

FIRST LINK

News from the Chapters

MAY DAY 1990 N.L.A. SEATTLE

May 4 to 6, 1990, will see the fourth appearance of MAY DAY celebrations in Seattle. Planning is being headed up by Seattle Chapter President Cooper Axton, and includes a wealth of events. Friday night Hospitality and Registration are scheduled for the Tropics Motor Inn in Seattle (Penthouse). A Leather & Lust Dance Social runs from 9 PM to 1 AM at the Balcony. Both Saturday and Sunday will feature workshops and AA Leather Support Group meetings, to be held at the Tropics Motor Inn. Workshops for Saturday include *Beginning Leather, Being Weird & Being O.K., Switch Hitting, and Bottoms Up*. Sunday's Workshops include *Alternatives to Skydiving* (on advanced techniques), *You Take My Breath Away* (Breath Control), and *Flying Without a Net*. Among those asked to appear on Workshop Panels are Race Bannon, Lamar Van Dyke, Nan Borrowes, Ice Camins-Bretts, Cooper Axton, Falcon, Gayle Rubin, Susie Shepherd, George Nelson, Jan Brown, Dragon, and Dean Ryane. Saturday night, May 5, will also feature the Mr/Ms NLA:Seattle contest from 7:30-10 PM at the Balcony. Asked to judge are Jan Lyons, Susie Shepherd, Joe Potter, Linda Coomas, and Jeff Elf.

Host Hotel, The Tropics Motor Inn, is located at 225 Aurora Ave. No. in Seattle. Call (800)-255-5750 (from Washington State), (800)-255-7932 (other U.S.), or (800)-426-0167 (Canada) for reservations; ask for Betsy and identify yourself as a May Day attendee. Host Tavern is the Balcony at 916 E. Pike. Registration (including 7 workshops, hospitality, dance, and contest) is \$30 for NLA members, \$35 for non members. Individual events are also available separately, including workshops at \$3 each (\$4 for non-members), dance at \$4 (\$6 non-

member), hospitality \$3 (\$4 non-members), and contest \$5 (\$8 non-members). At this time, it appears doubtful that there will be MAY DAY dungeons. Contact Cooper c/o NLA:Seattle (P.O.Box 20674, Seattle, WA, 98102) if you have dungeon space suggestions, or if you wish to volunteer your help during this gala weekend.

NLA:Atlanta Area (Chapter in Formation)

A group has been working in the Atlanta Georgia area, and is now recognized as the NLA:Atlanta Area Chapter (In Formation). A final Chapter name has not yet been determined. Its address is P.O.Box 8227, Atlanta, GA 30306-0118. Co-Chairs are Linda Vickery and Kim Brokaw. Cal Berlinger is the Secretary and Patty Breslin the Treasurer. Bylaws are in the works, and a number of members have enrolled. The intent of the Chapter in Formation is to provide a home Chapter for Georgians and for those in other nearby states which do not have a local Chapter or other "home" organization.

NLA:SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA ELECTIONS

On February 20, NLA:SFBAC held its election of Officers for the coming year. Elected are Steve Patton and Shannon Garcia as Co-Chairs, Jerry Crumpley as Recording Secretary, Wayne Franks as Corresponding Secretary, Alan Smart as Treasurer, Fred Rudigar as Membership Chair, and as Officers-At-Large J.C.Collins, Daniel Havey, and Don Thompson. Congratulations to these Officers, and many thanks to out-going interim Officers Stacy Dennen, John Ferrari and Ruth Marks. We look for great things from the Bay Area in the coming year.

N.L.A.:DETROIT

Detroit announces a new Officer. Co-Chairing this Chapter with Shannon Kennedy is Dan Majewski. Home Bar for the Chapter is the R & R Saloon. NLA:DETROIT will be doing a cocktail party at the Tribe's "Do-A-Fool" Run (March 30-April 1). Pride Weekend planning is in the works right now.

NLA:DALLAS

The Dallas Chapter is working hard at recruiting new members, and is growing rapidly. Michael Spehar will be representing both NLA:Dallas and Disciples of De Sade on the National Council of the NLA. Dallas has a new address: P.O.Box 7597, Dallas, TX, 75209. The Chapter has voiced its concern over many recent Dallas gay bashings; a gang has been uncovered whose initiation ceremonies included "killing a queer!" Those in Dallas are warned to be wary, especially in the Oak Lawn area. The Chapter is going to be placing listings in such local publications as *TWT, Observer, Voice, Texas Connection, and Dimensions*. Work progresses on planning programs, social events, and outreach.

NLA:VIRGINIA (Chapter in Formation)

The Virginia Chapter in Formation of the N.L.A. has selected a regular monthly meeting date, the first Saturday of each month at Alexander's Restaurant, 3129 W. Cary St., Richmond, at 6 PM, including April 7 and May 5 meetings. Bylaws are progressing, and things are rolling. A quarterly newsletter is being planned, starting in April, 1990. To participate in this growing group, contact P.O.Box 4286, Richmond, VA 23220-8286.

N.L.A. CALENDAR

MARCH, 1990

16	DETROIT	Detroit
	Bar Night:Western/Cwby Eagle	
20	SAN FRANCISCO BAY	S.F.
	Meeting	Amelia's
26	SEATTLE	Seattle
	Board Meeting 4 PM	IROC Cafe

APRIL, 1990

6	SAN DIEGO	San Diego
	Beer Bust	Wolf's
7	VIRGINIA(Chap.Form.)	Richmond,VA
	Meeting 6PM	Alexander's Rst.
8	SAN DIEGO	San Diego
	Gen.Meeting	Drop N Cntr
8	SEATTLE	Seattle,WA

	Bar Night	Balcony
8	BC	Vancouver
	Board Meeting	GLC
9	PORTLAND	Portland,OR
	Meeting 7-9	Embers
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

MAY, 1990

4	SAN DIEGO	San Diego
	Beer Bust	Wolf's

4-6	SEATTLE	Seattle
	MAY DAY IV	
	Mr/Ms NLA:Seattle Contest	
4-6	NLA	
	N.C.Meetings	Seattle
5	VIRGINIA(Chap.Form.)	Richmond,VA
	Meeting 6PM	Alexander's Rst.
7	PORTLAND	Portland,OR
	General Meeting 7-9	Embers
10	FIRST LINK PRESS DEADLINE	
12	ARKANSAS	Little Rock
	Meeting/Program	
	Bar Night	Chaps
13	SEATTLE	Seattle,WA
	Bar Night	Balcony
	BC	Vancouver
	Board Meeting	GLC
13	SAN DIEGO	San Diego
	Gen.Meeting	Drop N Cntr
18	DETROIT	Detroit
	Bar Night:Const.Wrker Eagle	

News from the Chapters

NLA:NASHVILLE-- (Chapter in Formation)

N.L.A.:NASHVILLE (Chapter in Formation) 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: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:BRITISH COLUMBIA

Our Vancouver Chapter reports hard work from its Officers and Directors to produce interesting and educational activities and demonstrations. Every other Wednesday the support group of NLABC hosts workshops, demos, and discussions at the Gay and Lesbian Community Center, open to all NLA members. The discussions are informal, friendly, and non-threatening. What matters is not expertise or experience, but interest, participation, a willingness to listen, and enough trust to say something.

NLA:BC has contacted a number of local businesses, who are offering discounts to members of NLA:BC. Among those Vancouver businesses participating are Mack's Leathers at 1234 Granville St. (offering a 10% discount), Ultra Love Products at 1151 Davie St. (10% discount), Thurlow's Restaurant at 1221 Thurlow St. (15% discount), Satyr Leather Supplies at 940 Granville St. (10% discount), The Dragon (Piercing by Appointment) at 604-687-5567 (20% discount), Octopus Books at 1146 Commercial Dr. (10% discount), Love's Touch at 1069 Davie St. (10% discount), Heritage House Hotel at 455 Abbott St. (20% discount), Second Skin at 432 Homer St. (20% discount), Books Unlimited at 1083 Granville St. (10% discount).

N.L.A. CALENDAR

JUNE, 1990

1	SAN DIEGO	San Diego
	Beer Bust	Wolf's
2	VIRGINIA(Chap.Form.)	Richmond,VA
	Meeting 6PM	Alexander's Rst.
9	ARKANSAS	Little Rock
	Meeting/Program	
	Bar Night	Chaps
10	FIRST LINK PRESS DEADLINE	
	BC	Vancouver
	Board Meeting	GLC
10	SAN DIEGO	San Diego
	Gen.Meeting	Drop N Cntr
10	SEATTLE	Seattle,WA
	Bar Night	Balcony
15	DETROIT	Detroit
	Bar Night:Chest/Tits	Eagle

JULY, 1990

6	SAN DIEGO	San Diego
	Beer Bust	Wolf's
7	VIRGINIA(Chap.Form.)	Richmond,VA
	Meeting 6PM	Alexander's Rst.
8	BC	Vancouver
	Board Meeting	GLC
8	SAN DIEGO	San Diego
	Gen.Meeting	Drop N Cntr
8	SEATTLE	Seattle,WA
	Bar Night	Balcony
10	FIRST LINK PRESS DEADLINE	
	BC	Vancouver
	Board Meeting	GLC
10	SAN DIEGO	San Diego
	Gen.Meeting	Drop N Cntr
10	SEATTLE	Seattle,WA
	Bar Night	Balcony
15	DETROIT	Detroit
	Bar Night:Best Ass	Eagle

AUGUST, 1990

3	SAN DIEGO	San Diego
	Beer Bust	Wolf's
4	VIRGINIA(Chap.Form.)	Richmond,VA
	Meeting 6PM	Alexander's Rst.
10	FIRST LINK PRESS DEADLINE	
11	ARKANSAS	Little Rock
	Meeting/Program	
	Bar Night	Chaps
12	SEATTLE	Seattle,WA
	Bar Night	Balcony
12	BC	Vancouver
	Board Meeting	GLC
12	SAN DIEGO	San Diego
	Gen.Meeting	Drop N Cntr
	Bar Night	Chaps
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	Gen.Meeting	Drop N Cntr
	Board Meeting	GLC

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.

N.L.A. ADDRESS LIST

The National Leather Association is a growing network of individuals, Chapters, and Affiliates. For National Membership, Chapterhood, or Affiliation 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:Atlanta Area (Chapter-in-Formation) P.O.Box 8227, Atlanta, GA 30306-0118

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

NLA:DALLAS P.O.Box 7597 Dallas, TX 75209

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 Monica Blvd, Sta 109-217, West Hollywood, CA 90046 (213)-656-0258 ext.117

NLA:METRO NEW YORK (Chapter-In-Formation) P.O.Box 1146 New York City, NY 10156

NLA:NASHVILLE (Chapter-In-Formation) P.O.Box 60306 Nashville, TN 37206

NLA:NEW ENGLAND (Chapter-In-Formation) POB N-1111 New Bedford, MA 02746

NLA:PORTLAND P.O.Box 5161, Portland, OR 97208

NLA:SAN DIEGO P.O.Box 3092, San Diego, CA 92103

NLA:SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA 484 Lake Park Ave., #16, Piedmont, CA 94610

NLA:SEATTLE P.O.Box 20674, Seattle, WA 98102

NLA:VIRGINIA (Chapter-In-Formation) P.O.B. 4286 Richmond, VA 23220-8286

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

This is the third 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.

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS FOR L.I.L.--V

Ineka, of Orion Travel in San Francisco, is coordinating travel arrangements for people traveling to Living in Leather. She is investigating discounts on travel to Portland from various areas in the U.S. She may be contacted at (415)-864-3233 (from within California) or (800)-552-3326 (outside of California). Last year, her efforts proved most helpful, and were pleased to be working with her again this year.

NLA:ARKANSAS The Officers' Club

Chuck Higgins, president of NLA:Arkansas, will be representing that organization as a contestant in the Mr. Southeast Leather Competition March 8-11. On Tuesday, May 29, Nancy Ava Miller will be speaking to the Chapter on a variety of concerns, including the Chapter goal to build a bridge to those not yet a part of NLA:Arkansas. A group from the Chapter is planning on attending the Mr. Leather Tennessee weekend April 4-8.

The Chapter is scaling back their First Anniversary celebration to a one-day event, with cocktail parties, recreational activities, a cookout, and the Mr. and Ms. NLA:Arkansas Contest, on July 14. Plans are well in hand, and the event promises to be something very special!

At long last, we can officially announce the site and dates of Living in Leather V. LIL V will be held in Portland, Oregon, the last weekend of October (25th-28th), 1990. The Conference Committee has had to stage a long and exhaustive search for sites this year. Originally we had planned to host the Conference in San Diego, but all possible sites turned out to be prohibitively expensive. Immediately, we instigated site searches in other possible areas. Our hopes for a San Francisco Conference were dashed when the best site there turned out to also be extraordinarily expensive. Our most sincere thanks to John Ferrari and to Ineka for their tireless efforts. We found that the Portland Memorial Coliseum, site of last year's Living in Leather IV, WAS available, at a fair price, but not on our traditional Columbus Day weekend. Ultimately, however, we chose the new dates in the same location as last year, both because of availability and because the Coliseum site worked out so very well for the Conference. We have established a good working relationship with the management and staff of this major civic Conference center. A new Hotel is being picked to round out the settings for Living in Leather V.

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 must be submitted soon to Shannon and the Committee care of the National Address. Nominators must be individual members in good standing of the 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. The Deadline for mailing nominations is **April 25, 1990**.

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 April 1st. We can't promise to follow your recommendations, but we'll read and consider all suggestions. Let us know you're out

Living in Leather V Portland, Oregon October 25-28, 1990

Director of LIL V is Sallee Huber, Co-Chair of LIL IV and tireless Portland, OR, organizer and activist. Assistant Director is John Ferrari, original Co-Chair of the S.S.C.A. I.S.C., Charter Co-Chair of NLA:San Francisco Bay Area Chapter, and member of the N.L.A. Executive Committee. Workshops this year are being coordinated by Tony DeBlase, publisher of *Drummer*, *DungeonMaster*, and *Sandmutopia Guardian*, and by Karen Mendelsohn, proprietor of *O.S.M.*, which has been winning fame for its varied educational, artistic, and recreational activities. Jan Lyon and George Nelson are arranging the Exhibitors' Area. Shannon Kennedy of Detroit will be editing the Conference Program. The Conference Committee is Chaired by George Nelson, and includes Sallee Huber, Wayne Gloege, Dean Dunlap, Jan Lyon, and Shannon Kennedy.

Each Chapter of the National Leather Association is being asked to provide at least five staff members for Living in Leather V; this will broaden out the responsibilities for staging this major production, and allow many to attend who might not otherwise be able to afford the weekend.

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GENERAL ELECTIONS

Postmarks Will be inspected. Be sure to include both the names of the nominator and the nominatee.

We need to elect a large number of individuals to the National Council; for the 40 open positions, at least 50 persons must be nominated in order to secure a fair election.

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, races, 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.

Please submit your nominations in separate envelopes, marked

N.L.A. GENERAL ELECTIONS

NOMINATION DUE BY APRIL 25

ORGASM, which presented three incomparable nights of dungeon parties during LIL IV, will once again be arranging nightly play parties, in their fantastic new permanent dungeon quarters.

Living in Leather V will witness a general meeting of the N.L.A. We expect to announce the newly elected Co-Chairs and National Council members during this meeting, and to provide information on future goals and activities of the Association.

Also featured during the LIL-V mega-weekend will be the running of the Mr. & Ms. N.L.A. Competition for 1990/91. Jan Lyon and Guy Baldwin will be stepping down from their NLA titles at this time, and new winners chosen.

The Executive Committee and the National Council will also be meeting in Portland during this period.

We expect to be able to list advance registration fees, hotels, and much, much more detailed information starting in next month's *First Link*. Rest assured that LIL V will be the biggest, brashest, boldest Conference yet to come your way. We hope to see you there!

"NOMINATIONS," to NLA National Headquarters at P.O.Box 17463, Seattle, WA, 98107. These will be opened in the presence of a panel composed of 6 members of the Executive Committee, and nominators and candidates will be certified at that time. A list of all qualified candidates will be sent to the Executive Committee, and will be published with necessary facts in the *First Link*.

In the actual election, all ballots will be sent to the National Address, in envelopes marked "ballots." They will be opened by a panel composed of Executive Committee members (not including any possible candidates for Co-Chair) at least 5 days after the election cut-off date, and the results will be published in the *First Link*. For your help in selecting nominees, a current full listing of the National Council and the Executive Committee appears later in this issue of the *First Link*.

Remember, mail your nominations before April 25, 1990.

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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.

THE HUN, OF PORTLAND

The Hun has recently exhibit his hot artwork at Backstreet, Atlanta, as part of the Mr. & Ms. Southeast Leather Weekend, March 8-11. The Hun's art also graces promotional material for the gala weekend. For West Coast patrons who simply couldn't get to Atlanta for SEL Weekend, not to worry! QSM and Club Dementia are sponsoring a one-day-only Kinky Spring Festival on Sunday, March 25, noon till 10 PM, at 890 Folsom St., San Francisco. It the midst of bondage contest, demonstrations, gourmet food, piercing booths, and noted SM artists will be the Hun table, with complete portfolio of prints and extant originals on display.

The Hun announces a new brochure--with more comix, more Krauts, plus cigars, bondage, and "heavy trips"! Write the Hun at P.O.Box 11308, Portland, OR, 97211, for further information.

INTERNATIONAL MS LEATHER 1990 CONTEST

Expect a truly gala series of events, in San Francisco the first weekend of April. On April 5 International Ms. Leather weekend kicks off with a press party, the Fetish and Fantasy Masked Ball (see article below), and a Women's Leather Dance sponsored by Lion's Roar at Amelia's. April 6 will be Black Elegance at Ballroom of the Holiday Inn, with music by Torch, DJ. The contest will be on April 7, at the California Club, 1750 Clay St., starting at 8 PM, featuring former title-holders Judy Tallwing McCarthy and Shan Carr as Co-emcees. On April 8 there will be a "Meet the Winner Brunch." Advance contest tickets are \$20

each to IMsL at P.O.Box 163044, Sacramento, CA 95816.

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.

ORGASM of PORTLAND

ORGASM has some interesting activities in store over the next couple of months. Announced topics for its April 13 Workshops are Dungeon First Aid, Hot & Cold & S/M, and Submission. For the May 12th workshops, look for SM and History, Fisting, and Dominance. ORGASM is holding dungeon play parties at its new permanent home on at least a monthly basis. Write Oregon Guild at P. O. Box 5702, Portland, OR 97206, for information and to be added to their mailing list.

ORGASM has begun planning for Living in Leather V, when the NLA once again hosts its mega-weekend in Portland, Oregon. ORGASM has also instituted careful and thorough Dungeon Master/Mistress training. They have produced a handbook on the subject (available at the above address for \$3.00). There will be a continuing DM apprentice program.

March 9, 1989, marked the formal birth of ORGASM. The celebration planned will be held March 24, the Fantasy and Erotica Show. This 3-hour event will feather S/M fantasy acts, entertainment, and an erotic apparel show, including leatherwear and locally designed and constructed restraint systems.

SIGMA OF WASHINGTON D.C.

Sigma is continuing their regular monthly program nights, with the topics SN & MASSAGE announced for April 8 and Leathercraft for May 14. SigMa is planning a Spring Party for May 5/6. Their Bar Night is the last Monday of each month at the Washington D.C. Eagle. Also, Tracks is doing a "Leather Tea" the first Sunday of each month, from 4 to 9. SigMa elections are coming up in June. You may contact SigMa at P.O. Box 11050, Washington, DC 20008.

CHICAGOLAND DISCUSSION GROUP

The purpose of this group is to provide a neutral forum and a supportive environment for people of diverse, alternative sexual interests--primarily those of Dominance and Submission. The implementation of this mission is in the form of regular educational meetings, social events, publications, outreach to educational and health-care professionals and in public forums, participation in charitable activities, and in particular in the encouragement of people in self-acceptance. The Chicagoland Discussion Group is open to all genders, races, and orientations who support the view of S/M as a power exchange activity between mutually-consenting, communicating, and informed

adults, and done in a safe and sane matter and an erotic context. The CDG is NOT a sex club or dating service. Their contact address is P.O.Box 25009, Chicago, IL 60625.

Recent programs include Spanking and Whipping, S/M Relationships Panel, B&D on a Budget, and Safety in a Scene. April 10th's Program is "Your Wildest Fantasies." The busy CDG schedule also includes orientations, support and rap group meetings, and social parties.

TRAVEL SCHEDULE FOR MS. NLA JAN LYON

Jan is having a hectic winter/spring season, as job commitments place her in small communities and large cities around the country. Even so, she continues her appearances at many important Leather/SM/Fetish events around the country. The first 2 weekends of March have seen her in Denver, Colorado, for the NLA:Denver Leather Weekend and in San Diego for Leatherfest 90. March 16-18 Jan will be in Phoenix, AZ, for the Mr. Southwest Leather Contest. During March 23-25 Jan will be in Raleigh, NC, for the Southeastern Gay and Lesbian Conference. During April 5-8 she will be in San Francisco for the International Ms. Leather competition and gala weekend. Of course, Jan expects to be most visible during the NLA:Seattle MAY DAY weekend in early May.

NEW PORTLAND LEATHER WOMAN

Darryn LaGaipa won the title of Portland Leatherwoman in the Feb. 17 contest, and will be competing in the International Ms. Leather contest in San Francisco on April 7. The first three winners of the International Ms. Leather title (Judy Tallwing-McCarthy, Shan Carr, and Susie Shepherd) all came from Portland, which has incredibly active and visible leather-women's community.

FETISH & FANTASY MASKED BALL (from Growing Pains)

Fetish and Fantasy nights have always been a premo event in the life of a Bay Area S/M'er. Benefiting the AIDS Emergency Fund, these events feature convivial company, interesting S/M demos, and lots of hot men and women in leather. And the community has responded in force. Past events have been crowded to the extent that they've had to turn people away.

Well, this year Alan Selby of Mr. S. Leather promises to be different. Fetish and Fantasy Masked Ball on Thursday evening, April 5th, will be the beginning of the International Ms. Leather weekend. It will be held at Dreamland, at 4th and Harrison, in San Francisco. Featured will be a costume contest, the introduction of the IMsL contestants, and continual demonstrations including "Bondage as Art" with Wolf, Tony DeBlase, and others. Cost is \$10 at the door, to benefit the AIDS emergency fund.



THE LEATHER JOURNAL

The Leather Journal was founded in May, 1987, with our first 32-page magazine, printing 2,000 copies. The Leather Journal has served as a news magazine for the SM/Levi-Leather/Bike/Fetish clubs, and now covers news of the whole leather community. The Leather Journal has how-to-columns, short fantasy stories, personal ads, and the most up-to-date listing of clubs in the world. The "Club Directory" is updated 20 days before the magazine is released.

1989 was a great year for The Leather Journal. Our circulation increased 125% based on an increase in print run and moving from a quarterly to bi-monthly publishing schedule.

You may contact this NLA Affiliate at 7985 Santa Monica Blvd., #109-368, W.Hollywood, CA 90046.

LEATHERMASTERS, INC.

Leathermasters of Los Angeles has become the first leather organization to become a member of the Gay and Lesbian Police Advisory Task Force. This Task Force has a 20-year history and works with the Police and Sheriff's Departments to solve problems concerning gay and lesbian people. The Task Force has representatives that teach at the Police Academy on gay and lesbian points of view and life styles. The Leathermaster representative are Hank L., 2nd Vice President, and the alternate is Mike M., First Vice President.

Newly-elected officers are Jerome S., President, Hank L., 2nd Vice President, Mike M., First Vice President, John A., Membership Secretary, and Chuck A., Corresponding Secretary. Congratulations. We also extend congratulations to Leathermasters for their most successful 7th Anniversary Beerbust at the Gauntlet.

UNICORN RUN

UNICORN M.C. of Cleveland, Ohio, announces the "Rites of the Full Moon," to be held near Cleveland on July 27-29, 1990. Contact Unicorn MC at 2203 St.Clair Ave., Cleveland, OH 44114 for further information.

THE EULENSPIEGEL SOCIETY'S CREED

The right to pursue joy and happiness in one's own way, according to one's evolving nature, as long as this doesn't infringe on the similar rights of others.

The right to define oneself, and not be defined by persons whose experiences have not provided them with the understanding to appreciate one's mystique, nor by those whose repressed urges may panic them into rigid hostility toward it.

The right freely to communicate and socialize with others of similar sexual orientation, and to explore together the deeper, positive meaning of our experiences.

The right to challenge established value systems which oppress by condemning and repressing sexual drives or practices of erotic minorities.

The right to publicize activities and views -- freely, without fear of occupational or professional repercussion -- thereby

raising the consciousness of both the public and ourselves regarding sexual minorities and sexual freedom.

The Eulenspiegel Society may be reached at P. O. Box 2783, Grand Central Station, New York NY 10163.

GMSMA PROGRAM

S/M Image in the Media will be the program for March 28th for the GMSMA, meeting at the New York Lesbian & Gay Community Center, 208 W. 13th St. The program will be open to both women & men. Does S/M have a positive image? In the light of recent congressional action about Mapplethorpe's work, should we maintain a low profile? What does it mean when images of gays & lesbians are presented & S/M people are left out? Join representatives from GLAAD & GMSMA for a chance to sound off on these questions.

SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE FOR LESBIANS AND GAY MEN

The Conference is coming up, March 22-25, 1990, in Raleigh, North Carolina. Headquarters hotel is the Radisson Plaza Hotel, and the main site is the Raleigh Civic and Convention Center. Plans have been in the works for this major event for some time. A series of workshops and seminars aimed at the Leather/SM/ Fetish community will be staged during the Conference, where many prominent NLA leaders will be presenting material. David Meador, of the NLA:Virginia Chapter-in-Formation, has been helping to organize Leather activities for the Conference; he assures us there will be plenty to do and see during this most important weekend. For information on activities and registration, write P.O.Box 28863, Raleigh, NC 27611.

CHICAGO HELLFIRE

Inferno XIX will begin, at its usual location in Michigan, Thursday, Sept. 6, and end Wednesday, Sept. 12. Individuals attending will have three options: the entire week, or the Thursday-Sunday segment, or the Sunday-Wednesday segment. Sponsorship lists are being drawn up; if you hope to attend, contact your previous sponsor to make sure you will be included on his list. Non-members of Hellfire who wish to attend Inferno must be re-sponsored each year. Non-members who would like party information, or who would like to attend a CHC party should write CHC at P.O.Box 5426, Chicago, IL 60680.

GATEWAY M.C. PRESENTS MR. MO. LEATHER 1990

This year's contest will be a two-night event, March 30-31, at Nites II/Gateway Saloon complex, 212 No. Vandeventer Ave., St. Louis, MO. Contestants must register by 11 PM Friday. The contest is open to any male of 21 years or over, from anywhere in the U.S.A.. The winner will be sponsored to IML in Chicago. Judging will occur Friday evening & Saturday afternoon. This is going to be a major event in a Party City. Applications can be obtained by writing Gateway MC, P.O.Box 14055, St. Louis, MO 63178.

OUTCASTS' PROGRAM

On January 19, Outcasts of San Francisco held a remarkable panel discussion on "Women of Color and SM." The evening was intensely emotional, and all participated in a vital discussion extending late into the night. The vividness of feelings expressed, their gravity, complexity, and at times complete contradiction to each other, were things that would touch each differently, but could hardly have failed to touch. At the panel's conclusion, each attendee would meet in a variety of ways with the evening's evocation of anguish and dissatisfaction. Perhaps some would think back on what had been said at the end of the program: "We didn't try to make you angry, we didn't try to make you upset, the one thing we did try to do was make you think."

--(courtesy of Lunatic Fringe).

FANTASY '90

Plans are in the works for Fantasy '90, scheduled for Omaha, Nebraska, July 20-22. All will recall how Dustin Logan (who recently received the *Leather Journal* man of the year award) and the Twin Wheelers of Omaha produced a smash success with Fantasy '89. This year promises, to be twice as big and twice as good! And this year, Dustin and his co-sponsors have a special pledge for the National Leather Association. Here is a copy of a letter sent in late February to Dustin from NLA Co-Chair Jim Richards:

Dear Dustin,

Words fail me to adequately express our appreciation for your commitment that half of the proceeds from Fantasy '90 will be donated to the NLA. This will enable the National Leather Association to proceed more rapidly with our commitment to achieving our goals in our Statement of Purpose. It is only through the help of people like yourself that the NLA can continue to grow and become a national organization responding to the needs of the entire membership. With fund raising efforts like this we will be able to implement some of the needs that have thus far not been addressed due to a lack of funds.

On behalf of the entire membership of NLA, both myself and Judy wish to thank you for your help and donation. We look forward to seeing you at Fantasy '90.

The NLA is most appreciative of Dustin's generous offer, and all are certainly looking forward to this remarkable event. Thank you Dustin!

The Two-Wheelers of Omaha, which underwrote Fantasy '89 as a fundraiser conducted by "Mr. Gay Nebraska," a title owned by T.W.O., are not underwriting or sponsoring Fantasy '90, which is solely the undertaking of Dustin Logan and others. Our apologies to T.W.O. for our mistaken attribution of Fantasy '90 to their group in the February *First Link*.

LEATHER SUPPORT GROUP

The last Wednesday of each month a leather support group open to all leatherpersons meets in Seattle. Call Howard at (206)-726-4664 for info.

NATIONAL CALENDAR

MARCH, 1990

16-18	*T-BEARS Anniversary	Boston,MA
16-18	CONDUCTORS 8th Anniv--Track VIII	Nashville,TN
17	*SEATTLE MEN LTHR 1st Anniv.	Seattle
17	*LONE STAR PEP Saint Pat's Party	Dallas,TX
17	HARTFORD COLTS Bar Night 9-2	Hartford,CT Pub/Springfield
17	Mr.Southwest Drummer	Phoenix,AZ
17	*ORGASM Dungeon (Mixed)	Portland,OR
17	PEP:ALBUQUERQUE Party	Albuquerque
17	*THRESHOLD Fantasy Panel Disc.	L.A.
17	*THE FIFTEEN Party	S.F.
17	SLUTS FOR SNSATION Party	S.F.
17	C.O.M.M.A.N.D. Bar Night	Baltimore Gallery
17	CITY BIKERS St.Patrick's Party	Denver
17	SPEARHEAD Anniv.Dinner	Ronto,ONT R.C.Curling Cb.
17	SO.BAY LTHR/UNF GP SoBay Leather Daddy/ Daddy's Boy Contest	San Jose The Heat
17	TRIBES Bar Night (Cleveland)	Detroit,MI Leather Stallion
17-19	PITTSBURGH MC at Conductors L/L Nashville	Pittsburgh
18	SO.BAY LTHR/UNF GP General Mtng/Potluck	San Jose
18	LION'S ROAR Women Strip for Women	S.F. Amelia's
18	LEATHER & LACE Program--Switching	L.A.
18-20	Battle Scars presenta- tion, Leather Spon- sorship	Memphis,TN Theatre Works
19	EULENSPIEGEL SOC Dom. & Submissive TVs	NYC
20	*ORGASM Exec.Board Meeting	Portland,OR
20	*NLA:SFAC Meeting	S.F. Amelia's
20	*LONE STAR PEP Slave/Submiss Discussion	Dallas,TX
20	EULENSPIEGEL SOC Consciousness Raising	NYC
21	Mr.S.F.Laether Prelim 3	S.F.
21	CHICAGOLND DIS GP Women's Rap Grp	Chicago,IL
21	Lost Angels	Wash.D.C.
21	Bar Night	D.C.Eagle
21	VANGUARDS Gen.Mtng.8 PM	Philadelphia Pit Stop
21-25	ENTRE-NOUS Leave Winter Behind	Orlando,FL
22	*SOCIETY OF JANUS Program:Creating SM Play Space	S.F.
22-25	NATL.TATTOO ASSOC. Convention	Philadelphia
22-25	S.E.CONF.FOR LESBIANS/GAY MEN	Holiday Inn Raleigh,NC Radisson Pl. S.F.
23	*QSM Bondage Class:Suspension	S.F.
23	*YOSEMITE C:KT MT Beer Bust	Fresno Red Lantern
23-24	PEOPLE EXCHG.PWERA PEP:NM Does Dallas	Albuquerque
23-25	MSC MSC 7th Birthday Wknd	Manchester,Eng
24	STALLIONS Bar Night:Scavenger Hunt	Cleveland,OH LSS
24	*LONE STAR PEP Pot Luck with Nancy Miller	Dallas,TX
24	CHICAGOLND DIS GP Spring Blow Party 8PM	Chicago,IL
24	HRTFRD CLTS/BUCKS Joint Bar Night	Hartford,CT Bike Stop,Phil.
24	D.C.WRESTLING CLUB Meeting	Wash.,D.C.
24	BROTHERHD OF PAIN Voyage into Hell	Houston
24	VANGUARDS Bar Night	Baltimore Gallery
24	*ORGASM S/M Fantasy/Erotica Show/Embers Informal Dungeon Party	Portland,OR

APRIL, 1990

1	*OUTCASTS/LNS RORS.F.	S.F.
1	Butch Fashion Show	Amelia's
1	*SOC.OF JANUS	S.F.
1	General Meeting	Portland,OR
1	KNIGHTS OF MALTAL	Portland,OR
1	General Meeting 2PM	Embers
1	*TRADES MEN	Charlotte,NC
1	Business Meeting	Portland,OR
1	Mr.South of Market	S.F.
1	Leather Tea at Track's	Wash.,D.C.
2	EULENSPIEGEL SOC	NYC
2	Impact of AIDS on D/S & S/M	NYC
3	N.Y.BONDAGE CLB	NYC
3	Meeting	NYC
3	EULENSPIEGEL SOC	NYC
3	Polymorphous Perverts	Chicago
4	CHICAGO HELLFIRE	Chicago
4	SM University	Touche
4	*LONE STAR PEP	Dallas,TX
5	Meeting/Newcomers Intro	Dallas,TX
5	LION'S ROAR	S.F.
5	Leather Dance	Amelia's
5	Fantasy Masked Ball	S.F.
5	LEATHER & LACE	L.A.
5	1st Thursday	Griff's

5	SO.BAY LTHR/UNF GP Evening Social	San Jose The Heat
5-7	*INTERNAT.MS LTHRS.F.	S.F.
6	Contest Weekend	Charlotte,NC
6	*TRADES MEN Club Nite-April Foll's	Brass Rail San Diego
6	*NLA:SAN DIEGO	San Diego
6	Beer Bust	Wolf's
6-8	SHIPMATES	Baltimore,MD
6-8	16th Anniversary	Portland,OR
6-8	Mr.Tennessee Leather	Memphis,TN
6-8	MS PANTHER	Cologne,GER
7	Club Evening Bei Andrea	Portland,OR
7	LINKS	S.F.
7	Party	S.F.
7	*SOCIETY OF JANUS	S.F.
7	Orientation	Richmond,VA
7	*NLA:VIRGINIA(Cn F)	Richmond,VA
7	Meeting 6PM	Alexander's Rst.
7	THUNDERBOLTS	Westport,CT
7	Bar Night	The Brook
7	PEP:ALBUQUERQUE	Albuquerque
7	Party	Albuquerque
7	Mr.Leatherman Toronto	Toronto,ONT
7	*ROCKY MOUNTNRS	Denver
7	Bar Night	Compound
8	*NLA:SEATTLE	Seattle,WA
8	Bar Night	Balcony
8	*NLA:BC	Vancouver,BC
8	Board Meeting 7PM	VGLC
8	TRIDENT,RHD.ISL.	Providence
8	Meeting	Galaxy
8	*NLA:SAN DIEGO	San Diego
8	Gen.Meeting	Drop N Cntr
8	MANSFIELD BUCKS	Burlington,VT
8	Bar Night	Pearls
8	WASATCH LHERMN	Salt Lake City
8	Meeting	Salt Lake City
8	SCORPIONS	Wash.D.C.
8	Bar Night	D.C.Eagle
8	AVATAR	L.A.
8	Meeting	L.A.
8	V.A.S.M.	Vancouver,BC
8	Pub Night 9PM	Ms.T's
8	*LONE STAR PEP	Dallas,TX
8	TV Watching Party/Dressup	Chicago
8	WNY CTY BNDG CLB	Chicago
8	Party	Chicago
8	GATEWAY MC	St.Louis,MO
8	Mr.MO.Laether Contest	St.Louis,MO
8	RENEGADES	Texas
8	5th Anniv.Run	Texas
8	TRIBE M.C.	Detroit,MI
8	Do A Fool 1980	Detroit,MI
8	ZODIACS	Vancouver,BC
8	Hail/Farewell Dinner	Thurlow's
8	Southbay Drummer	San Jose
8	The Heat	The Heat
8	SRMTO LEATHER ASC	Sacramento
8	Mr.Central Valley Drummer	Sacramento
8	PEP:ALBUQUERQUE	Albuquerque
8	Party	Albuquerque
8	GATEWAY MC	St.Louis
8	Mr.Missouri Leather	St.Louis
8	SHIPMATES	Wash.D.C.
8	Bar Night	D.C.Eagle
8	SLM KOPENHAGEN	Copenhagen
8	Treffpunkt in Schacksgade	Copenhagen
8	TRIDENT,CENTRAL MASS	Worcester
8	Meeting/2nd Anniv.	Worcester

15	EULENSPIEGEL SOC	NYC
15	D/S Pleasures	NYC
16	SPEARHEAD	Toronto,ONT
16	Board Meeting	Toronto,ONT
17	*ORGASM	Portland,OR
17	Exec.Board Meeting	Portland,OR
17	EULENSPIEGEL SOC	NYC
17	Dom Men/Subm.Women--Toys & Safety	NYC
19	SO.BAY LTHR/UNF GP	San Jose
19	Evening Social	The Heat
19	EUGENE LETHR ALNC	Eugene,OR
19	Leather Social 9PM	The Riv
20	*NLA:DETROIT	DETROIT
20	Bar Night:Boots	Eagle
20-22	MS ROTTERDAM	Rotterdam,HOL
20-22	12 1/2 Birthday Party	Rotterdam,HOL
20-22	K.C.PIONEERS	Kansas City
20-22	Trails End 15	Kansas City
20-22	MSC SOUTHWEST	England
20-22	Genauer Termin Folgt	England
21	*THE FIFTEEN	S.F.
21	HARTFORD COLTS	Hartford,CT
21	Bar Night	Pub,Springfield
21	BROTHERHD OF PAIN	Houston
21	Electricity Party	Houston
21	PEP:ALBUQUERQUE	Albuquerque
21	Party	Albuquerque
21	*ORGASM	Portland,OR
21	Dungeon (Mixed)	Portland,OR
21	SPEARHEAD	Toronto,ONT
21	Open General Meeting	Toronto,ONT
22	GRIFFIN MC	Newark,DE
22	Business Meeting	Newark,DE
22	SO.BAY LTHR/UNF GP	San Jose
22	General Mtng/Potluck	San Jose
22	CREAM CITY CUMRS	Milwaukee
22	J.O.Party	Milwaukee
23	NY STRAP/PADLE AS	NYC
23	Meeting	NYC
23	EULENSPIEGEL SOC	NYC
23	Bondage & Tying	NYC
23-25	Amsterdam Tattoo Conv.	Amsterdam
24	V.A.S.M.	Vancouver,BC
24	Support/Social/Demo	GLC
24	EULENSPIEGEL SOC	NYC
24	Consciousness Raising	NYC
24	Leather/Latex Night	Seattle
24	Re-Bar	Seattle
25	GMSMA	N.Y.C.
25	Prog:Interrogation Scenes	LGCC
25	AVATAR	L.A.
25	Program Meeting	L.A.
25	EULENSPIEGEL SOC	NYC
25	Women's Night:Love	NYC
26	SO.BAY LTHR/UNF GP	San Jose
26	Evening Social	The Heat
27	WNY CTY BNDG CLB	Chicago
27	Party	Chicago
27	*YOSEMITE C:KT MT	Fresno
27	Bar Night	Red Lantern
27	V.A.S.M.	Vancouver,BC
27	Pub Night 9PM	Ms.T's
27-29	GMSMC	Philadelphia
27-29	Mr.Philadelphia Leather	Philadelphia
27-29	REG.OF BLACK/TANS	L.A.
27-29	Maneuvers Weekend	L.A.
27-29	TEJAS/RVR CTY OTLS	San Antonio
27-29	Alamo Run IV	San Antonio
27-29	*QSM	S.F.
27-29	Classes:Electricity by Dr.Shock	S.F.
28	TRIDENT,CENTRAL MASS	Worcester
28	Meeting	Worcester
28	PEP:ALBUQUERQUE	Albuquerque
28-29	Party	Albuquerque
28-29	PITTSBURGH MC	Pittsburgh
28-29	6th Anniv.-3 Rivers VI	Pittsburgh
29	*TRADES MEN	Charlotte,NC
29	Business Meeting	Brass Rail
29	*SEATTLE MEN LTHR	Seattle
29	Bar Night	Balcony
29	*ROCKY MOUNTNRS	Denver
29	Shake Down Run	Denver
30	SIGMA	Wash.,D.C.
30	Bar Night 9PM	Wash.Eagle
30	EULENSPIEGEL SOC	NYC
30	Responsibilities of Submission	NYC

MAY, 1990

1	BROTHERHD OF PAIN	Houston
1	Hell	Houston
1	EULENSPIEGEL SOC	NYC
1	Polymorphous Perverts	NYC
1	N.Y.BONDAGE CLB	NYC
1	Meeting	NYC

NATIONAL CALENDAR

2	CHICAGO HELLFIRE	Chicago
2	SM University	Touche
4	*NLA:SAN DIEGO	San Diego
4	Beer Bust	Wolf's
4	*TRADES MEN	Charlotte,NC
4-6	Club Nite--Anniv.Month	Brass Rail
4-6	E.ANGLIA BIKERS	Cambridge,ENG
4-6	14th Birthday	Cambridge,ENG
4-6	IRON CROSS	Montreal
4-6	Anniv.18	Montreal
4-6	*NLA:SEATTLE	Seattle
4-6	MAY DAY 4 & Mr/Ms	Seattle
4-6	NLA:Seattle Contest	Seattle
4-6	HIGHWAYMEN TNT	Wash.DC
4-6	Anniv.	Wash.DC
4-6	UTICA TRIP'S M.C.	UTICA,NY
4-6	4th Anniv.Weekend	UTICA,NY
5	*NLA:VIRGINIA(Cn F)	Richmond,VA
5	Meeting 6PM	Alexander's Rst.
5	THUNDERBOLTS	Westport,CT
5	Bar Night	The Brook
5	Mr.Great Plains Drum	St.Louis
5	MEN OF LEATHER	Memphis
5-6	Mr.Tennessee Leather	Memphis
5-6	SIGMA	Wash.,D.C.
5-6	Spring Party	Wash.,D.C.
6	KNIGHTS OF MALTA	Portland,OR
6	General Meeting 2PM	Portland,OR
6	*SEATTLE MEN LTHR	Seattle
6	May Day Brunch 11AM	Encore
6	CITY BIKERS	Denver
6	7th Anniv Beer Bust	Triangle
6	CALIFORNIA EAGLES	S.F.
7	May 5 Beer Bust	S.F.
7	EULENSPIEGEL SOC	NYC
7	Hot Tales Read & Told	NYC
7	*NLA:PORTLAND	Portland,OR
7	General Meeting 7-9	Embers
8	SIGMA	Wash,DC
8	Program Meeting	Wash,DC
8	*ORGASM	Portland,OR
8	Gen.Membership Mtng	Embers
8	N.Y.BONDAGE CLB	NYC
8	Meeting	NYC
8	EULENSPIEGEL SOC	NYC
8	Dom Men/Submis.Women:Life vs SM	NYC
8	CHICAGOLD DISC GP	Chicago
8	Program Meeting	Chicago
8	DREIZEHN	Cambridge,MA
8	Meeting	Paradise
8	GMSMA	N.Y.C.
8	Prog:Medical Instruments	LGCC
11-13	WHEELS	Parksville,NY
11-13	W-21	Parksville,NY
12	*NLA:ARKANSAS	Little Rock
12	Meeting/Program	Little Rock
12	Bar Night Chaps	Little Rock
12	CLUB MUD	Rio Nido,CA
12	Mud Party	Rio Nido,CA
12	*PORTLND PWR TRST	Portland,OR
12	Meeting	Portland,OR
12	S.F.LaetherDaddy Cont.	S.F.
12	CHICAGO HELLFIRE	Chicago
12	Inferno Night	Chicago
12	*ORGASM	Portland,OR
12	Educational Workshop 8-11	Portland,OR
12	S.F.LEATHERNECKS	S.F.
12	Party	S.F.
12	PORTLAND LETHRMN	Portland,OR
12	Potluck 7:30 PM	Portland,OR
12	PITTSBURGH MC	Pittsburgh
12	Bar Night	Pittsburgh
12	WINGS	Memphis,TN
12	Bar Night	Chaps
13	*NLA:SEATTLE	Seattle,WA
13	Bar Night	Balcony
13	*NLA:SAN DIEGO	San Diego
13	Gen.Meeting	Drop N Cntr
13	WASATCH LHERMN	Salt Lake City
13	Meeting	Salt Lake City
13	MANSFIELD BUCKS	Burlington,VT
13	Bar Night	Pearls
13	*NLA:BC	Vancouver,BC
13	Board Meeting 7PM	VGLC
13	CELSTIAL KREW CUIR	S.F.
13	Wally Look-Alike Cont.	S.F.
13	TRIDENT,RHD.ISL.	Providence
13	Meeting	Galaxy
14	NY STRAP/PADLE AS	NYC
14	Meeting	NYC
14	EULENSPIEGEL SOC	NYC
14	SM thru Ages:Victorian Era	NYC
14	SPEARHEAD	Toronto,ONT
14	Board Meeting	Toronto,ONT
14	CREAM CITY CUMRS	Milwaukee
14	J.O.Party	Milwaukee
15	*ORGASM	Portland,OR
15	Executive Bd.Mtng	Portland,OR

JUNE, 1990

1	*NLA:SAN DIEGO	San Diego
1	Beer Bust	Wolf's
1	*TRADES MEN	Charlotte,NC
1-4	Club Nite--Appreciation	Brass Rail
1-4	LOGE 70, SCHWEIZ	Zurich,Switz.
1-4	Zurich Intl.Pfingsttreffen	Zurich,Switz.
2	THUNDERBOLTS	Westport,CT</

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.

THE ZODIAC FRATERNAL SOCIETY

The remaining members of the Zodiac Fraternal Society have decided that now is the time to close up shop and close the doors of history on one of the oldest and most active leather/levi organizations in the Pacific Northwest.

January, 1990, was to be the sixteenth anniversary of the club but during its fourteenth anniversary celebration it was decided to put the organization on hiatus for a year or two and then make a final decision on its future.

The Zodiacs was the second club to be filed in Victoria, B.C., Canada, as a gay, non-profit society. During its first years of being, it was a major fundraising group. The club has called many places like The Shaggy Horse and John Barley's its home bars and has counted many men and women among its membership and friends including people such as Geoff Mains, a one-time Zodiacs president. It has had supporters like Grace Flescher of Passacaglia Books and Mack MacKinnon of Top Man Leather (which became Mack's Leathers). The list goes on and on.

The organization has had 14 years of fundraising events and anniversary weekends and famous (some would note notorious) Stampede weekends during the summer. Bootshines, club nights and co-sponsorship of contests and other clubs' events was always a part of the Zodiacs' tradition of brotherhood (and later sisterhood) with the addition of a female member.

As a final goodbye to an era in the leather/levi community, the club is holding

a special Hail and Farewell dinner on Saturday, March 31, at Thurlow's Restaurant, 1221 Thurlow Street. The no-host bar will start at 6 PM with dinner beginning at 7 PM. Cost is \$20 per person and will include a full dinner (alcohol excluded).

If you are a former member of the club or a friend and supporter from the past we'd love to see you there that night. Please give Bill Houghton a call at (604)-253-1258 and let us know you're going to attend.

REGIMENT OF THE BLACK AND TANS

Maneuvers Weekend is coming up April 27, 28, and 29, 1990. Events include a traditional formal cocktail party and a uniform beer bust. More details are available from P.O. Box 291157, Los Angeles, CA 90029.

MR. TRI-STATE COWBOY

The Renaissance and Griffins M.C. are presenting Mr. Tri-State Cowboy, 1990, Sunday May 20, at 10 PM, at the Renaissance Restaurant and Dance Club, 6th & Orange Sts., Wilmington, DE. Headquarters Hotel is the Raddison at 700 King St; call (800)-333-3333. The event features western entertainment. First prize is \$500. The Competition will feature Formal Western Wear, Wrangler Wear, and Waterin' Hole Attire. For contestant information, call (302)-984-2959.

The Griffins also announce Griffin Flight II, coming Sept. 21-23, 1990.

LEATHER INSTITUTE

Urania reports a Conference to be held on July 18th, sponsored by the Leather Institute, which will include presentations on Media Treatment of SM, Therapy Issues in Homophobia and S/M Relationships, Coming out into Leather vs. Professional Life, and Top and Bottom Play and Relationship Issues.

RUBY SLIPPER '90

The Firedancers' annual celebration is set for June 8 to 10, 1990. A tentative schedule includes Friday registration at the Hidden Door, Saturday afternoon beer bust and evening Dinner and the Ruby Slipper Revue, and Sunday brunch and Ruby Slipper Garden Party. The Garden Party is a benefit for local AIDS service organizations, and features casino games and a Silent Auction Board. For information, contact Firedancers LLC at P.O. Box 190712, Dallas, TX 75219.

RESOURCE LIST

Nancy Ava Miller, founder of People Exchanging Power (PEP), is compiling a bibliography, resource, and reference list for S&M/B&D enthusiasts. The list will be created from suggestions contributed by the S&M Community. Do you know a special book, magazine article, video, support group, club, business, product, or person—something or someone of interest to our S/M citizenry. Please send all relevant information to: Bibliography, c/o Nancy Ava Miller, P.O. Box 332, Edgewood, NM 87015. Include 1-2 sentences describing

your entry, plus any applicable phone numbers, addresses, contact people, costs, publishers, dates., etc. Send as many entries as you wish. Kinky or academic is up to you. Items could relate to any area of D/S, S/M, B/D, Fetishes, TV/TS, Infantilism, etc., for gays, lesbians, straights, and bisexuals. When you send in your contributions, include a SASE for a free copy of the list. Others should send \$2 to the above address, plus a SASE.

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.

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. The weekend will also feature an erotic art show by the artist Kirby on April 7 at the Pipeline Bar in Memphis. Weekend packages can be purchased for \$25 from Drum Productions, Box 60306, Nashville, TN 37206.

RE-BAR LEATHER NIGHT

In Seattle, the Re-Bar (formerly Sparks and S) at 1114 Howell announces Leather/Latex night. This is open to all men and women, but leather/latex/fetish wear is required, on the last Tuesday of each month.

IMS L TRAVEL SCHEDULE

Though Susie Shepherd steps down as International Ms. Leather on April 7 in San Francisco, her commitments continue, including contest judging and workshops at **May Days** in Seattle, May 4-6, Judging the **San Francisco LeatherDaddy** Contest May 12, judging in the **SLUG** contest in the Bay Area June 9, and Co-Emceeding **Fantasy '90** in Omaha, NE, July 20-22.

WESTWARD BOUND, LTD.

For those traveling to London, we are sad to report that Westward Bound is closing down, for relocation to the Midlands. The proprietors pledge their continuing support of the D/S world. In the interim, they recommend activities arranged by Der Putsch (WB), which may be contacted at BCM Box 8922, London WC1N 3XX.

CURRENT NATIONAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

The following lists are guides to those persons who CURRENTLY are heading the organization, the National Council, and the Executive Committee. This list may serve as a starting point for you while preparing your choice(s) of nominees for the National NLA elections which are coming up soon. Remember that any current NLA member in good standing may be nominated to the National Council. To be nominated as Co-Chairs, individuals must have been NLA members for at least one year. We must nominate AT LEAST 50 people for the National Council, in order to have a choice for the 40 at-large National Council positions.

Currently serving either as Officers, or on the Executive Committee or the National Council, and eligible for nomination for N.C. or Co-Chair positions, the following people have been working since Autumn, 1988, to define, strengthen, and build the National Leather Association: Cookie Andrews-Hunt, Michael Blackburn, Nan Borrows, Ice Camins-Bretts, Tony DeBlase, Stacy L. Dennen, Joan Donnelly, Dean Dunlap, John Ferrari, Wayne Gloege, Jan Hall, Jeff Henness, Sallee Huber, Shannon Kennedy, Jan Lyon, Steve Maidhof, Karen R. Mendelsohn, George Nelson, Jim Richards, Don Robbins, Les Robinson, Gayle Rubin, Vik Stump, Judy Tallwing-McCarthy.

The following persons are currently sitting On The N.C. as voting Affiliate and Chapter representatives, and need not be nominated to retain their positions (sponsoring agencies only having the power to appoint or revoke these positions): Gary Allsupp--Knights of Malta, Stockman Chapter: Gabrielle Antolovich--NLA:Los Angeles: Victoria Baker--Outcasts: Race Bannon--NLA:Los Angeles: Don Carroll--Lion Regiment: Catrina--Arizona Power Exchange: James Cockerham--Trident International:Los Angeles: Tom Coker--Leather Star: Ralph Cusack--Harbor Masters: Angel Forbes--NLA:Denver: Chuck Higgins--NLA:Arkansas: Jerry Jansen--Fifteen Association: Viola Johnson--T.U.L.S.A.: William M. Johnson--Menamore Levi Leather Club: J. R. Jones--Cornhauers L & L Club: Steve R. Koenig--Society of Janus: Catherine E. Kuhlman--T-Bears of Boston: Moe Lizotte--Yosemite Chapter Knights of Malta: Jenifer MacFarland--Threshold: Dan Majewski--NLA:Detroit: Andy Mangels--ORGASM: Steve Patton--NLA:San Francisco Bay Area: Wes Randall--Seattle Men in Leather: Sky Renfro--International Ms. Leather: Ruth--Lone Star PEP: Dean Ryane--NLA:B.C.: Susie Shepherd--NLA:Portland: Steve Smith--Knights D'Orleans: Michael A. Spehar--Disciples of De Sade & NLA:Dallas: Jerome Stevens--Leathermasters: Jeff Suderman--Boots: Chaz Sullivan--Cincinnati Chaps: Tony Walker--Tradesmen: Ed Winant--NLA:San Diego: ?--Portland Power & Trust: ?--Rocky Mountaineers.

Currently sitting on the N.C. as non-voting Commercial Affiliate representatives are the following. Many are individual members, and thus COULD be nominated into voting NC or Officer positions: Kathy Andrews--Stormy Leathers: Ed Finster--Silver Anchor Enterprises: Tony LeGrand--

Marathon Films: Paul Matsi--Mack's Leathers: Dave Rhodes--Leather Journal: William A. Schmeling--The Hun: Alan Selby--Mr. S. Products, Inc.: David Souza--D/S Leathers: John Spacek--Shades of Grey Leather: Jim Ward--Gauntlet, Inc.

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. Box 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.

SOUTHBAY LEATHER AND UNIFORM GROUP

Our apologies to "SLUGS." In our recent calendars, we have shown their location as Sacramento. Actually, they may be reached at 635 Stockton Ave., San Jose, CA 95126. SLUGS hosts its 2nd Annual Southbay Leather Daddy and Daddy's Boy Contest St. Patrick's Day, March 17, at THE HEAT in San Jose. Events start at 7 PM. Half of the \$10 cover will be donated to the Billy DeFrank Community Center. Emcees will be Mistress Kathy and Jason Ladd, and confirmed judges include Russian River Leather Daddy John Ferrari, San Francisco Leather Daddy's Boy Dave Thompson, and Audrey Joseph, a long-time promoter and supporter in the Leather Community. Entertainment will include Cory Zamora (Ms. Fresno Leather), Jolanne Tierny (Ms. Sacramento Leather '88-'89), and others. This promises to be an even more successful event than 1989's.

PITTSBURGH M.C.

On Dec. 9, 1989, PMC (in conjunction with the Norreh Social Club) had an earthquake relief charity social, with proceeds sent to the Northwest District of the M.C.C. Pittsburgh M.C. announces "Three Rivers VI", April 28-29, with cocktail parties, prizes, awards, a show, brunch, and banquet, for its 6th Anniversary. Write PMC at P.O. Box 17198, Pittsburgh, PA, 15235, or call (412)-795-5777.

HARTFORD COLTS

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.

P.E.P.:PHILADELPHIA

Nancy Ava Miller, founder of PEP Albuquerque, will be working for the next several months towards the July founding of PEP:Philadelphia. She plans weekly parties in Washington D.C. to raise money for the new group. Nancy invites all sincere people to join her during the festivities surrounding the birth of PEP-PA, including the D.C. fundraisers and the many events being brewed up for Philadelphia. Any volunteers from our S/M family are welcome, to speak, demonstrate, lead panels, etc. Call Nancy at (505)-832-6950 or write her at P.O. Box 332, Edgewood, NM, 75015 to volunteer.

Nancy will be speaking at Lond Star PEP on March 23-24.

ILLUSTRATED MEN

March 22-25 in Philadelphia will witness the National Tattoo Convention. Illustrated Men will be having a bar party at Harry D'Orazio's "247 Bar," at 247 So. 17th St., starting at 10 PM on March 24. Expect a fun evening of show and tell with the fantastic tattoos being sported there. Illustrated men also notes an Amsterdam Tattoo Convention April 23-25, the International Tattoo Show in Sturgis, SD, in August, Sideshow in the Seashore in Coney Island, NY, Sept. 16, and Tattoo Expo '90 in New Orleans Sept. 20-23. Contact them at P.O. Box 492, Sun Valley, CA 91353-0492.

LONE STAR PEP

Among the many St. Patrick's Day parties being given around the map, the most enticing come on so far from Dallas: "Paint your slave green instead of black and blue. Wear shamrock pasties. Sing "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling" with a ball gag. Kiss her blarney stone, wherever she may hide it." March 30, Lone Star PEP is hosting a T.V. Watching Party: "we're not talking about television, folks. Bring your dress and get it on. Ruth can supply some clothes, but they may not be "you." This might turn out to be a Corporal Klinger look-alike contest or a take-off on the Miss America Pageant, who knows?" Lone Star PEP is doing a whole series of socials, dinners, parties, and educational events. Contact them at P.O. Box 810715, Dallas, TX 75381.

V.A.S.M.

VASM of Vancouver, B.C., reports a major success with their Joint Pub Night in February with NLA:BC, Boots Club, and Pacific Northwest Wrestling Club. VASM's March 30 Pub Night will be their Master/Slave Auction '90, with all proceeds to the Vancouver Persons With AIDS Society. The Mr. B.C. Drummer contest is coming up on June 30 at Ms. T's. VASM is busy designing a special program of events for Vancouver as Gay Games approaches. VASM's social/support group meets the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Vancouver Gay & Lesbian Center (1170 Bute St.) at 6 PM. All are welcome to attend.

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**, & 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, & come from throughout the North American leather community.

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

Q.S.M. WELCOMED AS N.L.A. AFFILIATE

This month, we are pleased to welcome Q.S.M. of Oakland, CA, as our newest Commercial Affiliate. Q.S.M. sponsors educational & artistic activities, including classes in SM run in SM-friendly spaces, & has future plans for publication. Founded in April, 1989, by Karen M., QSM is an SM business with three major goals: (1) provide educational classes for both novices & experienced players, (2) produce events that publicize & celebrate SM contributions to the arts, & (3) publish fiction & non-fiction books that promote consensual SM. QSM events are open to men & women of all sexual orientations. In recruiting teachers, QSM tries to present the most experienced people in the field, while at the same time aiming for sexual & sexual orientation parity. Through its Visitors Series, QSM brings outstanding SM practitioners from around the country to the San Francisco Bay Area for weekend classes.

Coming up March 25th, from noon to 10 PM, is the **Kinky Spring Festival**, co-sponsored by QSM in conjunction with **Club Dementia**. The festival will occur at 890 Folsom St. in San Francisco, & includes the **Rebirth of Spring Ritual** by Ganymede at 1 PM, fine art displays by Bishop, the Hun, & Tom of Finland, & creative bondage by Amanda, Tony DeBlase, Cleo DuBois, Gary, Hal, Jerry, & Fakir Musafar. From 2 to 7 PM, there will be a competition on Bondage Celebrating Spring, & from 7 to 9 PM an Improvisational Bondage competition, both featuring cash prizes. Piercing & tattooing booths will feature Body Manipulations, Mad Dog Tattoo, & Raelyn Gallina. Craft booths will feature Hedonic Engineering, Mr. S., Sorodz, & Walt of L.A. Entrees & Snacks by Club Dementia will be sold throughout the day. Admission is \$15 at the door, space permitting.

April 27-29 will feature a series of classes conducted for QSM by Dean of Seattle, a.k.a. Dr. Shock. Friday will feature an Introduction to Electrical Play; Saturday will welcome Electricity 240, on

"Making Your Own Electrical Toys"; Sunday's class will be on Advanced Electrical Techniques. Dean is a veteran at electrical play, & has written extensively for **DungeonMaster**.

For further information on this and other QSM activities, contact QSM at Box 520, 5251 Broadway, Oakland, CA, 94618, or call (415)-428-1321.

DISCIPLES OF DE SADE

Disciples of De Sade of Dallas, Texas, is welcomed as an Affiliate of the N.L.A. November, 1990, should mark the 6th Anniversary of this important and well-known Dallas organization. Watch next month for news on the major run being planned by the Disciples. The N.L.A. is most proud to announce this new Affiliate.

ADDRESS CHANGES

Please report address changes as promptly as possible. Each month, the **First Link** offices receive a large number of returned issues, for people who have moved. It costs \$.167 to mail a copy of the **Link**, by third class bulk mail. If it is returned with an address correction, it costs \$.25 for us to get it back. If we can remail it, there goes another \$.25. So for our expenditure of \$.667, you can get a *late* issue of **First Link**. For a 15 cent postcard, you can give us a timely address correction, and receive a timely publication. Please do help us out. Mail your address changes to NLA:National Headquarters, P.O. Box 17463, Seattle, WA 98107. Thank you.

FROM THE WILLAMETTE WEEK, Jan 4., 1990

This main-stream Portland, Oregon, newspaper made a series of tongue-in-cheek prophecies for the New Year, one of which follows: *Former Multnomah County Commissioner Gordon Shadburne will enjoy new-found fame in 1994 as a female impersonator at Darcelle XV. Shadburne will be asked to appear at that year's Living in Leather conference as his most popular character, a hypocritical right-wing politician.*

M.C.FAUCON

M.C.Faucou announces Migration 90 in Contrecoeur, Quebec, to occur August 24-26, 1990. The registration fee of \$125 (U.S.) includes transportation, lodging, drinks, food, cocktails, banquet, show, people events, bike games, and more. Registration is limited to 250. For information, write to c.p. 5089, Station C, Montreal, Quebec, Canada, H2X-3M2.

LARGE ORGANIZATIONAL LIST AVAILABLE

Every month, the N.L.A. mails copies of the **First Link** to all North American Leather/SM/Fetish organizations, & to a smaller number of groups outside of North America. We can make copies of this list available on request, for a cost of \$5.00 per copy to cover production & shipping. The list will be produced in an 8 1/2 x 11 inch format, in alphabetical order, & include

organization names, addresses, & zip codes. Our organizational list is large (with over 400 groups listed) &, since we mail so frequently, our addresses are up to date. If you wish to receive a copy of this list, send your name & address, & \$5.00 check or money-order, to **The First Link**, P.O. Box 17463, Seattle, WA 98107. A complete set of mailing labels is available for \$20, check or M.O.

UTICA TRI'S M.C.

The Utica Tri's M.C. of Utica, NY, announce their 4th Anniversary Weekend, to be held May 4 - May 6, 1990. The gala weekend includes a Welcoming Party, Friday & Saturday After-Hours Parties, Continental Breakfast on Saturday & Sunday, Saturday Brunch & Dinner, Sunday B-B-Q, & Saturday night Leather Night, plus 2 nights' lodging, for \$99, less a \$4 discount for a full member of any leather/levi club. Lower rates are available, with limited or no lodging options. The Utica Tri's are promising a most enjoyable weekend. Registration deadline is April 18; contact the Utica Tri's M.C. at P.O. Box 425, Utica, NY 13503-0425 for further information & registration. Run T-Shirts are available only in advance, at \$9 each, from the above address (please give size).

P.E.P. ON TOUR

PEP:Albuquerque, recently reestablished, will be holding parties every Saturday in March & April (except March 24) from 8 PM to 1 AM. For details, call (505)-764-5711. PEP:Albuquerque is traveling to Dallas for joint festivities with Lone Star PEP on March 23-24. The enthusiastic Dallas folks have offered to host New Mexican visitors for the weekend.

MR. & MS. NLA NATIONAL COMPETITION

It is not too early to begin planning for the 1990 Mr. & Ms. NLA Competition, scheduled for October 26, 1990, during the Living in Leather V Conference in Portland, Oregon. Guy Baldwin & Jan Lyon, our title-holders for 1989/90, have done a fantastic job, appearing frequently throughout the country, in support of the N.L.A., & the Leather/SM/Fetish Community in general. The holders of the Mr. & Ms. NLA titles occupy very visible positions in the titleholder hierarchy, & are the most visible representatives of & spokespersons for the NLA. Competition this year promises to be tough, & the demands made on the winners are not light ones, but the rewards, in terms of accomplishment & satisfaction, are overwhelming. We congratulate Jan & Guy for putting their titles "on the map."

NAT'L LESBIAN CONF.

Shannon Kennedy, Co-Chair of NLA: Detroit, is initial organizer for leather/SM women at the National Lesbian Conference, 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, contact her c/o NLA: Detroit, P.O.Box 725368, Berkley, MI 48072.

Scribbles

It must be spring. Daily we receive notification of an anniversary, a special run, or a Leather Weekend. All these say, "Lets get off our lazy, winter-expanded butts, and out and active in our communities." Pride event plans are underway and publicity has been received. The furious schedule of contests is underway. Preparations for the first of the National Contests, I.Ms.L. early in April, are feverish in San Francisco. San Diego is getting out Leather-Fest this very weekend. Activities unending. All the current titleholders are running from coast to coast attending, smiling, publicizing, smiling, shaking hands and congratulating, smiling, judging, smiling, and becoming envious of Tibetan monks sitting in caves. (They don't smile.)

With all the contests it might be appropriate to pass on a few words to the contenders and winners of these affairs. Since 1985, when Patrick Toner was chosen International Mr. Leather, our titleholders have been challenged annually to an ever-increasing demand for personal appearances and national travel. As a representative of our Leather/SM/Fetish Community, they now must recognize that hours of work will be required if they are to be considered as either successful or credible titleholders. They will need to travel beyond their own local community as an ambassador. They will be called on to attend a wide variety of events (many of which will hold little interest personally to the titleholders). They must be ready to speak publicly, frequently with no

preparations. Personal behavior will be under scrutiny and all too often subject to both unfriendly and unfair criticism. But, as the representative of their community, each titleholder will be presented with unequalled opportunity for community (not limited to our L/S/F family) education and improved understanding. Facing the personal intrusions and overcoming the challenges will also lead to unmatched personal growth.

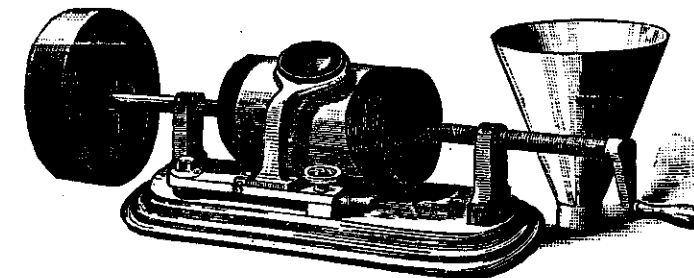
I recognize Seattle Men in Leather on their first Anniversary. I am most pleased to have been nominated by their membership along with two other long-time workers and supporters of our local Seattle community as Leatherman of the Year for 1990. It is a particular honor to receive this recognition as, for me, it must be based on lots of work in committees, being out and supporting community events, and of course, this publication and the organization it represents. It isn't often our community recognizes the many "Non-Titleholders" and I am most honored by this nomination. My congratulations to S.M.L. on their anniversary.

I must pass on the passing of a Chicago leather institution. Recently, Touche's, home bar for several community groups, was completely destroyed by fire. No injuries were sustained except to our history, one more part now only a memory.

I think I should make special mention of our National Officers and Representatives nominations. We need nominate individuals to fill 40 at-large positions on The National council and our 2 Co-Chairs.

These individuals will in turn be selecting our Executive Committee. Co-Chairs will serve for either 1 or 2 years for this first National Election. We hope for at least 50 At-Large nominations. I hope all our members seriously think about nominations and about serving as a National Council member. Self-nominations are both legal and encouraged. Requirements for National council members are basically attending two meetings annually, one of which is held in conjunction with our annual Living in Leather Conference

And, of course, I hope that all our members and many friends are planning on attending LIL V. I can't express the relief all the members of the National Conference Committee felt when we were finally able to nail down our 1990 site and time. Although we were most displeased to find a change of our traditional dates necessary, we are most happy to be able to return to The Rose City and the excellent facilities of the Memorial Colosseum. (Did anyone else notice they spell it wrong, "Coliseum"?) We've since recognized a couple of advantages to the later date (October 26-28). We're further from the very bush September season of Inferno and Drummer Weekend. And late October makes LIL a "Semi-unofficial" closing to the Summer and Fall season. We should still be ahead of the winter rains and definitely cool enough for all our leather finery. A new host hotel and back-up hotel are being arranged--both in close proximity to the Colosseum. To quote Speight Jenkins--Director of Seattle Opera--"It's gonna be a great show. Don't miss it!"



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NLA MEMBERSHIP

Benefits of membership include the publication **THE FIRST LINK**, discounts at NLA events and at various businesses serving the Leather/SM/Fetish community, and participation in a national/international network serving the educational, social, and charitable concerns of our Leather/SM/Fetish family. Membership is open to all adults who support our statement of purpose. **National Dues are \$25. annually (\$30. outside North America--U.S. funds).** Use the form at the right if you wish to join the NLA or to renew your membership.

NLA Members, you can tell if your NLA membership in the NLA is expiring from your address label. The first 2 digits at the upper left indicate **Year** of expiration, the second two indicate **month**. Thus, a marking of "90.05" indicates your membership expires on May 1, 1990. We hope to keep you with us in the NLA.

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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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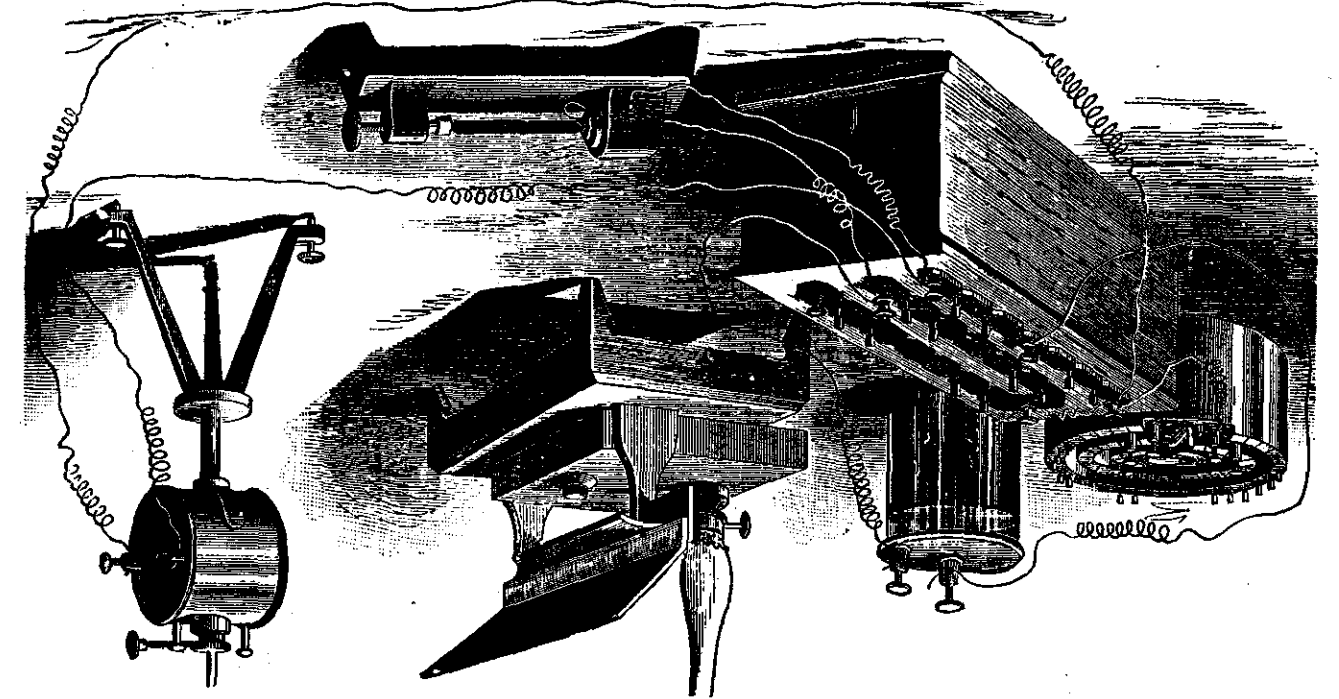
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