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T H E
**NATIONAL
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 S E A T T L E

**FIRST
 LINK**

BOARD IN BRIEF

NLA CALENDAR

The December meeting of the Board proceeded through the normal run of monthly business with little bloodshed and only minor battles.

Primary concern was directed toward the planning of the event for March 31st. Originally planned as a major event with a dinner, workshops, and play time, it was felt necessary to rescale in a more modest manner. The event, most likely to be held at Horizon Manner in Lynnwood looks to be for couples (or 3's), will perhaps include a demonstration or two, will still include dinner and play opportunity, and should be about \$35.00 per couple. The location greatly excited the board for future opportunities.

MAY DAY planning is advancing with workshops under consideration, sites being investigated, and Vik is anxiously looking for assisting persons to chair various committees. MAY DAY is Seattle's biggest single fundraiser of the year and has great potential but publicity needs to get out soon.

The Children's Christmas was most successful with about 20 children participating and receiving gifts.

BLACK HEARTS this year will be held in TACOMA! The Board strongly supported holding the event in Tacoma at the 24th Street Tavern from 8PM to 2AM, \$5.00 members and \$6.00 for others. If we are to be Washington State then it was felt more activity should happen outside Seattle proper.

A planning committee will meet on Jan 7th, 3 PM (Saturday) at Betty Kay's home (632-5485) for work on the March event.

The January Board meeting will be on the 2nd Sunday, January 8th 5 PM at Jan Lyon's (784-5972). All members are welcome.

Finally, NLA: SEATTLE (or Washington) now has it's own address:
 P. O. Box 20674
 Seattle, WA 98102

****DECEMBER, 1988****

- 22,29 LEATHER NIGHT SEATTLE Sparks
- 23,30 NLA NIGHT SEATTLE:Eagle

****JANUARY, 1989****

- 7 NLA:SEATTLE SEATTLE
Event Plan Mtg 3PM
- 8 NLA:BC VANCOUVER
Board Meeting 7 PM VGLC
Carnival with Knights
- 10 Deadline FIRST LINK III:1
- 15 NLA:SEATTLE SEATTLE
Board Meeting 5PM

****FEBRUARY, 1989****

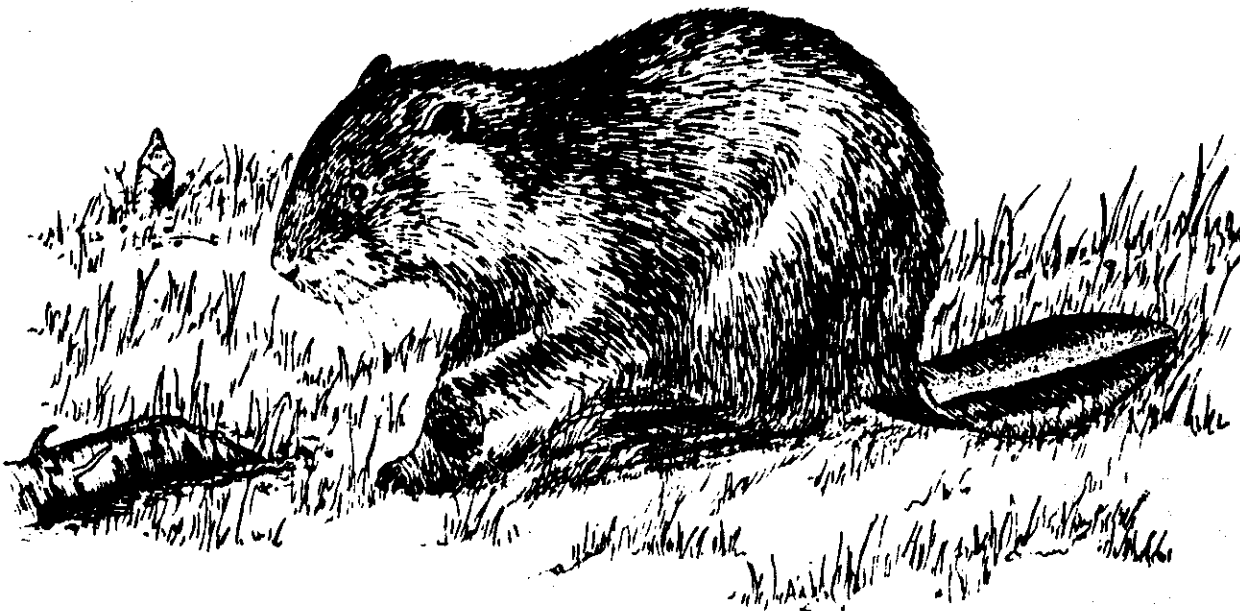
- 4 NLA:SEATTLE SEATTLE
Black Heart's Ball
- 10 Deadline FIRST LINK III:2
- 12 NLA:BC VANCOUVER
Board Meeting 7 PM VGLC
- 19 NLA:SEATTLE SEATTLE
Board Meeting 5PM

****MARCH, 1989****

- 4 NLA:SEATTLE SEATTLE
Formal Dinner & Ball
- 10 Deadline FIRST LINK III:3
- 12 NLA:BC VANCOUVER
Board Meeting 7 PM VGLC
- 18 NLA:SEATTLE SEATTLE
IMSL Regional Sendoff
- 19 NLA:SEATTLE SEATTLE
Board Meeting 5PM

****APRIL, 1989****

- 2 NLA:SEATTLE SEATTLE
Rocky Horror Pic Show Party
- 9 NLA:BC VANCOUVER
Board Meeting 7 PM VGLC
- 10 Deadline FIRST LINK III:4
- 16 NLA:SEATTLE SEATTLE
Board Meeting 5PM
- 28-30 NLA:SEATTLE SEATTLE
MAY DAY III
- 28-30 NLA SEATTLE
N.A.C. Meetings



NEW STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:

*To establish and maintain a National/worldwide communication, information, education and support network for sisters and brothers of the Leather/ SM/fetish community.

*To promote with power and pride the right of all adults to engage in Safe/ Sane/ and Consensual sexual expression.

*To increase communication and understanding among women and men in leather/SM.

*Political activism, visibility, and education to destroy stereotypes, misconceptions, and media misrepresentation about the Leather/SM/fetish family in the community at large.

*To provide, through our publications, educational material, and "LIVING IN LEATHER" conferences, a forum for the sharing of knowledge, viewpoints, and practices from a diverse network of women and men.

*To build, strengthen, and defend individuals, organizations, publications, and businesses within our community, especially against threats to their freedom of expression, freedom of the press, their right to free association, and their right to equal protection under the law.

*To develop outreach to women, people of color, transgenderals, the deaf, the physically challenged, and other minorities who have traditionally been discriminated against or poorly represented in the Leather/SM/fetish community.

*Fundraising for deserving projects, clubs, organizations, defense funds, and/or charities which have given direct service to the Leather/SM/fetish community.

*To fight for decriminilization of all sexual acts between consenting adults.

*To preserve a record of our history, traditions, and culture.

PLANNING COMMITTEE BEING FORMED FOR APRIL 1ST COUPLES EVENT

The November 20 Board Meeting of the Seattle Chapter of the NLA gave its blessings to a proposal for a "couples and menages" workshop and mixed dungeon party to be held Saturday night April 1st. It is hoped that the workshop will be led by a dynamite SM-community speaker from California (to be announced), that the mixed dungeon party will be at the Boxing Club, and about 30 couples - lesbian, gay and hetero - will attend. This event will be easy and fun to organize. The planning committee for the event has its first meeting Saturday, January 7th, at 3pm. It will probably only meet one more time. All members of NLA are welcome. For more information call 206-632-5485 or 206-438-2216. -Steve Gabosch

OCTOBER MAIL VOTE

The ballots have been received; the tallies have been compiled; and all of the measures on the mail ballots which were sent to all members in October have passed, overwhelmingly. This means that the new statement of purpose, printed elsewhere in this newsletter, is now in effect, and that the National Advisory Council is hereby ratified, along with appropriate guidelines and timelines. Thank you for responding to the vote; the response was really quite good.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

We are including in this issue of FIRST LINK membership forms for all members whose dues expire in January and February, 1989. All members with dues expiring in previous months will have received notices in the previous issue. If your dues expired in October or November, this will be YOUR LAST FIRST LINK until a renewal form is received. If you belong to NLA:BC, expect some grace on this deadline; please renew with NLA:BC. All other members should send their renewal forms and \$25 dues (\$50 dues for Commercial Affiliates) to NATIONAL LEATHER ASSOCIATION, P.O.BOX 17463, SEATTLE, WA., 98107. Soon, we expect NLA:SEATTLE and NLA:PORTLAND to have their own addresses.

It is easy to determine from your mailing label exactly when your dues expire: the first 4 digits at the top of the label express the date (year first, followed by month). Thus, if your digits read "89.06" your dues will expire on June 1, 1989. Please renew in a timely manner. Thank you.

N.L.A.:PORTLAND

Portland, Oregon, is now organizing to become the third chapter of the NATIONAL LEATHER ASSOCIATION. General elections are scheduled for January, 1989. If you are interested in becoming a member of NLA: PORTLAND, please contact them at P.O.Box 3781, Portland, Oregon, 97208. This issue is being mailed to all individuals from Oregon on our mailing list.

EDITOR'S EDIT

Perhaps you noticed the strange publication number for this issue (II:13). No, we really haven't added a 13th month to the year. In order to bring First Link into normal chronology (we've been a little early for the last 2 years), there will be a 13th issue to volume II. Unless something really strange happens, this should be the only time this is necessary.

ADDRESS CHANGES

The majority of your FIRST LINKS are mailed at the 16.7 cent bulk rate. However, if the address has changed or is wrong, the LINK is returned to us, for a charge of 25 cents. We then have to correct the address, and remail the LINK at the first class 25 cent rate. Please help us save the extra time and expense by mailing us your address changes, to NLA, POB 17463, Seattle, WA, 98107. Those of you who are chapter members should also inform your Chapter Secretary of your new address. Thank you.....W.G.

REMEMBER NLA AFFILIATES

The NLA is extremely proud to have 21 affiliate members (organizations and commercial enterprises), as well as its national members and its chapters. We are always anxious to help, and are especially happy to publicize your events. If your organization is planning an event, please let us know as far in advance of it as possible, so that we have time to enter it in our calendar and, if possible, give some space to it. Press deadline for the FIRST LINK is the 10th of each month; after that date, we set up and



A NEW AFFILIATE

With considerable pride, the NLA announces its newest affiliate, MR. S. PRODUCTS INC. (MR. S. LEATHERS) of 1779 Folsom St., San Francisco. Mr. Alan Selby, the President, has been a good friend to the NLA from the beginning; we have all enjoyed his booths and appreciated his workshops at all three Living in Leather Conferences. Welcome to the NLA, Mr. S.!!

lay out our publication. Usually, it is delivered to the printers by the 17th or so, and goes into the mail by the 24th of the month. Obviously, we need a certain amount of advance notice to get your activities into print. Please help us to help you.

We include here a list of all current NLA affiliates. Anyone who will be traveling to a city where one of our affiliates is located should feel free to contact them for current information on activities, runs, etc. Please patronize our commercial affiliates for goods and services.

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P.O.BOX 48577, BENFALL #3
VANCOUVER,B.C. CANADA V7X-1AE | BRIAR ROSE
POB 44
WESTERVILLE, OH 43081 | LEATHER JOURNAL
7985 SANTA MONICA BLVD, #109-368
WEST HOLLYWOOD, CA 90046 |
| LEATHERMASTERS, INC.
4655 HOLLY BLVD, STE. 269
LOS ANGELES, CA 90027 | LION REGIMENT
POB 44123
BOISE, ID. 83711 | OUTCASTS
POB 31266
SAN FRANCISCO, CA. 94131 |
| THE STOCKADE
POB 822
FORNEY, TX. 75126 | STORMY LEATHER
2339 3RD ST., #50
SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94107 | INTERNATIONAL MS. LEATHER
POB 146504
SAN FRANCISCO, CA. 94114 |
| MACK'S LEATHERS
1234 GRANVILLE ST.
VANCOUVER,B.C. CANADA V6Z-1N5 | OKLAHOMA LINEMEN
POB 4239
OKLAHOMA CITY,OK 73123 | TRADESMEN, INC.
POB 36712
CHARLOTTE, NC 28204 |
| HARBOR MASTERS
POB 4144, STATION A
PORTLAND, ME. 04101 | L.S.M.
P.O.B.993,MURRAY HILL STN.
NEW YORK CITY, NY 10156 | PORTLAND POWER AND TRUST
POB 3781
PORTLAND, OR 97208 |
| CORNSHAULERS L & L CLUB
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DES MOINES, IA 50309 | SHELIX
P.O.B. 416, FLORENCE STN.
NORTHAMPTON, MA 01060 | KNIGHTS D'ORLEANS
P.O.BOX 50812
NEW ORLEANS, LA 70150 |
| SEATTLE DUNGEON GUILD
P.O.B. 21911
SEATTLE, WA. 98111 | MR. S. PRODUCTS, INC.
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SAN FRANCISCO, CA. 94503 | FIFTEEN ASSOCIATION
POB 421302
SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94142-1302 |

NATIONAL

DECEMBER, 1988

25 FIREDANCERS DALLAS
Beer Bust 5-9 Trestle
27 FFA--TAMPA TAMPA,FL
Meeting
29 SO.BAY LEATHER/UNIFORM SAN JOSE
Event 641 Club
29 Leather Night Sparks SEATTLE
30 VASM VANCOUVER,BC
Pub Night 9PM Mr. T's
30 ADVENTURERS SUN COAST ST.PETRSBRG
Bar Night/New Year's party
30-Jan.2 PHILADELPHIANS MC PHILADEL.
Tri-Cen VI Run
30 OUTER LIMITS SEATTLE,WA
1st Annual Fetish Ball Sparks
Women Only. \$8 member/\$10 non-
31 PEP--NEW MEXICO ALBUQUERQUE
8pm-1am New Year's party
31 RURALS MC ROERMOND
Club Night Sjinderhannes
31 TWO WHEELERS OF OMAHA OMAHA,NB
Pig Out Buffet Diamond Bar

JANUARY, 1989

1 BRANDING IRON DALLAS
Beer Bust 5-9PM Trestle
2 LFRR:ESSEN ESSEN,GER
Club Night Go-In
* 7 CORNHAULERS LL CLUB DES MOINES
Beer Bust 10:30 PM Blazine Sdle
7 T-BOLTS WESTPORT,CT
Bar Night Brook
7 SIGMA WASH,DC
Party 9PM G.C.C.
7 LOGE 70 ZURICH,SWITZ
Club Night Barfusser
7 PEP--NEW MEXICO ALBUQUERQUE
Party 8pm - 1 am Pep House
7 WOMENS ENSEMBLE SEATTLE
Abused Deaf Women's Advocacy
Service 8PM \$10 Kane Hall
8 NLA:BC VANCOUVER,BC
Carnival
9 VASM VANCOUVER,BC
Board Mtng 7:30 G.L.C.
Gnrl Mtng 9 PM G.L.C.
10 SOMANDROS L.A.
Monthly Meeting
10 S M Discussion Group SEATTLE
Lesbian Only
11 DREIZEHN CAMBRIDGE,MA
Meeting Paradise
11 GMSMA N.Y.C.
Meeting:Bondage Fashion Center

13 GMSMA N.Y.C.
Workshop:Tit Torture Paddles
Members Only Dungeon
13-15 CENTAUR M.C. WASH.D.C.
Leather Weekend/Mr.Mid-
Atlantic Leatherman Contest
14 PEP--NEW MEXICO ALBUQUERQUE
Party 8pm - 1 am Pep House
14 LEATHERWOMAN PROD. PORTLAND,OR
Portland Lthrowman Embers-Upst.
14 Ms.Gt.Lakes Leather DETROIT
Eagle
14 RURALS MC ROERMOND
Club Night Sjinderhannes
15 GMSMA N.Y.C.
Anniversary 8 Dinner
16 LFRR:ESSEN ESSEN,GER
Stammtisch Go-In
18 GMSMA N.Y.C.
Board Meeting
20 Ms.S.F.Laether S.F.
Kennel Club
21 PEP--NEW MEXICO ALBUQUERQUE
Party 8pm - 1 am Pep House
21 III VLC SPRINGFIELD,MA
Bar Night Quarry
23 VASM VANCOUVER,BC
By-Elections 7:30PM V.G.L.C.
24 S M Discussion Group SEATTLE
Lesbian Only
25 AVATAR LOS ANGELES
SM 101 Program
25 GMSMA N.Y.C.
Meeting:Novices Center
27 FFA--TAMPA TAMPA,FL
Meeting
* 27 BOOTS VANCOUVER,BC
Pub Night Ms.T's
28 PEP--NEW MEXICO ALBUQUERQUE
Party 8pm - 1 am Pep House
28 VASM VANCOUVER,BC
Demo Night
* 28 CORNHAULERS L/L CLUB DES MOINES
Mr.Gay Iowa Saddle
28 RURALS MC ROERMOND
Club Night Sjinderhannes
28 HARTFORD COLTS HARTFORD,CT
Uniform/Leather Nite Bearristers
29 VASM VANCOUVER,BC
Board Meeting

FEBRUARY, 1989

* 3 KNIGHTS D'ORLEANS NEW ORLEANS
Mardi Gras Hospitality
4 NLA:SEATTLE SEATTLE
Black Hearts Ball

4 LOGE 70 ZURICH,SWITZ
Club Night Barfusser
4 MS PANTHER COLOGNE,GER
"Night in Venice"
6 LFRR:ESSEN ESSEN,GER
Club Night Go-In
8 GMSMA N.Y.C.
Staying Together Center
10 GMSMA N.Y.C.
Novices Seminar
11 RURALS MC ROERMOND
Club Night Sjinderhannes
11-12 COSMOS WASH.,D.C.
Founding Delegates Mtng.
12 SOMANDROS L.A.
Officer Installation
(Members Only)
15 GMSMA N.Y.C.
Board Meeting Center
17-19 BLACK GUARD MINNEAPOLIS
Black Frost '89
* 19 FIFTEEN S.F.
9th Anniv.
22 GMSMA N.Y.C.
Quiz:S/M I.Q. Center
24 VASM VANCOUVER,BC
Pub Night Ms.T's
25 RURALS MC ROERMOND
Club Night Sjinderhannes
25 VASM VANCOUVER,BC
Demo Night
26 VASM VANCOUVER,BC
Board Meeting

MARCH, 1989

3-5 SOMANDROS L.A.
Desert Captive Run Michaels
Palm Springs
4 NLA:SEATTLE SEATTLE
Formal Dinner/Ball
4 GMSMA N.Y.C.
Member Only Dungeon Paddles
8 GMSMA N.Y.C.
Flog/Whip Demos Paddles
10 GMSMA N.Y.C.
Workshop:Spank/Flog
15 GMSMA N.Y.C.
Board Meeting
18 NLA:SEATTLE SEATTLE
INSL Regional Sendoff
22 GMSMA N.Y.C.
S/M Erotic Art Center
* 23-26 INTL.MS.LEATHER S.F.
I.K.S.L.Weekend
* 25 INTL.MS.LEATHER S.F.
Intl.Ms.Laether Contest
31 VASM VANCOUVER,BC
Bar Night Ms.T's

APRIL, 1989

1 VASM VANCOUVER,BC
Demo Night
2 NLA:SEATTLE SEATTLE
Rocky Horror Picture
Show Party
2 VASM VANCOUVER,BC
Board Meeting
12 GMSMA N.Y.C.
Meeting:Shaving Paddles
14 GMSMA N.Y.C.
Workshop:Shaving
19 GMSMA N.Y.C.
Board Meeting
26 GMSMA N.Y.C.
Meeting/Uniforms Center
28 VASM VANCOUVER,BC
Bar Night Ms.T's
28-30 NLA:SEATTLE SEATTLE
May Day III/Mr.& Ms.
NLA Contest
28-30 NLA SEATTLE
N.A.C. Meetings
29 VASM VANCOUVER,BC
Demo Night
29 GMSMA N.Y.C.
Dungeon Demo Paddles
30 VASM VANCOUVER,BC
Board Meeting

MAY, 1989

10 GMSMA N.Y.C.
Meeting:SM & the Law Center
12 GMSMA N.Y.C.
Workshop:Basic Bondage
14 GMSMA N.Y.C.
Blacksmith Tour
17 GMSMA N.Y.C.
Board Meeting
20 NLA:SEATTLE SEATTLE
INL Regional Sendoff
24 GMSMA N.Y.C.
Meeting:Pain/Power/ Center
Limits
26 VASM VANCOUVER,BC
Bar Night Ms.T's
27 VASM VANCOUVER,BC
Demo Night
28 VASM VANCOUVER,BC
Board Meeting

CALENDAR

JUNE, 1989

9-11 TWO WHEELERS OF OMAHA,NB
5th Anniversary
10-11 THUNDERBOLTS WESTPORT,CT
Cruising with the T-Bolts
CT River Cruise
14 GMSMA N.Y.C.
Elections Center
18 NLA:SEATTLE SEATTLE
Pride Festival
18 GMSMA N.Y.C.
Pride Night
21 GMSMA N.Y.C.
Board Dinner
23 VASM VANCOUVER,BC
Bar Night Ms.T's
24 NLA:SEATTLE SEATTLE
Pride Party
24 VASM VANCOUVER,BC
Demo Night
25 NLA:SEATTLE SEATTLE
Pride Parade
25 VASM VANCOUVER,BC
Board Meeting
28 GMSMA N.Y.C.
Meeting:Bondage Paddles

JULY, 1989

8 GMSMA N.Y.C.
Picnic Hauska Hse
SEATTLE
16 NLA:SEATTLE SEATTLE
Auction
18-20 GMSMA N.Y.C.
Board Retreat
21 VASM VANCOUVER,BC
Bar Night Ms.T's
22 Mr.B.C.Drummer Contest VANC.,BC
8 PM Ms.T's
23 VASM VANCOUVER,BC
Board Meeting
28-31 NLA:BC VANCOUVER
Pride Weekend/Mr.& Ms.
Vancouver Leather Contest

AUGUST

19 NLA:SEATTLE SEATTLE
All-City Picnic
25 VASM VANCOUVER,BC
Bar Night Ms.T's
26 VASM VANCOUVER,BC
Demo Night
27 VASM VANCOUVER,BC
Board Meeting

SEPTEMBER

22 VASM VANCOUVER,BC
Bar Night Ms.T's
23 VASM VANCOUVER,BC
Demo Night
24 VASM VANCOUVER,BC
Board Meeting

OCTOBER

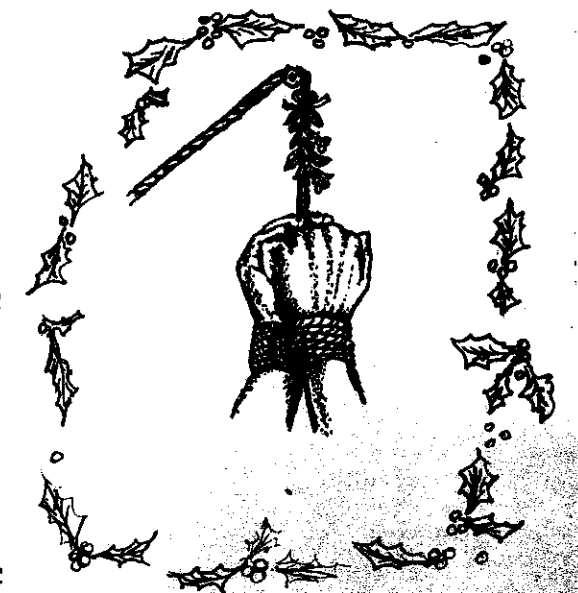
* 6-8 KNIGHTS D'ORLEANS NEW ORLEANS
Anniv.15
6-9 NLA SEATTLE
Living in Leather IV
28 NLA:BC VANCOUVER
Fetish & Fantasy Ball

NOVEMBER

12 NLA:SEATTLE SEATTLE
General Membership Mtng.

DECEMBER

10 NLA:SEATTLE SEATTLE
Toyland Express/Toys
for Tots
17 NLA:SEATTLE SEATTLE
NLA Childrens' Party



DON'T HANG UNDER THE MISTLETOE
WITH ANYONE ELSE BUT ME

L.A. JANUS

(from the L.A. JANUS Newsletter--by ROSE)

For the last four years Rand McNally has rated Seattle, Washington the number one recreational city in the country. If the editors had included the Seattle Leather Community, the city would top the charts as the KINK CAPITAL of the Western United States - due in large measure to the presence of the NATIONAL LEATHER ASSOCIATION.

"Living in Leather III" was a weekend filled with educational workshops; panel discussions; an SM art show; an erotic fashion show; demonstrations; an Exhibitor's Room bursting with toys, clothes and art; parties and great company. There was literally something going on twenty hours a day making it almost impossible to find time to sleep although that was last on my list of things to do.

Of course, the best idea would be to attend "Living in Leather IV" next year and experience the energy first hand, so to speak.

Beyond all the fun and excitement of the weekend, some major business was accomplished at the joint SSCA/NLA meeting held on Monday. The NLA enacted [ed note: subject to ratification by a mail vote of the members] a far-reaching change in their original stated purpose: to the promotion of all men and women in the Leather lifestyle. By being so all-inclusive, the NLA has the opportunity to become the cohesive force to bring together people who share a common bond that goes deeper than a particular gender-preference or sexual orientation.

Because LA Janus supports this newly expanded purpose, the LA Janus October Business Meeting unanimously voted to become an affiliate of the NATIONAL LEATHER ASSOCIATION. I personally look forward to a long, productive and stimulating relationship.

MACK MACKINNON MEMORIAL
(from the VASM "SCENE")

On Saturday, November 26th, 1988 a memorial service was held at Nelson Park at 2 p.m. in Vancouver, B.C. for Mack MacKinnon. Several groups were represented, Mack's Leathers, The National Leather Associations of B.C. and Seattle, V.A.S.M., P.W.A., Gay Pride Parade and the Gay Switch Board formed the honor guard.

Several friends were also in attendance to pay their respects. After a short ceremony, many of those in attendance, retired to Charlie's Lounge at the Heritage House Hotel, where some of Mack's Memorabilia was on display. Following that, many went to Mack's Leathers on Granville Street.

WOMENS' S/M DISCUSSION GROUP

A new SM Discussion group (for Lesbians) will be beginning January 10, in Seattle, Washington. It will meet every other Tuesday, from 7 to 9 PM. Call Alder for information, at 206-285-3726.

LETTER FROM ALDER

Dear NLA - Living in Leather III

Sorry this letter took so long but I wanted to write and thank you for the wonderful Conference you created.

I had so much fun and enjoyed being a part of the Conference in so many ways. It all has come a long, long way after a lot of hard work. It is something to be excited about and I look forward to being an active participant next year.

So - also most of all I want to thank all the members of the NLA and the Board for honoring me with the Community Award. I was totally caught off guard to be presented with such an honor and will never forget that moment. It is wonderful to be a part of the Seattle Community and the NLA and look forward to many more years.

Sincerely - Alder

V.A.S.M. INVITATION

The Board of Directors of V.A.S.M. would like to formally invite ALL N.L.A. members to attend our Pub Night on December 30th, 1988, at Ms. T's Cabaret, 339 West Pender St., Vancouver, B.C.

The theme will be "A Night in leather" and we felt it would be appropriate that we share this evening with our "Leather" Brothers and Sisters from the N.L.A.

The Pub Night commences at 9 p.m. V.A.S.M. looks forward to meeting with ALL N.L.A. members, and personally, it is my hope that we may do this on a more frequent basis.

We hope to see you on the 30th. The Board of Directors would like to wish all N.L.A. members a very happy holiday season and a very prosperous 1989.

James C. Leroux, Secretary, V.A.S.M.

From the URANIA Newsletter

Two weeks ago I went to Seattle for the National Leather Conference. It's taken me 2 weeks to recuperate... Anyone who is anyone in the S/M Community was there... I saw more leather that weekend than I've seen in a year... All in all, it was quite an experience. I find the West Coast-Seattle area S/M scene to be very active, creative, theatrical, liberal & out of the closet. There doesn't seem to be a separation between sex preference...so anyone want to move there with me?

SCRIBBLES

Seems strange to be doing this column and not be Secretary. But I must admit relief in having passed on the varied jobs and responsibilities to Jan Lyon's most capable hands. I've promised to give her a hand but it's time for some new approaches and I wish her the best.

Was most pleased by the number of toys in the box at the Eagle on the 11th and know more will be added on the 17th. I'm sure the Saturday party at Sparks will be great fun and the kids (& parents) will most appreciate our generosity at their party on Sunday the 18th.

I want to give credit to Honor (one of our recently-elected Board members) for some new graphics which we'll start using--perhaps in this issue.

Also my welcome to Mr. S Products of San Francisco as our newest affiliate member. Alan is most certainly the most famous leather/etc. retailer in the country and his AIDS support fundraising has received national recognition. Welcome to "Mr.S".

My boy & I are looking forward to a holiday vacation trip to the East including a quick trip to Boston and contacts with members of Dreizehn and a stop at the Ramrod. I fondly remember school years at B.U. with frequent trips to Herbie's (Ramrod) and the Stud (now unfortunately lost).

I also want to take the opportunity to wish that all our members, friends, and other community organizations enjoy the holiday season. We all look forward to a new year of both challenge and promise. I look to the many new areas where NLA is slowly expanding. I'm most interested by the possible birth of another large "Confederation" of Clubs under the name Cosmos. I hope this may be a unifying move for those groups who do not feel NLA meets the needs of their particular community. I'm challenged by maintaining our enthusiastic and effective working membership. We're all challenged by fundraising, both for our organizations, and more importantly for the increasing financial burden caused by AIDS within our community. Still, I'm encouraged. I just read of a new drug to replace AZT (it ain't much but it's all we got) which may perhaps be better. As many others, I hope this one will be right.

Finally--my thanks to all who have helped with preparation of this Trivial Tabloid through the last year. Allow me to drop some names--Bill S., Joe I., Jan L., Joe B., Jeff H., Spencer M., Dave R., C.R., John F., and of course my boy John. Finally acknowledgements to roommate Wayne G. for many MANY hours of computer work with labels and calendar. The year was good. Now on to '89 and Volume III.

SPARKS' OPEN DOOR CLOSÉS

In a manner quite common to the staff and management of SPARKS TAVERN, the evening of December 16th was another special benefit, this time for the NLA Children's Christmas Party. What was uncommon about the event was that this was also SPARKS' final business night for owner John Shearer and his lover Keith Hughes, who will be moving to Connecticut with the arrival of the new year.

Both have been very visible in the community and exceptionally generous with both their time and the facilities of their bar. NLA has held its General Meetings there, and numerous fundraising functions, always with active support by John and Keith. Both were among NLA's earliest members and most consistent workers. Both have served on the Board of Directors and Keith has been Vice President.

John assures that the well known "All are Welcome" policy of the bar will be maintained by the new owners.

Our best wishes to John and Keith. Their energy, enthusiasms, and dependability will be missed by the Seattle community.

OUTER LIMITS

"Outer Limits" and Leather Women's Night at Sparks Tavern in Seattle announce the 1st Annual Fetish Ball on Friday, December 30, from 9 PM to 1 AM. Donation is \$8 for members, \$10 for others. The Ball includes food, a no-host bar, a living food buffet, and prizes for the best fetish attire. This is a woman-only event.

FROM EUROPE

We receive notice from Westward Bound Ltd., 27 Old Gloucester St., London, WC1N 3XX, Great Britain of a new Bed/Breakfast/ & Dungeon venture in England's West Country. We have also received a copy of CERTAINTY MAGAZINE #2 (from Whiplash International, Amstel 190, 1017 AG, Amsterdam, Holland), a well-produced glossy contact and informational magazine. DER STIEFEL from Loge 70, Switzerland, has reprinted (in German) our recent article on Alan Selby day in San Francisco.

1989 CALENDAR

On Our Backs announces a new, glossy, lesbian erotic photo for 1989. It is available for \$12.95, from ON OUR BACKS, 526 Castro, San Francisco, CA, 94114. The promotional copy received by the NLA is well-executed, and lives up to its promises.