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WHERE DID SUMMER GO?

Summer 2002 seems such a blur. Over before it began. In ten weeks we can kiss 2002 good-bye. Computer virus seem to hit half the people I know, including yours truly. Best Buy and Computer World became very good friends of mine.

Nonetheless, the leather community moved ahead full speed. Mr. Oneida Leather, held in August, produced a winner this past weekend in Utica, NY. Adam Kaplowitz-Sayer of Danbury, CT grabbed the NAL title for 2003. Daniel Hein, an Albany, NY resident was selected as NAL Leatherboy. Both will compete at ABW next April 2003. Congratulations to both winners.

Ms. World Leather, produced a winner this year from the Sunshine State. Outgoing MS World (Annie Romano-Blas) left some big pumps to fill. However, I am sure Karen McGee will do an admirable job.

The Granddaddy of street fairs (Folsom Street Fair) brought people from far and near. Over 300,000 basked in the warm sunshine of San Francisco last weekend. Seems that more appendages were swinging in the breeze than ever before. Some observers were heard humming "It's a small world after all" when several sauntered by. More than likely, that will not be the case this weekend. The Castro Street Fair is a bit more subdued, but equally as interesting.

Leathermen and women are once again packing their bags, and heading to St.Petersburg, FL. International Leather Sir and boy weekend and contest is ready to select the new title holders for 2003. The SunCoast Resort will be the place to be October 10 - 13. Hot men and boys will be out in full force. Gary Vandeventer, and Mark Greene will be stepping aside. They are the last of a long tradition of Drummer title holders. Although the name has changed, the Drummer concept is still there.

No sooner than that weekend is over, the following weekend Oct 17-20, brings the Mr. New York Leather 2003 contest. The NY Eagle will be celebrating their first year anniversary in their new location. Something special is planned for every evening prior to the contest, which will be held Saturday, October 19. The contest begins at 10 PM Here is the chance for men around the NY area to compete for that most important title. Contestants are invited to enter from Connecticut, and New Jersey, as well as New York State. David Menkes has designed the stunning sash. Outgoing Mr NY Eagle, David Oravez has done a fantastic job of promoting the Eagle and the title this past year. Applications are on the Eagle website www.eagle-ny.com and applications are available at the bar.

Olympia this year was a fun filled weekend. Despite ugly weather for a day or two, no one seemed to mind. This was the first time that so many women attended. And yes there were some that were displaying all

their wares----OH MY! Needless to say, mouths were flapping and eyes were bulging. The phrase "tits and ass" pretty much covered it, or uncovered as the case may be.

September also included the annual trek to New Orleans for those who would not miss Southern Decadence, and the Mr. Louisiana Leather contest. What a weekend that was!

Coming up November 1-3 will be the Mr. Connecticut Leather contest. This contest is sponsored by the Hartford Colts. The Hartford Colts promise that this will be a weekend to remember. I am looking forward to attending.

According to the press releases I am receiving, there is a leather event/ contest every weekend during the month of November. The Ottawa Knights, Mr. Ottawa-Hull Nov 8 - 11. Toronto will be the site of the Mr. Leatherman Toronto Nov 28 - DEC 1. The DC Eagle will be celebrating their 31st anniversary and the Mr. DC Eagle contest, Thanksgiving weekend Nov 27-30.

The aforementioned are only a few of the dozens of events, fundraisers and parties that are going on in the eastern half of the US. It's enough to have ones credit card screaming for mercy!

It also goes without saying, that over the past few weeks we have lost some precious members of our leather family and members of the community. The SF community lost Eric, the manager of the Edge. Albany, NY lost a dear leatherman and friend of their community, Chris Garrett. The Ottawa Knights lost their beloved member Derek Stevenson. Gouverneur, NY. The Utica Tri's and many men and women of the East coast, and other parts of the US, were saddened to learn of the passing of Jeff Baxter, a truly loved man who would do anything for anyone at anytime. Jeff was a past recipient of the Unsung Hero Award and Howard Fleming's wonderful house mate. How sad to lose these wonderful men, all in their prime, who have given so much of themselves...May God grant them the peace they deserve.

Word came prior to press time, that Al Santora, one of the founding members of MAL, lost his Mother to a long bout with cancer. Our sympathy goes to Al and his family.

>br> OODLES AND OODLES OF DISH-----

Picture this-----

A well known west coast former title holder, sending out invitations to the "A" list. Hosting a smart afternoon cocktail party at his SF digs for IML 2002. IML 2002 happened to bump into said host the previous evening. Mr. IML went over to say hello, only to discover that the host could not remember who he was! HELLO? Conversation ended with, "well, I am the person who you are throwing a party for tomorrow afternoon! OOPS!

GOOD-BYE?

IML79 has had more farewell parties than Sarah Bernhardt had final tours. He and significant other are still in SF! Me thinks he is really homesick for SF and he has not left yet! SF will miss him. However David will not miss pushing those brooms and cleaning up after Folsom Street Fair.

HERE WE GO AGAIN-----

What is with those people who are supposed to sponsor contestants to Intl. events and then back out and STOP PAYMENT ON THE CHECK! How disgusting is that? No wonder people in Boston are all up in arms with that one and only Leather bar there.

A BEANTOWN QUESTION.....

Anyone have a clue as to why Mr. Boston Leather 2001/2002 did not even show up to his own stepping down? Guess it was not an important enough event!

GROOMING FOR THE EVENT.....

Word from Ottawa, CA, A former Mr. Ottawa-Hull, who later went on to capture the MAL title, is grooming his significant other to become heir apparent to that Ottawa-Hull throne. It has not been determined if they are shopping for a new sash cabinet, in the event he wins. P> LOVE IN BLOOM---FRENCH STYLE..... That sexy Frenchman, Herve' Bernard, flew into SF for Folsom with his new French bombshell. All observers agreed that this one is a real cutie. They have celebrated 6 months together. Question is, how long will it be before we see the new boy gracing the stage of a leather contest? Hmmm Heir apparent to the French Throne!

BATTLE OF THE CAMPGROUNDS.....

THE PRESIDENCY.....

Who says one cannot remain in the limelight? Former Mr. Ebony Leather, Hilary, is now President of the STARS MC, and the plans for Empire State Leather next April are underway and nearly complete. See how those Ebony people step up to the plate and take over,

i>The Wicked Witch...

Photos by Vern Stewart



Adam Kaplowitz-Sayer (R), NAL Leatherman
Daniel Hein(L), NAL Leatherboy



Men Of Discipline



Ms World 2002, Karen McGee (r) & sailor



Mama & Escorts



Going to the Fair?

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THE HEAT GOES ON

Wearing tons of leather in the summertime sometimes becomes a very sweaty task. The East coast has had some sweltering temperatures and many are most uncomfortable wearing their skins. However, many men and women donned their leather and appeared at leather events all over the country.

The Mid Atlantic Leather Sir and Leather boy contest was held in the nations capital in mid July, The aroma of leather and sweat permeated the Washington Plaza hotel that weekend. The Highwaymen TNT hosted the big event. For once everyone was in agreement that the contest which was held in the hotel was a wonderful idea. Air conditioning was at a max. The Plaza has become "THE" hotel to hold functions when in DC.

Four boys competed for the title, and four Sirs strutted their stuff. The fantasies were interesting, and some were hilarious.. Timothy Woody, VA Leather boy, Ronald Millard, MD Leather boy, Jose Gutierrez, DC Leather boy and Edwin Maneval, PA Leather boy were all excellent boy contestants.

The Sir's consisted of John Parks, DC Leather Sir, Ralph Wood PA Leather Sir, Bill Tatum, VA Leather Sir, and Marc Andersen, MD Leather Sir.

Frank Nowicki emceed the event so everything ran smoothly. When all the votes were tallied, Ralph Wood, grabbed the Mid Atlantic Leather Sir title, for 2002, and Jose Gutierrez was announced as Mid Atlantic Leather boy 2002. Both will compete at Intl. Leather Sir, and Leather boy contest in St. Petersburg Florida, in October.

It goes without saying that leather contests that have a boy category, it never fails that all the boy contestants are simply outstanding. Boy Tim from Norfolk, VA was first runner up and Marc Andersen was the first runner up in the Leather Sir event. Congratulations to all the contestants....

The dinner that was held by the Highwaymen, was delicious. But then the Highwaymen always put on a first class weekend. Of course there were cocktail parties throughout the hotel. I might add there were quite a few other things going on throughout the hotel. You can always tell who got laid by the smiles on faces the following morning. The other dead giveaway was if they were walking funny!!!.....oops

With the Tool Shed bar across the street, and the DC Eagle just a few blocks away, and Titan, just up the street there was no shortage of hot men and women around.

If you had not seen enough leather then Sunday afternoon yet another leather event. Held at the same hotel was the International Mr. Ms. Deaf Leather contest. Unfortunately, this year there were no Women contestants. This was indeed strange. However the show went on. Three men were vying for the title. Doug Dickenson, Dublin, CA. Dennis Hart, Philadelphia, PA. and William "Bam" Coleman. Philadelphia, PA.

The score revealed the winner to be William "Bam" Coleman III, as the new Intl. Mr. Deaf Leather 2002. Bam is an active member of the Philadelphians. A handsome man who wears his leather well, and will be an asset to the leather community. Congratulations to all the contestants.....It must also be noted that the Programs for the Mid Atlantic Leather Sir event, and the Intl. Deaf Leather contest were so extremely well done, and not a single misspelled name.

Out going IMDL "SPO" gave a non too brief step down speech, however, the nice closing touch was his introduction of his Mother who had traveled from the West coast to be there with him. How many title holders are lucky enough to have such terrific family support?

While all of this was going on in the East, the West coast was gearing up for their leather contests. San Francisco hosted the twentieth annual Leather Daddy contest at the SF Eagle Tavern July 26. Once again there was only one contestant for the title, and with 60% plus of the votes of the judges, Tony Koester was announced as the twentieth Leather Daddy. The following night the California Leatherman, Leatherwoman and Leather boy contest was held. Four Men for the Leatherman, one contestant for the Leatherwoman title, and one contestant for the Leather boy title.

The contestants were James Quiroga, Gene Mar, Bill Mitchell. Woooff Daddy Lou, Dean "Vibby" Bramlett, and boy Jeff. Bill Mitchell from San Diego was chosen as the new, CA Leatherman 2002. , Dean Vibby Bramlett, from LA, the new Leatherwoman 2002 and boy Jeff, from SF. won the Leather boy title All will compete at American Brotherhood Weekend next April in the nations capital. Congratulations to California's new leather family.

The International Ms. Leather contest was a big success. Held this year in Omaha, NE. From all the reports, everyone had a terrific time in the heat, humidity and rain!!!...Amy Meeks and the production staff made everyone feel right at home. Five contestants competed for the IMSL title and two for the Intl Ms. Bootblack competition and when the emcee announced that Russ Cosgrove from Calgary, Canada was the winner, the audience roared their approval. Rebecca Harbert, Hailing from West Virginia grabbed the first runner up spot. Lynda Elaine, Atlanta, GA. was second runner up. The new Intl Ms. Bootblack. Kari LaVecchia, also holds the Mid Atlantic Bootblack title currently. The runner up prize went to slave boy Eddie from California.

It was revealed that the permanent home for IMSL and the event will be in Omaha in the coming years. Congratulations Amy for a job well done and greatly appreciated.

Yet still another contest? You betcha, Northern, CA Leather Sir and Leather boy contest was held last week in Gurneville, CA, which for those that don't know is also known as the Russian River resort area. Three

competed for the Leather Sir title and two competed for the boy title, Both winners hail from Sacramento. Erick Partridge, No, CA Leather Sir and David Shorey is the new Leather boy. we wish them well as they prepare for Intl. Leather Sir and Leather boy.

FIRST CLASS DISH.....

Noticed by many in attendance at IMDL, the lack of support for the contestants. Where was the fan club for the winner? or one of the other contestants. After all, they are members of the Philadelphians! And just where were they? Was there a representative in the house?

As a matter of fact very few members of the other clubs in the DC area were in attendance throughout that entire weekend. And just what became of the Potomac MC? Were they boycotting the event?...So much for loyalty!

And to that boy contestant from an April event, if you have something negative to say to the current IML then why not pull him aside or write him a note---Not in public! You only made yourself look foolish. Or was it the cocktails that made you look that way? The Daddy that was squiring you around should remember the theme of MAL 2001 Manners and Respect. He was a contestant in that one, and perhaps should teach a little of that to YOU!

And on the West coast a particular title holder (soon to be giving up his title) is being crossed off invitation lists..Water sports is one thing, however not standing in the middle of someone's living room soaking carpets, and tables. No more invitations for you MISSY unless the hosts check to see if you are wearing your DEPENDS! Nothing worse than to have someone in the bed that turns a mattress from a beauty rest to LAKE PLACID!

The RI Enforcers certainly pulled a surprise, when it was announced there would be no leather contest at their weekend event. This is a first for that very active club. And, no one is talking! Hmmm Does that mean that last years winner holds on to the title for another year?

Incase you are wondering---- No, Intl. Ms. Deaf Leather 2001 will not retain the title for an additional year. But as hard as Black X worked this past year, I know she will be out there beating the bushes for MS, contestants for next years event. I don't know who was photographed most her or SPO this past year. They were both everywhere representing their titles.

Top honors this year for the VANISHING CREAM AWARD has to go to Mr Oneida Leather 2001. Now what was his name? Oh yes Mike Franklin. Wonder if he will show up to pass his title on next weekend? <> Running a close second for that award has to be Mr Boston Leather 2001..What ever became of James West?? hmmm They must be magicians and into disappearing acts!!!

IML runner up Herb Kaylor, has one former SF Title holder so weak in the knees, 'til he would move to DC. Only one thing wrong, Herb is happily married!!!

It is indeed unfortunate and disappointing to hear a title holder display bitterness at comments made to him (allegedly) by judges at a DC contest last spring during his recent stepping aside speech. If one has done the best that one can do, no more can be expected of him. Comments of that sort only reek of poor sportsmanship.

That popular SFPD member and emcee, has developed a taste for rich creamy chocolate fudge as was witnessed during Dore Alley weekend. Rushing hands and roaming fingers was all that was seen that weekend. However the Denzel Washington look alike was Hot, Hot, Hot. I guess it pays to be on stakeout detail in HUNTERS POINT. Lenny would know!

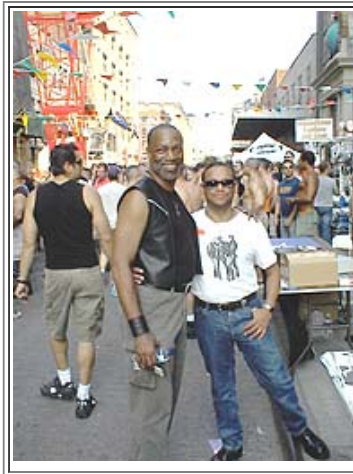
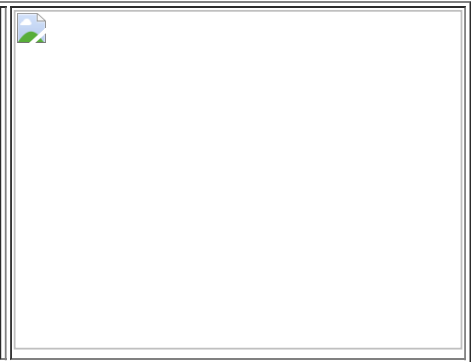
NEW YORK DISPLAYS PRIDE

Photos by Vern Stewart

NYC Gay Pride, Leather Style



Folsom St. East



The month of June arrived with pride filling the hearts and minds of gay men and women everywhere. The big Apple certainly was no different from any other city. Events were held during the preceding weeks in nearly every borough of NY.

The annual Pride night auction, was a huge success, with hundreds of items being auctioned off. A large amount of money was raised for various charities and organizations in the local area.

The leather community was out in full force as usual, once again proving the men and women of the community have big hearts and are out there supporting and helping all those in need.

Between all the events, a new title holder emerged. Walt Weiss was chosen the new Mr. LURE 2002. Walt has a terrific personality, handsome Daddy type looks, and a desire to have the leather community of NY out in the forefront, recognized and respected. This will be one title holder to watch. I am sure no one will be disappointed.

He pulled off a first for the city, when he combined three leather titles to ride in the Pride march. Mr. Lure, and NY Eagle Mr. Leather 2002 David Oravez and Intl. Bootblack 2002 Michael Lanzini. The owners of both bars assisted in making this a reality. Leather men and women from everywhere marched in support behind the three title holders.

Thousands of spectators lined the route down Fifth Ave. and into the Village. With the Dykes on Bikes leading off the parade, the four hour march was indeed a sight to see. Every facet of the Lesbian and Gay community was represented.

Surprising enough all the gay detractors and fundamentalist were very quiet and simply held up signs along the route. It was indeed an honor to be invited to participate in this event riding with the leather contingent.

The NY Eagle kicked off Pride week celebration with a big party. Intl. Bootblack Michael Lanzini, held a silent auction and raffle which netted over a \$1,000. Michael has great ideas and is out there working and actively supporting all the leather events in the community. He is more than willing to come and be a part of leather events throughout the US with a little advance notice. Michael is such an outgoing young man. You can't help just wanting to do anything to assist with anything that he is planning.

The Sixth annual Folsom Street East Fair was held the week prior to the march. The vendor market was very impressive. The event has grown over the years and has expanded to include an additional street. The weather for both events was perfect, and lots of hot bodies were on display. Men and women from all across the United States were there lending their support to this great GMSMA sponsored event.

One of the biggest disappointments of both events, was the lack of coverage by the NY Gay rags. Both high tech publications, (NEXT & HX) did not see fit to cover much if any of the leather events. It is indeed odd, that the management of those publications have not a problem in the least of taking the money for advertising from owners of leather establishments. However, there is always plenty of coverage of circuit parties, and drag events in their magazine. There is definitely something wrong with this picture. I for one, would like to know why the coverage of leather events is minimal at best. The leather community is not going away, and cannot be shunned aside. Someone at those businesses should get a clue.

It is indeed a shame that once again a money issue has surfaced. Money was raised for an NY organization and the organization has yet to receive the money. The event was held some 5 or so months ago. Contest producer Davien O who appeared on the cover of Black Inches several months ago has disappeared from the NY scene and not a trace of the money or him for that matter has been seen.

This is indeed not the image that the leather community wishes to display. Davien, you are being given the chance to redeem yourself. At least an explanation would be a start. But better yet would be the money going to the organization for which it was designated.

A major poor choice of phrasing which appeared in an ad placed by the NY Eagle created howls of protest from some members of the leather community. Michael Lanzini, Intl. Bootblack 2002, was depicted as a "Cheap Thrill" while getting your boots shined. Rightfully so, many bootblacks took offense to the phrasing, and let the owners know in no uncertain terms via letter and email.

The owners of the NY Eagle, have taken full responsibility for the poor judgment in the choice of words, and meant no disrespect to Michael. After all the bar did sponsor him at the International contest held in Chicago last May. The bar has apologized to Michael and to those bootblacks that were offended. Oddly enough Michael did not take offense, and was over it immediately.

VILLAGE DISH.....

By Now many are aware that there has been a change in ownership of the American Brotherhood Weekend....ABLE Productions will cease, when the new Production company name is announced. Heading the Corporation, Frank Nowicki, President, Max Steiner, Vice President, Scott Reikofski, Secretary, Howard Fleming Treasurer and Schelli Dittman, Director of Operations..Jill Carter and Jerry Acosta will round out the Executive board...

All of the aforementioned are "seasoned" veterans at producing events. All the best to the new corporation. And yes, there will be American Brotherhood Weekend next April 2003.

When is it time to sit down and rest from entering leather contests? Would you not think that if you have three titles already that would be enough? Some people on the East coast obviously think not. Is it not time to see some new faces? Give the young ones a chance! Are you reading this in the capital of NY state?

Gee, I wonder if Mr. SF Leather corrected the mistake on his title sash? Imagine San Francisco being spelled wrong! Fortunately I guess the Mayor of SF never noticed as he was doing a photo shoot with Peter Jackson! Hmmm

I suppose when love hits, it's no telling where one might end up. Former PA Mr. Drummer, Jack Holczer has not only moved to the wheat fields of the Midwest, but has sold his house in Pittsburgh to be with the one he loves! Ah yes, love is in the air. The love bug has bitten David Kloss, IML 79, and he is pulling up stakes from the city by the Golden Gate and moving to Canada to be with his one and only. Best wishes to David and Remi.

The Hartford Colts MC, a club with a great long history has regrouped. Lots of new members (many single) are planning their big leather contest in November. According to Don Muscente, President of the Hartford Colts the information on the big weekend will be out within the next few weeks. This sounds like a fun weekend.

Mid-Atlantic Leather Sir and Leather boy, sponsored by the Highwaymen TNT, of Washington, DC will be underway July 12 - 14. The winners of this contest will compete at Intl. Leather Sir and boy competition in St. Petersburg, FL in October.

Washington, DC will be a busy city. In addition to the Leather Sir and boy contest. International Mr. Deaf Leather will be held July 14. It can truly be said that both title holders SPO and Black X have covered the country back and forth during their title year. Being visible is an understatement. They have done an excellent job of promoting the leather community. Intl. Mr. and MS Deaf Leather 2001 we salute you and thank you for a most productive year!

The Wicked Witch

American Brotherhood Weekend was the place to be last weekend Leathermen, Leatherwomen and Leatherboys converged on the nations capital. ABW is the only event where three contests are held on the same weekend.

This year, all events were held at the Washington Plaza Hotel. Over 20 contestants entered (23 to be exact). Feeder contests were held around the country, and some independents entered as well. The West coast, Midwest and the eastern seaboard were all represented.

I can personally tell you that this was one of the most difficult judging assignments that I have ever encountered. It was no easy task for Head judge Judy Tallwing McCarthy, Mufasa Tindell, Jeffrey Cooper, Phyllis Darcy, Brian "Pup" Mullikin, Mr. Marcus, Mary Elizabeth Boyd, and yours Truly.

Nine men, nine boys and five women competed the titles. The fantasies were absolutely fantastic, The speeches were wonderful and from the heart.

After much pondering and soul searching, emcee, Frank Nowicki announced Rich Trevino, from Boston as American Leatherman 2002 Jazz Thomas from Minneapolis first runner-up, and Dart, from Los Angeles second runner up.

American Leatherwoman title went to Tobin Britton, Lake Oswego, OR. First runner up was Daddy Saliena, of Atlanta, GA. Second runner up spot went to Cindy Sapp, Heart of America Leatherwoman, Kansas City, MO.

The much sought after American Leatherboy title went to Kip Davidson, Framingham, MA. First runner up was boy Brian, Kansas City, MO and second runner up was boy Shawn, Dallas, TX.

The contest was a smashing success. However, the big news was the auction that was held to raise money for the titleholders fund. Baskets of wonderful goodies, that had been put together by the contestants had the audience digging in their pockets big time. The amazing amount of \$30,000.00 was raised in little over 2 hours!

Sir Nagrom, Mr. Ocean State Leather, a well known artist and author in his own right, donated some original works of African art. As the bids kept going up, the audience became so quiet until you could have heard a pin drop on the carpet. As bidders fell by the wayside, two were left. Each one bound and determined they were going to have that art.

Daniel Vandebark (Mr. Pistons Leather 2001) and Virginia Leatherman Rudy Szollar were battling it out. From this observer, it resembled watching a tennis match, with the audience's heads bobbing back and forth.. As the bids reached \$13,000.00, Mr. Vandebark advised Mr. Szollar, if he would go to 13,500.00 he would drop out. Down came the gavel and Rudy Szollar became the proud owner of those beautiful pieces of art.

No one will ever forget that evening. No one will ever forget Sir Nagrom for making that spectacular donation. Sir Nagrom, you are a gentleman! Thank you. Can you believe that each American title holder will have \$10,000.00 each in their travel fund for this year. More than any other contest international, regional, or local has ever provided.

Of course many IML contestants were there checking out their competition and meeting some of the IML judges who were in attendance. It is a great weekend to really get to meet and greet. The ABW producers and staff, do everything in their power to ensure that everyone in attendance has a great time. And believe me, everyone did!

Between contests, cocktail parties, and bar hopping, there was plenty of time to visit the museums and historical monuments if you have never visited Washington, DC.

The last contest that sent a contestant to ABW, was held last week. The STARS of Albany, NY hosted the Mr. Empire State Leather contest. Three contestants competed for the title. In the end, DJ Williams of Syracuse, NY was announced as Mr. Empire State Leather 2002. Chris Garrett, first runner up, and John Dunham was second runner up.

The contest was held at the Phoenix bar. A terrific three story building that is perfect for a contest. a bar, pool tables and video games on the first floor, a huge dance floor and bar on the second level, and a large stage, comfortable seating and plenty of room on the third level. The owners of the Phoenix got a great deal when they purchased that bldg., ready for Leather events, and drag shows at a moments notice.

High marks go to the STARS M/C for a well put together entire weekend event. terrific dinner, and a great Sunday Brunch. Emcee Ryan Goldner did a stellar] job and has cut his teeth on several local contests. Now he is waiting in the wings in case he is invited to emcee one of those international events.

Mark Malan, producer of the Mr. Pistons Leather contest in Long Beach, CA put together another great weekend. Lunch on the Queen Mary, and a wonderful cocktail party, a terrific brunch. Dart represented that bar. He of course grabbed the second runner up spot at ABW.

International Mr. Deaf Leather, hosted a beer bust, silent auction and Bare Chest contest during the weekend at the Tool Shed. Everyone had a great time. International Mr. Leather, Stefan Mueller was the DJ at the Lizard Lounge, Needless to say that place was packed as well. Steffan has less than a month to go before he gives up his title in Chicago. It must be said that Steffan Mueller, and Herve' Bernard (IMD 98) are no strangers to the US. They have been seen at more events in the US than some of the title holders who live here! Thank you both for your support and true expression of brotherhood.

THE DISH..... After hearing "SOLD" at the basket auction, The First Lady of Leather (Mary Elizabeth Boyd) was heard to say of her housemate Rudy Szollar, "Well, I guess we will be eating peanut butter sandwiches for quite some time"

Just when you thought you had heard of all the newest titles, well here is one more.. Mr. Limping Leather. And who holds that title? Former Mr. Baltimore Drummer Kei Fenton. Complete with medallion (sort of) a silver chain with a hip bone hanging on it. I am quite sure it is not the one that he had replaced with a new titanium one! Perhaps Mr. San Diego Leather 2002 could tell us for sure. hmmm

Welcome to the neighborhood? Well, former American Leatherboy Jerry Acosta, has a new position in SF. and the place of employment is just a few doors up from---- Guess Who? Marcus the Merciless! All right Mr. Marcus, aren't you the welcome wagon lady for that block?

Yes, that was former IML Larry Everett 95 attending ABW. Looking good, and his significant other Arnie...Hard to believe Larry has a son in COLLEGE!!!

Contrary to what has been written, Jose Ucles was not the first American Leatherman. He brought the contest down to DC that's all. Yes, he did attend ABW, and was announced with all the other title holders.

Now that ABW has their first person of color as a title holder, we can now acknowledge that the five major titles have had at least one, and in some cases two that have worn that sash!

What a sad state of affairs it is, when a bar as well known as the DC Eagle is GIVING away free booze nearly every night for several hours and many of the former customers still will not come back. That's what happens when the owner tells you to get out one time too many! The owners of the Green Lantern are not too unhappy. Of all the major cities in the US, Washington, DC. is prime for an additional Leather bar

THE WICKED WITCH

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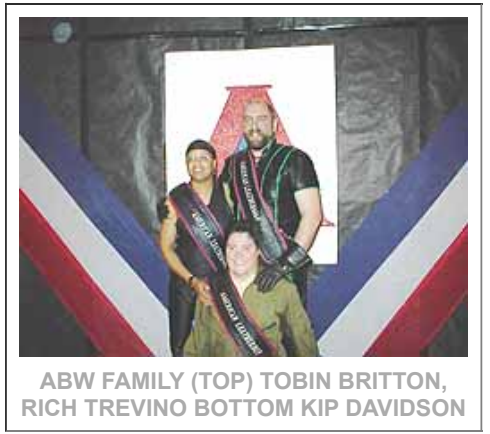
NYC Gay Pride, Leather Style



Folsom St. East



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HILARY, JILL CARTER, MUFASA



TWO OF THE ATTENDEES



ESL JUDGES AND CONTESTANTS

ESL CONTESTANTS (L-R) CHRIS GARRETT,
DJ WILLIAMS, JOHN DUNHAM.

MR PISTONS LEATHER CONTESTANTS FOR 2002

DART AND JEFF TOELSIN,
(DART GOES TO ABW, JEFF TO IML)

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THE FLUFFING BEGINS

How time flies when your having fun. Here we are almost at the end of March. So many events have occurred already. Leather events, contests, and major parties are happening everywhere. Preparations for the next big leather contest is in the making. American Brotherhood Weekend will be held in Washington, DC, April 26 - 28. Many feeder contests to that event have been held. Several more are about to occur.

Empire State Leather, hosted by the STARS MC of Albany, NY. will send their winner to ABW. The date of this event will be April 12-14. during their leather pride weekend. Info on that event can be found by checking out their website. www.starsmc.com.

The Mr. Pistons Leather event held in Long Beach, CA, kicks off their weekend March 29 - 31. One of their contestants will also compete for the American Leatherman title. Producer Mark Malan has a special weekend planned which includes lunch on the Queen Mary. Imagine, lunch with the worlds largest Queen!

The broom traveled earlier this month to San Francisco. Observing the sashing of the new Mr. SF Leather Peter Jackson. I was also invited to judge the bare chest calendar contest for the month of June 2003. However the most important event occurring that

weekend was the grand opening of the LGBT Community Center. After many years of planning, haggling, and legal disputes. The Center has become a reality. The Thursday evening Leather reception brought members of the SF community, and out of towners alike to "ooh and ah" at the beautiful building located on Market Street.

I took a stroll through and indeed found it very impressive. I was especially interested to see how the designers of the building were going to blend in the old Victorian with the new. It was pulled off superbly. Located on this same web site, <http://www.leatherweb.com/sfsc02.htm>, Phil, and his boy rodney, who are the owners of "*The Global Leather Village*", attended the opening as well, and have provided a wonderful review of the entire event. Equally as special are the photos that accompany the article. The specialty of the photos, is the fact that all you have to do is to click once, and the photos come up one at a time. All you have to do is to sit back and enjoy. Compliments gentlemen to the work that went into putting that together for everyone to enjoy and appreciate. If you are visiting San Francisco, make sure you stop by the Center and visit.

The New York Eagle, as has been mentioned previously, is also producing a bare chest calendar for the year 2003. Last Sunday, 5 hot men competed for the May spot. It is expected that the calendar will be ready in time for giving at Christmas.

The annual NY Black party was held March 23, and from the amount of men and women purchasing tickets, there was not room to faint, crawl, or stand. Tickets were \$100.00. The tickets sold out (7,000) You figure out the profit on that. No, you did not get one cocktail free, just the pleasure of being there and partaking of the various "social candy" being passed around.

One party attendee exclaimed "I am taking an additional \$400 so that I will not run out of 'treats.'" Was any part of the ticket sales donated to any of the needy charities in and around NY? OF COURSE NOT! Those putting the event on, are smiling all the way to the bank! Disgusting indeed!

Fundraising has taken a new turn, at least in SF. I witnessed Intl. Mr. Leather 92, SFPD, officer Lenny Broberg don a lovely RED floor length gown (I assume with matching pumps) and blonde wig, parade across the stage with Donna Sachet, lip synching to the song "Sisters." Now that brought in a large chunk of change. However, the kicker was, someone in the audience donated \$1,000.00 for la Broberg, to wear the same outfit to a fine dining spot in the city for dinner!

Did Lenny agree? You betcha! San Francisco leathermen do get out there and do their part. Several thousand dollars was raised. Lenny is also one of the nominees for grand Marshall, of their Lesbian and Gay Freedom Day Parade in June.

In Washington, DC. Wayne Nesbitt, Mr., DC Eagle 98 is up to his elbows in preparation for the big Silent Bid for Life annual auction held in that city. Wayne is asking for donations to help make the event a success. Leather, artwork, stained glass, candles, sculptures, photography, ceramics or even a worn jockstrap (signed) sans the skid marks!

The proceeds this year will benefit the National Coalition for Sexual Freedom (NCSF). and the Scarlet's Foundation Inc. Both are 501(c) non profit organizations. Wayne is such a hard worker, and anything you care to donate will be greatly appreciated, The auction will take place May 10 at the DC Eagle.

The NY Eagle has just opened a little leather shop on the premises. It is being stocked with various and sundry items that leather men after grabbing Mr. Right, may have forgotten when leaving home.

Actress Elaine Stritch seems to be packing them in with her one woman show on Broadway at the Neil Simon Theatre. She really is very funny and does not pull any punches.

Anyone who is a Bea Arthur fan and who was lucky enough to be in New York anytime in the past month, received a real treat, Bea Arthur on Broadway- just between friends was a knockout. Edith Bunker's cousin on All in the Family, Maude, and the Golden Girls all came to life again. What a real treasure she is. Unfortunately March 24 was the final performance.

CREME DA la DISH.....

WHAT EVER HAPPENED TO.....

Scott Tucker, IML 86, just returned from a trip to India with his lover Larry. According to Scott, the Indian Government is initiating paperwork that will make it mandatory, that all visitors to that country provide documentation that they are HIV negative before entering the country.

You want to know what happened to Northern, CA Drummer boy 01? The last time he was spotted, he was wearing a lovely red vinyl mini skirt, knee high stiletto heel boots, and a fluffy blonde wig, and was celebrating his Thirtieth birthday! All for the sake of a fundraiser in SF. Except the way he walked in those heels, me thinks that was not the first time he had been in a pair, Every turn, step, kick was to perfection! And the make-up was flawless!

EMBARRASSING MOMENT.....

A hearing impaired leatherman going through an airport security checkpoint. all of a sudden a clank, clank ping when everyone at the check point heard the noise, and watched the chrome cocking bounce across the floor and end up at the foot of an Air National Guardsman Poor man forgot he had it on until it fell off!!! oops

If every major airport initiates baggage being placed through those 30 million dollar CTX machines anything that looks odd or can be construed as an explosive, in your luggage even if you are checking your bag, will be subject to a dump search of your bag. Which means nothing is or will be sacred! Several major airports already have those machines...A word to the wise for you future ABW and IML travelers.

MOVING ON UP DEPARTMENT.....

After 75 years the Academy of Motion Picture Arts & Science finally came through. Halle Berry grabbed the Best Actress Award. Wonder what took them so long?

Sidney Poitier no longer hold the distinction of being the only black actor to win the best actor award. Gee it only took 39 years for that to change! Lets hope it's not another 39 years before it happens again!

But thinking about it, 10 years has past since there has been a person of color to hold the IML title!! hmmm.

The Wicked Witch

Photos by Vern Stewart



New York Eagle Bare Chest contestants for May



1st ru Darwin Pomies, winner, Mark Marraccini,
2nd ru Len Chiofola



Mr SF Leather Peter Jackson (center)
1st ru Scott Brogan (lft) 2nd ru Adam Heller (rght)



SF Bare Chest Calendar contestants
Corey Caballero (rght) won

WHERE, THERE AND EVERYWHERE

If anyone thought there would be a short rest from leather events after Mid-Atlantic Leather, boy were they sadly mistaken. Contests, contests everywhere. Chicago, held their Mr. Cell Block, Dallas had their Mr. Southwest leather contest. Kansas is holding theirs next weekend as well as the new Sir contest in Baltimore. Boston is holding a huge weekend event, and next weekend San Francisco, will host the Mr. SF Leather contest.

Those are only to name a few. It is safe to say that one could attend a leather event every weekend right up to IML in Chicago in May. That is if your stamina, and finances hold out. Empire State Leather is on the horizon, and American Brotherhood Weekend as well.

Men, women and boys are preparing for those sash events coast to coast. If you really want to prepare yourself and if you are thinking of entering a contest to compete for a sash, I would suggest the following.

Run, don't walk to your closest book store and pick up a copy of the best reference book to come out in years. Titled, Leather Titleholder Manuel. So you want to be a Titleholder? This terrific book was authored by the one and only Jill Carter, International

Ms. Leather 1996.

The book is filled with valuable information that can only help, assist and answer questions that anyone new to the game needs to know. As well as the ones that are not new to the game and need to refresh their memory. Not only are there plenty of photos, there is a complete major titleholders list in the back of the book. I found the book to be right on the mark.

International Mr. Leather 1989, Guy Baldwin did a title holders handbook in the early 90's which was a great source of reference. This book brings us right into the 21st century. This book is a first for several reasons. 1. Written by a female titleholder. 2. Written by a person of color. 3. It is a valuable book for anyone who wants to run for a title. It is easy reading and Jill does not pull any punches. Congratulations Jill on a wonderful addition to our leather reference material. February was Black History Month. And just how much did you learn about black history? Hopefully our educational system has taken us beyond Booker T. Washington, and George Washington Carver. The major book chains, have finally over the years given a large space for information on black history. Many black artist, historians and authors have come into their own with a plethora of information on rich history of the black race.

I never thought in my lifetime that I would witness the Miss USA pageant, and see 4 of the top 5 finalist who were beautiful black women. And indeed to have one walk off with the crown. However that did happen just this past weekend. Yes, the District of Columbia has a winner, and she will compete for the Miss Universe pageant later this spring.

In the leather community, people of color are finally coming out of closet and stepping to center stage. At this writing, there are 6 men of color already with titles, who will be contestants at IML. Hopefully more will be on that big stage. Alaska, (yes I said Alaska) Oklahoma, Boston, Atlanta, New York, just to name a few.

The ground work was laid in 1984 with the selection of Ron Moore as IML. A drought occurred until 1991 and Handsome D. Cannon grabbed the golden ring. International Mr. Drummer gave us the irrepressible Graylin Thornton in 1993. International Mr. Deaf Leather brought forth Patrick Richardson in 1997 along with Ariq Robinson, Intl. Mr. Fantasy the same year.

The ladies stepped to the forefront with Artemis Silver Owl , MS NLA 1994, Jill Carter IMSL 1996, and Stacey, MS, the same year The following year Genelle Moore, sister to Ron Moore grabbed the IMSL title. That in itself, a first. Brother and sister and of color.

The leather community still has a long way to go. But people such as the aforementioned, and others such as Wayne Nesbitt, Jimmy Lee Murray, Davien O, David, and many others have been the trail blazers and mentors. This certainly includes the many who have not held a title, but have been there. Promoting, supporting and role models for our future titleholders. They are to be applauded.

Red beans, rice and DISH.....

Evidently, some Ft. Lauderdale bars, like the Eagle for one, are not quite clear on the concept of no sex in the bars, oral or anal. Guess that's why the owner and some patrons were hauled off to jail. No, the owner was not participating, but he is the owner! Seems as though the law officials are keeping their eyes on all the bars that allow that to happen. And guess who turned them in? Some prissy leather queen. Disgruntled because he didn't get any I guess!

For all the men who deep in their hearts really want to be a boy, and live in the NY area, here is your chance. A new organization for boys has been initiated. We have boy Don Freeman to thank for getting that off and running. All the best to all those hot boys.

The New England area, will be sending several contestants from that area to compete at ABW. This is in addition to the titled ones that are scheduled to compete. Amazing how ABW has grown to be one of the top five contests in the country to attend and participate in over the past 3 years.

Former Mr. Baltimore Drummer 98, Kei Fenton is recuperating very nicely from a total hip replacement near Boston. However, he politely informed me, that he was "The Dowager Empress of Baltimore" And, Baltimore Mr. Drummer Emeritus 98! OH, I SEE! So glad I was corrected. I must have missed the coronation of his first title. No wonder a hip replacement was in order. too much curtsying, I imagine.

IML has returned to the plan of days gone by. One Emcee ONLY. This year it will be Tom Stice handling the honors.

IML 2003 will have Frank Nowicki as the emcee. That one should be a show stopper. After all, it is the silver year. Several French designers are busy on Franks outfits as this is being written. And you thought the last two trips he made to Europe recently were just to buy linen and china for his dining room!

For the complainers and whiners going to the New York Eagle who say the Eagle is not a leather bar. Were not some of you the same bunch that complained the Lure allowed tennis shoes, and complained there was only one bar that catered to the leather crowd in NYC?

Well now there is another bar, and wearing leather 24/7 does not always make you a leatherman. Especially the group that is into S-M (stand and model) AND spend no money. Bars cannot stay open based on that.. Nor do they make money when you buy ONE beer and run to the restroom to fill up the bottle with water when it's gone..And to the cheap skates (you know who you are) that bring your own liquor in your back pack and ask for a glass of water---YOU SHOULD BE ASHAMED OF YOURSELF!!

Begining on Thursday nights (next week)the the upstairs of the Eagle (The Eagle Nest) will be a leather dress code bar, begining at 10 PM. So REST!! A bigger concern it would seem to me would be the so called leather men who want to have sex in the bar. Take that to the bathhouse, hotel, or your house. So that the bar can stay open and we will have another bar to patronize. Thank you so much and keep the change!!!!

The Wicked Witch

Photos by Vern Stewart



Tom Dickerson, Mr. San Diego Leather 02



Mr. Alaska Leather (right)
photo by Mr. Marcus



Dywane Mitchell, Mr. OK Leather Sir



Judges and supporters for the
NY Eagle Mr March Calender contest



NY Eagle's favorite barback



Winner from the Cell Block

MID ATLANTIC LEATHER 2002 SCORES A GRAND SLAM

The Nations capital rocked. Mid-Atlantic Leather Weekend 2002 had to rate as one of the best to date. The contest itself was OK. But what made the weekend special was all the hard work that the Centaur members put into making the weekend a smashing success. The extras were what made the weekend.

The event was dubbed REUNION 2002. Indeed that was exactly what it turned out to be. The absolutely wonderful reunion yearbook is something that everyone can treasure for years to come. The dozens and dozens of photographs made many laugh, and brought many to tears remembering those who have passed on.

This year, the introduction of judges and contestants was held at the host hotel on Friday night. A very wise move. Needless to say the hotel lobby was packed. Frank Nowicki was the emcee for the weekend. He was funny and so professional as always. The judges were Annie Romano-Blas, MS, World, Jim McGlade, Leather Rack owner, Mike Zuhl, President of DCI Productions, Joni Perry, IMSL 2001, Steffan Mueller, IML 2001, Vern Stewart, The Wicked Witch, and outgoing MAL Michael Marino. The wonderful baskets that were given to each judge with every goody imaginable, were a real treat. So thoughtful and so appreciated.

The 12 contestants were introduced and given their contestant numbers. David Phillips, Alexandria, VA., Hilary, Albany, NY., Doug Lindsay, Allentown, PA., David Baldwin, Baltimore, MD., Jack Miller, Westwood, KS., Luis Castillas, Washington, DC., Thomas Kahn, Allentown, PA., Alan Azar, Akron, OH., John Allison, Flint Hill, VA., David Oravez, Stamford, CT., Ross De Rose, East Brunswick, NJ., Jim Shear, Albany, NY.

The Vendors did a brisk business, and cash registers were humming a money tune. Leather Cocktails was as grand as ever. The open bar kept everyone smiling for hours. The presentation of the new Centaur officers, and the introduction of past and present title holders in attendance, as well as the parade of colors went by very quickly and smoothly on Saturday night. Another wise move on the part of the Centaurs.

The Green Lantern reopened, and with it's proximity to the host hotel as well as Titan bar around the other corner, made it quite convenient to walk to either one. The DC Eagle was busy as well. A light snowfall gave DC the wonderful touch of winter that generally makes the holiday season so special.

However, the place to be, to see and be seen was the lobby of the hotel. Many first timers to the event could not figure out the why one had to purchase drink tickets before ordering a drink and not paying for it directly to the bartenders. I can only think that it has something to do with hotel regulations.

It can be said that Washington Plaza's wonderful man in charge Patrick Grady did a wonderful job (as always) in making sure everything ran smoothly. Patrick, you are a gem.

Cocktail receptions were going on all day Saturday at various locations. The DC boys of Leather, DCI Productions, The men of Onyx, Masters and Slaves Together just to name a few. Michael Marino's Roast at Titan was very funny which included a surprise stripper.

When Sunday rolled around, guests headed to Nations for brunch and the contest. Gary Vandeventer, IMD 2001, produced and choreographed the opening number. It was a knockout. The number included Carl Baldwin and Wayne Nesbitt and several local drag personalities. Of course emcee Frank Nowicki, was not just simply introduced. He appeared on stage being carried in a HUGE throne-type chair, carried by two hot boys! Leave it to the "Diva" to make an entrance.

The Mid-Atlantic Bootblack contest was held. Four competed for the title. The new Mid-Atlantic Bootblack 2002 is Kari LaVecchia from VA. First runner up honors went to Michael Lanzini. Second runner-up was Jheydee. Congratulations to all.

The contest ran smoothly, and on time! There were no intermissions this year. As for the entertainment, the Centaur M/C outdid themselves. Ms. Karen Williams, comedienne extraordinaire, and the one and only Jennifer Holliday...Karen worked the crowd to death, folks were falling on the floor in laughter. What can one say about Jennifer Holliday? Oh yes, she did the song associated with her from the Broadway hit Dreamgirls, and another beautiful number dedicated to all in the audience.

It was truly a memorable afternoon...Hey Centaurs, how you going to top this year?

When all the scores were tabulated by tally master Jim Raymond American Leatherman '97, and his assistant "pup" Mullikin, American Leather boy 2001. David Baldwin, Baltimore MD., grabbed the title of MAL 2002. Jim Shear was first runner-up, and Jack Miller was second runner up. (I mixed the last two up earlier. Sorry for any confusion, Vern.)

What a great weekend. Special thanks to Billy Collison, Harold, and to my savior, Marc Cohn. Yours truly was suffering with a horrible toothache, a good portion of the weekend, Marc took such good care of me, and made it possible for me to continue.

Congratulations to the Winners, and as for David Baldwin, he will be the Mid-Atlantic representative at IML in May.

DELIGHTFUL DC DISH.....

Switching roles was duly noted by many attending MAL..Yes, that was the current N.E. Drummer Sir, with collar and chain, head bowed waiting for his Daddy to acknowledge him...I guess the N.E. (New England) Drummer boy has assumed a new role? hmmm. Seems as though the same thing happened in Florida last October with an S.E. (Atlanta) Drummer Sir....

I gather slaves or wanting to be one, has caught on. Ask Graylin Thornton, he would have an explanation! (I guess)..

In the it can now be told department..... One judge asked all contestants to describe each judge with one word. Jim McGlade was described as "SAINTLY." As the contestant went around the room and stopped at Michael Marino...he said "QUEEN"! Oh, I SEE!!!!

To the former MAL, who's picture appeared on the last page of the reunion yearbook...All that can be said is---- THE CAMERA DOES NOT LIE!. But the caption said it all..."We know how you feel" (passed out on a sofa in the hotel lobby)

What a shame that ugliness still prevails with several clubs in the DC area, and the best known leather bar in DC. Customers being assaulted, or being told to get out for no real reason. Simply number THIRTY-ONE. Is it true that one club has removed their colors from that establishment? One SF visitor over the weekend vowed to never set foot in that bar again, due to his treatment. Someone should get a clue!

A Philadelphian club member, was certainly making the rounds and was very visible. He is getting ready to enter the Intl. Deaf Leather contest...And when you have Ryan Goldner and the club members supporting you and mentoring you, you can't ask for better than that!

San Francisco's favorite Mama (Sandy Reinhart) arrived in the nations capital with an entourage as usual...This trip Mama decided to add another member to the family...Yes, Mama now has a wicked witch on the list. Thanks Mama for the honor.

The Wicked Witch

Photos by Vern Stewart



MAL 2002 Judges
L-R Annie Romano-Blas, Vern Stewart, Jim McGlade
Mike Zuhl, Joni Perry, Steffan Mueller, Michael Marino



Current and past titleholders being introduced



Mid Atlantic winners
L-R 1st Runner up, Jack Miller,
MAL 2002, David Baldwin,
2nd Runner up, Jim Shear



MAL contestants in Jock strap category



Mid Atlantic Bootblack contestants



MAL contestant Hilary....Ebony Leather 2001 at interview

Michael Marino, and David Baldwin
Michael is wearing NYFD hat in honor of his brother who is a NYFD fireman

Penis Envy?!

OUT WITH THE OLD, IN WITH THE NEW

Never in recent memory have there been so many Americans both happy and sad to see a year disappear into history. For reasons that we all remember all too well, 2001 will be a year that linger in our memory until the day we draw our last breath.

The comment, what's next? Well, suffice to say, that's what many people will retain in the back of their minds. Yes, we will go on with our lives but not in the same manner as before September 11, 2001. Families across this great nation, have taken a stronger look at being together, love and caring. It has been a long time since I have seen so many Americans purchasing gifts that were family oriented, and wanting to be at home and, or with someone.

Members of the leather community were no different in that respect. Contests were held, fundraisers were given, and once again the leather community was there giving and giving. The class of 2001 which includes all international, national, regional and local title holders did an amazing job of consciously raising awareness of what leathermen, leatherwomen and leatherboys are all about.

The year 2001, gave us our first International Drummerboy of color. What a remarkable boy he has turned out to be. Also during the year, the NY Eagle reopened. The Eagle wasted no time in putting on their Mr.Eagle, NY contest. Representation once again from that bar will be seen at Mid-Atlantic Leather later this month, and at the American Leatherman weekend, in Washington, DC.

It was also the year that we witnessed the sad demise of International Drummer. But in the same token, The Ms. World Leather contest came to the forefront and was a smashing success. The Leather community has not, and will not disappear.

The DC Eagle celebrated 30 years of continuous service. A number of leather clubs across the nation have hit their 30 year mark as well. As far as I can tell, the only thing dead about leather would be the cows that gave their lives.

A special acknowledgment goes to all the hard working leathermen, women and boys behind the scenes that have made all the events possible this past year, and in previous years. Lest we not forget the important people that design and make (and in most cases donate) those wonderful title sashes, belts and vests.

Nothing would be accomplished without the sponsors, bar owners, and retail businesses that have so generously donated their time and money to keep leather alive. To all the aforementioned, we salute you.

Rumor has it that there will be more contestants entering MAL this year than in the past 5 years. The Centaur M/C have quite a surprise in store for all those in attendance. You won't want to miss this event. MAL always plays to a packed house. You certainly will not want to miss the performance of Jennifer Holliday! Now just tell me your not going!

In addition to the DC Eagle, You will be able to cruise and cocktail at the newly reopened Green Lantern, with the second floor catering to leathermen and women and renamed the Shed! Check that one out, along with Hamburger Marys. Mr. P's, Omega, and

the Fireplace.

The Leather Rack, having been around three decades, will be the another place to stop and shop while in DC. Now that the Leather Rack kidnapped the infamous Patti Brown of Chicago Cellblock fame. and made him the General Manager---Need I say more?

END OF THE YEAR DISH.....

Divorces reached an all time high in '01. Various past and present title holders are looking. The other half of a SFPD, fell by the wayside. A former IML is footloose and fancy free, A current MAL is checking out the "new 2002 models" A vacancy exists in the Albany area. NYC has two half empty beds. However one may not be empty once one of THE guys relocates to Atlanta.

A former SF Leather Daddy, is rumored to be checking out the 2002 models as well...hmmm. Straw was seen burning and falling from a broom in the sky over a city called Salem, MA. Hope nothing caught on fire!

However, 2001 also brought love and romance to some. A Toronto title holder, relocated to SF. An Atlanta titleholder relocated to Florida. A former International titleholder relocated from SF to San Diego...We wish them the best.

A note to a current west coast Ms. title holder...You really need to clear up that unresolved "business" before traveling anywhere. Especially anywhere east of the Mississippi!..Consider this a word to the wise! As the old saying goes, an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.

And to that sick, sick queen who sent out an email upsetting a number of people, and having them in tears, stating that the Wicked Witch was killed in an auto accident...I know who you are, and you will be exposed! See you in the funny papers!

Overheard at a very elegant DC dinner party. "What gym do you work out in"? reply-"Golds," " I don't use the exercise equipment, I box, and use all the punching bags." Reply: Do you use gloves"? at which a boy title holder interjected---"Only Opera Length"

Anyone interested in producing a leather contest in DC? The contest formerly known as Mr., DC Drummer now known as the DC Sir and boy contest is up for grabs. The Potomac M/C is ready to hand it over. And no, it will not be passed to Amsterdam!

If anyone has been to Europe lately, I am sure they saw the scathing article written by a member of the MOC in Amsterdam regarding a well known European photographer. And yes, he was voted out of their club! And you think only the United States has Mess?

In a Christmas card received from IML 2000, he states that he and his lover have not disappeared. They have just been busy with their heads up each others A--. Well, thank you for sharing that little tidbit.

With recent events and additional security measures in the airline industry, security is even tighter. Don't embarass yourself, by trying to carry all your toys in a carryon bag. Check your toys in luggage. And no, the security checkpoints do not provide a can of foot powder. Anyone with smelly feet, would not want the xray machine to set off an alarm when their shoes or boots pass through!! HELLO

THE WICKED WITCH

Photos by Vern Stewart



boy Don Freeman and boy Rick celebrating New Years Eve at a fun New Jersey party.



New York Eagle Calendar contest winners
(L) Robert Napolitano (Mr Jan 2003.
(R) Guillermo, runnerup, Mr. February 2003



MAL 2001 Michael Marino



Contestants for the first MEN OF THE EAGLE calendar contest.



Two of the NY Eagle Bartenders sure made New Years eve a fun party.

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