

Living in Leather ♡

Portland, Oregon

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WELCOME!!

This is a special issue of the *First Link*, being mailed to the entirety of the National Leather Association mailing list. Once a year, we mail to everyone on that list--all member and non-members, bars, organizations, businesses, and publications.

We do this mailing as a special endeavor to promote our Living in Leather Conferences. You will find much information about Living in Leather V in this issue. Study it, and then register. Living in Leather is our community's largest annual Conference, and it is open to all members

of the National/International Leather/SM/Fetish Community.

We are particularly excited about the many workshops and get-togethers this year. The hard-working groups and individuals of Portland welcome you, and we welcome you!

News from the Chapters

NLA:BC

The summer of 1990 promises to be a hectic one in Vancouver, BC, with the GAY GAMES coming to town. NLA:BC is participating in an event to be held during these games, the Mr. & Ms. Vancouver Leather Contest, which will occur Aug. 5, the same weekend as the Gay Pride Parade. The contest will be a fundraiser for the following organizations: Persons With AIDS, AIDS Vancouver, the Vancouver Lesbian Centre, and Leather Star. Anticipating a large influx of people for these events, Ron Neimeyer of NLA:BC is coordinating billeting for Vancouver leather-visitors. Get in touch with Ron if you will need billeting or can provide space, care of NLA:BC at 1170 Bute St. Vancouver, B.C. V6E-1Z6 Canada.

Leather title-holders from across the Pacific Northwest participated with Vancouver court leaders in a fund-raiser on May 12th, a leather and fantasy erotica event, at the Shaggy Horse. The evening featured song, dance, slaves, hot wax, chains, etc., and raised nearly \$900 which was distributed to PWA and Easter's Sundays.

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

NLA:Atlanta is establishing a bar night, the second Wednesday of the month, at Roughnecks. Atlanta is working on their Bylaws, bringing the necessary parts into concurrence with the Newly-Ratified National Bylaws, and expects to complete this procedure shortly. The members and lead-

ers are participating in a variety of the events being held throughout their area, such as Trademarks and the Southeastern Drummer Competition. The Chapter-in-Formation is advertising and reaching out to extend their membership. We look for great things from this fast-growing group.

NLA:SEATTLE

The election for Board Members is in progress. Seattle Chapter members should remember to return their ballots by the end of July. Seattle reports tremendous response to their two Pride weekends, especially the popularity of their photo booth at the post-Parade Pride Rally, where anyone who dared could be photographed in leather and fetish attire. Exciting fundraising plans are being proposed by Mr. NLA:Seattle Dale Trotter, including a formal dinner and erotic art show. Plans for a multi-club function honoring our community leather activists are in the works, while plans are already beginning for MAY DAY 1991. Next Board meeting is scheduled for July 29 at the IROC Cafe at 4 PM.

NLA:ARKANSAS

NLA:Arkansas (The Officers' Club) has just celebrated its first anniversary with Lock Up One, July 13-15. This event featured the first running of the Mr. & Ms. Arkansas Leather Contest, a Cruise on the Arkansas River, appearances by many dignitaries and title-holders, and more. Our heartiest congratulations to the members and officers of NLA:Arkansas for a job well done!

NLA:LOS ANGELES

Los Angeles proudly announces a triumph during their recent Pride parade. By far the largest contingent in the parade was the Leather contingent, which stretched over two blocks according to Ms. NLA Jan Lyon. Spearheaded by Race Bannon, the nucleus around which the Los Angeles formed, with much help from Karen Kirshner & The Leather Journal, and NLA:LA, a contingent of over 400 Leather/SM/Fetish People walked as one unit, with honored dignitaries riding in floats and convertibles. Titleholders included Jan Lyon, Guy Baldwin, Brian Dawson, Gabrielle Antolovich, and Javier. Grand Marshall was Elvira, with leather community attendants. Race reports that the contingent was a big hit with the audience of 375,000. Imagine what it will be like next year!

NLA:SAN DIEGO

The San Diego Chapter has just held an NLA campout in Jamul, including socializing, fun, games, and a general membership meeting. This FREE event provided opportunities for cabin, tent, and al fresco camping, indoor plumbing, and a swimming pool. August 12 will feature a scavenger hunt (with prizes), a general membership meeting, and a potluck. Work will be starting soon on Leatherfest 1991, while plans are in the works for a mini-Octoberfest, a November dress leather dinner, and a December toy drive and party.

N.L.A. CALENDAR

****JULY, 1990****

20	DETROIT Bar Night: Best Ass Eagle	Detroit
24	SAN FRAN. BAY AREA Meeting 7:30	S.F. Amelia's

29	SEATTLE Board Mtng 4 PM	Seattle IROC Cafe
AUGUST, 1990		
3	SAN DIEGO Beer Bust	San Diego Wolf's

4	VIRGINIA Meeting 6PM	Richmond, VA
5	DENVER Beer Bust 4-7	Alexander's Rst. Denver, CO
8	ATLANTA Bar Night	Southtown Atlanta Roughnecks

YOUR NEWS IS NEEDED

You do not see too much news from our Chapters this month; after Pride celebrations in our many communities, our groups are having a more quiet month. Whether you belong to an NLA Chapter or to any other Leather/SM/Fetish organization, send us your news, so that the pages of the **First Link** may be enriched, and so that you may receive some much-deserved publicity!

LIL WORKSHOPS

Tony and Karen thank everyone who sent in workshop suggestions. They have used many of the suggestions, although sometimes in modified form, to draw up their tentative list of workshops. They would like to invite chapters, affiliates, and individual members to recommend panelists for the workshops; they can't promise to invite everyone who's suggested, but would love to get good geographic and sexual orientation representation. Many of their workshop plans (tentative) are listed on our Conference pages in this issue.

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, & were pleased to be working with her again this year.

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, & 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) & 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). Your communications will be held in confidence.

We cannot provide scholarships for the economically disadvantaged, but another route is open to those on reduced incomes: we need a large number of individuals eager to "work their way" into Living in Leather, to staff the large number of activities, & to set up & 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 event, & to participate in Living in Leather V. You may also leave your name & address on our answering machine, at (206)-789-8990, if you wish to be sent information.

N.L.A. ADDRESS LIST

The National Leather Association is a growing network of individuals, Chapters, & 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

N.L.A. CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER, 1990

1	VIRGINIA Meeting 6PM	Richmond, VA Alexander's Rst. Denver, CO
2	DENVER Beer Bust 3-6	
7	SAN DIEGO Beer Bust	San Diego Wolf's
8	ARKANSAS Meeting, Program, Bar Nt	Little Rock Chaps
9	SAN DIEGO Gen.Meeting	San Diego Wolf's
9	BC Board Meeting	Vancouver GLC
9	SEATTLE Bar Night	Seattle, WA Balcony
10	PORTLAND Gen.Mtg	Portland, OR Embers
12	ATLANTA Bar Night	Atlanta Roughnecks
13	SAN DIEGO Bd.of Directors Mtng	San Diego
21	DETROIT Bar Night:Body Harns Eagle	Detroit
18	SAN FRAN.BAY AREA S.F. Executive Meeting	
22	DENVER Social	Denver, CO
23	SEATTLE Board Mtng 4 PM	Seattle IROC Care
25	SAN FRAN.BAY AREA S.F. Meeting 7:30	Amelia's

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 1084 New York City, NY 10156 212-686-5248 (BBS & Voicemail)

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 P.O.Box 855, San Francisco, CA 94101-0855 415-652-2067

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

HOTELS FOR L.I.L.

Headquarters hotel is the Red Lion/Coliseum, phone 503-235-8311; backup hotels are the Execu-Lodge, phone 503-235-8433, and the Comfort Inn, 503-233-7933. The Comfort Inn has just been added to our list as a Living in Leather Hotel; it offers attractive rates (\$40 per night, multiple occupancy okay) and is about the same distance from the Coliseum as the Execu-Lodge, at 431 NE Multnomah, 97232. The Comfort Inn is a small hotel, so sign up soon.

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OCTOBER, 1990

4	DENVER Beer Bust 7-10	Denver, CO Southtown
5	SAN DIEGO Beer Bust	San Diego Wolf's
6	VIRGINIA Meeting 6PM	Richmond, VA Alexander's Rst.
7	DENVER Dinner 6-8 PM	Denver, CO Detour
10	ATLANTA Bar Night	Atlanta Roughnecks
13	ARKANSAS Meeting, Program, Bar Nt	Little Rock Chaps
14	SAN DIEGO Gen.Meeting	San Diego Wolf's
14	BC Board Meeting	Vancouver GLC
14	SEATTLE Bar Night	Seattle, WA Balcony
19	DETROIT Bar Night:Fantasy	Detroit Eagle
20	DENVER F&F Ball 8-12 PM	Denver, CO Gallery
25-28	N.L.A. Living in Leather V Mr. & Ms. NLA Contest N.C.Meetings General Membership Meeting	Portland, OR

Living in Leather V



Portland, Oregon

The Big News is that LIVING IN LEATHER V, the 1990 NLA Conference, is coming up soon. Conferences I to IV have won stature & recognition for the NLA, as the host of what has to be the grandest Leather/SM/Fetish Conference around, anywhere. Big plans are in store this year,

Workshops

Tony DeBlase of Desmodus & Karen Mendelsohn of QSM are coordinating workshops this year, & this year expect something a little bit different! Among the workshops that are "in the works" are such varied & fascinating topics as "Arrest Procedures: Handcuffs, Nightsticks, and Strip Search," "Gay/Lesbian/Bi/Straight--ARE We one Community?," "Fisting & Other Penetration Play," "Professionals and their

Vendors

Our exhibits & vendors area will be bigger than ever this year. We are expecting several of our nation's preeminent vendors to display their choicest wares, & an astounding array of artisans & gifted craftsmen whose works will adorn our bodies &

Afterglow

Kevin Koessel and SpreadEagle Productions will be following up on their smash hit of 1989 with the 1990 Afterglow Party. It will be the closing event of LIL V, & features our own Leather/SM/Fetish Family performing erotic & artistic gems for our

& now is your chance to register for the event that NOONE will want to miss!

Note that registrations mailed before September 15 will receive a significant savings. If you do NOT belong to the NLA, now would be a good chance to join, as members receive a significant discount on

Workshops

Clients," "SM & Spirituality," & "Verbal Abuse & Dirty Talk." Other topics will include Gender Play, SM Businesses, Beginning to Play, Political Lobbying, SM and the Physically Challenged, Self-SM, Children in an SM Household. Tentative demonstration topics include whipping, piercing, cutting, electricity, and caning. Many of the best-known leatherpersons from around the country are being asked to participate

Vendors

our play-rooms. Ms NLA Jan Lyon & National Secretary/Link Editor George Nelson will be coordinating this aspect of the Conference. Be sure to bring along some spending money, as the goods on view will be irresistible!

Afterglow

enjoyment. If you wish to be among our featured talent, write Kevin c/o the National P.O. Box. Andy Mangels of ORGASM guarantees BIGGER, BETTER, and HOTTER dungeons for attendees! ORGASM will be

Mr./Ms NLA

Jan Lyon & Guy Baldwin will be stepping down from their titles as Ms. & Mr. NLA, & new winners of these prestigious titles will be chosen. You can just bet the competition will be fierce! Mr. & Ms. NLA represent the NLA everywhere, & may be

seen at most of the major leather events of North America. Competitors should be willing to "work their buns off" (almost--Jan & Guy still, at last report, have their backsides, but have worn out their voice-boxes & their legs).

Living in Leather NATIONAL LEATHER ASSOCIATION

This year, registration will be at the Red Lion/Coliseum on Thursday evening, & will occur at the Memorial Coliseum from Friday on. A Hospitality suite will be featured at the Red Lion/Coliseum on Thursday. Friday evening will feature a Mack MacKinnon Travel Fund fundraiser at a local pub. Throughout the mega-weekend, 12-step meetings are scheduled. Friday will feature the Opening Ceremonies, the Annual General Meeting of the NLA, as well as opportunities for special-interest

caucuses (among others, we expect gatherings for Wiccans, for swingers, & for organists, singers, and members of other musical groups; if you have a special interest and wish to arrange a caucus, let us know at the National P.O.Box).

For details on hotels, transportation, scholarships, and work opportunities, see over. If you are interested in exhibiting in our art show, details are available elsewhere in this issue.

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their registration fee (as well as at most Chapter events around the country). A Conference Registration form will be found in this issue of FIRST LINK. A membership form is located inside the back cover.

Demos

in panels, workshops, & demos this year. The leaders of our Community are truly fantastic people, & this is our chance to meet them, & to learn from them & with them. Workshops & demos will be run on a four-track basis this year; you won't be able to see everything, but boy oh boy what you see will be great!

SM Art Show

J.C. of San Francisco is planning a professional display of the hottest SM Art & Photography Around! Those who have seen our art displays at LIL II to IV will be surprised at the quality & quantity of work being offered in 1990!

Dungeons

hosting three nights of play parties this year (limited to LIL attendees and ORGASM members only). How can they top last year's terrific play parties? Come & find out! A form for dungeon registration is included in this issue of FIRST LINK.

NLA members are eligible to compete in this event.

At our contest & at our Conference, you'll be able to meet many of the preeminent titleholders & celebrities of the leather scene.



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FROM SALLEE HUBER,
DIRECTOR

Welcome to the summer season of planning for Living in Leather V. Many changes and additions to the Conference weekend have already been made that promise to make LIL V a leather event no one will want to miss.

New to Living in Leather is the inclusion of the MR. and MS. NLA Contest. The National Contest had been held during Seattle's "May Days" the first three years of its existence, but is now scheduled for the Conference, to better reflect the scope of the title.

Another welcome addition will be expanded Dungeon times. The Oregon Guild Activists of SM (ORGASM) will be hosting 3 full nights of play in their new space, the largest permanent dungeon facility in North America. The Dungeons will be limited to Conference participants and mem-

bers of ORGASM to insure ample play space for all. There are many new pieces of equipment, and a layout that should please almost everyone.

We have a new host hotel this year. Even closer to the Conference site, the Red Lion (Coliseum) promises a friendly, professional environment. Like most major hotels, they do however request that we observe standard guest dress codes in the Lobby and Restaurants. This basically means no bare chests or buns, though a well-placed jacket will hide many "sins."

As always, the Conference will feature Exhibitors and Vendors offering a huge selection of goods and services not normally found in a single location.

The wealth of knowledge and expertise offered by our many workshop presenters is likewise hard to find outside such a gathering as Living in Leather. Tony DeBlase and Karen Mendelsohn have done an outstanding job in selecting a wide range of

topics that should prove to be of great interest and value to our whole community.

There will be a host of other events and activities throughout the weekend. These include a nightly 50-50 raffle for the Mack MacKinnon Travel Fund, a repeat of last year's very popular "Afterglow" party, and various meetings of the NLA General Membership and Governing Bodies.

The site of workshops, exhibits, & registration will be the Portland Memorial Coliseum. Headquarters hotel is the Red Lion/Coliseum, phone 503-235-8311; backup hotels are the Execu-Lodge, phone 503-235-8433, and the Comfort Inn, 503-233-7933.

Whether your pursuits be play, personal, or political, Portland will provide welcome, challenge, and stimulation during Living in Leather V -- see you there!

A registration form is included below for your convenience. Note the cost savings to be made by registering NOW.

WHY LIVING IN LEATHER

As short a time ago as 4 years, in most places, leathermen & leatherwomen did not mix. Most of us gays & dykes didn't know ONE kinky straight person. Most of us were invisible. Our organizations were many, but not "together." The only "networking" around was through publications such as **Drummer** (for gay men) & **Dungeon Master** (for gays, but read by all serious players). Our only "group" occasions were the runs held by some of our senior clubs, & *Hellfire*.

Then, in 1986, in Seattle of all places, plans were made & Living in Leather I was held, with about 95 attendees, & with some fantastic workshops, parties, & vendors. In 1986 the National Leather Association was born, as the host of the Conference, & as its major child. Difficult times lay ahead, but by Living in Leather II in 1987, the audience had broadened to 196 attendees, more workshops, more play parties, & some fine pomp & show.

Living in Leather III grew tremendously (to 366 attendees) & represented a growth in stature & professionalism, with more workshop presenters from around the country, with tighter scheduling, & represented at the same time a milestone in the growth of the NLA, for it was at meetings during this Conference that a merger between NLA & SSCA (resulting from the March on Washington in 1987 & the Dallas meetings in 1988) was begun. In witness of this growing presence & visibility, Living in Leather IV in 1989 brought yet more registrants (418) & better workshops & exhibits. This was the first Conference held outside of Seattle, Washington, & it was a success. During this Conference, meetings determined the conclusion of the major work on National Bylaws (which have just been ratified by the membership). By now, a basic pattern of Conferences had been established: lots of really good workshops, as many vendors as possible, play parties, parties, education & entertainment.

This year, 1990, will witness Living in Leather V, in Portland, Oregon, & perhaps the last west coast Conference for some time. We expect perfection: our Committees & Chairs are functioning perfectly, EXTRA-HOT workshops are in the works, a dynamite Mr/Ms NLA Contest is being planned, ORGASM is polishing its dungeon chains, & people are sweating & panting in their eagerness to attend. We expect more attendees, from further places, to see more & better workshops, & to play harder & learn more than ever before any where at any time in any place!!!

ARTISTS WANTED

The NLA is currently accepting & 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 & 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 & 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 & from the Conference. All submissions MUST include your name, address & 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.

TRIDENT CENTRAL MASS.

Trident International of Central Mass. offers its congratulations to its spokesman, Peter Mandly, for raising over \$500 for the AIDS benefit "From All Walks of Life." The organization has just hosted Mr. Central Mass. Drummer contest. Contact them at P.O.Box 3054, Worcester, MA 01613-3054.

PEP:ALBUQUERQUE

July 21 features a Hot Tub and Pot Luck party; submissives bring Main course dish and dominants bring drinks, salads, etc. Switchers may choose. For information, call 505-764-5711.

GAY RESCUE MISSION

The Gay Rescue Mission of San Francisco has had to increase its spending significantly since the recent disastrous earthquake (which helped cause a 45% increase in clients). Their activities include a drop-in center, serving 100 free meals daily, and providing clothing, shelter, 12-step, health, and carry-out grocery programs. Their primary clientele are the homeless persons with AIDS/HIV. The Gay Rescue Mission is volunteer-operated; the food is donated by the government and the grocery program is paid for by the Family Services Agency. They need blankets, clothing, bric-a-brac for their auctions, and rent money. They attempt to secure short-term jobs for those of their clients able to work. Their normal fundraising consists of mailings and a monthly auction at the Watering Hole. They will be forced to increase revenue or cut services when some of their funding sources expire, and are looking for funds and fundraising ideas. They may be contacted at 1080 Folsom St., San Francisco, CA 94103-4022, or at 415-863-4882 or 415-431-2188.

NEW AFFILIATE

We are proud to announce a new Affiliate of the NLA, United Leatherfolk of Connecticut, at P.O.Box 731, Middletown, CT 06457. Founder and Grand High Exalted Poobah of this group is Laura Goodwin. The primary purpose of the group is to provide a safe environment for B & D people to meet, and provide support services for dominance enthusiasts. Laura founded and lead the Denver Area Doms & Subs (DADS) & wrote for their newsletter, the Cufflink. She also writes a column for T.E.S., and has written for the Essemian Way (quarterly of the Service of Mankind Church), and Denver's

Rocky Mountain Oyster and Pleasure Guide.

United Leatherfolk of Connecticut welcomes visitors from other B & D organizations. They will extend to any NLA member, or member of affiliated groups or Chapters, honorary membership and full membership benefits in ULC.

We are also proud to welcome the renewal of the Commercial Affiliation of **GAUNTLET, INC.** of 2377 Market St., San Francisco, CA. Gauntlet specializes in Piercing, Jewelry, Crystals, New Age Jewelry, and Publications (including *Piercing Fans International Quarterly*). They cater to all leatherpersons of all orientations. They offer mail order c/o 8720 Santa Monica Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90069. President of Gauntlet, Inc., is Jim Ward, who will be remembered by attendees at the last several LIL Conferences for his dynamic Workshop presentations, and for his great merchandise. Jim has also presented numerous piercing clinics and provided many of us with our piercings and body jewelry.

Also, this month, we are proud to announce that two of our pioneer Affiliates have rejoined the NLA: Shelix of Northampton, MA, and Leathermasters, Inc., of Los Angeles. Shelix provides S/M support meetings, education, consciousness-raising, technical and safety demonstrations, social activities, networking, personal contacts, outreach and speakers for political and educational events. It is especially for Lesbians and Bisexual Women, and may be contacted at P.O.Box 416, Florence Station Northampton, MA 01060. Leathermasters has been an active social and political force in L.A. for some time, and celebrates its 8th Anniversary this September. Their address is Leathermasters, Inc., 4470-107 Sunset Blvd, Suite 293, Los Angeles, CA 90027.

ORGASM

ORGASM of Portland, OR, sponsors the Pacific Northwest Mr. Drummer finals on July 28, 8 to 11 PM, at their permanent headquarters at 333 NE Hancock. This will be followed by a Men-Only Dungeon Play Party.

ORGASM OF PORTLAND PRESENTS L.I.L. DUNGEONS

ORGASM presents the largest indoor dungeon in North America October 26-28, 1990. Three nights of play at special prices for LIL V registrants & 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 _____

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. 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
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)

NATIONAL CALENDAR

JULY, 1990

20 *OUTCASTS S.F.
 Program
 *LONE STAR P.E.P. Dallas, TX
 TV Night
 *KNIGHTS D'ORLEAN New Orleans
 Club Night Phoenix
 *ORGASM Portland, OR
 Super Jacks Party
 GRIFFINS MC Wilmington, DE
 Bar Night Renaissance
 M-C MEN OF New Mex. Albuquerque
 Leather Shed 9PM ASC
 V.A.S.M. Vancouver, BC
 Social Night Shaggy Horse
 *NLA:DETROIT Detroit
 Bar Night: Best Ass
 LTHR UNITED CHCGO Chicago, IL
 Club Night AA Meat Mkt
 Fantasy '90 Omaha, NB
 Benefit/Show/Fair
 *THE FIFTEEN S.F.
 Rancho Cicada Weekend
 Russ. Rvr. Leather Wknd
 CLUB DOMENTIA S.F.
 S/M Womens' Camp Guerneville
 *THRESHOLD L.A.
 Program
 *LONE STAR P.E.P. Dallas, TX
 Pot Luck/Foot Fetish 7PM
 *THE FIFTEEN S.F.
 Party
 Cleveland L/L Clubs Cleveland, OH
 Bare as You Dare Benefit L.S.S.
 Mr. Netherland Drummer Amsterdam
 PEP: ALBUQUERQUE Albuquerque
 Hot Tub/Pot Luck
 PITTSBURGH MC Pittsburgh, PA
 Mtn Toledo OH
 *CINCINNATI CHAPS Cincinnati, OH
 Club Night in Cleveland (tent.)
 *CHICAGOLD DIS GP Chicago, IL
 Social "Indoor Beach Party"
 Multi-Club Benefit Chicago
 Cream City Cumrs Milwaukee, WI
 JO Party
 LEATHER & LACE L.A.
 Program: Electricity
 M-C MEN OF New Mex. Albuquerque
 Monthly Meeting
 *ORGASM Portland, OR
 Workshops/Demos
 SLM COPENHAGEN Copenhagen, Dn
 Summer Night Party
 22-23 THE CLUB Omaha, NE
 Party
 EULENSPIEGEL SOC. N.Y.C.
 SM Off Beaten Path
 23 SPEARHEAD Toronto, ONT
 Board Meeting
 NY STRAP/PADL ASC NYC
 Meeting
 GMSMA NYC
 PWA Care Partner Support Group
 *NLA: SFBAC S.F.
 Meeting 7:30
 V.A.S.M. Amelia's
 Vancouver, BC
 Support/Social/Demo GLC
 EULENSPIEGEL SOC. N.Y.C.
 Consciousness Raising
 Daddy's & Dungeons VA
 Party
 24 NY BONDAGE CLUB NYC
 Meeting
 AVATAR L.A.
 Program Meeting
 EULENSPIEGEL SOC. N.Y.C.
 Women's Night: Female Secrets
 25 SLM OSLO Oslo, Norway
 Midweek Party
 *THRESHOLD L.A.
 Couples' Rap Group
 *CHICAGOLD DIS GP Chicago, IL
 Leather Fetish Bar Nite
 *SOCIETY OF JANUS S.F.
 Reorientation 7:30
 *ORGASM Portland, OR
 Mixed Dungeon
 *YOSEMITE C:KNT MLT Fresno, CA
 Beer Bust Red Lantern
 *OUTCASTS S.F.
 Program: Dungeon Building
 WNDY CTY BNDG CLB Chicago
 Party CHC Clubhouse
 V.A.S.M. Vancouver, BC
 Pub Night 9PM Ms. T's

27 S.F. Leatherdaddy C. S.F.
 27-29 UNICORN MC Cleveland, OH
 Nites of the Full Moon Run
 27-29 MSC FINLAND Helsinki, FIN
 Finlandization 4
 27-29 ATONS Minneapolis
 Gopher IX
 *LONE STAR P.E.P. Dallas, TX
 28 Potluck
 TRIDENT, CENTRAL MASS Worcester
 Meeting Mailbox
 *ORGASM Portland, OR
 Pac. NW Mr. Drummer Contest
 Men Only Dungeon
 28 CENTURIONS Cleveland
 LSS
 Bar Night Wash, DC
 SPARTANS MC Philadelphia
 & VANGUARDS MC Philadelpia
 Leather Sweat Social Bike Stop, Phil.
 28 *SHADES OF GREY Dallas, TX
 Mr. Gulf Coast Drummer
 29 *TRADESMEN Charlotte, NC
 Meeting/Program
 Bar Night
 29 CHICAGO HELLFIRE Chicago, IL
 Clubhouse
 Party 5 PM S.F.
 *Q.S.M.
 Art of Caning
 29 *NLA: SEATTLE Seattle
 Board Meeting 4PM IROC Cafe
 M-C MEN OF New Mex. Albuquerque
 Elections 1 PM ASC
 29 *SEATTLE MEN LTHR Seattle
 Bar Night Balcony
 29 STALLIONS Cleveland
 L.S.S.
 Bar Night
 30 EULENSPIEGEL SOC. N.Y.C.
 SM Thru Ages: 20th Century
 30 SIGMA Wash., D.C.
 Wash. Eagle
 31 EULENSPIEGEL SOC. N.Y.C.
 Members Only Playtime
 31 Leather/Latex Night Seattle
 Re-Bar

AUGUST, 1990

1 CHICAGO HELLFIRE Chicago, IL
 SM University AA Meat Market
 2 Mr/Ms Red Lantern C. Fresno
 *LONE STAR P.E.P. Dallas, TX
 Newcomers Mtng 7:30 PM
 2 First Thursday L.A.
 Griff's
 2 S.F. Leather Daddy's Boy S.F.
 *THRESHOLD L.A.
 Griff's
 2 Bar Night Dallas
 *LONE STAR PEP
 Party
 2 M-C MEN OF New Mex. Albuquerque
 Club Night/Towel Party ASC
 V.A.S.M. Vancouver, BC
 3 Pub Night/Gay Games Ms. T's
 San Diego
 3 *NLA: SAN DIEGO Wolf's
 New Orleans
 3 Beer Bust
 *KNIGHTS D'ORLEAN New Orleans
 Invitation Only Pool Party
 *TRADESMEN Charlotte, NC
 Club Nite--Dog Days Brass Rail
 *Q.S.M. S.F.
 3-5 Medical Play Weekend
 SLM Stockholm Stockholm, SW.
 Baltic Battle 13
 *NLA: VIRGINIA Richmond, VA
 Meeting 6PM Alexander's Rst.
 *ROCKY MOUNTNRS Denver
 Compound
 4 Bar Night Westport, CT
 THUNDERBOLTS The Brook
 Bar Night Albuquerque
 4 M-C MEN OF New Mex. RRMC RR Campout/Meeting
 *NLA: DENVER Denver, CO
 Southtown
 L.A.
 5 Beer Bust 4-7
 *THRESHOLD L.A.
 Orientation
 5 Mr/Ms Vancouver Lthr Vancouver, BC
 6-12 Black Hills MC Classic
 50th Anniv. Rally STURGIS, SD
 DREIZEHN Cambridge, MA
 Meeting Paradise
 *CHICAGOLD DIS GP Chicago, IL
 Women's Rap Group
 *NLA: ATLANTA Atlanta
 Roughnecks
 Bar Night San Diego
 *NLA: SAN DIEGO
 Bd. of Directors Mtng
 9 VASM/*NLABC/Boots Vancouver, BC
 Pub Night Ms. T's

10 *ORGASM Portland, OR
 Super Jacks Party
 10-12 Trident Rhode Island Providence
 17th Anniv. Run
 10-12 POCONO WARRIORS NYC
 Mountain Weekend
 10-12 MSC HAMBURG Hamburg, W. Ger
 Europe's Leatherparty #1
 11 PORTLAND PWR TRST Portland, OR
 Meeting
 11 *LONE STAR P.E.P. Dallas, TX
 Club Party 7:30 PM
 11 PORTLAND LTHRMN Portland, OR
 Potluck
 11 *NLA: LOS ANGELES L.A.
 Bondage as Art
 *ORGASM Portland, OR
 Ancient Costume Potluck
 11 CHICAGO HELLFIRE Chicago, IL
 Clubhouse
 11 *NLA: ARKANSAS Little Rock
 Meeting/Program
 Bar Night Chaps
 11 MSC HALLAMSHIRE Gt. Brit
 Barbecue
 11 TRIDENT INTL., D.C. Wash. D.C.
 Alexandria, VA
 Meeting Cincinnati, OH
 *CINCINNATI CHAPS Cincinnati, OH
 Club Night
 *NLA: BC Vancouver, BC
 Board Meeting 7PM VGLC
 V.A.S.M. Vancouver, BC
 12 Bar-B-Que
 *CINCINNATI CHAPS Cincinnati, OH
 Monthly Meeting
 12 MANSFIELD BUCKS Burlington, VT
 Pearls
 12 *ORGASM Portland, OR
 Workshop & Demo
 12 WASATCH LTHERMN Salt Lake City
 Meeting
 *OUTCASTS S.F.
 Steering Committee
 *NLA: SAN DIEGO San Diego
 Scavenger Hunt/Gen. Mtng Wolf's
 *NLA: SEATTLE Seattle, WA
 Balcony
 12 TRIDENT, RHD. ISL. Providence
 Galaxy
 13 CHICAGO HELLFIRE Chicago, IL
 Clubhouse
 13 *NLA: PORTLAND Portland, OR
 General Meeting Embers
 NYC
 13 GMSMA NYC
 PWA Care Partner Support Group L.A.
 *THRESHOLD
 Business Meeting Portland, OR
 Embers
 14 Gen. Mshp Mtng Chicago, IL
 *CHICAGOLD DIS GP
 Program Night
 V.A.S.M. Vancouver, BC
 14 Board Meeting 7PM GLC
 16 SPEARHEAD Toronto, ONT
 Tool Box
 Eugene, OR
 16 EUGENE LTHR ALLNC The Riv
 Detroit
 *NLA: DETROIT
 Bar Night: Body Decor Eagle
 *OUTCASTS S.F.
 Program
 *KNIGHTS D'ORLEAN New Orleans
 Club Night Phoenix
 17 M-C MEN OF New Mex. Albuquerque
 Leather Shed 9-2 ASC
 *NLA: DENVER Denver, CO
 Social
 17 LTHR UNITED CHCGO Chicago, IL
 Club Night AA Meat Mkt
 17 GRIFFINS MC Wilmington, DE
 Renaissance
 Las Vegas
 17-19 LIFESTYLES Las Vegas
 Convention
 17-19 HIJOS DEL SOL/TUCSON City of Rocks
 17-19 KNIGHT OWLS Camp Houston, TX
 SUNDANCE CTTL CO.
 10th Anniversary
 17-19 ARGONAUTS Green Bay, WI
 Northwoods
 *CINCINNATI CHAPS Cincinnati, OH
 Bar Night in Toledo (tent.)
 18 CHICAGO HELLFIRE Chicago, IL
 Clubhouse
 18 SM University: Lab Pittsburgh, PA
 PITTSBURGH MC
 Picnic Bridgeport Ohio
 *THE FIFTEEN S.F.
 Party



NATIONAL CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER, 1990

18 *THRESHOLD L.A.
 Program
 *LONE STAR P.E.P. Dallas, TX
 Pot Luck Dinner 7:30
 18 RIDERS MC Boston, MA
 Mr. New England Drummer
 19 SPEARHEAD Toronto, ONT
 Board Meeting
 20 *THRESHOLD L.A.
 Women's Rap Group
 21 *NLA: SFBAC S.F.
 Executive Meeting
 21 *ORGASM Portland, OR
 Exec. Board Meeting
 21 *THRESHOLD L.A.
 Men's Rap Group
 23 *CHICAGOLD DIS GP Chicago, IL
 Leather/Fetish Bar Nite AA Meat Market
 24 *ORGASM Portland, OR
 Super Jacks Party
 24 V.A.S.M. Vancouver, BC
 Shaggy Horse
 Social Night Rochester, NY
 24-26 ROCHESTER RAMS Rochester, NY
 Outer Limits Run
 24-26 M.C. FAUCON Montreal, Can
 Migration 90
 24-26 BLACK ANGELS KOLN Aachen, W. Ger
 Grillparty on the Rhine
 24-27 *SEATTLE MN IN LTHR Seattle, WA
 Index Campgrnd
 24-27 MSC ICELAND Iceland
 Leather Summit
 24-27 SUSSEX LANCERS Brighton
 Brighton Bound
 25 *ORGASM Portland, OR
 Mixed Dungeon
 25 TRIDENT, CENTRAL MASS Worcester
 Meeting Mailbox
 26 *NLA: SEATTLE Seattle
 Board Mtng 4 PM IROC Care
 26 *NLA: DENVER Denver, CO
 Social: Cheeseman Park Fun
 *SEATTLE MEN LTHR Seattle
 Balcony
 27 SIGMA Wash., D.C.
 Wash. Eagle
 27 GMSMA NYC
 PWA Care Partner Support Group
 28 V.A.S.M. Vancouver, BC
 Support/Social/Demo GLC
 28 Leather/Latex Night Seattle
 Re-Bar
 28 *NLA: SFBAC S.F.
 Meeting 7:30 Amelia's
 28-30 Fresno Leatherfest Fresno, CA
 *THRESHOLD L.A.
 Couples' Rap Group
 31 V.A.S.M. Vancouver, BC
 Ms. T's
 Pub Night 9PM Chicago
 WNDY CTY BNDG CLB CHC Clubhouse
 Memphis, TN
 31-Sept. 2 WINGS MEMPHIS Memphis, TN
 Flight 6/Mr. Southern Lthr
 31-Sept. 2 MS AMSTERDAM Amsterdam
 20th Birthday Party
 31-Sept. 3 SPEARHEAD Toronto, ONT
 Camp Nu Moon
 Wash., D.C.
 31-Sept. 3 CENTAUR MC Wash., D.C.
 20th Jubilee: Olympia XI
 31-Sept. 3 CORPUS CHR. RBL S Corpus Christi
 Rebellion 1990

OCTOBER, 1990

1 *ROCKY MOUNTNRS Denver
 Compound
 1 THUNDERBOLTS Westport, CT
 The Brook
 1 CHICAGO HELLFIRE Chicago, IL
 Clubhouse
 Party 5 PM Richmond, VA
 1 *NLA: VIRGINIA Alexander's Rst.
 Meeting 6PM Denver, CO
 2 Beer Bust 3-6
 *NLA: DENVER
 Beer Bust 3-6
 2 Cuffs & Crowns Benefit Seattle, WA
 *THRESHOLD L.A.
 Executive Meeting
 2 S&M Univ/Orientation L.A.
 *THRESHOLD
 2 S.F. Leather Daddy's S.F.
 Boy Contest
 *TRADESMEN Charlotte, NC
 Business Meeting
 *THRESHOLD L.A.
 Joint Rap Group
 3 CHICAGO HELLFIRE Chicago, IL
 AA Meat Market
 5 SM Univ: Mummification AA Meat Market
 L.A.
 *THRESHOLD
 Writers' Workshop

6 *LONE STAR PEP Dallas
 New-Comers Mtng
 6 M-C MEN OF New Mex. Albuquerque
 Club Night 7PM ASC
 *THRESHOLD L.A.
 Bar Night Griff's
 6 V.A.S.M. Vancouver, BC
 8th Anniversary
 6-12 CHICAGO HELLFIRE Chicago
 Michigan
 Inferno
 *NLA: SAN DIEGO San Diego
 Wolf's
 7 *TRADESMEN Charlotte, NC
 Beer Bust Brass Rail
 7 Club Nite--Hard Labor England
 7-9 EAST MERCIA MSC Dallas, TX
 Biking Event
 7-9 FREDNCR/DALAS MC Dallas, TX
 Rosebut 10 Run
 8 *CINCINNATI CHAPS Cincinnati, OH
 Fagot/Club Night Spur's
 *LONE STAR PEP Dallas
 Party
 8 V.A.S.M. Vancouver, BC
 Demo Night 7PM
 *PORTLAND PWR TST Portland, OR
 Meeting
 8 TRIDENT INTL D.C. Wash., D.C.
 Greenbelt, MD
 Meeting
 8 PORTLAND LTHRMN Portland, OR
 Potluck
 8 *NLA: ARKANSAS Little Rock
 Meeting/Program
 8 Bar Night Chaps
 PITTSBURGH MC Pittsburgh, PA
 Social Leather Stillon
 9 *NLA: SAN DIEGO San Diego
 Gen. Meeting Wolf's
 *CINCINNATI CHAPS Cincinnati, OH
 Monthly Meeting
 9 MANSFIELD BUCKS Burlington, VT
 Pearls
 9 WASATCH LTHERMN Salt Lake City
 Meeting
 9 *NLA: SEATTLE Seattle, WA
 Balcony
 Bar Night Wash., D.C.
 Wash. Eagle
 9 TRIDENT, RHD. ISL. Providence
 Galaxy
 9 *NLA: BC Vancouver, BC
 Board Meeting 7PM VGLC
 *NLA: PORTLAND Portland, OR
 Gen. Mtng Embers
 10 GMSMA NYC
 PWA Care Partner Support Group
 *CHICAGOLD DIS GP Chicago, IL
 Program Meeting
 11 V.A.S.M. Vancouver, BC
 Board Meeting 7PM GLC
 *ORGASM Portland, OR
 Gem. Mshp. Mtng. Embers
 *NLA: ATLANTA Atlanta
 Bar Night Roughnecks
 12 Bar Night L.A.
 *THRESHOLD
 Business Meeting
 12 DREIZEHN Cambridge, MA
 Paradise
 *NLA: SAN DIEGO San Diego
 Bd. of Directors Mtng
 14-16 DESERT LEATHERMNM Tucson, AZ
 Mystery Run V
 14-16 NIMBUS Douglas, MI
 Dunes
 15 *THE FIFTEEN S.F.
 Party
 *THRESHOLD L.A.
 Program Meeting
 15 M-C MEN OF New Mex. Albuquerque
 Monthly Meeting
 *OUTCASTS S.F.
 Steering Committee
 *THRESHOLD L.A.
 Women's Rap Group
 17 SPEARHEAD Toronto, ONT
 Board Meeting
 *ORGASM Portland, OR
 Exec. Board Mtng
 *NLA: SFBAC S.F.
 Executive Meeting
 *THRESHOLD L.A.
 Men's Rap Group
 20 EUGENE LTHR ALNC Eugene, OR
 Leather Social The Riv
 20-23 Tattoo Expo '90 New Orleans, LA
 Detroit
 *NLA: DETROIT
 Bar Night: Body Harns Eagle
 *OUTCASTS S.F.
 Meeting 6PM
 21 V.A.S.M. Vancouver, BC
 Social Night Shaggy Horse

21 *ORGASM Portland, OR
 Super Jacks Party
 21 LTHR UNITED CHCGO Chicago, IL
 Club Night AA Meat Mkt
 GRIFFINS MC Wilmington, DE
 Renaissance
 21 Bar Night
 M-C MEN OF New Mex. Albuquerque
 Leather Shed 9-2 ASC
 *KNIGHTS D'ORLEAN New Orleans
 Club Night Phoenix
 21-23 CENTURIONS Columbus
 Anniv. Celebration 12
 21-23 TSAURUS Enville, TN
 Aida
 21-23 AMBUSH Dallas, TX
 Coyote '90
 21-23 GRIFFINS MC Wilmington, DE
 GriffinFlight II
 21-24 LEATHER FAIRIES Kansas City, MO
 Fagot Witch Camp
 21-24 MLC MUNCHEN Munich, W. GER
 Oktoberfestreffen
 21-24 MSC HALLAMSHIRE Gt. Brit.
 Fanningley Weekend
 *LONE STAR PEP Dallas
 Fetish Favorite
 22 Mr. Drummer Contest S.F.
 *CHICAGOLD DIS GP Chicago, IL
 Autumn Equinox Party
 *NLA: DENVER Denver, CO
 Social
 23 GRIFFIN MC Newark, DE
 Business Meeting
 *NLA: SEATTLE Seattle
 Board Mtng 4 PM IROC Care
 23 Folsom St. Fair S.F.
 24 SIGMA Wash., D.C.
 Wash. Eagle
 NYC
 24 GMSMA
 PWA Care Partner Support Group
 *NLA: SFBAC S.F.
 Meeting 7:30 Amelia's
 25 V.A.S.M. Vancouver, BC
 Support/Social/Demo GLC
 Leather/Latex Night Seattle
 Re-Bar
 L.A.
 27 *THRESHOLD
 Couples' Rap Group
 *YOSEMITE C:KT MT Fresno
 Red Lantern
 28 Bar Night Vancouver, BC
 V.A.S.M. Ms. T's
 Pub Night 9PM
 *YOSEMITE C:KT MT Fresno
 Red Lantern
 28 Bar Night Red Lantern
 WNDY CTY BNDG CLB Chicago
 Party
 28-30 *KNIGHTS d'ORLEAN New Orleans
 16th Anniversary Weekend
 28-30 MRA LYON Lyon, FR
 Nuit Cul de Sac
 28-30 Fresno Leatherfest 1 Fresno, CA
 TRIDENT, CENTRAL MASS Worcester
 Meeting Mailbox
 29 Mr/Ms. Fresno Leather Fresno, CA
 Contest Red Lantern
 29 BEER TOWN BDGERS Milwaukee, WI
 Beir Stein VI
 30 LEATHERMASTERS L.A.
 8th Anniv. Beerbust Gauntlett Bar
 M-C MEN OF New Mex. Albuquerque
 Hot Air Planning
 30 BEER TOWN BDGERS Milwaukee, WI
 Run Brunch
 *TRADESMEN Charlotte, NC
 Business Meeting
 *SEATTLE MEN LTHR Seattle
 Balcony

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.

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These groups and businesses are all formal affiliates of the NLA. Please support them and their activities in the months ahead.

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POB 16235
Columbus, OH 43216

Chicagoland Discussion Group
P.O.Box 25009
Chicago, IL 60625

Cincinnati Chaps
P.O.Box 3104
Cincinnati, OH 45201

Cornhaulers L & L Club
P.O.Box 632
Des Moines, IA 50303

D/S Leathers
Box 13034
Denver, CO 80701

Disciples of De Sade
4012B Cedar Springs
Dallas, TX 75219

Fifteen Association
POB 421302
San Francisco, CA 94142-1302

Gauntlet, Inc.
2377 Market St.
San Francisco, CA 94114

Harbor Masters
POB 4144, Station A
Portland, ME. 04102

The Hun
P.O.Box 11308
Portland, OR 97211

Knights D'Orleans
P.O.Box 50812
New Orleans, LA 70150

Knights Of Malta:Stockman Chapter
P.O.Box 9836
Denver, CO 80209

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, & \$12 thereafter. Tickets are available in Vancouver at Macks Leathers & the Vancouver Lesbian Centre, in Seattle at the Eagle & the Balcony, in Tacoma at the 24th St. Tavern, & in Portland, OR, at Spartacus. The competition will be a benefit for the Vancouver Lesbian Centre, Persons With AIDS, AIDS Vancouver, & Leather Star. Contest winners will go on to represent Vancouver in other contests such as International Ms. Leather, International Mr. Leather, Mr. & Ms. NLA, & the Puget Sound Mr. & Ms. Leather Contest.

CHICAGOLAND GROUP

Starting in September, the Chicagoland Discussion Group will be hosting Member-

Leather Journal
7985 Santa Monica Blvd, #109-368
West Hollywood, CA 90046

Leather Star
P.O.Box 5482
Tacoma, WA. 98405

Leathermasters, Inc.
4470-107 Sunset Blvd, Suite 293
Los Angeles, CA 90027

Lion Regiment
POB 1721
Boise, ID. 83701

Lone Star P.E.P.
BOX 810715
Dallas, TX 75381

Mack's Leather
1234 Granville St.
Vancouver, B.C. Canada V6Z-1N5

Marathon Films
P.O.Box 2194
Toluca Lake, CA 91610

Menamore Levi Leather Club
P.O.Box 7364
Wilmington, NC. 28406

O.R.G.A.S.M.
POB 5702
Portland, OR. 97206

Outcasts
POB 31266
San Francisco, CA. 94131

Pegasus M.C.
P.O.Box 3957
Wichita, KS 67201

Portland Power and Trust
POB 3781
Portland, OR 97208

Q.S.M.
Box 520, 5251 Broadway
Oakland, CA 94618

Rocky Mountaineers M/C
P.O.Box 2629
Denver, CO 80201

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P.O.B. 21911
Seattle, WA. 98111

ship Orientation Meetings, especially aimed at those who are unable to attend regular week-night meetings. These will include a weekend afternoon, four times a year, including a program, and a one-on-one interview, to make the new-comer comfortable with Group events and to provide instruction and programs, events, and the Safe, Sane, and Consensual ideals.

PROPOSITION 115, CA.

June 4th, California voters passed proposition 115, a "victims rights" measure, with some potential to undermine Californians' sexual privacy, reproductive freedom, and freedoms of religion and speech. Initiative 115 would make possible laws restricting adult sexual behavior, and recriminalizing abortion. It would allow warrantless infiltration of churches, and could limit petitioners in public areas. The proposition COULD allow passage of legislation against ANY portion of our Leather/SM/Fetish lifestyle. (Courtesy of Society of Janus, S.F.).

Seattle Men In Leather
P.O.Box 23226
Seattle, WA. 98102

Shades of Grey Leather
P.O.Box 140885
Dallas, TX 75214

Shelix
P.O.Box 416, Florence Station
Northampton, MA. 01060

Silver Anchor Enterprises, Inc.
Box 760, 1743 Partridge Blvd.
Crystal Springs, FL 33524

Society Of Janus
P.O.Box 6794
San Francisco, CA 94101

Tarheel Leather Club
P.O.Box 16457
Greensboro, NC 27416

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72 Van Kleeck Road
Millis, MA 02054

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2554 Lincoln Blvd, #381
Marina del Rey, CA 90291

Tradesmen, Inc.
POB 36712
Charlotte, NC 28236

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1064 Myra Ave., #32
Los Angeles, CA 90026

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6415 No. Wheeling
Tulsa, OK 74130

Two-Wheelers of Omaha M.C.
P.O.Box 3216
Omaha, NE 68131

United Leatherfolk of Connecticut
P.O.Box 731
Middletown, CT 06457

Warlords, Inc.
133 Estoria St.
Atlanta, GA 30316

Yosemite Chap.:Knights Of Malta
P.O.Box 4162
Fresno, CA 93704

BARE AS YOU DARE

The third annual "Bare as You Dare" event is being sponsored by Cleveland's Leather/Levi clubs and the L.S.S. on July 23rd. The evening will be highlighted by a contest daring patrons to bare it all. Door Prizes are offered; proceeds will benefit the GCC Food Bank.

CoC

An impromptu caucus of regional organizations (among them Tradesmen, Menamore, NLA:Virginia, & NLA:Arkansas) & individuals from throughout the Southeast during the Southeastern Conference for Lesbians and Gay Men 1990 has led to initial discussions of a Southeastern Conference of Clubs, to operate as a mediator, a channel for inter-club communications, & a network for this large & flourishing area.

INITIATIVE 35 IN SEATTLE

Last fall, the Seattle City Council voted to extend sick & funeral leave benefits to city workers with domestic partners, ensuring equal benefits for equal work. Initiative 35 will be coming up for a vote on November 6 in Seattle, & would repeal this policy. The "No on 35 Campaign Committee" at 1011 Western, #900, Seattle, WA, 98104, is working to defeat this initiative.

JESSE HELMS

Jesse Helms is up for reelection this fall, & ACT UP/DC is organizing a boycott against one of his main sources of campaign funds, the Philip Morris Company, manufacturers of Marlboro & Benson & Hedges cigarettes, & under the same ownership as Kraft & Miller Beer companies. Individuals are registering their protest by sending unused coupons for relevant products (including Cracker Barrel & Velveeta) to Hamish Maxwell, Chairman of the Philip Morris Co. Board, 120 Park Avenue, New York City, NY, 10017.

(Our thanks to **Leather & Lace** of L.A. for this information.)

ACT UP advocates a concentrated boycott of Marlboro Cigarettes, & urges a "mapping" of the Philip Morris Smokers' Advocate hotline at 1-800-343-0975 & their retail order line at 1-800-446-7030.

In a recent pamphlet, ACT-UP cites a remarkable series of votes by Senator Helms, showing a remarkably consistent record of opposition to all forms of individual civil rights, AIDS funding, health education, pro-choice issues, gay & lesbian rights, etc.

The *Boston Globe* quotes Mr. Helms: money being used to fight AIDS would be "...used by the homosexual movement to proselytize their dangerous lifestyle.... If they would stop what they're doing, there would not be one additional case of AIDS in the United States." One has to wonder what more insults Helms has in store for women & people of color, whose [HIV] transmission rates are soaring.

Three of our Affiliate Organizations, **Tarheel Leather Club, Tradesmen Inc., & Menamore LLC** are supporting the efforts of the PAC "North Carolina Senate Vote '90", which is working to dump Jesse. "We'll never match Helms dollar-for-dollar, but we can out-match his people with our commitment if we simply raise the money it

will take to do the work we need to do," says the PAC's director. Appeals are being made to lesbians & gay men, people of color, feminists, pro-choice advocates, artists, environmentalists, civil libertarians, advocates for the homeless, & all the other natural enemies of helms. Mail contributions to N.C. Senate Vote '90, 2634 Park Road, #E, Charlotte, NC 28209.

SM PORN CONVICTION IN SEATTLE by PAGAN

The first conviction for selling SM/DS media in King County took place in March 1990. Since 1974 Washington State has been attempting to define just exactly which pornography is obscene, & therefore illegal. From the 1974 original law, many arrests, acquittals, rewrites & trips to the State & Federal Supreme Courts later, this March the state finally got a conviction under its Moral Nuisances Act, though the significance for the future of SM literature is not clear. The state's current obscenity law prohibits material "which the average person, applying contemporary community standards, would find, when considered as a whole, appeals to the prurient interest", including "violent or destructive sexual acts...or torture". Of necessity this synopsis will just barely hit the high points of this very complex issue.

The case began in the fall of 1986 when the police seized hundreds of books, videos & magazines, mainly of the SM genre, from JR Distributor's stores & warehouse. By the time the material was shown to the jury, only around 20 magazines remained charged. The prosecution carefully selected only those which pictured semi-clothed or nude women in bondage with a few examples of suspension & nipple or labia clips. They contained mainly photos with a small amount of text of the "masturbation fantasy" genre. All magazines showing men in bondage or men & women attempting to contact partners through ads or those with a variety of factual & informational articles were rejected for a variety of reasons & the books & videos were not included in the charges.

The King County Superior Court Judge, Janice Neimi, refused to allow the jury to examine about 75% of the material which the defense wished to present, including: many other magazines which were commonly available at that time showing men bound & gagged; excerpts from 23 popular films which portray bondage such as "Ruthless People," "9 to 5," & the Indiana Jones films among others; excerpts from a recent TV rerun of "Booker" in which bondage was a theme; classical & contemporary art portraying bondage; many books available in stores, libraries & the Library of Congress with sadomasochism as a theme; an Anne Landers column stating that thousands of people had written to her stating they happily practice bondage in their sex life; evidence of the large numbers of both male & female practitioners of B & D & S & M in the Seattle area including organizations which have hosted several national conventions for devotees of these sexual practices; & lastly, the results of a survey of local B & D & S & M practitioners, showing that they are no more "unhealthy" than the average member of the larger Seattle community.

The defense was not at all aggressive in attempting to make these points however & their lawyer did not seem particularly concerned about the wider ramifications of this trial. The defendants were convicted of five counts of promoting pornography & a single count of attempting to promote pornography. The defendants were given a fine of \$200 & 120 hours community service each though the prosecutor asked for heavy fines & jail time. Possibly the judge gave such a light sentence to reduce the likelihood of an appeal as the State has been seeking a strong conviction under this statute for many years.

It is not known whether the defendants will appeal or what further action the State will take against SM media. Most retailers have totally purged anything kinky from their shelves. The judge & prosecutor were successful in portraying SM/BD as something in which violent, evil males victimize helpless women; while totally ignoring the reality of most people who fantasize about and/or practice SM/BD/DS and/or fetishes of various types. It is difficult to briefly explain a case as complex as this one. More detail can be obtained by writing: c/o political information, NLA, POB 17463, Seattle, WA 98107.

While those who wish to buy or sell or consume SM/BD media are currently targeted as worthy of suppression by many other Americans (possibly they are willing to throw us to the Christians in the hopes that our blood will be enough, & the rest of sexuality will be safe from attack), there is also a strong current of censorship among many feminists, including attacks on Lesbian-feminist bookstores & media, seeing this media exclusively as violence toward women. As individuals & as a community we need to step up our efforts in education. Please send newspaper clippings, magazine articles & etc. of censorship, arrests, & whatever else is happening good or bad in relation to the public perception of our community, plus let us know if you wish to be involved in further educational efforts.

Another initiative effort by the "Kids & Porn Don't Mix" people from 1989 is being attempted again this year. The initiative plans to create another whole new class of illegal media, that which is "harmful to minors". Under its definition, almost anything which someone under age 18 found sexually stimulating, & which someone older objected to, could so be classified. All such media would have to be carefully segregated to prevent minors from exposed to it.

Few people know that Charles Keating Jr., of Lincoln Savings & Loan fame, was the main bankroll behind "Citizens for Decency Through Law". CDL has led the fight against sexually explicit media since the 1950's & Keating is estimated to have given them millions of dollars to attempt to impress his version of morality on the rest of us. During the reign of Attorney General Meese, the CDL advice was accepted as expert by the Commission & even provided legal assistance for local prosecutions. Now we stand to get stuck for the estimated \$2.5 billion of the collapse of Lincoln. How much of that lost/squandered money went to the CDL?

MICHIGAN WOMEN'S MUSIC FESTIVAL

(A Letter from the Outcasts)

"TO: The Organizers of the Michigan Women's Music Festival:

"We have received a copy of your letter, "A Discussion of S/M at the Michigan Festival," dated February 1, 1990. Because we have members who attend the festival, & because we function as an S/M support group, we are responding to it. It is our hope that we may help clarify some issues touched on in your letter.

It seems that a main issue is whether S/M women have a right to be present, to express themselves, & to celebrate the festival community as they would like to, as all other women are invited to do.

"All rhetoric aside, this is a basic discrimination problem. Throughout the festival community there are groups of women that other women find objectionable. Certainly there has been a long-standing conflict between clean & sober women & women who choose to use certain chemicals recreationally. Certainly there have been long-standing conflicts between women who wish to experience the festival in a quiet, meditative fashion & women who wish to proclaim their joy in as loud a manner as possible. The list of such conflicts goes on, & your response as festival organizers has been, in these cases, to provide space that is segregated within the community land so that each of the groups can continue to express themselves as fully as possible. If

someone wanders into these areas, they are expected to accept the standards of behavior delineated. There is now a clean & sober tent, clean & sober camping, chemical ok camping, quiet camping, loud & rowdy camping, some corresponding seating at concerts, etc. The festival has been admirably facilitating in these matters.

"The festival's lack of facilitation with regard to S/M women is therefore hard to understand. You write that everyone must have respect for community space, & we agree, but the claim that S/M women's needs cannot be accommodated through the same kinds of mechanisms that other special needs groups enjoy seems grossly unfair, & discriminatory. When it has become evident in the past that there were special needs to be attended to, you have created a space that was somewhat specialized. To fail to do so in the case of S/M women is clearly discriminatory.

"The fact that there is a stridently vocal minority which opposes the right of S/M women to be on the land should, we think, be a key into the fact that S/M women need their rights & safety protected, by festival security if necessary. It was, after all, a letter from the Separatists Against Sado-Masochism last year which threatened violence against S/M women. S/M women carried out their activities privately at the festival until those Seps decided to track it down, spotlight it, & make an issue of it. The fact that those Seps have defined S/M

to be violence does not in fact make what we do into violence. S/M people have a shared ethic--make it "Safe, Sane, & Consensual." What we do is not violence, but S/M is something that makes us, as a group, different.

"If it is true that you intend to have a festival where difference is respected as diversity & not feared as a threat, then it is the responsibility of you, its organizers, to make the hard decisions to back up that professed intention. Allowing discrimination against even one group creates an environment for further discriminations.

"In U.S. society as a whole, lesbian sexuality is condemned by some as immoral & sick. There are some "liberals" who believe it is okay for us to be lesbians, as long as we don't exhibit affection or otherwise call attention to ourselves publicly. We lesbians reject these characterizations, & act accordingly. Within lesbian society, S/M women are called sick & immoral by some. We call on you, as leaders in the lesbian community, to recognize this name calling for the discrimination that it is, & to help put an end to it by making a stand for pro-choice sexuality. We believe that the majority of festival participants would applaud & support such an action.

"In hopes that the courage to make such a stand lies within you-- Sincerely, Victoria B. for Outcasts."

NEW NATIONAL BYLAWS RATIFIED

The results are in...the ballots are counted, & we can now announce the **Formal Ratification of our New National Bylaws**. With a strong 89.27% of the ballots in favor of ratification, we are most gratified by the strong support of our membership for these Bylaws. No document can be perfect, & the 10.73% of the membership voting AGAINST ratification only supports the view that, while these are GOOD bylaws, they can be made BETTER.

Several of the returned bylaw ratification cards contained comments, ranging from "Job well done" (Upstate New York) to "I'd like to meet those responsible--It

shows both brains & brawn" (Washington D.C.).

All members in good standing as of April were sent copies of the Bylaws, & all new members who joined up to June 1, were also provided with copies. We are sorry if any members did NOT receive Bylaws and ballots; all those returned by the Post Office were sent on to members' new addresses. Copies included return cards; postage was provided for all members within the United States. However, only 35% of our membership returned their voting cards. The percentage for Canadian members & members outside North Amer-

ica (who did NOT have postage provided) was identical. 35% return on a mailing, we are told, is "not bad," but we are not pleased that 65% of our members did NOT care to vote. These Bylaws, with the inevitable number of amendments & accretions they will acquire through time, will be the governing basis & structure of the NLA for some time to come, so they are IMPORTANT. Within the next few weeks, members will be receiving their ballots for the first formal national election of At-Large members to the National Council & of Co-Chairs...we only can hope for a larger "voter response."

from Alyson Publications, 40 Plympton St., Boston, MA 02118. According to Pat, "Alyson Publications has done everything in their power to keep this book alive. ...I Can't think of any other gay publisher who has been more willing to handle controversial material, including books of interest to S/M and leatherpeople."

A revised and expanded issue of the safety manual is being planned. Articles, graphics, and ideas can be sent to Pat Califia c/o LPI, Box 4371, Los Angeles, CA 90078.

LEATHER STAR BENEFITS

Martin Rooney, Puget Sound Mr. Leather 1990, has been working on four benefits for Leather Star, his sponsoring organization. May 18 Ridin' High was staged at the Shaggy Horse; July 13 Turn-A-Boots was held at Ms. T's. August 5 sees

the Mr./Ms. Vancouver Leather Contest at Graceland; Leather Star is one of its 4 beneficiaries. September 2 welcomes Cuffs and Crowns to Seattle. This is an invitation to the Leather and the Court Communities and friends from the Pacific Northwest. Each contingent is asked to perform an "entrance" or a fantasy-style entertainment, of no more than 5 minutes. More details as soon as a site is confirmed.

S/M WITCHES

THE SAVAGE GARDEN, an S/M lesbian/gay Wiccan coven, has formed in Indianapolis. We're looking to correspond with others who are exploring ways to incorporate S/M into their rituals & spirituality. Contact Carol LeMasters at 5138 E. North St., Indianapolis, IN 46219.

LONE STAR PEP

Lone Star PEP in Dallas continues its busy schedule. July 21st's Pot Luck Dinner features a "Foot Fetish Festival." Attendees are requested to wear the prettiest shoes or high heels, their boots, or slave sandals. Participants should be prepared to feel "tantalizing tingles in their tootsies." August 11's party features a Uniform Night, with a uniform or high fantasy outfit being encouraged. Sept. 22 features Fetish Favorite. For this event, a lingerie show is scheduled. More information may be obtained from Line Star PEP at P.O.Box 810715, Dallas, TX 75381.

GOOD NEWS!

We have just heard from author Pat Califia that her book, *The Lesbian S/M Safety Manual*, will be available soon

Scribbles

Leather Community Booth. I know she'll be out to Little Rock and on to Omaha later this month for Fantasy '90 (along with several other National and Chapter NLA representatives), and again stomping up support (wonder if she'll let me get away with accusing her of being a stomping dyke?) as she has done with such dedication as Ms. NLA.

Boy and I just returned from a most pleasant and appreciated vacation/convention stint in New England. We spent an intensive week at the National Convention of the American Guild of Organists in Boston. Tremendous music and a national organization which has been responsive to the homophile community and supportive of the needs of AIDS victims and recognizes the resulting tremendous impact on the arts community. We enjoyed meeting with several members of our musical homophile and leather community. Also had an opportunity to visit Cape Cod for a few relaxing days. The boy has decided he likes Provincetown. We enjoyed a very warm evening at the Atlantic House. We also had opportunity to attend a Central Mass. Tridents program with Mr. East Coast Drummer, Barone. We were warmly welcomed by Peter, Bruce, Danna, and numerous others.

While speaking of travels, I must note the most effective and professional assistance rendered by Ineka of Orion Travel. Made our travel easier and earned my recommendations.

LIL V makes several important changes for Living in leather. For the first time, several important aspects. Our Director is from Portland, workshops and art are being directed from San Francisco, much of the publicity/printing is coming from Detroit, and obviously our workshops will present an even more diverse national representation. As we get older we do spread (nothing personal for fellow tired tops) and we are growing more honestly into the National Leather/SM/Fetish Organization we hope to be. As we near completion of four years since our strictly local beginnings, I can see tremendous changes completed, several major challenges met and overcome, and nearly unlimited potential for our organization to grow and become the strong, multifaceted, representational organization our Leather/SM/Fetish Community has been looking for and needing for the 20 years I've been wearing my leathers. Come to LIL V --- and help us grow as you grow with us.

-----George Nelson

MYSTERY RUN V

Desert Leathermen of Tucson, Arizona, announce an exciting weekend, September 14-16, 1990. The run will be held in Patagonia, AZ (tobacco-spittin' distance from Mexico). Run events include a tour of Arizona Vineyards and a wine tasting party, a buffet dinner at the Stage Stop, a nightlife tour, a visit to the Santa Cruz County Fair in Patagonia, and the 5th Anniversary Celebration and installation of Officers. Write immediately to Desert Leathermen, POB 1586, Tucson, AZ 85702 for information, as fees go up August 25.

SEATTLE MEN IN LEATHER

SMIL has just sponsored the 1990 Washington State Drummer Contest. Their big summer event will be an August 24-26 SML Campout at Index; spaces are limited to 20, so call Randal at 206-325-6236 to reserve your spot. October 7, SMIL Leather Daddy/Daddies Boy Contest will occur at the Seattle Eagle.

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 at right 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.

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.

FREE MEALS for AIDS homeless, 9 to 11:30 AM daily, 4-5 PM Sundays. Free clothing, blankets 2-4 PM Saturday. Need blankets, clothing for homeless, bric-a-brac etc. for auction, and rent money. Gay Rescue Mission, 1080 Folsom, SF 94103, 415-863-4882.

WOMEN'S black leather motorcycle jacket, zip out lining, excellent condition, size 18. \$200. (206)-634-0974, evenings & weekends.

PEOPLE EXCHANGING POWER

Nancy Ava Miller, founder of PEP:Albuquerque, will be operating PEP parties in Silver Spring, MD, during part of the summer, and is working on the formation of PEP:Philadelphia for July. Call for information on Washington activities at 202-310-1154 or for Philadelphia information at 202-310-3242 for latest events. Mailing address is 11453 Cherry Hill Rd., #402, Beltsville, MD 20705.

V.A.S.M.

Our heartiest congratulations to the leaders & men of VASM (Vancouver Activists of S & M) for their dynamite contest to select Mr. BC Drummer, 1990-91. A large amount was raised for charity, & a capacity audience enjoyed exciting fantasies & entertainment. Our congratulations to title-winner Claes, who will be competing in the Pacific Northwest finals in Portland. Under the leadership of activist Dave Lewis, VASM is growing & going strong. We also salute long-time VASM organizers George Whiting & George Cameron for their many years of work.

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

FULL NAME: _____
 ADDRESS: _____
 CITY: _____ STATE: _____
 ZIP: _____ PHONE: _____
 (above info. is confidential)

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

SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____
 You may release my name to the Chapter (if any) in my region.

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