



NLA NATIONAL NEWS

Workshops for Living in Leather VI will fill three full days, from Friday October 11 through Sunday October 13. Concurrently, the Vendor's Area will be open. Many NLA Officers and Members will be present on Thursday October 10th through Monday the 14th for a series of special meetings. Major events are set for each evening, Thursday through Sunday.

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). Registration fees after Sept. 15 and in person 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).

Only 31 individuals accepted nomination to National Council positions this year. After consultation with the Co-Chairs and members of the Executive Committee, the Elections and Credentials Committee decided to seat all those nominated who accepted nomination. A list of those to be seated as At-Large Members on the National Council will be found inside this **First Link**. Meanwhile, ballots were mailed in early August to all those who were members in good standing of the NLA as of July 31, 1991. The vote will determine who will be male Co-Chair of the NLA, serving from October 1991 to October 1993. Chuck Higgins of Little Rock, Arkansas, and George Nelson of Seattle, Washington, were the two nominees. Both have been long-time members of NLA and hard workers at National, Regional, and Local levels in the leather community. If you have not yet mailed in your vote, there may still be time to do so. They're due back by September 20th.

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. Member involvement is always very important.

N.L.A. CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER, 1991		28	CENTRAL ARIZONA	Phoenix,AZ	6	HOUSTON	Houston,TX	
18	DALLAS	Dallas,TX	Car Wash			Executive Committee		
	Beyond Vanilla Workshop		29	AUSTIN	Austin,TX	Social Night	Venture Inn	
19	METRO NEW YORK	N.Y.C.		Cook-Out		10	HOUSTON	Houston,TX
	General Meeting					Meeting	C&N Restaurant	
21	HOUSTON	Houston,TX	**OCTOBER, 1991**		10-13	NATIONAL	Chicago,IL	
	Astroworld NLA:Houston Day		1	FIRST LINK DEADLINE		Living in Leather VI	Chicago,IL	
22	HOUSTON	Houston,TX	1	DALLAS	Dallas,TX	11	CHICAGO	Chicago,IL
	Car Wash	Mary's		Meeting: Piercing		13	SOUTH FLORIDA	Miami
24	SAN FRANCISCO	S.F.,	3	PORTLAND	Portland,OR	Meeting		
	Open Meeting 7:30	Eagle's Nest		Club Night	PDX Eagle	14	DENVER	Denver,CO
						Gem.Member Mtg. 7PM	Dads	

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FIRST LINK as Ambassador LETTERS FROM ALL OVER

From Sepp Engelmaier, president of LMC Vienna, comes a personal note along with LMC Vienna publication **The Sling**, thanking NLA for sending the **Link** to Austria. From Sydney Australia comes acknowledgement of a LIL VI press release sent to **Australian Leather Men**, along with the following:

"We look forward to receiving more news and information from the NLA in the future. The goals of the NLA are laudable and ALM would be more than pleased to publish anything that you feel may go some way towards achieving those goals. Also, many of our readers travel to the US and news from your organization will help them with their planning.

"On behalf of **Australian Leather Men** I would like to wish you every success with Living in Leather VI."

Kevin B. of **Australian Leather Men** also thanks NLA for news printed in the **Link**: "I'm sure we could not have asked for, or received wider publicity for our fledgling magazine. I especially agree with the sentiments that you express in Scribbles. It is really gratifying to get a response from the readers. Thank you again and we look forward to receiving future issues of **First Link**. Postal address for **ALM** is PO Box 124, Bexley No., Sydney NSW, 2207 Australia.

The **Queensland Pride** (Australia) has printed the LIL VI Press Release among much other leather community news, while from the John Debenham, Secretary/Treasurer of the Sydney (Australia) Bondage Club comes this "thank you":

"On behalf of the members of the Sydney Bondage Club, thank you for the copies of "First Link." They have been circulated to our members who, no doubt, will find them invaluable when visiting the US. Approximately half of our members will be visiting the US during the next twelve months and look forward to making contact with members of the National Leather Association."

From Ringed Men in New South Wales, Australia, comes thanks for copies of **First Link**, along with a request for information on Affiliation with NLA.

If you have extra or old unwanted issues of the **First Link**, you might wish to follow this custom of sharing, and give them to friends and acquaintances who may be interested in the NLA lifestyle!

N.L.A. CALENDAR

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(* *OCTOBER, 1991* *)

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| 16 | DENVER
Club Night | Denver, CO
Mike's
Denver, CO |
| 18-20 | DENVER
"Weekend in the Rockies"
MR/MS NLA: Denver
CENTRAL ARIZONA
General Meeting | Phoenix, AZ
Charlie's
Houston, TX |
| 19-20 | HOUSTON
Westheimer Art Fest.
Info. Booth | Houston, TX
Venture Inn
Vancouver, BC
Lotus Cabaret
Portland, OR |
| 20 | HOUSTON
Bar Night | Vancouver, BC
Lotus Cabaret
Portland, OR |
| 21 | BC
Workshop | Portland, OR
Embers |
| 21 | PORTLAND
Board Meeting 7:30 | S.F.
Eagle's Nest |
| 22 | SAN FRANCISCO
Open Meeting 7:30 | Cameron, TX |
| 25-27 | HOUSTON/DALLAS/AUSTIN
Campout at Rosebud XI | Austin, TX |
| 26 | AUSTIN
Fetish/Fantasy Ball (Tentative) | |

* *NOVEMBER, 1991* *

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| 1 | FIRST LINK DEADLINE | |
| 1 | HOUSTON
Leather Jock/Harness
Party | Houston, TX
Venture-N |
| 3 | HOUSTON
Bar Night | Houston, TX
Venture Inn
Dallas, TX |
| 5 | DALLAS
Meeting: Psych. Domination/
Interrogation | |
| 7 | PORTLAND
Club Night | Portland, OR
PDX Eagle
Chicago, IL |
| 8 | CHICAGO
Meeting | |
| 8 | HOUSTON
Master/Mistress/Slave
Auction | Houston, TX
Venture-N |
| 10 | HOUSTON
Executive Committee | Houston, TX
Venture Inn
Miami |
| 10 | SOUTH FLORIDA
Meeting | |
| 11 | DENVER
Gem. Member Mtg. 7PM | Denver, CO
Dads
Denver, CO |
| 13 | DENVER
Club Night | Mike's
Houston, TX |
| 14 | HOUSTON
Meeting | C&N Restaurant
Houston, TX |
| 17 | HOUSTON
Bar Night | Venture Inn
Vancouver, BC |
| 18 | BC
Workshop | Lotus Cabaret
Portland, OR |
| 18 | PORTLAND
Board Meeting 7:30 | Embers
Denver, CO |
| 25 | DENVER
Officer Election | |
| 26 | SAN FRANCISCO
Open Meeting 7:30 | S.F.
Eagle's Nest |

* *DECEMBER, 1991* *

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| 1 | FIRST LINK DEADLINE | |
| 1 | HOUSTON
Bar Night | Houston, TX
Venture Inn
Dallas, TX |
| 3 | DALLAS
Meeting: Body Orifices | |
| 5 | PORTLAND
Club Night | Portland, OR
PDX Eagle
Miami |
| 8 | SOUTH FLORIDA
Meeting | |
| 8 | HOUSTON
Executive Committee | Houston, TX
Venture Inn
Denver, CO |
| 9 | DENVER
Fundraiser | |
| 11 | DENVER
Club Night | Denver, CO
Mike's
Houston, TX |
| 12 | HOUSTON
Meeting/Chrstm's Pty | C&N Restaurant
Chicago, IL |
| 13 | CHICAGO
Meeting | |
| 15 | HOUSTON
Bar Night | Houston, TX
Venture Inn
Vancouver, BC |
| 16 | BC
Workshop | Lotus Cabaret |

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.

NATIONAL LEATHER ASSOCIATION HOUSTON

NLA: HOUSTON:

Dateline NLA: Houston:

Our heartiest Congratulations to NLA: St. Louis & NLA: Austin for making the grade to Chapter. It's exciting to have the NLA: Texas Triangle (to coin a phrase) completed, & Houston is looking forward to a great time at LIL VI & Rosebud XI. Rosebud XI will be site of the NLA: Texas Triangle's first meeting. NLA: Houston is encouraging Austin & Dallas to conduct these meetings two or three times annually in order to build our strength & share ideas in all areas with each city hosting the other two chapters on a rotating basis.

Our first major fund raiser is in the works in the form of a Master/Mistress & slave Auction set for November 8 with Mark Frazier, Mr. Gulf Coast Drummer '91, being one of the judges of this multi-faceted auction, seeking to draw from all qua-

drants of Houston's Gay/Lesbian Community, stepping beyond strictly leather & leather money. This event will be preceded by a pre-Auction party November 1 when all entrants will be able to meet & be met, be seen & prepare potential bidders for the following week's auction. This will also be a theme party of Leather Jock & Harness Night at the bar, where our judges will prepare for the following week's event by judging & presenting ribbons for such things as prettiest butt, hairiest butt, most familiar butt, most original harness, biggest pouch, best filled pouch, etc., etc. Meanwhile car washes, garage sales, chili dinners, bar runs will continue to raise funds for the Chapter. Look for Christmas Grab Bag fund raiser at the Venture-N with prizes galore for a dollar a shot. Tentative discussions have begun with the Imperial Court of the Single Star for a joint fund raiser around Mardi Gras which could turn out to be the biggest Leather & Lace party of the year in Houston; watch for more details as this develops.

Social events continue with the Galveston beach/bar run postponed to post-summer season when rates will be more conducive to everyone's' pocketbooks. A Labor Day picnic & pool orgy is in the works at the infamous pool of Mark & Alec's. Orgy??? I meant pool party, not orgy!! Astroworld, the Texas Renaissance Festival, & the Westheimer Colony Art Festival will never be the same after NLA: Houston's colors have traversed these great fall activities.

Combining Fund Raising, Social, & Program, Education Committees will result in an Anniversary Weekend for NLA: Houston that Houston will not soon forget. Since our official anniversary is 1/1/92, we are discussing moving the official celebration to the third weekend in January, with parties, educational symposia, & more parties to herald our first year as a Chapter.

Heading for 50 members is one of membership's short term goals, along with membership cards out by September's meeting, Chapter friendship pins ordered & soon in members' hands, & a membership contest in full swing as new members are solicited. A Memorial Plaque is in the works thanks to the underwriting of Les W., our former National Council Representative.

NLA: Houston is seeking from other individuals & Chapters fund raising ideas (in great detail & how successful they were) so we can compile them & eventually have a booklet available on request. ROI (Return on Investment) is in all our goals & all help & info will be appreciated--maybe we can get pieces of that information in **First Link** as well from time to time. NLA: Houston would also like information on pinning & the long-held traditions of other clubs & organizations, so we can begin our own tradition. Again, we are willing to compile this information & have it available when requested. Send all info either Attn: Fund raising or Attn: Membership, P.O. Box 541921, Houston, TX 77254-1921.

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The New National Council

The following individuals will be serving as At-Large Members on the NLA National Council, for the year starting October 14, 1991:

L. Antonio, Flushing NY
 MP Breslin, Atlanta GA
 J. Bridwell, Lynnwood WA
 T. DeBlase, San Francisco CA
 J. DeLoach, Dallas TX
 S. Dennen, Oakland CA
 L. Fox, Cooper City FL
 M. Gautreau, Millis MA

W. Gloege, Seattle WA
 B. Goldfarb, San Diego CA
 J. Grey, Dallas TX
 J. Hall, Columbus OH
 C. Higgins, Little Rock AR
 C. Hodson, Eugene OR
 S. Huber, Portland OR
 K. Kircher, San Diego CA
 M. Kosarik, Austin TX
 A. Kraus, Oak Park IL
 D. Lithgow, Westchester IL
 A. Mangels, Portland OR

R. Marks, San Francisco CA
 D. Meador, Alexandria VA
 K. Mendelsohn, San Francisco CA
 G. Nelson, Seattle WA
 S. Norman, Greensboro NC
 K. Rabonza, Austin TX
 V. Reger, Memphis TN
 J. Richards, Dallas TX
 M. Rounsaville, Dallas TX
 G. Rubin, San Francisco CA
 E. Tomsic, Columbus OH

NLA Chapter News

NLA: ST. LOUIS:

Congratulations to the St. Louis Chapter, formally Chartered during the August 25th Executive Committee Meeting. We are looking for great things from this rapidly growing, enthusiastic group!

NLA: METRO NEW YORK:

The Metro New York "hit the ground running," in March of 1990. From the first, we have pursued the pansexual mission of the NLA and have attracted a sexually eclectic group of people. We have also succeeded in enrolling more than one physically challenged member and, at a social or a meeting, a guide dog under the table gets an occasional nod or greeting, but no undue attention.

Answering community needs, we first promoted our play parties and brought several innovations to the New York S/M scene that have since been adopted by others: our DungeonMaster Corps, modeled and trained in the image of O.R.G.A.S.M.'s; and our single-gender space and mixed space policy. We also introduced a single-price door charge policy for play parties, and all our members pay the same rates, regardless of gender, even when we have a party at a club.

Since the public clubs have reopened and a new party-giver has come on the scene, we will be turning our attention to public- and member-education programs for the Fall and Winter seasons, and placing less emphasis on parties, altho they will continue as benefits of membership and as fund-raisers.

From the first, our Newsmagazine, The Inquisitor, has been an important focal point for our chapter. The feature articles, "gossip" and advice columns and the open policy regarding Letters to the Editor, have been valuable to our members and to the association at large. Believing that chapters are an integral part of the structure of the national organization, and that inter-chapter communication is vital to the strength of chapters, in the Summer of 1990, in cooperation with the South Florida Chapter (when it was still in formation), we helped create NLALINK, the electronic online "newsletter" in which chapters may share and exchange useful information. In New York, we are fortunate, because two of our officers are sysops of The Utopian Network, and have made the facilities available to the chapter. In fact, the chapter can be reached at the Utopian Niteline number during the day when it is a voice-line, and from 8 pm to noon when it is a BBS.

When our members became increasingly disenchanting with National leadership, we explored the option of changing

our status from Chapter to Affiliate. At a meeting in July, the members present voted to remain a chapter for the present. We continue our schedule of monthly business meetings and monthly socials at a midtown restaurant, usually on Thursdays. Check the FirstLink calendar for the dates of upcoming events and call our Secretary, Gerrie at 212 686-5248 for more information.

NLA: DENVER:

Big event coming up for NLA: Denver is the "Weekend in the Rockies," October 18 to 20, 1991. Registration and a buffet will be provided Friday from 6 to 9 PM at DAD's (282 South Pennsylvania). Saturday will feature Demonstrations and Workshops from 9 to 11 AM and 1 to 6 PM at Day's Inn (1150 E. Colfax), Brunch from 11 AM to 1 PM at the Detour (551 E. Colfax), and a Dinner and Anniversary Awards Show from 6 to 9 PM at Charlie's (900 E. Colfax). Sunday features a brunch buffet from 9 AM to noon at BJ's Carousell (1380 So. Broadway), and the MR/MS NLA: Denver Contest from Noon to 4 PM at Club 13 East (314 East 13th). Price for the package is \$55. Host Hotel is Day's Inn. Information from P.O.Box 18568, Denver, CO 80218.

NLA: AUSTIN:

Congratulations are in order for NLA: Austin, formally chartered as a Chapter of NLA during the August 25th Executive Committee Meeting!

Austin is about to stage its first regular elections. Self-nomination will be allowed, and the Chapter newsletter will publish statements from all candidates. Austin recently accepted the resignation of Co-Chair Kris R. with regret. A monthly cookout fund raiser has been proving quite popular. On the future agenda is a Fetish/Fantasy Ball (tentatively set for October 26). Also, Austin's newsletter announces the possibility of a Texas Leather Pride Weekend (a joint project of the Austin, Dallas, and Houston NLA Chapters) to be held February 14 to 17 in Austin, Texas.

NLA: CENTRAL ARIZONA:

The last meeting was a pool party, with delicious and varied food and great music. The Chapter has designed Chapter pins and T-shirts. Too late to print comes word of Central Arizona's Bar Crawl II: The Revenge. Festivities took place August 22, starting at 9 PM at Charlie's, and including Cattleman's, Incognito, and Trax. The weekend of September 13 brought a weekend Bar Crawl in Tucson, while August 30 saw a fundraiser for Paul Waller--Chapter member and Mr. Southwest Drummer Boy--at the Bum Steer. September 28 was set for the Chapter Car Wash, "A Clean Cruise Afternoon." Next general meeting will be

October 19 at 1 PM at Charlie's. NLA: Central Arizona is running press releases in *The Western Express*, *The Echo*, and the *Tucson Observer*, expressing support for Tom Volgy, Mayor of Tucson, in his run for Mo Udall's Congressional Seat. The Chapter may assist in the campaign by soliciting door to door for him in Phoenix and/or Tucson. Future planning ideas include a Sunday Leather Brunch and a Safe Sex Party. Chapter officers are Andre K. President, Teri T. Vice President, Dino R. Treasurer, Jody R. Secretary, and Squire Sergeant At Arms.

NLA: PORTLAND:

The Portland Chapter, along with Co-Sponsors ORGASM and the Knights of Malta, is only now recovering from the tremendous success of its August 18 to 25 Leather Pride Week! Kevin Koesel recently assumed the Chairship of NLA: Portland. The Chapter has developed a position statement along with ORGASM condemning some of the behaviors mentioned by the OCA (the Oregon Citizen's Alliance), a group seeking to regulate behavior standards in Oregon, identifying homosexuality, sadism, masochism, pedophilia, bestiality, and necrophilia as "abnormal and harmful behaviors." If the OCA's initiative makes it on to the ballot and is approved by voters, it would end any state or local government recognition which applied minority status to practitioners of any of the above.

HOW TO FORM AN NLA CHAPTER

We receive regular inquiries regarding Chapter formation from cities around North America. Any group of 12 or more persons who support the statement of purpose of the Association may petition the Association for a Charter as an official Chapter of the Association. The Petition shall be submitted to the Membership Committee and be referred with recommendations to the Executive Committee for issuance of Chapter Charter. The petition shall contain the name of the proposed Chapter (e.g.: National Leather Association: Bismark), the official Chapter mailing address, the names and addresses of the Officers and the organizing members (at least 12 in number) with appropriate dues for each, a statement of adoption and support of the Association's Statement of Purpose, and a copy of Bylaws under which the Chapter would operate. Any group working towards establishing a Chapter may request the National Office to list it as a Chapter in Formation. A prerequisite for this listing is the availability of a publishable address.

For further information, write the NLA at P.O.Box 17463, Seattle, WA, 98107.

Last Chance for LIL VI

This is your last chance to register for Living in Leather VI. Registrations have been pouring in from everywhere; surely, you will NOT want to miss this year's festivities! We'll be bring you 3 full days of workshops (over 50 of them!), the Mr. & Ms. NLA Contest (with the musical talents of the *Sluts from Hell*), a fantastic Afterglow Party, opening ceremonies featuring Perry Watkins as keynoter, a vendor area guaranteed to offer goodies to delight everyone, and the finest members of the Leather/SM/Fetish community!

Come early. Thursday night (October 10th) will feature the fund raiser for NLA's Mack MacKinnon Travel Fund, on the top floor of the Durrell Plaza. This will be a special event, perhaps the first *casino night* in Chicago in ten years. Pay your cover fee, and get "play" money. Use this to gamble, on games like blackjack and roulette, run by leatherfolk in our "Casino" environment. THEN, use your play winnings to purchase real goodies provided by a myriad of our Community's hottest craftspersons! The crowd will be *hot*, the games *fun*, and the auction items *superb*! Ruth Marks is enthusiastic over this event, and you will be too! NLA always tries to sup-

port its representatives, in the vast amount of travel necessary, and by supporting the Mack MacKinnon Travel Fund, you will be helping too.

We gather that a number of entertainments for the Afterglow Party were signed on during Fantasy '91 in Omaha, Nebraska. Afterglow comes with your registration, and for many will be the highlight of the long weekend, with the very finest entertainment provided by our own talented leatherfolk! Plan on staying through Sunday night so you can enjoy the *Afterglow*.

Chicago Hellfire Club is helping arrange dungeon parties. A tentative breakdown includes up to seven play sessions, including some for mixed groups, and some for men only and women only. These will be extra cost options, available ON SITE ONLY.

Those wishing to compete in the MR/MS NLA CONTEST should prepare their entries and send them in to P.O.Box 17463, Seattle, WA 98107, as soon as possible. Competition will be tough this year, and the job is not an easy one! However, the rewards in terms of recognition and community service are high!

Parry Watkins will highlight our Friday evening opening ceremonies. Perry has recently won a landmark decision from the Supreme Court, awarding him promotion, back pay, and retirement benefits from the army--as an openly gay man. Opening ceremonies will feature a parade of colors. Also, a major new book by Alyson Publications--an anthology of writings by major figures of the Leather/SM/Fetish Community (many of whom will be in attendance)--will be first offered this evening.

The Vendors Area is a highlight of the Living in Leather Conferences. This year it should be a smash--we gather that it is already sold out, and arrangements for auxiliary space are being undertaken. Bring some extra cash, for the best in leather and fetish goods and clothing, books and videos, and body decoration. The NLA will have its General Store there too, so you can get your T-Shirts, pins, and souvenirs of a hot weekend!

This is NLA's first Conference away from the West Coast, and we shall be seeing and meeting many new faces, in the fascinating and bustling metropolis of Chicago.

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:

after SEPT 15th

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: _____

(signature)

LIL VI Workshop List Finalized!!!

We are delighted to bring you a full listing of workshops to be presented at Living in Leather VI. We are listing them alphabetically, as the exact schedule of times and rooms is not finalized.

Arrest and Processing, Ass/Vaginal Play, Assuming a Role, Beyond Dear Abby-Social Behavior for Perverts, Blood Sports, Body Modifications, Building Better Bottoms, Censor at Work, Clean Sober Leather Lifestyle, Differentiating SM and Domestic Violence, Do It Yourself SM, Dressing for IT, Dungeon Beautiful, Electrotic, Fantasy and Reality, Finding a Partner, Flesh Imprisoned--Bondage Basics, Gender Identification, Getting it Published, Hetero/Bi/Homo--the Same Whip Works on All, Initiations and Other Rites of Passage, Interfacing With the Straight/Vanilla World, Legal Defense,

Living the Relationship, NEED to be Taken, NLA--Past Present and Future, Organic S and M, Organizing Your Kink, Our Lifestyles and the Law, Play Parties--Making it Hot and "Covering Your Ass", Preserving Our Past, Safe Sane and Consensual, Sensory Deprivation and Breath Control, Sex Love and S/M, SM and Health Care Services, SM and Spirituality, SM and the Physically Challenged, SM Cottage Industries, SM From a Medical Viewpoint, SM Show and Tell, SM/Leather Activism, Speaking Out--Organizing and Running a Speakers' Bureau, Switches--Best of Both Worlds?, Topical Stimulations, Training a Top, Traveling Light--Play Without the Dungeon, Verbal Abuse and Dirty Talk, Welt of Information--Beating Tools, Etc., What is S/M, What You Can Do With a Title and What a Title Can Do To You, Whip Dynamics--Consensual Model.

We are equally delighted to bring you a partial list of presentors for the workshops given above. There WILL be extensive additions to this list, and of course it is subject to last minute change:

- Gabrielle Antolovich, Laura Antoniou, Guy Baldwin, Race Bannon, Joseph Bean, Gerrie Blum, Lily Braindrop, MP Breslin, Jim Bruce, Lady Cassandra, J.C. Collins, Bill Costomirir, Tony DeBlase, Michael Decker, Barry Douglas, T.A. Feldwebel, Michael Felts, Wayne Gloege, Laura Goodwin, Jan Hall, Jannet Heartwood, Mitch Kessler, Albert Kraus, Dustin Logan, Nick Long, Jan Lyon, Jennifer MacFarland, Bruce Marcus, Ruth Marks, Karen Mendelsohn, George Nelson, Clive Platman, Chuck Renslow, Dave Rhodes, Jim Richards, Eric Rofes, Gayle Rubin, Tony Shenton, John Siraccisa, Michael Spehar, David Stein, Phil Swenson, Mark Thompson, and Perry Watkins.

THE Leather/SM/Fetish Calendar

SEPTEMBER, 1991

- 18 SM GAYS Meeting: Tattoos London, Eng LGC
18 EULENSPIEGEL SOC. NYC,NY
18 *NLA:DALLAS Dallas,TX
19 Beyond Vanilla Workshop
19 *NLA:METRO N.Y. N.Y.C.
19 General Meeting
19 C-SPACE Seattle,WA
19 Class:Tops on Bottoms LSM NYC,NY
19 Orientation
19 Selby's Fetish & Fantasy SF,CA
19 *CHCGLND DISC GRP Chicago,IL
20 Women's Rap
20 BEER TOWN BDGERS Milwaukee,WI
20 Bar Night Boot Camp
20 *KNIGHTS D'ORLEAN New Orleans
20 Beerbust Phoenix
20 MC MEN NEW MEXICO Albuquerque
20 Leather Shed Alb.Soc.Club
20-21 F.S.M.C. Marseille,France
20-21 Bol d'Or Leather Meeting
20-22 DESERT LEATHERMEN Tucson,AZ
20-22 Mystery Run VI
20-22 GRIFFINS Newark,DE
20-22 GriffinFlight III
20-22 LEATHERMEN ATTLA Atlanta,GA
20-22 10+2 Weekend Anniversary
20-22 AMBUSH Dallas,TX
20-22 Coyote Run '91
20-22 Internat. Mr. Drummer S.F.,CA
20-22 MSC HALLAMSHIRE England
20-22 Finningley '90 Weekend
20-22 CENTURIONS Columbus,OH
20-22 13th Anniversary Run
21 *THRESHOLD Los Angeles
21 Party
21 NATL.MARCH ON WA. NYC
21 NY/Puerto Rico Planning Meeting LGSC
21 LONE STAR PEP Dallas,TX
21 Party
21 *A.S.M.F. Paris,France
21 New Member Night
21 ROCHESTER RAMS Rochester,NY
21 Bar Night
21 *THE FIFTEEN S.F.
21 Party
21 *CLUB CALGARY Calgary,ALBTA
21 Indian Summer/Western Night
21 *NLA:HOUSTON Houston,TX
21 Astroworld Houston Day
21 Int.Mr.Drummer Finals SF,CA
21 HARTFORD COLTS Hartford,CT
21 Bar Night (Springfield) The Pub
21 *CHCGLND DISC GRP Chicago,IL
21 Quarterly Couples' Meeting
21 L/L BRIGADE Columbia,SC
21 Club Night
21 MOTORCIT MEN LTHR Southfield,MI
21 2nd Anniversary Bar Night
21 *TARHEEL L.C. Greensboro,NC
21 Meeting Palms
21-22 OEDIPUS MC LA,CA
21-22 Penguin's Picnic
22 *TARHEEL L.C. Greensboro,NC
22 Palms
22 *A.S.M.F. Paris,France
22 Assemblee Generale Keller
22 AIDS Walk Chicago Chicago,IL
22 *NLA:HOUSTON Houston,TX
22 Car Wash Mary's
22 MLWK BONDAGE CLB Milwaukee,WI
22 Dom Women/Submis Men
22 Folsom St.Fair SF,CA
23 LMC VIENNA Vienna,Austria
23 Meeting
23 VANGUARDS Philadelphia
23 Meeting Bike Stop
23 *ORGASM Portland,OR
23 Super Jacks Party
24 *NLA:SFAC S.F.
24 Open Meeting 7:30 Eagle's Nest
24 *THRESHOLD Los Angeles
24 Video Rap Group Wash.,DC
24 BLACK ROSE
24 EULENSPIEGEL SOC. NYC,NY
24 Annual Elections

- 25 Q.S.M. S.F.,CA
25 Class:Rope Harness
25 G.M.S.M.A. NYC,NY
26 Hot Stuff! (Wax, etc.)
26 FOOT FRIENDS NYC
26 Bar Night Julius
26 EULENSPIEGEL SOC. NYC,NY
26 Wp.ems Mogit
26 C-SPACE Seattle,WA
26 Class:Relationships
26 *SOCIETY OF JANUS SF,CA
26 Program:Novice/Web Bondage
27 T's Leather/Levi/ Vancouver,BC
27 Fetish & Social Nite Ms T's
27 CAPITAL LEATHRMN Raleigh,NC
27 Club Night
27 *THRESHOLD Los Angeles
27 Couples' Rap Group
27 MSC SUISSE ROMAN Lausanne,SWIT
27 Stamm/Meeting
27 Q.S.M. S.F.,CA
27 Class:Pagan Rituals
27 G.M.S.M.A. NYC,NY
27 S/M & Fetish Mixer Eagle's Nest
27-29 GMSMC Philadelphia,PA
27-29 3rd Anniversary Weekend
27-29 BEER TOWN BADGRS Milwaukee,WI
27-29 Bier Stein Seven Run
27-29 MCRA LYON Lyon,France
27-29 Nuit Cul de Sac
27-29 GOLDEN GATE GRDS SF,CA
27-29 Annual Run
27-29 ATAC Wash,DC
27-29 AIDS Treatment Activist Conf.
27-29 EAST ANGLIA BIKERS England
27-29 Camshaft Weekend
27-29 American Lthermn Cont. MA
28 TRIDENT,CENTRAL MASS Worcester
28 Meeting Mailbox
28 *NLA:CENTRAL ARIZ Phoenix,AZ
28 Car Wash
28 *ORGASM Portland,OR
28 Orientation/Newcomer's Party Philadelphia
28 VANGUARDS Bike Stop
28 Bar Night S.F.,CA
28 Q.S.M. S.F.,CA
28 Class:Tantra for Witches & Friends
28 SIGMA Washington,DC
28 Party
28 SLM:COPENHAGEN Copenhagen,DN
28 Rugger Night
28-29 TEXAS CONF. CLUBS Houston,TX
28-29 Buzzards'Peak
29 *NLA:AUSTIN Austin,TX
29 Cook-Out
29 *A.S.M.F. Paris,France
29 Afternoon Function
29 TDA ATLANTA Atlanta,GA
29 Meeting
29 *TRADESMEN Charlotte,NC
29 Business Meeting Brass Rail
29 *ORGASM Portland,OR
30 Club Night
30 MOTORCIT MEN LTHR Southfield,MI
30 2nd Anniversary Bar Night
30 LONE STAR PEP Dallas,TX
30 Gold Key Party
OCTOBER, 1991
1 *NLA:DALLAS Dallas,TX
1 Meeting:Piercing
1 L/L BRIGADE Columbia,SC
1 Meeting
1 EULENSPIEGEL SOC. NYC,NY
1 Who Am I? An SM Dance Wash.,DC
1 Car Wash Negotiation/Communication
1 UTICA TRY'S MC Utica,NY
1 Bar Night That Place
1 Q.S.M. S.F.,CA
1 Class:Nazi Interrogation
1 CHICAGO HELLFIRE Chicago,IL
1 S/M University
1 EULENSPIEGEL SOC. NYC,NY
1 Novice Night:Health & Safety
1 *NLA:PORTLAND Portland,OR
1 Club Night PDX Eagle
1 LONE STAR PEP Dallas,TX
1 Newcomer Party
1 MC MEN NEW MEXICO Albuquerque
1 Club Night Alb.Soc.Club
1 Q.S.M. S.F.,CA
1 Class:Whipping

Government & Law

MILITARY DISCRIMINATION:

1000 to 2000 lesbian and gays are discharged from the armed services each year under Pentagon Directive 1332.12, which states that "homosexuality is incompatible with military service." As part of their continuing effort to overturn this policy, the HRCF conducted a survey, with results indicating that 65 per cent of the American public supports the admission of lesbians and gays into the armed services, and 81 per cent opposes the current Pentagon policy of discharging lesbians and gays from the service when their sexual orientation becomes known.

AIDS TESTING:

Despite the absence of evidence that HIV transmission from medical worker to patient has occurred aside from the case of ONE dentist, Jesse Helms' bill setting severe criminal penalties on health care workers who know they are sero-positive and do not inform patients, and an amendment by Senators Kennedy, Mitchell, Dole, and Hatch to require testing of all health-care workers in a state in order to secure federal funding, passed the Senate overwhelmingly.

MEDICS DISCRIMINATE:

The Arvada, Colorado, Fire Department keeps a list of households which have AIDS patients and does not respond to medical emergencies at these locations. Instead, it will contact the private ambulance company which serves the area.

--Journal of Sexual Liberty

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THE Leather/SM/Fetish Calendar

12-13	UTICA TRIPS MC	Utica, NY
13	Mr. Upstate NY Leather '91 Weekend	
13	*ROCKY MOUNTINRS	Denver, CO
13	Mile Hi City Beer Bust	Triangle
13	*OUTCASTS	S.F., CA
13	Steering Committee	
13	MANSFIELD BUCKS	Burlington, VT
13	Club Night	Pearl's
13	*KNIGHTS D'ORLEAN	New Orleans
13	Meeting	KO Clubhouse
13	TRIDENTS:RHD.ISL.	Providence, RI
13	Bar Night	Galaxy
13	*NLA:SO.FLORIDA	Miami
14	Meeting	
14	LONDON BLUES	London, Engl.
14	Blues in the Park Picnic	
14	*NLA:DENVER	Denver, CO
15	Gem.Member Mtg. 7PM	Dads
15	SOMANDROS	Los Angeles, CA
15	Board Meeting	
15	*THRESHOLD	Los Angeles
15	Men's Rap Group	
15	BLACK ROSE	Wash., DC
15	S/M Game Show	
15	GMSMC	Philadelphia, PA
15	Meeting	Bike Stop
15	EULENSPIEGEL SOC.	NYC, NY
15	Magic of SM	
15	ROCHESTER RAMS	Rochester, NY
16	Bar Night	
16	SM GAYS	London, Eng
16	Meeting: Mummification	LGC
16	*NLA:DENVER	Denver, CO
16	Club Night	Mike's
16	*CHCGLND DISC GRP	Chicago, IL
16	Women's Rap Group	
16	EULENSPIEGEL SOC.	NYC, NY
17	Dom Women/Submis Men	
17	G.M.S.M.A.	NYC, NY
17	Clean/Sober SM Discussion	
17	Q.S.M.	S.F., CA
17	Exhibit: Femme Variations	
17	MELBOND	Melbourne, Aust
17	Chain Reactions	
17	MLWK BONDAGE CLB	Milwaukee, WI
18	Womyn's Nite	
18	*OUTCASTS	S.F., CA
18	Program	
18	MSC LONDON	London, Eng
18	18th Birthday	
18	*KNIGHTS D'ORLEAN	New Orleans
18	Beerbust	Phoenix
18	*LTHR UNITED CHCG	Chicago, IL
18-19	Club Night	AA Meat Market
18-19	Mr. Oklahoma Leather	Tulsa, OK
18-20	*NLA:DENVER	Denver, CO
18-20	"Weekend in the Rockies"	
18-20	MR/MS NLA: Denver	
18-20	ITALIA MOTOR CLUB	Milan, ITALY
18-20	Intl. Leather Meeting 1	
18-20	GATEWAY MC	St. Louis, MO
18-20	Show Me Run	
18-20	SLM:STOCKHOLM	Stockholm, Swed
18-20	Rubber Weekend	
18-20	ENTRE-NOUS	Boston, MA
18-20	Entre Nous/P-Town Lthr	Provincetwn, MA
19	Anniversary 21	
19	*NLA:CENTRAL ARIZ	Phoenix, AZ
19	General Meeting	Charlie's
19	*CHICAGLND DSC GP	Chicago, IL
19	Social	
19	*CLUB CALGARY	Calgary, ALBTA
19	Gen.Mtg & Elections	
19	*THE FIFTEEN	S.F.
19	Party	
19	*THRESHOLD	Los Angeles
19	Program Meeting	
19	HARTFORD COLTS	Hartford, CT
19	Bar Night (Springfield)	The Pub
19	S.F.G.D.I.	S.F., CA
19	Minsky's	
19	*TARHEEL L.C.	Greensboro, NC
19	Meeting	Palms
19	G.M.S.M.A.	NYC, NY
19-20	Dungeon Demo	
19-20	BATTALION MC	Dallas, TX
19-20	Mystery Ride	
19-20	*NLA:HOUSTON	Houston, TX
19-20	Westheimer Art Festival	
19-20	Info. Table	
19-20	TEXAS CONF. CLUBS	Houston, TX
19-20	Activity Wknd/Fall Mtng	Buzzards'Peak

****NOVEMBER, 1991****

1	*NLA:HOUSTON	Houston, TX
1	Leather Jock/Harness Pt	Venture-N
1	MSC ROTE ERDE	Dortmund, GER
1	Club Night	Der Igel
1	VASM	Vancouver, BC
1-3	Pub Night	Shaggy Horse
1-3	RURALS MC	Netherlands
1-3	Fox Hunt	
1-3	PANTHER	Atlanta, GA
1-3	Prowl III Run	
1-3	IN TOUCH	Nashville, TN
1-3	In Touch '91	
2	*TRIDENT INT D.C.	Wash., D.C.
2	Anniv. 10 Dinner	Wild Oats
2	*THRESHOLD	Los Angeles
2	Party (Tentative)	
2	THUNDERBOLTS MC	Westport, CG
2	Bar Night	The Brook
2	SLM:STOCKHOLM	Stockholm, Swed
2	Halloween Party	
2	CHEATERS MC	S.F., CA
2	Turkey Shoot	
2	*ROCKY MOUNTINRS	Denver, CO
3	RMMC Night	Compound
3	MSC SUISSE ROMAN	Lausanne, SWIT
3	Sauna Night	
3	SOMANDROS	Los Angeles, CA
3	Meeting	
3	*ROCKY MOUNTINRS	Denver, CO
3	General Meeting & First Lady Brunch	
3	*THRESHOLD	Los Angeles
3	Orientation	
3	*NLA:HOUSTON	Houston, TX
3	Bar Night	Venture Inn
3	CONSTANTINES	SF, CA
3	Fall Meet	
4	GMSMC	Philadelphia, PA
4	Board Meeting	
4	*NLA:DALLAS	Dallas, TX
4	Meeting: Psych. Domination	
4	*THRESHOLD	Los Angeles
4	Business Meeting	
4	CHICAGO HELLFIRE	Chicago, IL
4	S/M University	
4	*NLA:PORTLAND	Portland, OR
4	Club Night	PDX Eagle
4	LONE STAR PEP	Dallas, TX
4	Newcomer's Party	
4	MC MEN NEW MEXICO	Albuquerque
4	Club Night	Alb. Soc. Club
4	*NLA:CHICAGO	Chicago, IL
4	Meeting	
4	*NLA:HOUSTON	Houston, TX
4	Master/Mistress/Slave	
4	Auction	
4	LM DUSSELDORF	Venture-N
4	Sternchenparty	Dusseldorf, Ger
4	CASTAWAYS	Milwaukee, WI
4	Anniversary 12 Run	
4	FIRE DANCERS LLC	Dallas, TX
4	Firedance 5	
4	COMMAND	Baltimore, MD
4	Anniversary 3	
4	*TRIDENT INT D.C.	Wash., D.C.
4	Meeting	Greenbelt, MD
4	LONE STAR PEP	Dallas, TX
4	Finger Food Party	
4	*CHCGLND DISC GRP	Chicago, IL
4	Bar Night	AA Meat Market
4	MOOR COCKS	Poughkeepsie
4	Bar Night	Congress Tavn
4	SLM: COPENHAGEN	Copenhagen, DN
4	FF Night	
4	CALIF. EAGLES MC	SF, CA
4	Russian River Run	
4	NGLTF	Wash, DC
4	Creating Change Conf. 4	Alexandria, VA
4	RGMT BLACK & TANS	L.A., CA
4	Beer Bust	Griff's
4	TRIDENTS:RHD.ISL.	Providence, RI
4	Bar Night	Galaxy
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4	Steering Committee	
4	*CHCGLND DISC GRP	Chicago, IL
4	Orientation	
4	Portland Leatherwoman	Portland, OR
4	Erotica '91	Embers

LIL VI Workshops

More than 50 panels, workshops and demonstrations are planned for LIL VI. Audience questions and comments will be invited at the end of all of these. But three programs are structured to rely heavily on audience participation. Plan to attend these and be prepared:

can schedule the presentations. Keep your presentations short so we can get as many as possible into the 1.5 hours allotted. Check the program at LIL to see when and where slides/videos must be presented.

DRESSING FOR IT (2 PM SUNDAY)

Leather or lace, rubber or spandex, spike heels or motorcycle boots, longjohns or frilly panties, a cop's uniform or a prisoner's, a French maid's outfit or a football player's, a three piece suit or a formal gown, a special collar or nothing at all. Whatever you wear for IT, wear it to this presentation, and tell us why it is special to YOU. How does clothing figure in your play? Do you wear it throughout? Take it off, or put it on, as a part of a scene? Is their special excitement in it being ripped, or cut...or worshiped?

DUNGEON BEAUTIFUL (4 PM FRIDAY)

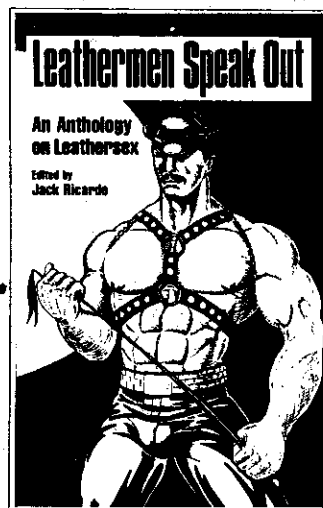
SM SHOW AND TELL (4 PM SATURDAY)

Dungeon disguise - building equipment that is inconspicuous. The Apartment Dungeon - when space is an issue. Double Duty Dungeons - when a room must serve several purposes. The Wonderful Room - a space fully devoted to play. The Party Dungeon - spaces to accommodate many players at once. Dungeon furniture - movable, rather than built-in, furniture. Bring slides and/or a video tape (VHS only) of a Dungeon and/or Dungeon equipment you would like to talk about. Write and let us know what you are planning to bring so we

This is an opportunity for any participant to talk about whatever they like. Bring an interesting toy to show or demonstrate. Present a special technique. Offer a word of caution. Whatever. Maximum five minutes per speaker, unless you make special arrangement with the coordinator of this program in advance.

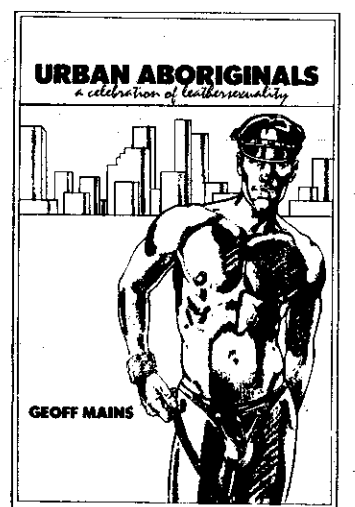
Please note: genitals, the ass crack, and females' nipples must be covered in the public areas of the Hotel, including elevators and corridors.

For further information, or to give us info on your Dungeon Design contribution, write or call Tony DeBlase at P.O.Box 410390, San Francisco, CA 94141, (415)-252-1195.



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Affiliate News

LEASH & COLLAR CONNECTION:

A new Affiliate is the Leash & Collar Connection. This new organization was created to meet the growing interest in B&D, S&M, and other fetish activities in the Minneapolis/St. Paul metro area. It welcomes women and men who want to "come out of the closet," and those already experienced in the erotic love-playing of dominant/submissive roles. The group consists of mature, caring adults interested in free self-expression. It provides opportunities to make friends and explore each others' fantasies in a safe, casual environment. Whether the member be dominant or submissive, each sets their own pace and limits, and the ground rules will protect all. Membership is free; all participating in group activities will share expenses equally. Leash and Collar Connection forbids professional dominatrixes, drugs, and alcohol; all must be over 18 years old, and will be carefully screened. Activities will include meetings, demos, trips, rap sessions, and lectures. The group is designed for those seeking friendship, trust, adventure, and perhaps a kinky romance. Those interested in joining should include a brief self-introduction, and write to P.O.Box 580298, Minneapolis, MN 55458-0298 (include a SASE, please).

SUNDANCE CATTLE CO.:

New Affiliate joining the NLA is the Sundance Cattle Co. (1022 Westheimer Rd., Houston TX, 77006, Info Line 713-527-9669). This is a leather and Levi club for gay men and women. It celebrated its 11th Anniversary August 17th, with a one day free event, including a cocktail party hosted by Time Survivors at Mary's, complete with buffet, followed by a bar crawl. Among hosts of this bar crawl were the Imperial Court of the Single Star, the Texas Rodeo Association, Texas Renegades, Texas Riders, and Lancers M.C. This was followed by a dinner (and the 11th Anniversary Cake), and awards.

Sundance Cattle Co. holds regular meetings the second Sunday of the month at Mary's. They have elected 1991/1992 officers, including President Don Dowden, Vice President Chuck Miller, Treasurer Robert Moon, Recording Secretary Phoebe Shepherd, and Co-Correspondence Secretaries Vicki Fowler and David Eckardt. The new Officers and the Members of Sundance Cattle Company look forward to work with other clubs to strengthen the BROTHERHOOD and SISTERHOOD in the Leather and Levi Community!

LION REGIMENT:

The fourth annual Mr. & Ms. Idaho Leather Contest will occur October 12, 1991, at 8 PM at the Emerald City Theatre in Boise, Idaho. Our 2nd and 3rd Mr. Idaho Leather titleholders went on to compete at the International Mr. Leather contest in Chicago, and we're hoping to continue that tradition. We have yet to select a Ms Idaho Leather; we're hoping this is the year. Any Idaho resident that exemplifies leather in their life and supports the goals of the leather gay and lesbian community is eligible to compete. We have had statewide participation each year. Judging has always been done by a panel of leatherfolk from states other than Idaho. If you're interested in judging or simply attending one of the most intense leather contest in the Northwest, drop a line to Lion Regiment, P.O.Box 1721, Boise, ID 83701.

--Don Carroll, Mr. Idaho Leather II

A.S.M.F.:

Association Sportive et Motocycliste de France announces a new member night September 21, followed on the 22nd by the General Assembly of the ASMF, at Bar le Keller, 14 Rue Keller, in Paris. They continue publication of their excellent *Les Chaines de l'Amitie*. Contact them at B.P. 2, 75965 Paris Cedex 20, France.

THRESHOLD:

Threshold continues its busy round of programs, orientations, workshops, meetings, and rap groups. Recent programs and raps have included "Living as a Full-Time Slave," Bondage, the relationship between crossdressing and S/M, self-esteem, Programs coming up are Dynamics of Whipping in October, Exploring Roles and Personae in November, and Gender Play in December. Slave Training Techniques, etc. Coming up September 21 is one of those great Threshold parties; the theme is "Cops and Robbers." For more information, write 2254 Lincoln Blvd, #381, Marina del Rey, CA 90291, or call the Hotline at 213-371-6504, or the Infoline at 213-978-9447.

KNIGHTS D'ORLEANS:

The Knights' 17th Year Anniversary Run is coming up October 4 to 6. Activities will include Beer Busts, a Pool Party, Banquet, Poker Run, People Events, Veranda Events, Prizes, Trophies...and Surprises! More information is available from P.O.Box 50812, New Orleans, LA 70150. The Knights have a Beer Bust the third Friday of each month at the Phoenix Bar (941 Elysian Fields). Their meetings are the second Sunday of each month at their Clubhouse.

PEP: ATLANTA:

Starting September 7, PEP: Atlanta is holding regular Rap Groups every Wednesday and parties every Saturday, until December. Nancy Ava Miller, founder and prime mover of People Exchanging Power groups in various locales around the U.S., is enthusiastic about this new venture. For location and more information, call PEP House in Atlanta at 404-451-1733.

SOCIETY OF JANUS:

Janus reports that it has located new space for programs, orientations, etc., at 455 10th St. in San Francisco. Programs should have started their with Sybil Holliday presenting "Slave Training" on September 12. September 26 brings John Ferrari presenting "Novice and Web Bondage." Contact Society of Janus at P.O.Box 426794, San Francisco, CA 94142-6794 or by calling their Hotline at 415-985-7117.

ORGASM:

Oregon Guild Activists of A/M reports results of Officer elections, with leaders including Conrad, Sallee, Darryn, Leonard, Tauni, Sally V, and Tovah. Contact them by writing the Oregon Guild at P.O.Box 5702, Portland, OR 97208 or calling their Info-Line at (503)-281-0408 from 10 AM to 6 PM daily.

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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.



Strange Business!!!

Recently sent to us by Fledermaus is the following, from the introduction to the Spartacus-Centurian catalogue of fetish clothing and equipment:

Fast buck companies were started by others who did not know what fetish was and were putting out junk. A lot of these fly-by-night companies thought S & M was what people wanted to see. Many, Thank God, have gone out of business. Some are still around trying to survive with S & M. Do not be fooled by these companies. They know not what they do. All they do is give bondage and the fetish lover a bad name.

The most misunderstood fetish is bondage which some people get confused with S & M. In this writers opinion, S & M is for sickos. S & M is for people who like to scare, mame [sic] and hurt others or be hurt [by] others or be hurt themselves [sic], while

bondage is an adult dress-up fantasy played out by loving adults. Bondage is more of a long foreplay leading up to sexual satisfaction with no pain or hurting of one another. In fact all who enjoy bondage would get turned off if they were actually hurt.

What ever you do, do not get bondage and S & M mixed up. They are totally different, and so are the people who do them. People into bondage do not want to be associated with people who are into S & M and pain and neither do we! If you are looking for hardcore sex and S & M, you will have to go some place else.

We are sure the above comments will amaze, amuse, or anger a large chunk of our readership. For a purveyor of goods to the bondage/fetish crowd to be so lacking in experience with our community is astounding. But far worse is the discrimination coming from within our community.

Quite frankly, the distinctions drawn between bondage, fetish, and SM are ludicrous, dangerous, and divisive. While in our experience there ARE individuals strictly into bondage, or fetish, or one of the vast numbers of SM sports, there are many more persons with more diverse and inclusive modes of expression. We can hardly afford such distinctions in these repressive times. More critical is the total lack of understanding the writer shows towards the SM Community and SM activities, and the antiquated confusion between consensual S/M and violence. It is startling to see such ignorance coming from within our community.

You may contact Centurian-Spartacus at 714-775-0238, 10 AM to 9 PM Monday through Saturday (Pacific Time) or 11 AM to 6 PM Sunday. Their address is P.O.Box 429, Orange, CA 92666.

From the Press.....

PROGRESS IN HOUSTON:

In response to the recent murder of a gay man by a group of teenagers, Houston police put out decoys to attract gay bashers. In the first week, 3 undercover officers were attacked, and 13 young men from outside neighborhoods were arrested for assault and 5 for harassing pedestrians.

--Journal of Sexual Liberty

NEW ENGLAND LEATHER FOLK:

• *Metroline*, issued out of Hartford, CT, features "Ties That Bind; an Insider's View of Southern New England's Leather Community" in its July 26 issue, written by Laura Goodwin, founder and guiding light of United Leatherfolk of Connecticut (an NLA Affiliate). The article covers the gamut of clubs for all orientations, the bar scene, and the social scene. Laura describes what a leather space SHOULD be to fit the modern leather crowd (the crowd she sees coming to power in New England), with "singles, couples, triples, covens and whole tribes of families composed of masters and their harems; mistresses and their puppies, clubs, gangs, and an army of God-damned Independents (G.D.I.'s), who stubbornly, proudly, belong to no one but themselves. When the word is out that one place is the place, that place will be burst-

ing its seams. The pressures, risks and disapprovals that leatherfolk, whether gay, bi or het, share has only brought us more solidly together. Much to our enemies' dismay, we are growing more audacious, more sassy, more public, more clever, creative, and stubborn."

DRAG BEATS OUT DALMATIONS:

The LA *Daily News* credited publicity generated by a fundamentalist boycott for making "Paris is Burning" the highest per-screen ticket grosser in its first week of release. The low-budget documentary movie about Harlem drag parties dres \$13,521 per screen, ahead of "Terminator 2," "Robin Hood," and "101 Dalmations." Highest sales were at the Metro in San Francisco (\$35,990, third highest in the theatre's history).

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OBSCENITY?:

Shipment of a book featuring photographs of lesbians (marching in pride parades, holding hands, etc.) being imported by Alyson Press, Della Grace's *Love Bites* was seized in Boston June 4, but released by customs June 14th after the U.S. Attorney's Office determined it was not obscene. Though questioned about homophobia, the Attorney's Office explained

that they and customs were acting "within the bounds of their authorization." Meanwhile, possibly sparked by the Lancaster PA City Council's recent passage of a gay rights ordinance, vandals bombed a gay and lesbian Lancaster bookstore, causing moderate damage. Carole Seajay, publisher of the *Feminist Bookstore News*, finds the incident "very frightening in light of the escalation of hate crimes in this country."

--Anonymous contribution from Ohio

FANTASY '91 IN OMAHA, NEBRASKA:

All reports are that Fantasy in Omaha is getting bigger and better each year. 55 title holders from all over North America were there, presenting great fantasies. Friday night's parade of colors and awards presentations, Saturday's leather market, and the big show on Saturday night were among the weekend's highlights. Among the MCs were Ruth Marks, D Cannon, Shan Carr, and Alan Selby. One of the many hits of the big show was a frenzied whip chase by Ms. NLA Ruth Marks and Mr. Drummer Clive Platman. The mega-weekend was sponsored by Dustin Logan, Bob Ewing, and *The Leather Journal*. Folks are already looking forward to Fantasy '92!

--Bay Area Reporter

Other News

SM GAYS:

SM Gays (the social and discussion group for gay men interested in consensual, sexual SM) in London, England, collected over 1000 pounds for the newly launched SM Gays Benevolent Fund during their birthday week of 17-24 July, 1991. The fund's initial gift will be made to the Rodney Porter ward at St. Mary's Hospital, Paddington, that specializes in the treatment and care of people with AIDS. Over the years SM Gays has collected money for a number of AIDS charities. In the light of the Operation Spanner convictions and current appeals against the sentences, they have now broadened and formalized this fund-raising. D.Cohen of SM Gays says, "Some of the money collected will help those men fighting the law's judgment to pick up the threads of their lives in the aftermath of the case. We're not seeking contributions to their legal expense." Contributions can be made to the Fund, payable to "SM Gays Benevolent Fund" or "SMG Benevolent Fund," and sent to SM Gays/BF, BM SM Gays, London, WC1N-3XX, England.

RINGED MEN:

Ringed Men is a group for guys who have, or like Prince Albert rings and other erotic body jewellery. Meets monthly in Sydney. Write to: P.O.Box 712, Rozelle, NSW, 2039, Australia.

TEXAS CONFERENCE OF CLUBS:

TCC announces activity weekends at Buzzards' Peak Sept. 28-29, October 19-20, and November 16-17. For further information, write POB 66973, #1010, Houston, TX 77006.

LEATHERMEN ATLANTA:

Congratulations to Leathermen Atlanta, which hosts its 12th Anniversary Weekend September 20-22. Festivities include parties, Dinner and brunches, etc. Information from Keith at 404-876-2143.

LONDON BLUES:

Blues in the Park is set for October 14th, attendees gathering at the Gloucester, King William Walk, in Greenwich at 1230 hours, to picnic in Greenwich Park. This will be followed by a guided tour of the Woolwich Royal Artillery Museum starting at 1530 hrs. London Blues has a strict dress code: uniform (NOT Nazi), western, or denim. Contact them at 9A Fishpool St., Saint Albans, Herts, AL3-4RS England.

G.M.S.M.C.:

GMSMC celebrates its third Anniversary Weekend September 27 to 29 in Philadelphia, including a buffet, an SM pic-

nic, and a social. Information from POB 58694, Philadelphia, PA 19102.

SACRAMENTO NEWS:

A new free Leather BBS is being established (916-974-1262) and a play group (with monthly parties) is forming in Sacramento. Write Bob Hamm, 10065 River Mist, Rancho Cordova CA, 95670 for info.

MOTORCYCLEMEN OF NEW MEXICO:

Hot Air, MCNM's bit 10th Anniversary Gala, is due October 11 to 14 in Albuquerque. Write POB 35844, Albuquerque, NM, 87176-5844, for further information.

SPEARHEAD:

Spearhead reports tremendous enthusiasm for its recent activities, including a great turnout at Toronto Gay Pride Day (marching with the world's largest Leather Pride flag), its Paint-Yer-Burger Bar-B-Que, and its Bare Bear night and Bear Brunch. Spearhead's Cell Block 21 Run has just concluded. Write Box 293, Station A, Toronto, ONT Canada, M5W-1B2 for info.

BLACK ROSE:

Black Rose resumes its regular meeting schedule. All meetings are at the MCC at 1638 R St, NW, Washington DC, starting at 8 PM. There is a modest door charge. Among topics for October are Negotiation and Communication the 1st, Rap on Fantasies the 8th, a S/M Game Show the 15th, and Sensory Deprivation the 29th. October 22 brings a Halloween Social at the Badlands Annex.

MARCH ON WASHINGTON PLANS:

The first planning meeting to organize participation from New York State and Puerto Rico in the National March on Washington in 1993 will occur Sept. 21 at the NY Lesbian & Gay Community Services Center, 208 W.13th St., in Manhattan, from noon to 6 PM.

LEATHER CRUISE:

From Mantours, International, at POB 2883, Raleigh, NC 27602 comes word of a block of "Dungeon Chambers" available on Fantasy Voyage '91, sailing out of Palm Beach, including a leather shop and a leather hospitality suite.

BLACK & WHITE MEN TOGETHER:

The National Association of Black and White Men Together has just published the second edition of *Resisting Racism: An Action Guide*, edited by G. L. Mallon. The book is a manual to help the gay and lesbian community explore the issue of racism, and is divided into four parts: Workshop Outlines, Resource Materials, Essays, and Bibliographies. The work con-

tains over 20 proven plans for confronting racism. It may be ordered by sending check or money order for \$19.95 payable to NABWMT Publications, P.O.Box 408641, Chicago, IL 60640.

AIDS ACTIVIST CONFERNECE:

The second AIDS Treatment Activist Conference occurs in Washington, DC, September 27-29, 1991, and is being organized by ACT UP New York and ACT/UP DC to develop strategies to address current AIDS treatment issues. For information, call 1-800-845-6007.

POCONO WARRIORS:

The Pocono Warriors present a special Bondage Bar Night at the Altar in New York City on Nov. 16, starting at 8 PM, featuring raffle, prizes, and bondage sculptures.

UTICA TRI'S M.C.:

The Utica Tri's sponsor Mr. Upstate NY Leather '91 October 12-13 in Utica, NY. Festivities besides the contest include parties and Sunday brunch. Information from POB 425, Utica NY, 13503-0425.

VANGUARDS M.C.:

Last chance for Oktoberfest, coming up October 11 to 13 near Philadelphia. The Run features parties, dancing, a show, Officer installation, a dinner, and many great activities in their indoor/outdoor setting. Last minute information from Greg at 215-732-4207 or Rob at 215-465-1935.

I.M.C. MILANO:

Coming up October 18-20 is IMC Milano's First International Leather Meeting. Among featured events include welcoming cocktails by the Hot Line Club, a night at the One Way Leather Disco, the International Leather Party and Show, and a closing brunch. Inquire from Molinari Gabriele or Ignoto Gustavo at 13 Via C. Battisti, 20090 Vimodrone (MI), Italy.

Q.S.M.:

Several new classes are on the way; please see the National Calendar for listings. Contact QSM at 415-550-7776, P.O.Box 882242, San Francisco, CA 94188-2242.

C-SPACE:

C-Space presents Tops on Bottoms Sept. 19 (featuring P.J.S. Doug and George N.) and Relationships on Sept. 26. Classes run from 7:30 to 9 PM, the donation is \$5, and the location is 5031 University Way NE, Seattle, WA. Call 206-361-8291 for more information.

Scribbles

History lesson time. Way-way back in the very dark ages of 1986, our Leather Community had few national leaders, either organizations or individuals. We had several local organizations already over 10 years old, but few which had any real national recognition. I might mention Chicago Hellfire Club, the Eulenspiegel Society, MAFIA, Janus, and perhaps Outcasts, and GMSMA as having at least national recognition. Individuals were even fewer, and nationally might include Chuck Renslow, Pat Califia, Anthony F. DeBlase, Larry Townsend, and a very few others. There had been no major effort to establish a national network or relationship between organizations. No serious effort had been made to distribute information or assist our own education.

Living in Leather made a serious attempt to answer some questions. It was the first nationally publicized Conference for our community. For all of our community. We gathered to listen, question, and share experience. Originally, no play opportunity was anticipated. Two tracks of workshops and panels were formulated. No technical presentations were made. A major aspect of the Conference was vendor/retail opportunity. We'd never had a trade fair. We

talked and listened. Dykes and Gays mingled, and we even had a few kinky hets around [we've since learned these are all perfectly good terms]. We discovered much more in common than any of us anticipated.

Perhaps most important was what happened after we went home. We talked and listened some more. We passed on the good feelings, the positive attitudes, and the need for further communication and education.

What's happened since LIL I in 1986? A real Leather Contingent for the 1987 March on Washington, growth of a major new national publication which stresses club news, numerous new clubs, appearance of a dozen or more nationally-recognized community leaders, growth of NLA into a recognized national organization, a significant increase in political activity and awareness, and the appearance of organized educational resources.

Now I'm not foolish enough to lay credit for all this at the feet of LIL. However, LIL did give our community an awareness that we are a valid part of society. We have common concerns and strengths. We also have both economic and political weight and power if we learn how to use it. It was OK to demand our leaders really do

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something. We recognized our need for a community network. We also learned goals are attainable. Many of the changes in our community since '86 would have happened, but when?

LIL VI is now an internationally-recognized and anticipated Leather/SM/Fetish event. Attendance will most likely be 10 times higher in '91 than it was in '86 (and so will the budget). But the basic philosophy is precisely the same as it was 6 years ago. It is still a Conference [def: a: a meeting...for discussing matters of common concern; b: a formal interchange of views], not a convention. We still present community vendor/retail opportunity (now the largest anywhere). We, as attendees, will not agree with all views expressed. As sponsor, NLA has never used Conference to push its ideas or instructed or censored LIL presentors. It has always been open to our entire community.

I look forward to Living in Leather VI in Chicago (October 10 to 13) as an opportunity to listen, talk, learn, and perhaps disagree. Come to Chicago and be part of our communications, part of our Community.

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 roommate requests are not accepted.

LEATHER AND SEX SUPPLIES: High quality, seriously low prices! For catalog, send \$2.00 (refundable with order) to: JT Toys, Route 2, Box 91, Cobden, IL 62920 or use Visa/MC and call 1-800-755-Toys. --See you at LIL VI!

SM/SPIRITUALITY GROUP now forming. Principally heterosexual, but is open to all. For information, write Box Holder, POB 24067, Cincinnati, OH 45224.

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.

POSITIVE FEEDBACK

From a new member in the rural South come these words: "...Now that I have NLA contacts my social life has improved and my sense of isolation has definitely decreased. I very strongly support the NLA proposed Statement on Domestic Violence. It seems like 'forever' that I've been trying to educate the local vanilla community about the difference between S/M and battery/abuse."

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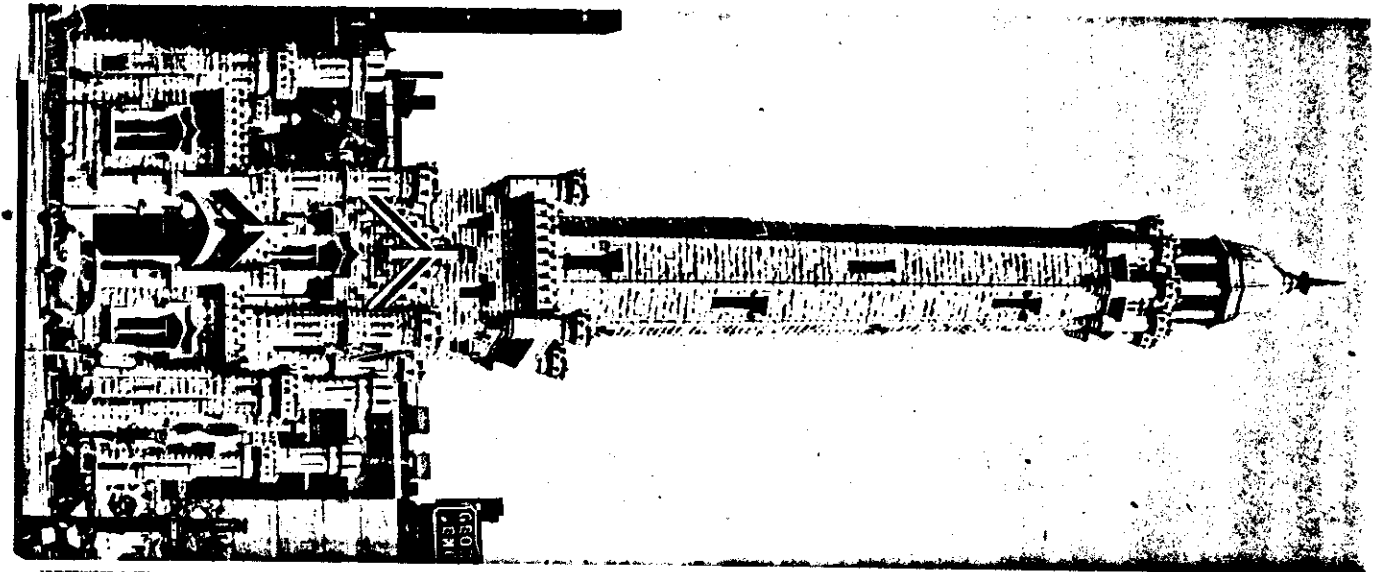
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