

News from the Chapters

**NLA:SAN DIEGO PRESENTS
 LEATHERFEST WEEKEND**

Leatherfest '90 is shaping up to be an extraordinary event--well worth keeping March 8-11, 1990 free on your calendars. San Diego's Chapter welcomes you to this annual festival. Thursday evening opens with a Leatherman's Award Banquet at Clark's Flamingo Lodge and continues with Shan Carr, International Ms. Leather '88, doing a Lesbian Comedy Show at the Flame. There will be beer busts, workshops, a Fun Run (motored vehicles), a Blackout Ball, a Variety Show, as well as a Saturday filled with S/M art. Many Leather dignitaries and titleholders will be in attendance: Brian Dawson, Mr. Drummer '89; Gabrielle Antolovich, Ms. Southern California Leatherwoman '89; Taurus, Mr. San Diego Leather '89; Jan Lyon, Ms. NLA '89; Race Bannon; Mistress Kathy; and Mark Klein, Mr. Southern California Drummer '88. (See inside for full schedule.)

T-Shirts and posters will be available as well as ticket packages. If you mention "Leatherfest '90" you will receive a 20% discount on rates at Clark's Flamingo Lodge (1-800-822-0133). If you have any questions about participation in Leatherfest '90, please contact Rick Brazda at (619)-296-7271. If you're interested in advertising in the Leatherfest '90 Program, please call Christine Urbach at (619)-281-6435 for information and an ad rate sheet.

Park Boulevard Travel has arranged discount air fares for travel to San Diego for LEATHERFEST '90. Discounts range from 5% on the lowest excursion fare to 40% off coach fare. Also, rooms are blocked at \$49 per room night (plus tax) at the Mission Valley Inn, and car rentals at low weekend rates are available. Call Park Boulevard Travel at (619)-299-2720 for information and bookings.

**NLA:NASHVILLE--
 (Chapter in Formation)**

We are proud to announce a newly-accepted Chapter-in-Formation of the N.L.A., in Nashville, TN. The group is in the process of organizing, membership recruitment, and the writing of by-laws. Temporary Chairman is Les Robinson; Temporary Secretary is Kevin Troxler. The organizational meeting was held Jan. 5. Those wishing to contact the Nashville Chapter can do so by mail at P. O. Box 60305, Nashville, TN 37206.

NLA:BRITISH COLUMBIA

NLA:B.C. announces its new slate of Officers and Board Members: Co-Chair Dean Ryane, Secretary Ken Stook, Treasurer Jerry R., and at large Board Members Bonnie Ramsay, Spencer MacDonell, and Mike Hepler. Hoddy Allan continues as newsletter editor. NLA:BC reports a successful Pub Night at Ms. T's Jan.12, with demonstrations on rope body harnesses and a mylar mummification. A cutting demo is confirmed for BC's March Bar Night. Co-Chair Dean Ryane is eager to put together a big leather contingent to be represented at the Vancouver Coronation in March. NLA:BC is planning their annual community showcase and spring-thaw celebration on Friday, April 13, its SPRINGTIME RUT N'STRUT Blacktie Soiree and Community Social. NLA:BC is looking for all kinds of talent. The event will occur at Ms T's in Vancouver. Besides talent, the event needs plenty of help, ranging from decorating to setting out food platters, for this FUN event. Contact NLA:BC c/o the GLC at 1170 Bute St, Vancouver, BC, V6E-1Z6 to volunteer or to get information.

**NLA:DENVER
 WEEKEND**

NLA:Denver hosts Mr./Ms. Leather Colorado weekend March 2-5, 1990. Judges & entertainers include Susie Shepherd (IMsL '89), Shan Carr (IMsL '88), Mr. Leather Colorado '89 & Mr. Rocky Mountain Drummer '89. A Package Plan is available for \$25, including reserved table tickets for each contest, brunch, booze-bust, & various commercial discounts. Check or Money Order only, to NLA:DENVER at P.O.B.18568, Denver, CO, 80218, & pick up packets at the hotel. Packets also available at D/S Leathers & the Crypt. Headquarters Hotel is Days Inn, 1150 E. Colfax, (303)-831-7700; Single Room \$34, Double \$36, including HBO & Breakfast. Mention NLA:DENVER Weekend to get rates. To volunteer help out or for information, call (303)-650-8855. (See inside for full schedule.)

NLA SEATTLE

KINKY COUPLES NIGHT will occur from 7 PM to 3 AM on Feb. 23--reservations required. Call (206)-632-5485 or (206)-368-8617 for reservations & info. Call (206)-324-7868 for info. on the March 3rd program night, on breath control. Contact Seattle Treasurer Howard c/o P.O.B. 30674, Seattle, WA, 98102 to help on a fundraiser for trophies for the winners of the Mr./Ms. NLA:Seattle contest. Plans for MAY DAY 1990 are proceeding; it will be a delightful weekend. Next Board Meeting is Feb. 28, 4 PM at the IROC Cafe.

NLA:Seattle reports a great SM-101 program by Vik & George. They emphasized Safety, & Sanity as prerequisites for any "scene," offered tips on bondage safety & toy selection, and gave several attendees their first tastes of wax & clothespins.

NLA Calendar

****MARCH, 1990****

****FEBRUARY, 1990****

18	BC Board Meeting 7PM	Vancouver GLC
18	PORTLAND Bar Night	Portland,OR PDX Eagle
20	SFBAC Nom/Election 7:30	S.F. Amelia's
20	DENVER Setting Mood	Denver Emp.of Desn
21	DENVER Business Mtng 7 PM	Denver Muddy's
23	SEATTLE Kinky Couples Night	Seattle,WA
25	PORTLAND Bar Night	Portland,OR PDX Eagle
28	SEATTLE Board Meeting 4PM	Seattle,WA IROC Cafe

2	SAN DIEGO Beer Bust	San Diego Wolf's
2-5	DENVER Mr./Ms Leather Colorado Weekend	Denver Seattle,WA
3	SEATTLE Program:Breath Control (Teat.)	Seattle,WA
4	SAN DIEGO Gen.Meeting,Electns	San Diego Drop N Cntr
9-11	SAN DIEGO Leatherfest 90	San Diego
10	FIRST LINK PRESS DEADLINE	
10	ARKANSAS Meeting/Program	Little Rock
11	SEATTLE Bar Night	Chaps Seattle,WA
11	BC Board Meeting	Balcony Vancouver GLC

12	PORTLAND Meeting 7-9	Portland,OR Embers
16	DETROIT Bar Night:Western/Cwby	Detroit Eagle

****APRIL, 1990****

6	SAN DIEGO Beer Bust	San Diego Wolf's
7	SEATTLE Monthly Workshop	Seattle,WA
8	SAN DIEGO Gen.Meeting	San Diego Drop N Cntr
8	SEATTLE Bar Night	Seattle,WA Balcony
8	BC Board Meeting	Vancouver GLC
9	PORTLAND Meeting 7-9	Portland,OR Embers

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NLA:METRO NEW YORK (Chapter in Formation)

NLA:METRO NEW YORK is a Chapter in Formation. A number of individuals have joined, and work is going rapidly on By-Laws, organization, activities, and membership recruitment. Contact Gerrie and Mitch at P.O.Box 1146, New York City, NY, 10156 for information if you wish to work with this new endeavor or if you're interested in joining.

NLA:VIRGINIA (Chapter in Formation)

Bylaws are progressing, and things are rolling. The Charter organizers expect to iron out the "fine points" of their Bylaws at a meeting on Feb. 13, and their Charter application will be mailed soon after that. The Chapter-in-Formation is already making its political presence felt, by participating in Lobby Day in Virginia. An unfortunate typo appeared in last month's *First Link*; the Secretary/Treasurer of NLA:VA-C-i-F is Richard Talley. To participate in this growing group, contact P.O.Box 4286, Richmond, VA 23220-8286.

FROM THE GREATER BOSTON AREA

Work is now going on to form the NLA: New England Chapter. Formation meetings are being held, and an energetic group of people is at work. If you are already a member and are interested in participating in this new organization, or if you have not yet joined, for information you may contact Joseph Shore or Joan Donnelly at NLA:NEW ENGLAND (Chapter in Formation), P.O.Box N-1111, New Bedford, MA, 02746.

NATIONAL ELECTIONS COMING UP

With the Bylaws almost ready to be sent out for National ratification, the National Leather Association is beginning to prepare for its National Election of Co-Chairs and National Council representatives. Shannon Kennedy of Detroit is currently heading the Elections and Credentials Committee. Nominations of At-Large representatives to the National Council, and of candidates for the National Co-Chairs positions may be submitted to Shannon and the Committee c/o the National Address, P.O.B. 17463, Seattle, WA, 98107. Nominators must be individual members in good standing of the

NLA Calendar

APRIL, 1990

10	FIRST LINK PRESS DEADLINE	
13	BC Vancouver	
	Springtime Rut n' Strut Ms.T's	
14	ARKANSAS Little Rock	
	Meeting/Program	
	Bar Night	Chaps
20	DETROIT	Detroit
	Bar Night:Boots	Eagle

National Leather Association. Nominees must be members in good standing of the NLA; nominees for the Co-Chair positions must have been NLA members for at least one year. Any member may nominate himself or herself for any of these positions.

In building our National Council, care must be taken to build a Council fully representative of the diverse nature of the NLA; the Council should include representatives of all orientations, genders, and geographic areas represented by the NLA.

The National Council meets twice yearly. The Executive Committee, also chaired by the Co-Chairs, meets four times yearly. The responsibilities of these positions are not light, but the ultimate rewards are fantastic, in terms of building and strengthening our large national/ international Leather/SM/Fetish network.

NLA:ARKANSAS THE OFFICER'S CLUB

Officers have been elected during the Jan. 13, 1990, annual elections. Chuck Higgins is President, Ray Weber First Vice President, Ken Pope Second Vice President, Allen Duvall Treasurer, and Paul Dorman, Secretary. We are relieved to see Ray Weber back in action after his recent hospitalization. Member Leonard B. has presented completed bar colors to the club; they will be installed at Chaps in the near future. Planning has begun for LOCK-UP I, the first Anniversary Celebration for NLA:ARKANSAS. The event will include the selection of Mr. and Ms. N.L.A.:Arkansas. Among those being invited to judge are Jan Lyon, Ms. NLA and *Leather Journal* Woman of the Year for 1990. Nancy Ava Miller, founder of PEP Albuquerque and Black Rose, Washington DC, will be visiting with NLA:ARKANSAS members in June. Bumper Sticker on car in Little Rock: "A feather is Kinky; The whole chicken is Perverted."

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.

NLA:NAT'L HEADQUARTERS
P.O.B. 17463, Seattle, WA 98107 (206)-789-8990

NLA:ARKANSAS P.O.Box 4392, No. Little Rock, ARK 72116

NLA:B.C. 1170 Bute St., Vancouver, B.C., V6E-1Z6 Canada

MAY, 1990

4	SAN DIEGO	San Diego
	Beer Bust	Wolf's
4-6	NLA	
	N.C.Meetings	Seattle
4-6	SEATTLE	Seattle
	MAY DAY IV	
	Mr/Ms NLA:Seattle Contest	
10	FIRST LINK PRESS DEADLINE:	

NLA:DALLAS P.O.Box 5711

Dallas, TX 75207

NLA:DENVER P.O.Box 18568,
Denver, CO 80218 (303)-650-8855

NLA:DETROIT P.O.Box 725368,
Berkley, MICH 48072

NLA:LOS ANGELES 7985 Santa
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Formation) P.O.Box 60306 Nashville, TN
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NLA:VIRGINIA (Chapter-In-Forma-
tion) P.O.B. 4286 Richmond, VA 23220-
8286

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Work is continuing, with long and difficult meetings of the **Conference Committee**. We expect to print registration forms within the next two months. Chairs for the various Conference functions are being selected. All in all, we look forward to a magnificent Living in Leather V Conference with our move to California.

This is second the official call for bids; we want to hear from any of you wishing to have **Living in Leather VII, VIII, or IX** in your area. We are most interested in moving around the country with our Conference, and need to begin hearing from all interested parties. Several years is not too many to plan a LIL Conference.

WORKSHOPS FOR LIVING IN LEATHER V

Is there a subject you'd like to see explored (or re-explored) at the next LIL? Is there a panel you want to participate in, or a demonstration you'd like to give? If so, write us c/o the National P.O.Box by March 1st. We can't promise to follow your recommendations, but we'll read and consider all suggestions. Let us know you're out there. Karen Mendelsohn & Tony DeBlase, Workshop Co-Chairs for LIL V

12	ARKANSAS	Little Rock
	Meeting/Program	
	Bar Night	Chaps
13	SEATTLE	Seattle,WA
	Bar Night	Balcony
13	BC	Vancouver
	Board Meeting	GLC
13	SAN DIEGO	San Diego
	Gen.Meeting	Drop N Cntr
18	DETROIT	Detroit
	Bar Night:Const.Wrker Eagle	

SAN FRANCISCO CHAPTER

Nominations and elections for NLA:SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA will be held at Amelia's (647 Valencia) at 7:30 PM on Feb. 20. Nominations may be made by mail (to 484 Lake Park Ave, #16, Piedmont, CA 94610) or in person at the election. San Francisco is planning a great program for the coming months.

LIVING IN LEATHER V SCHOLARSHIP & WORK OPPORTUNITIES

The National Leather Association has always attempted to make its Conferences as accessible as possible. We are able, this year, to provide Scholarships to the Conference for those suffering from AIDS, ARC, and other serious medical problems who could not otherwise afford to come to Conference. If you qualify for such a scholarship, please contact your Chapter (if you are an NLA Chapter member) and they will forward the necessary information to us. If you are a National Member of NLA or of the greater Leather/SM/Fetish Community, please contact the LIL Conference Committee at the National Address (P.O.B. 17463, Seattle, WA, 98107).

We are unable to provide scholarships for the economically disadvantaged, but another route is open to those of us on reduced incomes: our Conference needs a large number of individuals eager to "work their way" into Living in Leather, to staff the large number of activities during our long weekend, and to set up and tear down our locations. Please write the Conference Committee at the address given above if you are eager to put in a lot of hours for this exciting event, and to participate in Living in Leather V. You may also leave your name and address on our answering machine, at (206)-789-8990, if you wish to be sent information.

SAN DIEGO LEATHERFEST '90 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Thursday, Mar. 8:	Award Banquet	Clark's 6-8:30 PM
	Comedy Show	Flame 9 PM
Friday, March 9:	Beer Bust/Reg.	Wolf's 8-11 PM
	Midnight Kegger	Wolf's 12 AM
Saturday, March 10:	Cont.Breakfast	Flame 10 AM
	Workshop #1	Flame 11 AM-1 PM
	Art Affaire	Flame Noon-5 PM
	Workshop #2	Flame 3-5 PM
	Cocktail Social	Flame 5-6 PM
	Reception (Invite)	BULC 8-10 PM
	Blackout Ball	BULC 10 PM-2 AM
Sunday, March 11:	Fun Run (jeep,mc)Hole	11 AM-1 PM
	Workshop #3	Hole 1-3 PM
	Variety Show/Keg Hole	3-5 PM

MENAMORE LEVI/LEATHER CLUB

Members of Menamore LLC, located in Wilmington, NC, will be taking an active role in the Southeast Conference for Les-

bians and Gay Men, coming up March 22-25, 1990, in Raleigh, NC. Menamore has requested stage time to present a Leather-Wear show, the intent of which is to give a greater view of the fashions worn by those of the Leather Lifestyle than most people see. (See elsewhere in this issue for further information on the Conference). Menamore is looking forward to **LION'S PRIDE I**, its first anniversary celebration, coming up March 3 and 4, 1990. The events include a reception, parade of colors, banquet, cocktail parties, a buffet, and presentations and installments. For further information on this event, contact Menamore at P.O.Box 7364, Wilmington, NC, 28406.

ORGASM of PORTLAND OR.

The Oregon Guild Activists of S/M has moved into its new, permanent dungeon quarters, and has begun a regularly series of play parties and workshops. Its grand opening, 2 nights of dungeon play, in January, was warmly received, with a broad spectrum of participants. The new quarters of ORGASM are clean and spacious, and there's a lot of good equipment for visitors' use. The quarters include separate areas for women's' play, men's' play, mixed play, demonstrations, and relaxation and conversation. Check the calendar for parties scheduled for Feb.16-17, and March 17. For information on joining ORGASM, and a schedule of future events, write P.O.Box 5702, Portland, OR 97208.

On January 19, ORGASM staged the Portland Leatherman Contest at the Embers. Emcees were spike and KT. Entertainment was provided by Kevin Koesel, Andy Mangels, Irwin Murphy, and John Ferrari. Winner was Tod Helyer, with Scott Lynch and Jacynth West placing 2nd and 3rd. A good time was had by all.

INTERNATIONAL MS LEATHER WEEKEND 1990

The purpose of International Ms. Leather Inc. is to sponsor and organize fundraising events and community activities while educating and informing the public regarding a positive image of the leather lifestyle. IMsL is open to any person regardless of affectional preference, religious or spiritual beliefs, political affiliation or gender. The 1990 IMsL Board confirms April 5 through 7 for its fourth annual Contest. The main event will be at the California Club in San Francisco. Since this facility can accommodate only 350 people, advance booking is a must. Call Jolanne at (916)-446-3744 for reservations and information.

TRIDENT INTERNATIONAL OF CENTRAL MASS.

In December the Tridents of Central Mass. held their first holiday feast for the clients of AIDS Project Worcester at Club 241 in Worcester. It was a warm evening and a great success. Trident, Central MA, announces their third annual AIDS Benefit, "Life Fight 90," for Sunday, October 7. Last year, they raised over \$7,000. Contact Trident, Intl, Central MA, at P.O.Box 34, Northboro, MA, 01532.

KNIGHTS D'ORLEANS

It is Mardi-Gras season in New Orleans. The Knights d'Orleans celebrate with their Night of the Black Mask party, February 23, following the Krewe of Hermes parade at the New Orleans Phoenix. As always, Knights members report participation in a number of club runs and activities. Though occasionally daunted by the weather, this New Orleans group pursues a more than active schedule with undamped enthusiasm. Contact the Knights D'Orleans at P.O.Box 50812, New Orleans, LA, 70150, for further information on the organization and its activities.

DIRECTOR RESIGNS

Norma H. Schanz, executive director of the Fan Free Clinic/Richmond AIDS Information Network in Richmond, VA, announces her resignation effective March 31. She was a charter volunteer of the FCC in 1970, and has been Executive Director since 1976. She guided the Clinic through many transitions, as it evolved into a multi-faceted medical clinic and gave birth to the first AIDS service organization in Virginia to be recognized and funded by the Virginia Dept. of Health. She has consistently insisted upon a non-judgmental and non-discriminatory policy for the organization. Assisted by local leather/SM activists she instituted the first SM awareness unit in volunteer training and continuing ed. programs for Agency staff and volunteers. The organization has grown to a full-time staff of 8 and a volunteer base of over 300. A nationwide search for her replacement begins this spring.

NLA:DENVER LEATHER WEEKEND SCHEDULE

Friday, March 2:	8 Mr.Leaher Colorado	Divine Madnes
	\$5 general/\$10 reserved	2727 W.6th Av.
Saturday, March 3:	1 Free Workshops,Hosp.Rm	Days Inn Hotel
		1150 E.Colfax
	9 Booze Bust/Sleeze Ball,\$5	Location to be
		Announced
Sunday March 4:	11 Buffet Brunch	Detour
	\$4.50	551 E.Colfax
	7 Ms.Leaher Colorado	Divine Madnes
	\$4 general/\$8 reserved	2727 W.6th Av.

The Host Hotel is Days Inn at 1150 E. Colfax, (303)-831-7700. Single rooms \$34, Doubles \$36. Prices include breakfast & HBO. Mention the Denver Leather Weekend to get discounts, and choice of smoking/non-smoking.

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416 1/2 East 5th St.
Des Moines, IA 50309

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San Francisco, CA. 94103

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P.O.B. 21911
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Seattle, WA. 98102

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Dallas, TX 75214

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HOW TO BECOME AN AFFILIATE OF THE N.L.A.

Any organization or business which supports the Statement of Purpose of the National Leather Association can become an Affiliate. Dues are a very reasonable \$25.00 per year for not-for-profit organizations, \$50.00 per year for businesses. Among the benefits accruing to an NLA Affiliate are representation on the NLA National Council (which directs the affairs of The Association), publicity within NLA publications, presentation on the NLA National Calendar, multiple copies of the **FIRST LINK**, and participation in the National-International Pan-Sexual Leather/SM/Fetish Network represented by the NLA. As can be seen from the listing to the left, current Affiliates represent all segments of our heterogeneous constituency, and come from throughout the North American leather community.

If your group or business desires Affiliacy, please write the NLA at P. O. Box 17463, Seattle, WA, 98107, or leave a message on our answering machine at (206)-789-8990.

NEW AFFILIATES WELCOMED TO N.L.A.

The N.L.A. welcomes three new Affiliates this month. The first is LONE STAR People Exchanging Power, located at P. O. Box 810715, Dallas, TX, 75051. Lone Star PEP is a new organization, growing quickly. It is a social & support group for all people involved in D/S relationships. Its purpose is to make the D/S experience as safe as possible, a loving extension of human sexuality. The organization advocates safety, sanity, friendliness, & discretion. A number of future activities are being planned, including a "Slave" Auction, a movie night (with the organization renting an adult bookstore for their exclusive use), guest speakers, lectures, demonstrations, support groups, & rap meetings. Of particular interest is the March 1 newcomers introduction & general club meeting. Write the address above for details.

The second Affiliate is Shades of Grey Leather, a Dallas business serving the Leather/SM/Fetish community. They may be contacted at P. O. Box 140885, Dallas, TX, 75214, or by calling (214)-828-GREY. Their products & services come highly recommended.

The third Affiliate is the Rocky Mountaineers Motorcycle Club of Colorado, Inc., located at P.O.Box 2629, Denver, CO, 80201. They are famous for their annual Golden Fleece run, as well as their regular hectic schedule of activities. The Rocky Mountaineers own their own Run Site, Camp Jason.

The N.L.A. is proud to welcome all three of its new Affiliates!

OUTCASTS

Outcasts and Lion's Roar will be sponsoring the Second Annual Butch Fashion Show in the San Francisco Bay Area on April 1, 1990. "Come see butches on parade and their femme escorts." Location is Amelia's at 647 Valencia, S.F.

SIXTH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON AIDS

June 20 to 24, 1990, will see the 6th International Conference on AIDS in San Francisco, CA. The Conferences are truly large productions; over 11,000 registrants attended the Fifth Conference in Montreal. Site of the Sixth Conference will be the Moscone Convention Center and the new Marriott Hotel.

This is an extremely important Conference. It will feature the highest quality scientific research on AIDS, and focus on major public policy issues posed by the terrible epidemic. The Conference is endeavoring to encourage participation from people with HIV, lesbians and gay men, women, people of color, AIDS service providers, and people from developing countries. It intends to provide limited scholarship assistance to people with HIV. It is attempting to provide low-cost exhibit space to nonprofit groups, and to address topics of concern to groups most impacted by the epidemic. The Conference will provide 300 scholarships (internationally) to persons with HIV who could not otherwise afford to attend, and attempt to facilitate their billeting. It will also provide lounge space and medical services for persons with HIV at both the Moscone Center and the Marriott Hotel. In addition, through Press passes and lower-cost exhibitor space available to non-profit AIDS service organizations, the Conference is attempting to allow as much access and publicity as possible. The Conference has been working to ease restrictions on international travel into the U.S. for persons with HIV + status.

Q.S.M.

QSM celebrates spring with special San Francisco weekends. March 2 to 4 will feature Guy Baldwin (International Mr. Leather and Mr. N.L.A.), presenting 3 classes: "The Art of Whipping," a workshop for novices, and a workshop for experienced players. N.L.A. National Treasurer Dean "Dr. Shock" Dunlap, will present 2 programs April 27 - 29, on playing with electricity and on making your own electrical equipment. Meanwhile, Tony DeBlase, aka Fledermaus, publisher of *Drummer*, *DungeonMaster*, and *Sandmutopia Guardian*, continues his four-part series on Creative Bondage on Feb. 23, March 9, and March 23. For prices, locations, etc., contact QSM at Box 520, 5251 Broadway, Oakland, CA, 94618, (415)-428-1321.

QSM is co-presenting the **Kinky Spring Festival** with *Club Dementia*, March 23 (the first Sunday after equinox), from noon to 10 PM, at 890 Folsom, San Francisco. The event will feature Spring Bondage and Improvisational Bondage contests with cash prizes, an art show featuring Bishop, The Hun, and original works by Tom of Finland, Piercing and Tattooing booths, and food. Admission is \$12 in advance to QSM (address above) or \$15 at the door.

CELESTIAL KREWE DE CUIR

Though notice of the event arrived too late for pre-publicity, we note the Feb. 10 Mardi Gras Celebration, Bal Masque II, in San Francisco, sponsored by the Celestial

Krewe de Cuir. Court members, selected for their contributions to the leather community, included Michael Bowman, Eddie Cunningham, Tony DeBlase, Richard Demarest, Migul Gutierrez, Hawk, Terry Kelly, Jim Leuer, Steve Patten, Richard Reidy, Don Paul Roberts, and Jim Ward. Members of the Chicago Hellfire Club and the N.L.A. dominate the Celestial Leather Court. We are sure a great evening was had by all.

TWO-WHEELERS OF OMAHA

Mr. Gay Nebraska, Rick Noss of Omaha, succeeds Dustin Logan, Mr. Gay Nebraska 1988. It is likely that a projected *Fantasy '90* will outdo even the smash success achieved by *Fantasy '89*.

In November, **TWO** staged a joint benefit with a Des Moines service group, *Only With Love*. **TWO's** proceeds went to the Earthquake Relief Fund spearheaded by *NLA:SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA*.

DO-A-FOOL 19

The Tribe M.C. of Detroit, MI, plans its 19th run from March 30 to April 1. This will be a complete indoor run including Games, Trophies, Dungeon, Plenty of food, hot men and women, drinks, parties, and a live show. Run donations run from \$75 to \$85. Registration forms available from the Tribe MC at Box 32798, Detroit, MI 48232.

OUTRAGEOUS WOMEN

The women who formerly worked on the publication *Outrageous Women* have moved on to other interests. They wish to pass the magazine on to other women who are interested in seeing it survive. *OW* has been in existence since 1984. It's the only magazine of its kind in the US; we would all hate to see it fold. Currently, a woman or group of women who are interested in taking over *OW* are being sought. The purchase price will be solely to pay off accounting and legal fees; no profit is desired. For further information, contact *OW* at P. O. Box 23, Somerville, MA 02143, attention Search Committee.

PEP OF ALBUQUERQUE REVIVED

People Exchanging Power, Albuquerque, NM, is reorganizing and is planning big new parties and events, which kicked off with a "Reunion Party" on February 10. A party is planned for Feb. 24, and a sensual massage workshop for March 3. PEP's goal is to treat the S&M/B&D experience with "acceptance, caring, respect, and dignity." Call the PEP Information Line at (505)-764-5711 for details.

CONDUCTORS L/L

The Conductors announce their 8th Anniversary Celebration, "Track VIII," to be held March 16 to 18 in Nashville, TN. The weekend is packed with parties, bike events, meals, shows, and good times. For information, contact Conductors L/L at P.O. Box 40261, Nashville, TN, 37204.

1ST MR. LEATHER TENNESSEE CONTEST

The first annual Mr. Leather Tennessee Contest will be held in Memphis, TN, April 6-8, 1990. Contestants must be at least 21, and U.S. citizens. MCs will be Mike Pereyra, International Mr. Leather 1988, & Mr. Marcus. Judges include Alan Selby, of Mr. S. Products, S.F.; Guy Baldwin, Mr. N.L.A. and International Mr. Leather '89; Dustin Logan, Great Plains Mr. Drummer and *Leather Journal* Man of the Year; Kirby, the erotic artist; Dave Rhodes, publisher of *The Leather Journal*; and Patrick Toner, International Mr. Leather 1985. Weekend packages can be purchased for \$25 from Drum Productions, Box 60306, Nashville, TN 37206.

TEXAS CONFERENCE OF CLUBS SPONSORS LONE STAR 8

Coming up May 25-28, 1990, is LoneStar 8, to be held near Cameron, TX. Approximately 80 to 90 men & women will gather in the wooded & hilly countryside of central Texas to enjoy the camaraderie & the outdoor experience that are a LoneStar tradition. Planned are various people, veranda, & motorcycle events, cocktail parties, a camp show, & a number of "background" events, including SM demonstrations & a "Fantasy Board" to get people with similar interests together. LoneStar 8 is a campout, & participants should bring a tent, sleeping bag, etc. For information, write TCC, Inc., at P.O.B. 66973, #1010, Houston, TX 77006. The Texas Conference of Clubs includes the Capital City Riders of Austin, Corpus Christi MC, Lancers of Houston, San Antonio Rough Riders, the Tejas MC of San Antonio, & many independents.

MEMPHIS FEATURES NEW GAY DRAMA

Battle Scars, by Den-Nickolas Smith, will be presented March 18-20 at Theatre Works in Memphis, TN. It is a play about leather relationships, featuring graphic depiction & uncensored language. *Women of Leather* has agreed to sponsor one night's performance. One performance will benefit the Memphis Gay & Lesbian Community Center. For information, contact Vincent Astor, (901)-725-1698, late evenings.

HARTFORD COLTS

The Hartford Colts report the death of their Vice President, Clark Holt. Memorials may be sent to the McKinney Foundation of Fairfield County, at P.O.Box 338, Fairfield, CT 06430, marked "In memory of Clark Holt."

The Colts sponsor a Joint Club Night with the Bucks M.C. at the Bike Stop in Philadelphia March 24. The Colts also announce their 5th Anniversary Run, "Round-Up '90," for July 13-15, 1990. More information available from the Colts at P.O.Box 12201, Blue Hills Stn., Hartford, CT 06112.

NATIONAL CALENDAR

FEBRUARY, 1990

16	RIVER CITY OUTLWS 5th Anniv.	San Antonio
16	*ORGASM Men's Dungeon	Portland, OR
16-18	*THE FIFTEEN Anniv. 10	S.F.
16-18	FLA. BROTHRHD CLBS Anniv. 9	Orlando, FL
16-19	*KNIGHTS D'ORLEANS... Anniv. 10	New Orleans
17	All Club Brthrnood Bnqt	Cleveland
17	So. Cal. Masters/Slaves Contest	San Diego
17	COMMAND Bar Night	Baltimore, MD
17	STALLIONS Brotherhood Banquet	Cleveland, OH
17	BORDER RIDERS MC Anniv. 20 Celebration	Vancouver, BC
17	Beggars Feast, Rsn. Hall	Seattle, WA
17	*SOC. OF JANUS Uncle Abdul's Auction	S.F.
17	*THE FIFTEEN Party	S.F.
17	Portland Ltherwmn Cntst	Portland, OR
17	*ORGASM Women's Dungeon	Portland, OR
17	HARTFORD COLTS Club Night	Springfield, MA
17	GMSMA Dungeon Demo II	N.Y.C.
17	BROTHERHD OF PAIN CBT Party	Houston
17	URANIA Valentine's Party	Medford, MA
17	Master/Slave Contest	San Diego
17	TRIBE Bar Night (Toledo)	Detroit, MI
17	QSM Intro. to SM Class-Interactions	Hooterville Stn S.F.
17-18	PENNSMEN 13th Anniversary	Harrisburg, PA
18	*NLA:Portland Bar Night	Portland, OR
18	*NLA:BC Board Meeting 7PM	PDX Eagle Vancouver
18	*SEATTLE MEN LTHR Bakeoff 3 PM	Seattle Balcony
18	DREIZEHN 7th Anniv. Party	Boston
18	REG. OF BLACK/TANS Beer Bust 3-7	L.A. Gauntlet II
18	SO. BAY LTHR/UNF GP General Mtng/Potluck	San Jose
18	LEATHER & LACE Program/Ethics 3PM	L.A.
18-19	Men Behind Bars Folly/Fundraiser	S.F. Pal. Fine Arts
19	*LONE STAR PEP Slave/Submsve Rap/Support Group	Dallas, TX
19	EULENSPIEGEL SOC Toys/Attire/Paraphernalia	NYC
19	SPEARHEAD Board Meeting	Toronto, ONT
20	*ORGASM Board Meeting	Portland, OR
20	BLACK ROSE Social 7:30	Wash., DC GCC
20	*NLA:DENVER Mood Setting 7:30	Denver
20	EULENSPIEGEL SOC Consciousness Raising	NYC
20	SO. BAY LTHR/UNF GP Board Meeting 7PM	San Jose
20	*NLA:SFBA Noms/Elections 7:30	S.F. Amelia's
20	SIGMA Board Meeting	Wash., DC
21	*NLA:DENVER Business Mtng.	Denver
21	*OUTCASTS Orientation 7:30	Muddy's S.F.
21	VANGUARDS Gen. Mtng 8PM	Philadelphia
21	EULENSPIEGEL SOC Women's Night: Bonding	NYC
22	BLACK ROSE Ladies Group 7:30	Wash., DC
22	*SOC. OF JANUS Program Meeting	S.F.
23	WINDY CITY BNDG CB Party	Chicago

MARCH, 1990

1	*LONE STAR PEP Meeting/Newcomer Intro	Dallas, TX
1	BLACK ROSE Couples Group 9PM	Wash., DC GCC
1	LEATHER & LACE 1st Thursday	L.A. Griff's
1	SO. BAY LTHR/UNF GP Evening Social	San Jose
2	*NLA:SAN DIEGO Beer Bust	San Diego
2	KNIGHTS OF MALTA Oreg. State Lthrmn Contest	Portland, OR
2	*SOC. OF JANUS Orientation	S.F.
2-4	QSM Guy Baldwin Weekend	S.F.
2-5	MALL CITY CRUISERS Crusin' 5 Time Warp	Kalamazoo, MI
2-5	*NLA:DENVER Mr/Ms Leather Colorado Wknd	Denver, CO
3	LEATHER & LACE Women's Play Party	L.A.
3	*ROCKY MNTAINERS Bar Night	Denver
3	Mr. Leather Arizona '90	Phoenix
3	*NLA:SFBA/Ferrari/Py IMSL Travel Fund Party	S.F.

3	PEP ALBUQUERQUE Sensual Massage Wkshp	Albuquerque
3	KNIGHTS OF MALTA Oreg. State Lthrmn Contest	Portland, OR
3	THUNDERBOLTS Bar Night	Westport, CT
3	LSS Railroad Night	The Brook Cleveland, OH
3	*NLA:SEATTLE Program: Breath Control (Tent.)	Seattle, WA
3-4	*MENAMORE Anniv. 1 Celebrat: Lion's Pride	Wilmington, NC
4	*NLA:SAN DIEGO Gen. Meeting, Elections	San Diego
4	KNIGHTS OF MALTA Oreg. Titleholder Brunch	Drop N Cntr Portland, OR
4	BOSTON DUCKS 3rd Anniv.	Dirty Duck Boston, MA
4	Wash. State Mr. Leather EULENSPIEGEL SOC	119 Merrimac Seattle, WA
5	S/M & the 90's N.Y. BONDAGE CLB	NYC
6	Meeting EULENSPIEGEL SOC	NYC
6	Polymorphous Perverts CHICAGO HELLFIRE	Chicago
7	S.M. Univ. Mr. S.F. Leather Prelim	Touche S.F.
8-11	Mr/Ms SE Leather Cont Wash. State Mr. Leather	Atlanta Seattle
9	Slave Auction QSM	S.F.
9	Bondage Class: Mummification	S.F.
9-11	*NLA:SAN DIEGO Leatherfest 90	San Diego
10	*NLA:ARKANSAS Meeting/Program	Little Rock
10	Bar Night Mr. So. Bay Drummer	Chaps S.F.
10	EULENSPIEGEL SOC Spring Fling 9:30	NYC Harmonie Theat
10	STALLIONS Meeting 9PM	Cleveland, OH
10	PORTLAND LTHRMEN Potluck	LSS Portland, OR
10	CHICAGO HELLFIRE Inferno Night	Chicago
10	*PRTLD POWR/TRST Meeting	Portland, OR
10	S.F. LEATHERNECKS Party	S.F.
10-11	*MENAMORE Anniv. Weekend	Wilmington
11	*NLA:BC Board Meeting 7PM	Vancouver, BC
11	*NLA:SEATTLE Bar Night	VGLC Seattle, WA
11	TRIDENT, RHD. ISL. Meeting	Balcony Providence
11	SO. BAY LTHR/UNF GP Sunday Social	Galaxy San Jose
11	*ORGASM Red Cross 1st Aid Training	The Heat Portland, OR
11	*ROCKY MNTAINERS Mr. Funnen Gaymes	Denver
11	WASATCH LTHRMN Meeting	Salt Lake City
12	EULENSPIEGEL SOC Taking Sex Public: Douglas	NYC
12	NY STRAP/PADLE AS Meeting	NYC
12	SPEARHEAD Board Meeting	Toronto, ONT
12	SO. BAY LTHR/UN GP Meeting	San Jose
12	*NLA:PORTLAND General Meeting 7-9	Portland, OR
12	CREAM CITY CUMRS J.O. Party	Embers Milwaukee
13	V.A.S.M. Board Meeting 7PM	Vancouver, BC
13	SIGMA Prog. Mtng--Wrestling	GLC Wash., DC
13	N.Y. BONDAGE CLB Meeting	GCC NYC
13	EULENSPIEGEL SOC Dom. Men/Submissive Women	NYC
13	*ORGASM Gen Mtng 7:30	Portland, OR
13	CHICAGOLD DSC.GRP Program Meeting	Chicago
14	GMSMA Prog.: Sens. Depriv. Bondage	N.Y.C. LGCC
14	DREIZEHN Meeting	Cambridge, MA
14	GRIFFIN/HIGHWYMN Bar Night	Paradise Wash, DC Eagle

Sometimes sitting in Chapter Board meetings or Committee meetings, I find my mind wanders a bit & I wonder if I really wouldn't either be home watching a video with my boy, or working on some music or doing just about anything but another Damned Meeting. I know that when we first began talk of having the 1st Conference (I'm still pleased to know that my suggestion to Steve M. for a Conference name which reflected how many of us feel about our Leather/SM/Fetish lifestyle has now become synonymous with both NLA & its Conference) I never imagined that 3 1/2 years later I'd be devoting 20 or more hours monthly to an organization with around 500 members in 30 states with 9 other local Chapters. That I'd have edited 38 issues of a newsletter. That I'd ever chair a Committee charged with overseeing the operations of our Conferences let alone be talking of LIL 7, 8, & 9. As I look at our very 1st member list (12 names only 2 of which are currently members & amusingly omitting Steve Maidhoff, dated July 16, 1986) I guess most of the rest of the founders weren't either ready or able to commit this amount of effort & I know none of us imagined the response we would initiate. I'm still not sure I understand the why & reason for the success. Some is due to the hard work of people like Steve Maidhoff during our beginning 2 years. Vik Stump in the Seattle Women's Community, this year's 2 NLA title holders Jan & Guy both always on the go & always taking NLA with them, Wayne Gloege managing membership & responding to literally hundreds of inquiries annually (& which he's done for 2 years now), & Mack MacKinnon who worked so very hard in Vancouver & always gave NLA many hours. Some is due to the business community which has supported

NAT'L LESBIAN CONF.

Shannon Kennedy, Co-Chair of NLA: Detroit, is the initial contact/organizer for leather/SM women at the National Lesbian Conference, scheduled for April 24-28, 1991, in Atlanta, GA. The goal of the Conference is to include all lesbian concerns. If you wish to work with Shannon on the Leather aspects of this major event, you may contact her c/o NLA: Detroit, P.O. Box 725368, Berkeley, MI 48072.

GAY GAMES III

Gay Games III, scheduled for summer of 1990 in Vancouver, B.C., is open to all lesbian and gay athletes. A March of athletes will highlight the Opening Ceremonies, where athletic garb will be the norm, but athletes may wear what they wish. To quote Sean Kelly, Consulting Director, if athletes want to wear leather (or drag, or tutus, or whatever) they will be welcome to do so.

BLACK ROSE

Black Rose will host a Valentine's Party Feb. 24, starting at 9:30. Colors of the

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us, like Tony DeBlase of Desmondus, Alan Selby of Mr. S, & smaller local businesses in several cities. But that doesn't answer why they've supported NLA. I can guess that part is in response to the honest sincerity of our attempts. All we in fact offer is a network (through *First Link*) to our National Community Organizations. At Conference the retailers do have an opportunity to both advertise & make sales. Local vendors can act as sponsors for local events. But we offer no great politically influential machine. Our leaders are mostly self-made with no National organizational experience. We have no lobbying power in Washington D.C. or any state capitol. We don't ever offer premiums for becoming a member (like a free calendar watch with a genuine synthetic leather band!). So why the success? & as I sit in those meetings--I wonder--why do I do it?

Can't say I can give you any solid answer, although I hope these questions have made you stop & think. As mentioned--some support is in recognition of the sincerity of many of our organizers & workers. Part may be our ready willingness to recognize the work of such community leaders as G. Mains, P. Califia, B. Douglas, G. Rubin, S. Tucker, C. Slater, & organizations such as Janus, Chicago Hellfire, Eulenspiegel, Outcasts, & Knights Templars, for their earlier work at organizing our splintered & widespread community. Perhaps it's because NLA is nationally organized so as to allow each local area to meet its own needs through programs & structure of its own design & direction. Some is due to our non-gender-related makeup & the fact that we are not directly oriented as an "SM" or "Sex-Play" group, although we certainly all enjoy this common aspect of our lives. With our consistent emphasis on education

evening will be red, white, and black. Call 369-7667 in Washington, D.C., for further information. The event sounds playful and enjoyable.

CLASSIFIED ADS:

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ISLAND WHIPS are now available direct from the workshop. 20% discount with purchase receipt of whips from D/S Leathers. Discount good until June 1, 1990. Price list \$1.00 + SASE. From Island Whips, c/o 2544 NW Savier, #E, Portland, OR 97210.

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& communication we have been able to offer a credible alternative to specifically sexually-oriented groups or those which spend most of their efforts in mere self-preservation, most of this in well-worn watering holes. Some is the result of an undying hope that maybe this will be the "Right Group For Me." & for some, it is. We also offer the hope that maybe this is the group that can bring us together as, to use Geoff Mains' Term, a National Tribe of Kinky People, able to wield absolutely incredible power politically, socially, & economically, that is really within our grasp. Remember that conservative estimates place kinky people as 10% through all populations (just like 10% is regarded as conservative for homosexuality) & 10% if solidly organized is an incredible force.

All of these are maybes, or yet-unfulfilled maybe's. Well, one more "maybe." Maybe if I sit through just a few more meetings & push us over another hill or two with the help of so many others, some of these "maybes" will become fact. I'd like to see Chapters in Atlanta, or Memphis, or in the very conservative states of Florida, Alabama, & Kentucky. I'd like to know that children are being educated to their imaginative & sensitive possibilities & positive personal self worth & the opportunity presented by both psychological & physical exploration, either individually or consentually with others. I'd like to know that this is the last generation which will have to endure the likes of W. Dannemeyer, A. Rooney, J. Fallwell, or so many others. I'd like to see differences encouraged & enjoyed. (Even the Soviet Union seems to be realizing all for & of one isn't always best).

But then, I do have to get through this next meeting myself.

MEMBERSHIP FORM

To join or renew your NLA membership, use this form. Members: check your mailing label. The first 2 digits show year of expiration, the last 2 indicate month. National Dues are \$25. annually (\$30. foreign--U.S. funds).

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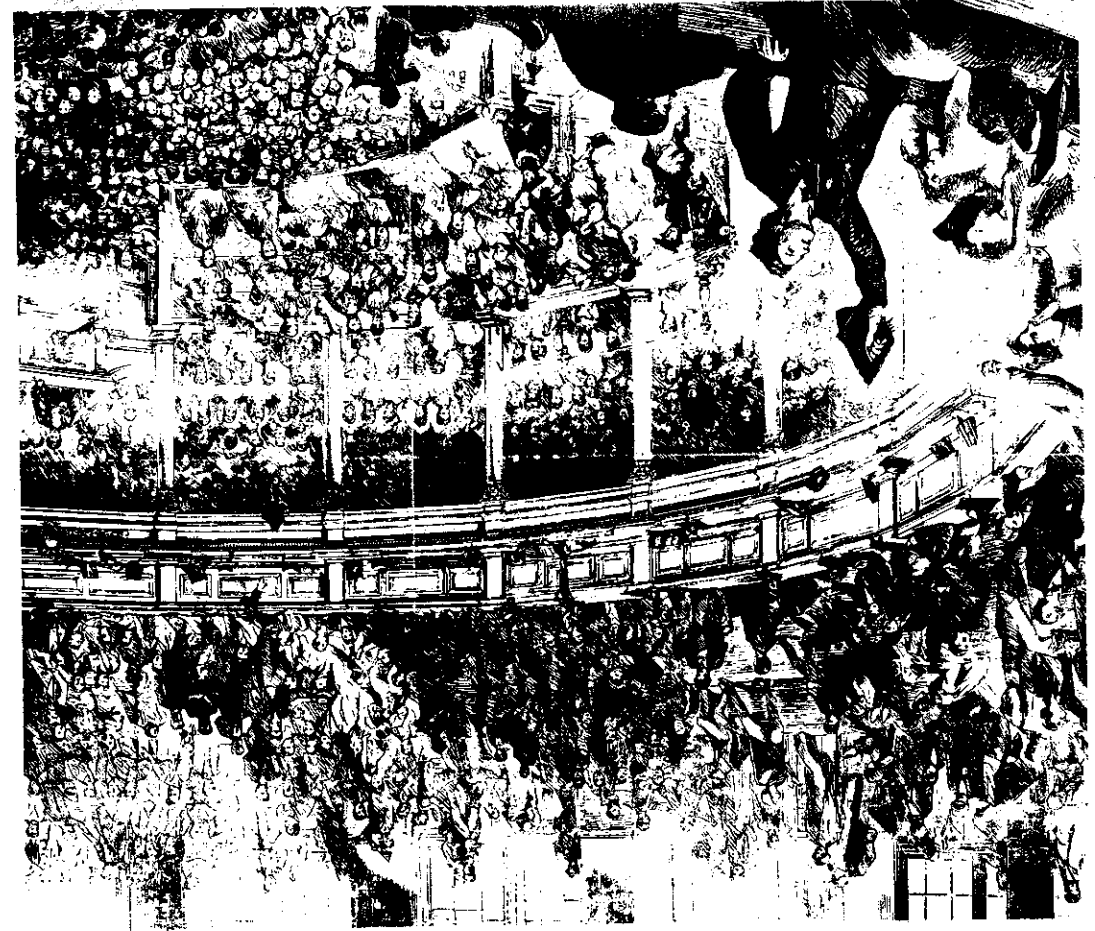
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