

LIL V is Coming Soon!!

News from the Chapters

NLA:METRO NEW YORK

This very active Chapter has set up a full round of meetings & activities for the rest of 1990. On the calendar below, note in particular the monthly socials, highlighted by a Halloween Social on October 31, & a Holiday boutique on November 28.

The **Metro New York** Chapter had a successful first-ever social/mixer & the Chapter has started a monthly series of socials/mixers at a local "Fancy Burger" restaurant. They're having their first Play Party for members & their guest at a member's private dungeon on October 6. Monthly meetings continue on a regular basis & membership is growing. For information on their activities, call Gerrie at 212-686-5248 (Noon to 8 PM) or log on to the BBS at the same number from 8 PM to noon.

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

We are very pleased this month to announce a new "Chapter in Formation" of the NLA, **NLA:Pittsburgh**. They have asked us to print the following notice:

Members of the National Leather Association (NLA) are attempting to organize a local Chapter in the Greater Pittsburgh area. If you are within the Greater Pittsburgh area & would like more information, send a self-addressed stamped envelope to: NLA:Pittsburgh, P.O.Box 81245, Pittsburgh PA 15217.

NLA:DALLAS

Yes, the Dallas Chapter is alive & well & staying cool even in the 100 plus temps; of course, we're used to it. One just goes from his air conditioned house to his air conditioned car to his air conditioned work place, etc. So you don't do much outside after mid-July unless you're a real masochist.

So in early July we had an outdoor meeting/picnic while Judy Tallwing McCarthey was here. We believe she enjoyed her month here although Jim Richards

booked her for every leather social event in town at night & Johnny Grey of Shades of Grey leather kept her busy doing leathers during the day. I don't know if the woman had a chance to breathe. Larry Arbo, one of the members, has made us all proud by taking away the Mr. Gulf Coast Drummer title. This makes the third title this year for the 30 something leatherman & he hopes to do well at the Mr. Drummer competition in San Francisco.

September starts a new era for NLA-Dallas. Due to our bylaws requiring staggered terms for co-chairs, Marion Rounsaville decided to take the initial one year term & we have elected Dennis Watts as our new male co-chair.

We've made certain changes to our meeting format to always include an educational program of some sort, & one of our long range goals is to do our "Beyond Vanilla" seminars (SM for the novice & master) twice a year. Other stuff in the works are the normal fundraisers, a local talent art show, & our ambitious female co-chair Terrie Anderson will certainly get our help for the Ms. Texas Leather contest in January.

Our Dallas Chapter has been busy, with its first fund-raiser in May (a car wash--with rain!), & a series of lectures & demos. In June, **NLA:Dallas** had a booth at Razzle Dazzle Dallas, with much interest shown by visitors & successful fund-raising.

NLA:VIRGINIA

Virginia reports a new meeting time & place; they will meet on the second Saturday of each month at 7 PM, downstairs at the Fan Free Clinic, 1721 Hanover Ave. Richmond 23220. Program topics coming up over the next few months are Shaving on Oct. 13, Hot Was on Nov. 10, & Bondage & Mummification on Dec. 8. Program topics for Jan. 12 & Feb. 9, 1991, are not yet set. Note: on Demo nights doors are locked at 7:15 PM. A Blackout Ball is being planned for February (details TBA); with other events being considered including an April

run & the June Best Buns contest. Anyone interested in volunteering for a demo or presentation, contact David Meador at Chapter address. Virginia is producing a great looking newsletter!

**NLA:ARKANSAS
 (The Officers Club)**

Lock Up 1, the first anniversary gala celebration of NLA:Arkansas, was a tremendous success, netting its goal of \$1000 for the AIDS Foundation. The contest was hot & hard-fought, & judges report a very worthy set of competitors & winners. Best of all, those attending report that the weekend was **FUN!** Friday saw an open bar at the Hatch, a meet & greet, & fine demos, followed by the Titleists' Auction (featuring Wes Decker, Jan Lyon, & Judy Tallwing-McCarthy, being auctioned off for dinners, with profits to The AIDS House). Saturday saw a lovely boat ride on a steam paddlewheeler on the River, with entertainment by the world's senior leather drag-queen, doing a wonderful job singing in a natural voice. There was a BBQ sponsored by the Diamond State Rodeo Association, followed by the Mr. & Ms. NLA:Arkansas competition, ably won by Mr. Charles Jacque & Ms. Linda Vickery. Charles Jacque's fantasy involved his fighting death, & slaying it with a condom. Sunday's closing breakfast featured a parade of colors, speeches, & announcements. Truly a gala first anniversary event!
 J.Lyon

NLA:BC

NLA:British Columbia's members & leaders participated in a wealth of activities during Pride Weekend & Gay Games III in August, including fundraisers, a parade, & the Mr. & Ms. Vancouver Leather Contest. With joint activities such as bar nights, & its regular support group meetings, our Canadian Chapter is staying busy.

N.L.A. CALENDAR

OCTOBER, 1990		
3	FIRST LINK PRESS DEADLINE	
3	METRO NEW YORK	NYC
	Social	
4	DENVER	Denver, CO
	Beer Bust 7-10	Southtown
5	SAN DIEGO	San Diego
	Beer Bust	Wolf's
6	METRO NEW YORK	NYC
	Member Play Party	
7	DENVER	Denver, CO
	Dinner 6-8 PM	Defour
8	PORTLAND	Portland, OR
	General Meeting 7PM	Embers
10	METRO NEW YORK	NYC
	Executive Committee	
11	SAN DIEGO	San Diego
	Bd. of Directors Mtng	
12	ATLANTA (CIF)	Atlanta
	Bar Night	Roughnecks
13	ARKANSAS	Little Rock
	Meeting/Program	
	Bar Night	
13	VIRGINIA	Richmond, VA
	Meeting 7PM/Shaving	Fan-Free Clinic
13	ATLANTA (CIF)	Atlanta
	Meeting 5PM	Eagle

News from the Chapters

NLA:HOUSTON (Chapter-in-Formation)

Congratulations to Houston, where Chapter formation work is proceeding rapidly. Contact person for this new group is Dean Walradt (address page 4). Their initial meeting was set for Sept. 19, 1990. We expect a very strong & vigorous Chapter from our hot Houstonites!

NLA:ATLANTA (Chapter in Formation)

Our apologies for showing incorrect bar nights for Atlanta in the July Link. That has been corrected with the August Link & should be okay in this issue. Atlanta is setting up a vigorous schedule (with 2 bar nights per month, plus a meeting, etc.). The membership is growing rapidly, & members are participating in events throughout the Leather/SM/Fetish Community. Leaders of the Atlanta group are very actively participating in events around the country, including Lock-Up I in Little Rock & Fantasy '90 in Omaha, NE. They are also participating in many activities in their own region, & are committed to broadening their educational & political scope, with lectures & demos to be featured at meetings.

NLA:SEATTLE

The election results for the Seattle Chapter have just been finalized. The procedural Bylaw change passed, but the motion to change the Chapter name to NLA:Seattle/Puget Sound was defeated. The Board is now composed of President Wes Randall, Secretary George Nelson, Treasurer Howard Martin, & Board Members Roger Axline, Mary Ridge, Billy Jefferson, Jan Lyon, Dale Trotter, Randall Potter, & Ken Locke. The educational program is recommencing, with a recent demo of catheters & sounds, a Sept. 29 program on mummification & boots, a hot wax demo on December 1, & SM 101 on January 19. The December first event will be preceded by the semi-annual General Membership Meeting & elections for the Seattle Chapter, at 7 PM. Location for Board Meetings & Program Nights is upstairs at the Eastlake East. Location for the December 1 meeting

& program will be announced. **MAY DAY 1991** is announced for May 4-6, with the theme of Leather Rising. It will be co-chaired by Wes Randall & Linda Coomas. This will be the fifth celebration of **MAY DAY**. **NLA:Seattle** now has a "hot line," at 206-292-1025. Seattle has just issued its first newsletter, under the editorship of Randall Potter.

NLA:NEW ENGLAND (Chapter-in-Formation)

This group is starting to hold meetings & structure bylaws. A general meeting, followed by a workshop entitled "Bringing the Conference Home," is scheduled for Saturday, November 10, at Obsessions (Portland & Merimac in Boston). Dec. 8 will bring another meeting to Obsessions, from 4 to 6 PM. A SUPER HOT party is being set up for January. Joan Donnelly & Bear-Dog are currently co-chairing this group, with Joan also covering Treasurer duties & Bear-Dog those of Secretary. Interest is growing in the all-New-England Chapter. Contact them at the address given on page 4.

NLA:CHICAGO (Chapter-in-Formation)

NLA:Chicago arranged a potluck dinner at the Hellfire Clubhouse on August 25, in honor of the visiting NLA Executive Committee members in town for their quarterly meeting. The Chapter in Formation is seeking ways to increase presence & visibility in the community. The Board has been discussing support of the "Beat Jesse" campaign. Bylaws work is proceeding rapidly in Chicago, with final approvals expected there of various key sections. Membership continues to grow & strength increase.

NLA:SAN DIEGO

Big news from San Diego is their San Diego Leather Weekend, coming up November 9 to 11; the weekend includes the Mr. San Diego Leather Contest and Sunday Leather Brunch. Workshops will be featured on Saturday, including "Leather and the Law." This follows the SM 101 workshop to be held on October 14 at 6 PM

at Wolfs. San Diego reports tremendous success with their recent Scavenger Hunt and Potluck.

NLA:PORTLAND

NLA:Portland recently staged its annual Mr. & Ms. NLA:Portland competition, in front of a jolly crowd. After a difficult competition, Richard Williams & Hawk were selected as titleists. Chapter members are gearing up for the soon-to-arrive **Living in Leather V**, held in their own fair home town!

OPEN LETTER TO THE NLA MEMBERSHIP

It is my unfortunate duty to report to you that the treasurer of NLA misappropriated the sum of \$7,850.00 from the national treasury. On the advise of council a repayment plan has been established to include 10% interest. If this plan is not followed, legal action will be forthcoming. The executive committee of NLA at their August 25 meeting elected Jan Hall as acting treasurer until the new treasurer can be elected through the executive committee process. We have a C.P.A. reconciling our books at this time.

While this amount is considerable both NLA and LIL-5 are completely solvent. Both new memberships and conference registrations that have come in have been processed in the correct manner. If you have any questions please call me.

Jim Richards
Co-Chair NLA

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

Living in Leather will be coming soon-- and plans are being finalized for all aspects of this yearly event. A great range of workshops has been designed, and many of the best and brightest persons from our National/International Leather/SM/Fetish Community are coming to Portland. A HOT Contest will occur on Saturday night, to determine the holders of the Mr. & Ms. NLA titles for 1990-1991; ANY current member in good standing of the NLA may compete. Great vendors and exhibitors have been lined up for our own S & M Market. We'll have a dynamic range of art on view. Really good entertainment has been lined up for the Afterglow Party (Sunday night). Speeches and presentations for the Opening Ceremonies are being polished. **ORGASM** is getting ready for three nights of Dungeon play parties in their permanent quarters (largest permanent dungeon facility in North America). Friday night's Mack MacKinnon Travel Fund fundraiser is going to have some great goods going on auction.

Hospitality 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 Executive Committee will be meeting Friday morning and the National Council meets on Monday, so members of those bodies will have to adjust their schedules accordingly).

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

The host hotel, 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 (please, no bare chests or buns, though a well-placed jacket can hide many "sins.") The Comfort Inn; offers **attractive rates** (\$40 per night, multiple occupancy okay) and is convenient to the Coliseum.

A registration form is included below for your convenience. However, we ask you

NOT TO MAIL THIS FORM AFTER OCTOBER 8, in order to allow time for it to reach us **BEFORE** the event.

LIL V SCHOLARSHIPS

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 the National Offices at 206-789-8990 **immediately**. Time is short, and we must be able to make these arrangements in advance. Your communications will be held in confidence.

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

Ineka, of Orion Travel in San Francisco, has coordinated travel arrangements for Living in Leather. She may still be able to find 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).

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.

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
Registration Fee:	\$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

OCT.'90 (Continued)

14	SAN DIEGO	San Diego
	Gen.Meeting/Workshop	Wolfs
14	BC	Vancouver
	Board Meeting	GLC
14	SOUTH FLORIDA(CIF)	Miami
	Gen.Mtng.7:30 PM	GLCC
14	SEATTLE	Seattle, WA
	Bar Night	Balcony
16	SAN FRAN.BAY AREA	S.F.
	Executive Meeting	
16	METRO NEW YORK	NYC
	General Meeting	
17	SAN DIEGO	San Diego, CA
	Board Meeting	
18	SEATTLE	Seattle, WA
	Board Meeting	Eastlake E
19	DETROIT	Detroit
	Bar Night:Fantasy	Eagle
20	DENVER	Denver, CO
	F&I Ball 8-12 PM	Gallery
21	ATLANTA (CIF)	Atlanta
	Bar Night	Eagle

23	SAN FRAN.BAY AREA	S.F.
	Meeting 7:30	Amelia's
25-28	N.L.A.	Portland,OR
	Living in Leather V	
	Mr. & Ms. NLA Contest	
	N.C.Meetings	
	General Membership Meeting	
31	METRO NEW YORK	NYC
	Halloween Social	

NOVEMBER, 1990

2	SAN DIEGO	San Diego
	Beer Bust	Wolfs
2	DENVER	Denver, CO
	Beer Bust 4-8	Southtown
3	FIRST LINK PRESS DEADLINE	
4	B.C.	Vancouver, BC
	Annual General Mtng	Heritage Hse.
7	METRO NEW YORK	NYC
	Executive Council	
8	SAN DIEGO	San Diego
	Bd.of Directors Mtng	

9	ATLANTA (CIF)	Atlanta
	Bar Night	Roughnecks
9-11	SAN DIEGO	San Diego
	San Diego Leather Weekend	
10	VIRGINIA	Richmond, VA
	Meeting 7PM/Hot Wax	Fan-Free Clinic
10	NEW ENGLAND (CIF)	Boston, MA
	Meeting/Program 4-6	Obsessions
10	ARKANSAS	Little Rock
	Meeting/Program	
	Bar Night	
11	SEATTLE	Seattle, WA
	Bar Night	Balcony
11	SOUTH FLORIDA(CIF)	Miami
	Gen.Mtng.7:30 PM	GLCC
11	BC	Vancouver
	Board Meeting	GLC
11	SAN DIEGO	San Diego
	Gen. Meeting	Wolfs
12	PORTLAND	Portland, OR
	General Meeting	Embers
12	ATLANTA (CIF)	Atlanta, GA
	Meeting	Eagle
15	METRO NEW YORK	NYC
	General Meeting	

LIVING IN LEATHER V OCTOBER 25-28, 1990

NATIONAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS FINALIZED

We are pleased to announce the results of the recent election for At-Large representatives to the NLA National Council. As you will recall, there were 52 nominees for 40 positions. Votes were tallied at the recent Executive Committee sessions in Chicago.

Elected as Co-Chairs (taking office after Living in Leather V) are Jim Richards and Shannon Kennedy.

In alphabetical order, new At-Large National Council Representatives are:

Gabrielle Antolovich	Race Bannon	Les Robinson	Marion Rounsaville
Gerrie Blum	Nan Borrows	Gayle Rubin	Tony Shenton
Pattie Breslin	Beth Brown	Susie Shepherd	J.Tallwing-McCarthy
Pat Califia	J.C.Collins	Karen Udell	Ann Wilson
Tony DeBlase	Jerry Deloach		
Stacy Dennen	Joan Donnelly		
John Ferrari	Wayne Gloege		
Johnny Grey	Conrad Hodson		
Sallee Huber	Neal Johnson		
Karen Kirchner	Ronald Kite		
Albert Kraus	Jan Lyon		
Andy Mangels	Ruth Marks		
Karen Mendelsohn	George Nelson		
Stuard Norman	Chris Posler		
Joe Potter	Bonnie Ramsey		
Wes Randall	Dave Rhodes		

WORKSHOPS FOR LIL V

We've got a sinfully delicious menu of workshops and demonstrations lined up for 1990. Among the many workshops to be presented are Raising Kids in an SM Household, SM and the Physically Challenged, Do-It-Yourself SM, Verbal Abuse and Dirty Talk, Consensual/Non-Consensual, Gender Play, and Tops on Bottoms and Bottoms on Tops. Demonstration topics include electricity, piercing, cutting, whipping, scrotal inflation, fire, 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. Among the many presentors who have so far agreed to participate are Mark Thompson, Pat Califia, Mike Decker, Sybil Holiday, Nan Borrows, Brian Dawson, Susie Shepherd, Judy Tallwing-McCarthy, Jan Brown, Viola Johnson, Jan Lyon, Raelyn Gallina, Gayle Rubin, Gabrielle Antolovich, Albert Kraus, Fakir Musafar, Sky Renfro, Cleo Dubois, Dragon, and Guy Baldwin. The NLA has always tried to make sure that all attendees would find workshops geared to their interests and levels of expertise.

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

CONFERENCE TO BE RECORDED

For the first time, **FIRST LINK** is pleased to announce that audio tapes will be made of most panels and workshops at Living in Leather V. This will be an excellent way to have some of the nation's TOP PRESENTORS available in your city, for no plane fare! The tapes will be available, ON SITE, during the Conference, at the NLA General Store. Price is \$9 per tape, or two for \$17. These tapes will give you expertise at low cost, for Chapter or Organizational activities. Our schedule is so busy, you won't have time for every workshop you want, so here's the chance to hear what you missed. This is a really unique opportunity for you to have a permanent record of our world-class experts. Tapes will also be available, via mail order, after the Conference.

EXHIBITS AREA

At latest word from our Exhibits Co-Chairs Jan and George, the Exhibits area is SOLD OUT! This will mean a truly mind-boggling array of leather and fetish goodies for all to buy and enjoy. Attendees at past

Conferences have all admired the vast range of goods available; this is always one of the highlights of our leather weekend.

ATTENTION ALL MR. & MS NLA CONTESTANTS!!!!

All contestants are to report to a special section of the registration table and are to pick up their contest applications. They must return their applications to the registrar by 7 PM Friday evening. The titles will be Mr. & Ms. NLA 1991. We will be selecting and announcing ONLY Mr. & Ms. NLA and first runners-up.

Prejudging is an individual interview with the panel of judges; it will take place on Saturday from 9 AM until 12:30 PM at the Headquarters Hotel. Rehearsal for the show will take place as needed between 1 PM and 3:30 PM Saturday.

You will be on stage for the first time in formal/dress leather/fetish apparel. Your second time on stage is in fantasy/fun/play wear, that includes as much, or as little, skin as you desire. The third time on stage is in casual streetwear; included in this segment is a 2-minute **MAXIMUM** speech on a topic of your choice. Note: the contest organizers report that the contest will be fast-moving, so contestants must prepare for quick changes.

ANY current member of the NLA may compete; ALL contestants must be members.

ORGASM'S 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 _____

NEW AFFILIATES

We are proud to announce a new Affiliate, the first located outside of North America. The Association Sportive et Motocycliste de France (A.S.M.F.) has just joined the NLA. The ASMF is an "all-around SM, Leather, Rubber, Sports, and Motorcycle" club. It sponsors Bike runs, SM parties, tours, anti-AIDS activities, etc. Its monthly publication is *Les Chaines de l'Amitie*, which publishes ASMF news and publicizes events of other ECMC groups. It is a member of ECMC (European Confederation of Motorcycle Clubs) and it has participated in organizational activities throughout western Europe. In turn, its activities are generally open to all other clubs. ASMF celebrates its 15th Anniversary in September. For information, write ASMF, 117 Rue de Reuilly, Paris, 75012, France.

Wild Times, published at 2771 No. Lincoln Ave., #470, Chicago, IL 60614, is our newest Commercial Affiliate. **Wild Times** is a B&D/S&M oriented swingers' magazine.

On Wings of Leather, of Vancouver, BC, has also become an NLA Affiliate. Its primary purpose is to help network Leather-Fairies, Pagans, and those into Wicca. **On Wings of Leather** is distributed free of charge. It was started just before Living in Leather IV, as an idea to help connect with the many leatherfolk who besides s/m, kink, and fetishes, were also into more spiritual "leanings." It exists only as a quarterly newsletter, containing information that will hopefully be of interest, and is also soliciting ongoing readership contributions: reviews, recipes, experiences, poetry, and arts-related subjects. **Wings** also features a LEATHERFAERIE DIRECTORY, where leatherfolk can connect with each other through box-type "ads" that they create themselves. Contact Northwind at P.O. Box 2253, Vancouver, BC V6B-3W2, Canada, for more information.

New World Rubber Men of Port Townsend, WA, has also joined our Affiliate ranks. This organization of rubber fetishists has been in existence continuously since 1979, and numbers c.250 worldwide. They publish a quarterly newsletter and an annual contact roster, and stage get-togethers at least annually. Their contact address is 1602 Lincoln St., Port Townsend, WA 98368-8039.

The business network operating under the Crypto Technology Corporation banner has just joined with multiple Commercial Affiliate status. The Businesses newly affiliated with NLA are **Black on Black Leathers** (P.O.Box 1485, El Cajon, CA 92022), **Dyn American Distributing** (same address), **The Crypt** (131 Broadway, Denver, CO 80203), **The Crypt** (1310 Union, Seattle, WA 98122), and **The Crypt at Wolfs** (3404 30th St., San Diego, CA 92104). Welcome aboard to this network, which is through its various agencies a manufacturer, distributor, and retailer of Leather/SM/Fetish necessities.

LEATHER STAR

Leather Star, of Tacoma, WA, has just renewed their Affiliation with NLA.

NLA Affiliate News

Leather Star's principal activity is to grant "living wishes" to terminal PWA's throughout the Pacific Northwest, via a variety of activities and charitable fundraisers. **Leather Star** is offering a 20% discount to NLA members. They may be contacted at P.O.Box 5482, Tacoma, WA 98405.

SOCIETY OF JANUS

Society of Janus has also just renewed its Affiliate status with the NLA. This very large organization, whose primary purpose is to promote Safe SM, via educational programs and a most informative newsletter, was founded 15+ years ago by 1989 NLA Woman of the Year, Cynthia Slater. It may be reached at P.O.Box 6794, San Francisco, CA 94101. It has a new PhoneMail hotline number at (415)-985-7117. Janus reports a great roster of recent programs, including "Basic Safety 101" on August 23 and "Fisting" on Sept. 13.

LION REGIMENT

Welcome back to Affiliate organization the **Lion Regiment**, which is headquartered in Boise, ID. This leather, levi, social, and fraternal organization serves the greater Boise (Treasure Valley) area, and is five years old (its Anniversary date is June 3). It hosts campouts, slumber parties, camp drag, PWA fundraising, and general partying. They may be reached at P.O.Box 1721, Boise, ID 83701.

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.

UNITED LEATHERFOLK/CT

United Leatherfolk of Connecticut, which recently became an NLA Affiliate, announces a change of address, to P.O.Box 787, Danbury, CG 06813-0787.

OUTCASTS OF S.F.

Outcasts' first program meeting at the Women's Building was "Dungeon Building," and included a slide presentation showing

several hot, private dungeons and a series of useful hints (with 15-page handout), which provided both inspiration and instruction on installing that oh-so-useful play area. Outcasts announces a Beer/Soda Bust to Beat Jesse, scheduled Oct. 5. Contact Outcasts at P.O.Box 31266, San Francisco, CA 94131 for further information.

THE HUN

The Hun, of Portland, OR, has been exhibiting around the country this year. His latest show was a presentation of artwork at Gail's *Dirty Duck*, with 10% of all sales donated to the service organization Esther's Pantry. The Hun will be exhibiting at LIL V.

KNIGHTS D'ORLEANS

The Knights D'Orleans of P.O.Box 50812, New Orleans, LA 70150, is about to have its sixteenth anniversary. A gala weekend is planned for September 28-30 in old New Orleans. Registration is reasonable, at \$50 (\$45 for associates). Highlights will include run pins, good food, an abundance of liquor, and a Lockdown Party on Saturday night/Sunday morning. The Knights report a very busy summer, highlighted by pride festivities and parades, fantastic (& busy) pool parties, Club Nights, and contests.

FANTASY '90 A WINNER!!

This major weekend featured 44 titleholders, including International Mr. Leather Mark Ryane, International Ms. Leather Gabrielle Antolovich, Ms. NLA & Leather Journal Woman of the Year Jan Lyon, & Mr. International Drummer Bryan Dawson, plus regional, state, & local titleists from everywhere. Attendees came from 28 states plus Canada & Australia, with more attendees than last year & a 300% increase in women attendees.

Events included: Friday evening's titleholders' dinner & introduction to the community at MAX (host bar for the weekend), Saturday's indoor picnic & vendor fair, with workshops on Dungeon 1st Aid, SM201, etc., & Sunday's Titleists' Breakfast. Saturday evening brought "Fantasy '90," with the hottest fantasies available, plus speeches, the introduction of the "Beat Jesse" campaign, & Gabrielle Antolovich's 40th Birthday! MCs featured Shan Carr, Alan (Mr.S) Selby, Susie Shepherd, & Mr. Marcus. Among the highlights of the evening were the appearance of ALL FOUR International Ms. Leather titleholders, great speeches by Gabrielle Antolovich, Chuck Renslow, & Jan Lyon, & Vance (Mr. Southeast Drummer) playing the oboe & talking about art (and the NEA) vs. Jesse Helms.

Beneficiaries of the weekend are the University of Nebraska Medical Center Viral Syndrome Clinic & the National Leather Association. Most grateful appreciation goes to Dustin Logan & the Leather Journal for sponsorship of the event. J.Lyon

TARHEEL LEATHER CLUB

To: The Members of the NLA
1990 is such an exciting year! Part of that excitement is the "BEat Jesse" campaign initiated by the Tarheel Leather Club and gaining support from throughout the US and Canada.

The response has already been great! Guy Baldwin distributed flyers at IML and Susie Shepherd told you about us in Omaha. Mark Ryane wore a "Beat Jesse" t-shirt at the opening of the Maplethorpe Exhibit in Boston. Karen Udell designed the logo and Tim Radford (VA) did the T-Shirt graphics. T-shirt orders have already been received from Houston, Boston, Iowa City, Portland, San Francisco, and Riverside. Fund-raisers have been held in Florida, Washington, and North Carolina.

What is the "Beat Jesse" campaign? It is a fun way to raise money to help "NC Senate Vote '90" defeat Jesse Helms in November. What is "NC Senate Vote '90"? It is a coalition of organizations and individuals in the arts, peace-and-justice, gay and lesbian, student, people of color, homeless advocacy, disabled, environmental, labor, pro-choice, feminist, civil liberties, and other progressive communities interested in working to defeat Sen. Jesse Helms and provide education on the issues throughout the 1990 Senate campaign.

Who is the "Tarheel Leather Club"? We are an upstart young organization bringing together people of different sexes, ages, colors, sexual preferences and experiences, who share a common interest in the leather/SM lifestyle and who believe that we can "make a difference."

We have sought clarification from the Federal Elections Commission and "NC Senate Vote '90" about how to handle the finances. Here's what we need for you to do:

Receipts from fund-raising events and donations:

1 -ALL CHECKS AND MONEY ORDERS MUST BE FROM INDIVIDUALS and NOT COMPANIES OR CORPORATIONS, and should be made payable to "NC Senate Vote '90."

2 -If the amount of the check is over \$200, we need a place of employment and occupation as well as address for the individual whose name is on the check. (The same for individuals making a direct cash contribution of \$50 or more).

3 -Any printed materials such as flyers, brochures, etc., which have the name "NC Senate Vote '90" must also contain the following statements: "Not connected with any candidate or party," and "Paid for by ..."

4 -All monies collected at a fund-raiser must reach us within thirty (30) days after the event is held.

T-Shirt ordering information from Tarheel Leather Club, P.O.Box 16457, Greensboro NC 27416-0457.

YES WE CAN BEAT JESSE! With your help we can beat him at the polls. People in North Carolina are working hard to register voters, to educate people about Helms' record, and to encourage people to vote in November.

Make a statement for yourself and your friends! Give us a hand and "Beat Jesse!"

David R. Wright & Bill Costomiris
Co-Chairs, T.L.C.

THRESHOLD OF L.A.

Threshold continues its extraordinary schedule of meetings, programs, orientations, and rap groups. Recent courses of their SM University include sensory deprivation (including hands-on demos) and a special session (featuring Guy, Nan, Race and Jamie) on what to do when a scene goes wrong. Several helpful techniques for preventing or dealing with bad scenes were presented. In August, Nan gave a dynamic presentation on the history of the SM movement, and demonstrated mummification, suspension, and other bondage techniques. Threshold is a large (and GROWING) organization, and may be contacted at 2554 Lincoln Blvd. #381, Marina del Rey CA, 90291.

CORNHAULERS L & L CLUB

The Cornhaulers of Iowa present DISCOVER ATLANTIS September 21 to 23. There MAY still be time to make it. Contact The Run, c/o Cornhaulers LLC, P.O.Box 632, Des Moines, IA 50303-0632 or call Jim at (515) 226-8711 for information.

LONE STAR P.E.P.

Lone Star People Exchanging Power (P.O.Box 810715, Dallas, TX 75381) reports continued tasty potlucks and tastier demos and parties. October's events will include a New-Comers Meeting, the regular Club Party, and a Halloween Party (and International Dinner Night) on October 27th. Contact the PEP Hot Line at (214)-601-1320 for further information on these and future events.

SEATTLE MEN IN LEATHER

SML is looking forward to a great contest on October 7th, the Leather Daddy/Daddy's Boy contest at the Seattle Eagle, held under SML sponsorship. Their newsletter reports a frenetic pace of activity what with member participation in a number of Pacific Northwest contest and activities.

MENAMORE LLC

Menamore LLC of Wilmington, NC, has recently sponsored the First Annual Coastal Carolina Leather competition. Also, it has hosted the first meeting of the Carolina Club Caucus, to act as a forum for the Clubs and individuals of the area to discuss the needs of the Carolinas and how to meet them. The Caucus has emerged from the recent Southeastern Conference. Menamore is supporting the "Beat Jesse" work being spearheaded by Tarheels LLC and "NC Senate Vote '90." For information on future activities, write Menamore at P.O.Box 7364, Wilmington, NC 28406.

DECISION MAKING RULES The Four D's (Courtesy of Mary Ridge)

DO only what you *Do Best!*
DELAY what can wait; it should wait!
DELEGATE, share the workload!
DESTROY what does not deserve to get done!
In short, Measure Twice, Cut Once.

Q.S.M.

QSM of San Francisco is pouring on the energy this Autumn. Sept. 28-30 presented a weekend with Fakir Musafar, exploring Ecstatic Shamanism and the relationships between sexuality, SM and spirituality. A series of workshops from Sept. 19 to Oct. 20 presents professionals conducting discussions on their specialties: Sept. 19 brought *Ask the Doctor*, while Oct. 3 welcomes a *Therapist*, Oct. 6 a *Chiropractor*, Oct. 17 a *Lawyer*, and Oct. 20 a *Nutritionist*. A series of workshops on the **Versatility of Bondage** is set for October 2 to 23, feature *Rope Harness with Piercing Sculpture* Oct. 2, *Medical & Equestrian Restraints* Oct. 12, *Quick Release Rope Harness and Other Simple Bondage Tehniques* Oct. 13, and *Bondage with Permanent and Temporary Piercings* October 23. Further information on these and future topics may be received by writing QSM at Box 520, 5251 Broadway, Oakland, CA 94618 or calling 415-428-1321.

WE REGRET...

We regret to report the death of Chicago member Joseph W. Johnson on July 24, 1990. Joseph will be honored, along with all other deceased NLA Members, at our annual commemoration during the Opening Ceremonies of Living in Leather V.

IN MEMORIAM

Each year, the National Leather Association presents its plack honoring all deceased members of the NLA during the proceedings of the Living in Leather Conference. Let us commemorate those of us who have belonged to the NLA and have since died. The names included on our memorial are:

DAVID BYERLY
DAVID COLE
DOUG CONNELL
DERRICK DANIELS
PERRY DONAHUE
CHET FORWARD
DENNIS FOUST
JAMES HEITMAN
RICHARD HENNING
LANCE HUGHES
SASHI HYATT
JOSEPH W. JOHNSON
BRYAN (DOUG) LAIR
DAVID LEWIS
DAVID LILLY
J.R. "MACK" MACKINNON
GEOFF MAINS
GARY MASON
HARVEY MATSON
DAVE MORGAN
PHILLIP PEREIRE
DALE PITTS
KLAUS RATH
STAN RAY
MARK SAUER
CYNTHIA SLATER
RODNEY WADE

NEWS FROM DOWN UNDER

MELBOND GETS GOING!
Australia's newest leather group, MELBOND (Melbourne Bondage Club), made its first public appearance recently. Its founder, Brian M, assisted by other founding members and supporters, conducted a 3-hour workshop on "Bondage: Power and Surrender," on behalf of the Victorian Aids Council. The workshop was part of VAC's Safe Sex education/information series. 80 husky, hunky guys, many in leather, attended and were bound to be pleased by the professional presentation and the way in which bondage as an avenue of safe sex activity was opened up to them.

MELBOND planned to have its first private activity on 8 September - a night of rope, chain, tape, leather and whatever else goes to make up a leather and bondage party.

MS PANTHER:KOLN

This Cologne, Germany, organization has, for the last several months, devoted a page to reprinting selections from the NLA General Calendar, along with our name and logo. Among announced events are the 4th Cologne Rubber Night, October 13, 1990, at "Chains" in Cologne. Also announced is the MA Panther Disco on October 27 and Dec. 8 at Schulz, Bismarckstrasse 17, 5000 Cologne.

CRUISERS M.C.C.

Cruisers Motorcycle Club, Inc., of Abbotsford, Australia announces a new address, at P.O.Box 430, Abbotsford, VIC 3067, Australia. Their officers are Ross King, President, Andrew Wheatland, Secretary, and Vic Terawskyj, Treasurer.

MSC FINLAND

From Helsinki, Finland, comes the following:

Dear friends, Greetings to all you great leather gays the world over. The Finnish summer has been very warm and busy and especially our foreign guests have enjoyed the warm we have had and especially Finlandization 4 sauna party.

Comapny Bar is Finland's only leather bar, part of the Disco Gay Gambrini. Both are open Tuesday to Sunday from 6 PM to 1 AM. The address is Iso-Roobertinkatu 3. Our best wishes to coming autumn.
Leeku, Vice President

BACKSTREET

The Backstreet, located on Wentworth Mews off Burdett Road in London, England, has recently hosted an American Weekend, featuring a rubber party and other events for those in Leather or Rubber, including a benefit party in aid of the Grahame Hayton Centre at the London Hospital, on August 23-26.

MOTOR SPORTCLUB ROTTERDAM

This organization reports a wonderful weekend in Iloeven in the south of the Netherlands, set in a converted farmhouse with afield with swings and a seesaw. The

events included a rally into Belgium and a barbecue. Large turnouts from MS Rotterdam attended the TT Races in Assen and other ECMC events in neighboring countries.

DAVID LEWIS: 1951-1990

We regret to report the death of David Lewis of Vancouver, BC. David was the president of VASM, a "founding father" of the Fifteen from San Francisco, and a good member of the NLA. He has a long history as a community leader and an AIDS activist. He recently had been vocal in support of the "right to die," especially for those with terminal illnesses. David was a rare man and will be deeply missed.

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.

DOINGS IN VANCOUVER, BC

The recent week of pride festivities in Vancouver, coinciding with GAY GAMES III, brought a host of leatherpersons to Canada. Friday, August 3, brought a joint NLA/VASM bar night. The Mr. & Ms. Vancouver Leather contest was on Sunday August 5. The contest was organized by Dean Ryane and Martin Rooney and others, all of whom deserve a round of thanks. It was a great competition, with memorable entertainment. Contest organizers donated \$500 to Leather Star. A womens' meet and greet was hosted by IMsL 1990. Titleholders met the public at the Heritage House with the VASM/NLA Closing Party on August 10. The get-together on the 10th was prompted by the residence at Heritage House Hotel of many persons unable to afford the cost of many of the week's activities, and included a show of "different perspective" in this site, normally the venue of drag shows. In attendance were IML '90 Mark Ryane and IMsL '90 Gabrielle Antolovich (who showed her alter ego "Mother Very Superior"), and Muffy le Beaver doing a fine leather/drag performance. Mr. International Drummer '89 Brian Dawson performed a flogging fantasy. Many Drag and Court titleholders were present, and the new Mr. & Ms. Vancouver Leather (Bertrand & Tesha) were introduced. Thanks to various contributions, including the generous donation of novels by noted author John Preston, \$220 was raised for Leather Star.

The Pride Parade on Monday brought out more leather than ever before, and huge crowds were swelled by the enthusiastic Gay Games attendees--many of whom also went to Games opening ceremonies in a fine display of leather.
M.Rooney

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.

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.

-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.

CASTAWAYS

The Castaways of Milwaukee bring you CMC 11 November 9-11, 1990, featuring Cocktail parties, Banquet, Show, After Hours Parties, and People Events. Run Hotel is the Hotel Wisconsin. Run fees (WITH accomodations) run from \$82 up. For information, write Castaways M.C. at 3235 E.Puetz Rd., Oak Creek, WI 53154.

ORGASM OF PORTLAND, OR

ORGASM continues its busy schedule of Play Parties, Super Jacks events, and other activities, to climax with the Living in Leather V dungeons. Elections have been held, and Katie Chase is the new President, with Julie Belles serving as Vice President and Leslie McGuire as Recreation Director. All extend their thanks to former President (and ORGASM Co-Founder) Andy Mangels and departing Recreation Director Mary Janssen. Call 503-289-9893 for information.

BOSTON DUCKS

We have just received a most impressive mailing from the Boston Ducks, P.O.Box 495, Watertown, MA 02272-0495, including a number of flyers and run applications and a calendar for a diversity of Leather/SM/Fetish organizations from throughout the U.S. Thanks to the Ducks for providing this great material!

PEOPLE EXCHANGING POWER

The PEP:Philadelphia organization is going GREAT. Nancy Ava Miller is on her way back to Albuquerque. Her PEP:DC farewell bash is announced for Oct. 6 in Beltsville, MD, and will feature a demo by Mistress Grace (leader of PEP-Denver) on "Hypnosis, Mind Control, Mummification, and Sensory Deprivation." Nancy may be dropping in on various NLA Chapters on her way west. By November, she may be reached c/o PEP-Albuquerque at 505-764-5711. Phone number for PEP-Denver is 303-237-1047.

THUNDER HEAD

Thunder Head of Boston presents a haircut, bondage, and shaving party for men only on Saturday, Oct. 13. For information, call 617-282-7196. Thunder Head is a private SM dungeon club with two floors of equipment.

L.I.P.S.

LIPS (Lesbians in a Perverse Society) takes over the Thunder Head facilities with a woman-only dungeon party on Dec. 7, in Boston. The group is a Safe, Sane, and Consensual organization for clean and sober play. For information call Deb. at 617-846-5147 or Joan at 508-992-3304.

LEATHERMASTERS, L.A.

Leathermasters presented a recent program of particular interest, "Sex in the Nineties," concerning care of toys and equipment, fun but safe S/M techniques, and proper S/M procedures, featuring Bill Green, Director of the CORE Program. Congratulations to Leathermasters which, in October, will celebrate eight continuous years of active service.

SEATTLE MEN IN LEATHER

The SML Campout at Triangle Campground at Index, Washington, was a delightful success, even though it was plagued by thunder, lightning, hail, rain, and dying flashlights. Over 100 leathermen

and leatherwomen celebrated at the Leather Party. SML's Daddy/Daddy's Boy contest is October 7th at the Seattle Eagle, at 9 PM.

ALAN SELBY

We have just had a delightful note from Mr. Alan Selby, recently proprietor of Mr. S. Leathers in San Francisco. Mr. Selby is now a full time Volunteer Massage Therapist for People With AIDS, and an AIDS Fundraiser. We are delighted to see Alan continuing in the tradition of his years of active community service.

NATIONAL HELMS ACTION CALLED FOR OCTOBER 6

NC Senate Vote '90 is inviting progressive Americans to join them in Countdown to Victory in all 49 supporting states on Saturday, October 6, as North Carolinians opposing Helms and supporting his opponent, former Charlotte, NC, mayor Harvey Gantt, rally that day in Raleigh from all across North Carolina.

"People will be gathering at marches, rallies, potlucks, dances, concerts--all kinds of events designed to bring people together in their support for us through the last 30 days of the pro-Gantt, anti-Helms push," said Vote '90's director, Mandy Carter.

By August 20 the Helms campaign had raised \$7 million (75% from out of state) and the Gantt campaign had raised 12 percent of that amount (approximately \$800,000). Vote '90 has raised \$50,000.

"Americans all should have the chance to show their opposition to the Helms agenda," said Carter. "We need to let people know that Helms is not opposed--here or elsewhere--by some small handful of single-issue activists. People from all walks of life believe the country will change for the better if Helms is sent back home.

The North Carolina October Countdown to Victory march and rally organizers are planning for at least 8,000 people to attend the event. The March will begin at noon, with the Rally tentatively scheduled for the Archdale Building mall at 2 PM. Singer/activist Holly Near, who will hold a special NC Senate Vote 90 benefit concert on the evening of the Rally, will be among the featured speakers and performers. Since registration to vote in the November 6 election closes on Tuesday, October 9, the rally will also be an occasion for a final voter-registration effort.

(From a NC Senate Vote '90 Press Release.)

Contributions to NC Senate Vote '90 should be sent c/o Tarheel Leather Club, P.O.Box 16457, Greensboro NC 27416-0457.

HOMOPHOBIA AND SEXISM

We have recently received a most distressing press release from the National Organization for Women, containing the text of an internal Navy memo, dated July, 1990. This memo, entitled "Equal Treatment of Male and Female Homosexuals" was distributed to all commanding officers in the Naval Surface Forces of the U.S. Atlantic Fleet. N.O.W.'s president said of the memo, "Rarely is the public privy to such a clear example of the military's homophobic, sexist bigotry.

Clearly, elements in the military still chafe at the success of women in their ranks."

To Quote:

With the influx of women on our ships and throughout the Navy in general, it is necessary to address the sensitive issue of female homosexuality and ensure equal treatment of male and female homosexuals.... There is a perception that female homosexuality is somewhat tolerated, while male homosexuality is dealt with swiftly and sternly.... Experience has shown that the stereotypical female homosexual in the Navy is more aggressive than her male counterpart, intimidating those women who might turn her in to the chain of command. As a result, the ability to obtain credible evidence during an investigation of female homosexuality is often stymied, and all that remains are unsubstantiated rumors leading to accusations of a "witch hunt" as investigators unsuccessfully search for evidence.

Experience has shown that the stereotypical female homosexual in the navy is hardworking, career-oriented, willing to put in long hours on the job and among the command's top professionals.

Particularly for our young, often vulnerable, female sailors, subtle coercion or outright sexual advances by more senior and aggressive female sailors can be intimidating and intolerable, impacting negatively on work performance and mental state.

We must recognize that women who are targets for female homosexuals experience a unique form of sexual harassment which can be even more devastating and difficult to cope with than the more traditional harassment from men. We must do everything we can to put a stop to sexual harassment of any type.

Take a close look at the chain of command within your organization.... Review the sexual make-up of the chain of command with an eye towards the type of problems I have just discussed.

Press office of the National Organization for Women is 1600 16th St. NW, #700, Washington, DC 20036-5705. They would appreciate hearing your comments on this new federal barbarianism.

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.

FROM THE LINK EDITOR

Note that, due to the increasing size of each issue, and to expanded mailings, the *First Link* press deadline has been moved to the first of the month. Get us your news, calendar dates, announcements, and articles by the first of the month in order for it to be included. Please, in order to maximize the exposure your information will receive, as much advance notice as possible should be given of any activity or event.

GN

Scribbles

lected by our entire membership I offer congratulations to all.

One of the big new aspects of LIL V will be the National MR/MS NLA Contest. Contestants from several Chapters and regions will be entering, entertainment is planned, a special list of judges representing our national community has been invited, and this should be a fun evening for all. This will be the evening our current MR. & MS NLA have been waiting for for 17 months. Both Jan Lyon and Guy Baldwin have well earned the right to become "Was-ies!" Both have recognized the responsibility of our titleholders to be our PR representatives nationwide. Both have spoken at countless fundraisers, anniversaries, and other events and always seen to it that NLA was visibly present. I know Jan seriously questions her personal success if she can even talk on a "morning after." NLA is both indebted and grateful to them both. They have played a definite measurable part in the growth our organization has enjoyed.

RICHMOND PRIDE

The latest issue of *Richmond Pride* prints a great notice of the Living in Leather Conference. This publication has reported on NLA Chapter and National events regularly. This great community newspaper deserves help and encouragement. They may be reached at P.O.Box 14689, Richmond, VA 23221.

CHICAGOLAND DISCUSSION GROUP

The latest issue of the *Chicagoland Discussion Group* newsletter provides a dancy resource list, of Bulletin Board services, events, Midwest organizations and services, bars and vendors, and publications. The group continues its usual busy schedule, of socials, rap groups, and meetings. Contact them at P.O.Box 25009, Chicago, IL 60625 or call 312-583-0922.

THIS ISSUE

This issue of the *FIRST LINK* is a "double" issue (for September/October 1990). This is both due to increased workloads (with Conference around the corner), and as an economy measure. This month brings a name change to our centerfold calendar; reflecting the increased interest in NLA outside of North America proper, we have dropped the word "national" from our calendar, and we hope to continue to bring you more news from around the world in future months.

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 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.

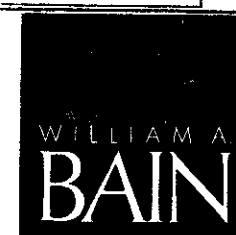
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As registrations for LIL have passed by me going to the registrar, I've been amazed at the tremendously varied family that is going to collect in Portland. We have obviously our fascinating pan-gendered sexually disorienting assemblage. This is drawn from a wider geographic representation than ever before with attendees from several European countries and several Canadian provinces, and literally all over the U.S. All sorts of social, popular, and physical geographic regions will be represented.

I hope you're all making a serious attempt to attend this national community event. Wayne tells me registrations are coming very well and we contemplate 550 attendees this year. Come and join the party, absorb the positive atmosphere, receive the **energy** and carry the challenges back to your many friends who were unable to attend. Share it with them. Continue the spirit and energy forward so we may all daily enjoy our unity and uniqueness while Living in Leather.

NLA MEMBERSHIP

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

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

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

FULL NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____

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(above info. is confidential)

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

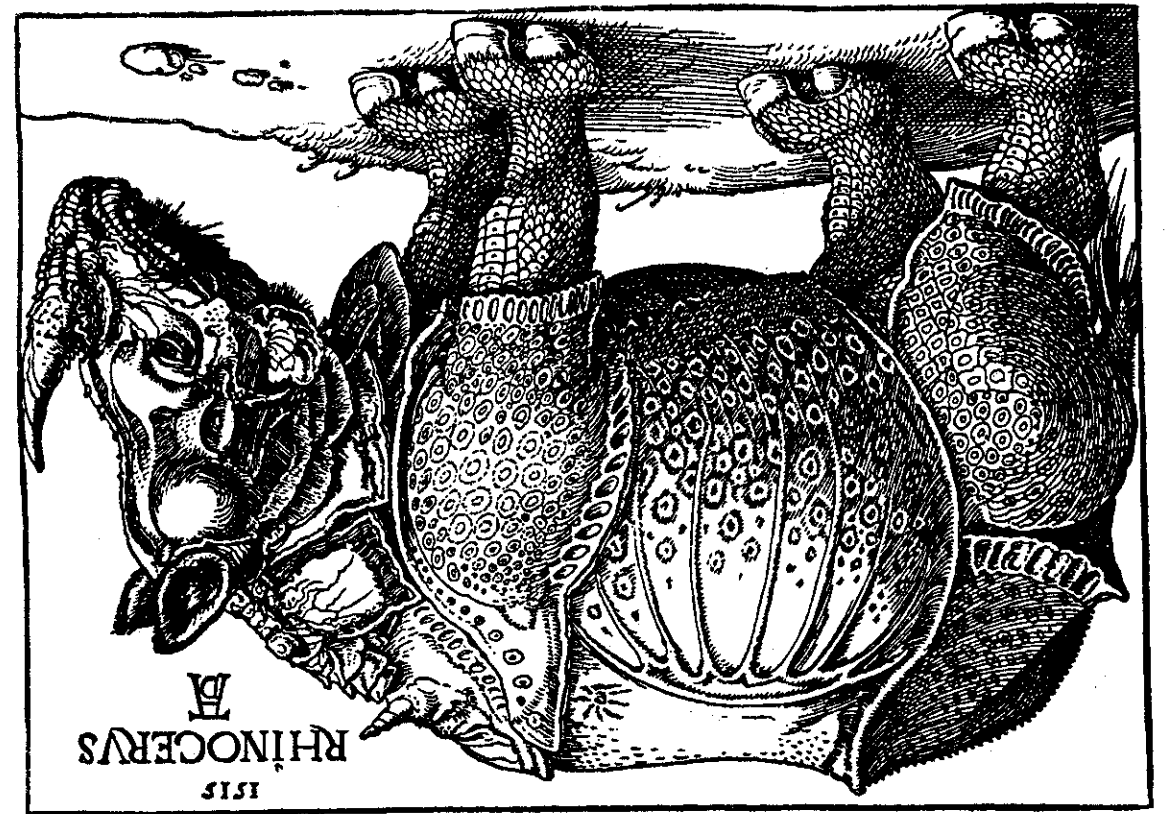
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You may release my name to the Chapter (if any) in my region. I may be contacted for NLA business by other NLA members? _____

Return with check or money order to:

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