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Los Angeles Band of Brothers





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Class of 2009 Sunday, April 19, 2009

LAL Winners 2009

Ken Hearst Mr. L.A. Leather 2009 Alex Lindsay

1st Runner Up LAL 2009 Mark...

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Class of 2008

Saturday, March 22, 2008

LAL Winners 2008
Ross Wood Mr. L.A. Leather 2008 Justin David
1st Runner Up LAL 2008 Randy...

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Class of 2007

Thursday, March 15, 2007

LAL Winners 2007 Mike Gerle Mr. LA Leather 2007 Jeff Sekido 1st Runner Up LAL 2007 Raynard Pace...

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Class of 2006

Wednesday, March 15, 2006

LAL Winners 2006

Bob Johnson Mr. LA Leather 2006 Jim Fall 1st
Runner Up LAL 2006 Ramiro Garcia...

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Class of 2005

Tuesday, March 15, 2005

LAL Winners 2005

Ray "Cody" Haugland Mr. LA Leather 2005 Larry

Golubski 1st Runner Up LAL 2005... Read more...



Class of 2004
Monday, March 15, 2004

LAL Winners 2004
Marc Watrel Mr. LA Leather 2004 ????? - 1st
Runner Up LAL 2004 ????? - 2nd...

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Class of 2003
Saturday, March 15, 2003

LAL Winners 2003
Stephen Blackwell Mr. LA Leather 2003 ????? 1st Runner Up LAL 2003 ????? -...

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Class of 2002
Friday, March 15, 2002
LAL Winners 2002
Daddy Don Anspauch Mr. LA Leather 2002 Gene Mar 1st Runner Up LAL 2002 Daniel...
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LABB Events

The LA Band of Brothers produce <u>YARD</u> and Bondage County Fair. Our goal is to throw an event too fun to miss and in the process raise enough cash to cover our operating expenses.

In addition to official LABB productions, events listed below are those produced by LABB members who are current <u>LALC</u> titleholders.

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Titleholder Bootcamp 2011

Sunday, October 2, 2011

Want to be a titleholder? Join the LA Band of Brothers as previous winners of local leather contests share their experiences. Bootcamp 2012 will be held on Sunday 9/18/2011. Location and time to be...





Bondage County Fair Saturday, September 10, 2011

Join the LA Band of Brothers for our second annual Bondage County Fair. Fun carnival games like the Butt-Pie Eating Contest, Greased Boy Competition, Dildo Toss and more! Come dressed in your...

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MuscleBears & Beefcake

Saturday, August 20, 2011

MuscleBears & Beefcake benefit for Being Alive August 20 at the Eagle LA.

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Brad Taylor's Roast

Friday, March 18, 2011

AN OFFICIAL LA BAND OF BROTHERS EVENT

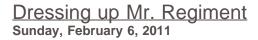
When: Friday March 18, 2011 9pm - 2am

Where: EagleLA, Los Angeles, CA

Join LA BAND OF BROTHERS as we ROAST Brad Taylor to a

crisp! Come dressed as Wonder Woman to...

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When: Sunday, Feb 6, 2011 3pm - 9pm

Where: Rough Trade's parking lot, 3915 W Sunset Blvd, Los

Angeles, CA 90029

BBQ Superbowl Party Help Mr Regiment 2011 Leo prepare to

compete at Mr LA Leather and...

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L.A. Band of Brothers Elects New Board of Directors

Monday, July 25, 2011

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

L.A. Band of Brothers Elects New Board of Directors Los Angeles, CA July 25th, 2011



On Wednesday, July 13th, 2011, the Los Angeles Band of Brothers elected a new Board of Directors...

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Rally to Protest WeHo Commission Vote Monday, February 7, 2011

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L.A. Band of Brothers President Organizes Rally to Protest West Hollywood Discrimination Thursday, February 3rd, 2011 ART

Louie Pacheco Saenz, President of the Los Angeles Band of... Read more...

<u>Titleholder Bootcamp</u> Friday, January 7, 2011

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Friday, January 7th, 2011 Los Angeles, CA

On Friday, January 7th, the Los Angeles Band of Brothers announced they will be hosting the 2011 Titleholder Bootcamp Forum on Saturday,... Read more...



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L.A. Band of Brothers President Nominated to Serve on CSW Board of Directors Los Angeles, CA September 21st, 2010



On Tuesday, September 21st, 2010, the Los Angeles Band of Brothers... Read more...

YARD IV, Get Basted - Tuesday, September 14th, 2010

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Our Mission

The Los Angeles Band of Brothers is a fraternal organization of titleholders who have competed in the Mr. Los Angeles Leather Contest. We dedicate ourselves:

- a) to the support of titleholders in preparing for and during competition in the Mr. Los Angeles Leather Contest;
- b) to the support of our members during events organized or sponsored by our members related to the Leather Community specifically, and the LGBTQ Community specifically;
- c) to the betterment of the Leather Community specifically, and the LGBTQ Community specifically; and
- d) to provide fun, fellowship and social camaraderie to our members.

History of the Los Angeles Band of Brothers

As recalled by Mike Gerle Jan 6, 2011



The Short Story

(A 90 second version)

Our club grew out of the titleholder system created by William Schindler and the Los Angeles Leather Coalition (LALC) in the year 2000. Somewhere between nine and eleven Los Angeles area community bars, businesses, and organizations produce their own leather contests. The winner of each of those "feeder" contests goes on to compete for the Mr. Los Angeles Leather title. The winner then goes on to compete at International Mister Leather where he represents Los Angeles and the Los Angeles Leather Coalition.

More than 100 men have competed in the Mr. Los Angeles Leather contest, and subsequently they were all invited to join the Los Angeles Band of Brothers. On April 15, 2010, 42 of those men formally accepted their invitation and the Los Angeles Band of Brothers (LABB) became an official organization. Each man competing in the Mr. Los Angeles Leather contest will become eligible to join the LABB. It is his decision to make.

We are a mentoring and fraternal organization whose primary mission is to help new titleholders maximize their abilities and provide fellowship for past titleholders.

The Long Story

(A detailed narrative of the same story.)

The LABB is part of a long LA Leather tradition.

Since we are only a part of a rich tapestry of fetish life in Los Angeles, it is impossible to tell our story without tossing in bits and pieces about our interconnected kinky world. It started more than half a century ago when motorcycle clubs like the Satyrs formed. This lead to leather bars, which lead to leather contests, which lead to the Los Angeles Leather Coalition (LALC), which lead to the Los Angeles Band of Brothers (LABB).

Our organization is the fruit born from a fertile leather legacy left by the kinky men and women in Los Angeles who went before us. Our brotherhood would not exist without the foundation they laid for us, and we are grateful for their efforts. We would like to express our gratitude to them for making our leather lives possible.

The Los Angeles Leather Coalition

Our organization is an extension of the Los Angeles Leather Coalition (LALC). In 1999 William Schindler won the Mr. Los Angeles Leather title and that same year also founded the Los Angles Leather Coalition (LALC). The coalition was, and is, a collection of highly diverse kinky organizations in and around the city of Los Angeles.

Many of the organizations in the LALC hold their own leather contests and the winner of each contest goes on to compete for the Mr. Los Angeles Leather title. Only the winner of the Mr. Los Angeles Leather contest goes on to compete at International Mister Leather.

The Mr. LA Leather contest is produced entirely by the LALC. It is currently the second-largest leather contest in the world. Only International Mr. Leather (IML) has attracted more contestants over the last several years.

This chain of preliminary contests that culminates with the Mr. Los Angeles Leather event creates our local "title season." The three month season brings many diverse aspects of the local LA kinky community together. We play, debate, and celebrate what it means to be a member of the LA leather tribe.

The emergence of the LA Band of Brothers

Each year the men competing in the Mr. Los Angeles Leather contest (LAL) share an intense and often life changing experience. Each man wins a leather title to qualify as a competitor in the LAL contest. Many of them watch their fellow LAL competitor's win their qualifying titles.

They start sharing many things together: a bar crawl to promote the contest, rehearsals, photos and video shoots, and all the excitement and angst that come with the journey. They participate in an elaborate number draw produced by Avatar in the parking lot of the Faultline bar where they all ride in on the backs of motorcycles that have been graciously organized by the Oedipus Motorcycle Club.

They then go through the crucible of a major leather contest known as Mr. Los Angeles Leather: Interview, jock strap, speech, and a written fantasy. Their efforts are all offered up to a panel of the seven judges and a large audience. They wait together, laugh together,

some hook up together, and some cry together. Some of them find the experience exhilarating, and some nearly break down because of it. They ride the surging highs and endure the mind numbing lows together. And then, suddenly, it all ends.

Rather then having it end completely, many of the current titleholders often joined together to finish out their title year as a group. In the past they were often referred to as the "LA Ten," more or less, depending on how many men competed that year. Each year a new crop of contestants would be chosen and the colorful cycle of LA's leather title season would start all over again.

In 2008 David Farah suggested that the "LA Eleven" work together on a number of measures including a titleholder travel fund. Along with some of that year's "LA Eleven" the men began to explore the solutions to challenges they faced as title holders.

Mikel Gerle attended the second meeting of these men and read a speech (see entire speech below) challenging the men present to think of themselves not as ephemeral titleholders with only a single year to make an impact on the community, but as an established brotherhood whose intention was to create a foundation that future titleholders could build on.

As more of L.A.'s experienced titleholders became involved our meetings quickly outgrew the Mt. Washington patio. Because of the generosity of Bob Tamasino, the owner of Oil Can Harry's, we were able to meet in the loft bar of Oil Can Harry's in Studio City.

In the summer of 2008 we conducted a retreat in Dino Garcia's (Mr. Bullet 2008) rec-room to clarify who we wanted to be. We developed our original mission statement and had and excellent pot luck lunch.

The LABB quickly became a visible presence throughout L.A.'s leather community as we organized events and raised money for a variety of causes. We also produced the memorable YARD gear/fetish/play parties in the winters of 2008, and 2009. We added a summer YARD party in 2010 and just held our fourth play party in November 2010.

Along the way we developed rituals for inviting new titleholders into the brotherhood. Some of the initial rituals were a bit awkward and had to be scrapped. After some trial and error we've come up with a ritual the feels right to everyone involved. After a new titleholder wins a feeder contest he is guided by the outgoing titleholder to a group of LABB members. It is usually in an out of the way corner of the bar. We all put our hands on him, and then his title predecessor speaks to him and gives him whatever words he believes are appropriate. When he is done the rest of us give him a loud salute followed by hugs and whatever else the new guy might need. We also give him a gift of practical information, contacts, things to read, and an invitation to our next regular meeting.

On August 15 of 2009 we held our second retreat. It was on a sweltering hot Saturday in the loft bar of Oil Can Harry's in Studio City. We began the long arduous task of crafting bylaws. With a set of bylaws drafted by a man who requested to remain anonymous, a subcommittee of five members was selected. It was headed up by J.R. McCurdy (Mr. Sanctuary Leather 2008) who was tasked with guiding the committee through the process of hammering out a

document for the membership to ratify.

On Feb. 10, 2010 the bylaws were ratified by the membership at a regular meeting and we were prepared for incorporation.





We conducted our founding ceremony of the LA Band of Brothers on Thursday, April 15, 2010. Forty-two (42) current and former Mr. Los Angeles Leather contest competitors gathered at the home of Russ Coleman (Mr. Sanctuary Leather 2010) in the Hollywood Hills. One by one, titleholders from the previous ten years stood on a platform silhouetted by the blaze of a poolside fire, received an LA Band of Brothers arm patch and pin, was given a salute by the members present, and signed his name into a leather bound scroll. Each man was formally welcomed into a fraternal organization that was now almost two years in the making.

The ceremony began with a short speech from the acting President, Mikel Gerle, a proclamation was read by our oldest member present (Daddy Don Anspauch, Mr. LA Leather 2002) and seconded by the youngest member present (Lloyd McDonald, Mr. Bullet 2010). The group's acting Secretary, Billy Nakasaki (Mr. Sister 2009), and acting Archivist, Louie Pacheco (Mr. CSW 20010), signed the organization's bylaws, completing our incorporation as the Los Angeles Band of Brothers.

The founding board members included: Mikel Gerle, President

- Mr. Oil Can Harry's 2007, Mr. Los Angeles Leather 2007, IML 2007
 Ernesto Provencio, Vice President
- Mr. Ashram West Leather 2009

Billy Nakasaki, Secretary

- Mr. Sister Leather 2009

Don Anspauch, Treasurer

- Mr. Gauntlet II Leather 2002, Mr. Los Angeles Leather 2002

Jasun Mark, Communications Officer

- Mr. Eagle LA Leather 2009

During the annual election of board officers on July 14, 2010, the following board officers were elected:

Louie Pacheco, President

- Mr. CSW Leather 2010/2011, American Leatherman 2010

Alex Lindsay, Vice President

- Mr. Regiment 2009, American Leatherman 2009

Billy Nakasaki, Secretary

- Mr. Sister Leather 2009

Daddy Don Anspauch, Treasurer

- Mr. Gauntlet II 2002, Mr. LA Leather 2002

Marcus Hopkins, Communications Officer

- Mr. Pistons Leather 2010

Looking to the future, we are resolved to continuing our mentorship of current LALC titleholders and fraternal fellowship for those who have walked the same path

Speech read by Mike Gerle suggesting the formation of LA Band of Brothers – the candle is lit

This was read on Tuesday, June 24, 2008 7:00 PM to the current and former titleholders present on the patio of a private home in the Mt. Washington area of Los Angeles, CA.

My leather brothers,

If I have learned anything over the past fifteen months it is that you are my family. You are truly my brothers, my mentors, and my offspring. What happens to you and our extended LA leather/fetish family means a great deal to me. I love you all very much. It is from that place that I am speaking to you tonight.

I know we are here to talk about a title fund, but I would like to put that aside for a moment and think of broader possibilities.

I have given a lot of thought to the unique titleholder world we have here in Los Angeles and I think we, as titleholders, can achieve great things for ourselves and our community if we put our minds to it.

Something import and sacred is happening here tonight.

I would like us to light a leather scented candle that was part of my IML prize package and have the flame be a symbol of our power.

<Dave McFadden (Mr. Sister Leather 2008) lit the first candle>

When a medal is placed on the winner of a contest it is usually the end of an intense journey and the beginning of a new one that will make the road already traveled seem tame by comparison. The new titleholder is overwhelmed, thrilled, and full of gratitude. Hopefully he savors the moment and fully celebrates his success in a way that matters to him. He has won! He is a titleholder!

Over the next 48 hours he realizes that he is also exhausted and has only a vague idea of what is ahead of him as he goes on to compete for LAL. He begins to see in his mind's eye a growing "to do" list: books to read, leathers to pull together, hotel rooms to book, email accounts to set up, business cards to print, schedules to be coordinated ... the list goes on and on.

Currently this is where the titleholder's journey often stalls.

He is thrust into the community and often does extraordinary things, but often months are wasted as the titleholder gets his footing. All the while listening to good intentioned people say, "Make it your own" and not giving him any real useful mentoring. By the time he finally starts to get the hang of things, his year is nearing its end. The contest season has started up again and a new man will soon be medaled.

He has finally learned how to leverage his title and, BAMN!, we have another new titleholder.

And the cycle continues...

But now, because we are here tonight, the journey does not need to stall. Because we are meeting here tonight the intense journey of the titleholder can instantly rocket to the next level the moment he steps off the podium.

Who better to mentor the current titleholders and segway the wazzies then the men who have already walked that path?

While contemplating the strengths and challenges of our group I did some research into community leaders and protectors. One group who's lives impressed me are those of ancient Greek soldiers called Hoplites. Their role in their community is legendary and something we can learn from.

These soldiers came from every walk of life very much like we do.

They bought their own armor, very much like we do.

And they were trained to carry a shield and a spear, very much like we ... can!

They took great care in teaching new soldiers when to use the shield ... and when to use the spear.

They were taught they were stronger grouped together using their shields in a phalanx formation than they were operating alone.

But they were also taught the skill to stand on their own, to use their sword to fight hand to hand when necessary.

The most famous band of these groups was the Band of Thebes. They are believed to have been a band of 300 men who were not only warriors, but also lovers as well. Their fierceness was attributed to the love they had for each other and their fierce determination not to shame themselves in the presence of the men they loved.

They are legendary for their ability to protect the realm against overwhelming forces. I believe that same power is in us.

I also believe that our strength as a packwill strengthen our tribeas a whole.

This is how it works:

Knowing that his title brothers have thought ahead, that they have anticipated his needs and began to support him even before they knew who he was, the new titleholder will know that we believe the title he has won is important. That we believe he should be proud to wear his vest. That we believe his presence in the brotherhood matters.

And he is not the only person who wins!

- 1) The community wins. A strong brotherhood will attract more contestants and build the character of those who compete. We all know, being part of a contest usually strengthens the character of the man who enters.
- 2) Sponsors win. Bigger contests mean more exposure, more brand identity, more ticket sales and more revenue.
- 3) The titleholder wins. More than just winning a vest, the Brotherhood creates an environment for the medaled man to thrive in.

We are talking about power and that often makes people nervous.

In case anyone is wondering about my intention for starting a titleholders group, let me be clear – my intention for the group is not to undermine the work of the Los Angeles Leather Coalition (LALC). It is, in fact, meant to have quite the opposite effect.

I love what we have in Los Angeles and what the LALC has done to support it. I want to

protect it.

Having just completed touring much of the leather world, I have seen what the world has to offer leather/kinky people, and nothing compares to what we have here in Los Angeles. I have not seen it in Vancouver, Tulsa, Berlin, San Francisco, or any of the small towns in between. The depth and variety of what we enjoy here is unparalleled. By comparison we are living in a utopia and a great deal of this existence can be attributed largely to the efforts of the LALC.

Our community is a union of very different people coming together as a family to support and celebrate who we are. We span the spectrum of sexual orientations, fetishes and genders. We educate, play, protect, dream, eat, ride, argue, plan, laugh and cry together. We are built on a long tradition of California leather history going back to the first motorcycle clubs, leather bars, and kinky publications.

I want to promote it and shine a light on it for the whole kinky world to see.

The current title holders are the beacons of light illuminating the individual houses of the LALC. They are the banner carries of our thriving packs, while Mr. Los Angeles Leather carries the banner for the entire Los Angeles Tribe.

Mr. Los Angeles Leather can make our tribe's accomplishments known. He is the icon and the touchstone for those who only dream of an existence like ours. He carries our hope, dignity, and pride to fledgling communities and serves as an anchor within our own community when he is at home.

When the same group of men who competed for that position of honor come together in Brotherhood and unity, we send an important message to the leather world and our home tribe.

"Our beauty is in our diversity, but our power is in our unity."

When we come together as titleholders to support each other and the man who was chosen as this year's icon, we all win.

We support our brothers and sisters outside of Los Angeles by providing them an example of something that works.

Our LA Tribe builds on its own history by sharing it with leather folk who have not come as far, and We nurture our own dreams for the future by recognizing how many of our aspirations have already come true.

Tonight I am asking you to make a commitment to the LA Band of Brothers. I am asking you to be a protector of the realm by supporting each other and the current titleholders. I know our unity will strengthen you as a titleholder and as a man. It will strengthen your sponsoring house as a shinning facet of our tribe. And it will strengthen the leather world as a model of power.

Respectfully, ~Mike Gerle"

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Los Angeles Band of Brothers Board of Officers

Our Board of Officers are elected in July and serve for up to two years. Listed below are the members of the 2010/2011 board.





Louie Pacheco President

Manuel Howie
Ramirez
Vice President







Billy Nakasaki Secretary



Mike Gerle Treasurer



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Los Angeles Leather **Coalition**: Information about the Mr. Los Angeles Leather Title

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Club

So Cal Leather Woman

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665 Leather: 665 Leather is one of the premier leather retailers in the Los Angeles area, based out of West Hollywood, CA. JayPG Photography: Jay is one of Los Angeles' definitive fetish photographers. He is the official photographer for the Mr. Los Angeles Leather Contest, and for the LA Band of Brothers. Leatherati: Leatherati is a resource for all events Leather. BDSM, Kink, and Fetishoriented, with access to up-todate information about national and international events, based out of Los Angeles, CA. The Leather Journal: The Leather Journal is the longest continuously running Leather/BDSM publication in the United States, based out of Los Angeles, CA. Oxballs: Oxballs is a producer of silicone toys and accessories, based out of Silverlake, CA. Rough Trade Leather: Rough

Trade is one of the L.A. area's oldest and most respected leather and gear retailers, based out of Silverlake, CA. The Stockroom: Located in Silverlake, CA, The Stockroom/Syren is a primarily

rubber-oriented clothing and fetish retailer.

The Tom of Finland Foundation: The Tom of Finland Foundation

is an historical organization dedicated to the preservation of the BDSM, Leather, and Fetish artwork of Tom of Finland, as well as the art of more recent artists who speak to the spirit of Tom's vision. The Tom of Finland House is located in Los Angeles, CA.

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Neal Kenji Christensen Mr. Christopher Street West Leather 2012

Neal Christensen was born and raised in Honolulu, HI. He lived there until the age of 18, when he moved to Los Angeles to earn his BA in graphic design at Loyola Marymount University. He has been working as a graphic designer in the fields of advertising, non-profit, and apparel since.

Neal originally found the leather scene in Los Angeles, because those were the bars that he could get into before he was of age. He enjoyed what he saw and knew the leather community would always have a place for him. These early moments sparked his interest in bondage and BDSM. Neal enjoys asphyxafilia and being tied up, whether it is with leather restraints, metal chains, or rope.

Neal later moved to New York, living in Queens and then Hell's Kitchen. He decided it was time for a change and moved to San

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Francisco. Having left, he realized where he was meant to be. He returned to Los Angeles, where he currently resides with his Sir.

He decided to run for Mr. Christopher Street West Leather with the message that even if one does not necessarily look like a leather man, they still have their place in the leather community.



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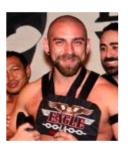
Michael Solza



Joey Lopez

Joey Tarin

Evan Rodriguez





Eagle L.A.



Mr. Bullet Leather

Mr. Pistons Leather









Alejandro Shepard Ashram West Leather

Hans Kesser Mr. Oil Can Harry's Leather

Terry Leftgoff Mr. L.A. Leather Bear



James Stuart Mr. Sister Leather

Congratulations to the winners of Mr. Los Angeles Leather 2011

Leo Iriarte (WINNER)

- Mr. Regiment Leather, Mr. Los Angeles Leather 2011

Joey Lopez (1st Runner Up)

- Eagle LA Mr. Leather, 1st Runner Up Mr. Los Angeles Leather 2011

Joey Tarin (2nd Runner Up)

- Mr. Bullet Leather, 2nd Runner Up Mr. Los Angeles Leather 2011

- 1. Louie Pacheco Saenz Mr. CSW 2010/2011 (reappointed June 2010 by Christopher Street West)
- 2. Leo Iriarte Mr Regiment Leather 2011 (contest held @ Stockroom)
- 3. Michael Solza Mr Sanctuary Leather 2011

(contest held 1/15/2011 @ EagleLA bar)

- 4. <u>Joey Lopez</u> Eagle L.A. Mr. Leather (contest held 1/29/2011 @ EagleLA bar)
- 5. <u>Joey Tarin</u> Mr. Bullet Leather (contest held 2/5/2011 @ Bullet Bar)
- 6. <u>Evan Rodriguez</u> Mr. Pistons Leather (contest held 2/12/2011 @ Pistons Bar)
- 7. <u>Alejandro Shepard</u> Ashram West Leather (contest held 2/19/2011 @ EagleLA Bar)
- 8. <u>Hans Kesser</u> Mr. Oil Can Harry's Leather (contest held 2/20/2011 @ Oil Can Harry's Bar)
- 9. <u>Terry Leftgoff</u> Mr. L.A. Leather Bear (contest held 2/26/2011 @ Pistons Bar)
- 10. <u>James Stuart</u> Mr. Sister Leather (contest held 3/5/2011 @ EagleLA Bar)

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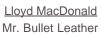
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Brad Taylor Mr. Los Angeles Leather 2010 Mr. Regiment 2010

Brad Taylor was born and raised in Seattle, Washington in 1974 before heading to San Francisco in the late 90's where he pursued his love of wrestling and joined "Golden Gate Wrestling." In 2002, he won the Gold Medal in the Heavyweight Division at the "Gay Games" in Sydney, Australia. However, upon meeting Master Kevin, he moved to Los Angeles and has been collared for almost 10 years.

Brad is currently enrolled in community college while working as a tour guide for Warner Brothers Studios.

Brad has been involved in the leather and bear community since 1997, and has held the titles of "Bay

Area Cub 2002" and "So Cal Cub 2004" (both title vests are now part of the Leather Archives), as well as competing at "International Bear Rendezvous 2002." His leather journey continued as he worked at "Gauntlet II," which then became "Eagle L.A.".



Brad was honored to be named Mr. Los Angeles Leather in March of 2010, and went on to compete at the 2010 International Mr. Leather contest in Chicago, IL, where he placed in the top twenty of the 2010 competitors. Brad continues to spend his time going to school and working, while traveling to California leather events to represent both the Mr. L.A. Leather title and the Los Angeles Band of Brothers.



2009



Class of 2009 Sunday, April 19, 2009 LAL Winners 2009

Ken Hearst Mr. L.A. Leather 2009 Alex Lindsay 1st Runner Up LAL 2009 Mark Thompson 2nd Runner Up LAL 2009

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2008



Class of 2008
Saturday, March 22, 2008
LAL Winners 2008

Ross Wood Mr. L.A. Leather 2008 Justin David 1st Runner Up LAL 2008 Randy Carmenaty 2nd Runner Up LAL 2008

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2007



Class of 2007 Thursday, March 15, 2007

LAL Winners 2007

Mike Gerle Mr. LA Leather 2007 Jeff Sekido 1st Runner Up LAL 2007 Raynard Pace 2nd Runner Up LAL 2007

Photo from back row left:

Tom Kunze, Mr. Leatherbear 2007 Juan Castillo, Mr. Ashram West Leather 2007 Greg Galley, Mr. Piston's Leather 2007 ,Mr. Sister Leather 2007 Ryan Cooke, Mr. Regiment Leather 2007

Photo from front row left:

Jeff Sekido 1st Runner Up LAL 2007 Tom Wang, Mr. CSW Leather 2007 Mike Gerle Mr. LA Leather 2007 Raynard Pace 2nd Runner Up LAL 2007 Phil Morton, Mr. Sanctuary Leather 2007

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2006



Class of 2006 Wednesday, March 15, 2006 LAL Winners 2006

Bob Johnson Mr. LA Leather 2006 Jim Fall 1st Runner Up LAL 2006 Ramiro Garcia 2nd Runner Up LAL 2006



2005



Class of 2005
Tuesday, March 15, 2005
LAL Winners 2005

Ray "Cody" Haugland Mr. LA Leather 2005 Larry Golubski 1st Runner Up LAL 2005 Richard Denton 2nd Runner Up LAL 2005



2004



Class of 2004

Monday, March 15, 2004

LAL Winners 2004

Marc Watrel Mr. LA Leather 2004 ????? - 1st Runner Up LAL 2004 ????? - 2nd Runner Up LAL 2004



2003

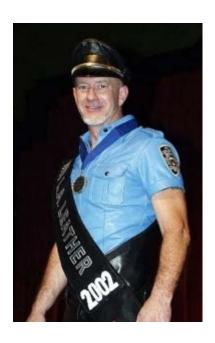


Class of 2003
Saturday, March 15, 2003
LAL Winners 2003

Stephen Blackwell Mr. LA Leather 2003 ?????? - 1st Runner Up LAL 2003 ????? - 2nd Runner Up LAL 2003



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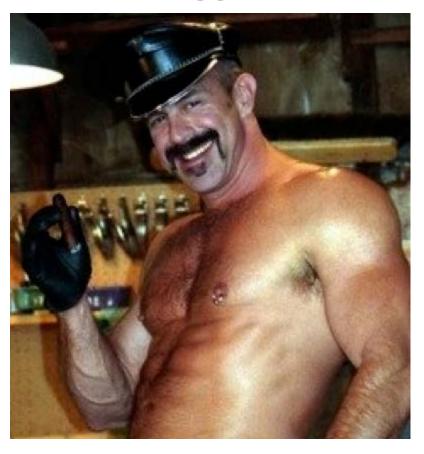


Class of 2002 Friday, March 15, 2002 LAL Winners 2002

Daddy Don Anspauch Mr. LA Leather 2002 Gene Mar 1st Runner Up LAL 2002 Daniel Hernandez 2nd Runner Up LAL 2002



2001



Class of 2001
Thursday, March 15, 2001
LAL Winners 2001

Pete Fitz Mr. LA Leather 2001 Kevin Casey 1st Runner Up LAL 2001 Robert Blackmon 2nd Runner Up LAL 2001

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Titleholder Bootcamp 2012



Titleholder Bootcamp 2011 Sunday, October 2, 2011

Want to be a titleholder? Join the LA Band of Brothers as previous winners of local leather contests share their experiences. Bootcamp 2012 will be held on Sunday 9/18/2011. Location and time to be announced.

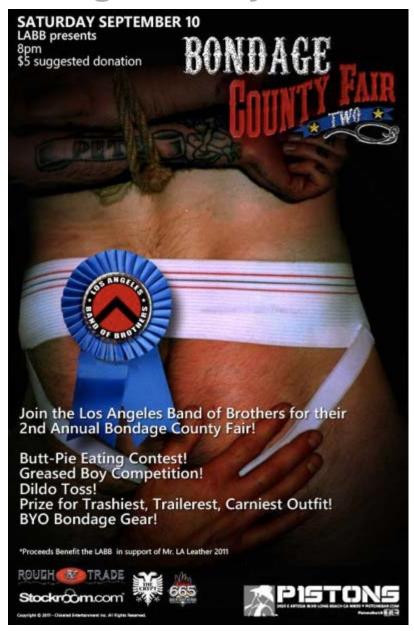
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Bondage County Fair 2011



Bondage County Fair

Saturday, September 10, 2011

Join the LA Band of Brothers for our second annual Bondage County Fair. Fun carnival games like the Butt-Pie Eating Contest, Greased Boy Competition, Dildo Toss and more! Come dressed in your trashiest, trailerest, carniest outfit and win valuable prizes!

Bring your own bondage gear, you never know who's

gonna be beggin' for it.

Special thanks to Rough Trade, Stockroom, The Crypt, 665 and Pistons

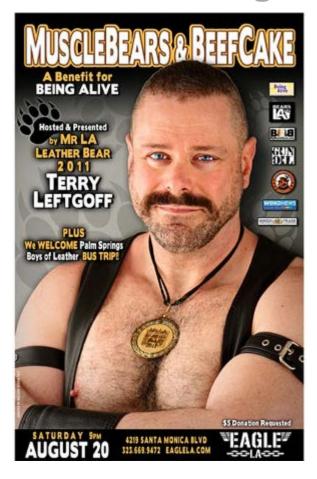
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Location: Piston's Bar, Long Beach, California



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Muscle Bears @ EagleLA



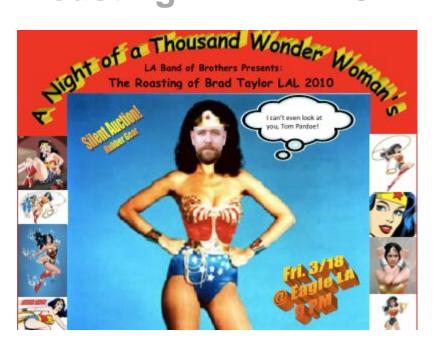
MuscleBears & Beefcake Saturday, August 20, 2011

MuscleBears & Beefcake benefit for Being Alive August 20 at the Eagle LA.



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Roasting Mr. LAL 2011



Brad Taylor's Roast

Friday, March 18, 2011

AN OFFICIAL LA BAND OF BROTHERS EVENT

When: Friday March 18, 2011 9pm - 2am

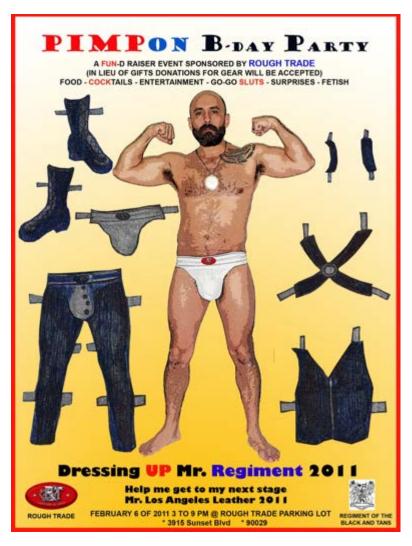
Where: EagleLA, Los Angeles, CA

Join LA BAND OF BROTHERS as we ROAST Brad Taylor to a crisp! Come dressed as Wonder Woman to show your love for Brad, or enjoy GEAR NIGHT as a Super Hero, any GEAR encouraged!! Silent Auction- Rubber Gear, Lots of surprises!!! \$5 cover



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Dressing up Mr. Regiment



Dressing up Mr. Regiment

Sunday, February 6, 2011

When: Sunday, Feb 6, 2011 3pm - 9pm

Where: Rough Trade's parking lot, 3915 W Sunset Blvd,

Los Angeles, CA 90029

BBQ Superbowl Party Help Mr Regiment 2011 Leo prepare to compete at Mr LA Leather and watch the Superbowl on a big screen! Sunday Feb 6th, 3-9 pm at Rough Trade's parking lot.

3915 W Sunset Blvd Los Angeles, CA 90029

Food! Drinks! Go Go Sluts! Superbowl on big TV! Other entertainment!

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New Board of Directors



L.A. Band of Brothers Elects New Board of Directors

Monday, July 25, 2011

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

L.A. Band of Brothers Elects New Board of Directors Los Angeles, CA $_{\rm July~25th},~2011$

On Wednesday, July 13th, 2011, the Los Angeles Band of Brothers elected a new Board of Directors for the comming year. Returning for a second term as President is Louie Pacheco. Manuel "Howie" Ramirez begins his first stint on the board as the new Vice President. Billy Nakasaki returns as Secretary. The new Treasurer will be Mike Gerle, club founder and original acting President through the club's two year formation process. Rounding out the board is Don Mike as Communications Officer.

The new board looks forward to another great year as part of the LA Leather community.

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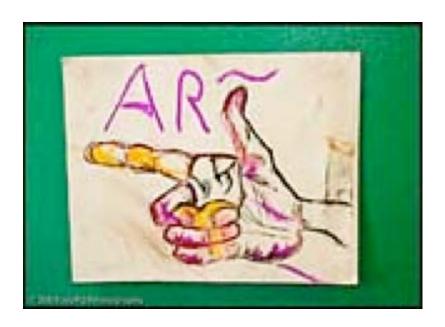
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Rally to Protest West Hollywood Commission Vote



Rally to Protest WeHo Commission Vote Monday, February 7, 2011

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

L.A. Band of Brothers President Organizes Rally to Protest West Hollywood Discrimination Thursday, February 3rd, 2011

Louie Pacheco Saenz, President of the Los Angeles Band of Brothers, announced Thursday that he is organizing a rally to protest the recent vote by the West Hollywood Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission to withdraw endorsement for The Tom of Finland Foundation's Erotic Art Exhibit. The rally will be held on Monday, February 7th, 2011 beginning at 5:30 PM and going until 8:00 PM.

"I would like to take a moment of your time to express a painful, hurtful and very sad experience I had last week as I found out the position of the ACAC on the matter of the Tom of Finland Foundation Art Exhibit coming up this March," Pacheco Saenz wrote in a letter addressed to the City Council Board of West Hollywood. "When I found out what took place in City Hall during a meeting with The Foundation, and I heard of all that was said by these Commissioners, I felt like I was hit on the chest...and that pain has not yet gone away."

The Tom of Finland Erotic Art Exhibit has been a part of West Hollywood's diverse cultural history since 2003, and has, until this past week, enjoyed the support of the West Hollywood Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission. Four commissioners in particular, Whitney Weston, Madeleine Rackley, Beverly Denenber, and Jon Bailey, took umbrage at the prospect of

continuing this support at a meeting with The Tom of Finland Foundation on January 27th, 2011.

Weston, the Chair of the ACAC appointed by City Council, was particularly vocal in her opposition to the art fair at the meeting, saying that fair was "distasteful," "offensive to children," and that it "always has made [her] uncomfortable," and that the city of West Hollywood "would not support it." It should be noted that the art fair is held in a fully enclosed auditorium and that anyone wishing to enter the exhibit must provide identification proving that they are 18 or older.

"It has been brought to my attention that things like this have been happening for a long while, now at City Hall," continued Pacheco in his letter. "Very quietly, the City (or its Commissioners) has been brushing under the rug and hurting our Community (Gay Man and Woman) by turning down and rejecting project after project, and no one says or does anything about it as they are afraid to confront City Hall. They figured they could do the same with The Tom of Finland Foundation, but they don't know the mistake they've made."

The L.A. Band of Brothers will be throwing their support behind this rally, and the event has been posted on their Facebook page. For more information, please contact Louie Pacheco Saenz at americanleatherman2010@labrothers.org.

The protest will officially begin on Monday, February 7th, 2011 at 6:00 PM at: 647 San Vicente Blvd.
West Hollywood, CA 90069

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Marcus J. Hopkins Mr. Pistons Leather 2010 Communication Officer, LA Band of Brothers Events Committee Chairman, LA Band of Brothers



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Titleholder Bootcamp



Titleholder Bootcamp Friday, January 7, 2011

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Friday, January 7th, 2011 Los Angeles, CA

On Friday, January 7th, the Los Angeles Band of Brothers announced they will be hosting the 2011 Titleholder Bootcamp Forum on Saturday, January 22nd, 2011 at the Tom of Finland Museum in Los Angeles, CA. This event is for anyone who is interested in running for a leather title, as well as for those who have already competed in a contest, but are seeking more insight and guidance prior to their next competition.

"This forum is designed to help answer some of the questions that surround leather contests," said 'Pup' Don Mike (Mr. Sister Leather 2010 and LABB's Mentorship Committee Chairman). "We hope to provide an open forum for those in search of mentorship, guidance, or opportunities for leadership."

This is the second consecutive year that the LABB has participated in a titleholder bootcamp, with last year's being hosted by Goddess Genesis and Sanctuary L.A. This year's bootcamp will be slightly more

structured, with an emphasis on the important role that L.A. area titleholders continue to play in preserving, redefining, and passing on the rich and vibrant history and traditions that the Los Angeles leather community has upheld for over 50-years. In addition, anyone interested in competing in one of the remaining qualifying contests for Mr. Los Angeles Leather 2011 (those that have not occurred by January 22nd) will be able to learn a bit more about the history and past titleholders for each of these titles, as well as fill out applications for the contests.

The 2011 Titleholder Bootcamp Forum will be held on Saturday, January 22nd, 2011, beginning at 2 PM at the following location:

The Tom of Finland Museum 1421 Laveta Terrace Los Angeles, CA 90026

There is no fee for the bootcamp, and anyone wishing to attend is welcome to do so without an RSVP. For more information concerning the 2011 Titleholder Bootcamp Forum, please contact Pup Don at mrsisterleather2010@gmail.com or visit the Los Angeles Band of Brothers Facebook page.

The Los Angeles Band of Brothers is a fraternal confederation of Los Angeles-area Leather titleholders who have successfully competed in a qualifying contest within the Los Angeles title system for The Mister LA Leather Title. In order to qualify for membership, all members must compete for the title of Mister Los Angeles Leather in their respective year. For more information, please visit their website, www.labrothers.org, or e-mail info@labrothers.org.

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LABB President Nominated to CSW Board



LABB President Nominated to CSW Board Tuesday, September 21, 2010

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

L.A. Band of Brothers President Nominated to Serve on CSW Board of Directors Los Angeles, CA September 21st, 2010

On Tuesday, September 21st, 2010, the Los Angeles Band of Brothers was proud to announce that its current President, Louie Pacheco Saenz, was unanimously voted to serve on the Board of Directors for the Los Angelesbased LGBT pride organization, Christopher Street West.

Christopher Street West (CSW) is responsible for organizing, producing, and coordinating Los Angeles' Gay Pride month in June, which includes dozens of events, the annual Pride parade, and the accompanying festival. The organization was started in May of 1970, one year after the famed Stonewall Rebellion that took place on Christopher Street in New York City in 1969 (for which the organization is named). CSW is the oldest officially recognized gay pride organization in the United States. 2011 will mark the organization's 41st year in existence, and its 40th parade (no parade was held in 1973), making it the longest-operated street closing pride parade in the U.S. The role of Mr. CSW Leather is to produce the Pride parade for the year he chosen to represent, as well as to officiate over the annual contest held at the festival to select the next year's representative.

"I am honored to have this opportunity to serve my community and give back to the city that has done so much for me," said Pacheco, who is also the reigning Mr. CSW Leather 2010/2011. Louie was selected to represent CSW as their leather titleholder for a second consecutive year after his first successful term.

Pacheco's CSW nomination was the latest in a series of nominations, awards, and accolades received over the course of this year. In addition to placing 1st runner up in the Los Angeles Leather 2010 contest in March, Louie was elected President of the L.A. Band of Brothers (LABB) in July of 2010, named American Leatherman 2010, and was the recipient of the Gio Micu Award at the 2010 Olympus/Pantheon Service Awards brunch in August.

"The L.A. Band of Brothers could not have a better representative than Louie Pacheco Saenz to carry forth our message of Brotherhood, integrity, and our mission of mentoring the future leaders of our leather community," said Mike Gerle, one of the Founding Members of the LABB, former Mr. L.A. Leather 2007, and International Mr. Leather 2007. "He is a continual source of pride both within our own organization and within the greater Leather/BDSM Community. I can think of no one who better exemplifies the spirit of both the LABB and CSW organizations."

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

L.A. Band of Brothers Announces YARD IV - Get Basted Tuesday, September 14th, 2010 Los Angeles, CA

On Tuesday, September 14th, 2010, the Los Angeles Band of Brothers announced the date of their signature event, YARD Party. YARD IV - Get Basted will be held on Friday, November 26th, 2010 in North Hollywood, CA. YARD Party is a men-only fetish gear and play party event that saw its inception in November 2008. This will be the fourth invocation of YARD Party, the last of which was held in July of this year.

"The YARD Party has been a welcomed change of pace for the city of L.A.," said Marcus Hopkins Communication Officer and Events Committee Chairman. "We have an excellent mix of different types of men from all walks of life and fetish interests at YARD. We specifically don't cater to just one fetish, but are dedicated to providing our guests with a wide variety of options to suit every interest."

YARD IV follows on the heels of two important milestones for the L.A. Band of Brothers:

On August 28th, 2010, they officially inducted a new

Board of Directors into office. Headed by President, Louie Pacheco Saenz (Mr. CSW Leather 2010/2011, American Leatherman 2010), this is the first officially elected Board since the organization drafted and ratified its By-Laws, and incorporated with the State of California. Rounding out the Board are Vice-President, Alex Lindsay (Mr. Regiment 2009, American Leatherman 2009), Secretary, Billy Nakasaki (Mr. Sister Leather 2009), Treasurer, Daddy Don Anspauch, Jr. (Mr. Gauntlet II 2002, Mr. L.A. Leather 2002), and Communication Officer, Marcus Hopkins (Mr. Pistons Leather 2010).

More recently, the L.A. Band of Brothers was proud to present The Bondage County Fair, on September 11th, 2010. This unique fundraiser was a take on the traditional Midwestern county fairs of the 20th Century with a BDSM-theme, and included carnival games, a human steer roping contest, raffle prizes, and carnival food. The event also saw the premiere of the new artwork for YARD IV - Get Basted. The Bondage County Fair was held at Pistons Bar in Long Beach, CA, and was a rousing success, with a portion of the proceeds benefiting the Long Beach AIDS Foundation.

"We are hoping to make this fantastic event an annual fundraiser for our organization," said Louie Pacheco, President. "Our primary goal with any event that we present is to ensure that our guests are having a great time, and once again, we have met and exceeded that expectation. Robert and Koby (owners) have always been incredibly accommodating in allowing us the use of their bar for our events, and aside from the giant mess we made with all the hay, I look forward to continuing our working relationship with them over the course of the next year."

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Sunday, August 15, 2010



Louie Pacheco Saenz Mr. CSW Leather 2010/2011 American Leatherman 2010 President, Los Angeles Band of Brothers

Louie was elected to the LABB Board as the club's first President on July 14, 2010, and was reelected on July 13, 2011 to serve a second term as President.

Louie was born in Granada, Nicaragua in October 1971, where he lived with his parents and sisters. He was raised Catholic and when to Catholic School, where he was an altar boy.

"I lived a very privilege life and lived to be part of the Sandinistas/Contras War...until we had to leave Nicaragua to come to The US due to Communism in Nicaragua."

At 15 he and his mother moved to Texas where they lived for a year before his father and two sisters joined them, at which point they moved to Los Angeles where he has lived to this day. "We gained Political Asylum and became American Citizens just last year after some inner struggles within



myself as to why, after so many years of having been 'qualified' to became a citizen I finally decided to do it." As of June 2009, Louie became officially became an American Citizen.

"At a very young age I knew I was different on many levels. The most and strongest was that I knew I liked boys and had very interesting and strange way of thinking about my fantasies." Louie went to school for Fashion Design and was very involved in the fashion scene here in Los Angeles back in the 90's. During this time, he met his first partner with whom he was together for almost six-and-half years.

"This caused a lot of problems with my father and at 23, after moving on from my

relationship, I decided to move to San Francisco where I resided for 10 years and was able to truly blossom as a gay/leather man. During all those years in San Francisco, my life changed drastically. My relationship with my family got stronger."

Louie was elected to serve as the first official President of the Los Angeles Band of Brothers in July of 2010, and was elected by unanimous vote to serve on the Board of Christopher Street West in September of 2010. Shortly after being named President of LABB, Louie was named American Leatherman 2010. His return to Los Angeles has been an amazing homecoming for him, as one of the biggest things that has happened to him since he moved was being given the privilege of becoming Mr. Christopher Street West 2010. "My involvement with my Leather Family/Community since that moment has truly changed my life today."



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Manuel Ramirez Mr. LA Leather Bear 2010 LABB Vice President

Howie was elected to the LABB Board as Vice President on July 13, 2011.

Manuel "Howie" Ramirez is a First generation Mexican American.

"I realized I was gay at the age of 8. I was attracted to music, early on, as I sang in Jr. High."

Manuel moved to Los Angeles in 1990, and was exposed to leather via Club Fuck.

"I was fortunate enough to find my way to Silverlake and to land my present job position in Hollywood. I love L.A.! It is the creative outlet I call home."





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Pup Don Mr. Sister Leather 2010 LABB Communications Officer

Pup Don was elected to the LABB Board as Communications Officer on July 13, 2011.

Don Mike first got involved in the LA Leather community around 2001. Mostly known as Pup Don in leather circles, he has been a past member of the now defunct LA Pups, and a current member of Avatar LA and the LA boys of Leather, of which he was a founding member and has served two terms as President. Don's involvement in the community has been one of service and he is looking forward to using his title of Mr. Sister Leather 2010 to proudly represent the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence to the leather community and to raise awareness of the importance of mentorship in our community and the need to bridge the gap between the Old Guard, the New Guard and, to borrow a phrase from Sister Erotica, the Avant Guard.





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Billy Nakasaki Mr. Sister Leather 2009 LABB Secretary

Billy was elected to the LABB Board as the club's first Secretary on July 14, 2010, and was reelected to the same position on July 13, 2011 to serve a second term as Secretary.

Billy Nakasaki grew up in the Inland Empire where he spend much of his youth hanging on street corners and listening to Punk, Oi, and Hardcore with his pack brothers. He learned many lessons from life such as to be yourself, stand up for what is right, and back up your mates. Little did he know that mosh pits and spiked leathers would be the opening round of his Leather Journey.

During Billy's mid twenties he had a falling out with his pack and so he got a Class A License, hit the road, and crisscrossed America.

Upon his return to California he sought out

the Leather Community and became an active member of it. He has won the Title of Mr. Sister Leather 2009, sponsored by The Los Angeles Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence. He has won The Next Generation Award from the Los Angeles Leather Coalition. He is a member of Avatar LA.

Billy is a founding member of the Los Angeles Band of Brothers and is serving his second term as Secretary.





Mike Gerle Oil Can Harry's Mr. Leather 2007 Mr. Los Angeles Leather 2007 International Mr. Leather 2007 LABB Treasurer

Mike was elected to the LABB Board as the club's Treasurer on July 13, 2011 to serve as Secretary.

Find out more about Mike at: www.iml2007.com





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Leo Iriarte Mr. Regiment 2011

Leonardo Iriarte was born in Morelia, Michoacan, Mexico, his childhood was developed in the middle of a family of artists and Bohemians who though him how to express his passion for arts.

Leo, as it is called by affection for his friends, moved to Los Angeles California in 2001, after living in Cancun, Mexico City, Acapulco and Madrid. In Los Angeles, Leo worked his way as a great flower designer for people of the most high social standards to demonstrate his artistic skills and creativity.

At the edge of 17, Leo started his journey of activism participating with Children International Organization, providing assistance in education and basic care to children around the world.



It was in the year of 2010 when Leo decides

to compete for a Leather Title just to be part of the fight for equal rights for the LGBT nation, to support social change, to join forces again HIV-SiDA, and moreover, to give back to the community that help him to make important changes on his persona, after entering several feeder competitions, he was elected as Mr. Leatherman of the Regiment of the Black and Tans 2011. Also in the year 2010 Leo began attending public events in make up clown as a way of enlivening the crowd. He notice that he drew attention that inspired others to join in his cause. Six months later, a group of friends met to formalize The Payasos - LA, a nonprofit organization, a volunteer-based group comprised of gay latinos who are dedicated to improve the lives of children and to speak in behalf of those with out a voice.



Michael Solza Mr. Sanctuary Leather 2011

Michael's Bio is in production. Please hold...





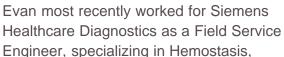
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Evan Rodriguez Mr. Pistons Leather 2011

Evan was born and raised in the Greater Longbeach Area. He's lived in Paramount, Longbeach, Lynwood, Norwalk, Bellflower, Lakewood, and when he graduated from Warren High School in 2001, his family lived in Downey, CA where he still lives today.

After HS, Evan joined the Navy and became an Electronic Technician. He served onboard the USS Constellation until she was decommissioned in 2003 at which time he transferred to the USS Dwight D. Eisenhower. His expertise was in Underwater Acoustics Systems, Line-of-sight Infrared Transmissions and Computer Systems. He was honorably discharged in 2007.





community. He decided to compete for the Mr. Pistons Leather Title as soon as He saw the poster put displayed in the bar.

Evan loves to travel and has visited the following places:

Naples, Italy

Cyprus

Perth, Australia

Tokyo, Japan

Dubai

Bahrain

Oman

pretty much every state in the Union.

He loves hiking and adventure sports.



Joey Lopez Mr. Eagle LA Leather 2011

Joey's Bio is in production. Please hold...





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Joey Tarin Mr. Bullet Leather 2011

Joey Tarin was born in Valencia Spain in 1977. He is the only Deaf child of a Military family. He had to learn to read lips as his first avenue to understanding. For a long time, his father was very ashamed of having a Deaf child. He started seeing people signing when his father was stationed in Washington DC. This is the location of the University of Gallaudet, the largest University for Deaf people in the United States. This was his language and it was a big revelation. He started to learn ASL/SEE on his own at the age of five but he could never make the connection to the Deaf culture or people because his family was always moving from place to place. At the age of 11, he had surgery on his right ear to "fix" his hearing. A surprise was that his inner ears were deformed and it really did not make a difference. "I guess the joke was on my parents."



He always knew he was different from other kids and not only because he is Deaf, but he also likes boys. When he was 11 years old and on his way to the Dr.'s office before his surgery, is when he discovered a clue. He saw two boys holding hands. "At that moment it hit me." I pointed at them, getting my Mom's attention then pointing at myself. :-) "This, was my coming out moment."

From that point on, his life became more difficult with out realizing it. He was the only openly gay in middle school and continued to be the only out and open gay in high school. He was bullied for several reasons. First, his deafness. Second his broken speech and lastly by being out.

At the age of 18, he met his first "Man in Leather" and it was an awesome experience for him but that was soon over. He never saw him again and he continues to look for that experience again. For many years, he felt out of place even in the gay community. He could never find where he belonged until he started to meet the Bear community. Even though he is not a Bear, he was welcomed to be part of the group. He was given the nickname of "OTTER" then he met with other Bear and Leather Men and he has never felt

more at home.

He has done some very amazing things in his life. He was a gymnast for many years. In 2000, while training for the Olympics, he hurt his back during a competition when he dislocated two of his lumbar vertebrae. This left him in a wheelchair for 10 months. Thanks to massage and physical therapy, he was able to get back in shape and on his feet. From that moment, he knew that he wanted to do the same for others. He became a massage therapist and heath educator. He is willing and able to donate time and services to others in need.

After several years, he met his very first Deaf friend "Daryl" at the Bullet Bar and he is so happy to represent such a place as the Bullet, where people from so many backgrounds and cultures come to find each other and be good friends.

He has done the AIDS Lifecycle from San Francisco to Los Angeles 3 times as a rider. He volunteers at the LA Gay & Lesbian Center and has worked for them in the Youth Services department.

He is very excited about this amazing year. He hopes to do something positive for the community as the Titleholder, Mr. Bullet Leather.



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James Stuart Mr. Sister Leather 2011

James Stuart - Mister Sister Leather 2011

James' first leather experience occurred after walking into a leather bar (The Iron Spur) in Garden Grove in 1977. After being mentored by a man in his fifties during the late 70's he took a sabbatical from the leather community to explore the broader gay experience. After slowly gravitating back to his roots, he met his current lover of 24 years, Michael, at a leather contest at Mike's Corral (now Pistons) in Long Beach. He's been involved in the community in various ways. Besides volunteering for a number of AIDS related charities, he was a co-founder of the Long Beach Teams Project, a board member of Rhinestone, a Country Western benefit for Padua House, and currently is on the board of the Long Beach Leather Pride Festival, as well as a member of the L.A. Queer Interfaith Clergy Council.





Alex Shepard Ashram Leather 2011

Alejandro Shepard was born in Mexico City, Mexico, and at age 4 his family moved to Norwalk Connecticut, after living 8 years in the US he obtained his residence, and moved back to Mexico City where he grew up as a teenager.

He started College with Graphic Design and Dramatic Art, and all his school years he took English and Spanish, so he can speak and translate both languages.

After 15 years of acting in Mexico City, he started a company of his own as a Certified Balloon Artist affiliated to Pioneer Balloon Co., the largest manufacturer of Latex, and foil balloons in the world.

With his creativity and the same ability as his father to sell anything in his hands... he first offered his services as an interpreter, and



then as a teacher/decorator and won "Designer of the Year in 1996" at the International convention. The company immediately took him under his wings and flew him around the world to more than 50 different countries, for 15 years (including Brazil, were he then learned Portugues). He translated the first Design manual book and 3 videos that the company offered to obtain a professional certification for the balloon industry.

After 10 years of working in Mexico City for his own company, Pioneer offered him to be sales manager for the Mexican Republic, but asked him to moved to the city of Puebla, Mexico. In his fifth year of living in Puebla (in one of his trips to Los Angeles), he escaped to Palm Springs for the weekend, and met the man of his life, where he then decided to leave everything behind and move to Los Angeles.

For "Alejandro Shepard" there are no barriers, 2 years ago he was diagnosed with early stages of Parkinson. To prove that nothing will stop him, he has worked extremely hard to be and look his best. No illness can put him down, he obtained his first goal as, Ashram West Leather 2011, he would like to share and demonstrate to everyone that anything is possible. You look the way you want to look physically, mentally and now spiritually! Dreams do come true, so be careful what you wish for...



Hans Kesser Oil Can Harry's Mister Leather 2011

Hans Kesser born and grew up in Bogota Colombia, this blue eyed Colombian immigrate to the country of the opportunities 20 years ago, always with a new dream in how to be part of the gay community In February the 20th 2011, I was honored to run for and win the title of Mr Oil Can Harry's this was an amazing experience from start to finish, there are so many people to thank for their hard work producing this contest, as well as helping me get ready for it.

There are a lot of people I need to thank for making this possible. From my partner Keith, Bob Tomasino OCH owner and his partner John Fanagan, to the production staff and judges. Without the hard work that each of you and the effort you put in, there would be no contest.



I need to thank all my friends who really encouraged me to do this and for their support!



Terry Leftgoff Mr. Leather Bear LA 2011

Terry is a free range musclebear who enjoys grazing many habitats. Terry knew he was a Leatherman when, as a young horseman, he had an unseemly attraction to tack, boots, rope and the men who used them. As a teenager he explored early Drummer contests and bars like the Brig in SF.

Terry is an LA native, born and raised. He has a special awareness and firsthand knowledge of Los Angeles and California gay and leather history and an appreciation for standing on the shoulders of those who came before us. Terry enjoys community building. And he loves surprising people by being against type.

Terry formerly served as the highest ranking openly gay elected officer of the California Democratic Party where he rewrote the platform plank on gay rights. Even then he



proudly appeared on Leather Pride floats at Pride parades alongside his then-partner, also a leatherman.

A longtime activist, Terry successfully fought for anti-discrimination ordinances, began an AIDS emergency fund and created a foundation to fund scholarships for gay students, many of whom face rejection due to their sexual orientation. He has volunteered at a variety of leather, bear and rodeo events. And he served on non-profit boards including Being Alive LA (not affiliated with Being Alive Long Beach), a gay business group and local neighborhood preservation groups.

A long-term HIV survivor for 28 years, Terry believes the life experience of survivors (all survivors) should be valued.

He says he wants to "get to know my tribe better and let my tribe get to know me better.



Marcus J. Hopkins Mr. Pistons Leather 2010

Marcus was elected to serve as the Communication Officer for the Los Angeles Band of Brothers in July of 2010, and was later appointed as the Events Committee Chairman shortly thereafter. Along with the other members of the Events and YARD Committee, Marcus was in charge of producing and promoting LABB-sponsored events.

Marcus currently resides in Santa Clarita, CA, with his partner, J.R. (Mr. Sanctuary Leather 2008) and their pets, Topanga and Gremlin Reaper. He maintains an apartment in Long Beach, CA, with his best-friend of ten years. He is currently pursuing a degree in Health Communication and continuing his career in HIV/AIDS Advocacy. He is delighted to be granted such an amazing opportunity to interact with and contribute to his new found community, and is looking forward to spending his title year getting to know and love his new surroundings, family, and friends.





Chewy Mr. Ashram West Leather 2010

Chewy was born on 4th July 1972 and grew up in Alexandria, Louisiana. He was raised in a Cajun, right-wing way of life. At an early age Chewy knew he was different from his kinfolk. But no matter how different he was, or how hard his life was, his Grandmother was always there to love him. Chewy's Grandmother died in 1991.

Chewy moved to Houston, Texas in 1992, and that is where he was first collared and owned. Sadly, Chewy took the dark path of addiction. Chewy moved on to San Francisco in 1996 and found the leather lifestyle he wanted. He was taught the art of Boot Blacking by "Driller," and was an apprentice until opening his own Boot Black stand at the Power House. After 11 years Chewy found himself homeless, friendless and hopeless due to addiction.

Chewy has always been a fighter, and has just celebrated 10 years of addiction FREE living. Chewy has turned his life around, and is a respected member of

the leather community. Chewy has worked with non-profit organization in San Francisco and San Jose for years.

Master RED found Chewy in 2007. Master RED collared chewy in July 2008 and Master RED moved Chewy from San Jose to Long Beach October 2008. In July 2009 Master RED and Chewy opened "RED Chewy's Boot Black" and Chewy is now the resident Boot Black at Pistons Bar in Long Beach, CA.

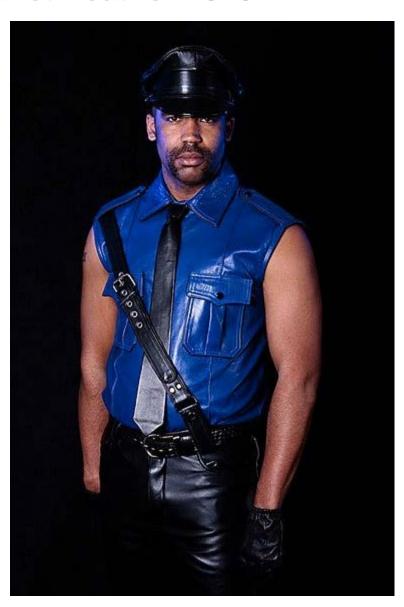
Mamas Chewy (<u>mamasfamily.org</u>) Runner up Mr.Pistons Leather 2010



Lloyd MacDonald Mr. Bullet Leather 2010

A Los angeles native, masseur, aspiring writer and a free spirit.

Into working out and athletics. Fetishes include water sports, impact play, role play, uniforms, tattoos, and muscle worship, voyeurism, exhibition, sensory deprivation and an interest in fisting. He loves boxing and kickboxing. He has a love for science fiction and fantasy genres and is known to have a very overactive imagination and libido.





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Tom Pardoe Eagle LA Mr. Leather 2010

Tom has been sniffing around the Leather Community since 1983 in Chicago but two years ago when Charlie and Hunter asked him to dance for them at the Eagle's MEAT RACK, everything started to change. Tom's leather roots are beginning to take flight and he is honored to represent. For 7 years Tom has been the producer/director for Aid For AIDS' most successful fundraiser, raising well over one million dollars for the organization, now in its 26th year. He is a member of the LA Band of Brothers, the Anvil Club, Broadway Cares/Equity Fights Aids, and is coming up on 17 years of continuous recovery. Tom wants to thank you for encouraging him to live outside the box. Now lets do this!





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Russ Coleman Mr. Sanctuary 2010

Russ found his love of leather at the age of six while hanging out with the ranch hands on his grandfather's farm. The smell of the stables, the men, and the leather was intoxicating. He is a twenty-year entertainment industry executive, the founder of Proof Positive, the winner of the Humanitarian of the Year award from Samaritan Village, the Producer of the 2007 Best Documentary award winner at Outfest, and the father of four.





Greg Oaglin Mr. Oil Can Harry's 2010

Greg Oaglin was born and raised in Kona, Hawaii.

"I was one of the few white kids, though we were all minorities there."

After graduating from the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, MN after 5 years with 3 BS degrees in Physics, Math, and Electrical Engineering, Greg worked for a year at Los Alamos National Lab. He is currently pursuing a PhD in Physics at California Institute of Technology.

Greg spends way too much time line dancing at Oil Can Harry's, and is a demo bottom regularly at Mickey's.





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Class of 2000 Wednesday, March 15, 2000 Jeff Wacha Mr. LA Leather 2000

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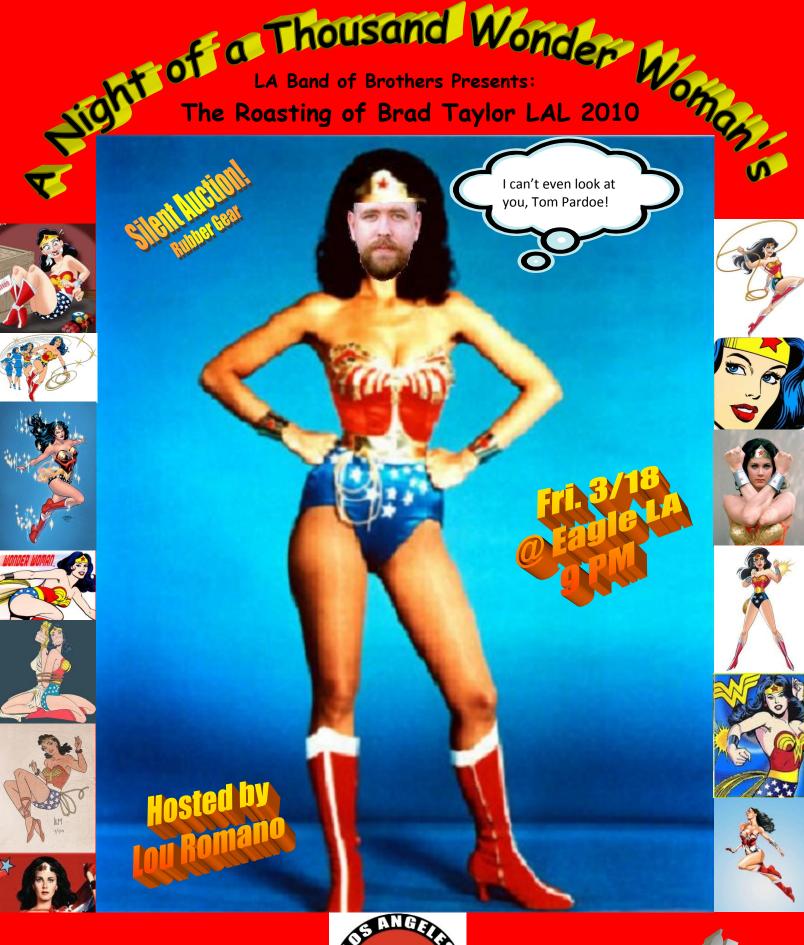


1999 Monday, March 15, 1999 Mr. LA Leather 1975-2000

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Gear Night @ Eagle

Super Hero Fetish Encouraged



Benefiting LABB w/ portions supporting LAL Travel Funds



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Titleholder Bootcamp



Titleholder Bootcamp Saturday, January 22, 2011

Sat, 1/22/11 2:00pm - 5:00pm

Photos of Event by Jay Lawton

Event web site:

http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=190957430918580

Venue:

Tom of Finland Museum

Location:

@ Tom House - The Tom of Finland Museum 1421 Laveta Terrace Los Angeles, CA 90026

This event is for anyone who is interested in running for a leather title, as well as for those who have already won a qualifying title, but want more insight and guidance prior to their next contest.

The Los Angeles leather community has a rich and vibrant

history that spans over 50 years, and titleholders play an important role in continuing, redefining, and passing on these traditions not only in the L.A. area, but around the country and the world.

This forum is designed to help answer questions that surround leather contests (for example: "Do I have to go bankrupt buying new leather to compete in this contest?"), as well as provide an open forum for those seeking mentorship, guidance, or opportunities for leadership.

In addition, anyone wishing to compete in Mr. Los Angeles Leather-qualifying contests (that have not occurred by January 22nd) will be able to fill out an application for the contest of their choosing, and learn a bit more about the history surrounding each of these leather titles.

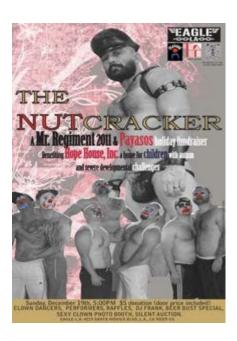
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The Nutcracker



The Nutcracker Sunday, December 19, 2010

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Location: EagleLA, California

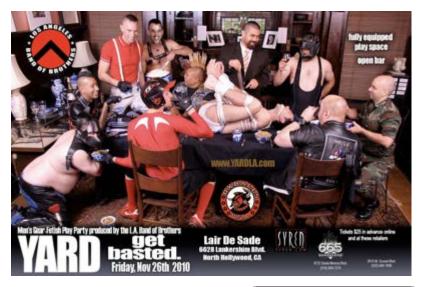
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YARD IV



Countdown to play time!



YARD IV

Friday, November 26, 2010

AN OFFICIAL LA BAND OF BROTHERS EVENT

L.A. Band of Brothers Announces YARD IV - Get Basted

YARD IV - Get Basted will be held on Friday, November 26th, 2010 in North Hollywood, CA. YARD Party is a menonly fetish gear and play party event that saw its inception in November 2008. This will be the fourth invocation of YARD Party, the last of which was held in July of this year.

"YARD Party has been a welcomed change of pace for the city of L.A.," said Marcus Hopkins Communication Officer and Events Committee Chairman. "We have an excellent mix of different types of men from all walks of life and fetish interests at YARD. We specifically don't cater to just one fetish, but are dedicated to providing our guests with a wide variety of options to suit every interest."

YARD IV follows on the heels of two important milestones for the L.A. Band of Brothers:

On August 28th, 2010, they officially inducted a new Board of Directors into office. Headed by President, Louie Pacheco Saenz (Mr. CSW Leather 2010/2011, American Leatherman 2010), this is the first officially elected Board since the organization drafted and ratified its By-Laws, and incorporated with the State of California. Rounding out the Board are Vice-President, Alex Lindsay (Mr. Regiment 2009, American Leatherman 2009), Secretary, Billy Nakasaki (Mr. Sister Leather 2009), Treasurer, Daddy Don Anspauch, Jr. (Mr. Gauntlet II 2002, Mr. L.A. Leather 2002), and Communication Officer, Marcus Hopkins (Mr. Pistons Leather 2010).

More recently, the L.A. Band of Brothers was proud to present The Bondage County Fair, on September 11th, 2010. This unique fundraiser was a take on the traditional Midwestern county fairs of the 20th Century with a BDSM-theme, and included carnival games, a human steer roping contest, raffle prizes, and carnival food. The event also saw the premiere of the new artwork for YARD IV - Get Basted. The Bondage County Fair was held at Pistons Bar in Long Beach, CA, and was a rousing success, with a portion of the proceeds benefiting the Long Beach AIDS Foundation.

"We are hoping to make this fantastic event an annual fundraiser for our organization," said Louie Pacheco, President. "Our primary goal with any event that we present is to ensure that our guests are having a great time, and once again, we have met and exceeded that expectation. Robert and Koby (owners) have always been incredibly accommodating in allowing us the use of their bar for our events, and aside from the giant mess we made with all the hay, I look forward to continuing our working relationship with them over the course of the next year."

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Whiteboys vs Latins



Whitboys VS Latins

Saturday, October 16, 2010

Producer: Manuel Ramirez, Mr. LA Leather Bear 2010 Location: Bullet Bar, North Hollywood, California

Benefiting the Tom of Finland Foundation

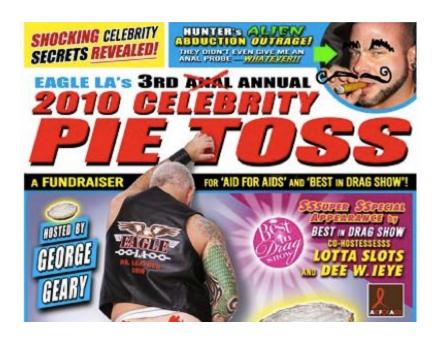
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Pie Toss



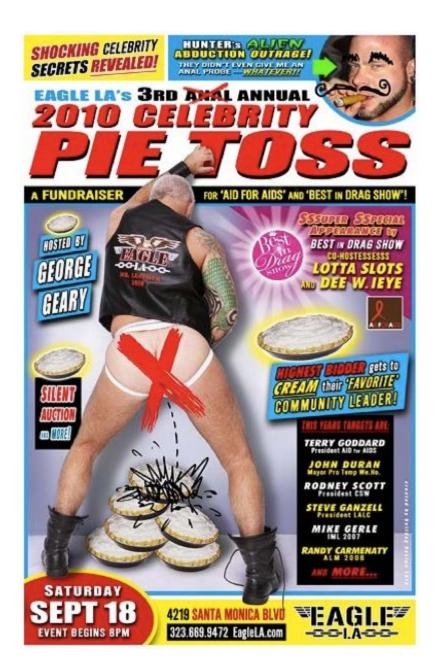
Pie Toss

Saturday, September 18, 2010

Producer: Tom Pardoe

Location: Eagle LA, Los Angeles, California

Benefiting: Aid For AIDS



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Bondage County Fair



Bondage County Fair
Saturday, September 11, 2010
AN OFFICIAL LA BAND OF BROTHERS EVENT

Producer: Marcus Hopkins, Mr. Pistons Leather 2010 Location: Piston's Bar in Long Beach California

Benefiting: LA Band of Brothers & Long Beach AIDS Foundation

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LABB President Receives Award



L.A. Band of Brothers President Receives Award

Sunday, August 15, 2010

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

L.A. Band of Brothers President Receives Award Sunday, August 15th, 2010 Los Angeles, CA

On Saturday, August 14th, Louie Pacheco Saenz, the newly elected President of the Los Angeles Band of Brothers, was presented with The Gio Micu Award at the International Olympus Leather 2010 contest. The award is in recognition of his "inspiration and contributions to the Leather, BDSM, and Fetish Communities." The award was presented at the end of Saturday night's contest, and is one of the many accolades and honors Mr. Pacheco has received over the past year.

Louie Pacheco was chosen as Mr. Christopher Street West Leather 2010 in June of 2009, and has since continued to be a driving force for progress, unity, and change within the leather, BDSM, and fetish communities, as well as within the greater LGBT community. He was named 1st runner up at the 2010 Los Angeles Leather contest in March of 2010, was elected as the first president of the Los Angeles Band of Brothers in July, and shortly thereafter was named American Leatherman 2010 at American Brotherhood Weekend in Chicago. In recognition of his service not only within the Los

Angeles community, but as a representative on a national scale, Mr. Pacheco was asked to continue his role with CSW as the acting Mr. CSW Leather 2011.

"As always, Louie, you are a reminder of how titleholders can make a difference," said Brad Taylor, the reigning Mr. Los Angeles Leather 2010. "You continue to inspire me and I am proud to call you Brother!"

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