



FIRST LINK

DECEMBER, 1989

NATIONAL LEATHER ASSOCIATION: DENVER

Denver's recent events include a Play Piercing demonstration on Nov. 30, the movie The Virgin Machine on Dec. 2, and the program Toys R' Us at the Emporium of Design's Leather and Lace on Dec. 12. In January the Chapter will be adopting permanent bylaws and electing officers.

NLA:Denver announces the co-production of its Mr./Ms/ Leather Colorado Weekend with Galeric Leon. Nationally prominent judges and entertainers will be featured at the contests; other events being planned are dungeons, a ski train trip, and a leather shopping expedition. For further information on the gala weekend, contact NLA:Denver's Secretary at P.O.Box 18568, Denver, CO 80218. Please note that this is a new address for the Chapter; the old address is no longer valid.

NLA:PORTLAND ANNOUNCES NEW OFFICERS

Newly elected officers for the Portland, OR, Chapter include Kevin Koessel as President, Linda Waldo as Vice President, Ed Walls as Secretary, and Richard Williams as Treasurer. Serving on the Board of Directors are Lon Anderson, David R. Ford, Sallee Huber, John Jakubiak, Darryn LaGaipa, William Schmelling, and Dan Straw. Thanks to retiring officers, and heartiest Congratulations to the new ones!

Reports are that Portlandites are recovering from their massive labors during Living in Leather IV, and have big plans in store. Their recent Earthquake Relief Fund fund raisers have been quite successful, and are much appreciated.

The National Leather and its Chapters has had an extremely busy 1989. It is remarkable, looking back, that 1989 began with just two Chapters, but is ending with 9, with three more formally information, and Chapter building and membership recruitment going on around the country. We have made many gains in the past year; we have written the bulk of our new National Bylaws (soon to go to the membership for formal ratification); we staged a very successful Living in Leather Conference (and the first outside our founding city of Seattle); we added a number of great new organizational and business affiliates, and a large number of new members. But our tasks are just beginning...for each person who has joined the NLA, there are hundreds out there who have not even heard of us. For each person and organization who is a member of our Leather/SM/Fetish network, there are many more who would do well to join with us, as we learn to work together to share our common causes, to deliver the message on safe, sane and consensual S/M behavior, and to work together to further our cause of equal treatment for all of us "kinky" people, under the law and by society.

NATIONAL LEATHER ASSOCIATION: B.C. CHAPTER

NLA:BC relays its thanks to Charles of the Heritage House, for helping make Fetish and Fantasy Ball III the resounding success it was. Mack's presence was particularly missed this year, but a remarkable amount of work was accomplished by Hoddy, Jo-Anne, Contesha, Bill, Spencer, and by Paul from Mark's Leathers, who provided the main prizes. This event provided something we could all use: low expenses, good profits, lots of energy, and a heck of a lot of fun! Congratulations!

As ever, B.C.'s regular support group meetings are proving particularly valuable to all participants. The discussions and

presentations are all imparting the NLA/Leather Community ideal of safe, sane and consensual activity for all members of our Leather/SM/Fetish family.

The members of NLA:BC have helped raise much-needed funds for the San Francisco Leather Earthquake Relief Fund.

By now, elections will have taken place; expect an announcement of the results in the next FIRST LINK.

NLA:ARKANSAS, THE OFFICERS' CLUB

NLA:Arkansas reports a wonderful success with its Nov. 18 Bar Night at Chaps in Memphis, Tennessee. Chaps donated a keg, and members conducted a drawing for a turkey; there was also a shuffleboard tournament. \$50 of the proceeds went the NLA:SFBAC Earthquake fund. The beneficiary of the Arkansas bar night for December is Heartstrings, a play concerning a community's reaction to AIDS. The money raised here will help bring the production to Little Rock.

Dec.2 will have seen the Arkansas Christmas Party. January 13, 1990, at 7:30 PM the 1990 election of Officers for 1990 will take place. Twisted Entertainment will be doing a trunk showing of their leather goods for the Officers' Club on January 27. Plans are being started for the First Anniversary run, July 13-15, 1990, called Lock-Up One.

NLA:Arkansas has voted to order club patches and pins in the shape of its logo.

NLA:Arkansas is off to a great start; it has conducted five fund raisers in its first six months, with some or all of the proceeds being donated to charitable causes for at least three of these. The Club has made leather more visible in Little Rock and Arkansas, and is becoming well-known throughout our National Leather/SM/Fetish community.

NLA CALENDAR

****DECEMBER, 1989****

15	NLA:SEATTLE Bar Night	SEATTLE Eagle
17	NLA:PORTLAND Bar Night	PORTLAND,OR PDX Eagle
20	NLA:DENVER Bylaw Ratif/Officer Nom.Mtng.7 PM	DENVER,CO Muddy's 2200 Champa
20	NLA:B.C. Support Group 7:30	VANCOUVER GLC
24	NLA:PORTLAND Bar Night	PORTLAND,OR PDX Eagle
31	NLA:PORTLAND Bar Night	PORTLAND,OR PDX Eagle

****JANUARY, 1990****

7	NLA:PORTLAND Bar Night	PORTLAND,OR PDX Eagle
8	NLA:PORTLAND General Meeting	PORTLAND,OR Embers
13	NLA:ARKANSAS Annu.Meeting/Election Bar Night	LITTLE ROCK Chaps
14	NLA:PORTLAND Bar Night	PORTLAND,OR PDX Eagle
14	NLA:BC Board Meeting	VANCOUVER GLC
19	NLA:SEATTLE Bar Night	SEATTLE Eagle
19	NLA:DETROIT Bar Night:Milit.Unifs	DETROIT Eagle
21	NLA:PORTLAND Bar Night	PORTLAND,OR PDX Eagle
27	NLA:ARKANSAS Trunk Show 7:30	LITTLE ROCK PDX Eagle
28	NLA:PORTLAND Bar Night	PORTLAND,OR PDX Eagle

****FEBRUARY, 1990****

4	NLA:PORTLAND Bar Night	PORTLAND,OR PDX Eagle
10	NLA:ARKANSAS Meeting/Program Bar Night	LITTLE ROCK Chaps
11	NLA:PORTLAND Bar Night	PORTLAND,OR PDX Eagle
11	NLA:BC Board Meeting	VANCOUVER GLC
16	NLA:SEATTLE Bar Night	SEATTLE Eagle
16	NLA:DETROIT Bar Night:Leather	DETROIT Eagle
18	NLA:PORTLAND Bar Night	PORTLAND,OR PDX Eagle
23	NLA:SEATTLE Kinky Couples Night	SEATTLE PDX Eagle
25	NLA:PORTLAND Bar Night	PORTLAND,OR PDX Eagle

NLA:SEATTLE

The newly-elected Board of NLA:Seattle held its first meeting November 14th. New President Cooper Axton conducted a quick meeting and reported her intent to push for a newsletter and emphasize our non-gay membership during the upcoming year.

The first Chapter education pamphlet should be out by the first of the year, and will deal with fisting and lubricants. It will be sent to other Chapters and available locally at businesses and retail outlets.

May Day planning has started with Cooper handling the Contest, West the Workshops, and Howard for Housing and Hospitality. A general theme is being solicited from the membership.

Two new Board members were appointed to fill the vacancies of Bill Robbins and Wes Randall (now Vice President). Kurt Odekirk and George Nelson were appointed. Mary Ridge was appointed Chapter Membership Chair. Honor continues in the role as Chapter publicist.

Finally, next Board meeting will be Dec. 12th at 7:30 PM at the IROC Cafe in Seattle.

BAY AREA S/MER'S BOTTOM TO MOTHER NATURE

(from *Growing Pains* Nov., 1989)

Years from now people are going to remember exactly where they were at 5:04 PM PDT on Tuesday, October 17th, 1989. That is when everyone in the Bay Area did like the words of the song, "...the earth moved under my feet..." (i.e., our little Roll n Rock number 7.0 on the Richter chart).

Everyone has read of the bridge collapse, the failure of the Cypress structure, and the devastation in Santa Cruz and elsewhere. It is indeed very fortunate that the Bay Area S/M community was virtually untouched by this disaster. Many of the Leather stores survived. Sandmutopia was perhaps the hardest hit -- as the photos show. Also the establishment of a popular San Francisco mistress was damaged beyond occupancy.... There was even one member [of the Society of Janus] who witnessed the brick-by-brick collapse of a friend's fireplace while she was hanging on for dear life in a nearby doorway. But SMH, our meeting hall, survived intact even though it was only two blocks away from a severely damaged neighborhood.

The most humorous anecdote told was the case of a popular mistress who was in the middle of a scene with a client. After he stopped swaying in his suspension, it is reported that he said, "I'd like to be let down now." This was of course quite profession-

ally accomplished by the mistress in total darkness.

It is perhaps most noteworthy the outpouring of concern that community members had for their friends in the community. After making sure their immediate loved ones were safe, S/M'ers started calling their friends. I've heard many stories from people saying, "...and then I started calling around to find out how other people were..."

This concern for community members was expressed in other forms. The mistress whose building was wrecked had help in relocating thanks to friends (It did provide some amusing moments though--such as having a whipping horse in the street awaiting transportation.) And, of course, ...there was a fund immediately set up by National leather Association's John Ferrari to help those community members affected by the quake. If you are interested in contributing to this fund, contact:

NLA Earthquake Fund
484 Lake Park Ave., #16
Piedmont, CA 94610

As for the longer term effects of the quake, there is, of course, the "East Bay commute from hell" caused by the Bay Bridge deck collapse. This has only lengthened--not eliminated--the travel of our East Bay members to come to Janus functions....

So, years from now, when someone asks you where you were during the Quake of '89, you'll really have some stories to tell.

NATIONAL COMMITTEES ARE MEETING

The By-Laws Polishing Committee has had several meetings so far, under the able Chairship of Dean Dunlap. Since October, By-Laws have gone through three drafts, and fine details are being worked out. Soon, the Committee expects to submit the By-Laws to a (leather-friendly) lawyer. The final copy should be at the printers and in the mail before the end of January. The Committee (Dean Dunlap, Karen Mendelsohn, George Nelson, and Jeff Henness) is to be commended for undertaking this difficult and incredibly-detailed job.

The Membership Committee has been contacted by mail, and policies and procedures are being developed, regarding such tricky procedures as dues waivers, Chapter vs. National member policies, etc. The Membership Committee is happy to report that the organization is continuing the remarkable growth evident in the NLA throughout 1989, and expects this trend to continue.

The Conference Committee, established to oversee the development of Living

in Leather Conferences, has met, and is busy formalizing job descriptions, general organization, and features of Living in Leather V, 1990.

ORGASM OF PORTLAND

The Oregon Guild Activists of SM are alive and well. Since Living in leather in October, we've had some re-organization in our Board of Directors. Our new President is Andy Mangels, and our new VP is KT Chaise, replacing Andy as Publicity Director is Carl Parker.

The main focus of the new Board has been to find a new permanent dungeon space, and in that it has been quite successful. The new space is quite large (10,000 sq. ft.) and the layout lends itself to being sectioned off into men's, women's, and mixed play areas. We will have our grant opening on the weekend of January 19th with play parties on both Friday and Saturday night. After the grand opening we will be having regular monthly dungeon parties, the dates of which will be posted in the ORGASM newsletter.

On Friday, January 19th, ORGASM is sponsoring the Portland Leatherman Contest. The contest will coincide with the Grand Opening. ORGASM is offering discount admission to the dungeons for those attending the contest. The following evening, Saturday January 20th, Portland Leatherwoman Productions will be sponsoring the Ms. Portland Leatherwoman Contest.

Speaking of contests, ORGASM will be sponsoring the NW Mr. Drummer contest in August, 1990. The contest will attract leathermen from all over Washington, Oregon, western Idaho, and British Columbia.

LEATHER STAR

Leather Star of Tacoma, Washington, has forwarded a note sent by them to Jan Lyons, Ms. National Leather Association, 1989.

Dear Ms. Lyon:
The Board of Directors of Leather Star would like to thank you for attending the recent "Puget Sound Mr & Ms Leather 1990" contest. Your presence and testimonial were unexpected and most appreciated. We know you have a very busy schedule and are hard pressed for personal time. Again, thank you for attending and showing your support.

In leather, Les Scamfer, President
The cover letter notes Jan's presence at the contest as "most gratifying" and her speech as "most inspiring." They note that NLA is "fortunate to have such a powerful individual" in its organization.

****MAY, 1990****

- 4-6 NLA:SEATTLE SEATTLE
MAY DAY IV
Mr/Ms NLA:Seattle Contest
- 4-6 NLA
N.C.Meetings Seattle
NLA:ARKANSAS LITTLE ROCK
Meeting/Program
- 12 NLA:BC VANCOUVER
Board Meeting GLC
NLA:ARKANSAS LITTLE ROCK
Meeting/Program
- 13 NLA:BC VANCOUVER
Bar Night Chaps
Board Meeting GLC
NLA:DETROIT DETROIT
Bar Night:Const.Wrks. Eagle

CHICAGO HELLFIRE CLUB

S & M parties are held at the new C.H.C. clubhouse. Associates and those already on the clubhouse party sponsorship list may make reservations by calling (312) 489-3439. Persons not on the list must contact a Hellfire member to arrange sponsorship. Non-members who would like information about parties should contact a C.H.C. member or write to C.H.C., P.O.Box 5426, Chicago, IL 60680.

Currently, Inferno nights are held on the 2nd Saturday of each month, and bondage parties on the 4th Friday. S/M University sessions will be held at 7:30 PM on the 1st Wednesday evening of each month except Sept., at Touche's Bar in Chicago; S/M U. meetings are open to anyone at \$5 per class.

Inferno XIX will be conducted at the usual location, from Thursday 6 Sept. to Wed. 12 Sept., 1990. It will be by invitation only.

Q.S.M. IN SAN FRANCISCO

Beginning January 27, 1990, QSM is offering a four-part "Introduction to S/M" series on Saturday afternoons, for newcomers to the scene. The classes will explain common terms and conventions; discuss consensuality, negotiation, and safewords; and give an overview of different types of play. Follow-up classes are February 3, 17, and 24. Four longtime SM practitioners (2 men, 2 women) will teach the series. Classes are limited to 25 students.

Fledermaus will teach a Friday evening "Creative Bondage" series, including several demonstrations. Classes meet Feb. 9 & 23 and March 9 and 23. Class size is limited to 60.

Classes are \$24/series (prepaid) or \$8/class (at the door) and open to all genders and orientations. To preregister or to be added to QSM's mailing list, write Box 520, 5251 Broadway, Oakland, CA 94618, or call (415)-428-1321.

G.M.S.M.A. ANNOUNCES WINTER/SPRING 1990 PROGRAM

General meetings and programs of Gay Male S/M Activists are regularly held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month at 8:30 PM, at the Lesbian & Gay Community Center, 208 W. 13th St., New York City, and are open to all gay men. Forthcoming programs include the following:

- Jan. 10 Whips and Cats
- Jan. 24 S/M Readings
- Feb. 14 Relationship Options
- Feb. 28 Watersports & Raunch
- March 14 Sensory Deprivation
- March 28 S/M & Media (open to all)

Call (212)-727-9878 or write 496A Hudson St., Suite D23, NYC, NY 10014 for updates and information.

DESERT LEATHERMEN OF TUCSON, AZ

The Desert Leathermen staged their 4th Anniversary Mystery Run Oct. 6-8, which included a "murder" at an Arizona winery, a banquet, parties, awards, and warm hospitality. Congratulations!

A VISIT FROM SLAVE NICHOLAS

'Twas the night before Christmas, & all thru the house,
Came the sound of Salome by Herr Richard Strauss
The harness was hung from the ceiling with care,
In hopes that Slave Nicholas soon would be there.
His mistress was ready, her whips tipped with lead
While visions of discipline danced in her head.
In bed she added leather, from her boots to her cap,
She'd oiled every chain and greased every strap.
When out on the street, there arose such a clatter,
Announcing the bike of her night's subject matter.
Away to the window, she flew like a flash,
And peeped through the bars, after opening the sash.
When what to her glittering eyes should appear
With a chrome & black chopper & a six-pack of beer,
But a hunky young driver, all muscled & slick,
She knew without doubt 'twas her bottom, slave Nick.
She drew in her head and was turning around,
When into the room, he came with a bound.
He wore a torn T-Shirt, and boots on his feet,
Some tattered old cut-offs, & a beard trimmed & neat.
He set down his toy bat, and sunk to the floor,
Invoking his mistress, the one he'd adore:
"My Lady, my Domina, Mistress of Pain,
Abuse me, and use me, and use me again!"
In the cold, sound-proof room at the end of the hall,
He cried, "Lash away, lash away, lash away All!"
He kept his eyes lowered, and snelt, stationary,
Awaiting his mistress, and willing to tarry.
A wink of her eye and a turn of her head
Soon gave him to know he had nothing to dread.
He spoke not a word but went straight to his work,
and stripped off his clothes, then turned with a jerk.
He was hung from the sling, the bondage mad fellow,
And was tortured and tickled till he started to bellow.
She thwacked on his flanks, on his bottom, his back,
Till he glowed like a candle, all hung in the rack.
And she heard him exclaim as his fancies took flight,
"Happy Christmas, Dear Madam, I'm yours for the night!"

PANELS IN PORTLAND

November 17, ORGASM presented a panel on crossing gender preference lines, with the idea of individuals of different sexual orientation playing together in an S/M context. One lesbian S/M practitioner explained that the common denominator between play partners is not so much orientation, but rather similar S/M interests. She finds it easier to find male play partners for heavy bondage, for example. A gay male explained that he plays extensively with lesbian S/M'ers due to their expertise in bloodsports.

CENTAUR M.C.

The Mr. Mid-Atlantic Leatherman Contest will take place in Washington, DC, as the Centaur MC celebrates Anniversary 20! Dates for the Centaur's annual *Leather Weekend* are January 12-14. For information, contact Centaur MC at P.O.Box 53174, Washington, DC 20009.

TRAVELS OF MS NLA

It was wonderful to be in the Northeast the weekend of November 3rd. I was at a Urania meeting Friday night taking part in a workshop. On Saturday I went to Connecticut to the Thunderbolts MC's leather swap. I met people from the T-Bears, Vikings, Philadelphians, and Thunderbolts. My thanks to Joan Donnelly who hosted my stay.

Then I was at the Southern California Leatherwoman contest on November 11th where Gabrielle Antolovich took the title. Bobbie and Terri Foster, who are working hard on LIL V, were the hosts for the contest.

The Night of November 18th the Puget Sound Leather Contest in Tacoma raised several hundred dollars for Leather Star, a local AIDS leather charity. Thanks to both Tom and Les for their warm welcome.

My travels will hopefully take me to: Mr. Mid Atlantic Leather Jan 12-14 * Ms Sacramento Leather Feb. 3 * Kinky Couples Seattle Feb 23 * Denver Leather Conference Mar 2-5 * Leather Fest San Diego Mar 9-11 * IML Chicago. If you would like me to be at your event contact my at the NLA PO Box.

Jan Lyon Ms NLA.

SIGMA OF WASH., D.C.

SIGMA's January 8 meeting will feature a program on "Ties That Bind." It is to be held at the Gay Community Center, 1228 17th St. NW, starting at 8 PM. To quote from SIGMA's December 1989 *Submissions*, "While many of us in the community refuse to emotionally tie down our lives, rope and leather seem to be ties that bind with mutual common interest. ...It was decided that January should be dedicated to ropes and leather, but from a novel approach.... The idea for January is to involve the audience in the presentation, present an opportunity for social interaction between our diverse members, and maximize sharing of knowledge and skills."

N. L. A. CALENDAR

- **MARCH, 1990**
- 2-5 NLA:DENVER DENVER
Mr/Ms Leather Colorado Weekend
- 10 NLA:ARKANSAS LITTLE ROCK
Meeting/Program
- 11 NLA:BC VANCOUVER
Bar Night Chaps
Board Meeting GLC
- 16 NLA:SEATTLE SEATTLE
Bar Night Eagle
- 16 NLA:DETROIT DETROIT
Bar Night:Western/Cwby Eagle

- **APRIL, 1990**
- 8 NLA:BC VANCOUVER
Board Meeting GLC
- 14 NLA:ARKANSAS LITTLE ROCK
Meeting/Program
- 20 NLA:DETROIT DETROIT
Bar Night:Boots Eagle

NATIONAL CALENDAR

<p style="text-align: center;">***1989***</p> <p style="text-align: center;">**DECEMBER**</p> <p>15-17 SO. BAY LTHR/UNIF. GRP SAN JOSE RUSSIAN RIVER TRIP *GAUNTLET, INC S.F. GRAND OPENING 2377 MARKET BLACK ROSE WASH. D.C. CHRISTMAS PARTY GCC CITY BIKERS DENVER, CO CHRISTMAS PARTY *SOCIETY OF JANUS S.F. HOLIDAY PLAY PARTY MOOR COCKS POUGHKEEPSIE BAR NIGHT 9 MAVERICK INN VANGUARDS, PHILADELPHNS PHILY PA PRIVATE CHRISTMAS PARTY ROCHESTER RAMS ROCHESTER, NY BAR NIGHT FORUM WASATCH LEATHERMEN SALT LAKE CTY HOLIDAY PARTY 9PM MSC VIKING COLOGNE, W. GER CHRISTMAS PARTY MOT-CYC MEN NEW MEX ALBUQUERQUE MEETING HARTFORD COLTS HARTFORD, CT BAR NIGHT/CHRISTMAS 9PM THE PUB *THE FIFTEEN S.F. COCKTAILS/PLAY PARTY SO. BAY LTHR/UNIF GRP SAN JOSE GEN. MTNG MOT-CYC MEN NEW MEX ALBUQUERQUE CHRISTMAS DINNER *ORGASM PORTLAND, OR CHRISTMAS FOR KIDS MCC SE CONF LESB GAY MEN RALEIGH, NC STEERING COMM MTG LEATHER & LACE SACRAMENTO HOLIDAY SOCIAL/INITIATION *NLA: PORTLAND PORTLAND, OR BAR NIGHT PDX EAGLE EULENSPIEGEL SOC. N.Y.C. S/M THRU THE AGES WASATCH LEATHERMEN SALT LAKE CTY MEETING & SOCIAL *ORGASM PORTLAND, OR BOARD MEETING 7:30 BLACK ROSE WASH. D.C. SOCIAL GCC EULENSPIEGEL SOC. N.Y.C. FAT ADMIRERS' FORUM *NLA: B.C. VANCOUVER SUPPORT GROUP 7:30 GLC *NLA: DENVER DENVER, CO BY-LAW/OFFICER NOM MUDDY'S MEETING 2200 CHAMPA EULENSPIEGEL SOC. N.Y.C. WOMENS' NIGHT/CHRSTMS PRTY 21 FIREDANCERS DALLAS CLUB NIGHT 8PM HIDDEN DOOR 23 WASATCH LEATHERMEN SALT LAKE CTY HOLIDAY PARTY 24 MENAMORE LLC WILMINGTON, NC MEETING GROW CC 24 *NLA: PORTLAND PORTLAND, OR BAR NIGHT PDX EAGLE EULENSPIEGEL SOC. N.Y.C. HOLIDAY SOCIAL 26 V.A.S.M. VANCOUVER, BC SUPPORT/SOCIAL/DEMO GLC 28 BLACK ROSE WASH. D.C. RAP NIGHT 29 V.A.S.M. VANCOUVER, BC PUB NIGHT 9PM MS. T'S 29 CHC BONDAGE CLUB CHICAGO PARTY CLUBHOUSE 29-JAN. 1 MOOR COCKS/ POUGHKEEPSIE IRON GUARD "MASKED BALL" NY 30 TRIDENT, CENTRAL MASS WORCESTER MEETING MAILBOX 30 CHICAGO HELLFIRE CLUB CHICAGO NEW YEAR'S PARTY CLUBHOUSE</p>	<p>30 MENAMORE WILMINGTON, NC BAR NIGHT *NLA: PORTLAND PORTLAND, OR BAR NIGHT PDX EAGLE 31 TWO WHEELERS OF OMAHA OMAHA, NB NEW YR'S EVE PIGOUT DIAMOND BAR</p> <p style="text-align: center;">****1990****</p> <p style="text-align: center;">**JANUARY**</p> <p>1 CHICAGO HELLFIRE CLUB CHICAGO BRUNCH CLUBHOUSE 2 EULENSPIEGEL SOC. N.Y.C. CIRCLE 3 CHICAGO HELLFIRE CLUB CHICAGO SM UNIVERSITY 7:30 TOUCHES 6 THUNDERBOLTS WESTPORT, CT BAR NIGHT THE BROOK 7 WASATCH LEATHERMEN SALT LAKE CTY BOARD MEETING *NLA: PORTLAND PORTLAND, OR BAR NIGHT PDX EAGLE 7 KNIGHTS OF MALTA PORTLAND, OR MEETING 8 CHICAGO HELLFIRE CLUB CHICAGO MONTHLY MEETING 7:30 CLUBHOUSE 8 NLA: PORTLAND PORTLAND, OR GENERAL MEETING EMBERS 8 SIGMA WASH. D.C. 8 TIES THAT BIND MEETING GCC *SEATTLE MEN IN LEATHR SEATTLE 8 TWINKIE ROUNDUP II EULENSPIEGEL SOC. N.Y.C. 8 EXCITING FASHION GRIFFINS NEWARK, DE MEMBERSHIP COM. MTG. 9 V.A.S.M. VANCOUVER, BC BOARD MEETING 7PM GLC 9 *ORGASM PORTLAND, OR GENERAL MEETING EULENSPIEGEL SOC. N.Y.C. 9 CONSCIOUSNESS RAISING *OUTCASTS S.F. 10 ORIENTATION GMSMA N.Y.C. 10 PROGRAM: WHIPS & CATS LGCC EULENSPIEGEL SOC. N.Y.C. 10 WOMENS' NIGHT DREIZEHN CAMBRIDGE, MA MEETING PARADISE 12-14 CENTAUR MC WASH., D.C. MR. MID-ATLANT LEATHER CONTEST 13 WASATCH LEATHERMEN SALT LAKE CTY MEETING/OFFICER INSTALL 13 *NLA: ARKANSAS LITTLE ROCK ANNU. MEETING/ELECTION BAR NIGHT CHAPS 13 MENAMORE WILMINGTON, NC MEETING GROW COM CNTR BAR NIGHT PALLADIUM 13 CHICAGO HELLFIRE CLUB CHICAGO INFERNO NIGHT 10PM CLUBHOUSE 13 PORTLAND LEATHERMEN PORTLAND, OR POTLUCK 7:30 14 *NLA: BC VANCOUVER, BC BOARD MEETING 7PM VGLC 14 *OUTCASTS S.F. 14 STEERING COMM 6:45 *NLA: PORTLAND PORTLAND, OR BAR NIGHT PDX EAGLE 14 TRIDENT, RHD. ISL. 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T'S 26 CHC BONDAGE CLUB CHICAGO PARTY CLUBHOUSE 27 TRIDENT, CENTRAL MASS WORCESTER MEETING MAILBOX 27 QSM S.F. 27 INTRO. TO SM CLASS *NLA: ARKANSAS LITTLE ROCK TRUNK SHOW 7:30 *SEATTLE MEN IN LEATHER SEATTLE MR. SEATTLE LEATHER CONTEST 28 CHICAGO HELLFIRE CLUB CHICAGO CLUBHOUSE PARTY CLUBHOUSE 28 *NLA: PORTLAND PORTLAND, OR BAR NIGHT PDX EAGLE 29 EULENSPIEGEL SOC. N.Y.C. EVENING WITH BELLE DU JOUR 30 EULENSPIEGEL SOC. N.Y.C. MEMBERS' ONLY PLAY NIGHT</p> <p style="text-align: center;">**FEBRUARY**</p> <p>3 THUNDERBOLTS WESTPORT, CT BAR NIGHT THE BROOK 3 MS. SACRAMENTO LEATHER SACRAMENTO QSM S.F. 4 INTRO. TO SM CLASS *NLA: PORTLAND PORTLAND, OR BAR NIGHT PDX EAGLE 7 CHICAGO HELLFIRE CLUB CHICAGO SM UNIVERSITY 7:30 TOUCHES 9 QSM S.F. 10 INTRO. TO SM CLASS MENAMORE WILMINGTON, NC ANNU MTG/ELECTIONS GROW COM CNTR BAR NIGHT 10 PM PALLADIUM 10 CHICAGO HELLFIRE CLUB CHICAGO INFERNO NIGHT 10PM CLUBHOUSE 10 *NLA: ARKANSAS LITTLE ROCK MEETING/PROGRAM BAR NIGHT CHAPS 10 KNIGHTS OF MALTA PORTLAND, OR OREGON STATE LEATHERMAN/WOMAN *NLA: PORTLAND PORTLAND, OR BAR NIGHT PDX EAGLE 11 WASATCH LEATHERMEN SALT LAKE CTY MEETING *NLA: BC VANCOUVER, BC BOARD MEETING 7PM VGLC 11 TRIDENT, RHD. ISL. PROVIDENCE MEETING GALAXY 13 V.A.S.M. VANCOUVER, BC BOARD MEETING 7PM GLC 14 DREIZEHN CAMBRIDGE, MA MEETING PARADISE 14 GMSMA NYC PROGRAM: RELATIONSHIPS LGCC *NLA: SEATTLE SEATTLE BAR NIGHT EAGLE</p>	<p>10 V.A.S.M. VANCOUVER, BC BOARD MEETING 7PM GLC 11 DREIZEHN CAMBRIDGE, MA MEETING PARADISE GMSMA N.Y.C. 11 PROG: S/M IN FOCUS--SLIDES LGCC 12-16 MSC BERLIN BERLIN, GER EASTER DISCOUNT *NLA: ARKANSAS LITTLE ROCK MEETING/PROGRAM 14 BAR NIGHT CHAPS 20-22 MS ROTTERDAM ROTTERDAM, HOL BIRTHDAY PARTY *THE FIFTEEN S.F. 21 V.A.S.M. VANCOUVER, BC SUPPORT/SOCIAL/DEMO GLC GMSMA N.Y.C. 25 PROG: INTERROGATION SCENES LGCC V.A.S.M. VANCOUVER, BC PUB NIGHT 9PM MS. T'S 28 TRIDENT, CENTRAL MASS WORCESTER MEETING MAILBOX</p> <p style="text-align: center;">**MAY**</p> <p>4-6 E. ANGLIA BIKERS CAMBRIDGE, ENG 14TH BIRTHDAY *NLA: SEATTLE SEATTLE MAY DAY 4 & Mr/Ms NLA: SEATTLE CONTEST 4-6 UTICA TRI'S M.C. UTICA, NY 4TH ANNIV. WEEKEND THUNDERBOLTS WESTPORT, CT 5 BAR NIGHT THE BROOK 9 DREIZEHN CAMBRIDGE, MA MEETING PARADISE 9 GMSMA N.Y.C. 12 PROG: MEDICAL INSTRUMENTS LGCC *NLA: ARKANSAS LITTLE ROCK MEETING/PROGRAM 13 BAR NIGHT CHAPS WASATCH LEATHERMEN SALT LAKE CTY MEETING 13 *NLA: BC VANCOUVER, BC BOARD MEETING 7PM VGLC 13 TRIDENT, RHD. ISL. PROVIDENCE MEETING GALAXY 15 V.A.S.M. VANCOUVER, BC BOARD MEETING 7PM GLC 18-20 LONDON BLUES LONDON, ENG 13TH BIRTHDAY 19 THE FIFTEEN S.F. PARTY 23 GMSMA N.Y.C. PROG: 1ST AID FOR S/M LGCC 25 V.A.S.M. VANCOUVER, BC PUB NIGHT 9PM MS. T'S 25-27 MSC HAMBURG HAMBURG, W. GER ECMC BIKE RUN 26 TRIDENT, CENTRAL MASS WORCESTER MEETING MAILBOX 29 V.A.S.M. VANCOUVER, BC SUPPORT/SOCIAL/DEMO GLC</p> <p style="text-align: center;">**JUNE**</p> <p>1-4 LOGE 70, SCHWEIZ ZURICH, SWITZ. ZURICH INTL. PFINGSTREFFEN 2 THUNDERBOLTS WESTPORT, CT BAR NIGHT THE BROOK 8-10 A.S.M.F. PARIS, FRANCE DIMMY NIGHT 8-10 TWO WHEELERS OF OMAHA OMAHA, NB 6TH ANNIVERSARY MR/MS SOUTHBAY LTHR SACRAMENTO 9 *NLA: ARKANSAS LITTLE ROCK MEETING/PROGRAM 10 BAR NIGHT CHAPS *NLA: BC VANCOUVER, BC BOARD MEETING 7PM VGLC 10 WASATCH LEATHERMEN SALT LAKE CTY MEETING 10 TRIDENT, RHD. ISL. PROVIDENCE MEETING GALAXY 12 V.A.S.M. VANCOUVER, BC BOARD MEETING 7PM GLC 13 DREIZEHN CAMBRIDGE, MA MEETING PARADISE</p>	<p>13 GMSMA N.Y.C. ANNU. BUS. MTG. & SOCIAL LGCC 15-17 LFRR ESSEN ESSEN, W. GER KUMPELTREFF, ANNIV. 5 16 THE FIFTEEN S.F. PARTY 20-24 6TH INTERNAT. CONF S.F. ON AIDS 22-24 A-MEN AARHUS AARHUS BON FIRE PARTY V.A.S.M. VANCOUVER, BC SUPPORT/SOCIAL/DEMO GLC 27 GMSMA N.Y.C. PROG: ROPE BONDAGE LGCC 29 V.A.S.M. VANCOUVER, BC PUB NIGHT 9PM MS. T'S 29-JUL. 1 FLC FRANKFURT FRANKFRT, W. GER LEATHER ODYSSEY 30 TRIDENT, CENTRAL MASS WORCESTER MEETING MAILBOX</p> <p style="text-align: center;">**JULY**</p> <p>6 *NLA: BC VANCOUVER, BC BOARD MEETING 7PM VGLC 7 THUNDERBOLTS WESTPORT, CT BAR NIGHT THE BROOK 8 TRIDENT, RHD. ISL. PROVIDENCE MEETING GALAXY 8 WASATCH LEATHERMEN SALT LAKE CTY MEETING 10 V.A.S.M. VANCOUVER, BC BOARD MEETING 7PM GLC 11 DREIZEHN CAMBRIDGE, MA MEETING PARADISE 13-15 *NLA: ARKANSAS LITTLE ROCK INDOOR RUN/LOCK-UP ONE 13-15 MSC PANTHER KOLN COLOGNE, W. GER COLOGNE LEATHERMEETING ON TOUR 14 *NLA: ARKANSAS LITTLE ROCK MEETING/PROGRAM 20-22 THE FIFTEEN CHAPS S.F. 21 RANCHO CICADA WEEKEND THE FIFTEEN S.F. PARTY 24 V.A.S.M. VANCOUVER, BC SUPPORT/SOCIAL/DEMO GLC 27 V.A.S.M. VANCOUVER, BC PUB NIGHT 9PM MS. T'S 27-29 MSC FINLAND HELSINKI, FIN FINLANDIZATION 4 28 TRIDENT, CENTRAL MASS WORCESTER MEETING MAILBOX 28 MR. B.C. DRUMMER CONTEST VANCOUVER, BC 8 PM MS. T'S</p> <p style="text-align: center;">**AUGUST**</p> <p>3 V.A.S.M. VANCOUVER, BC PUB NIGHT/GAY GAMES MS. T'S 3-5 SLM STOCKHOLM STOCKHOLM, SW. BAL TIC BATTLE 13 4 THUNDERBOLTS WESTPORT, CT BAR NIGHT THE BROOK 6-12 BLACK HILLS MC CLASSIC 50TH ANNIV. RALLY STURGIS, SD 8 DREIZEHN CAMBRIDGE, MA MEETING PARADISE 10-12 MSC HAMBURG HAMBURG, W. GER LEATHERPARTY 11 *NLA: ARKANSAS LITTLE ROCK MEETING/PROGRAM 12 BAR NIGHT CHAPS *NLA: BC VANCOUVER, BC BOARD MEETING 7PM VGLC 12 WASATCH LEATHERMEN SALT LAKE CTY MEETING 12 TRIDENT, RHD. ISL. PROVIDENCE MEETING GALAXY 14 V.A.S.M. VANCOUVER, BC BOARD MEETING 7PM GLC 18 THE FIFTEEN S.F. PARTY 24-26 BLACK ANGELS KOLN AACHEN, W. GER GRILLPARTY ON THE RHINE 24-27 MSC ICELAND ICELAND SUMMIT 24-27 SUSSEX LANCERS BRIGHTON</p>
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KINKY COUPLES EVENING AT HORIZON MANOR

A "Kinky Couples Evening at Horizon Manor" will take place on Friday, Feb. 23, 1990, from 7 PM to 3 AM. This event is located in a sprawling mansion on 13 secluded acres about 15 minutes north of Seattle. Directions will be given on the phone. Gay, lesbian, and heterosexual couples are welcome; singles will be placed on a waiting list and admitted in proportion with couples. **Reservations in advance are required.** Reservations are being coordinated by Steve or Joni at (206) 368-8617 and Bettykay and Beth at (206) 632-5485.

Admission is \$45 for a couple and \$30 for a single. A \$5 discount is offered for each NLA member and New Horizons member. Also, a \$5 discount is provided for those helping on the set-up, clean-up, or break-down crews or those serving as a D.M.

People may eat from 7 to 9 PM; food will not be served, so bring your own, as well as snack food for later in the evening. A refrigerator, microwave, plates, silverware, and kitchen are available. Free soda and coffee will be provided. Doors open at 7 PM, with no admission after 10 PM.

A release must be signed, and posted **Rules and Guidelines** abided by. Clothing is optional; nudity and any kind of fetish attire are permitted throughout the premises. Bring your favorite toys, a towel, and perhaps a robe. There are three hot tubs, a heated indoor pool, a sauna, and showers available. Dungeon play areas will have bondage and other equipment for your amusement.

The "Rules and Guidelines" are adapted from similar documents developed by the Seattle Dungeon Guild and the Oregon Guild Activists of S/M. The National Leather Association: Seattle is a sponsor of this event.

GAUNTLET - SAN FRANCISCO RETAIL STORE GRAND OPENING

Gauntlet, Inc., proudly announces the Grand Opening of its new retail store. Located at 2377 Market St. (at Castro), the store will offer Gauntlet jewelry, publications, and piercing services by Master Piercer Jim Ward and his personally trained professional staff. Store hours will be 11 AM to 6 PM Wednesday and Friday through Sunday. Thursday's hours are 11 AM to 9 PM. Appointments for piercings are strongly advised (phone (415) 431-3133).

Internationally renowned piercing pioneer Jim Ward founded Gauntlet, Inc., in 1975. Body piercing is a millennia-old art found in cultures all over the planet. Whether a rite of passage, personal statement, or aesthetic delight, piercing through Gauntlet is done under strict safety standards with the customer's long-term enjoyment of the jewelry in mind. This revival of the art began in Jim's home, with the inspiration and practical support of his mentor, Doug Malloy. Mr. Malloy had traveled the world investigating piercing traditions. At this time, a mail order department, retail store in Los Angeles, a staff of jewelers, and *Piercing Fans International Quarterly (PFIQ)* promote the ancient art of body piercing through Gauntlet. Years of research and refinement have resulted in the safest, highest quality jewelry specifically designed

for body piercing. Exciting new jewelry designs are currently in production.

The Southern California store is now entering its 15th year, at 8720 Santa Monica Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90069, (213) 657-6677.

KNIGHTS D'ORLEANS

Ed R., recently elected as President of Knights D'Orleans, has been selected to receive the Knight of the Year award. This annual award is the highest honor the club can bestow upon its members, and recognizes the tremendous contributions of service, time, and effort to the club.

The Knights D'Orleans will kick off the final weekend of Carnival in New Orleans with their annual "Night of the Black Mask" party on Friday, February 23, 1990, following the Krewe of Hermes parade. The event will occur at the club's home bar, the Phoenix, at 941 Elysian Fields, and will feature cheap booze, drawings for fabulous prizes, and hundreds of the hottest men in North America, who will party until dawn.

N.L.A. ADDRESS LIST

The National Leather Association is a growing network of individuals, Chapters, and Affiliates. For National Membership, Chapterhood, or Affiliacy write the National Headquarters listed below. If you wish to join a Chapter, please inquire at the appropriate address below.

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IN WHICH WE VISIT PORTLAND (OREGON) FOR LIVING IN LEATHER TV (FROM OUTCASTS' "LUNATIC FRINGE")

...I proceeded inward [to the hotel] where I caught sight of many leatherfolk in full regalia. I approached the counter to get assigned my room, and overheard a conversation between the desk clerk and some prospective guests. There at the counter were Mommy & Daddy, with two kids and Raggedy Ann in tow, trying to check in from the Midwest. Desk clerks developed concerned expressions, saying, "There is a convention staying here... (ahem) your children... ah, well ah... the conventioners..." Just then two examples strolled by, relieving the consternated clerks of their embarrassing task of explanation. Child number one looked up from sucking her thumb to see the man who walked proudly by in handcuffs. She pulled insistently at her Mommy's skirt, begging her to "Mommy, look at that man!" While Mommy stared, child number two had glimpsed yet another awesome mystery, and asked Daddy "Why does that lady dress like a vampire?" Mommy or Daddy... were hard-pressed to answer. They decide that this hotel is hosting a convention of the Hell's Angels, & they gather up their kids and waltz quickly out to the Hyatt down the street. At this point, I begin to more fully appreciate the beauty of black leather.

The workshop entitled "I'm OK, We're OK" proved to be the most emotional thing for me. A couple people said things so meaningful and with such elegance that hearing it I had to cry. The discussion was about how to find role models. I realized I'd just found mine.

Sunday's workshops were also wonderful. In "Since Dallas" many NLA activists were present to discuss political developments since the '88 meeting in Dallas. Because I'd chosen to attend this workshop I was congratulated for having a political astuteness which I do not possess. I was, however, astute enough to gather that something upsetting had happened in Dallas. Just what it was, I never did find out, but at least I now know who got mad at whom.

I stayed in Oregon for another week, enjoying fall colors and doing my best to avoid logging trucks. I reflected on the wonderful experience I'd had at the conference, and realized that one of the most beautiful things I'm noticing about (many, not all) people in the S/M Communities, is how incredibly honest they are. I have so much respect for people who, in the simple words of ..., have found the courage to "say what's so."

Ms. SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA LEATHERWOMAN FOR 1989-1990

Gabrielle Antolovich, Co-Chair of NLA: Los Angeles, is the proud winner of the recent hard-fought Ms. Southern California Leatherwoman Contest, staged Nov. 11 in San Diego. We gather that the race was grueling, the questions taxing, and the crowd excited. Those who met Gabrielle during the 1989 Ms. National Leather Association contest will appreciate her drive and poise. Congratulations!

Scribbles

I'm sure you've all noticed the "New Look" evidenced with this issue. Thanks to some individuals with more money than brains (in my humble opinion) my esteemed roommate (& our Membership Chair), who has done much of the actual **First Link** preparation over the last 2 years on a beat-up "Semi" computer by Tandy was able to sell some "cherished" Americana collectables. (You would not believe what some people will pay for a 1930's wind-up toy--that doesn't even wind). He sold enough of this old junk (sorry--memorabilia) to purchase a new computer (A Real One!). He's spend a lot of hours in the last month adding and converting programs, setting style sheets, and formatting endless "stuff." He well deserves a "pat on the head" for his long work and we'll all enjoy a better **First Link**. I must also note our National member and mailing lists have been redone on the new machine, greatly improving their utility. Next step a true laser printer and a graphic scanner.

Congratulations are due to the new officers in several Chapters following recent annual elections. Portland, Seattle,

NLA:DETROIT

NLA:DETROIT is planning a monthly program night for 1990. They've got a number of interesting programs planned for the following months, including the following (subject to change):

January:	S/M 101
February:	Relationships
March:	Party Ethics
April:	Whipping
May:	Victorian Scenes
June:	Piercing
August:	S/M Shopping
September:	Sensitizing the Skin
October:	Uniforms
November:	Bondage
December:	Mummification

NLA:DETROIT has entered into an arrangement with Detroit Eagle to have a monthly Bar Night, with a modest cover charge, the third Friday of each month, from 9 PM to 1:30 AM. Each Bar Night will have a wardrobe theme: January 19th's is Military Uniforms, and February 16th's is Leather. That attire, or basic leather/Levi/uniform/fem.drag will be encouraged of participants.

The Detroit Chapter has recently staged a Chicago Gift-Shopping Tour. It is seeking for a healthy dose of fun amidst the necessary politics. In addition to the monthly workshops and bar nights noted above, NLA:DETROIT is planning major activities throughout the year, including a Leather Pride Weekend celebration, Leather Weekend in Saugatuck, the Great Lakes Regional Conference, a Mr. & Ms. NLA-DETROIT Contest, a Dominatrix & Wench of Detroit Contest, and a Master & Slave of Detroit Contest.

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and British Columbia Chapters have all placed new officers.

It's a pleasure to relay the great success of The Bondage: Living Art Exhibit sponsored by NLA: Los Angeles. Nearly 300 attendees were intrigued, stimulated, and challenged by a variety of techniques and mediums. Termed a complete success by NLA: LA organizers, even an unexpected visit by the Los Angeles Fire Dept. failed to put a damper on the enthusiasm of the many guests.

This weekend--wearing my alternate hat as "Dashing Dungeon Master" for Seattle Dungeon Guild--I am off to Portland again for a workshop sponsored by ORGASM regarding Dungeon Mastering. With the responsibilities held by this individual during public or semi-private activities, I am honored to be asked and pleased that ORGASM is recognizing the importance of the position. I also want to give Seattle Dungeon Guild a bravo. The Guild is planning on setting up Red Cross First Aid and C.P.R. training for all its members. Great idea!

Upcoming is my annual holiday season New England trip and I look forward to getting together with many of our NEW Leather Family, especially those involved in setting up a New England Chapter.

LOST MEMBERS

Every month, the First Link offices receive a number of **FIRST LINK** issues returned by the Post Office because the recipient has moved, without forwarding address. Over the course of time, we accumulate "orphan" members. If you can provide a current address for any of the following, please notify the **FIRST LINK** office, at P.O. Box 17463, Seattle, WA 98107:

Jeff Henness of Seattle; Amy Hunter of Tampa, FL; Luke Owens of Oregon; Bill Rogers of San Diego; R.J. Charon of Portland, OR; Dan Gilbert of Little Rock; John Henry of Little Rock; Charles Roberts of Little Rock; Jim Bryant of Albuquerque; Dick Kaufmann of L.A.; James Waltner of Albuquerque; Kevin Walker of Haddlock, WA; Alan Vroman of Denver.

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DOMINANT Black Male, hetero, forming group for those interested in Metaphysics, Thelma, Occultism and S/M. Write B.Evans, P.O. Box 153, Homestead FL 33090.

ELECTROLYSIS--Permanent hair removal for men and women. (206)-364-2911 for appointment.

DOMINANT male, hetero, seeks female roommate to share quiet, secluded home in the South end. Rent negotiable. Large bedroom, bath. 25 minutes from Seattle. (206)-271-6403

This is also my opportunity to wish all of our members and community a healthy and prosperous 1990. I heard on the radio today that our state unemployment is down to only 4%. That being true, I can't help wondering why I know so many who are unemployed. With the change of the decade I hope we will all see both personal and community gains as we move toward a new century. For our leather community, the 1980's have been difficult due to the onslaught of AIDS and its socio-economic backlash, and the increased national tendency toward political conservatism. But due in large part specifically to these negative issues, our community is stronger, better informed, more thoroughly networked, and politically and socially organized than it has ever been in the past. For example, even five years ago NLA could not have existed as a pan-genderal organization, and ten years ago how many leather dykes do you know who would have considered leathermen as associates, let alone friends. At occasional moments we must be grateful for our oppressors. They force us to grow stronger, to work together, and give us obstacles to conquer. And we will meet their challenges, and in time win.

Happy Holidays

MEMBERSHIP FORM:

If you wish to join or renew your membership in NLA, you may use the form below. Members: check your mailing label. The first two digits show year of expiration, the last 2 indicate the month. Thus, a label showing "90.04" indicates an expiration date of April 1, 1990. **National Dues** are \$25. annually (\$30. outside North America--U.S. funds). Those interested in Chapter membership should inquire at the addresses given elsewhere in this **FIRST LINK**.

Full Name: _____

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

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