

FIRST LINK

News from the Chapters

NLA:B.C.

NLA:BC's recent board meeting drew attention to several forthcoming events and to activities for members. The Support Group is running well, with its first monthly meeting serving as a workshop and the second as a support group. Many BC members do not regularly go to bars; in an attempt to secure larger member turnout, bar nights are temporarily cancelled and a more intimate atmosphere is being sought. A telephone survey will be conducted of BC membership. Among future possibilities are an outdoor event. The Annual General Meeting is set for 3 PM Nov. 4th, 1990, at the Heritage House Hotel. Recently, BC participated in the B.C. Pride Parade on August 6, and the Mr. and Ms. Vancouver Leather Competition on August 5.

NLA:SOUTH FLORIDA (Chapter-in-Formation)

This new and active group is now meeting regularly, the second Sunday of each month, at the Gay and Lesbian Community Center of Greater Miami, 7543 Biscayne Blvd, 7:30 PM. Their attendance has been good, and they are gaining members reflecting the broad spectrum of racial and orientational backgrounds of their diverse locale. **The Weekly News**, of Miami, which is on the regular distribution list of the *First Link*, has been publicizing this group. We hear of big plans for education and celebration in the works in Florida.

NLA:CHICAGO (Chapter-in-Formation)

Meetings of the Chicago group continue, at the Chicago Hellfire Club Clubhouse. NLA:Chicago gratefully acknowledges this generous and cooperative action by Chicago Hellfire. Bylaws are near final approval, and memberships continue to arrive. A major August event has been announced for Aug. 18, 7 to 9 PM, at the AA Meatmarket, which shall be a Leather Swap. Chicago's large and diverse Leather/SM/Fetish community is strongly supporting this Chapter-in-Formation.

Acting Officers are Christopher Posler and Judith Lane, Co-Chairs; Edward Luisi,

Treasurer; Traci Martinez, Corresponding Secretary; and Terrence Gowe, Recording Secretary. They have been nominated for election at the September 14 Chicago meeting.

NLA:ATLANTA (Chapter-in-Formation)

Membership is growing in Atlanta, and Bylaws are moving along very well. Members are being very active with attendance at other events, including NLA:Arkansas' **Lock-Up I** and **Fantasy '90** in Omaha. Check out the NLA Calendar below for Atlanta's bar nights at the Eagle and at Roughnecks, and for their monthly meeting at the Eagle.

NLA:METRO NEW YORK

Congratulations to NLA:Metro New York and to editor Laura A. for the first issue of their newsletter *The Inquisitor*. New York reports a great showing of their members at "Leather Pride Night" and at the Pride March, where a "kiss-in" staged by members of various sexual orientations raised more than one person's consciousness. A strong New York Area contingent of attendees is expected at *Living in Leather* this year.

NLA:SEATTLE

The Seattle Pride weekends were a success; Seattle is dividing the modest profits from the Pride Rally between Rosehedge House, the "No on 35" campaign, and the Chapter general fund. The Spring Board election has been finalized; expect to learn the results next month. The Chapter will be installing an information telephone.

The Seattle Board is aware some complaint has been generated re: the organization of the Friday Night MAY DAY Dungeon. Although the Chapter in no way either organized, supported, or received financial return for the event, it was felt that the Chapter would extend refunds to the 19 persons who paid admission to that party. Persons wishing refunds must contact the Chapter, in writing (to P.O.Box 20674,

Seattle, WA 98102) no later than September 1st.

Events coming up include an Arm Wrestling Festival on August 26 at the Timberline, sponsored by Mr. Washington Leather Howard Martin with volunteer support from the Chapter, an SM/Art dinner for November, and a possible "Party-Gras" in February, including "Leather Jeopardy."

NLA:SAN DIEGO

At a cocktail reception at the Kingston Hotel on July 6, NLA:SD was among several groups & individuals receiving recognition of their support in the passage of the Human Dignity Ordinance (HDO). Dubbed "unsung heroes" by one member of the HDO Task Force, the honorees also included NLA's own Meyers Jacobsen, the Mayor & 7 members of the City Council.

The NLA:SD Campout was an extremely positive experience for attendees, with the opportunity for much thought & discussion on leather, bondage, & Chapter goals & activities. Activities included a hike & hill climb & demos of waxing & shaving. San Diego is planning an erotic art show in October, & a three-day leather festival (including the Mr. San Diego Leather Contest & Sunday Leather Brunch) November 9-11.

NLA:VIRGINIA

Though lack of a quorum eliminated the transaction of routine business at the July Chapter meeting, a great program on the Safer Use of Toys was presented. The Chapter is working with other groups and NLA Chapters in the Atlantic and Southeast areas to help in the political struggles in North Carolina and to establish a regional network of Leather/SM/Fetish groups. June's meeting was highlighted by the appearance of Nancy Ava Miller of PEP and George Canes of Tri-State CC in Pittsburgh. Topics ranged from generalities of D & S, to the importance of groups (there IS safety in numbers), to legal aspects of SM. Robert Morrow has been elected to Co-Chair the Chapter along with David Meador; Robert will also serve as the editor of the Chapter quarterly newsletter.

N.L.A. CALENDAR

AUGUST, 1990

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| 18 | CHICAGO (CIF) | Chicago, IL |
| | Leather Swap 7-9 PM | AA Mmarket |
| 18 | ATLANTA (CIF) | Atlanta, GA |
| | Flea Market/Carnival | Roughnecks |
| 19 | ATLANTA (CIF) | Atlanta, GA |
| | Bar Night | Eagle |
| 21 | SAN FRAN.BAY AREA S.F. | |
| | Executive Meeting | |

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| 25 | SAN FRAN.BAY AREA S.F. | |
| | Picnic | |
| 26 | PORTLAND | Portland, OR |
| | Mr/Ms NLA:Portland Contest | |
| 26 | DENVER | Denver, CO |
| | Cheeseman Park Fun | |
| 28 | SAN FRAN.BAY AREA S.F. | |
| | Meeting 7:30 | Amelia's |

SEPTEMBER, 1990

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| 1 | VIRGINIA | Richmond, VA |
| | Meeting 6PM | Alexander's Rst. |
| 2 | DENVER | Denver, CO |
| | Beer Bust 3-6 | |
| 3 | FIRST LINK PRESS DEADLINE | |
| 7 | SAN DIEGO | San Diego |
| | Beer Bust | Wolf's |

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EARTHQUAKE RELIEF, S.F.

Greetings!

The compassion & generosity of the leather/sm/fetish community is a testament that we truly are a family!

When Northern California experienced a major earthquake on October 17th, San Francisco received telephone calls from around the country with expressions of concern & offers of aid. When we established a relief fund, you responded! Thirty contributions from leatherfolk in the United States, Canada & Germany were received, aiding those in need.

We identified more than a dozen people who could obviously benefit from this fund. Despite unquestioned qualification, several requested the monies be given to others more needy than themselves. Thanks to your generosity, the Leather Community Earthquake Relief Fund made four grants totaling \$1,650.

As announced upon the creation of this fund, any remaining monies would be donated to a local AIDS charity. The AIDS Emergency Fund, in which the San Francisco Leather community plays an integral role, is a local charity which provides direct financial assistance to persons with AIDS.

Expenses for the earthquake fund were limited to \$25 in postage. The closing balance of \$2,281.53 will be presented to AEF at Alan Selby's Fetish Ball on April 5, 1990.

On behalf of those who were assisted by your generosity, **thank you.**

In leather, John Ferrari, Stacey Dennen, Ruth Marks, Fred Rudiger....

DO YOU SPEAK SPANISH???

The South Florida Chapter in Formation has been approached by a nationally-syndicated television talk show to do a presentation.

As the show is a Spanish-speaking version, the Chapter is looking for a member of the NLA who is fluent in Spanish and is willing to be seen on national TV. The Chapter does not yet have such a member. If the deal goes through, the show would fly the person to Miami to do the taping. The individual needs to be a good public speaker, well versed on the goals and

statement of purpose of the NLA, able to demonstrate and talk about the paraphernalia associated with our interests, project a positive attitude, and be a good role model.

Contact Mitchell Masters, NLA:South Florida Co-Chair, directly at (305)-665-8575 for further information.

NATIONAL ELECTION

We hope that by now you have submitted your ballots for the NLA National Council and Co-Chair Election. Ballots must have been received by September 23 (ready for counting the following weekend). Next month, we expect to announce winners of the At-Large seats on the National Council, which will hold its first meeting on October 29 in Portland, Oregon. Out of the 52 nominees, each NLA Member was to vote for 40--a very tough choice to make! Our congratulations to the winners; we all hope for the continued strong participation of those who are NOT serving on the Council this next year, for ALL of us are needed to assure the continued growth of the NLA.

WORKSHOPS FOR LIL V

We've got a sinfully delicious menu of workshops and demonstrations lined up for 1990. Among the topics to be presented are Arrest Procedures (Handcuffs, Nightsticks, and Strip Search), Fisting and Penetration Play, SM Professionals, SM Spirituality, Verbal Abuse, Gender Play, Political Lobbying, SM-Oriented Businesses, Beginning to Play, the Physically Challenged and SM, Children in an SM Household, Auto-S/M, Arc We ONE Community, and many others. Tentative demonstration topics include electricity, piercing, cutting, whipping, and caning. We expect a fantastic range of activity at our open SM Demo Stage in the Exhibitors area. Workshops are at the heart of the Living in Leather Conferences, and are a chance for ALL to learn and to share their learning. Though we cannot announce the names of the Workshop presenters at this time, rest assured that among them you will find many of the "heaviest" names in the modern Leather/SM/Fetish Community. The NLA has always tried to make sure that all attendees would find workshops geared to their interests and levels of expertise.

FROM THE LINK EDITOR

The First Link is growing; due to the large increase in our membership, we are mailing more copies, and due to the increased news from our Chapters and our community we are adding more pages. This has increased our production time enormously. In order that we may get you each

month's issues in a timely manner, we have been forced to **change the deadline date** for our receipt of contributions to the **FIRST of the month**. We hope that this will let us continue to bring you the Link in a timely manner.

**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. Please write the Conference Committee at the address above if you are eager to put in a lot of hours of work & 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.

**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.

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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. ANY individual who is a personal member of NLA is eligible to compete this year; sponsorship is of course possible, but it is not required.

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

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

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 presentors 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.

You may wish to consider the following in making your travel reservations: hospi-

tality and registration open at the host hotel Thursday evening. Registration continues at the Coliseum on Friday; also, Friday afternoon welcomes the Annual General Membership Meeting of the NLA to the Coliseum. The Grand Opening Ceremonies begin in the later afternoon, followed by the Mack MacKinnon Travel Fund Fundraiser. Workshops and Vendors run all day Saturday and Sunday, with the Contest Saturday night and the Afterglow Party Sunday night. You can see just about everything if you arrive by midday Friday and depart on Monday.

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.

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
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)



N.L.A. CALENDAR

(SEPT., 1990--Cont.)	
8	ARKANSAS Little Rock Meeting/Program Bar Night
9	SOUTH FLORIDA(CIF) Miami Gen.Mtg.7:30 PM GLCC
9	SAN DIEGO San Diego Gen.Meeting/Bylaws Wolf's
9	BC Vancouver Board Meeting GLC
9	SEATTLE Seattle,WA Bar Night Balcony
10	PORTLAND Portland,OR Gen.Mtg Embers
10	ATLANTA (CIF) Atlanta,GA Meeting Eagle
13	SAN DIEGO San Diego Bd.of Directors Mtng
14	ATLANTA (CIF) Atlanta Roughnecks Bar Night
14	CHICAGO (CIF) Chicago,IL Meeting/Election CHC Clubhouse
16	ATLANTA (CIF) Atlanta,GA Bar Night Eagle
21	DETROIT Detroit Bar Night:Body Harns Eagle
18	SAN FRAN.BAY AREA S.F. Executive Meeting
22	DENVER Denver,CO Social
25	SAN FRAN.BAY AREA S.F. Meeting 7:30 Amelia's

****OCTOBER, 1990****

3	FIRST LINK PRESS DEADLINE
4	DENVER Denver,CO Beer Bust 7-10 Southtown
5	SAN DIEGO San Diego Beer Bust Wolf's
6	VIRGINIA Richmond,VA Meeting 6PM Alexander's Rst.
7	DENVER Denver,CO Dinner 6-8 PM Detour
8	PORTLAND Portland,OR General Meeting 7PM Embers
11	SAN DIEGO San Diego Bd.of Directors Mtng

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.

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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 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. Second backup Hotel is the Comfort Inn; 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.

ARTISTS WANTED

The NLA is planning a major Art Show for the Living in Leather V Conference, currently. The deadline for submission of artwork has passed; J.C. is currently editing the art work down to the number of artists we will have room for. She will then contact the people who have been selected & ask

to send original pieces. 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.

LEATHERMASTERS

Leathermasters of 4470-107 Sunset Blvd, #273, Los Angeles, CA 90027, reports a busy round of activities, including the Christopher Street West Gay & Lesbian Pride Parade in West Hollywood June 24, which attracted around 300,000 people. The parade featured an especially strong group of leather participants, including 6 hunky leathermen fanning Grand Mistress Elvira, many motorcyclists, a large group of GDI's, strong contingents from Somandros, Trident, NLA, Leathermasters, Avatar, Threshold, and Leather and Lace, whippers and whippers, and titleholders Guy Baldwin, Jan Lyon, Brian Dawson, Gabrielle Antolovitch, and Michael Pereyra. They give strong credit for the success of this event to Leather-Contingent-Coordinator Race Bannon (co-chair of NLA:LA) and to parade coordinator Wuzzy Spaulding. Leathermasters has just held its Barbeque and Potluck on August 11th.

SHADES OF GREY

Shades of Grey Leather of Dallas, TX, presented a fantastic contest on July 28, to select Mr. Gulf Coast Drummer '90. The 1989 contest, also sponsored by Shades of Grey, was singled out by *Drummer* as the best regional contest of the year. Contact Shades of Grey at P.O.Box 140618, Dallas, TX 75214-0618, or call (214)-521-GREY.

SOCIETY OF JANUS

Janus has started a new activity, *Social Interactions Within the S/M Community*, on how to talk, how to ask for what you want, what to expect, how to say no, how to say you're not an expert, when to back off, what's the worst that can happen, and how to have a positive time with others in this fun, energized, and unique universe. People new to the S/M scene are encouraged to attend, and experienced players are encouraged to participate and lend support. First presentation was scheduled for August 19th.

2-WHEELERS OF OMAHA

The Two Wheelers of Omaha M.C. has just celebrated its 6th Anniversary. The weekend feature attendees from many clubs, fine games, diverting shows, hospitality donated by several contingents, prizes, and fine fellowship. Coming up September 2 will be the Mr. and Ms. Leather Nebraska Competition. Also on the way is the Mr. Gay Nebraska 1991 Competition on October 13. For more information, write the Two-Wheelers at P.O.Box 3216, Omaha, NE 68103.

SEATTLE MEN IN LEATHER

SMiL recently hosted the 1990 Mr. Washington State Drummer Contest. Winner is Al "D." SMiL has recently been named Organization of the Year by the Knights of Malta:Jet Chapter, of Seattle.

AFFILIATES RENEW

Welcome back to **Marathon Films** of P.O.Box 2194, Toluca Lake, CA, 91610 (phone 818-362-5886), a supplier of much-needed S & M video tapes. Welcome back to **Knights d'Orleans**, of P.O.Box 50812, New Orleans, LA, 70150. **Knights d'Orleans** is a social and service organization serving New Orleans and the Gulf Coast. They have been around for sixteen years, and their Anniversary is October 3rd. We also welcome the renewal of **Yosemite Chapter: Knights of Malta**, of P.O.Box 4162, Fresno, CA 93744. This past year has been rewarding, and tragic, for the **Knights**, including the first Mr./Ms. Fresno Leather Competition, followed by the unexpected death of Ric Lewis (Mr. Fresno Leather) from AIDS in May. The **Yosemite Chapter** announces their first *Leather Fest* to be held September 28-30 in Fresno, which is shaping up to be a grand weekend.

Q.S.M. OF S.F.

QSM has several interesting series of courses in progress: Contact Sports (running July 13-Aug.31) will be including "High-Tech Toys" on August 26 (presented by Sora Counts) & "Deep Penetrating Action" on Aug. 31 (presented by Tony DeBlase). Gender Roles & Gender Play runs Aug. 15 to Sept. 1, & includes several fascinating presentations. A weekend of "Medical Play" has just been presented by Albert Kraus, R.N. The September series includes Celeste on the 14th with Play Piercing & on the 15th for Playing with Fire, & Cooper doing Solo S/M on the 16th. Jim Bruce of Chicago is scheduled for December. For information on future classes, contact Karen at Box 520, 5251 Broadway, Oakland, CA 94618 or call 415-428-1321.

LONE STAR P.E.P.

Lone Star PEP reports delightful events at their parties, and a spirit of competition (leading to the application of 518 clothes pins on a very willing bottom--is this a record?). Check out the National Calendar for the many forthcoming activities of this busy group!

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 _____

WHIPPING JESSE: WHAT WORKS & WHAT DOESN'T

by Guy Baldwin--Mr. National Leather Association 1989, International Mr. Leather 1989 (reprinted from a piece submitted to the *Leather Journal*)

When I first learned that we put a bit of money into Senator Jesse Helms' pocket every time we buy a Miller Lite beer or a pack of Marlboros, my blood began to boil. Mr. Helms gets campaign money from Philip Morris, which makes these & hundreds of other household products.

Helms will use this money to get reelected to the U.S. Senate where he has opposed sadomasochism, homosexuality, & enlightened AIDS & artistic censorship policies. ACT UP (Washington, D.C.) has called for a boycott against Marlboro cigarettes, Philip Morris' most popular brand.

Since returning from Chicago where I mentioned all this from the stage at the International Mr. Leather contest, I have received many calls demanding some guidance from me regarding action against Philip Morris. After careful research, I have come to an answer that may surprise you as much as it surprises me.

First, some facts: Helms gets less than two per cent of his campaign money from Philip Morris (PM); Miller Beer contributes only 3.2% of the operating profits to PM, & brings only 7.7% of the operating revenues to PM. Tobacco sales bring in 52% of PM's income; Marlboro is the world's best-selling consumer packaged product, & outsells the next four brands combined in the U.S. market. In many parts of the country, Miller Brewing has proven

to be a good friend to the gay & lesbian community & has directly donated much more to us than its owner, Philip Morris, has donated to Jesse Helms. Lastly, Philip Morris corporation has been dealing with the anti-smoking forces for years & has been toughened by fighting negative public opinion.

Analysis of the situation led me to conclude that actions against Miller make no sense. If we halt Miller sales TOTALLY, Philip Morris won't even feel the pressure 'cause Miller is a tiny part of the PM profit picture. Attacking Helms through Miller Beer is as indirect as attacking Iran by throwing a rock at a gas pump. Also, Miller bosses could be provoked into withdrawing their previously generous support for the gay community. And, since we already don't support Coors, if we eliminate Miller products from our bars, that leaves Budweiser, made by the Anheuser-Busch company, which has a long history of support for conservative causes & candidates.

The effort against Marlboro makes a bit more sense because the brand is PM's best seller (26% of U.S. smokers), but there are problems here too. Philip Morris also makes MERIT, PARLIAMENT, ALPINE, BENSON & HEDGES, VIRGINIA SLIMS, & CAMBRIDGE brand cigarettes; it makes no sense to stop smoking MARLBORO if you switch to one of these others.

While you are at it, avoid all KRAFT & GENERAL FOODS & OSCAR MEYER products--all are owned by Philip Morris. If you switch to Winston, but still eat OROWEAT bread, for example, Jesse still gets a bit of your money.

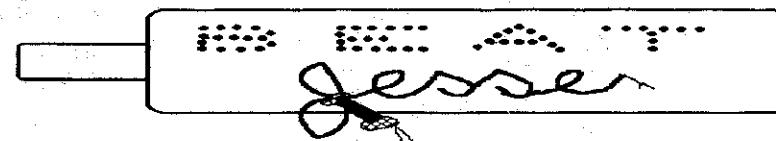
My guess is that if all the folks who oppose Helms stopped using these products

tomorrow, Philip Morris would barely notice a dent in its sales. If Philip Morris withdrew support for Helms, the Senator could replace it with one call to a rich cronie or another tobacco company.

If you must pursue the boycott to make yourself feel better, here's how to make it count the most. When you use any of their products, send the label to Philip Morris along with a note complaining about their support of Helms. If you stop using a product, send the label of the replacement product with a note saying that you have changed products & why. Hysterical & vulgar language in your note will guarantee that it won't have any impact. Lastly, you can buy a share of Philip Morris stock, which gives you the right to speak at the shareholder's meeting, in Richmond, Virginia, next April. The company address is 120 Park Avenue, N.Y. NY 10017.

The action that seems to make the MOST sense is to fight Jesse Helms directly & not through Philip Morris. We can do this by sending money to support his opponent who holds the right views about gays & censorship, & has been doing well in the polls. A direct blow against Senator Helms can be struck by sending contributions to: "N.C. Senate Vote '90" & mail c/o The Tarheel Leather Club, attn: Bill, P.O.Box 16457, Greensboro, NC 27416-0457.

From my point of view, the best place to take a stand against Helms is at the ballot box ONCE instead of having to deal with him each time he opens his mouth on the Senate floor. For me, what matters most is being truly effective & efficient with my energy. I like playing to win. Let's whip Jesse!



the first jump. The object is: Auctioneer says, "I have a \$2 bid; do I hear \$4? I have \$4; do I hear \$6? I have \$6; do I hear \$8?..." Each bidder deposits \$2 into the bag until such time as another bidder increases the step. A bidder shouts "\$11!" & puts \$5 into the bag. The jump is now \$5, the second jump level. Now the auctioneer says "I have \$11, do I hear \$16," to emphasize the \$5 jump level. The auctioning is over when no one else will pay the jump. Open the bidding for more if the value is high. Take checks, but get credit card numbers or use script.

And the "Beat" Goes On! To implement these ideas, just choose a reasonable cover or require participants to pay an entrance fee or \$10 or \$25 or ..., advertise like mad, & have a wild time for a great cause!

Orchestrated Floggings: Have a contest to determine your most "artistic" (NOT by Jesse Helms' standards!) couples as they match "beat" for "beat" or syncopate scenes to their favorite tunes. The Bottom wears a Jesse name tag so the top can **Beat Jesse In Time** (to the music)!

Pillow Talk, Anyone? Match up challenges by weight categories & set your timers for 3 minute sets of the wildest pillow fights ever! All participants wear name tags that say "Jesse" so entrants can **Beat Jesse**

with their pillows! Use down-filled pillows only. Why? **"Down With Jesse!"**

Jesse in Heat? He'll never pass this heat! Sponsor a run by admission fee or pledge sheets, whichever will work better in your part of the country. The last person in will wear a Jesse nametag for a day, because everyone else **Beat Jesse!**

Beat Jesse Off! **Beat Jesse off** right at home, for a more intimate evening. Charge a reasonable door, make everyone name their equipment "Jesse," run a HOT video, & **Beat Jesse Off!** If Jesse gets his way, those fun films will soon be history!

So, say Jan & Susie, "let's make history together, in true leather unity; this is a golden opportunity to COME TOGETHER (So to Speak) on an issue on which we all agree: **We Must Beat Jesse!**"

Make all contributions payable to: "N.C. Senate Vote '90" & mail to BEAT JESSE c/o the Tarheel Leather Club, Attention Bill C., P.O.Box 16457, Greensboro, NC, 27416-0457. (NC Senate Vote '90 is a Political Action Committee not affiliated with any campaign). "Beat Jesse" T-Shirts are available at \$10 (plus \$2 handling) per shirt (checks and address as above--state size: (S,M,L,X-L).

(Courtesy Jan Lyon & Susie Shephard)

NATIONAL CALENDAR

AUGUST, 1990		Date	Event	Location
17-19	HOT ASH	NYC	Hot Ash Bash	NYC
17-19	LIFESTYLES	Las Vegas	Convention	Las Vegas
17-19	HJOS DEL SOL/TUCSON	City of Rocks	KNIGHT OWLS Camp	City of Rocks
17-19	SUNDANCE CTTL CO.	Houston, TX	10th Anniversary	Houston, TX
17-19	ARGONAUTS	Green Bay, WI	Northwoods	Green Bay, WI
18	TARHEEL LTHR CLB	Greensboro, NC	Cookout 3PM and Meeting, 7:30 PM	Greensboro, NC
18	CINCINNATI CHAPS	Cincinnati, OH	Bar Night in Toledo (tent.)	Cincinnati, OH
18	NLA: ATLANTA (CIF)	Atlanta	Flea Market/Carnival	Atlanta
18	CHICAGO HELLFIRE	Chicago, IL	SM University: Lab	Chicago, IL
18	NLA: CHICAGO (CIF)	Chicago, IL	Leather Swap 7-9 PM	Chicago, IL
18	PEOP. EXCH. PWR: WA	Wash., DC	Party: Bondage/Mummification Demo	Wash., DC
18	PITTSBURGH MC	Pittsburgh, PA	Picnic Bridgeport Ohio	Pittsburgh, PA
18	THE FIFTEEN	S.F.	Party	S.F.
18	THRESHOLD	L.A.	Program	L.A.
18	LONE STAR P.E.P.	Dallas, TX	Pot Luck Dinner 7:30	Dallas, TX
19	GRIFFINS	Newark, DE	Business Mtng	Newark, DE
19	RIDERS MC	Boston, MA	Mr. New England Drummer	Boston, MA
19	SOCIETY OF JANUS	S.F.	Social Interactions Disc.	S.F.
19	LEATHER & LACE	L.A.	Program: Hot Stuff	L.A.
19	NLA: ATLANTA (CIF)	Atlanta	Bar Night	Atlanta
19	A.S.M.F.	Paris, France	Joys of a Female Submissive	Paris, France
19	LTHR UNITD CHCGO	Chicago, IL	Afternoon Activity	Chicago, IL
20	SPEARHEAD	Toronto, ONT	Club Meeting	Toronto, ONT
20	PHILADELPHIAN MC	Philadelphia	Board Meeting	Philadelphia
20	THRESHOLD	L.A.	Gen Mtng 7:30	L.A.
20	Women's Rap Group	NYC	EULENSPIEGEL SOC.	NYC
21	NLA: SFBAC	S.F.	Executive Meeting	S.F.
21	ORGASM	Portland, OR	Exec. Board Meeting	Portland, OR
21	EULENSPIEGEL SOC.	NYC	Gen. Mtng.	NYC
21	BLACK ROSE	Wash, DC	Social Meeting	Wash, DC
22	FFA: WASH.	Wash, DC	Bar Night	Wash, DC
22	PEOP. EXCH. PWR: PA	Philadelphia	Meeting	Philadelphia
22	Q.S.M.	S.F.	Dancing Gender Line	S.F.
22	AVATAR	L.A.	Program Meeting	L.A.
23	CHICAGO GOLD DIS GP	Chicago, IL	Leather/Fetish Bar Nite	Chicago, IL
24	PEOP. EXCH. PWR: PA	Philadelphia	Party 8PM-1AM	Philadelphia
24	ORGASM	Portland, OR	Super Jacks Party	Portland, OR
24	RODEO RIDERS	Chicago, IL	Club Nite	Chicago, IL
24	YOSEMITE C:KT MT	Fresno	Beer Bust	Fresno
24	V.A.S.M.	Vancouver, BC	Social Meeting	Vancouver, BC
24-26	ROCHESTER RAMS	Rochester, NY	Outer Limits Run	Rochester, NY
24-26	M.C. FAUCON	Montreal, Can	Migration 90	Montreal, Can
24-26	SISTERS OF ROSE	Enville, TN	Women's Play Wknd Campout	Enville, TN
24-26	BLACK ANGELS KOLN	Aachen, W. Ger	Grillparty on the Rhine	Aachen, W. Ger
24-26	SEATTLE MN IN LTHR	Seattle, WA	Campout	Seattle, WA

SEPTEMBER, 1990

1	ROCKY MOUNTNRS	Denver	Bar Night	Denver
1	THUNDERBOLTS	Westport, CT	Bar Night	Westport, CT
1	CHICAGO HELLFIRE	Chicago, IL	Party 5 PM	Chicago, IL

1	Q.S.M.	S.F.	Alternate Personas	S.F.
1	NLA: VIRGINIA	Richmond, VA	Meeting 6PM	Richmond, VA
1	PEOP. EXCH. PWR: WA	Wash., DC	Party	Wash., DC
1-3	KNIGHTS OF MALTA	Vancouver, BC	13th Internat. Assembly	Vancouver, BC
2	NLA: DENVER	Denver, CO	Beer Bust 3-6	Denver, CO
2	2-WHEELS OMAHA	Omaha, NB	Mr/Ms Leather Nebraska	Omaha, NB
2	PEOP. EXCH. PWR: WA	Wash., DC	Cuffs & Crowns Benefit	Wash., DC
2	THRESHOLD	L.A.	S&M Univ/Orientation	L.A.
2	S.F. LEATHER DADDY'S	S.F.	Boy Contest	S.F.
2	TRADESMEN	Charlotte, NC	Business Meeting	Charlotte, NC
3	THRESHOLD	L.A.	Joint Rap Group	L.A.
4	BLACK ROSE	Wash, DC	Activity	Wash, DC
4	EULENSPIEGEL SOC.	NYC	Polymorphous Perverts	NYC
4	CHICAGO HELLFIRE	Chicago, IL	SM Univ: Mummification	Chicago, IL
5	A.S.M.F.	Paris, France	Meeting	Paris, France
5	Q.S.M.	S.F.	High-Tech Toys	S.F.
5	SEATTLE MEN LTHR	Seattle	Bar Night	Seattle
5	GOLDEN GATE GRDS	S.F.	Beer Bust	S.F.
6	NLA: PORTLAND	Portland, OR	Mr/Ms NLA: Portland Contest	Portland, OR
6	SIGMA	Wash., D.C.	Bar Night 9PM	Wash., D.C.
6	GMSMA	NYC	PWA Care Partner Support Group	NYC
6-12	CHICAGO HELLFIRE	Chicago, IL	Inferno	Chicago, IL
7	NLA: SAN DIEGO	San Diego	Beer Bust	San Diego
7	ORGASM	Portland, OR	Super Jacks Party	Portland, OR
7	PEOP. EXCH. PWR: PA	Philadelphia	Party 8PM-1AM	Philadelphia
7	TRADESMEN	Charlotte, NC	Club Nite--Hard Labor	Charlotte, NC
7-9	EAST MERCIA MSC	England	Biking Event	England
7-9	FREDNCR/DALAS MC	Dallas, TX	Rosebut 10 Run	Dallas, TX
8	CINCINNATI CHAPS	Cincinnati, OH	Barbecue/Club Night	Cincinnati, OH
8	LONE STAR PEP	Dallas	Party	Dallas
8	MANSFIELD BUCKS	Burlington, VT	Bar Night	Burlington, VT
8	V.A.S.M.	Vancouver, BC	Demo Night 7PM	Vancouver, BC
8	PORTLAND PWR TST	Portland, OR	Meeting	Portland, OR
8	S.F. LEATHERNECKS	S.F.	Party	S.F.
8	PEOP. EXCH. PWR: WA	Wash., DC	Party	Wash., DC
8	ORGASM	Portland, OR	Women Only Dungeon	Portland, OR
8	TRIDENT INTL D.C.	Wash., D.C.	Meeting	Wash., D.C.
8	PORTLAND LTHR MN	Portland, OR	Potluck	Portland, OR
8	NLA: ARKANSAS	Little Rock	Meeting/Program	Little Rock
8	PITTSBURGH MC	Pittsburgh, PA	Social	Pittsburgh, PA
9	NLA: SAN DIEGO	San Diego	Gen. Meeting	San Diego
9	CINCINNATI CHAPS	Cincinnati, OH	Monthly Meeting	Cincinnati, OH
9	NLA: SO FLA. (C.I.F.)	Miami	Gen. Mtng. 7:30 PM	Miami
9	MANSFIELD BUCKS	Burlington, VT	Bar Night	Burlington, VT
9	WASATCH LATHERMN	Salt Lake City	Meeting	Salt Lake City
9	NLA: SEATTLE	Seattle, WA	Bar Night	Seattle, WA
9	TRIDENT, RHD. ISL.	Providence	Meeting	Providence
9	NLA: BC	Vancouver, BC	Board Meeting 7PM	Vancouver, BC
9	NLA: PORTLAND	Portland, OR	Gen. Mtng	Portland, OR

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10	NLA: ATLANTA (CIF)	Atlanta	Meeting	Atlanta
10	EULENSPIEGEL SOC.	NYC	Toy Night--Play/Display	NYC
10	SIGMA	Wash., DC	Meeting 8PM	Wash., DC
10	SEATTLE MN IN LTHR	Seattle, WA	Twinkie Roundup 10PM	Seattle, WA
10	NLA: DENVER	Denver, CO	Meeting	Denver, CO
10	GMSMA	NYC	PWA Care Partner Support Group	NYC
11	CHICAGO GOLD DIS GP	Chicago, IL	Program Meeting	Chicago, IL
11	V.A.S.M.	Vancouver, BC	Board Meeting 7PM	Vancouver, BC
11	SIGMA	Wash, DC	Program Meeting	Wash, DC
11	ORGASM	Portland, OR	Gen. Mbship Mtng.	Portland, OR
11	NY BONDAGE CLUB	NYC	Activity	NYC
11	BLACK ROSE	Wash, DC	Water Sports	Wash, DC
11	EULENSPIEGEL SOC.	NYC	Dom. Men/Submis. Women	NYC
12	THRESHOLD	L.A.	Business Meeting	L.A.
12	PEOP. EXCH. PWR: PA	Philadelphia	Meeting	Philadelphia
12	A.S.M.F.	Paris, France	Meeting	Paris, France
12	DREIZEHN	Cambridge, MA	Meeting	Cambridge, MA
13	NLA: SAN DIEGO	San Diego	Bd. of Directors Mtng	San Diego
14	NLA: ATLANTA (CIF)	Atlanta	Bar Night	Atlanta
14	NLA: CHICAGO (CIF)	Chicago, IL	Meeting/Election	Chicago, IL
14	PEOP. EXCH. PWR: PA	Philadelphia	Party 8PM-1AM	Philadelphia
14-16	DESERT LEATHERMN	Tucson, AZ	Mystery Run V	Tucson, AZ
14-16	A.S.M.F.	Toulouse, France	Meetings	Toulouse, France
14-16	NIMBUS	Douglas, MI	Dunes	Douglas, MI
14-16	BOURNEMTH LTHR	Bournemouth	Beach Weekend	Bournemouth
15	STALLION MC	Cleveland, OH	Bar Night	Cleveland, OH
15	THE FIFTEEN	S.F.	Party	S.F.
15	Coastal Carolina	Wilmington, NC	Leather Contest No.1	Wilmington, NC
15	ORGASM	Portland, OR	Swingers' Party	Portland, OR
15	HOT ASH	NYC	Cigar Brothers II Banquet	NYC
15	THRESHOLD	L.A.	Program Meeting	L.A.
15	PEOP. EXCH. PWR: WA	Wash., DC	Party	Wash., DC
15	HARTFORD COLTS	Springfield, MA	Bar Night	Springfield, MA
15	SIGMA	Wash, DC	Dungeon Party	Wash, DC
16	SEATTLE MN IN LTHR	Seattle, WA	Brunch	Seattle, WA
16	NLA: ATLANTA (CIF)	Atlanta	Bar Night	Atlanta
16	M-C MEN OF NEW MEX.	Albuquerque	Monthly Meeting	Albuquerque
16	OUTCASTS	S.F.	Steering Committee	S.F.
17	EULENSPIEGEL SOC.	NYC	Piercing with Jim Ward	NYC
17	THRESHOLD	L.A.	Women's Rap Group	L.A.
17	SPEARHEAD	Toronto, ONT	Board Meeting	Toronto, ONT
17	ORGASM	Portland, OR	Exec. Board Mtng	Portland, OR
18	BLACK ROSE	Wash, DC	Social Meeting	Wash, DC
18	EULENSPIEGEL SOC.	NYC	Fat Admirers Forum	NYC
18	A.S.M.F.	Paris, France	Anniversary	Paris, France
18	NLA: SFBAC	S.F.	Executive Meeting	S.F.
18	THRESHOLD	L.A.	Men's Rap Group	L.A.
18-23	Leather Pride Week	S.F.	SM GAYS	S.F.
19	Light Relief/Photogrpny	LLGC	Mr. N. CA. Drum. Bf. Dnr.	LLGC

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.

OUTCASTS, S.F.

On June 15th, Outcasts hosted a particularly rewarding program night on SM & Women with Disabilities. The first-person narratives provide attendees with a new perspective on human adaptability, & an increased awareness of the necessity of respecting limits. The panel provided information about particular types of disabilities & the adjustments they may require in scenes. "We also saw how the difficulties of others sometimes have presented them with opportunities, & certainly we can all share in the new ideas for SM games. In any case, as someone wisely noted, when we get older our bodies will all undergo their inevitable changes. These issues will then be true for all of us, so we would do well to listen to those who've already seen what for the rest of us is still to come."

TARHEEL LEATHER CLUB

Tarheel Leather Club of Greensboro, NC, celebrated its "Inaugural Weekend" on June 1-2. In the short time since its founding, it has gained a large membership, & has developed an ambitious program of activities (among them active work with the "NC Senate Vote '90" Campaign (see elsewhere in this issue of the *Link*)). Tarheels has hosted several entertainments: on June 15, the "Hanky Panky On Parade" leather fashion show occurred at the Palms, while July 1 featured "Leather & Lace." Tarheel LC is developing strong ties with other North Carolina & regional Leather/SM/Fetish organizations: Tradesmen, Menamore, NLA:Atlanta, Panthers, Leathermen/Atlanta, TDA, NLA:Virginia, & NLA:Dallas.

LET'S TAKE US ALL ALONG

(from a speech delivered by Bet Power of Shelix at Boston 1990 Pride Celebration)
"As we're moving toward self-definition, pride & "respectability," let's take all of us along! Unity... will give us the power to achieve our social, political, legal & economic goals.

"In particular, let's take all of us with diverse sexual orientations...along. Let's take the leathermen along, who have contributed so much in building gay social & political groups & who so dependably raise money in the fight against AIDS.

"Let's take the leatherwomen along who have for so long lead our lesbian community while hiding a part of themselves away.

"Let's take transvestites & transsexuals along.... They shatter rigid gender roles & live at deep levels of freedom, honesty, choice & self-definition.

"Let's take bisexuals along. They've always been with us as lovers & friends.

"Some express fear that if lesbians & gays are granted rights, all the other sexual minorities will want them too. Exactly the point. Let's take all of us along. In a house with many closets, it's important to open all the doors! Full inclusion means using the full power of our community.Let's take all of us along!"

CHICAGOLAND DISCUSSION GROUP

The CDG continues its busy round of activities, with a recent program on "S&M Myths" and a delightful "Indoor Beach Party." Plans are progressing for a Membership Orientation Meeting in September or October, and the "Autumn Equinox" party on September 22 and "Vampire Nite" on November 3rd. Contact the Chicagoland Discussion Group at P.O.Box 25009, Chicago, IL 60625, or call (312) 583-0922.

PNW DRUMMER

ORGASM of Portland, Oregon, recently hosted the Pacific Northwest Drummer finals, and a grand time was had by all, with fierce competition. The evening's program was dedicated to NLA's own founder, Steve Maidhof. Contestants were sponsored by VASM of Vancouver, BC, Seattle Men in Leather, and the PDX Eagle of Portland OR. The Contest was staged by Kevin Koesel of SpreadEagle Productions. Our congratulations to the winner, Buddy Cobb of Seattle.

M.S.C. SCOTLAND

MSC Scotland plans a Barbecue during the Edinburgh Festival, on August 25. They report an increase in membership, with more participation in events and an increased interest in activities, including ECMC and FUKC events. They can be contacted at P.O.Box 28, H.P.O., Edinburgh EH-3-5JL, Scotland.

SM GAYS

SM Gays of London, England, meets regularly on the third Wednesday of each month at the London Lesbian & Gay Center, 69 Cowcross St, London. All gay men are welcome to attend. A series of interesting programs is planned for the remainder of the year, including SM Photography on Sept. 19, Trick Bags and Equipment Oct. 17, Demographs on Nov. 21, Advanced Bondage on Dec. 19, and SM & the Law on Jan. 16. Contact SM Gays at BM SM Gays, London, WC1N 3XX, England.

NEWS FROM DOWN UNDER

Recently formed is the Sydney Bondage Club (write S.B.C. at P.O.Box 244, St.Peters, NSW 2044, Australia) and now their action in Melbourne. Brian M. is spearheading a new organization, **Melbond**, for men who are seriously interested in bondage. Write Melbond at P.O.Box 1395, Collingwood, Victoria, 3066, Australia. Brian M. is starting a movement to form an Australian Leather Federation, designed to link up with NLA and others to form a World Association.

KLAUS RATH

We regret to announce the recent death of member Klaus Rath of Munich, Germany, on June 24, 1990, at the age of 65. He is survived by Toni Rath. Memorial and Requiem were held June 29.

A.S.M.F.--PARIS

The latest issue of *Les Chaines de L'Amitie* (publication of A.S.M.F.) reprints, in French, the rules of the Seattle Dungeon Guild, noting that they are suitable for "five participants or five hundred. They may be used as source ideas for our working rules for an ASMF dungeon or as standards of personal conduct."

ASMF has organized several parties (July 22 and August 19) called "Gay Party/Fin Du Siecle" at the Transfert in Paris, based on a concept published by Pirates Associes Editeur. If you will be traveling in France, contact A.S.M.F. at Residence la Mesangere, Rue de Reuilly, 117, F-75012, Paris Daumesnil.

RAP ON RAP

A Florida columnist, Janice Martin, notes while 24,013 people in Florida last year were assaulted with fire arms and 888 murdered, she is unaware of a single person who died of obscenity or rap music lyrics.

(from *Journal of Sexual Liberty*)

SISTERS OF THE ROSE

A new networking organization for women is forming, *Sisters of the Rose*. Contact address is 794 Dixie Ave NE, #10, Atlanta, GA 30307-2449. The main goal is to create a networking newsletter to keep women around the country aware of events planned by women, for women only. The first event is a campout and "play weekend" in Enville Tenn., August 24-26. The fee will be minimal (based on number of attendees). Sisters around the country are invited to unite to spread information about activities of interest to them. A goal of the *Sisters of the Rose* is to organize, in 1991, an event for women equivalent to CHC's *Inferno*.

ADDRESS CHANGES

Please send us your address changes. For bulk mail, we must pay 25 cents to get back each piece of mail returned with an address change, and another quarter to re-mail it. Therefore, NLA must pay 50 cents to the post office for an address change. when for a 15 cent post card the person moving could let us know.

LEATHER PRIDE NIGHT '90

GMSMA of New York City, with the support of NLA:Metro New York, the Eulenspiegel Society, LSM, Sirens, the New York Bondage Club, and the Defenders, presented its 7th annual benefit night on June 17. Slightly over \$15,000 was raised; after expenses, at least \$7000 will go to the Heritage of Pride (organizers of the Gay/Lesbian Pride March and activities), \$3500 to the NYC Gay/Lesbian Anti-Violence Project, and \$3500 to the Hocutt-Ferguson PWA Assistance Fund of GMSMA. Many generous donations made for a most exciting auction, with goods ranging from Broadway Tickets to art to dungeon equipment. Since 1984, Leather Pride Night has raised over \$50,000 for its beneficiaries.

FIRE DANCE IV

Firedancers LLC of Dallas, Texas, plans Fire Dance IV:Fort Apache;Oak Lawn on Nov. 9-11. Events include a scavenger hunt, poker, a bike enduro road rally, gaymes, cocktails, dinner, parties, awards, and brunch. Contact Firedancers at P.O.Box 190712, Dallas, TX 75219, for run information.

ROCHESTER RAMS

The Rochester Rams M.C. present Outer Limits 1990 on August 24-26. The site will be a private lakeside camp (Camp Whitman on Seneca Lake) with accommodation in cabin, hogan, or your own tent, and the run includes transportation to and from camp, great home-cooked food, people events, bike events, a show, cocktail parties, an in-ground pool, showers, and flush toilets. Transportation to the run site leaves from the Bachelor Forum 670 University Ave., Rochester, NY, at 8 PM on August 25. For information on the Rams, contact P.O.Box 1727, Rochester, NY 14603.

CUFFS & CROWNS

Leather Star and Mr. Puget Sound Leather 1990 Martin Rooney sponsor Cuffs and Crowns Sept. 2, 1990, at the Off-Ramp, 109 Eastlake East, in Seattle, Washington. Doors open at 7, with show at 8 PM Sharp. The event will benefit Leather Star, and organization which grants last wishes to PWAs from throughout the Pacific Northwest. Mistress of Ceremonies will be Shan Carr. Among confirmed guests are Mr. BC Drummer, Mr. Puget Sound Leather, "Dusty" Ryane, Shan Carr (IMSL '88), Susie Shepherd (IMSL '89), Judy Tallwing McCarty (IMSL '87), Jan Lyon (Ms.NLA '89/90), Howard Martin (Mr. Washington Leather '90), and Dale Trotter (Mr.NLA:Seattle '90).

Leather Star has had a busy summer, with 4 dreams granted (2 involving trips to Europe and the Far East). As Leather Star does not discriminate on the basis of sexual expression (Leather/Levi/Drag/??), it has decided to hold a *community* event, involving all the leather and court communities of the Pacific Northwest and their friends in a fun-filled evening. Seattle was

chosen as the site due to its location in the area served by Leather Star (BC, Washington, Idaho, and Oregon). Leather groups and organizations are invited to put together SM-oriented productions, and the court community to perform coronation-style entrances, while individual performers are more that welcome. Contact Martin at 604-688-9162 or Leather Star at 206-572-2806 for further information.

As part of the evening's festivities, Shan Carr will MC the "Never-Wed" game. Shan will also be doing a Monday night show at the Off Ramp.

DRESSING FOR PLEASURE

The 4th annual "Dressing for Pleasure" gala event will be occurring in mid-October. It will bring together some of the world's top designers of corsetry, leather, and latex, for a weekend of fashion, information, and wild costumed fun. Workshops will be included, covering such topics as Corseting, Latex, Fetishism, Shoes and Boots, Sex for One, and S/M and the Law. Through the weekend will be a variety of lectures and competitions, and the grand finale will be a "Belle of the Ball" Competition. The weekend (excluding brunch) will run \$225, though some events may be purchased separately. For info., write Constance Enterprises, P.O.Box 43277, Upper Montclair, NJ 07043 or call (201)-746-0072 (FAX 746-1485).

S/M WORKSHOP

The S/M Workshop, a one-day intensive learning adventure that offers newcomers to the S/M experience a thorough introduction to the concepts, techniques, and practices of S/M, is enrolling participants. No previous S/M experience or knowledge are required, only the desire to discover more about S/M and how it fits into your life, in a no-pressure, non-judgmental atmosphere. Topics include basic techniques, safety, community resources, finding partners, coming out into S/M, etc. Facilitator of the S/M Workshop is Race Bannon, who has had many years of experience as a speaker, writer, and teacher within the S/M community. Workshop fee is \$100; location is Los Angeles. For information, call (213)-280-3223 or write c/o NOVACOM to 4470, 170 Sunset Blvd, #375, Los Angeles, CA 90027.

ARIZONA FELLOWSHIP RUN

The 7th Annual Arizona Fellowship Run in Tucson, AZ, will occur this year from November 22 to 25. All of Tucson's social clubs have joined together to provide a Thanksgiving Holiday weekend full of fun, friends, and relaxation. The run includes meals, games, trophies, billeting (though hotel rooms may be secured), etc. Sponsors include the Tucson Knight Owls, GO DD's, Tucson Arizona Levi Leathermen, Sisters of Sonora, First Ladies, Partners, Desert Leathermen, Shit Howdy Cloggers, Copper State Square Dancers, and the Souther Hospitality Club. For a Run application, call Ben at 602-297-1909 or Tommy at 602-623-0993.

TRUTH ABOUT THE BIG APPLE?

Given a choice between sex or supper, most New Yorkers would choose the meal, according to a new poll that shows why New York is different from the rest of the world. 72 per cent of 300 respondents to the questionnaire say they would rather have a good dinner than sex (28 % would rather have the sex). 68 per cent would rather see a Broadway show than have sex, but 67 % would prefer sex to a baseball game. Margin of error estimated at 5 %. (From the *Observer* c/o Reuter and the *Seattle P.I.*, July 26, 1990, edition.

HUMOR FROM TRIDENTS

Tridents of Central Mass. contributes a safety sign to be worn/installed as appropriate:

BULLETIN

The Occupational Safety & Health Act (OSHA) has determined that the maximum safe load capacity on my butt is two (2) persons at one time -- unless I install handrails or safety straps. As you have arrived sixth in line to ride my ass today, please take a number and wait your turn.

-Thank You-

ENTRE NOUS IN P'TOWN

Entre-Nous celebrates its 20th Anniversary with a Provincetown weekend October 19-21. The run includes transportation, 2 nights of lodging, all meals, admissions, beverages, a leather contest and show, a costume ball, and loads of brotherhood and community. Friday and Saturday night feature the Mr. Entre Nous Leather/Mr. P'town Leather contest; if sufficient interest is expressed, a parallel women's contest will be held. The Dress Rehearsal Ball (costume optional) should be a winner. Write Entre Nous, Inc., at P.O.Box 984, Boston, MA 02103, for more information.

BADGER FLAT

The Satyrs M/C of Los Angeles announces their Badger Flat Run for August 31-Sept.4, 1990. For information on this gala weekend, write Satyrs at P.O.Box 1137, Los Angeles, CA 90078.

LEGACY OF AKRON

A new organization has formed in Akron, Ohio. *Legacy* is a leather club for people who are into the leather lifestyle, either wearing leather or participating in leather/fantasy sexual experiences. The purposes of the group will be to promote and educate about safe sex among S/M participants, to provide demonstrations of different S/M activities undertaken in safe, legal and enjoyable manners, to provide a means for introductions for those of similar interests, and to work in fighting the spread of AIDS, through education, talks, and charitable fundraising. Those interested in further information should contact *Legacy* at P.O. Box 4513, Akron, OH 44310.

CHICAGO HELLFIRE

According to the August 1, 1990, CHC Brand, registrants for the A, B, and AB sessions of Inferno XIX total 254 individuals, VERY close to the projected target enrollment. This promises to be a remarkable Inferno, with special contests including a Dog Show, Tic-Tac-Toe with a Whip, Improvisational Bondage, Freestyle Bondage Sculpture, and Solo Bondage.

Suggestions for speakers and topics are being investigated for 1991 sessions of S/M University. Remaining 1990 sessions include Mummification, Fetishes, the Art of Spanking, and S/M U Potpourri. Most sessions of S/MU are held at the AA Meat Market in Chicago.

ATLANTIS RUN

Cornhaulers' LLC of Des Moines, IA, hosts their Discover Atlantis weekend Sept. 22-24 in Des Moines. Headquarters is the Holiday Inn South. For more information, call Jim of the Cornhaulers at 515-226-8711. This looks to be a fine weekend.

P.E.P. PHILADELPHIA

This new PEP organization has been having a busy agenda of parties, programs, and get-togethers this summer. Their address is 3400 Red Lion Rd., #12-C, Philadelphia. Their information line is 215-440-6469. Nancy Miller has been working on forming this group for some time.

LEATHER UNITED--CHICAGO

Leather United, Chicago, was formed in March 1989, and became active in February 1990, recently tripling its membership. Their monthly bar night is held at the AA Meat Market at 2933 N.Lincoln Ave., Chicago. Their primary purpose is to provide a social/support environment for the Leather Community and those with related interests, and to promote an environment for meeting, talking, and socializing without social and sexual pressures. They are primarily gay, but are pan-sexual and non-discriminatory in outlook and intent. They report a very visible leather contingent, which led the way for the Milwaukee Pride Parade June 16th, and an extremely visible leather presence at the Chicago Parade the following week. You may reach them at P.O.Box 138-058, Chicago, IL 60613.

AMERICAN LEATHERMEN WEEKEND

The American Leatherman Weekend is set for September 27-30, 1990, in Boston, MA. The 27th welcomes the 4th Anniversary of Mike's Custom Leather at 119 Merrimac, also the site of Registration and Buffet on the 28th. Brunch at the Eagle with a chance to meet contestants and judges on the 29th. Sunday features brunch, a parade of colors, and the 1990 (second annual) American Leatherman Competition. This Contest is labelled as the leather contest for REAL leathermen--"the kind you see in the bars on the weekend--Daddies, Boys,

Hunks, Chunks & All the other HOT men!" Write MCL Productions, P.O.Box 9326, Boston, MA 02114 for information.

VANGUARDS

Vanguards MC of Philadelphia, PA, announce their 21st anniversary, to be celebrated with Oktoberfest 1990 on October 13, 1990. The event includes an open bar, a formal dinner, and entertainment. For information, write Vanguards at P.O.Box 2308, Philadelphia, PA 19103-0308. For achieving the ripe old age of twenty-one, our congratulations!

INTERCHAIN

We have been informed that in April, 1990, members of Interchain received a communication from that group, indicating that this was their last copy of the newsletter. We regret to see yet another long-established entity closing its doors.

SIGMA OF WASHINGTON

Sigma's Program nights continue to be interesting and popular. Nancy Ava Miller will be presenting "Exploring Sexual Fantasy" at the July meeting; in August John Noble will demonstrate the art of "Temporary Piercing"; September will welcome a Dungeon Party. SIGMA reports a tremendous success during Gay Pride Day.

VASM OF VANCOUVER, BC

VASM proudly announces its 8th Anniversary, to be held in Vancouver, BC, October 6 and 7, 1990. Events include a Meet and Greet, an Anniversary Dinner, a Demo by Bob Buckley, a Celebration Brunch, and the Annual General Meeting. Registration is \$70 (Canadian) for members, \$75 for non-members. For information, write to VASM at P.O.Box 4579, Vancouver, BC V6B-4A1, Canada.

MEDICAL MINDS AT WORK

(Abstract of an article appearing in the Jan., 1986, Journal of Forensic Science)
"The origins of detective magazines can be traced to 17th & 18th century crime pamphlets & to 19th century periodicals that Lombroso called 'really criminal newspapers.' Content analysis of current detective magazines shows that their covers juxtapose erotic images with images of violence, bondage, & domination; that their articles provide lurid descriptions of murder, rape, & torture; & that they publish advertisements for weapons, burglary & car theft tools, false identification, & sexual aids. Six case histories of sexual sadists illustrate the use of these magazines as a source of fantasy material. We postulate that detective magazines may contribute to the development of sexual sadism, facilitate sadistic fantasies, & serve as training manuals & equipment catalogs for criminals. We recommend that detective magazines be considered during policy debates about media violence & pornography."

CENTURIONS of COLUMBUS

Celebration XII is set for Sept. 21-23 in Columbus, Ohio. Events include food, parties, drink, people events, and a banquet. A Mid-America Conference Meeting will highlight the day Sept. 22. Cut-Off date for registration is Sept. 10. Contact Centurions at POB 09208, Columbus, OH, 43209-0208 for information and registration forms.

BLACK ROSE of Arlington, VA

Black Rose is compiling its organizational history, and would appreciate whatever material from PEP or Black Rose you might be able to provide. Black Rose contemplates sponsoring a School for Submissives this coming fall. August 4 featured a party with equestrian theme at the Center, while on the 16th the Ladies of Black Rose went out on the town dancing.

MANSFIELD BUCKS

Mansfield Bucks of Burlington, Vermont, made a big hit during their first group appearance on Vermont Gay Pride day, June 23. Members marched with their banner during a torrential downpour (which even washed out parts of US 2 in Montpelier). Their Club (check the calendar for their monthly event at Pearl's in Burlington) in July raised over \$200 for Vermont C.A.R.E.S. Their recent piercing event was a great success. They may be contacted at P.O.Box 5688, Burlington, Vermont 05402.

EULENSPIEGEL SOCIETY

The Eulenspiegel Society, senior New York organization (it is 20 years old in 1990), reports a fantastic turnout at their July 2nd 200th birthday party of the Marquis de Sade. It featured a show, good food, midnight champagne, and lots of good scenes. Their Bizarre Bazaar May 21st featured lots of fine leather goods for sale. An enthusiastic group of members marched in the June 14th Gay Pride Parade. August 25th brings their Sleazy Slutty Summer Soiree. Contact Eulenspiegel at T.E.S., Box 2783, Grand Central Station, NYC, NY 10163-2783.

ARREST IN TAMPA

Tampa police arrested 2 men with prostitution saying they'd raided a "medieval dungeon where bizarre sexual rituals were performed." One man arrested was undergoing a sex change operation. "We found various racks, whips, chains & other kinds of articles" the police said, as well as feathered masks, leather dog collars, paddles, enema bottles, and devices used to crush male genitals. They also confiscated a board where customers could be chained & disciplined. "Most of the time it was a session where the woman would discipline the man." Police said paying for bondage wasn't against the law, but paying for sex was. They said the fee for bondage sessions was \$120 to \$175, and sex was \$25 to \$40 extra. (Courtesy of the *Journal of Sexual Liberty*.)

GUEST Scribbles

(This month, George Nelson is busy with travel in Portland, OR, and Vancouver, BC, with community activities including PND, Gay Games III, and Mr/Ms Vancouver Leather. After 4 years, he's handing over his Scribbles column to a guest editor for the first time.)

1 STEP FORWARD...2 BACK

When George called me this morning from Vancouver to announce that there was no time for him to write his usual monthly Scribbles column this month, & that I could do it, I was floored. But then, I realized that I knew what to write about....

We're in an exciting era, of growth and progress. NLA is growing, quickly and well. Our Bylaws are ratified, and our National Council Election is virtually complete. Our Annual Conference is in its 5th year. Beyond the NLA, more organizations are forming & more people are getting involved. The number of individuals willing to become dynamically involved in organization and leadership is simply astounding. Our national and regional title-holders are no longer simply hunks or beauty queens--they're workers, and they're committed. With the softening of borders in Eastern Europe, we expect to welcome quite a few new folks into our community. The word that we are one--we people into SM or Lea-

ther or Fetish Play--is spreading. Things are positive! Things are UP!

But sitting beside my terminal as I write is the July 15-21 *Gay Community News*, issued in Boston, Mass. Right there, in a front page headline, is the news that "AIDS Project Worcester Abandons Leather Outreach." This is a shocker. AIDS Project Worcester was a pioneer in staging a direct, targeted AIDS prevention project for the leather community--and certainly was the only such project of which we are aware in New England. Mailings we receive from *Tridents Intl.*, *Central Mass.* have had much to say about the APW group; Tridents has actively engaged in fundraising for APW. The Leather outreach, designated Leatherforce 2000, had promoted safer sex & AIDS prevention on a one-on-one basis, in the bars & directly with members of the leather/SM community. Evidently Alan Chiras (the volunteer who directly runs most of the Leatherforce 2000 project) was invited by the APW director Anne Marie Kane to "stop doing his AIDS prevention work in the name of APW." Chiras believes that he was "fired" because his outreach was incompatible with the goals of APW & that his firing by the new director of APW was because of the director's direct prejudice against the bar scene & the Leather/SM community in particular; the new APW director is a Catholic nun, and the Church is traditionally prejudiced against homosexu-

ality, safer sex education, & condom use. The only bright news is that, thanks to a small grant from the Boston-based *Leather & Lace* group, Chiras has been able to continue Leatherforce 2000's anti-AIDS work.

We consider it close to criminal--in this era when the threat & the danger of AIDS are in no way diminishing--to in any way weaken the efforts we are making to eradicate it. In the 1990's, our leather community is becoming stronger & more united--but it is still being abused from without. To cease or discourage AIDS prevention work for the leather community indicates a total lack of value and respect for members of that community (as if to say, "Oh, them---they're perverts! Let 'em get AIDS!") In actual practice, members of the Leather/SM/Fetish Community were among the FIRST to adopt safer sex practices--but that does NOT mean that we may become less vigilant than heretofore.

We recommend that you let YOUR opinion be known. Address of *AIDS Project Worcester* is 305 Shrewsbury St., Worcester, MA 01604. Contact *Gay Community News* at 62 Berkeley St., Boston, MA 02116. If you wish to contribute to Leatherforce 2000, Tridents may be able to forward your contributions; write Trident, Intl., of Central Mass at P.O.Box 3054, Worcester, MA 01613-3054.

Wayne Gloege

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.

HARD-TO-FIND FETISH VIDEOS: EROTIC TATTOOING, BODY PIERCING, OUTLAW BIKERS, MORE! ILLUSTRATED CATALOG \$1! FLASH VIDEO, Box 410052, San Francisco, CA 94141

FREE MBALS 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.

TO ORGANIZATIONS

NLA publishes as complete a leather calendar as possible; on our computers, we have stored as much advance information about events in the leather world as we could obtain, & each month we print as much of that data as will fit in the space available. However, our calendar is incomplete. If your organization is doing ANY activity (from major runs to seminars & dungeons to member meetings) let us know, & we'll fit it in. The NLA endeavors to be non-partisan; equally, the *First Link* will not attempt to distinguish between the angels & the devils: if you're doing events

anywhere in the National/International Leather/SM/Fetish Community, then we want to include them. We need to hear about them in advance, however. Get us information by the first of the month; we'll insert it in our calendars & get it to the printers by the tenth; we should have it in the mail by the eighteenth, so it will be in our readers hands starting around the 20th. We mail to our large (and rapidly growing) membership each month & each month, the *First Link* goes to EVERY Leather/SM/Fetish organization in North America which we have been able to identify (between 300 & 400 of them!!); copies of each issue are sent to some of the major organizations outside of North America; each month the *Link* goes to major publications around the world; finally, each month 100 or more copies of the *Link* go to unaffiliated individuals around the world.

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.

MAJOR EVENTS

This last month brought 2 major events to our community, **Lock Up 1** in Little Rock and **Fantasy '90** in Omaha, NE. We hope to be able to report on both of these events in next month's *First Link*.

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

FULL NAME: _____

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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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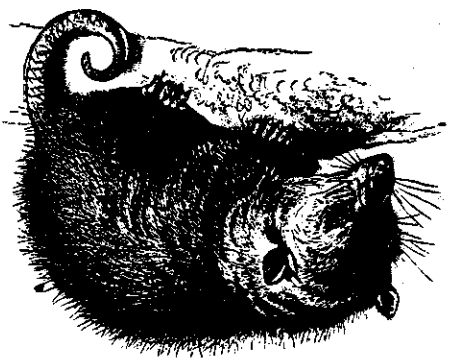
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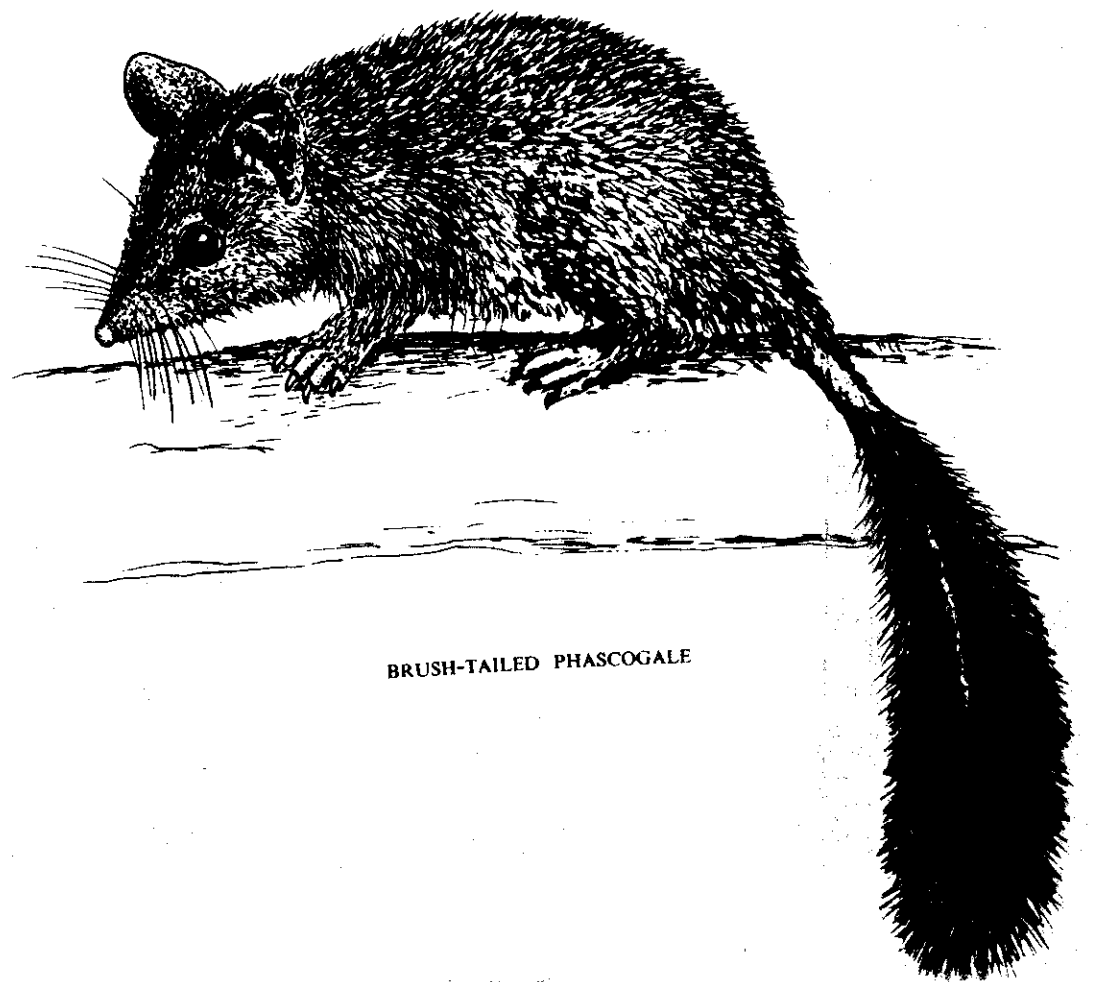
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