

NLA NATIONAL NEWS

The Election of National Council members and male Co-Chair of NLA is right on track. All those who were members in good standing of NLA as of July 31 should be receiving their ballots soon. They're due back by September 20th, so remember to vote promptly.

Accepting nomination for the post of male Co-Chair were Chuck Higgins of Little Rock, Arkansas, and George Nelson of Seattle, Washington. Both have been long-time members of NLA and hard workers at National, Regional, and Local levels in the leather community. Detailed biographies written by the candidates are on page 5 of this issue.

The Executive Committee summer meeting was set for August 25, via multi-telephone hookup. Remember that the General Membership, the Executive Committee, and the National Council will be meeting in Chicago, Illinois, during Living in Leather VI weekend. We expect to be discussing a number of major policy statements at these meetings, as well as planning future directions for NLA growth and activities, and discussing proposed Bylaws changes. Remember that a major item on the National Council agenda is the election of Executive Committee Officers and At-Large members; half of the Executive Committee is elected each year by the National Council.

If you are not a National Council or Executive Committee member, remember that all members of NLA are represented by the At-Large N.C. members; Chapter members are also represented by designated Chapter Representatives; members of the many Affiliate Organizations are represented on the NC by their own Affiliate representatives. As this is being written, individual membership has passed well over the 800 mark for the first time, and the number of Chapters, Affiliate Organizations, and Commercial Affiliates is steadily increasing. In this period of rapid growth, Member involvement is very important.



It is time to register for Living in Leather VI. Conference Hotel (site of workshops and exhibits) is the Executive House; call 1-800-621-4005 for reservations; rates are \$75 and up for 2 double beds. Travel agent is Orion Travel of San Francisco; contact Ineka at 1-800-552-3326 (outside California) or 415-864-3233 (inside California). Registrations have started to pour in; remember that fees have gone up as of August 1. Fees until Sept. 15 are \$95 (members) and \$115 (non-members); after Sept. 15 and in person fees are \$110 (members) and \$135 (non-members). Fees include workshops, vendor area, art show, hospitality, Afterglow, and the annual National Mr/Ms NLA Competition (Saturday night at Carol's Speakeasy). Dungeon parties and meal functions (extra cost options) are being planned. Chicago Hellfire Club is working with the NLA to locate suitable dungeon quarters, and will coordinate the play parties.

The National Leather Association makes its Conferences accessible. We offer Scholarships to Conference for those suffering from AIDS, ARC, & other serious, life-threatening medical problems who could not otherwise afford to come to Conference. If you qualify for such a scholarship, please contact the LIL Conference Committee at P.O.B. 17463, Seattle, WA, 98107, providing details (which will be held confidential). You can work your way through Conference, with a minimum of 8 hours on site. Contact us at the above address to volunteer.

N.L.A. CALENDAR

AUGUST, 1991					
18	HOUSTON Bar Night	Houston, TX Venture Inn	22	METRO NEW YORK Social	N.Y.C.
18-25	PORTLAND Leather Pride Week	Portland, OR	22	PORTLAND Bar Night	Portland, OR PDX Eagle
19	PORTLAND Board Meeting 7:30	Portland, OR Embers	23	PORTLAND Self-Defense Show: "I Fight Back" (co-sponsor with ORGASM)	Portland, OR
19	BC Workshop	Vancouver, BC Lotus Cabaret	24	AUSTIN Cook-Out	Austin, TX
19	DENVER Safe SM Demo/Breathing	Denver, CO	25	PORTLAND MR/MS NLA Portland Contest	Portland, OR
21	DALLAS Beyond Vanilla Workshop	Dallas, TX	27	SAN FRANCISCO Open Meeting 7:30	S.F. Eagle's Nest
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			SEPTEMBER, 1991		
			1	FIRST LINK DEADLINE	
			1	HOUSTON Bar Night	Houston, TX Venture Inn
			3	DALLAS Meeting: Bondage	Dallas, TX
			4	DALLAS Beyond Vanilla Workshop	Dallas, TX
			5	PORTLAND Club Night	Portland, OR PDX Eagle

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ORGANIZATION LIST

The NLA has just prepared a new edition of its international list of Leather/SM/Fetish organizations. It is being distributed free to NLA Chapters, and is available to non-profit groups for \$5.00 per copy, and to for-profit businesses at \$20 per copy. The NLA mails to about 400 of these groups EVERY month, so the list is very fresh, very timely, very thorough! Send check or M.O. to NLA, POB 17463, Seattle, WA 98107 for your copy.

STATEMENT ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE DRAWS PRAISE

Jim Shattuck, Director of Men Overcoming Violence (M.O.V.E.), writes: "Congratulations on the National Council's recent statement against domestic violence. I read of your action in a Los Angeles paper in early July. Your contribution to the education within the lesbian and gay communities around domestic violence is very powerful. Thank you for your courage and progressive action." M.O.V.E. is an agency working with gay and bisexual offenders of domestic violence. They may be contacted at 54 Mint St., Suite 300, San Francisco, CA 94103.

UNREAD NEWS

In the entire history of the NLA, out of the hundreds of Leather/SM/Fetish organizations which receive **First Link** each month, only two have refused delivery, the Portland Leathermen, and U.F.O.

DAN STRAW

We regret to announce the death of Dan Straw, first Mr. NLA: Portland, of Cancer on July 19th. He will be long remembered and long missed by all those who knew him. Our deepest sympathies to his leather sister and his partner.

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5	METRO NEW YORK Exec. Comm. Meeting	N.Y.C.
8	SOUTH FLORIDA Meeting	Miami
9	DENVER Gem. Member Mtg. 7PM	Denver, CO Dads
11	DALLAS Beyond Vanilla Workshop	Dallas, TX
11	DENVER Club Night	Denver, CO Mike's
12	METRO NEW YORK Social	N.Y.C. Jackson Hole
12	HOUSTON Meeting	Houston, TX C&N Restaurant
13	CHICAGO Meeting	Chicago, IL
15	HOUSTON Bar Night	Houston, TX Venture Inn
16	BC Workshop	Vancouver, BC Lotus Cabaret
16	DENVER Safe SM Demo/CB Torture	Denver, CO
16	PORTLAND Board Meeting 7:30	Portland, OR Embers
18	DALLAS Beyond Vanilla Workshop	Dallas, TX
19	METRO NEW YORK General Meeting	N.Y.C.
24	SAN FRANCISCO Open Meeting 7:30	S.F. Eagle's Nest
29	AUSTIN Cook-Out	Austin, TX

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1	FIRST LINK DEADLINE	
1	DALLAS Meeting: Piercing	Dallas, TX
3	PORTLAND Club Night	Portland, OR PDX Eagle
6	HOUSTON Bar Night	Houston, TX Venture Inn
9-13	NATIONAL Living in Leather VI	Chicago, IL
10	HOUSTON Meeting	Houston, TX C&N Restaurant
11	CHICAGO Meeting	Chicago, IL
13	SOUTH FLORIDA Meeting	Miami
14	DENVER Gem. Member Mtg. 7PM	Denver, CO Dads
16	DENVER Club Night	Denver, CO Mike's
18-20	DENVER "Weekend in the Rockies" MR/MS NLA: Denver	Denver, CO
20	HOUSTON Bar Night	Houston, TX Venture Inn
21	BC Workshop	Vancouver, BC Lotus Cabaret
21	PORTLAND Board Meeting 7:30	Portland, OR Embers
22	SAN FRANCISCO Open Meeting 7:30	S.F. Eagle's Nest
25-27	HOUSTON/DALLAS/AUSTIN Campout at Rosebud XI	Cameron, TX

* * NOVEMBER, 1991 * *

1	FIRST LINK DEADLINE	
3	HOUSTON Bar Night	Houston, TX Venture Inn
5	DALLAS Meeting: Psych. Domination/ Interrogation	Dallas, TX
7	PORTLAND Club Night	Portland, OR PDX Eagle
8	CHICAGO Meeting	Chicago, IL
10	SOUTH FLORIDA Meeting	Miami
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NLA Chapter News

The National Leather Association and the Executive Committee as its agents supports the formation and continued existence of active chapters which, in turn, support the National Statement of Purpose. The NLA encourages Chapter participation in the operation and long-range planning of the organizations.

NLA: ST. LOUIS:

Saint Louis' Bylaws, Memberships, Officers' List, and petition for Chapter status have been received, and a recommendation is being forwarded to the Executive Committee to recognize NLA: St. Louis as the 19th Chartered Chapter of the NLA. Congratulations to Director B. Smith, Assistant Director B. Hudson, Treasurer D. Cook, Recording Secretary W. Bebout, and Corresponding Secretary S. Mooneyham.

NLA: BUFFALO (Chapter in Formation):

"Reb" is spearheading an active drive to form an NLA Chapter in Buffalo, New York. Organizers point out that Buffalo is in the center of a 90 mile circle encompassing more than 5 million people. They have prepared an informative flyer on the NLA for distribution in local bars, will be posting signs at Rochester Custom Leathers, and will be advertising on a Rochester, New York, computer bulletin board called Multi-Comm IV. Their first meeting will be scheduled for late September or early October. You may contact them at P.O. Box 3, Niagara Square Station, Buffalo, NY 14201-0003.

NLA: DETROIT (Chapter in Formation):

Detroit members have chosen to work toward rebuilding a Chapter organization in their area. The "Chapter-in-Formation" label used after their Chapter name indicates their work on this endeavor. We are proud to announce that you may now contact them at P.O. Box 2844, Southfield, MI 48037-2844. Chapter contact phone is 383-354-5841. Please do get in touch if you can help.

NLA: HOUSTON:

From Houston comes a file of press clippings demonstrating the successful high profile that Chapter is setting, including a non-judgmental reference to the NLA contingent in the Pride Week Parade in the mainstream **Houston Chronicle**, and extensive material in the **TNV: The New Voice** on Houston's many Pride Week activities. **TNV** also featured several photographs of NLA:H members and activities. Among events featuring **NLA: Houston** were a welcoming party--"Houston's Hot II: A Night in Black Leather"--at the Venture-N, a large leather contingent for the parade, and a leather symposium at the Montrose Palace, featuring panels and demos. Cooperating with NLA:H in the parade ac-

tivities were Venture-N, Lancer's MC, and the Texas Riders. Pride week activities brought several new members to the growing Chapter; September will feature a membership drive contest, with a new leather vest (donated by Boots Adams of Leather by Boots) going to the member securing the most new paid members. Houston is exploring pinning protocol, and welcomes ideas from other Chapters. Late summer is full of fund raisers, bar-b-cues, etc. A Master/Mistress & Slave Auction is tentatively set for the weekend of November 10.

NLA: ATLANTA:

At its June 30 meeting, the Atlanta Chapter of NLA has decided to undergo a restructuring process. There were inner conflicts between many of the members, who have since resigned, and remaining members, who are rethinking the Chapter's local objectives. Approved interim officers (to sit until a new election can be held) are Chair David A. White, Secretary MP Breslin, and Treasurer Jen Klock. Atlanta reports successful fundraising for the Pride Committee in Atlanta.

NLA: AUSTIN (Chapter-In-Formation):

Work on Austin's Bylaws has been successfully completed, Officers elected, and a petition submitted for formal Chapter Charter. Meanwhile, programs continue, with recent topics including light-to-moderate rope bondage and mummification, and the proper use of tana leaves. The great Cook-Outs continue, with future ones announced for August 25 and September 29. FHD Construction Company in Austin offers a 10% discount to NLA members on any type of construction (fences, patios, decks, dungeons, etc.)

NLA: SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA:

San Francisco's *Leather/Levi Lexicon* polled its readers to nominate and vote on the Most Outstanding Leather Organization of the Year, and the winner is the NLA: San Francisco Bay Area Chapter. The *Lexicon* refers to NLA:SFBA as a "dynamic new organization.... Its first major function, the "Scream Break" Leather Conference last spring, was a tremendous success...." Also winners were Chapter members Chris Minor (Most Outstanding Leather Man) and MS NLA 1990 Ruth Marks (Most Outstanding Leather Woman).

The Chapter voted to allocate 20% of its share of the Pride Beer Booth (co-sponsored by International Ms Leather) to the N.C. Travel Fund. The NLA booth's position near the main stage was extremely good. The Chapter is selling NLA:SFBA T-Shirts, with the NLA logo in the center. SFBA continues its weekly Movie Night; films are cycling through the genres classic, comedy, sci-fi, and drama. The Board is vigorously soliciting SFBA membership for suggestions as to emphasis and direction.

NLA: METRO NEW YORK:

New York's report, received too late for last month's deadline, includes a report on the results of Officer Elections. Officers now serving are Mitch Kessler President, M. Robbins Vice President, Gerrie Blum Secretary, R. Goldstein Treasurer, and Counselors Y. DeSoto, J. Britton, B. Daniels, and L. Antoniou. Future dates on their revised schedule include an August 22 Social at Jackson Hole, a Sept. 5 Executive Meeting, a Sept. 12 Social, and a Sept. 19 General Meeting.

NLA: PORTLAND:

General Elections are coming up in November, and the Chapter is encouraging members to run for office. Big news is the Portland, Oregon, Leather Pride Week '91, August 18 to 25, co-sponsored by NLA: Portland, ORGASM, and the Knights of Malta, and featuring a wealth of events, including the Oregon State Leatherman & Leatherwoman Contest at Darcelle XV on the 18th (sponsor Knights of Malta), NLA/ORGASM meeting with Pendulum the 19th, Orgasm Club Night at the PDX Eagle the 20th, Knights of Malta Club Night at the Dirty Duck the 21st, NLA Club Night at the PDX Eagle the 22nd, the "I Fight Back" self defense show at the Northwest Service Center the 23rd (sponsored by ORGASM and NLA) followed by an ORGASM Dungeon, the Leather/SM Vendor's Exhibition at City Nights the 24th (with an ORGASM Dungeon to follow), and the MR/MS NLA: Portland Contest at Embers the 25th (sponsored by NLA). Information from Knights of Malta at 503-282-5461, ORGASM at 503-281-0408, and NLA at 503-284-1499. Coming up Sept. 1 is the First International Mr.-Ms Sweater Contest at Embers, sponsored by Roland Bynum, Portland Leatherman '91.

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NLA: DALLAS:

The Dallas Chapter arranged a Texas-sized bus trip to Fantasy '91 in Omaha, NB, from August 15 to 19, with a package deal including transportation, lodging, and Fantasy '91 registration. A great idea for saving monetary resources! Dallas reports their campout with NLA: Houston and NLA: Austin will become a reality; it will be in conjunction with Rosebud XI (an outdoor/bike run/campout) in Cameron, TX, Oct. 25-27. All are welcome; food/drinks will be provided by Rosebud XI. Applications are available at 4267 S.Cresthaven, Dallas, TX 75209.

NLA: ARKANSAS:

At Lockup II, the titles of MR/MS NLA: Arkansas were won by Chuck Williams and Casey Lively, during an outdoor, poolside competition. The gala weekend welcomed 70 attendees. Among an array of parties, the stern-wheeler cruise proved a highlight, including impromptu moon shots from a passing boatload of strangers. Police reportedly saved themselves the cost of admission to the contest, by climbing a nearby roof to photograph events. In rating the weekend, guest evaluation forms added up to an "A+." Watch for Lock-Up III, July 10 to 12, 1992!

NLA: CENTRAL ARIZONA:

Though information was too late to publicize in advance, we understand the Chapter's first *Bar Crawl* July 24 was a rousing success, including stops at Apollo's, Winks, Phaz, and Talk.

NLA: CHICAGO:

The Chicago Chapter reports a new address: 2271 No. Lincoln Ave., #470, Chicago, IL 60614. At this time, there is no publishable phone number. Chicago members are gearing up for Living in Leather VI, and are eager to welcome you to their fascinating city.

Government & Law

Thanks to the kindness of the Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF), NLA expects to receive a generous amount of important material on national political events directly impacting our own constituency. This new recurring column will highlight this and similar material.

WOMEN'S HEALTH EQUITY ACT:

Senator Barbara Mikulski and Representative Patricia Schroeder have introduced this act, which combines 22 separate women's bills addressing women's health research, services, and disease prevention. Among key components of the bill are an additional \$10 million for research on HIV infection in women, a new program to expand clinical trials involving AIDS treatment for women, and large appropriations for breast cancer and ovarian cancer detection research.

HRCF

DISCRIMINATION IN THE MILITARY:

According to a recent HRCF poll indicates that fully 65% of the American public believes that lesbians and gay men should be allowed to serve in the armed forces, and 81% believes gay and lesbian personnel in the services should NOT be discharged.

HRCF

REVEALING VOTE RECORD:

During the 101st U. S. Congress, the following activities of interest occurred: Senator Helms introduced an amendment to the Hate Crimes Statistics Act that "the homosexual movement threatens the strength and survival of the American family" and that "state sodomy laws should be enforced," but it failed by a 19 to 77 vote; Helms offered an amendment prohibiting the distribution of bleach used in conjunction with illegal drugs (which has been found effective in preventing AIDS transmission), but failed by a 28 to 70 vote; Helms offered an amendment restricting the National Endowment for the Arts from

funding "homoerotic" art, and failed by a 29 to 70 vote; House Rep. Dannemeyer offered an amendment requiring states to report names of people testing HIV-positive, but was blocked by a counter amendment (offered by Reps. Rowland and Waxman) and thus defeated; Helms in the Senate supported a successful motion to allow employers to discriminate against workers with AIDS and HIV infection in food-handling positions, which had been introduced by Chapman in the House of Reps.

HRCF PRIVACY/CIVIL RIGHTS PROJECT:

The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force Privacy/Civil Rights Project provides political strategy planning, technical assistance, and organizing support to activists working to repeal state sodomy laws and enact laws banning discrimination based on sexual orientation. Through the NGLTF Military Initiative, they are also working to rescind Department of Defense policies which ban lesbians and gays from the armed services.

NGLTF

ARMY AWARDS BACK PAY:

The NLA is extraordinarily proud to announce that Perry Watkins will be the Keynote Speaker for Living in Leather VI. The NLA extends its heartiest congratulations to him. Sgt. Perry Watkins has won back wages, retroactive promotion to sergeant first class, and retirement benefits from the U.S. Army. The 9th U.S. Circuit Court had ruled that the Army must allow Watkins to serve his full stint (rather than discharging him in 1985) since they had permitted him to enlist and re-enlist, although knowing he was gay; Watkins re-

peatedly informed them of his orientation. Though some attorneys are quoted as saying that the Watkins case is too narrow to offer precedent for others, the possibility exists that it could prove useful should the military try to dismiss openly lesbian or gay personnel following their tours of duty in Desert Storm.

(Thanks to Stonewall Union of Columbus)
F.D.A. STEPS IN:

The Food and Drug Administration has banned marketing of a saliva-based HIV antibody test kit that insurance companies used to screen potential policy holders. No saliva-based test has been approved by the FDA for detecting HIV antibodies; the promotion of tests using any other body fluid than whole blood, dried blood spots, plasma, or serum violates the Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act. Epitope sold large quantities of their OraSure saliva kits to the Home Office Reference Library, which subcontracted with insurance companies.

(Thanks to the **Portland Oregonian**)

C.D.C. PROVOKES PROTEST:

The U. S. Center for Disease Control's recent grant of \$25,000 to the 13th National Gay and Lesbian Health Conference is drawing fire from conservative groups, including the Southern Baptist Church, Concerned Women for American, and the Christian Coalition, because the Conference is alleged to "promote homosexuality." The grant was restricted to use only in Conference sessions dealing with AIDS prevention.

(thanks to the **Advocate**, 7/30/91)

CANDIDATE PROFILES FOR NLA MALE CO-CHAIR

CHUCK HIGGINS:

It is with a great deal of thought and reflection that I accept the nomination for male co-chair of the National Leather Association. The NLA has rounded the corner on initial issues such as bylaws and the creation of mechanisms to get things accomplished. As a co-chair nominee, I see both immediate and long-term goals in store for the NLA. Each goal requires a co-chair that can plan, lead, organize and monitor the efforts of the organization. Over the first twelve months, I would be working with Jan Lyon. We have developed a good rapport and would work well together. We have already identified individual areas of strength that would compliment one another's efforts.

My vision for the NLA is to place the organization with the frontrunners of human rights as a viable and credible force. By doing our homework and taking each step with confidence, such a goal can and will be attained.

What do I have to offer? Time is the first consideration. Being a semi-retired businessman, there is additional time for NLA business. My degree in Marketing helps me be circumspect when a situation arises and to suggest creative solutions. I

offer listening skills and negotiating skills. As Mr. Southeast Leather '90, and Arkansas Mr. Leather '89, I have been "out there" meeting many people and have developed an understanding of the diversity in our community; that same diversity provides a common denominator for who we are and what we believe. As Committee Chair for Chapters Concerns and Information, I have learned first-hand the frustrations, concerns and successes a chapter can experience. Being the backbone of NLA, I feel strong, healthy and active chapters are crucial to our future. The chapters, drawn together through the NLA can speak with one voice; a voice that can be heard from coast to coast and beyond.

GEORGE NELSON:

George, the last of the original six coffee-clutch dreamers still active in our organization, has served as Corresponding Secretary since the establishment of our national organization, and editor of **First Link** since its first issue in 1986. He has served on a variety of committees and been intensively involved with all six of our Living in Leather Conferences.

George has been a member of our leather community for over 20 years. Dur-

ing his residence in Seattle, he has been most active and visible in the greater Northwest community. His work with the gay Men's choral movement and his intense concern for our natural environment reflect a diverse vision, a good resource for working within our community.

George's goals as Co-Chair include improved internal organization and communications, particularly fiscal policy and responsibility. National needs to head its operations in a more "business-like" direction. George strongly believes in working within the structure of our By-Laws, reviewing and amending them if needed to accomplish our Statement of Purpose, with a fully-informed membership.


The Chapters are a most important part of NLA. They are the most visible representation of our activities toward realizing our Statement of Purpose. They provide focal points for member activity and involvement.

His larger goal? The solidification and recognition of our rich and diverse community of Leather/SM/Fetish persons, acting together to achieve common objectives, celebrating our individuality, and living with pride and dignity.

LIVING IN LEATHER VI REGISTRATION

Includes Workshops, Demos, Exhibits, Vendors, Hospitality, Contest, Opening Ceremonies and Afterglow Party. After September 15, prices increase. Dungeon Party fees are not included. Enclose check or money order (U.S. funds only--no credit cards) and mail to **LIL VI, NATIONAL LEATHER ASSOCIATION, P.O.Box 17463, Seattle, WA 98107.**

Circle rate for your registration:

•	to SEPT 15th after SEPT 15th	Member: \$95.00/ /Non-Member: \$115.00	
		Member: \$110.00/ /Non-Member: \$135.00	

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: (____) - ____ - _____ I AM an NLA Member?

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

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

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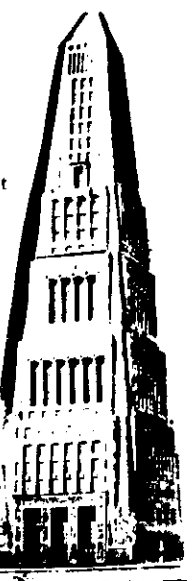
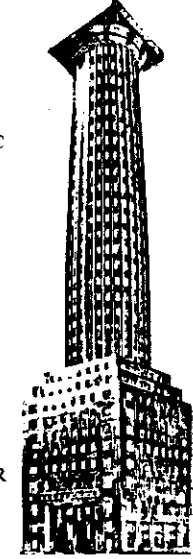
THE Leather/SM/Fetish Calendar

AUGUST, 1991

- 16-18 *LION REGIMENT Boise, Idaho
Annual Stomp-Around Lowman, ID
SO. PACIFIC M.C. Sydney, Austral.
21st Anniversary
16-18 Fantasy '91 Omaha, NE
16-18 *SEATTLE MEN LTHR Seattle, WA
Campout at Index
16-19 MSC ICELAND Iceland
Iceland Leather Summit
17 MSC:SCOTLAND Edinburgh, SCT
Edinburgh Festival Barbecue
17 *CLUB CALGARY Calgary, ALBTA
Hot August Night
17-18 CONSTANTINES SF, CA
500-Mile Run
*NLA:HOUSTON Houston, TX
Bar Night
Venture Inn
18 RANGERS Cleveland, OH
Leather Stallion
18 GRIFFINS MC Newark, DE
Business Meeting
18 KNIGHTS OF MALTA Portland, OR
OR State Leatherman/Leatherwoman
*LTHR UNITED CHCG Chicago, IL
Meeting
18 *TARHEEL L.C. Greensboro, NC
Palms
18 *Q.S.M. S.F., CA
Class: Topping for Bottoms
18 MC MEN NEW MEXICO Albuquerque
Monthly Meeting
18 KNTS.MALTA:JET CHP Seattle, WA
Sir Guy Contest
18-25 *ORGASM/NLA:POR-Portland, OR
LAND/KNIGHTS OF MALTA
Leather Pride Week
19 *NLA:PORTLAND Portland, OR
Embbers
19 *NLA:BC Vancouver, BC
Lotus Cabaret
19 *THRESHOLD Los Angeles
Women's Rap Group
19 *NLA:DENVER Denver, CO
Safe SM Demo/Breathing
20 *ORGASM Portland, OR
Board Meeting
20 *THRESHOLD Los Angeles
Men's Rap Group
20 EULENSPIEGEL SOC. NYC, NY
Cutting & Sewing
20 GMSMC Philadelphia, PA
Bike Stop
20-Sp.2 CORPUS CHRISTI MC Corpus Christi
Beachhead V
21 *Q.S.M. S.F., CA
Class: Kidnap/Rape Scenes
21 *NLA:DALLAS Dallas, TX
Beyond Vanilla Workshop
21 SM GAYS London, Eng
Meeting: Medical Scenes
21 *TARHEEL L.C. Greensboro, NC
Reeding Group
21 EULENSPIEGEL SOC. NYC, NY
Dom.Women/Submis.Men
21 *CHCGLND DISC GRP Chicago, IL
Women's Rap Group
21 KNIGHTS OF MALTA Portland, OR
Dirty Duck
22 *NLA:PORTLAND Portland, OR
PDX Eagle
22 *SOCIETY OF JANUS SF, CA
Program: Piercing
22 *NLA:METRO N.Y. N.Y.C.
Social
22 C-SPACE Seattle, WA
Class: Consensual/Non-Consensual
23 *THRESHOLD Los Angeles
Couples' Rap Group
23 WNDY CTY BNDG CLB Chicago, IL
Play Party
23 *ORGASM/NLA:PDX Portland, OR
Self-Defense Show:"I Fight Back"
23 RODEO RIDERS Chicago, IL
Coub Night
23 MELBOND Melbourne, Aust
All Tied Up
23 *ORGASM Portland, OR
Dungeon Party
23-25 ROCHESTER RAMS Rochester, NY
Western Leather Weekend

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- 1 *TARHEEL LEATHR Greensboro, NC
Exec.Comm.Meeting
1 SOMANDROS Los Angeles, CA
Meeting
1 *TRADESMEN Charlotte, NC
Brass Rail
1 *THRESHOLD Los Angeles
Orientation/SM Univ.
1 PANTHER L/L Atlanta, GA
Eagle
1 *ROCKY MOUNTINRS Denver, CO
General Meeting
1 *NLA:HOUSTON Houston, TX
Venture Inn
1 PORTLND LEATHRMN Portland, OR
Intl.MR/MS Sweater Contest
1 CYCLE RUNNERS MC SF, CA
Annual Run
12 GRIFFINS Wilmington, DE
Renaissance
12 *THRESHOLD Los Angeles
Joint Rap Group
13 EULENSPIEGEL SOC. NYC, NY
Theory/Practice of Flogging
13 L/L BRIGADE Columbia, SC
Business Mtng
13 *NLA:DALLAS Dallas, TX
Meeting: Bondage
13 *NLA:DALLAS Dallas, TX
Beyond Vanilla Workshop
13-15 EULENSPIEGEL SOC. NYC, NY
Switchables Night
13 CHICAGO HELLFIRE Chicago, IL
S/M University
13-15 *TARHEEL L.C. Greensboro, NC
Reading Group
14 *NLA:METRO N.Y. N.Y.C.
Exec.Comm.Meeting
14 MC MEN NEW MEXICO Albuquerque
Alb.Soc.Club
14 *NLA:PORTLAND Portland, OR
PDX Eagle
14 *LONE STAR PEP Dallas, TX
Newcomer's Party
14 CHICAGO HELLFIRE Chicago, IL
Inferno 20/Session 1
14 *TRADESMEN Charlotte, NC
Brass Rail
14 *A.S.M.F. Paris, France
Club Dinner
14 VASM Vancouver, BC
Pub Night
14 MSC ROTE ERDE Dortmund, GER
Der Igel
14 MR/MS Salem Leather Salem, OR
Dallas, TX
14 *LONE STAR PEP Dallas, TX
Restrains Demo
14 UTICA TRFS MC Utica, NY
That Place
14 THUNDERBOLTS MC Westport, CG
The Brook
14 *WHEELS M.C. NYC, NY
Annual Membership Dinner
14 STARS MC Albany, MC
Founder's Installation
14 *ROCKY MOUNTINRS Denver, CO
RMMC Night
14 MSC SUISSE ROMAND Lusanne, SWIT
Meeting "En Foret"
14 *KNIGHTS D'ORLEAN New Orleans
KO Clubhouse
14 *NLA:SO.FLORIDA Miami
Meeting
14 MELBOND Melbourne, Aust
1st Anniversary
14 MANSFIELD BUCKS Burlington, VT
Pearl's
14 TDA ATLANTA Atlanta, GA
Eagle
14 TRIDENTS:RHD.ISL. Providence, RI
Galaxy
14 PANTHER L/L Atlanta, GA
Meeting
14 CAPITAL LEATHRMN Raleigh, NC
Meeting
14 CHICAGO HELLFIRE Chicago, IL
Inferno 20/Session 2
14 *NLA:DENVER Denver, CO
Gem.Member Mtg. 7PM
14 *CHCGLND DISC GRP Chicago, IL
Fantasy Meeting



THE Leather/SM/Fetish Calendar

- 10 EULENSPIEGEL SOC. NYC, NY
Panel/Lecture
10 *CHCGLND DISC GRP Chicago, IL
Open Program Meeting
10 SOMANDROS Los Angeles, CA
Board Meeting
11 *NLA:DALLAS Dallas, TX
Beyond Vanilla Workshop
11 *NLA:DENVER Denver, CO
Mike's
11 EULENSPIEGEL SOC. NYC, NY
Dom Men/Submis Women
11 *THRESHOLD Los Angeles
Business Meeting
11 DREIZEHN Boston, MA
Ramrod
12 *NLA:HOUSTON Houston, TX
C&N Restaurant
12 *THRESHOLD Los Angeles
Writers' Workshop
12 *NLA:METRO N.Y. N.Y.C.
Jackson Hole
13 *NLA:CHICAGO Chicago, IL
Meeting
13 *LTHR UNITED CHCG Chicago, IL
AA Meat Market
13 CENTURIONS Columbus, OH
Trade Winds II
13-14 SLM:STOCKHOLM Stockholm, Swed
Leather Weekend
13-15 PACIFIC BEARS LMC Guerneville, CA
Leather Fest '91
13-15 NIMBUS Grand Rapids
Dunes XI-XII-XIII
13-15 MSC FRANKFURT Frankfurt, Ger
Bauerhaustreffen
14 *TRIDENT INT D.C. Wash., D.C.
Alexandria, VA
14 *MENAMORE LLC Wilmington, NC
Micky Ratz
14 *CHCGLND DISC GRP Chicago, IL
Mr.Coastal Carolina Leather II
14 MOOR COCKS Poughkeepsie
Congress Tavn
14 S.F.LEATHERNECKS S.F., CA
Party
14-15 L/SM ROUND-UP S.F., CA
12-Step Round-Up
15 *LTHR UNITED CHCG Chicago, IL
Meeting
15 MC MEN NEW MEXICO Albuquerque
Monthly Meeting
15 *ROCKY MOUNTINRS Denver, CO
Aspen Run/Beer Bust
15 *NLA:HOUSTON Houston, TX
Venture Inn
16 *NLA:PORTLAND Portland, OR
Embbers
16 Board Meeting 7:30
16 *NLA:BC Vancouver, BC
Lotus Cabaret
16 *LONE STAR PEP Dallas, TX
TV Party
16 *NLA:DENVER Denver, CO
Safe SM Demo/CB Torture
17 *THRESHOLD Los Angeles
Men's Rap Group
17 EULENSPIEGEL SOC. NYC, NY
SM Thru the Ages
17 GMSMC Philadelphia, PA
Bike Stop
18 SM GAYS London, Eng
LGC
18 Meeting:Tattoos
18 EULENSPIEGEL SOC. NYC, NY
Dom.Women/Submis.Men
18 *NLA:DALLAS Dallas, TX
Beyond Vanilla Workshop
19 *NLA:METRO N.Y. N.Y.C.
General Meeting
19 Selby's Fetish & Fantasy SF, CA
19 *CHCGLND DISC GRP Chicago, IL
Women's Rap
20 BEER TOWN BDGERS Milwaukee, WI
Boot Camp
20 *KNIGHTS D'ORLEAN New Orleans
Phoenix
20 MC MEN NEW MEXICO Albuquerque
Alb.Soc.Club
20-21 F.S.M.C. Marseille, France
Bol d'Or Leather Meeting
20-22 DESERT LEATHERMEN Tucson, AZ
Mystery Run VI

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- 1 *NLA:DALLAS Dallas, TX
Meeting:Piercing
1 L/L BRIGADE Columbia, SC
Meeting
1 EULENSPIEGEL SOC. NYC, NY
Who Am I? An SM Dance
1 UTICA TRFS MC Utica, NY
That Place
2 CHICAGO HELLFIRE Chicago, IL
S/M University
2 EULENSPIEGEL SOC. NYC, NY
Novice Night:Health & Safety
3 *NLA:PORTLAND Portland, OR
PDX Eagle
3 *LONE STAR PEP Dallas, TX
Newcomer Party
3 MC MEN NEW MEXICO Albuquerque
Alb.Soc.Club
4 VASM Vancouver, BC
Shaggy Horse
4 MSC ROTE ERDE Dortmund, GER
Der Igel
4-5 READING RAILMEN Reading, PA
Anniversary 13
4-6 MSC HAMBURG Hamburg, GER
ECMC--AGM
4-6 *KNIGHTS D'ORLEAN New Orleans
Anniversary 17
4-6 CCMC San Diego, CA
Desert Heat
4-7 GRIFFIN MC Australia
Camping Run
5 THUNDERBOLTS MC Westport, CG
The Brook
5 *LONE STAR PEP Dallas, TX
Demo
5 *ROCKY MOUNTINRS Denver, CO
RMMC Night
6 *NLA:HOUSTON Houston, TX
Venture Inn
6 *THRESHOLD Los Angeles
Orientation/SM U.
6 SOMANDROS Los Angeles, CA
Meeting
6 *ROCKY MOUNTINRS Denver, CO
General Meeting
8 *THRESHOLD Los Angeles
Business Meeting
8 *CHCGLND DISC GRP Chicago, IL
Rope Bondage (tent.)
8 EULENSPIEGEL SOC. NYC, NY
Rope Tying Workshop
8 RANGERS Cleveland, OH
LSS Club Room
9 DREIZEHN Boston, MA
Ramrod
9 EULENSPIEGEL SOC. NYC, NY
Dom.Men/Submis.Women
10 *2-WHEELS OMAHA Omaha, NE
Mr.Gay Nebraska Contest
10 *THRESHOLD Los Angeles
Writer's Workshop
10 *NLA:HOUSTON Houston, TX
C&N Restaurant
10-13 *NAT. LEATHER ASC. Chicago, IL
Living in Leather VI
11 *NLA:CHICAGO Chicago, IL
Meeting
11 National Coming Out Day
11-13 LEATHER STALLIONS Cleveland, OH
Stallions Run
11-13 SANDIA LEATHRMN Albuquerque
Leatherfest
11-13 VANGUARDS Philadelphia
22nd Anniversary:Octoberfest '91
11-14 AMER.UNIFORM ASC. Chicago, IL
Annual Review
11-14 MC MEN NEW MEXICO Albuquerque
Hot Air '91
11-14 STALLIONS Cleveland, OH
19th Autumn Stampede
11-14 PFLAG Charlotte, NC
10th Convention
12 MOOR COCKS Poughkeepsie
Congress Tavn
12 *TRIDENT INT D.C. Wash., D.C.
Potomac, MD
12 SPEARHEAD Toronto, ONT
Election of Officers

Affiliate News

TARHEEL LEATHER CLUB:

Welcome back to Tarheel LC, renewing their Affiliation with NLA for another year. Bill Costomiris sends along a brief history: TLC was founded April 1, 1990, by 9 diverse leather people. Their first official meeting was June 1, 1990, at which time they numbered approximately 20 persons. Charter membership closed August 31, 1990 with 60+ members. After changes and adaptations, they currently number 44, with 15+ Affiliates. They are non-gender-specific and not sexually oriented. They spearheaded a "Beat Jesse" campaign which raised over \$7000, and continue to be politically active. They lead the first Leather/SM Contingent in the North Carolina Pride March. They've participated in GMSMA 10, Pantheon of Leather, Southeast Leather '90 and '91, Panther Prowl II, Lion's Pride III, grand opening of the Baltimore Eagle, planning meetings for National March on Washington '93, Mr. Missouri Leather, IML '91, Living in Leather V, etc. They're a member of the Carolina Club Caucus. They celebrated their first Anniversary July 4 to 7, under the name "Stars and Stripes in Leather." The events include workshops, discussion groups, demos, fireworks, parties, a banquet, a Fantasy Extravaganza, a buffet, and awards. Contact Tarheel L. C. at P.O.Box 16457, Greensboro, NC 27416.

MOUNTAIN MEN OF LEATHER:

From Denver, Colorado, comes a new NLA Affiliate, *Mountain Men of Leather*. They may be contacted at 18876, Denver, CO 80218. Their purpose is to allow members to learn and experience Safe S/M as a consensual experience. MML is 14 years old, and is restricted to gay men. Their anniversary date is June, 1977. Their primary activity is experience sessions. Welcome aboard!

BRUSH CREEK MEDIA:

From Brush Creek Media come two new Commercial Affiliates, *Bear Magazine* and *Powerplay Magazine*. In addition to these publications, Brush Creek has produced over 20 videos, and they sell erotica, paraphernalia, and lifestyle products ranging from videos to tee-shirts to whisky flasks. They have a toll-free number--1-800-234-3877--and maintain office hours of 11 to 6, PST, Monday to Friday. They have a mail-order department (2215R Market St., #148, San Francisco, CA 94114), which is also their publications' address, and a retail outlet at 3160A 16th St., San Francisco. **They are offering a 10% discount to NLA Members** (excluding subscriptions). Send a #10 SASE for their free catalog.

PEOPLE EXCHANGING POWER:

PEP began with a simple classified ad in the *Albuquerque Journal*: *Attractive dominant F seeks to own/love submissive, obedient gent (intelligent, sane, reliable; non-smoker, non-weirdo)...* After getting over 170 responses, Nancy (founder of the PEP network) realized there was a big need. The resulting network is "...part Yenta the Matchmaker, part Parents Without Partners, part Eulenspiegel Society." In these roles, PEP has been responsible for many marriages, partnerships & love affairs; its thrust is education--lectures, raps, workshops, demos, parties, & pot lucks; it is concerned with "the passion, the beauty, the fun, the joy & the necessary safety precautions of dominant-submissive love." In addition to being an umbrella group over local PEP organizations, PEP offers a large packet of literature, including articles, newsletters, bibliography, resource & reference list, poetry, club listings, contact suggestions, etc., at a special price of \$11.00 for NLA members. Contact PEP at 505-764-5748 or write at box 332, Edgewood, NM 87015; when writing, include a \$1.44 SASE plus \$5 for literature, etc.

INTERNATIONAL MS LEATHER:

Sky Renfro was re-elected president of the board of directors of IMsL on July 22; Vice President is Joy Schulenberg, while Mike Hernandez is the Treasurer, Ann Soucy-West Secretary, & Sheila Courser Board Member-at-Large. Please try to attend the fund raisers IMsL will be doing before the 1992 contest.

--courtesy Mr Marcus of B.A.R.

KNIGHTS D'ORLEANS:

Congratulations to Knights D'Orleans; they are the first of the many organizations sending materials to *First Link* to have published their calendar for the bulk of 1992. Highlights coming up are their Christmas party Dec. 20, 1991, at the Phoenix, their Night of the Black Mask February 28, 1992, & the Mr. Knight Contest March 20, 1992. Contact them at P.O.Box 50812, New Orleans, LA 70150.

Q.S.M.:

The newest set of classes announced by QSM in San Francisco include "Cunt Play: Doing It Safe, Doing it Right," taught by J.C. Collins August 13th, "How to Top for People Who Usually Don't," with Pat Califia on August 18, "Playing On the Edge--Kidnap & Rape Scenes," by Sky Renfro on August 21, & "Age Play" by Sybil Holiday on August 28th. Contact QSM at 415-550-7776 for information & future schedules.

THRESHOLD:

Threshold reports a great turnout at the Los Angeles Christopher Street West parade in June. They participated with NLA: Los Angeles in running a booth. Threshold regular stages separate rap groups for women, men, couples, & videographers, as well as joint rap groups. For further information, call their Hotline at 213-371-6504 or their Infoline at 213-978-9447.

LEATHER UNITED CHICAGO INC.:

LU-C reports a great member turnout at the Chicago Gay/Lesbian Pride Parade June 30. Participants enjoyed the favorable settlement of the "bare-assed" controversy, as did appreciative viewers. Parade marshalls were heard to comment that LU-C's monitors were some of the few actually *working* during the parade. LU-C travels to the 501 Tavern in Indianapolis, IN, for a guest club night on August 24. They will be sponsoring an entrant in the September 22 AIDS Walk--Chicago. Contact Leather United Chicago at P.O. Box 138-058, Chicago, IL 60613 for information.

TRADESMEN:

The Tradesmen of Charlotte, NC, celebrated their fifth Anniversary in style with TradeMark V. Events included a multitude of parties, meals, a Parade of Colors, the 2nd Annual Mr. Charlotte Leather Contest, & games galore (including a diapering contest). Participants look forward eagerly to TradeMark VI.

THE FIFTEEN:

The Fifteen announce a change of date for their previously-reported August party, to the 31st. September promises to be busy, with a party on the 21st, followed by a booth on the 22nd at the Folsom Street Fair. At the booth, they'll sell second hand leathers & toys, & artwork by Les, whose hot pictures grace publications of the Fifteen. For more information on the Fifteen, call 415-775-7871.

CINCINNATI CHAPS:

The Cincinnati Chaps celebrated their 10th Anniversary with Bunkhouse II: Cowboys in Space, June 7 to 9, with a grand run of parties, a show, a banquet, etc. Reports are that a grand time was had by all!

MENAMORE LEVI/LEATHER CLUB:

Menamore LLC presents the Second Annual Coastal Carolina Leather Contest on September 14, 1991, at Mickey Ratz in Wilmington, NC. The contest is the highlight of a busy weekend including receptions, dinner, cocktails, a river cruise, breakfast, awards, etc. Contact Menamore at P.O.Box 7364, Wilmington, NC 28406.

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Affiliate News

OUTCASTS:

August Program for Outcasts is "Using Psychic Energy in SM." This is part of a series addressing emotional issues of SM. The workshop includes guided exercises in grounding, meditation to open or close one's sexual and emotional energy, and instruction in recognition of psychic energy and its use in SM scenes and relationships. Contact outcasts at POB 31266, San Francisco, CA 94131.

ORGASM:

Oregon Guild Activists of SM & NLA: Portland are co-sponsoring Chris Burns Live "I Strike Back" show on self defense for the 90's during Portland Leather Pride Week at the Northwest Service Center on

August 23rd, with tickets available at the door. This is more than a workshop--it is a fantastic show, some parts of which will leave you positively breathless! The evening will also feature State Senator Shirley Gold (author of Oregon's Hate Crimes Bill) and Portland Police Captain Roberta Webber.

CHICAGOLAND DISCUSSION GROUP:

Programs coming up include a "Fantasy Meeting" September 9 (with members splitting up into small groups to devise the *ultimate* fantasy), Rope Bondage on October 8 (tentative), and later programs on "One Sided Relationships" and Sensual Domination. Write P.O.Box 25009, Chicago, IL 60625 for further information.

A.S.M.F.:

The Association Sportive et Motocycliste de France issues the excellent newsletter *Les Chaines de l'Amitie*. The latest issue includes excellent safety tips on fisting, and a **latex glove**. The Assemblée Generals of A.S.M.F. will be Sept. 22 at 2:30 at Keller (14 rue Keller, 75011 Paris).

SOCIETY OF JANUS:

Society of Janus reports a new address, P.O.Box 426794, San Francisco, CA 94142-6794. The August 22 program meeting covers "Piercing" and features Raelyn Gallina. Janus' Hotline phone is 415-985-7117.

From the Press.....

TERRIBLE NEWS FROM FLORENCE:

Among the more devastating announcements during the recent Seventh International Conference on AIDS, came word that the World Health Organization expects a devastating increase in the incidence of AIDS in the heterosexual cultures of Asia and Africa. By the end of the nineties, the WHO expects 40 million persons to be infected worldwide, including **10 million** in Africa and **3 million** in Asia. In India, measured rates of HIV infection in a group of over 100,000 prostitutes has jumped from 1% in 1987 to 30% in 1990. In Thailand, up to 75 per cent of Thai men admit to having sex with prostitutes from among the 800,000 persons so employed. It was estimated that HIV-infected persons in Thailand increased from 200,000 to 400,000 in the last half of 1990. By the year 2000, it is estimated that 90% of HIV virus transmissions worldwide are expected to occur in heterosexual intercourse.

Controversial data presented by W. Haseltine of the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute suggests that cells in the mucous linings of the mouth and genital areas may be important infection sites, and that these cells harbor 80% of the body's HIV. This theory is likely to be the source of much controversy.

The upshot of the Conference is that, now, AIDS is not a homosexual disease, but must be considered a "lethal venereal disease"--primarily heterosexual."

--courtesy *Nature*, 6-27-91

PSYCHIATRIST CONVICTED:

Dr. James Tyhurst (a retired psychiatrist) has been convicted of enslaving patients for over 20 years. He was accused by

one person of hypnotizing and enslaving victims, often chaining and whipping them. It was alleged that he used a "torture chamber" to punish disobedient victims, whom he is purported to have forced into a life of nudity, confinement, torture, and prostitution. A former secretary of Dr. Tyhurst's reports he called her "slave" and insisted she call him "master." An appeal of this conviction has been filed.

--courtesy the Vancouver BC Province

NEW PUBLICATION:

Just announced is *Deviations Magazine*, a personals publication. Inquire from 11024 Montgomery NE, #292, Albuquerque, NM 87111.

THE S/M SCENE:

This publication is issued by M&S Enterprises, POB 7465, Las Cruces, NM 88006-7465. It includes news, stories, reviews, club information, and contact ads.

SSC MAGAZINE:

This "Alternative Lifestyles" magazine includes news, articles, and an abundance of personal contact ads. For information, write Omnific Designs West, POB 459, San Dimas, CA 91773.

UNDERGROUND RAILRAY:

The Quaker Church is reported to be planning an underground railroad to help women seeking abortions to travel from states where abortion is illegal to those where it is legal. If the U.S. were to outlaw abortion entirely, the Quakers will consider looking to Canada.

--*Journal of Sexual Liberty* v.7 no.8

GAY/LESBIAN PETITION TO U.N.:

The International Lesbian and Gay Association has petitioned for consultative status with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, which oversees human rights issues, etc. Consultative status would allow ILGA to intervene in human rights issues at the U.N. Consideration of recognition must wait until 1993.

--Island Lifestyle Magazine, Honolulu PORN RAID IN PA:

Seized in a recent raid in Pennsylvania (on the grounds that they may contain child pornography) were X-rated videos (available on the shelves of video chains), nudist publications depicting minors, and images of adolescent beauty contest entrants in bathing suits. The defendant is already on probation for charges resulting from his response to a solicitation from undercover federal agents offering pornography depicting minors.

--courtesy *Guide*, Boston, MA

WORM ABUSE:

The International Worm Charming Championship in London was won by the Dutch team after three rivals "were cited for illegally molesting their worms."

--*Journal of Sexual Liberty* v.7 no.8

TROUBLE IN DRESDEN:

In Dresden (formerly in Eastern Germany) neo-nazi youth gangs are systematically bashing porn shops, gay bars, and sex clubs. After communist suppression was eliminated, various aspects of the sex industry have spread into eastern Germany, and have provoked savage reaction, including firebombing and rioting.

--*Oregonian*, June 13, 1991

Other News

SM GAYS:

SM Gays of London, England, announces its forthcoming programs: Medical Scenes August 21, Tattoos Sept. 18, Mummification October 16th, Robe "Tricks" November 20, Hot and cold Dec. 18, and Interrogation Scenes January 15. They meet in the Basement Bar at the London Lesbian & Gay Center. Write for information to SM Gays, BM SM Gays, London WC1N-3XX.

G.M.S.M.A.:

GMSMA of New York City has chosen new officers, including David Weinbaum Chairman of the Board, Gil Kessler President, Richard Canter Vice President, W. Miller Executive Secretary, Neal Lederle Treasurer, and B. Marcus Membership Secretary.

SYDNEY BONDAGE CLUB:

S.B.C. has meetings on the third Friday of every second month. For information, write to Secretary, P.O.Box 244, St. Peters, Sydney 2044, N.S.W., Australia.

C-SPACE:

C-Space of Seattle has announced its August classes, including Mummification on August 15, Consensual/Non-Consensual August 22, and First Aid in the Play Room August 29. Call 206-361-8291 for further information.

AUSTRALIAN LEATHER MEN:

Hot new publication is *Australian Leather Men*, featuring the Australian leather scene, fiction, listings, classified ads, etc. Write ALM Press P/L, P.O.Box 124N, Bexley North, Sydney, NSW 2207, Australia. They are looking for articles, advertisers, and subscriptions.

PEP: NASHVILLE:

November 16 will see the Red Rose Ball, at the Mansion in Clarksville, TN. Featured events will be seminars (on such topics as SM & the Law, Lingerie, Dungeon Furniture, Massage, and Body Jewelry), a slave auction, and a midnight mini-buffet. Costumes are encouraged. For information, contact 615-664-3060 (voice mail for Mistress Kay).

GRIFFIN MC:

Griffin Flight III is coming up September 20-22 in Wilmington. Write Griffins at POB 7566, Newark, DE 19714 for information.

MSC SCOTLAND:

MSC Scotland presents its Edinburgh Festival Barbecue August 17th. Address correspondence to POB 28, Edinburgh, Scotland EH3-5JL.

WINDY CITY BONDAGE CLUB:

August brings both a party night and a bar night, at Touche. Write for information to P.O.Box 57806, Chicago, IL 60657.

LEATHER PRIDE NIGHT:

A consortium of New York City clubs, spearheaded by GMSMA and including The Defenders, Eulenspiegel Society, Excelsior MC, GSA, Hot Ash, LSM, Pocono Warriors, Progressive Gay Men's Club, and Sirens MC, staged their eighth annual *Leather Pride Night* benefit June 23, and generated a profit of \$7,626 to be shared by three community charities, the Heritage of Pride (which organizes the annual Gay and Lesbian Pride Day March), the Pink Panthers (which organizes volunteer street patrols to deter gay-bashing), and GMSMA's Hocutt-Ferguson PWA Assistance Fund. Since 1984, the annual benefits have raised over \$55,000 for charity. Events included a kinky flea market, a raffle, and an auction of goods and services.

EULENSPIEGEL SOCIETY:

As you can tell from the center Link calendar, Eulenspiegel's Calendar is full to bursting, with programs, special interest groups, workshops, and activities. For more information, write them at P.O.Box 2783, Grand Central Station, NYC, NY 10163.

PACIFIC BEARS M.C.:

The Pacific Bears will be hosting Leather Fest '91 on the Russian River Sept. 13 to 15, featuring cocktails, a nasty carnival, a "Bear Bust," a Leather Ball, and the Mr. Pacific Bear Contest. Write POB 1089, Guerneville, CA 95446 for information.

LONDON BLUES:

The London Blues are primarily a Uniform Club, which meets each Wednesday at the Laurel Tree, 113 Bayham St., Camden, England. A dress code is enforced, including Uniforms (except Nazi), Western, or Denim. Themes coming up are Haircropping Sept. 4, Uniforms Sept. 11, and Boots & Breeches Sept. 25. Their address is 9A Fishpool St., Saint Albans, Herts AL3-4RS, England.

CATALOG OFFER:

Master Leathers offers a Custom Leather Catalog for \$6, from P.O.Box 36091, Tucson, AZ 85740.

SIGMA:

SigMa, Inc., is grieved to announce the death of Greg Stednitz on May 26th. Greg was SigMa's third chairman, a friend and mentor to many, and a very well-know figure on the leather scene.

F.S.M.C.:

FSMC of Marseille, France, announces their Bol d'Or for Friday, September 20-21, 1991. The Bol d'Or features drinks, dinner, a leather meeting, breakfast, etc. Contact FSMC 15 28, Rue Mazagran, 13001 Marseille, France or call 91.48.49.34.

DESERT LEATHERMEN:

Mystery Run VI is a weekend of Mystery, Surprises, and Mayhem, September 20 to 22. All are invited to attend with their "stuffed friends." Write P.O.Box 1586, Tucson, AZ 85701.

CENTURIONS:

The Centurions will hold their 13th Anniversary run at the Columbus Inn, starting Sept. 20. Theme is the Harpers Cruise Hawaii, and the event includes parties, show, etc. Write POB 09208, Columbus, OH 43209-0208 for info.

AMERICAN LEATHERMEN WEEKEND:

The third annual event is set for Boston on Sept. 27 to 29, featuring the American Leatherman Competition. For info. write POB 287, Charlestown, MA 02129.

SATYRS M.C.:

Congratulations to Satyrs who are celebrating their 30th Year at Badger Flat on Labor Day weekend, Aug. 30 to Sept. 2. Write P.O.Box 1137, Los Angeles, CA 90078 for more information on Satyrs and on the Badger Flat run.

BEER TOWN BADGERS:

The Badgers present Bier Stein 7 September 27 to 29. Included in the run are parties, people events, a banquet, a show, brunch, awards, and a great time. Write P.O.Box 166, Milwaukee, WI 53201.

SLM: STOCKHOLM:

SLM: Stockholm invites you to their celebrations coming up: Leather Weekend (with Bare Ass Chaps Disco and Fleamarket) Sept. 13-14, their Oktoberfest October 12, Rubber Weekend October 18 to 20, and their November 2 Halloween Party. Write Box 17241, 104 62 Stockholm, Sweden.

VANGUARDS M.C.:

Vanguards present Oktoberfest '91 October 11 to 13, 1991. This indoor/outdoor run features many amenities, including jacuzzi, parties, indoor swimming, meals, playroom, ceremony, bonfire, cruising, a show, dinner, awards, etc. Write P.O.Box 2308, Philadelphia, PA 19103 for info.

LEATHERMEN ATLANTA:

Leathermen Atlanta holds their 12th Anniversary weekend celebration Sept. 20-22, 1991, called "10+2." They expect a great celebration. Write Keith Lawton, Road Captain, at P.O.B. 8595, Atlanta, GA 30306 for information.

Scribbles

As any editorial writer can tell you--I sometimes wonder if my musings ever are read, if my ideas are understood, or if anyone else agrees. I don't think I've ever been especially controversial, and I've never heard of anyone violently (or for that matter even strongly) disagreeing. In fact, I have very rarely heard any comment at all. Does anyone care if I do or don't do this column? I certainly don't have any special connections or great insights into any of our community concerns.

However, last week a special and unexpected event transpired. We received a letter responding to the August issue Scribbles. The correspondent, in this case, forwarded a positive response. As would be expected, I was most complimented and pleased.

What this brought to mind is how important this positive recognition is. Even more, it made me realize just how often it isn't given when deserved. So I've decided to make this column into a public recognition for a few individuals who come to my mind. Some you may recognize, others you won't, but they all deserve a real "thank

you" from our Organization and Community.

For her dependable **First Link** contributions, and total commitment, I offer Ruth Marks a Thank You. Her incredible energy and enthusiasm have earned my respect, and I look forward to our too infrequent meetings.

Bill "The Hun" Schmeling always has a ready smile--even after hours at a sales table. His letters to National as Secretary of NLA: Portland are always a pleasure to receive.

Johnny Grey of Dallas deserves recognition for his continued support of NLA for nearly 5 of our 6 years. His "Shades of Grey" was one of our earliest regular commercial advocates, and Johnny has never faltered in his dedication. In fact, he has greatly increased his work in both NLA: Dallas and our National organization.

Wayne Gloege of Seattle--my beleaguered roommate--who has produced at least half of the work I'm usually credited with, especially **First Link**. He has been a stalwart member of several committees,

George Nelson

and still remains deeply committed to the organization.

Living in 40% of your own apartment because the rest is full of documentation of our Community's history doesn't sound like fun--but Gayle Rubin has been doing it for years. And the bad part is--it won't even be really appreciated for another 50 years or ore.

Just room for one more. Each working Officer and title holder in our community owes special thanks to our various lovers or special supporting friends. They encourage us when we need it, run interference with phone calls, adjust to impossible schedules, and generally give up their own sanity to insure we maintain our own.

Finally, I encourage all my readers to take an extra minute to say "Thank you" to those who work in our community for all the rest of us. Take a minute to respond by phone--or better still by letter to an article or editorial. Contribute one yourself. Let someone know their work has at least been noticed, perhaps even appreciated.

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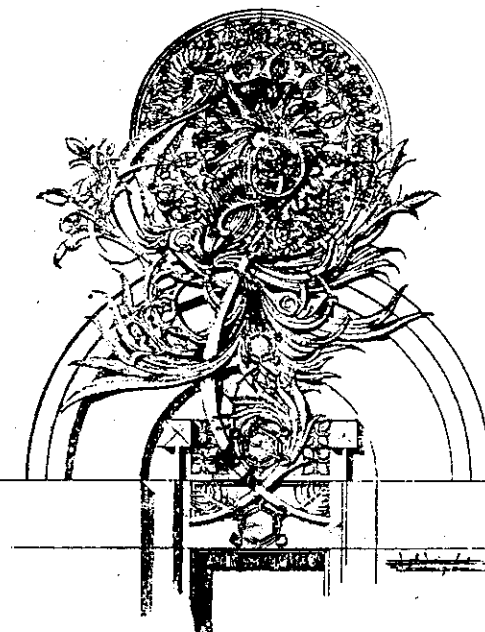
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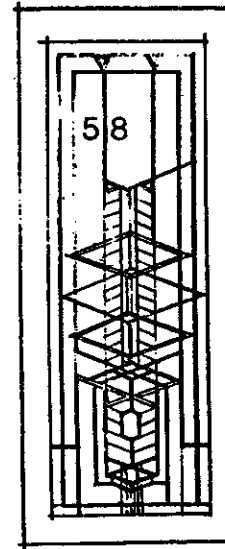
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