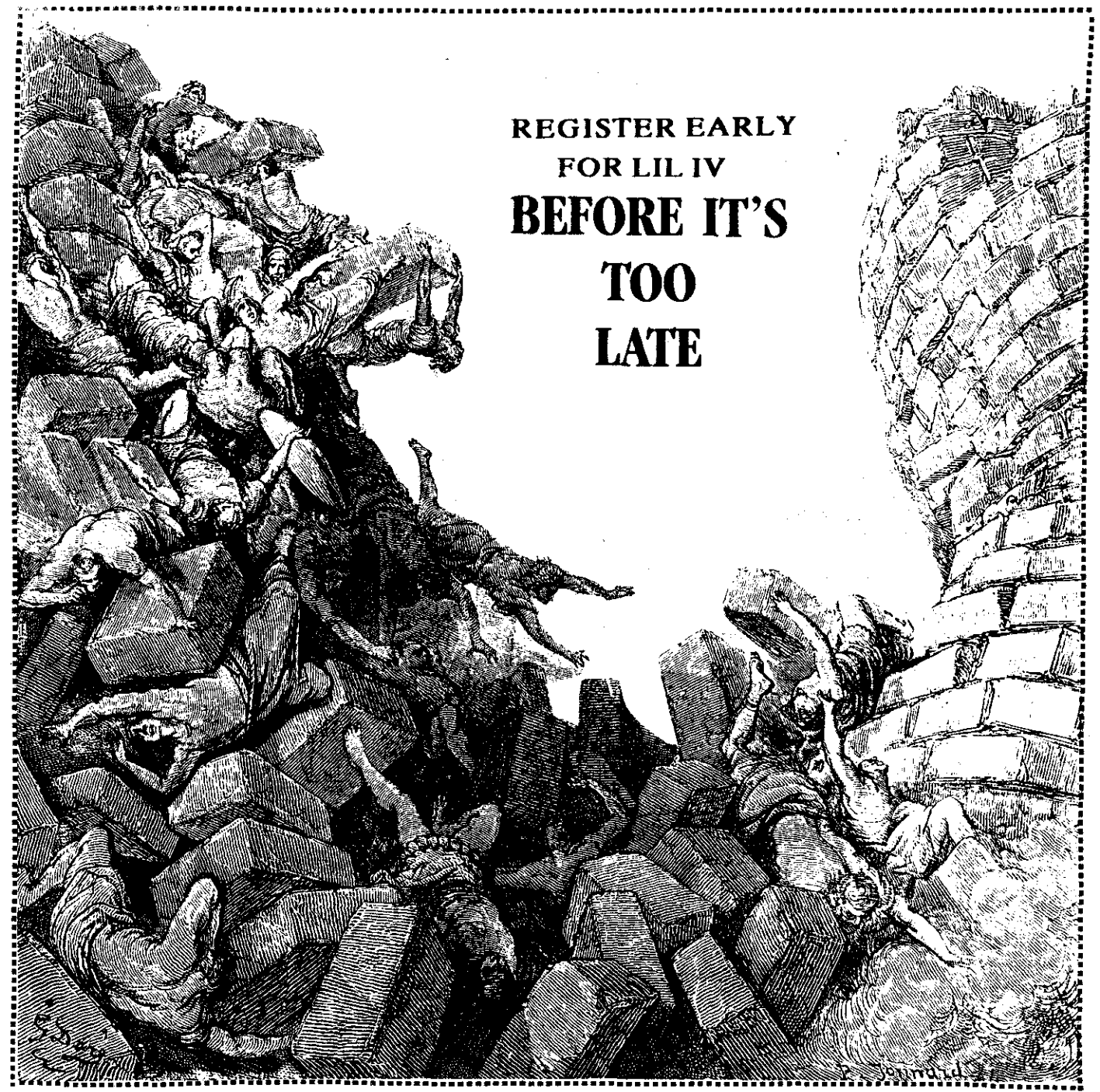
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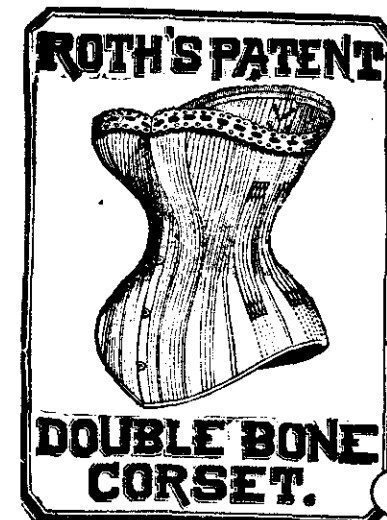


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#### CONFERENCE CLOSING FESTIVITIES

The last workshop will finish around 6 PM on October 8; the vendors' area will also close at that time. However, after sunset, about 7 PM, we will gather in the open areas adjacent to the Coliseum and the Inn and offer a brief candlelit remembrance to the many people from our Leather/SM/Fetish family who are not with us this year. We have lost some outstanding leaders, some remarkable friends this year, and we will use this brief gathering to remember them.

On the evening of October 8th, two Portland groups, Spreadeagle Productions and Portland Leatherwoman Productions, are sponsoring a Conference "Afterglow." This will feature some of our own talent, dancing, a bar, and time to converse with old and new friends. This will be available at low cost to Conference Goers.



#### BLACKOUT BALL IV

All attendees are cordially invited to our Conference Party, Blackout Ball IV! Maggie Bragg from Portland is coordinating this event, an evening of fun and dancing--nothing serious folks--for Saturday evening, October 7. What surprises do those inventive Portlanders have in store? The party is part of your registration, and will provide a great opportunity to unwind, between the hectic workshop schedule and the dynamite night of dungeon play.

#### N.L.A./L.I.L.--IV INFORMATION PHONE

An information line is now available, to provide information on Living in Leather IV. If you need information, leave your name and address and we'll send it to you. Updated messages will be posted regularly, as the Conference draws closer. Call us at (206)-789-8990. Note, this line is answered only by machine.

## NATIONAL CALENDAR

**\*\*AUGUST\*\***

8 ORGASM PORTLAND,OR  
General Meeting 7:30 Embers

8 BLACK ROSE WASH.,D.C.  
Dont's in SM GCC

8 EULENSPIEGEL SOC N.Y.C.  
Toy Night 8PM

9 DREIZEHN CAMBRIDGE  
Mummification Paradise

10 SOCIETY OF JANUS S.F.  
Program Flagellation

10 BLACK ROSE WASH.D.C.  
Rap Night

11 SOCIETY OF JANUS S.F.  
Orientation

11-13 MSC HAMBURG HAMBURG,GER  
Europe's Leatherparty

11-13 Mr.SW Drummer PHOENIX,AZ  
Bum Steer

12 PORTLAND LEATHERMEN PORTLAND,OR  
Potluck

12 \*SEATTLE DUNGEON GUILD SEATTLE  
Mr.Northwest Drummer Contest

12 \*PORTLAND POWER & TRUST PORTLAND  
Meeting

12 SHELIX NORTHAMPTON,MA  
Meeting/SM Fantasies

12 SPEARHEAD TORONTO,ONT  
Reunion 2-6PM Trax

12-15 ROCKY MOUNTAINEERS DENVER,CO  
Mollie Brown Run

13 \*OUTCASTS S.F.  
Steering Comm.

13 HARTFORD COLTS HARTFORD,CT  
Meeting

13 NEW TRIBE COLUMBIA,SC  
Bar Night

13 T-BOLTS HARTFORD,CT  
Ride/Concert Tanglewood Ma.

13 SATYRS MC L.A.,CA  
Beer Bust 3-7PM Griff's

13 Amer.Lthrmn.Contest BOSTON

14 SIGMA WASH,DC  
Meeting GCC

14 EULENSPIEGEL SOC N.Y.C.  
Poetry/Prose Reading

15 BLACK ROSE WASH.,D.C.  
Social Mtng GCC

15 EULENSPIEGEL SOC N.Y.C.  
Dom.Men/Submiss.Women

17 FIREDANCERS DALLAS  
Club Night 8PM Hidden Door

17-20 Mr.MIG-Atl Drum-mer Contest CHARLOTTE,NC

18 \*OUTCASTS S.F.  
Program Meeting

18 \*KNIGHTS D'ORLEANS NEW ORLEANS  
Club Night Phoenix

18 NLA:SEATTLE SEATTLE  
All-City Picnic Maple Valley

18 ORGASM PORTLAND,OR  
SM Wksp/Demo Embers

18 KNIGHTS OF MALTA/SUN FRESNO,CA.  
Beer Bust/Auction Red Lantern

18-19 Fantasy '89 OMAHA,NEB  
Show/Parties/Demo

18-20 CONSTANTINES S.F.  
Weekend Run

18-20 NLC FRANKEN NUREMBERG,GR  
Sommercamp/Hansel & Gretel

18-20 BEERTOWN BADGERS MILWAUKEE  
Bierstein V

18-25 EMPIRE CITY MC N.Y.  
MC Tour

19 ORGASM PORTLAND,OR  
Dungeon Play Party

19 \*FIFTEEN S.F.  
Spanking Night

19 EULENSPIEGEL SOC N.Y.C.  
Annu.Summer Costume Party

19 HARTFORD COLTS HARTFORD,CT  
Bar Night 9PM Bearristers

19 COPPERSTATE LTHRMN PHOENIX,AZ  
Sleezeball VI

19 SO BAY LTHR/UNIF GRP SANTA CLARA  
Gen.Mbshp.Mtg. 641 Club

19 ROCHESTER RAMS ROCHESTER,NY  
Bar Night Forum

20 MENAMORE LLC WILMINGTON,NC  
Meeting GROW CC

20 SOCIETY OF JANUS S.F.  
Social 2-6 PM

21 EULENSPIEGEL SOC N.Y.C.  
Whipping Without Room

22 BLACK ROSE WASH.,D.C.  
T.V.'s Panel GCC

22 EULENSPIEGEL SOC N.Y.C.  
Member Only Play Night

23 EULENSPIEGEL SOC N.Y.C.  
Women's Night

24 ROCKY MOUNTAINEERS DENVER,CO  
Aspen Run

24 SOCIETY OF JANUS S.F.  
Program Meeting/Personas

24 BLACK ROSE WASH.D.C.  
Rap Night

25 VASM VANCOUVER,BC  
Bar Night/Black & Blue Ms.T's

25-27 Mr.Gt.Pins.Drummer ST.LOUIS

25-27 ROCHESTER RAMS ROCHESTER,NY  
14th Anniv.Run Camp Whitman

25-27 MC FAUCONS MONTREAL  
Migration '89

25-27 BLACK ANGELS KOLN COLOGNE,GER  
Grillparty am Rhein

25-28 SUSSEZ LANCERS MSC SUSSEX,GB  
Brighton Bound '89

26 VASM VANCOUVER,BC  
Barbecue 4PM

26 MENAMORE WILMINGTON,NC  
Bar Night

27 VASM VANCOUVER,BC  
Board Meeting

27 SPEARHEAD TORONTO,ONT  
Brunch

28 EULENSPIEGEL SOC N.Y.C.  
S & M Erotica

29 EULENSPIEGEL SOC N.Y.C.  
Fat Admirers' Forum

**\*\*SEPTEMBER\*\***

1 \*TRADESMEN CHARLOTTE,NC  
Bar Night Brass Rail

1-3 WINGS MEMPHIS MEMPHIS,TN  
Flight 5 Anniv.Run

1-4 SATYRS MC L.A.,CA  
Mr.Southern Leather '90

1-4 Labor Day Run--Badger Flat S.F.

1-4 CORPUS CHRISTI M.C. CORPUS CHR,TX  
Beachhead IV

1-4 WINGS MEMPHIS,TN  
Flight V

1-4 VIKINGS M.C. BOSTON,MA  
Lief Erikson Run

1-4 SPEARHEAD TORONTO  
Round-Up '89--In Space

1-4 COPPERSTATE LTHRMN PHOENIX,AZ  
Ft.Waldorf V Run

1-4 KNIGHTS OF MALTA DENVER,CO  
Assembly '89

2 THUNDERBOLTS WESTPORT,CT  
Bar Night Brook

2 UTICA TRI'S MC UTICA,NY  
Bar Night That Place

2 LOGE 70 SCHWEIZ ZURICH,SW  
Club Night Barfusser

4 EULENSPIEGEL SOC N.Y.C.  
Social

5 EULENSPIEGEL SOC N.Y.C.  
Fetish Night

7 CHICAGO HELLFIRE CHICAGO  
Inferno 18

9 PORTLAND LEATHERMEN PORTLAND,OR  
Potluck

9 \*PORTLAND POWER & TRUST PORTLAND  
Meeting

10 \*OUTCASTS S.F.  
Steering Comm.

10 HARTFORD COLTS HARTFORD,CT  
Meeting

10 NEW TRIBE COLUMBIA,SC  
Bar Night

10 NLA:SEATTLE SEATTLE  
Auction

11 SIGMA WASH,DC  
Meeting GCC

11 SOCIETY OF JANUS S.F.  
Business Meeting

11 ORGASM PORTLAND,OR  
Gen.Meeting 7:30 Embers

11 EULENSPIEGEL SOC N.Y.C.  
SM/History--Ancients

12 EULENSPIEGEL SOC N.Y.C.  
Consciousness Raising

13 DREIZEHN CAMBRIDGE  
Inferno Report Paradise

14 BLACK ROSE WASH.D.C.  
Rap Night

15 \*KNIGHTS D'ORLEANS NEW ORLEANS  
Club Night Phoenix

15 \*OUTCASTS S.F.  
Program Meeting

15-17 \*FIFTEEN S.F.  
Outdoor Event/Gold Country

15-17 NIMBUS DOUGLAS,MI  
Anniversary

15-18 \*LION REGIMENT BOISE,ID  
Mining the Gem Run Silver City

16 ORGASM PORTLAND,OR  
SM Fantasy/Erot.Show Embers

16 T-BOLTS HARTFORD,CT  
Bar Night Bike Stop,Phil.

16 HARTFORD COLTS HARTFORD,CT  
Bar Night 9PM Bearristers

16 ROCHESTER RAMS ROCHESTER,NY  
Bar Night Forum

16 \*FIFTEEN S.F.  
Branding

18 EULENSPIEGEL SOC N.Y.C.  
Imp of Perverse

19 EULENSPIEGEL SOC N.Y.C.  
Dom.Men/Submiss.Women

20 EULENSPIEGEL SOC N.Y.C.  
Womens' Night

21 \*Alan "Mr.S" Selby S.F.  
Fetish/Fantasy Night

21 FIREDANCERS DALLAS  
Club Night 8PM Hidden Door

21-24 Leather Pride Wknd S.F.

22 VASM VANCOUVER,BC  
Bar Night Ms.T's

22-24 TSARUS ENVILLE,TN  
Aida

22-24 GRIFFINS MC WILMINGTON,DE  
"Loss of Innocence"

22-24 CENTURIONS COLUMBUS,OH  
Celebration XI

22-24 Reg.Lesb-Fem.Conf. SEATTLE,WA

22-25 MLC MUNCHEN MUNICH,GER  
Oktoberfestreffen

23 Q.S.M. S.F.  
SM Art Faire Firehouse

23 Mr.Drummer Finals S.F.  
Contest & Show

23 COMM.PRES.SEX.LIB. S.F.  
3rd Conference

23 VASM VANCOUVER,BC  
Demo Night

24 Folsom St.Fair S.F.

24 VASM VANCOUVER,BC  
Board Meeting

24 MENAMORE LLC WILMINGTON,NC  
Meeting GROW CC

25 EULENSPIEGEL SOC N.Y.C.  
Bus.Mtng/Elections

26 EULENSPIEGEL SOC N.Y.C.  
Perverse Techniques

28 BLACK ROSE WASH.D.C.  
Rap Night

30 MENAMORE WILMINGTON,NC  
Bar Night

30 REG.BLACK & TANS LOS ANGELES  
Anniv.15 Celeb. G.Autry Musm.

30 MCRA LYON LYONS,FRANCE  
Nuit "Cul de Sac"

**\*\*OCTOBER\*\***

1 MSC VIKING COLOGNE,GER  
Rally

2 EULENSPIEGEL SOC N.Y.C.  
Bizarre Bazaar

3 EULENSPIEGEL SOC N.Y.C.  
Style/Fashion Show

6 \*TRADESMEN CHARLOTTE,NC  
Bar Night Brass Rail

6-8 \*CINCINNATI CHAPS CINCINNATI  
Bunkhouse II Run

6-8 DESERT LEATHERMEN TUCSON,AZ  
Mystery Run/Anniversary

6-8 MS PANTHER KOLN COLOGNE,GER  
ECMC-AGM Jahreshauptversammlung

6-9 \*KNIGHTS D'ORLEANS NEW ORLEANS  
Anniv.15

6-9 NLA PORTLAND,OR  
Living in Leather IV

6th:Inn at Coliseum--Reg/Hosp

7th:Mem.Coliseum--Exhib/Wksoop

8th:Mem.Coliseum--Exhib/Wksoop

6-9 EMPIRE M.C. NYC  
Anniv.25 Parksville NY

6-9 MOT-CYC.MEN OF N.MEX ALBUQUERQUE  
Hot Air '89 Run

7 THUNDERBOLTS WESTPORT,CT  
Bar Night Brook

7 UTICA TRI'S MC UTICA,NY  
Bar Night That Place

8 HARTFORD COLTS HARTFORD,CT  
Meeting

8 NEW TRIBE COLUMBIA,SC  
Bar Night

9 EULENSPIEGEL SOC N.Y.C.  
Corsetry/Bondage

9 SIGMA WASH,DC  
Meeting GCC

10 EULENSPIEGEL SOC N.Y.C.  
SM Lifestylers

11 EULENSPIEGEL SOC N.Y.C.  
Women's Night

11 Magch on Wash. WASH,D.C.

11 DREIZEHN CAMBRIDGE  
Suturing Paradise

12 BLACK ROSE WASH.D.C.  
Rap Night

13-15 ENTRE MOUS PROVINCETOWN  
Provincetown Run

13-15 ADVENTURERS SUN- ST.PETERSBRG  
COAST FLA.  
Dragon's Lair '89 Run

13-22 Fantasia Fair PROVINCETOWN  
15th Annual

14 PORTLAND LEATHERMEN PORTLAND,OR  
Potluck

14 \*PORTLAND POWER & TRUST PORTLAND  
Meeting

15 \*OUTCASTS S.F.  
Steering Comm.

16 EULENSPIEGEL SOC N.Y.C.  
Reality vs. Fantasy

17 EULENSPIEGEL SOC N.Y.C.  
Dom.Men/Submiss.Women

19 FIREDANCERS DALLAS  
Club Night 8PM Hidden Door

20 \*KNIGHTS D'ORLEANS NEW ORLEANS  
Club Night Phoenix

20 \*OUTCASTS S.F.  
Program Meeting

20-22 Dressing for NYC  
Pleasure III Gala

## NATIONAL CALENDAR

20-22 VANGUARDS PHILADELPHIA  
20th Anniv. Oktoberfest

20-22 GATEWAY M.C. ST.LOUIS,MO  
Anniv.16 (Sweet 16)

21 \*FIFTEEN S.F.  
C/B/Tit Torture

21 ROCHESTER RAMS ROCHESTER,NY  
Bar Night Forum

21 HARTFORD COLTS HARTFORD,CT  
Bar Night 9PM Bearristers

21-22 ROCKY MOUNTAINEERS DENVER,CO  
Anniv.21

21-23 MSC LONDON LONDON,ENG  
16 Anniv.

22 VASM VANCOUVER,BC  
Gen.Mtng/Elections

22 MENAMORE LLC WILMINGTON,NC  
Meeting GROW CC

23 EULENSPIEGEL SOC N.Y.C.  
Many Characters of Man

24 EULENSPIEGEL SOC N.Y.C.  
Novices & Dom.Men/Subm.Women

26 BLACK ROSE WASH.D.C.  
Rap Night

28 EULENSPIEGEL SOC N.Y.C.  
Halloween Masquerade

28 NLA:BC VANCOUVER  
Fetish & Fantasy Ball

28 LEATHERLORDS PHOENIX,AZ  
Tyrant/Dictator Ball

28 MENAMORE WILMINGTON,NC  
Bar Night

30 EULENSPIEGEL SOC N.Y.C.  
Halloween Social

31 EULENSPIEGEL SOC N.Y.C.  
Toy,Costume,Fetish Night

**\*\*NOVEMBER\*\***

3-5 T.D.A. ATLANTA,GA  
4th Anniv.Celebration

3-5 RURALS MC ROERMUND,GER  
Fox Hunt

4 THUNDERBOLTS WESTPORT,CT  
Bar Night Brook

4 UTICA TRI'S MC UTICA,NY  
Bar Night That Place

8 DREIZEHN CAMBRIDGE  
Meeting Paradise

9 BLACK ROSE WASH.D.C.  
Rap Night

10-12 PANTHER L/L ATLANTA,GA  
PROWL I,Anniv.Celeb.

10-12 \*HARBORMASTERS PORTLAND,ME  
7th Anniv./Sail Away '89

10-12 CASTAWAYS MC MILWAUKEE  
10th Anniv.

10-12 FIREDANCERS DALLAS,TX  
Firedance III Run

12 NLA:SEATTLE SEATTLE  
General Membership Mtng.

12 \*OUTCASTS S.F.  
Steering Comm.

12 HARTFORD COLTS HARTFORD,CT  
Meeting

13 SIGMA WASN,DC  
Meeting GCC

16 FIREDANCERS DALLAS  
Club Night 8PM Hidden Door

17 \*KNIGHTS D'ORLEANS NEW ORLEANS  
Club Night Phoenix

17 \*OUTCASTS S.F.  
Program Meeting

18 \*LEATHER STAR TACOMA,WA  
Mr/Ms Puget Sound  
Leather 8PM

18 \*FIFTEEN S.F.  
Mad Doctor Party

18 COMPANIONS PHILADELPHIA  
13th Anniv

18 HARTFORD COLTS HARTFORD,CT  
Bar Night 9PM Bearristers

18 ROCHESTER RAMS ROCHESTER,NY  
Bar Night Forum

19 Leather/Lace Bro-therhood Feast BOSTON

19 MENAMORE LLC WILMINGTON,NC  
Meeting GROW CC

23 BLACK ROSE WASH.D.C.  
Rap Night

23-26 ARIZONA FELLOWSHIP  
Run

25 SATYRS MC L.A.,CA  
35th Anniversary

25 BUCKS M.C. NEW HOPE,PA  
Santa Saturday

28 MENAMORE WILMINGTON,NC  
Bar Night

**\*\*DECEMBER\*\***

2 Or.Leather Daddy's PORTLAND,OR  
Contest

2 UTICA TRI'S MC UTICA,NY  
Bar Night That Place

2 THUNDERBOLTS WESTPORT,CT  
Bar Night/Christmas Pty Brook

8-10 EAST MERCIS MSC LEICESTER,ENG  
Christmas Eventr

10 HARTFORD COLTS HARTFORD,CT  
Meeting

10 \*OUTCASTS S.F.  
Steering Comm.

10 NLA:SEATTLE SEATTLE  
Toyland Express/Toys for Tots

11 SIGMA WASH,DC  
Meeting GCC

13 DREIZEHN BOSTON  
Meeting

14 BLACK ROSE WASH.D.C.  
Rap Night

15 \*KNIGHTS D'ORLEANS NEW ORLEANS  
Club Night Phoenix

15 \*OUTCASTS S.F.  
Program Meeting

15 ROCKY MOUNTAINEERS DENVER,CO  
Christmas Party

16 CITY BIKERS DENVER,CO  
Christmas Party

16 ROCHESTER RAMS ROCHESTER,NY  
Bar Night Forum

16 MSC VIKING COLOGNE,GER  
Christmas Party

16 HARTFORD COLTS HARTFORD,CT  
Bar Night 9PM Bearristers

17 NLA:SEATTLE SEATTLE  
NLA Childrens',Party

21 FIREDANCERS DALLAS  
Club Night 8PM Hidden Door

24 MENAMORE LLC WILMINGTON,NC  
Meeting GROW CC

28 BLACK ROSE WASH.D.C.  
Rap Night

30 MENAMORE WILMINGTON,NC  
Bar Night

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**\*\*MARCH\*\***

22-25 S.E.CONF.FOR RALEIGH,NC  
LESBIANS/GAY MEN Radisson Pl.

**\*\*MAY\*\***

3-5 NLA:SEATTLE SEATTLE  
MAY DAY 4 & Mr/Ms  
NLA:Seattle Contest

**\*\*AUGUST\*\***

6-12 Black Hills MC Classic STURGIS,SD  
50th Anniv.Rally

**\*\*OCTOBER\*\***

5-8 N.L.A. SAN DIEGO  
Living in Leather V  
Mr.& Ms.NLA Contest

#### WHAT ABOUT LIVING IN LEATHER?

You've seen a lot about Living in Leather IV in the FIRST LINK and in other publications from coast to coast. It sounds interesting, perhaps, but what is it really all about? Is it worth the time and expense? Is it really special?

For the fourth year, Living in Leather provides an opportunity for men and women from throughout the Leather/SM/Fetish community to get together, and explore their mutual similarities, and their important differences. The N.L.A. was a pioneering organization in showing that leatherwomen and leathersmen, of all sexual orientations, can work together, and through their cooperation provide mutual support, education, and great good times.

Living in Leather is the only national Conference targeted at all members of our Leather/SM/Fetish community. It provides workshops which not only show you how to play well and safely, but also will help you protect your right to play at all. LIL Conferences provide a great forum for the novice among us to meet senior members of our community in a very supportive environment, and a fine setting for advanced practitioners to share their learning with each other.

But the LIL Conferences are not just places for education; they provide a wonderful setting for social times and for play, with the largest mixed Leather/SM/Fetish crowd to be found anywhere. During this incredibly crowded Conference, we become one large leather family; our parties and social affairs virtually burst at the seams. The dungeons (provided at LIL I to III by the Seattle Dungeon Guild, and hosted for LIL IV by ORGASM) provide the perfect settings for expressing the love of play which is one of our major common denominators.

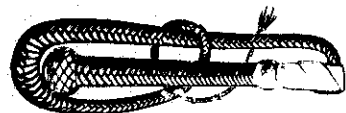
And for the die-hard politician? Besides the political panels and workshops, there is a Leather Breakfast full of community leaders, and you can imagine the smoke-filled rooms such a get-together as a LIL inspire.

LIL promises adventure! excitement! romance! Do come; you will NOT be disappointed!



#### LIVING IN LEATHER V

During meetings in San Francisco on July 15-16, the National Advisory Council of the NLA has determined the location of the Living in Leather V Conference, to be held in 1990. San Diego will welcome the Conference. Co-Chairs selected are Sallee Huber, Ed Winant, and Terry Foster. They've already started to work hard on the initial site selection and budgeting, and expect to stage a truly fantastic event. To be scheduled as a part of LIL-V will be the 1990 National Mr. & Ms. NLA Competition and a general membership meeting of the NLA.



#### MY FAVORITE THINGS

What is my favorite thing about a Living in Leather Conference? The workshops, with the valuable discussions of play and politics? The vendor area, with goodies galore? The parties with hot dancing? The dungeons, with eager play-partners? No, my favorite thing about LIL is the people! Here, in one long weekend, I can talk to people from everywhere--of all orientations, races, ages, and genders. It is my favorite event of the year!

#### BIDS DUE FOR LIVING IN LEATHER VI

If you are interested in hosting Living in Leather VI, now is the time to prepare your bid, as the decision will have to be made this fall. A great deal of preparation time is needed to host a LIL Conference. If you are interested in having your chapter do such hosting, consider the following:

Space will be needed for workshops and demonstrations which can accommodate up to 1000 people.

An exhibitors area of 10,000 + square feet will be needed.

There must be hotels available able to accommodate, at various price ranges, the majority of attendees.

You must have leaders "on the spot" who can head up facets of the Conference. Likewise, your area must be able to supply workers and staff (50+ local individuals are not too many to do the jobs required).

You must have lots of enthusiasm; burnouts are not uncommon over such a long period of preparation.

Ideally, your social and political climate should be supportive of the leather lifestyle. Also, dungeons are a big "plus" for a LIL Conference; are they possible in your community.

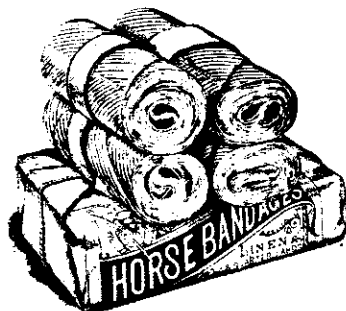
Is there an NLA Chapter in your locale. It is a virtual necessity that this be so, to provide local governance and organization.

If you are going to be bidding on LIL-VI, please let us know, at the National Postal Address, P.O.Box 17463, Seattle, WA, 98107, as soon as possible.

#### A BIT OF HISTORY

This is my fourth LIL Conference. I've been with N.L.A. from close to the beginning, when we met in Steve Maidhof's living room to plan LIL I. I was nominated to head security at LIL I--and from there I moved on to arrange security and staffing for 3 Conferences. Along the line, I got some extra duties...such as providing information services at LIL II. By the time LIL III came around, I was Associate Chair under Jan Lyon, and also headed up Registration. Now LIL IV is here, and I am chairing it with Sallee Huber (a better Co-Chair couldn't possibly be found), and have such extra duties as national publicity and program editing. It's probably the last Conference I'll be quite so involved in, as Conference is quite properly moving farther away, but it's not a privilege I'll gladly give up. The planning and execution of these things has dominated my life for over three years. I confidently pass the torch to Sallee and Ed and Terry, but at the same time pledge my support in their efforts, and in those which follow. The Living in Leather Conferences are important, and as they move and grow I expect them to change and develop in a dynamic way, to reflect our proud, and kinky, community.

---Wayne Gloege



#### ORGASM

ORGASM has been having a busy summer in Portland, Oregon, with a demo night, pride weekend, and 2 major dungeon parties so far, and more yet to occur. Their activities have been major successes, thanks to their organization, energy, and enthusiasm. The Dungeon held during Portland Pride Weekend had attendees from as far away as San Francisco and Vancouver. Customarily, their play parties have 4 separate spaces, for men only, for women only, for mixed play, and a social area for rest and recovery (and cruising). The quality of play and the safety standards are noteworthy. Watch for ORGASM's S/M Workshop & Demo at the Embers on August 18 featuring George N., Cyd A., Maggie B., and Dean of Seattle. This will be followed August 19 by a Play Party. September 16 will feature the ORGASM S/M Fantasy & Erotica Show at the Embers at 9 PM, and of course ORGASM will be hosting the Living in Leather IV Dungeons during the October 6-9 weekend.

For information on this group, write the Orgeon Guild at P.O.Box 5702, Portland, OR, 97208.

#### ADDRESS CHANGES

Please keep us informed if you are moving or have moved; we have a big mailing list to keep up to date, and it costs the NLA money every time you move without telling us. We mail FIRST LINK at \$.167 a copy. If your LINK is returned with an address correction, it costs us 25 cents to receive it, and another quarter to mail it again. Each week, we receive numerous publications returned with address corrections: obviously, your prompt notification of an address change can save us money.

#### THE FIFTEEN

September 15-17 will welcome an outdoor event in the Gold Country for San Francisco's The Fifteen. The weekend will provide camping, swimming, relaxation, and play. Accomodations are in 2-person tents. Reservations are strictly limited. Inquire at P.O.Box 421302, San Francisco, CA, 94142.

#### SAIL AWAY '89

Harbor Masters, an affiliate of the NLA, announces "Sail Away '89," a weekend of "Naughty-Cal" Fun, including people, bar, surprise events, cruising, and carousing. Registration includes meals, formal dinner, run pia, awards, brunch, drink tickets, etc. The event is scheduled for November 10-12, 1989. For information, write HARBOR MASTERS, 923 Congress St., Portland, ME 04102.



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#### MINING THE GEM '89

The Lion Regiment, an NLA Affiliate, announces their annual "Mining the Gem" weekend in Silver City, Idaho, for September 15-18, 1989. This will be a "stoop-about" for leather, levi, and long-john men. The long weekend includes beerbusts, play rooms, brunches, dinners, entertainment, lodging, etc. For information, write to LION REGIMENT, P.O.Box 8182, Boise, ID 83707.

#### KNIGHTS D'ORLEANS

The 15th Anniversary Blast planned for October 6-9, 1989, by the Knights D'Orleans promises to be a winner. It will include feasts, people events, a show, sedentary verandah events, cocktail parties, etc. For information, write P.O. Box 50812, New Orleans, LA 70150.

#### SEATTLE DUNGEON GUILD

By the time you read this, the SDG will be recovering from their dynamite job of staging the 1989 Mr. Northwest Drummer Contest (August 12, at the Seattle Center). Much care and work has gone into this event. Beneficiary of the event will be AIDS housing projects, the DeWolfe House (opened in 1988 by the University Unitarian Church) and the Multi-faith AIDS Project House (both of which are designed for people with AIDS who are capable of living independly but are financially unable to remain in their homes), the Rosehedge House (a private home for 6 persons with AIDS and ARC and other chronic/terminal illnesses who need 24-hour care), and the Northwest AIDS Foundation Housing Program (a multigoal program, ranging from help for those who remain in their own homes, to those who need 24-hour care).

The Mistress of Ceremonies is Dragon (1988 Wash.State Ms. Leather), and the judges include Steve Reiwig (1985 Mr. Internat. Drummer), Cherie Matisse (1988 Ms. NLA), Ray Woods (1984 Mr. Northwest Drummer), Dean Ryan (Mr. Vancouver Leather '88/Mr. Gay Canada), and Guy Baldwin (1989 Mr. Internat. Leather & 1989 Mr. N.L.A.).

The audience will have a chance to vote for a People's Choice award, with contributions to the above-named AIDS Housing projects.

#### NEW GROWTH IN THE N.L.A.

Currently, there are 4 NLA Chapters, and 7 Chapters-In-Formation. This represents a phenomenal growth for the NLA. We list the address elsewhere for the Chapters and 4 of the Chapters-In-Formation. In addition, intense Chapter foundation work is going on in Little Rock, Dallas, and Tulsa, and we hope to be able to list these groups soon. Meanwhile, we report our first member in NEW ZEALAND. NLA is now present on 3 continents, and indeed is getting attention throughout the leather world.

#### MICHIGAN WOMEN'S MUSIC FESTIVAL EDITORIAL

The N.L.A. has received several copies of a communication which is being circulated regarding possible problems for the many Leatherwomen at this year's Festival. The letter attests that the mere presence of "sado-masochists" is psychically damaging to the "normal" women at the festival, and indulges in a mini-orgy of name-calling, and attests that SM Women would enjoy being victimized (with firecrackers and other insane violence). A quote will suffice: "Sado-masochists thrive on violence and the suggestion of violence, and they'd derive pleasure from playing the 'victims.'" The letter finally indicates that slightly less violent tactics will be used to make these feared sado-masochists uncomfortable.

We are shocked at this attitude, especially from within the homophile community! So much for the "enlightened eighties!" We heartily endorse the rights of all our sisters to attend and enjoy the Festival, and we unreservedly deplore the bestial ignorance and hostility which are being spread about the land.

---W.G.

#### WHAT HAPPENED?

In case you wondered what happened to your July FIRST LINK, it was not published. There are two reasons: first, we had been planning this special "enlarged" edition for some time, to give extra Conference publicity; second, what with By-Law meetings in San Francisco and contests everywhere, there was no time; third, the N.L.A. is not a rich organization, and it would have stretched finances too far to publish in July. We hope the current "Special" issue will make up for it!

#### NEW AFFILIATE IN FRESNO

NLA announces another new Affiliate, Sun Chapter Knights of Malta of Fresno, CA. The application reached us as we were doing the very last pasteur for FIRST LINK, and we are sorry the listed events cannot appear in the calendar. The Sun Chapter is the descendent of the original Knights of Malta, Central Valley Motorcycle Club; it adopted the "Sun Chapter" name last October when it reorganized. It has regular beer busts at the Red Lantern in Fresno, each a costume affair with a theme, such as "Uniform Night," "A Knight in the Jungle," and "Beach Party." It announces the First Annual Mr/Ms Fresno Leather Contest to be held at the Red Lantern on Sept. 29th. It normally holds beer busts on the last Friday of the month, though August's will be on the 18th, an "Arabian Knights Fantasy." The October 27 beer bust will be "Back to the Streets--pimps, pushers and prostitutes. They are planning a spring "Run"--more news to follow. Their application for NLA Affiliacy was supported by a unanimous vote. For information, contact Moe Lizotte, Secretary, at 1162 E. Elizabeth, Fresno, CA 93728.

#### ATTENTION ORGANIZATIONS!!

The N.L.A. mails the FIRST LINK to every possible North American organization from the Leather/SM/Fetish community each month (over 270!). We receive kind notes and newsletters from many organizations in exchange. However, we do not hear from all, and we would like to. This is what will help us build a more comprehensive national calendar and provide additional news and notes. Please, if your are an organization receiving this publication, let us know; send us copies of your press releases and publications. We would appreciate your taking a moment to fill in the coupon below, and mail it to N.L.A., P. O. Box 17463, Seattle, WA 98107.

Please continue to mail the FIRST LINK. Exchange of publications is appreciated.

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### SATYRS ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to Satyrs M/C of Los Angeles, California! Satyrs will be celebrating their 35th anniversary of continuous motorcycling on November 25, 1989. For information, write Satyrs M/C, P.O.Box 1137, Los Angeles, CA, 90078.

### MS. SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA LEATHERWOMAN

The Ms. Southern California Leatherwoman Competition is scheduled for the November 10-11 weekend in San Diego, California, at the Sands Hotel. A Dance will be held on Nov. 10 and the Contest on Nov. 11. M.C. will be Mistress Kathy, and the entertainment will feature Rainbow and Officer Betty, among others. For more information on this special weekend, call 619-284-2780.

### MOTORCYCLEMEN OF NEW MEXICO

Motorcyclers of New Mexico announces "Hot Air '89," an in-town run, featuring a mass ascension in hot air balloons, parties, meals, entertainment, awards, and an enduro run. The run is scheduled for October 6-9, 1989. For information, write P.O.Box 35844, Albuquerque, NM, 87176.

### TRUST

Recently, Trust had a meet-and-greet in Seattle at the Eagle, one of a series of get-togethers they are sponsoring. We had a chance to meet their leaders, and to learn first hand of their goals: to affirm the reputability and safety of FF activities (which have received incredibly bad press during our current epidemic) and to facilitate the meeting and activities of individuals interested in FF. TRUST publishes a quarterly newsletter, featuring articles on FF safety and the FF scene, and subscriber classified ads. TRUST's publisher, the Alamo Square Press, also has exclusive distribution rights for The Divine Androgyne. You may get more information by writing to P.O. Box 14543, San Francisco, CA 94114.

### SM ART FAIRE

Karen M., a member of the NLA National Advisory Council and a former coordinator for San Francisco's Society of Janus, has created QSM ("Quality SM"), whose goal is to create artistic and educational projects open to all members of the SM Community. Their first project is an SM Art Faire at the Firehouse, Fort Mason Center, San Francisco, running from about noon to 5 PM on Saturday, September 23, the day before the Mr. Drummer Contest and precedes the Folsom Street Faire. Fourteen visual artists, five video distributors, and three major leather/SM publishers will be displaying and selling their work. The Faire includes a full afternoon of video screenings and readings by major SM writers. There will be a door charge, and all attendees must be over 21. Up-to-date information on schedule and admission charge is available from QSM at Box 520, 5251 Broadway, Oakland, CA, 94618.

### SILVER DOLPHINS LLC

A new club, the Silver Dolphins LLC, has formed in Corpus Christi, Texas. As its first event, it is honoring three older clubs in Corpus Christi: The Corpus Christi Motorcycle Club, The Road Riders Motorcycle Club, and Corpus Christi Rebels. Their special "Toast" will be at the Hidden Door, Saturday, August 5, at 8 PM. The Silver Dolphins is the first Leather/Levi Club in Texas with a nautical theme. They may be reached at P.O. Box 6129, Corpus Christi, TX, 78466-6129.

### SIGMA OF WASHINGTON, D.C.

Forthcoming programs include "Catheters and Sounds" on August 14, "History of Torture" on September 11 and "Household S & M" on October 9. Programs are presented at the Gay Community Center. Address for Sigma, Inc., is P.O. Box 11050, Washington, DC 20008.

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### NAME CHANGE

People Exchange Power of Washington, D.C., has changed its name, to The Black Rose. They may be reached at P.O. Box 11161, Arlington, VA, 22210.

### LESBIANS REJECT GIFT FROM SM GROUP

(reprinted from Equal Times 6-7-89, courtesy of Journal of Sexual Liberty)

The Lesbian Battering Intervention Project of Minnesota has refused to accept a donation from the Knights of Leather, a Twin Cities leather w/m group. LBIP Coordinator Liz Richards said, "The Lesbian Battering Intervention Project recognized that there are lesbians who are victims of sadism and have been severely harmed by sadism. Because of this we are unable to accept any money from the Knights of Leather, an organization known as a leather/sadomasochism group."

### HELP!!!!

For LIL IV, the NLA needs to contact a practicing criminal attorney familiar with current SM-related court activities. If you can help, please contact George Nelson at the NLA Information Phone (206-789-8990) or by mail at P.O. Box 17463, Seattle, WA 98107.

## Scribbles

Summer so far has been very active. Many local and national events. Seems like every weekend has something that is directed to our leather community.

Our Northwest community has been running from contest to contest since mid June, leading to the August 12th Northwest Regional Mr. Drummer Contest at the Seattle Center. Rob Neyts, '88 titleholder, worked hard to find sponsors for the local and regional contests, and earned a "well done," as have the sponsoring groups themselves.

In July Seattle was the site of the third Conference of GALA (Gay and Lesbian Associated) Choruses. Forty-three choruses all performed in six days. It was great to meet many leather men and dykes who are members of these groups, and an effort is being started to form a leather network within the GALA system. Members from choruses in Detroit, Boston, Dallas, Chicago, Philadelphia, and Los Angeles were all very encouraging. Must mention the Spruce Street Singers of Philadelphia, who consider their group to be 40% leather members. And the Director of Dallas' "Turtle Creek Choral" made a rather spectacular impression when he ap-

peared in chaps and harness (his own!) on stage! Many were eager to hear about LIL and NLA and took information home with them. I know we'll see several in October.

The working weekend in San Francisco was most productive and real progress was made toward finalizing revised National By-Laws. Additionally, several little National "housekeeping" items were handled (see report elsewhere in this issue).

The Fifteen kindly extended an invitation to visiting NLA males to join them in a most pleasant evening's diversions. It was great to meet many of the Fifteen members and be able to share experiences with them. I look forward to their coming to Portland in October.

As happens every time the Executive Committee gets together, I was once again impressed by the commitment and long, hard hours of work given by many of our national community leaders. Each frequently demonstrated their willingness to listen to differing opinions and promote compromises to strengthen the group.

I'm looking forward to Vancouver Pride weekend. Their B.C. Leather titleholders Jo and Dean have put together a great weekend package with parties, a buffet by my favorite gay restaurant Thurlow's, this year's contest, and finishing with Vancouver Pride Parade. Wouldn't miss it.

My boy John and I had the pleasure of dropping in on the leather folk in Boise, Idaho, in June. Can't say I've ever been in a smaller leather bar—but the Olympic serves their community and we were warmly welcomed.

And must give a plug to ORGASM in Portland and their August event. Another technical evening (Aug. 18th). I understand topics will include cutting and electricity (Yes, Dean Dunlap—Mr. Electricity—will be there, among others).

A work trip recently took me to Eugene Oregon where I was warmly welcomed by Daryl Ballini (Mr. Eugene Leather) and his housemate Jeff Varco. I was most impressed by their eagerness to get out the leather in their community and to make visitors feel comfortable. My thanks to both these men.

Finally, I hope you've made your registration for LIL-IV. Early registration saves you money and makes the planning and organizing much easier. We have commitments for workshop presentations by over 40 internationally recognized leaders (from Cooper Axton to Jim Ward) of our Leather/SM/Fetish community. There will be over 20 workshop titles to choose from, and choices won't be easy. We're planning for 600 attendees. What a party!

See you in Portland.

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INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION  
Dues are \$25.00 annually (U.S. funds).

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I agree with the Goals of the NLA, & support its efforts at activism & public service. I am at least 21 years old. I wish to become a member.

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_  
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### SEXUALITY UNDER SIEGE

The Committee to Preserve Our Sexual & Civil Liberties has announced plans for its 3rd annual Conference to be held in San Francisco Sept. 23, 1989. Location is 890 Folsom St., San Francisco. Cost is \$15. Topics include Censorship, Alternative Parenting, and "Sex and Violence." The address for the CPSCL is P.O. Box 1592, San Francisco, CA 94101.

### VASM

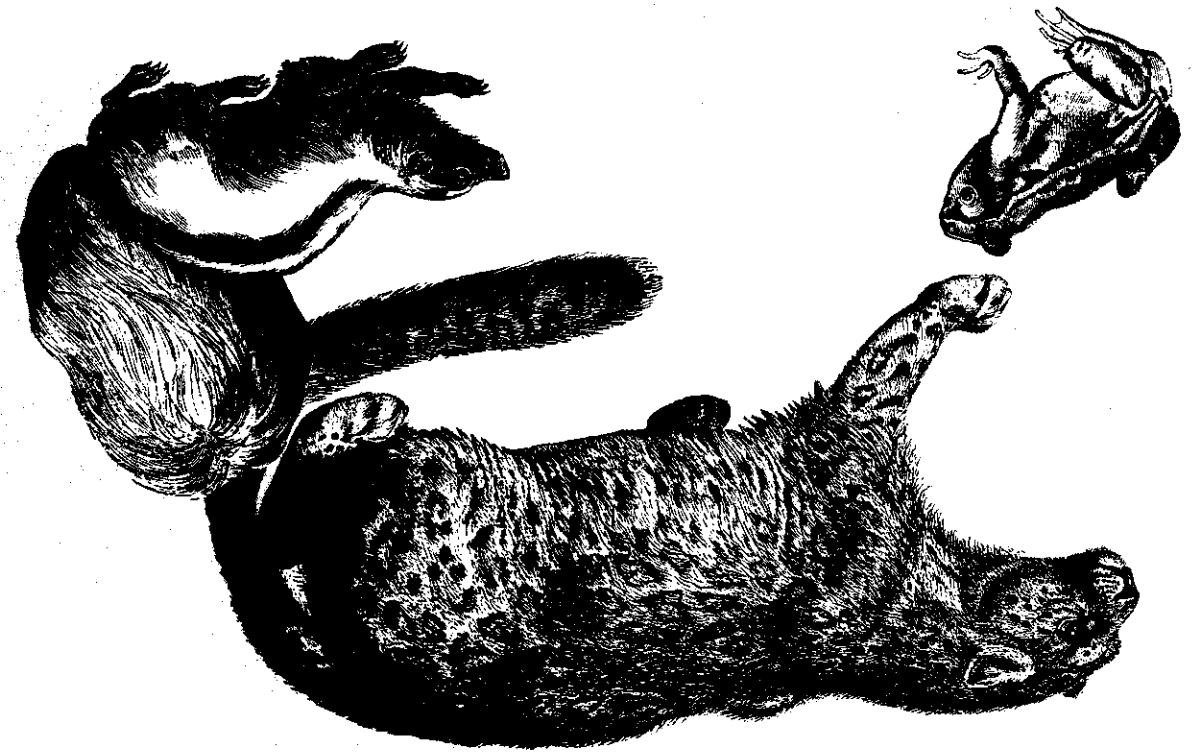
On August 25, V.A.S.M. sponsors a Black & Blue Party" at Ms. T's, 339 W. 4th, Vancouver, BC, at 9 PM. It invites members of other Leather/Levi/Uniform clubs to join them, share ideas, meet each other, etc. V.A.S.M. has a full round of activities, barbecues, demos, parties, etc., and may be contacted at P.O. Box 2204, New Westminster, BC, V3L-5A5 Canada.

### FANTASY '89

Fantasy '89: an Experience in Leather, is scheduled for Omaha, Nebraska, for August 18-19, 1989. This event will feature 2 nights of parties, a leather picnic, a video party, a seminar/demonstration, and "Fantasy," a hot leather fashion show. Among the many guests and titleholders present and featured will be Guy Baldwin, International Mr. Leather '89 & Mr. N.L.A. '89; Susie Shepherd, International Ms. Leather '89; Jan Lyon, Ms. N.L.A. '89, and Alan Selby, "Mr. S," of San Francisco. A beneficiaries of the project include the Nebraska AIDS Project, M.C.C.—Omaha, and New Voice Magazine. For information write "Fantasy '89," P.O. Box 6645, Omaha, NE, 68106-0645.

### RESEARCH PROJECT

Jack Ricardo, a writer whose work has appeared in Drummer, Honcho, Mandate, and other publications, is currently researching a non-fiction book on gay leathermen and the S&M lifestyle. He has prepared a questionnaire, which he is distributing to leathermen around the country. He guarantees anonymity for all participants. If you would like to receive a questionnaire, contact Jack at 97 Tide St., Riviera Beach, FL, 33404.



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