

FIRST LINK

News from the Chapters

NLA:VIRGINIA

IT IS OFFICIAL! Virginia's bylaws, roster, and dues have been submitted and approved, and NLA:VIRGINIA is recognized as the 12th official Chapter of the N.L.A. Co-Chair is David Meador, Acting Secretary/Treasurer is William D. Wright, and Executive Committee At-Large member is Dennis Loy. NLA:Virginia currently has members from throughout Virginia and North Carolina. Its members are actively participating in area events, such as the Tradesmen's Trademarks, the Southeastern Conference for Lesbians and Gay Men, and the Mr./Ms. Southeastern Leather activities. The Chapter is planning a buns contest in June, with proceeds split with the Fan Free Clinic/Richmond AIDS information network. Also in June, on the second, Nancy Ava Miller of PEP will be at the regular Virginia meeting (at Alexander's Rest in Richmond, 6 PM). Members are looking forward to this opportunity to learn to reach out and build a vital Leather/SM/Fetish community in their area. Ms. Miller is an avid SM activist, who has worked vigorously to promote the safe, sane and consensual standard for play among adults; she is the founder of the People Exchanging Power network.

NLA:Virginia's meetings are held at Alexander's Restaurant, 3129 W. Cary St., Richmond, VA, at 6 PM the first Saturday of each month. All interested in the Leather/SM/Fetish lifestyle are invited to attend.

NLA:CHICAGO (Chapter-in-Formation)

The First Draft of Bylaws, a letter of petition, and an initial group of memberships have just been received from NLA:CHICAGO (Chapter-in-Formation). We are excited at the developments in Illinois, and at the broad cross-section of the community represented by this group.

MAY, 1990

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| 22 | SAN FRAN.BAY AREA S.F. | |
| | Meeting 7:30 | Amelia's |
| 24 | DENVER | Denver,CO |
| | Board Meeting 7 PM | |
| 29 | ARKANSAS | Little Rock |
| | N.A.Miller Meeting | Little Rock Inn |

JUNE, 1990

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| 1 | SAN DIEGO | San Diego |
| | Beer Bust | Wolf's |
| 2 | VIRGINIA | Richmond,VA |
| | Meeting 6PM/Miller Mtg | Alexander's Rst. |
| 3 | SEATTLE | Seattle |
| | Member Meeting | IROC Cafe |

NLA:Chicago may be reached at 3143 N. Broadway, Chicago, IL 60657. Co-Chairs of this group are Judith Lane and Christopher Posler.

NLA CHAPTER FORMING IN FLORIDA

There is a Chapter in Formation in Florida. It is operating under the name NLA:SOUTH FLORIDA. Chairs are Mitchell Masters and Lana Fox. Veil Kendry is Secretary, Richard Kent Treasurer, and Alex Leshay Membership Chair. It may be contacted at P.O.Box 432320, South Miami, FL 33243-2320. Phone is (305) 665-8575; BBS System is (305) 662-1748 (2400 Baud, log in with the code NLA:FLORIDA); FAX number is (305) 662-1748.

LOS ANGELES CHAPTER

Los Angeles welcomed back Gabrielle from her triumph at the International Ms. Leather 1990 competition, with a celebration and benefit on April 15 at Griff's Patio in L.A., co-sponsored by NLA:LA and Leather and Lace.

NLA:LA is organizing a contingent of Leather/SM/Fetish persons for the 1990 L.A. Gay Pride Parade, June 24, 1990. The goal is 1000 women and men walking, the colors of many Clubs flying, with a large banner, a motorcycle escort, a host of titleholders and dignitaries, and Leather Pride Flags a-plenty. The effort is designed to celebrate pride in belonging to the Leather/SM/Fetish community and in enjoying its sexuality. NLA:LA wants to urge ALL men and women of ALL orientations from ALL segments from the Leather/SM/Fetish Community to participate. It has been felt that, in the past, our Community was underrepresented in this very important parade. Such a large contingent requires much advance planning. Please con-

tact NLA:LA at 7985 Santa Monica Blvd., #109-217, W. Hollywood, CA 90046, if you wish to participate, or to help. Contributions are needed (payable to NLA Los Angeles); surplus funds will go to an AIDS charity.

NLA:SEATTLE

The Seattle Chapter has just hosted a delightful weekend. Special thanks are due to the efforts of Chapter President Wes Randall and Treasurer Howard Martin, who took on the chairing of this event at the last minute, and turned it into a fun and profitable venture. The attendance at the 7 workshops was very good, with a range of technical subjects from SM-101 to the VERY advanced. Dean Trotter and Cooper Axton are the first holders of the Mr & Ms NLA:Seattle titles. During the Contest, attendees were quite distracted by a wandering spotlight which highlighted Cherie's elegant boustier, shining with the fine craftsmanship of Lee Willis' Stud Works. The Doug Connell Citizenship Trophy was presented to George Nelson. Dave Rhodes presented the Leather Journal "Woman of the Year" plaque to Jan Lyon, Ms. NLA. Seattle was fortunate in having all four International Ms. Leathers and Ms. NLA present. For those able to remain in town to participate, Sunday night's play party--at a traditional male bathhouse which was rented for the occasion--was a delight. Particular thanks are tendered to Cort for the program, to the Seattle Dungeon Guild for facilitating the play party, to Shan Carr and Rob Neyts for organizing the contest, and to the many fantastic persons who presented panels. More than one attendee was pleased to comment that Seattle was coming into its own, with such a fine weekend.

The Spring General Meeting and Board Election is announced for June 3, at 4 PM, at the IROC Cafe in Seattle.

N.L.A. CALENDAR

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| 9 | ARKANSAS | Little Rock |
| | Meeting/Program | |
| | Bar Night | Chaps |
| 9 | METRO NEW YORK | NYC |
| | Annual Mtng/Elections | |
| 10 | FIRST LINK PRESS DEADLINE | |
| 10 | BC | Vancouver |
| | Board Meeting | GLC |
| 10 | SAN DIEGO | San Diego |
| | Gen.Meeting | Drop N Cntr |
| 10 | SEATTLE | Seattle,WA |
| | Bar Night | Balcony |
| 11 | PORTLAND | Portland,OR |
| | Gen.Mtng.7-9PM | Embers |
| 15 | DETROIT | Detroit |
| | Bar Night:Chest/Tits | Eagle |
| 19 | SAN FRAN.BAY AREA S.F. | |
| | Executive Meeting | |
| 26 | SAN FRAN.BAY AREA S.F. | |
| | Meeting 7:30 | Amelia's |

JULY, 1990

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| 6 | SAN DIEGO | San Diego |
| | Beer Bust | Wolf's |
| 7 | VIRGINIA | 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 |
| 9 | PORTLAND | Portland,OR |
| | Gen.Mtng. 7PM | Embers |
| 10 | FIRST LINK PRESS DEADLINE | |
| 13-15 | ARKANSAS | Little Rock |
| | Indoor Run/Lock-Up One | |
| | Mr/Ms NLA:Arkansas Contest | |

News from the Chapters

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:NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS
P.O.Box 17463, Seattle, WA 98107
(206)-789-8990

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

NLA:ATLANTA (Chapter-in-Formation) P.O.Box 8772, Atlanta, GA 30306-0118

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

NLA:CHICAGO (Chapter-in-Formation) 3143 N. Broadway, Chicago, IL 60657

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

NLA:METRO NEW YORK 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) P.O.Box 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 3871 Piedmont Ave, Oakland, CA 94611

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

NLA:SOUTH FLORIDA (Chapter-In-Formation) P.O.Box 432320, South Miami, FL 33243-2320 305-665-8575; BBS 305-662-1748; FAX 305-662-1748

NLA:VIRGINIA P.O.Box 4286 Richmond, VA 23220-8286

NLA:METRO NEW YORK

The Metro New York will hold its first Annual Meeting and Elections on June 9th, 1990. Members ONLY will attend a private dinner, elect their first Executive Council, and enjoy a hot play party at a private location. At its meetings, NLA:Metro New

N.L.A. CALENDAR

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| 17 | SAN FRAN.BAY AREA S.F. | |
| | Executive Meeting | |
| 20 | DETROIT | Detroit |
| | Bar Night:Best Ass | Eagle |
| 24 | SAN FRAN.BAY AREA S.F. | |
| | Meeting 7:30 | Amelia's |
| **AUGUST, 1990** | | |
| 3 | SAN DIEGO | San Diego |
| | Beer Bust | Wolf's |
| 4 | VIRGINIA | Richmond,VA |
| | Meeting 6PM | Alexander's Rst. |
| 10 | FIRST LINK PRESS DEADLINE | |

York is discussing such issues as substitutes for the private clubs, closed in a recent local "crack down."

NLA:ARKANSAS

NLA:ARKANSAS (The Officers Club) and Chuck Higgins (Mr. Southeast Leather, 1990) invite you to **Lock-Up One**, to be held July 13-15, 1990, in Little Rock, Arkansas. Weekend events feature the organization's first birthday, an Arkansas River cruise, accommodations at Arkansas' ONLY Gay Hotel, the Mr. & Ms. NLA:Arkansas 1990/91 Competition, and guests including Jan Lyon, Ms. NLA 1989/90. Travel By Philip is the official travel agency for Lock-Up One; in cooperation with Trans World Airlines they offer discount airfares: 40% off regular coach class tickets or 5% off other discount published fare; contact them at 1-800-446-4623. Register before July 1 for a free Run T-Shirt; registration runs from \$90 up (\$65 without accommodations). Contact NLA:Arkansas at P.O.Box 4392, North Little Rock, AR, 72116 for your registration forms.

NLA:ATLANTA (Chapter in Formation)

A group has been working in the Atlanta Georgia area, and is now recognized as NLA:Atlanta (Chapter In Formation). Its address is P.O.Box 8772, Atlanta, GA 30306-0118. Co-Chairs are Linda Vickery and Kim Brokaw. Cal Berlinger is the Secretary and Patty Breslin the Treasurer. Bylaws are coming along very well, and a number of members have enrolled.

NLA:DALLAS PROGRAMS

NLA:Dallas is sponsoring programs related to the Leather/SM/Fetish lifestyle. Programs will include panel discussions, legal and medical issues addressed by professionals in these related fields, and demonstrations. The programs will be in conjunction with the monthly Chapter meetings.

TO THE NLA MEMBERSHIP

I feel it necessary to apologize to all of you for my seeming lack of concern for our organization these past months. I say seeming, because I really do care very much about the NLA and what it stands for. This past year has probably been one of the worst I've had to deal with. Since Sashie's death most everything in my personal life that could go wrong has, from illness to fi-

nancial crisis, and because of it I've had to spend a lot of time trying to get my life stable.

I have continued to work on NLA issues but not to the degree I wanted to. I know I've let some of you down and I'm sorry.

I also want to thank all of you, my leather family, for the support, concern, and love I've gotten from you, both before and after Sashie's death.

Now that things are becoming more stable for me on a personal level, I intend to take a more active role in the development of the NLA.

Thank you...with much love,
Judy Tallwing McCarthey

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:BRITISH COLUMBIA

NLA:BC's Board of Directors and officers are working very hard to broaden their membership base and stimulate interest in the activities of this, the second oldest of the NLA Chapters. Their Rut n' Strut on April 13 was a success; the large turnout had a fine evening at Ms. T's, including several stage numbers put on by Ms. Vancouver Leather Bonnie Ramsay and other talented performers. BC members will be actively helping produce the major Mr. & Ms. Vancouver Leather Contest, to be held Sunday, August 5, at Graceland in Vancouver. This occurs during the Vancouver Pride Weekend. Also, this year, the mammoth Gay Games will be in Vancouver, so turnout should be enormous. BC members are enthusiastic about LIL V coming up in Portland, OR, in October, and are already making travel plans. NLA:BC has been particularly thoughtful in arranging its regular Wednesday support group.

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| 10 | BC/V.A.S.M. | Vancouver,BC |
| | Joint Pub Night | Ms.T's |
| 11 | LOS ANGELES | L.A. |
| | Bondage as Art | |
| 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 |
| 17 | DETROIT | Detroit |
| | Bar Night:Body Decor Eagle | |

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| 21 | SAN FRAN.BAY AREA S.F. | |
| | Executive Meeting | |
| 28 | SAN FRAN.BAY AREA S.F. | Amelia's |
| | Meeting 7:30 | |
| **SEPTEMBER, 1990** | | |
| 1 | VIRGINIA | Richmond,VA |
| | Meeting 6PM | Alexander's Rst. |
| 7 | SAN DIEGO | San Diego |
| | Beer Bust | Wolf's |
| 8 | ARKANSAS | Little Rock |
| | Meeting/Program | |
| | Bar Night | Chaps |

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

The National Leather Announces Living In Leather V, to be held in Portland, Oregon, October 25th-28th, 1990. The site of workshops, exhibits, and registration will be the Portland Memorial Coliseum. Headquarters hotel is the Red Lion/Coliseum, phone 503-235-8311; principal backup hotel is the Execu-Lodge, phone 503-235-8433.

LIL V will include all the traditional features of this annual national event: including workshops, panels and demonstrations on Leather/SM/Fetish subjects ranging from technical specialties to politics, an exhibits area with leading vendors, a grand display of art, dungeon play parties, and the National Mr. & Ms. NLA Competition for 1990.

Director of LIL V is Sallee Huber; Assistant Director is John Ferrari; workshops are being coordinated by Tony DeBlase, and Karen Mendelsohn. Jan Lyon and

George Nelson are arranging the Exhibitors' Area, and Shannon Kennedy of Detroit will be editing the Conference Program.

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.

SPREADEAGLE PRODUCTIONS, headed by Kevin Koeseel, will be hosting the **AFTERGLOW** party, while **ORGASM**, which presented three incomparable nights of dungeon parties during LIL IV, will be arranging nightly play parties, in their 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, to hear progress reports from our many Chapters, 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.

Friday night will feature the annual Mack MacKinnon Travel Fund fundraiser in a local pub.

A registration form is included below for your convenience. Note the cost savings to be made via early registration.

LIL V will be the biggest, grandest, boldest Conference yet to come your way. We hope to see you there!

REGISTRATION FORM

Registration for Living in leather V includes all Conference Workshops and Demonstrations, access to the Exhibits Room and the Hospitality Area, and the Opening Ceremonies on Friday. Registrations mailed by June 30 will secure a substantial discount. After September 15, the price increases substantially.

The fee for the Mr. & Ms. N.L.A. competition, to be held during the LIL-V weekend, is an additional \$15.00. You may include payment for this event with your Conference registration.

RATES: Please circle below the rate under which you are registering:
Fees do NOT include Dungeon parties.

	N.L.A. MEMBER	NON-MEMBER
Before July 1	\$55.00	\$70.00
July 1-Sept.15	\$65.00	\$77.50
After Sept. 15	\$80.00	\$95.00

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

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: (____) _____ - _____

My payment includes \$15 additional for the MR/MS NLA Competition: _____

ARE YOU AN N.L.A. MEMBER? _____

Please list other club affiliations: _____

I AM NOT a member of NLA, but wish to join: [Please enclose an additional \$25.00 per person, check or money order]: _____

I certify that I am 21 years of age or older: _____ (signature)



LIVING IN LEATHER V OCTOBER 25-28, 1990

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.

CINCINNATI CHAPS

The NLA is happy to announce the recent renewal of Chaps' Affiliate membership. Chaps announces its 9th Anniversary celebration June 9-10, in Cincinnati. Chaps has great plans in the works, including a dinner, show, and barbecue. Time is limited: please write Cincinnati Chaps at P.O. Box 3104, Cincinnati, OH 45201, as soon as possible for information.

ROCKY MOUNTAINERS

Coming up June 30 to July 3 is Golden Fleece Run XIX, sponsored by the Rocky Mountaineers Motorcycle Club of Denver, Colorado. This is a "rough-out" run held on RMMC's own land (at 10,000 feet in the Rockies), so tents and sleeping bags are needed. Write immediately for applications to Rocky Mountaineers M.C. at P.O. Box 2629, Denver, CO 80201, for a run application; prices go up June 1. The run this year has a "far out" theme, centered around science fiction. This promises to be a fantastic event for all men and women who attend.

NANCY AVA MILLER

Nancy Miller announces a busy speaking engagement, with talks to Lond Star PEP in Dallas May 24 and 26, an S/M talk at Dallas MENSA May 25, a meeting with NLA:ARKANSAS on May 29, a talk at PEP:Nashville May 31, and an engagement with NLA:VIRGINIA on June 2. She is working on the founding of PEP:Philadelphia, scheduled for Mid-July,

and will be hosting a series of parties and activities in Philadelphia and Washington, D.C., throughout the summer.

VANGUARDS M.C.

Vanguards will celebrate its 21st Anniversary in October; big plans are in the works for October 12-13, 1990, starting with a Social at the Bike Stop. Write later for details to Vanguards MC at P.O.Box 2308, Philadelphia, PA, 19103.

DISCIPLES' RUN

The Disciples of De Sade will be hosting Discipline V in Dallas on June 8-10. Along with warehouse parties both nights, some daytime activities have been planned. If you or someone you know would like more information about attending Discipline V, a party for men only, please write to: Disciples of de Sade, 4012B Cedar Springs Rd., Dallas, TX 75219.

ARTISTS WANTED

The NLA is currently accepting and encouraging artists to submit examples of their art work for the LIL V Conference. Because of the response we hope to get from the community I would like you to follow these guidelines:

- 1) Submit only flat pieces of art (i.e. paintings, drawings, photographs).
- 2) For initial submissions, Polaroids of your work would be best. These will not be returned! This will keep down mailing costs and storage in my house.
- 3) Submissions will be accepted until August 1, 1990. Any art received after this date will not be considered.

During the first 2 weeks of August I will be editing the art work down to the number of artists we will have room for. I will then contact the people who have been selected and ask them to send original pieces. The art can be matted or framed with or without glass. Please remember that glass adds shipping weight. Hopefully we will have enough money to at least help with postage, but you may be responsible for postage to and from the Conference. All submissions MUST include your name, address and phone number. If you have questions or submissions please send them to: J.C. Collins, P.O. Box 123, So. San Francisco, CA, 94083, or call (415)-871-2453.

S/M FLEA MARKET

An S/M Flea Market is scheduled for May 20 at the Women's Building (18th St., near Valencia) in San Francisco, from 2 to 5 PM. \$3 admission will find wonderful things to buy, like videos, clothes, costumes, gadgets, devices, whips, chains, toys, paddles, ropes, canes, books, etc.

OEDIPUS M.C.

Oedipus MC of Hollywood, CA, presents its 25th annual *Oedipus Grecian Games*, a four-day run for motorcycle enthusiasts and friends, May 25-28. For the 19th year, OGG will occur at a secluded group camp in the Angeles National Forest, 80 miles from L.A. Theme for the year is "Cat Tales." The event will feature 2 days

of motorcycle competition, and people events such as the "Cat Walk," and "Playing Cat-Chup." A show will be presented Saturday night. For registration and information on the event, which includes 8 meals and 4 hosted cocktail parties, contact Oedipus MC at P.O. Box 451, Hollywood, CA 90078.

LEATHER STAR

Leather Star, of Tacoma, WA, which regularly hosts the annual Puget Sound Mr. & Ms. Leather Contest, announces that the remainder of the 1989-1990 title year for Puget Sound Mr. Leather will be filled by Martin Rooney of Vancouver, B.C.; based on Martin's past efforts, the Board of Directors of Leather Star is proud to have him represent Leather Star & Northwest PWA's. The next competition will be held November 17, 1990.

LESBIAN SEPARATIST SEX CONFERENCE

(Courtesy the Outcasts' Lunatic Fringe, quoting from Gay Community News)
"London--Over 250 lesbians attended a day-long workshop on sex here.... The conference was intended to bring together lesbians who agreed with the policy statement: "This conference will not be representing SM as a valid form of lesbian sexual practice & is opposed to the building of a lesbian sex industry. No transsexuals or bisexuals. All dykes at the conference are expected to have a high awareness around the issues of racism & anti-Semitism & respect the oppressions of the other lesbians attending.... The day was intended 'as a celebration & affirmation of a lesbian sexual practice without SM & porn & to open up discussion on issues within our community that are only now beginning to receive attention, such as sexuality & sensuality between lesbians with disabilities & able-bodied lesbians."

EUGENE, OREGON

The Eugene Leather Alliance continues its monthly Bar Night at "The Riv." The were flag bearers at the ISCEE Prince & Princess Ball. The Eugene Leather Contest (sponsored by the ISCEE Court) is July 13, at Seymour's. A dinner may be planned for June.

F.F.A. MIAMI

FFA Miami announces its 10th Anniversary bash June 8-10. The weekend includes meals, special events, cocktail parties, entertainment, & much much more. For further information, write Fall Festival Association of Miami, P.O. Box 500, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33302.

WINGS, MEMPHIS, INC.

Wings announces Flight 6, their 6th Anniversary run, to be held Aug. 31-Sept. 2. The Mr. Southern Leather Competition will be held in conjunction with this event. Write P.O.Box 41784, Memphis, TN, 38174, for details.

SM

SM... These letters written together bring to one's mind an image. For some that image is an unknown evil. For some that image is a known evil. For some that image is sexual. To me these letters written together bring to mind that elusive phrase Safe/Sane/Consensual. To me this phrase brings to mind the word permission. Safe/mutual acceptance and mutual trust. The reality of the face in the mirror is the face of a queer, is the face of a pervert, is the face of a woman, is the face of a masochist, is the face of a healthy human. Safe. Sane/calm discussion. To choose to take a path, to offer to take a chance, to say no out loud. If I cannot risk verbal rejection I do not risk my skin. Sane. Consensual/ nothing happens without my permission. The use of my safe word withdraws my consent, the scene ceases without recrimination. Consensual.

During the scene I am given permission to not make decisions -- to respond to caresses to blows to sounds without deciding analyzing thinking. During this time I have given my top permission to make all decisions to caress to strike to speak without further negotiation. Nothing happens without my permission. If you strike me without my permission it is assault. Knocking some sense into me because I am short or my plumbing is different is abuse, not SM. SM permission. Mary Ridge

SUSIE SHEPHERD

Winding down from her duties as IMsL 1989/90 does not mean that Susie is winding down from her long career of community service & activism. She has already set up several appearances, including judging in the June 9 Southbay Leather Uniform Group's Contest, Judging the Mr. Ms. Gay Oregon Contest in Portland on June 23, Co-EmCeeing Fantasy '90 in Omaha '90 July 20-22, & Emcee at Erotica '90 in Portland on November 11. Susie's title year will long be remembered; she seemed to be at every event, always ready to give her fine smile & her seemingly boundless energy. We join the rest of our National Community in saying, "Thank You, Susie!"

ROCHESTER RAMS

The Rochester Rams MC announce Outer Limits 1990, August 24-26, 1990, at a private lakeside camp. The fun includes cabin, hogan, or tent accommodations, great food, people events, bike events, cocktail parties, a show, & an in-ground pool. Fees run from \$85 up. Contact Rochester Rams--Outer Limits at P.O. Box 1727, Rochester, NY 14603, for more information.

INTERNAT. MS. LEATHER

Gabrielle Antolovich, International Ms. Leather for 1990/91, has a busy schedule coming up. May 20 will see her at the Atlanta Eagle for a Leather Women's Celebration. May 21-26 she will be doing workshops with other leatherwomen during the Southern Women's Music Festival in Atlanta. May 26-27 sees her at International Mr. Leather in Chicago, with a continuation of her Atlanta participation from May 28 to 30. May 31 she will be at the IMsL Board Meeting in San Francisco. June 16 she will

be at the Gender Bender Cabaret in San Francisco, & she will be working the IMsL booth at the San Jose Gay Festival June 16/17. June 23/24 she will be participating with NLA:LA during the massive leather effort for the LA Gay Pride Weekend. June 30 she has an IMsL Fundraiser at Griff's in Los Angeles. July 20-22 will see her in Omaha, Nebraska for Fantasy 90; she will be judging the Gulf Coast Drummer Contest July 28-29 in Dallas. August 18 Gabrielle is scheduled for an IMsL Beer Bust & Cabaret at Floyd's Country/Western Bar in Long Beach, while Sept. 29 finds her in Fresno at C's, for a Beer Bust Plus....

PEGASUS M.C.

We apologize for listing the address of NLA Affiliate Pegasus MC of Wichita incorrectly in the last issue. You may reach them at Box 3957, Wichita, Kansas, 67201.

KNIGHTS D'ORLEANS

The Knights D'Orleans announce their 16th Anniversary Weekend for September 28 to 30, 1990. A Fun-filled weekend with a host of activities is being planned, to keep you busy/tired/ and/or inebriated. During the Summer, the Knights plan on a series of "Invitation Only" pool parties, on June 1, July 6, & August 3. For invitations, contact the Knights. Also, the Knights have set their club nights for the next several months, at their home bar, the Phoenix. Every 3rd Friday you may join them to celebrate. February 2, 1991, will be their annual "Night of the Black Mask." Further information on the above may be available from Knights D'Orleans, P.O.Box 50812, New Orleans, LA 70180.

HARTFORD COLTS

The colts plan their fifth anniversary, Round-Up '90, for July 13-15, 1990. The weekend will be staged at the Vernon/Hartford Quality Inn & Conference Center. The weekend includes cocktail parties, a bike/car poker run, parade of colors, awards ceremony, meals, banquet, prizes, people events, an anniversary show, leather concessions, & the installation of officers. Special guest will be The Hun, with a weekend show & sale of his original works & prints. Weekend cost (including lodging) begins at \$105 (\$110 for GDI) until June 15. Contact Hartford Colts at P.O.Box 320201, Hartford, CT 06132-0201, immediately for more information. The run is limited to 125 people.

CONTROVERSY IN NORTHAMPTON

Recently, directors of the Northampton Lesbian/Gay March removed the word "Bisexual" from the march, & banned bisexuals from the Steering Committee. A community meeting March 15 in Northampton, sponsored by the Valley Gay Alliance, witnessed over 300 concerned individuals, with a variety of concerns relating to this exclusion, & to long-felt prejudice against other "minorities" including cross-dressers & SM practitioners. A number of Northamptonites is expected to bus to New York City for its parade. (Courtesy Bet Power of Shelix)

AIDS DISCRIMINATION

NGRA & the Employment Law Center have recently announced a landmark settlement. The Great Republic Insurance Company was charged with attempting to avoid underwriting policies for those to be at risk for AIDS by denying coverage to unmarried men working in "occupations that do not require physical exertion ... such as florists, interior decorators & fashion designers." Under terms of the settlement, the company is prohibit from using a supplemental questionnaire targeted to single male applicants, & is specifically prohibited from using sexual orientation as a determinant of insurability. The settlement is the first legal action in the U.S. to apply the Unruh Civil Rights Act (prohibiting arbitrary discrimination by business enterprises to the insurance industry). It is the first action brought under the California Insurance Code prohibiting insurance companies from discrimination based on sex, marital status or sexual orientation. It was one of the first cases filed under the San Francisco ordinance prohibiting discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.

SPEARHEAD OF TORONTO

Congratulations to Spearhead, which held their 20th Anniversary Dinner on March 17, with 120 people attending. Round-Up '90 is set for Aug.31 to Sept.3, which will include the Mr. Round-Up & Mr. North-40 Contests. For details, write Box 293, Stn.A, Toronto, ONT, M5W-1B2, Canada.

ORGASM OF PORTLAND

The Oregon Guild is staying more than busy, adding a number of Dungeons, fundraisers, workshops, and parties to their spring/summer schedule. Check the National Calendar for a list of their many events. ORGASM and the other fine groups in Portland are participating in their Leather Pride Weekend June 15-17, including potlucks, the pride parade, and 3 nights of mixed dungeon play. ORGASM is already planning the three nights of dungeon play for Living in Leather V in October (see coupon below).

ORGASM presents the largest indoor dungeon in North America. Three nights of play at special prices for LIL V registrants and ORGASM members only. Mail separate Dungeon registration (with check or Money Order) to the Oregon Guild at P.O. Box 5702, Portland, OR 97208. (Please make checks payable to Darryn LaGaipa, Treasurer.)

\$25 LIL attendee _____
\$20 ORGASM member _____
Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____
Zip _____

NATIONAL CALENDAR

MAY, 1990		
21	EULENSPIEGEL SOC	NYC
21	Bizarre Bazaar	Philadelphia
21	PHILADELPHIANS	Philadelphia
21	Gen.Mtng	S.F.
21	INTERNAT.MS LTHR	Amelia's
22	Board Meeting 7PM	NYC
22	EULENSPIEGEL SOC	NYC
22	Consciousness Raising	S.F.
22	*NLA:SFBC	Amelia's
22	Meeting 7:30	NYC
22	N.Y.BONDAGE CLB	NYC
23	Meeting	L.A.
23	AVATAR	L.A.
23	Meeting:Whipping	Wash,DC
23	CENTAURS	DC Eagle
23	Bar Night	S.F.
23	*OSM	S.F.
23	Spiritual Dimensions of SM	Wash.,DC
23	SIGMA	Wash.,DC
23	Board Meeting	NYC
23	EULENSPIEGEL SOC	NYC
23	Women's Night:Women & Money	NYC
23	*CHICAGOLD DIS GP	Chicago,IL
23	Women's Rap	S.F.
23	*OUTCASTS	S.F.
23	Orientation	S.F.
23	GMSMA	N.Y.C.
24	Prog:1st Aid for S/M	LGCC
24	SOCIETY OF JANUS	S.F.
24	Program:Sensory Dep/Suspension	Denver,CO
24	*NLA:DENVER	Denver,CO
24	Board Meeting 7 PM	Dallas,TX
24	Beyond Vanilla IV	M.C.C.
24	LANYARDS	Toronto,Ont.
24	Club Night	Tool Box
24-26	*LONE STAR P.E.P.	Dallas,TX
24-28	Nancy Does Dallas/Mensa	Salt Lake City
24-28	WASATCH LETHRMN	Salt Lake City
25	Falcon Flight VI	Vancouver,BC
25	V.A.S.M.	Vancouver,BC
25	Pub Night 9PM	Ms.T's
25	SPEARHEAD	Toronto,Ont
25	Bear/Leatherman Nite	Trax
25	AVATAR	L.A.
25	Spirituality/Magic	Portland,OR
25	*ORGASM	Portland,OR
25	Super Jacks Party	Chicago
25	WINDY CTY BNDG CLB	Chicago
25	Party	Fresno
25	*YOSEMITE C:KT MT	Fresno
25-26	Bar Night	Red Lantern
25-26	EMPIRE CITY	NYC
25-27	Bike Christening	Spike
25-27	MSC HAMBURG	Hamburg,W.Ger
25-28	ECMC Bike Run	Houston,TX
25-28	TEXAS CONF.OF CLBS	Houston,TX
25-28	Lone Star 8 Run/Campout	Hollywood,CA
25-28	OEDIPUS M.C.	Hollywood,CA
26	25th Oed.Grecian Games	Run
26	*LONE STAR P.E.P.	Dallas,TX
26	Potluck/Club Meeting 8PM	Worcester
26	TRIDENT,CENTRAL MASS	Worcester
26	Meeting	Mailbox
26	*ORGASM	Portland,OR
26	Gender Bender Dungeon	Chicago
26-28	International Mr.Lther	Chicago
26-28	CHIC.HELLFRE/WCBC	Chicago
27	Bonfire II	Charlotte,NC
27	*TRADESMEN	Charlotte,NC
27	Business Meeting	Brass Rail
27	*SEATTLE MEN LTHR	Seattle
28	Bar Night	Balcony
28	EULENSPIEGEL SOC	NYC
28	Memorial Day Social	NYC
28	NY STRAP/PADLE AS	NYC
28	Meeting	NYC
28	GMSMA	NYC
28	PWA Care Partner Support Group	Wash.,D.C.
28	SIGMA	Wash.,D.C.
28	Bar Night 9PM	Wash.Eagle
29	*NLA:ARKANSAS	Little Rock,AR
29	N.A.Miller Meeting	Little Rock Inn
29	EULENSPIEGEL SOC	NYC
29	Men Only Night	Seattle
29	Leather/Latex Night	Re-Bar
29	V.A.S.M.	Vancouver,BC
29	Support/Social/Demo	GLC
30	*OSM	S.F.
30	Spiritual Dimensions of SM	Wash,DC
30	FFA WASH DC	DC Eagle
30	Bar Night	DC Eagle

JUNE, 1990

1	*NLA:SAN DIEGO	San Diego
1	Beer Bust	Wolf's
1	*OSM	S.F.
1	Tit & Genital Play Lecture/Demo	New Orleans
1	*KNIGHTS D'ORLEAN	New Orleans
1	Invitation Only Pool Party	Brass Rail
1	*TRADESMEN	Charlotte,NC
1-2	Club Nite--Appreciation	Greensboro,NC
1-2	*TARHEEL LTHR CLB	Greensboro,NC
1-4	Inauguration Weekend	Zurich,Switz.
1-4	LOGE 70, SCHWEIZ	Zurich,Switz.
2	Zurich Intl.Pfingsttreffen	Wash.,DC
2	Wash.D.C. Pride Parade	Wash.,DC
2	EULENSPIEGEL SOC.	N.Y.C.
2	De Sade 250th Birthday Party	Westport,CT
2	THUNDERBOLTS	The Brook
2	Bar Night	Auckland
2	Mr.New Zealand Dmmr	Portland
2	*ORGASM	Portland
2	Educational Workshop	Richmond,VA
2	*NLA:VIRGINIA	Richmond,VA
2	Meeting/N.Miller 6PM	Alexander's Rst.
2	*ROCKY MOUNTNRS	Denver
2	Bar Night	Compound
2	LEATHER & LACE	L.A.
3	Women's Play Party	Boston,MA
3	From All Walks of Life	Boston,MA
3	AIDS Fundraiser Walkathon	Boston,MA
3	SO.BAY LTHR/UNF GP	San Jose
3	Board Meeting	Cincinnati,OH
3	*CINCINNATI CHAPS	Cincinnati,OH
3	Monthly Meeting	Seattle
3	*NLA:SEATTLE	Seattle
3	Member Meeting	IROC Cafe
4	EULENSPIEGEL SOC.	N.Y.C.
4	Private Scenes/Public Places	NYC
5	N.Y.BONDAGE CLB	NYC
5	Meeting	NYC
5	EULENSPIEGEL SOC.	N.Y.C.
5	Polymorphous Perverts	Chicago
5	CHICAGO HELLFIRE	Chicago
5	SM Univ.:Ureth.Insert.	AA Meat Mkt
5	*OSM	S.F.
5	Spiritual Dimensions of SM	Dallas,TX
5	*LONE STAR P.E.P.	Dallas,TX
6	Newcomers' Meeting	Toronto,Ont
6	SPEARHEAD	Toronto,Ont
6	Bar Night	Tool Box
6	SO.BAY LTHR/UNF GP	San Jose
6	Social 7-10 PM	The Heat
6	*OSM	S.F.
6	Tit & Genital Play Lecture/Demo	Portland,OR
6	*ORGASM	Portland,OR
6	Super Jacks Party	Dallas
6	*DISCIPLES DE SADE	Dallas
6	Discipline V	Paris,France
6	A.S.M.F.	Paris,France
6	Demon's Night	Omaha,NB
6	*TWO WHEELRS/OMAHA.....	Omaha,NB
6	6th Anniversary Run	Miami,FL
6	FFA:MIAMI	Miami,FL
6	10th Anniv.	Dallas,TX
6	FIREDANCERS	Dallas,TX
6	Ruby Slipper '90	NYC
6	*NLA:METRON Y	NYC
6	Annual Mtng/Elections	San Jose
6	SO.BAY LTHR/UNF GP	San Jose
6	Mr/Ms Southbay Lthr.Contest	Little Rock
6	*NLA:ARKANSAS	Little Rock
6	Meeting/Program	Dallas,TX
6	Bar Night Chaps	Dallas,TX
6	*LONE STAR P.E.P.	Dallas,TX
6	Party	Portland,OR
6	PORTLAND LETHRMN	Portland,OR
6	Potluck	Wilmington,NC
6	*MENAMORE LLC	Wilmington,NC
6	Meeting/Bar Night	Wash.D.C.
6	TRIDENT INTL.,D.C.	Alexandria,VA
6	Meeting	Portland,OR
6	*PORTLND PWR/TST	Portland,OR
6	Meeting	Vancouver,BC
6	V.A.S.M.	Vancouver,BC
6	Demo Night 7PM	Chicago
6	CHICAGO HELLFIRE	Chicago
6	Inferno Night	Chicago

9	Boston Pride Day	Boston,MA
9	PEP:D.C.	Wash.,DC
9	Party	S.F.
9	S.F.LEATHERNECKS	S.F.
9	Party	L.A.
9	Fantasy LA	L.A.
9-10	*CINCINNATI CHAPS	Cincinnati
9-10	9th Anniv.	S.F.
9-10	GOLDEN GATE GRDS	S.F.
9-10	Spring Yosemite Ovrnit Run	S.F.
9-10	*OUTCASTS	S.F.
9-10	Steering Committee	L.A.
9-10	LEATHERMASTERS	L.A.
9-10	Beerbust	Gauntlett Bar
9-10	*NLA:BC	Vancouver,BC
9-10	Board Meeting 7PM	VGLC
9-10	*NLA:SAN DIEGO	San Diego
9-10	Gen.Meeting	Drop N Cntr
9-10	*NLA:SEATTLE	Seattle,WA
9-10	Bar Night	Balcony
9-10	WASATCH LETHRMN	Salt Lake City
9-10	Meeting	L.A.
9-10	LEATHER & LACE	L.A.
9-10	Safety Workshop	Providence
9-10	TRIDENT,RHD.ISL.	Galaxy
9-10	Meeting	Denver
9-10	*ROCKY MOUNTNRS	Denver
9-10	Ride Against AIDS	Burlington,VT
9-10	MANSFIELD BUCKS	Pearls
9-10	Bar Night	Newark,DE
9-10	GRIFFIN MC	Newark,DE
9-10	Business Meeting	NYC
9-10	NY STRAP/PADLE AS	NYC
9-10	Meeting	NYC
9-10	GMSMA	NYC
9-10	PWA Care Partner Support Group	Milwaukee
9-10	CREAM CITY CUMRS	Milwaukee
9-10	J.O.Party	NYC
9-10	EULENSPIEGEL SOC.	N.Y.C.
9-10	Slides:TV's,Crossdressers	Wash.,D.C.
9-10	SIGMA	Wash.,D.C.
9-10	Annual Bsns Meeting	GCC
9-10	*NLA:PORTLAND	Portland,OR
9-10	Gen.Mtng.7-9PM	Embers
9-10	SIGMA II	WASH.DC
9-10	Program Meeting	Portland,OR
9-10	*ORGASM	Portland,OR
9-10	Gen.Mtng.7:30 PM	Embers
9-10	N.Y.BONDAGE CLB	NYC
9-10	Meeting	Chicago
9-10	*CHICAGOLD DIS GP	Chicago
9-10	Program Meeting:Bondage	NYC
9-10	EULENSPIEGEL SOC.	N.Y.C.
9-10	Dom.Men/Submis.Women:Etiquette	Vancouver,BC
9-10	V.A.S.M.	Vancouver,BC
9-10	Board Meeting 7PM	GLC
9-10	DREIZEHN	Cambridge,MA
9-10	Meeting	Paradise
9-10	GMSMA	N.Y.C.
9-10	Annu.Bus.Mtg.& Social	LGCC
9-10	*OSM	S.F.
9-10	Spiritual Dimensions of SM	Wash.,D.C.
9-10	SIGMA	Wash.,D.C.
9-10	Meeting-Leathercraft	GCC
9-10	*NLA:DETROIT	Detroit
9-10	Bar Night:Chest/Tits Eagle	S.F.
9-10	*OUTCASTS	S.F.
9-10	Program	Greensboro,NC
9-10	*TARHEEL LTHR CLB	Greensboro,NC
9-10	Fashions:Hanky Panky Parade	Palms
9-10	GRIFFINS MC	Wilmington,DE
9-10	Bar Night	Renaissance
9-10	*KNIGHTS D'ORLEAN	New Orleans
9-10	Club Night	Phoenix
9-10	*ORGASM	Portland,OR
9-10	Dungeon 10 PM	Chicago
9-10	WINDY CTY BNDG CLB	Chicago
9-10	Bar Night	Vancouver,BC
9-10	V.A.S.M.	Vancouver,BC
9-10	Social Night	Shaggy Horse
9-10	THUNDERBOLTS	Essex,Ct
9-10	19th Anniv	Milwaukee
9-10	OBERONS	Milwaukee
9-10	Acorn III Run	Essen,W.GER
9-10	15-17 LFRR ESSEN	Essen,W.GER
9-10	Kumpeltreff,Anniv.5	Milwaukee,WI
9-10	Milwaukee Gay Pride	Portland,OR
9-10	*ORGASM	Portland,OR
9-10	Dungeon	Hartford,CT
9-10	HARTFORD COLTS	Hartford,CT
9-10	Leather Pride Night	The Pub
9-10	THUNDERBOLTS	Norwalk,CT
9-10	19th Anniv. Run	Portland,OR
9-10	V.A.S.M.	Vancouver,BC
9-10	Demo Night 7PM	Chicago
9-10	CHICAGO HELLFIRE	Chicago
9-10	Inferno Night	Chicago

16	*THE FIFTEEN	S.F.
16-17	Party	Portland,OR
16-17	*ORGASM/NLA:PRT	Portland,OR
16-17	Leather Pride Weekend	Portland,OR
16-17	*ORGASM/K.of Mlt	Portland,OR
16-17	Leather Together Potluck	NYC
16-17	GMSMA	NYC
16-17	Leather Pride Night	Limelight
16-17	Wash.,DC Pride Day	Wash.,DC
16-17	LEATHER & LACE	L.A.
16-17	Program	Portland,OR
16-17	*ORGASM	Portland,OR
16-17	Dungeon 10 PM	NYC
16-17	NYC Pride Day	NYC
16-17	EULENSPIEGEL SOC.	N.Y.C.
16-17	Miller Confessions of SM Leader	Portland,OR
16-17	*ORGASM	Portland,OR
16-17	Exec.Board Meeting	N.Y.C.
16-17	EULENSPIEGEL SOC.	N.Y.C.
16-17	Dom.Women/Subm.Men:Padding	S.F.
16-17	*NLA:SFBC	S.F.
16-17	Executive Meeting	London,Eng
16-17	SM GAYS	London,Eng
16-17	Program:SM Fone Sex 8PM	L.I.GC
16-17	LEATHER WISDOM	Santa Clara,CA
16-17	Picnic Honoring Alan Selby	NYC
16-17	EULENSPIEGEL SOC.	N.Y.C.
16-17	TES Women Meet	Toronto,ONT
16-17	SPEARHEAD	Toronto,ONT
16-17	Paint Yer Burger	S.F.
16-17	6TH INTERNAT.CONF	S.F.
16-17	ON AIDS	S.F.
16-17	National Bisexual Conf.	Eugene,OR
16-17	EUGENE LTHR ALNCE	The Riv
16-17	Social	Chicago,IL
16-17	*CHICAGOLD DIS GP	Chicago,IL
16-17	Women's Rap	Fresno
16-17	*YOSEMITE C:KT MT	Fresno
16-17	Bar Night	Red Lantern
16-17	*LONE STAR P.E.P.	Dallas,TX
16-17	TV Night	Portland,OR
16-17	*ORGASM	Portland,OR
16-17	Super Jack's Party	S.F.
16-17	*OSM	S.F.
16-17	Tit & Genital Play Lecture/Demo	L.A.
16-17	Wall AIDS Benefit	L.A.
16-17	A-MEN AARHUS	Aarhus
16-17	Bon Fire Party	L.A.
16-17	Mr.Soc.Calif.Drummer	L.A.
16-17	LEATHER & LACE	L.A.
16-17	Women's Play Party	Philadelphia
16-17	VANGUARDS MC	Philadelphia
16-17	Dutch Country Leather	Red Star-Reading
16-17	Connecticut Pride Fest	Hartford,CT
16-17	Columbia,SC Pride	Columbia,SC
16-17	BROTHERHD OF PAIN	Houston
16-17	Suspension Party	Portland,OR
16-17	*ORGASM	Portland,OR
16-17	Swinger's Party	L.A.
16-17	L.A.Pride Parade	L.A.
16-17	Denver Pridefest/Parade	Denver,CO
16-17	N.Y.C.Pride Parade	N.Y.C.
16-17	*SEATTLE MEN LTHR	Seattle
16-17	Bar Night	Balcony
16-17	*TRADESMEN	Charlotte,NC
16-17	Business Meeting	Detroit
16-17	MC MEN OF LEATHER	Detroit
16-17	poker Run for AIDS	L.A.
16-17	Gay Pride Parade	NYC
16-17	GMSMA	NYC
16-17	PWA Care Partner Support Group	Toronto,ONT
16-17	SPEARHEAD	Toronto,ONT
16-17	Board Meeting	Wash.,D.C.

TIPS FOR THE WOULD-BE DOMINATRIX by N.A. Miller

- 1) Instruct the man to remove your shoes & stockings & to "worship" you feet, to caress them & kiss them. Make sure you give him stern orders all the while: "Faster! Slower! Harder! Softer! You'd better do a good job on the toes, or else...!"
- 2) Send the man a pair of your pre-worn panties & command him to sleep with them beneath his pillow.
- 3) Tell him when he may masturbate, & when he may not.
- 4) When out on a date, take your man's wallet & control the money.
- 5) Make him wear ladies' panties beneath his britches.
- 6) Strap a dog collar 'round the man's neck & tell him you own him.
- 7) Make the man ask permission to use the bathroom -- & don't always grant permission.
- 8) Attach a frilly apron to an otherwise nude gent & order him to sweep the floors or vacuum.
- 9) Tie--tightly!--a piece of rawhide around the base of your man's penis, to remind him of his submission to you. (Don't leave the rawhide there more than 10 minutes, however.)
- 10) Shave your man's pubic area--a straight razor with oil works best--and tell him what a good little boy he is now that he's smooth & soft.

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 \$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, & participation in the National-International Pan-Sexual Leather/SM/Fetish Network represented by the NLA. 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.

NEW AFFILIATES

The NLA announces new Affiliate organizations: Chicagoland Discussion Group (of Chicago), & Tarheel Leather Club (Greensboro, NC).

The Chicagoland Discussion Group originated in 1984, & is open to all women & men of all orientations with Dominant & Submissive desires & related S&M/B&D & Fetish interests. Its purpose is to provide a neutral forum & supportive environment for people of diverse, alternative sexual interests. It holds regular educational meetings & social events, publishes regularly, outreaches to educational & health-

care professionals, participates in charitable activities benefiting the SM community, etc. The organization's demographics are of interest: 70% males & 30% females, 80% straight & 20% bi/gay, 60% singles & 40% couples. The age range is from the 20's to the 70's. The Chicagoland Discussion Group is NOT a sex club & NOT a dating service. It promotes exclusively safe, sane & consensual activity among its members. Their address is P.O. Box 25009, Chicago, IL 60625. They have a 24-hour information line at (312)-583-0922.

Tarheel Leather Club is a new organization; the Founders' Meeting was April 1, 1990, & June 1-2 will mark its first general membership meeting & "Inauguration Meeting." The weekend includes a Get Acquainted Hour, an Open Meeting, & a Leather Fashion Show at the XTC on the 1st, & an Inaugural Party & Dance at the Encore on the 2nd. Guests include Bill Costomiris (2nd runner-up, Mr. SE Leather), Joe C. (Vice President of The Tradesmen), Scott L. (Scribe/Treasurer of Menamore), Stuart N. (Charter member of NLA:Virginia), Larry Dooley (Wartords), Linda Vickery (Ms. SE Leather 1989), & David Wright (Emperor III of No. Carolina).

Tarheel's statement of purpose is "To establish a communication, information, education & support network for sisters & brothers of the leather/SM/fetish community, to promote with power & pride the right of all adults to engage in Safe/Sane/Consensual expression, & to raise funds for deserving projects, clubs, organizations, defense funds, and/or charities which have given direct service to the leather/SM/fetish community." Tarheel Leather Club is non-gender specific. They are exploring an ambitious agenda of possible future activities. Contact them at P.O. Box 16457, Greensboro, NC, 27416-0457 for further information.

AFFILIATES RENEW

NLA is pleased to report the recent renewals of several long-time Affiliate members: Briar Rose (Pob 16235 Columbus, Oh 43216), Harbor Masters Inc. (P.O. Box 4044 Station A, Portland, ME, 04102), D/S Leathers (824 21st St., Denver, CO 80205), Threshold (2554 Lincoln Blvd., Ste. 381, Marina Del Rey, CA 90291), Cornhauers L & L Club (P.O. Box 632 Des Moines, Ia 50303), Cincinnati Chaps (P.O. Box 3104, Cincinnati, OH 45201), & Outcasts (POB 31266 San Francisco, Ca. 94131). We are proud to have these organizations on our rosters for another rewarding year. D/S Leathers congratulate their policy of offering a 5% discount to NLA members.

WOMEN & AIDS CONFERENCE

The Columbus AIDS Task Force announces its forthcoming sponsorship of Ohio's first "Women & AIDS" Conference May 31- June 2, at the Hyatt Regency Columbus in Ohio Center. The theme is "Destroying the Myths, Empowering Our Future." The focus of the Conference is on improving HIV/AIDS education & education services to women. Plenary & Workshop sessions will attract over 400 medical professionals, service providers, & caregivers from Ohio & elsewhere. Among invited guests is Dr. A. Novello--the U.S.

Surgeon General, & Geraldine Oliva--Director of Family Health for San Francisco Public Health Dept. For information & registration, contact Columbus AIDS Task Force, 1500 W. 3rd Ave, #329, Columbus, OH 43212, (614)-488-2437.

NLA AT IML

Thanks to the generous donation by Back Door Promotions (producers of the International Mr. Leather Weekend) the National Leather Association invites you to our Hospitality Suite on Saturday, May 26th, at the Executive House in Chicago. The Suite will run from 1 to 4 PM in the Miro Room, on the 7th floor (same floor as registration & the Leather Bazaar) & will feature a cash bar. Several of the Chapters are cooperating to make this work, led by Shannon Kennedy of Detroit. We hope to see everyone attending International Mr. Leather there!

BONFIRE II

Windy City Bondage Club & Chicago Hellfire Club are cosponsoring Bonfire II, a series of parties during the International Mr. Leather weekend in Chicago.

PEP:NASHVILLE

A new group of People Exchanging Power is forming in Nashville in May. Contact Mistress Kay at P.O. Box 174, Bethlehem, TN 37155 (615-648-1937) for information.

THE MARQUIS TURNS 250

The Eulenspiegel Society is staging a Masquerade in celebration of the 250th birthday of Donatien-Alphonse-Francois, Comte de Sade, June 2 at 9:30 PM. Non-member admission is \$15 for men & \$8 for women. Call (212)-477-6588 in New York City for further information.

G.M.S.M.A.

Sunday, June 17, will feature GMSMA's seventh annual benefit Leather Pride Night, at the Limelight, 47 W. 20th St., NYC. Beneficiaries are the Heritage of Pride, the Gay & Lesbian Anti-Violence Project, & GMSMA's Hocutt-Ferguson PWA Assistance Fund. The 1990-1991 year will mark GMSMA's 10th Anniversary; watch for exciting plans. GMSMA's PWA Care Partner Support Group meets the 2nd & 4th Monday of each month. GMSMA may be contacted at 496A Hudson St., #D-23, NYC, NY, 10014, or at (212)-727-9878.

LEATHER WEEKEND '90

The event is set for July 20-22, in Guerneville, CA. Events include a cocktail mixer & slave auction, a motorcycle run, workshops, demos, exhibits, an arts & crafts fair, an Erotic Fantasy Masquerade Ball, Sunday brunch, leather fashion show, & scavenger hunt. For information, contact Fantastic Realities Unltd., 2261 Market St., #490, San Francisco, CA 94114.

THE RECRUITS

We regret to report that one of our Affiliate organizations, The Recruits, of Berkeley, Michigan, has ceased to be. We were proud to have them on our rosters, and will miss them.

NGRA CO-FOUNDER DIES

Donald C. Knutson, prominent San Francisco attorney who co-founded National Gay Rights Advocates (NGRA) and was a co-founder of Bay Area Lawyers for Individual Freedom (BALIF), died April 19, 1990 of complications from AIDS.

At USC he taught the first law school course in the nation on Homosexuality and the Law, and served as first faculty advisor to the Gay Student Union. He served as the

MICHIGAN

P.R. from the May 1990 Lavendar Network

"Every August, much like the mystical appearance of the fantasy town of Bragadood, a magical village appears among the farmlands of northwestern Michigan. Seven thousand women come together from all over the world to create a celebration of women's culture and diversity. This incredible event is called the Michigan Womyn's Music Festival."

"This year marks the fifteenth anniversary of this model for women's gatherings. ... Over 150 workshops are presented, from "Cat Lovers" to "Mennonite Lesbians," from "Healing with Crystals" to Sex and Sobriety." This year, some of the intensive workshops offered are "African American Storytelling," "Bodybuilding, Nutrition and Theory," "Country Western Dance," and "Healing and Humor."

"Five days at the Michigan Womyn's Music Festival is an experience beyond compare. This year's festival promises to be another great opportunity to be immersed in women's culture in a way not possible anywhere else on earth."

FROM FESTIVAL OWNERS

(Mailed by owners to an NLA member)
"The Subject of S/M in the womyn's community is one that has drawn our attention and illustrated our disparate views for years. It is indicative of the role of the Festival, as a reflector of our contemporary community issues, that this focus intensifies in Michigan during August."

first Legal Director of NGRA, and argued such cases as the Pacific Bell case, which resulted in a California State Supreme Court ruling protecting job rights for lesbians and gays. Last year, Mayor Agnos named October 16 as Don Knutson Day in San Francisco. Services were May 10 at San Francisco's First Unitarian Church; Mayor Agnos delivered the eulogy.

FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE

The Tridents of Central Massachusetts announces and encourages participation in From All Walks of Life, '90, a pledge walk to benefit AIDS care and research, scheduled for June 3, 1990, with the walk beginning at 10 AM. The walk is about 10 kilometers (6.2 miles) in length, beginning at Parkman Bandstand, Boston Common,

WOMEN'S MUSIC FESTIVAL

tival, as a reflector of our contemporary community issues, that this focus intensifies in Michigan during August."

"We acknowledge that for some womyn the actual presence of S/M womyn at the Festival is an issue. As Festival organizers we want all womyn to be able to participate fully in all parts of the Festival. Our difficulty has not been with the presence of S/M womyn in the Festival, but in the S/M gatherings that have taken place in recent years in sharp disregard for other womyn attending the Festival."

"We will not consider banning any particular group of womyn, and likewise, we won't ban any mode of dress, which we are pressed to do at different times. The Festival will prohibit certain activities organized by the S/M community. We say "certain activities" so that we don't overgeneralize about all activities that anyone may define as SM-identified. It is not OK for any group to "take over" community space for private parties or scenes, or to define community campgrounds or fire pits for the group's use. We will interrupt any parties that are started, and we will require consideration and support for community space. Likewise, we expect that all womyn who attend the Festival do so in agreement with the basic premise that our primary shared value for this time is one of consideration for the community space. We believe it is something we must all be able to depend upon in order to feel welcome and safe living interdependently with 7000 other people for a week."

Boston Massachusetts. Beneficiaries of net proceeds from the walk are a large number of AIDS service and research organizations. For information and pledge forms, contact the AIDS Action Committee at 131 Clarendon St., Boston, MA 02116.

TOUCHE REOPENS

The Windy City Bondage Club notes in their April newsletter the reopening of Touche at a new location, 6412 N. Clark, in Chicago. They offer thanks to Chuck Roedecker and Jerry Musleve for this prompt reopening. The great new bar has a black leather-only room in the back, and a 4:00 AM license.

"Many womyn feel that prohibiting SM activity at the Festival is a civil rights issue, or a freedom of speech issue. Womyn have the right to be who we are, to do as we please, and to have our sexual preferences. In these circumstances, acting out SM activity in an open air environment infringes other womyn's rights to move freely and safely without fear or horror. There is welcome for all womyn at the Festival. There isn't welcome for all behavior at the Festival. We encourage S/M womyn who want group activities to create their own event at another time and place with the necessary elements for privacy and community consent. We are not set up to provide this and it is not our purpose. Furthermore, we must be clear that we are unwilling to take the responsibility, and the comparable liability that would accompany a space defined by us in that way."

THE N.L.A. COMMENTS

Shannon Kennedy and J.C. Collins have been charged with the responsibility of writing a formal statement of the NLA's position on the statement released by the producers of the Michigan Womyn's Music Festival. The pervasive lack of understanding and education on needs of Leatherwomen in this statement needs to be addressed. We would appreciate your comments. For those on the East Coast please call Shannon at (313) 549-3851; on the West Coast call J.C. at (415) 871-2453.

REMEMBER TO VOTE

Our long-awaited National Bylaws were mailed to all NLA members in good standing on April 28, 1990. These Bylaws represent 18 months of work on the part of the National Council, the Executive, the Bylaws Committee, and many dedicated individual members. These Bylaws MUST be ratified in order for the NLA to continue its meteoric growth and development, into the

1990's and beyond. Each copy of these Bylaws mailed to a member contained a reply card--postpaid for U.S. members and without postage for International and Canadian members. Please take the time required to familiarize yourself with these Bylaws, and to mark the card: that you accept and ratify the Bylaws, or that you do NOT do so, and drop it back in the mail.

Absolute postmark deadline is June 11, 1990. Once the Bylaws are formally ratified, the NLA may proceed with its formal election of Co-Chairs and National Council At-Large representatives, which will occur during the summer, with the new officers and N.C. members seated during Living in Leather V. It is important that we hear from all of you.

HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED....

Ever wondered why we are called the National Leather Association, even though our second oldest Chapter is located in Canada and there are members in Germany, England, Finland, New Zealand, and Japan? Well, so do we. The Executive Committee is taking the suggestion to change the name to better represent the total pansexual Leather/SM/Fetish Community to heart and is asking for your suggestions.

You are encouraged to submit names and artwork. Artwork must be black and white only. Please keep dimensions to 8 1/2 x 11, remembering that if chosen art work will have to be reduced for letterhead and business cards. All artwork and suggestions may be sent to Shannon Kennedy, POB 725153, Berkley, MI 48072. (313)-549-3851.

Q.S.M.

Q.S.M. of San Francisco continues its dynamic series of presentations and workshops. A five part series is coming up Wednesday nights from May 16 to June 13, on *Spiritual Dimensions of SM*. May 16 Joseph Bean presents "Uncovering the Spiritual Options of your SM Path"; May 23 Raelyn Gallina and Martha Equinox present "The Fiery Way: SM, Past Lives, and Other Alternate Realities"; May 30th Ganymede presents "Erotic Immanence: Wiccan Ritual and Power Exchange"; June 6 Joseph Bean presents "SM & Religions Paths to God"; June 13th Wm. Henkin presents "Opening the Mine & Merging the Paths: SM, Psychotherapy, & Spirituality." June 1 to 29 will feature 4 Friday evening lecture/demos on *Tit and Genital Play*, featuring presentations by Tony DeBlase, Kaye, Amber, Thorn, and Cynthia Astuto. For information on either series of presentations, contact Box 520, 5251 Broadway, Oakland, CA 94618 or call (415)-428-1321.

THE ALTERNATIVE

We recently received a mailing from The Alternative, a DS Club located in Victoria, British Columbia. They are issuing a well-produced contact sheet, with personals and fiction. They are planning on publicizing the NLA, and say, "Perhaps we will be able to do a mutual make aware article in each of our releases, after all, there is so much prejudice against us all." They may be reached at Box 24008, Royal Oak P.O., Victoria, B.C., Canada, V8Z-7E7.

TO: THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, NATIONAL COUNCIL, AND GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

Some changes have been made in the By-Laws since they were approved by the National Council. These changes have caused some concerns. This letter is to let you know that the Executive Committee

is dealing with these changes in the following manner:

I will appoint at least two more members of the National Council to develop written explanations of these changes and how they impact on the intent of the originals as they were approved. The list of these changes and their explanations are to be published in the next issue of **First Link**. The changes will then be offered for amendment to the newly elected National Council in October. The Executive Committee is hopeful that this course of action will address the concerns expressed.

Thank you, Judy Tallwing-McCarthy, Co-Chair.

MR. & MS. VANCOUVER LEATHER 1990

This contest will be held at Graceland, 1250 Richards St., Alley Entrance, in Vancouver, B.C., Canada on Sunday, August 5, 1990. Doors open at 7 PM with the contest at 7:30 PM. Tickets are \$8 to July 1, \$10 to August 1, and \$12 thereafter. Tickets are available in Vancouver at Macks Leathers and the Vancouver Lesbian Centre, in Seattle at the Eagle and the Balcony, in Tacoma at the 24th St. Tavern, and in Portland, OR, at Spartacus. The competition will be a benefit for the Vancouver Lesbian Centre, Persons With AIDS, AIDS Vancouver, and Leather Star. Contest winners will go on to represent Vancouver in other contests such as International Ms. Leather, International Mr. Leather, Mr. & Ms. NLA, and the Puget Sound Mr. & Ms. Leather Contest.

EXEC. COMMITTEE MEETS

When the NLA gets together, not everything is "fun and games." During the recent gala MAY DAY weekend in Seattle, the Executive Committee met for two long and grueling sessions. The "Exec" was pleased to welcome several National Council members to participate in its long deliberations.

Among the business accomplished was the formal ratification of acceptance of our three newest chapters, **NLA:DALLAS**, **NLA:METRO NEW YORK**, and **NLA:VIRGINIA**. The Bylaws have been completed and mailed, and votes for ratification are being received. The site for Living in Leather VI has been chosen: Chicago. The Detroit chapter will be invited to host the Conference. The Director of LIL VI will be Shannon Kennedy. Shannon is working with leaders in Chicago, and the support of the Chicago Chapter in Formation of NLA is hoped for.

Publicity is progressing for LIL V, with a major push to be made at IML and during Pride weekends. The budget is VERY tight, though registrations are slightly ahead of last year. Chapters are each entitled to send at least 5 persons to help staff the Conference. A formalized structure for the Conference Committee was voted in, to take effect after LIL V.

The tentative list of nominees (subject to their acceptance of nomination) was approved. A Political Action Committee

will be established, to do targeted fundraising and to publish regular notes in the **First Link**. A proposal for changing the name of the NLA to better reflect its International components was received; a committee was formed to review suggestions from the membership and to prepare a report for the October National Council meeting.

Next Executive Committee Meeting has been set for August 24-27 in Chicago, with Shannon Kennedy as coordinator.

FANTASY '90 A New Decade of Unity in Leather

Fantasy '90 is announced for Omaha, Nebraska, July 20-21, 1990. This event is sponsored by Dustin Logan, TLJ Man of the Year 1990, & by *The Leather Journal*. The event features two nights of parties, a leather picnic, seminars & demonstrations, a Leather Fair, & "Fantasy," a hot leather Fantasy Show. Among the special guests are Brian Dawson (Mr. Drummer 1989), Jan Lyon (Ms NLA 1989 & TLJ Woman of the Year 1990), Jim Richards (Co-chair NLA), Shan Carr (IMSL Co-Woman of the Year 1989 & IMSL 1988), Dustin Logan (TLJ Man of the Year 1990), Gabrielle Antolovich (International Ms. Leather 1990), Susie Shepherd (International Ms. Leather 1989), Alan Selby (Mr. S Leathers & TLJ Man of the Year 1989), Judy Tallwing-McCarthy (Co-Chair NLA, International Ms. Leather 1987, TLJ Co-Woman of the Year 1989), Marcus Hernandez (B.A.R. columnist), & other title holders. The cost of the weekend is \$25.00 per person. Co-beneficiaries are the University of Nebraska Medical Center's Viral Syndrome Clinic & the National Leather Association. Registration & further information to Fantasy '90, P.O.Box 6364, Omaha, NE 68106-0634. Weekend packages must be picked up in Omaha the weekend of the event.

Host Hotel is the Ramada Inn - Airport. Call 1-800-228-2828 or 1-800-228-9075; rates are \$43 per night per room (1 to 4 persons). Official Travel Agency for Air Transport is the Lafayette Square Travel Co, 1801 Lafayette, St. Louis, MO 63104 (dial 1-800-727-1480).

FANTASY '90 REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____

Phone _____

Address _____

Enclose \$25.00 per person (\$30 after July 4, 1990) and mail to Fantasy '90, P.O.Box 6364, Omaha, Ne 68106-0634. I certify that I am at least 21 years of age.

Signature _____

Date _____

Post MAY DAY Droop. I'm sure I'm not the only one experiencing this after-event phenomenon: exhaustion, both physical and emotional. I must say it was a pleasure to be less responsible for a Seattle event, and my highest commendations for those who were. I especially note Wes Randall and Howard Martin who worked their very desirable butts and delivered to attendees a well paced, entertaining, and educational weekend. The workshops were well attended and presented a wide variety of viewpoints and experience. The first Mr/Ms NLA:Seattle contest was most professionally hosted by Shan Carr (IMSL '88) and judges included all 3 other holders of the IMSL title (What a Lineup!). Congratulations to Cooper Axton and Dean Trotter, chosen as Seattle's newest titleholders. All in all a rewarding event. Well done, Seattle!

Speaking of events--I must plug NLA:LA's tremendous plans for Gay Pride

MR & MS SOUTHBAY

Southbay Leather and Uniform Group (SLUGS) sponsors the First Annual Mr. and Ms. Southbay Leather Contest Saturday, June 9, at 8 PM, outdoors in the backyard of the Heat, 551 W. Julian St., San Jose, CA. Advance tickets are \$10; at the door admission is \$12. Emcee for the show is Shan Carr, and entertainment will be by Jacques Michaels and his Production Team and Kim Wallace. Among the judges are Steve Patten (Mr. Northern CA Drummer '89), Sky Renfro (a founder of International Ms. Leather), Teri Trotter (Ms. AZ Leather), and Susie Shepherd (IMSL 1989). This is the first ever chance for the South Bay to have its very own Mr. and Ms. Leather.

SLUGS is also planning a Tupperware Potluck Fundraising Dinner on May 31st, 7 PM. Contact SLUGS at 635 Stockton Ave., San Jose, CA 95126, for more information.

ON THE LIGHT SIDE

(Thanks to Lone Star PEP)

"A young man met a girl at the PEP newcomers' meeting; eager to make brownie points, he said, 'I'd like you for my Mistress.' She replied, 'whatever would your Mistress do with me?'"

"Pity the poor slave girl who caught poison ivy. She was itching to get out of her chains."

"My nomination for the disappointment of the month is the poor girl who told her boyfriend she'd love to be paddled, and he took her for a canoe ride!"

"You can't spell SMILE without SM. We really DO need S & M everyday."

VANGUARDS MC

Vanguards MC of Philadelphia will be celebrating "Leather in Dutch Country" June 23 when they celebrate at the Red Star Saloon in Reading, PA, from 9PM to 2 AM.

Scribbles

L.A. Chapter hopes to have 1,000 participants in the Leather/SM/Fetish Community segment of the Los Angeles Pride Parade. Considering the population of the greater L.A. Basin, this doesn't sound like a big deal--but to my knowledge, no community has ever been able to muster out anywhere near this number. From the response received so far they may make it. I hope so.

Might mention 2 other summer events--Fantasy '90 in Omaha and Gay Games '90 in Vancouver, BC. If you're planning travel, these are two events well worth considering.

Best wishes to all the contestants going to Chicago in the next couple of weeks for IML. I'm most pleased to note the number of NLA members participating in this, the Premier Men's Leather event.

This would also be an appropriate time to mention the incredible effort and success of Guy Baldwin as International Mr.

LEATHER W.I.S.D.O.M.

Leather Women Into Sadism Dominance Obedience Masochism has written, asking us to publicize them. They will be co-sponsoring a picnic Wed. June 20th to honor Alan Selby for his work in the leather community and AIDS fundraising, and plans a forthcoming Southbay Leather Mama and Mama's Girl Contest. The group is open to women of all shapes and sizes, ethnic backgrounds, and sexual preferences. Its goal will be to gather and share knowledge, safety, ideas, and anything of interest to women of leather and uniforms. For more information, write Leather W.I.S.D.O.M. at P.O. Box 2519, Santa Clara, CA 95055.

V.A.S.M.

VASM of Vancouver, BC, will be hosting the Mr. B.C. Drummer Contest on June 30 from 9PM to 1:30 AM at Ms T's in Vancouver. This is VASM's major fundraiser of the year, and they would appreciate all of our support.

MAJOR JOURNAL

The Committee to Preserve our Sexual and Civil Liberties issues an important publication, the Journal of Sexual Liberty, which should be required reading for all members of our Leather/SM/Fetish Community. They can use our support. Send \$10 for 1 year of the journal to P.O.Box 1592, San Francisco, CA 94101.

CLASSIFIED ADS:

Classified ads cost \$5.00 for the first 25 words, \$.25 for each additional word. Make checks payable to National Leather Association, POB 17463, Seattle, WA 98107. We do not provide forwarding service. Sexual solicitations and ads for roommates are not accepted.

Leather, 1989. No titleholder has ever demonstrated more dedication or invested more personal energy for our entire community. At the conclusion of this title year, Guy has earned our thanks and gratitude.

Finally, in conjunction with the Seattle MAY DAY weekend, I was most honored to be presented the Doug Connel Citizenship Award for 1990. The award recognizes long term service to our Leather/SM/Fetish Community, especially in the Pacific Northwest. I have long valued Doug's friendship and his quiet, conscientious work for our community. As a member of Zodiacs, Knights of Malta, and NLA, Doug traveled the Pacific Northwest, doing most anything requested or attending a wide variety of events. Doug was a constant strength and I am honored to receive the award which carries his name.

NLA MEMBERSHIP

Benefits of membership include THE FIRST LINK, discounts at NLA events and at various businesses serving our community, and participation in a national/international network serving educational, social, and charitable needs 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 below to join the NLA or to renew your membership.

Members can tell if their membership is expiring from their address label. The first 2 digits at the upper left indicate Year of expiration; the second 2 indicate month. Thus, a marking of "90.09" indicates membership expires Sept. 1, 1990.

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

FULL NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____

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(above info. is confidential)

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.

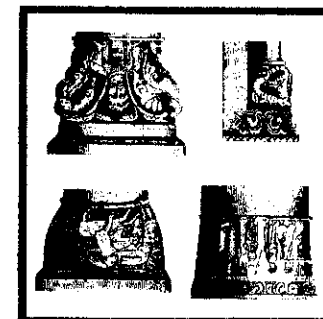
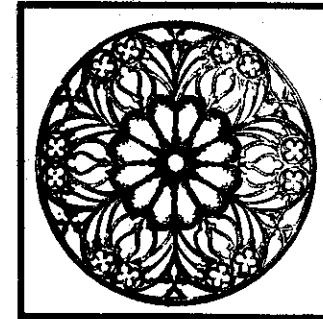
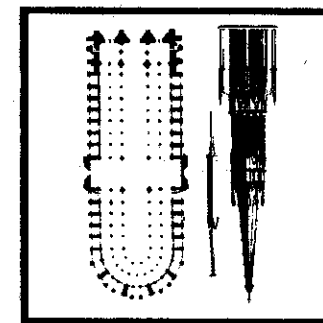
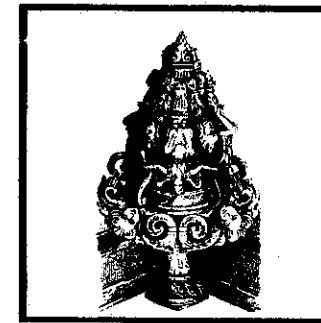
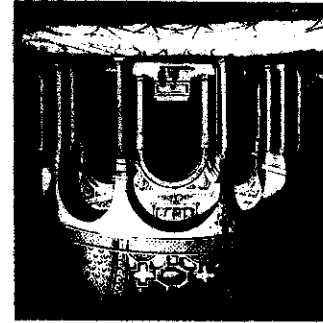
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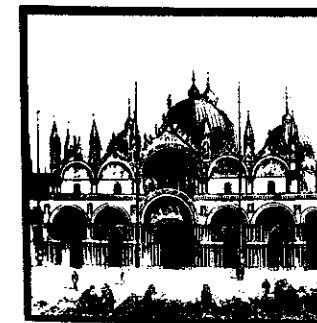
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