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*Leslie Anderson,
Ms. New Mexico Leather 1996
and
James Collins,
Mr. New Mexico Leather 1996*

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There's something going on in New Mexico.

It's force is as refreshing as a warm breeze off the Sandia Mountains, and as powerful as a sermon by Rev. Pat Langlois.

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I had seen the end product at IMsL '95. Three New Mexico women placed as finalists in the world's roughest women's leather competition. The same held true for

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Mr. New Mexico [Leather] at IML.

I didn't know what to expect, but I had to take a look. The Mr. and Ms. New Mexico Leather Weekend provided the perfect opportunity.

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The women and men of Sandia Leather welcomed the tribe to Albuquerque the weekend of March 22-24. From the moment we stepped off the plane, we were welcomed with open arms.

Only surpassing Sandia's hospitality was the precision and care with which the Sandia folks organized and carried out their contest.

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Kudos must go to Gayla Worrell and Steve Wearden, and all of the men and women who put so much time and love into making this weekend a success. We couldn't have found better entertainment on Broadway.

There's something going on in New Mexico.

The festivities kicked off Friday night at the host bar, The Ranch, with a Meet n'Greet for the judges, staff, and contestants. If you're ever in Albuquerque, stop by The Ranch. You won't be disappointed.

The judging panel included J.D. Buchert (International Mr. Fantasy 1995), David W. Walker (International Mr. Drummer 1996), pat baillie (International Ms. Leather 1995), Viola Johnson (Leather Journal and N.L.A. Lifetime Achievement Award recipient for 1995), Kris Cox (Ms. Alameda County 1996), and Kevin Roche (Mr. San Jose Leather 1996).

Five men and three women competed for the coveted titles of Mr. and Ms. New Mexico Leather. Contestants strutted their stuff for the opening ceremonies, parade of colors and introductions. A crowd of 200-plus guests was entertained by a special fantasy performed by J.D. Buchert.

[Emcees] Cindy Bookout and Jeff Tucker read off the many attending clubs during the parade of colors, then introduced the men's Jock Strap and women's Image competitions. Each contestant had a limited amount of time on stage to impress the judges, and impress them they did. Some of the costumes left many a seat wet.

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Sabrina, Master White Dog, and Leslie Anderson vied to represent the leatherwomen of New Mexico. Tristan Tyler, Derrek D., James Peters, Kevin W., and James Collins competed with equal fervor for the men's title.

The outgoing title holders, Buddie LaRue and Willow, together performed a special farewell fantasy. The crowd then was entertained by comedienne and former IMsL Shann Carr, who shared tales

Do you wanna submit?

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of previous close encounters in Albuquerque.

Friday night's festivities closed in plenty of time to let the standing-room only crowd peruse the vendors area--a danger to the wallet of every guest.

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Up & Coming Events

Local/Regional

National

AEL (Alternative Erotic Lifestyles) -- monthly mtgs. (505) 345-6484

Sandia Leathermen & Sandia Leatherwomen--events throughout the year. See the ad on page 7.

Texas Leather Pride--May 3-5, Austin, TX. N.L.A.:Austin, (512) 370-4713

Gulf Coast Drummer--May 18, Dallas, TX. The Dallas Eagle, 2515 Inwood #107; (214) 357-4375

(If anyone out there knows about events in Arizona & Nevada, please write us!)

Do you have an event you would like to have listed? Mail us the details, including event name, date(s), where, and who to contact. Send it to the address on the back of this newsletter. Upcoming deadlines are June 15 and August 15, 1996. (We reserve the right to edit due to space limitations.)

International Mr. Leather--May 24-27, Chicago, IL. Call (800) 545-6753 for details

Leatherfest & International Master & slave Contest--June 12-16, Atlanta. N.L.A. Atlanta, (800) 841-0178

International Mr. Fantasy--August, Omaha, NE. Details as soon as we have them.

International Ms. Leather--July 18-21, Philadelphia, PA. *Bare Images Productions*, (402) 451-7987

International Mr. Drummer--September 26-29, San Francisco. Details TBA.

Living in Leather XI--October 3-6, Portland, OR. N.L.A. International, 3439 NE Sandy Blvd., Portland, OR 97232.

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Those with youth and stamina played afterward at a party thrown by... [Ed.: I didn't get permission to tell where that party was. Sorry. -- Diva]

Interviews with judges began early Saturday morning. Guests had plenty to keep them busy before contest time that evening. A series of workshops kept the interest of weekend participants.

The Sandia Leathermen and Leatherwomen outdid themselves with Saturday evening's festivities. A second SRO crowd was just as impressed as the judges and out-of-town visitors. From the introduc-

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tions through speeches and fantasies, the evening ran with the precision of a finely made Swiss watch.



Contest co-producer Steve Wearden

There's something going on in New Mexico.

A special memorial service honored a leatherman and good friend to the gay rodeo and drag communities, C.J. Diamond. More entertainment from Shann kept everyone in stitches while the scores were tallied by Margo Carr, the official Tally Mistress (no relation [to Shann]). After a side-splitting 20 minutes, ending with the trademark acrobatics only Shann can do, [emcees] Cindy and Jeff announced the winners:

We wish Leslie Anderson, the new Ms. New Mexico Leather, much luck at IMsL.

And James Collins, the new Mr. New Mexico Leather, will wow them at IML.

Because there's something going on in New Mexico.



Vi made my job easy this issue. Many thanks to her efforts in writing about our fair town.

So maybe the rest of you will make it our here next year, huh?

Don't miss it--it will be bigger and better than ever!



The 1996 New Mexico Titleholders



Den Mom Miss Kelly & co-producer Gayla Worrell

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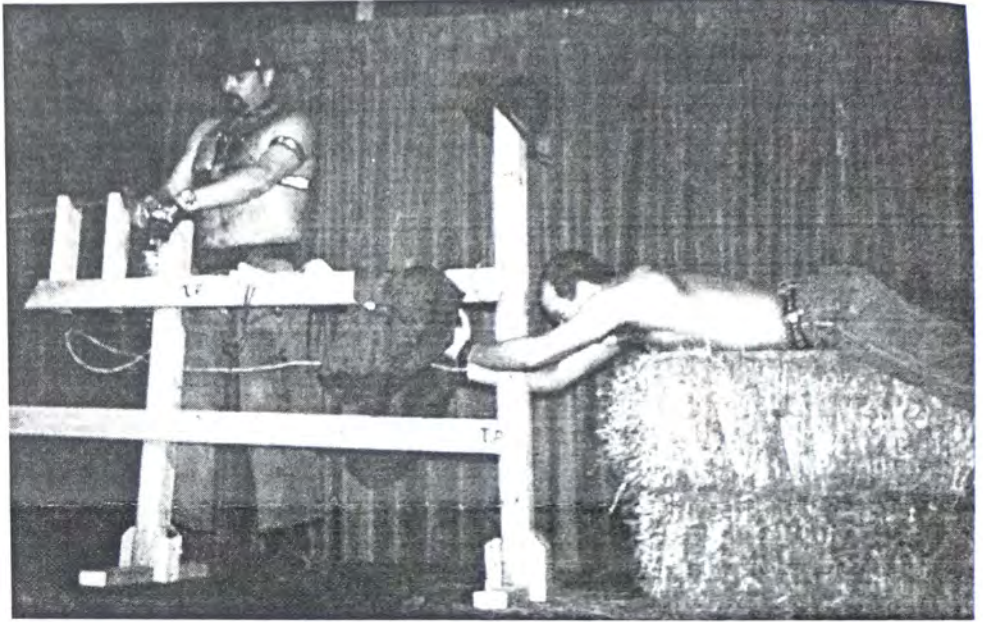
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Leslie's hot, Hot, HOT fantasy



Kevin's entertainment qualified him for Int'l Mr. Fantasy



1995 Titleholders, Willow & Buddie, give their farewell speeches



1st-Runner Up James Peters, James Collins, and 2nd-Runner Up Tristan Tyler



1st-Runner Up Sabrina, Leslie Anderson, and 2nd-Runner Up Master White Dog

Food for Thought: The AIDS Resource Library is now open @ E.M.C.C., Dallas & Copper N.E. Check It Out!



James' winning jungle fantasy...another HOT one!

Selina and Steve Houghton's *
two children were taken away by
authorities in early January.

* Because of the pending courtcase, these names have been changed.

The couple was falsely accused of child abuse because an SM video tape—which shows Steve playing with Selina on a St. Andrew's Cross—was stolen from their home, by an ex-friend with a grudge against them. Think it can't happen here? It already has.

This happened in upstate New York.

Steve and Selina both lost their jobs, and then sold their home to help pay their legal defense. Funds are currently being raised nationwide to help them in their plight. Join Mary Dante (Ms. N.L.A.:International 1994), Robert Dante (publisher, *The Boudoir Noir*), Guy Baldwin (author, The Ties That Bind, and noted SM/leather counselor), Race Bannon (author, Learning the Ropes), John Warren, Ph.D. (author, The Loving Dominant), Gloria Brame (co-author, Different Loving), Jim Stewart (owner of *Fetters*, international author and playwright), and Molly Devon and Phillip Miller (authors, Screw the Roses, Send Me the Thorns) in this fight.

*There is no reason this should have happened...but please
help us be sure it never does again.*

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So, you wanna submit.

This is the space where we showcase *your* talent. So send us that poem about spanking the girl next door, a picture or drawing of your favorite boy all bound up (smile!), or a congrats note (as below) for a leather colleague. Cartoons, favorite quotes--we don't ask for copyright, we'll print your name (or not, if you request it) and nothing is taboo here.

**This is the place
to do it. *NOW.***

**"God created my body, and if it is
dirty, then the imperfection lies with
the Manufacturer, not the product.
Do not remove this tag under
penalty of law."**

-- Lenny Bruce

Congratulations Are In Order

-- To all those who helped, gave, attended, bought vendor items, cheered, laughed, gasped, drank, enjoyed, played at, and came (!) to the New Mexico On Fire! Weekend. Hug a Sandia Leatherman or Leatherwoman next time you see them!

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Letters

We wouldn't go into the horror stories of keeping a newsletter afloat.

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We wouldn't tug on your heartstrings or your pursestrings here.

But then we'd go broke.

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Cindy Bookout
International Ms. Leather '94
28 March, 1996

Dear Sandia Leatherfolk:

I can't begin to tell you how much fun I had last weekend. It was wonderful working with Jeff again. In fact, we discussed it, and if you are looking for emcees for next year, we would love to do it.

The entire weekend was very well organized. Let me assure you, that is not the norm. Congratulations!

I am very attached to Sandia Leather. When I was in Albuquerque for the first Mr. NM Leather contest (March '94), I told you that you had the potential to become a MAJOR Leather Event. That is exactly what you are doing. I can't brag about you enough. I feel like a proud parent.

The contestants this year were all excellent. I'm glad I wasn't a judge. I believe that Leslie and James will do a great job in promoting New Mexico, Sandia Leather, and the Leather lifestyle. I think they will do you proud (I mean *make you proud*).

I could go on and on about how great you all are. I hope you know what you mean to me. I do love you. When you need me again, just give me a call!

Again, Congratulations! You've outdone yourselves.

With Love and Leather Pride

Cindy



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