



# HPEP Newsletter

*December 2005*



*Houston's largest pan-sexual BDSM/Fetish organization. We are a social club support group open to anyone interested in BDSM and fetish-related and activities. <http://www.hpep.org/>*

*The HPEP Newsletter welcomes the contributions of all individuals and organizations within the Texas BDSM Community!*

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## Your HPEP Board is:

Brad ( Chairman)  
 Carole ( Volunteer coordinator)  
 Laura B ( Secretary)  
 Julie ( Treasurer)  
 Rene ( SIG Liaison)  
 Patrick  
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## Calendar

## December 2005

Date	Event	Time	Contact
Dec. 2nd	HPEP DOMinion & Subhaven	1 <sup>st</sup> Friday of the month 7:30 p.m. Subhaven temporarily on hiatus	<a href="mailto:subhaven@hpep.org">DOMinion subhaven@hpep.org</a>
Dec. 3rd	HPEP Regular Meeting & Fetish Night	1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month : Munch at Hollywood to be followed by play party at Club Earth ( see following announcement)	<a href="http://www.hpep.org">www.hpep.org</a>
Dec. 9th	The HPEP Polyamory SIG	2nd Friday of the month at 7:30 p.m.	<a href="#">Poly SIG</a>
Dec. 10th	HPEP Switch SIG-	2nd Saturday of each month at 7:00 p.m.	<a href="#">Switch SIG</a>
Dec. 11th	Bondage SIG	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month at 3:00 p.m.	<a href="mailto:ClintEman77380@Yahoo.com">ClintEman77380@Yahoo.com</a>
Dec. 14th	HPEP's H.E.L.L. [Reading / Movie S.I.G.]	7:00 p.m. every 2nd and 4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday Movies, and book discussion - snacks and socializing Movie TBA	<a href="#">Reading Circle</a>
Dec. 17th	Newcomer's Meeting	3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month at 7 p.m. at Los Tios on Westheimer near Gessner	<a href="#">Newcomers' Committee.</a>
Dec. 17th	HPEP Ageplay SIG	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sat. of each month at 1:00 p.m.	<a href="#">Ageplay SIG</a>
Dec. 18th	The ToyMakers SIG	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month 4:30 p.m.	<a href="#">ToyMakers SIG</a>
Dec. 24th	The D/s SIG	4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday of every month at 7:30 p.m.	<a href="#">D/s SIG</a>
Dec. 28th	HPEP's H.E.L.L. [Reading / Movie S.I.G.]	7:00 p.m. every 2nd and 4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday Movies, and book discussion - snacks and socializing Movie TBA	<a href="#">Reading Circle</a>

## Great New Venue for HPEP Meeting!

### My fellow HPEP'ers,

I am delighted and excited to announce that HPEP is back in what was formerly known as Club Chicago. Club Chicago is now known as Club Earth, but is the same building, which is located at 6305 Skyline Dr., Houston, TX. So for all you long time life-stylers who remember this great venue come out and enjoy the venue you so fondly remember; and for newcomers or relatively new folks, such as my self, come out and enjoy a place of legend in the local Houston BDSM scene.

We will still  
have the lovely munch at Hollywood Restaurant  
The munch is at Hollywood Resturant at 2409 Grant St  
Houston, TX 77006 at 6pm Sept 3rd.  
before heading over to Club Earth, which will open at  
8PM.

Our regular meetings such as the one to be held in October will have a \$5 cover but will be BYOB so that you can save money that way and set-ups will be available.

As to the location and parking, it isn't one of the nicest of neighborhoods in Houston but HPEP will have DM's in the parking lot as well as patrolling inside the club. These DM's are available to walk members to and from their cars and will be watching over everybody's vehicles.

We will also need help with the setting up and tearing down of equipment before and after the party. If anybody is interested in volunteering please speak to me or any other board member. Any and all help is greatly appreciated! ( There will be no equipment at the November meeting but play is allowed.)

Club Earth is being billed as an "after-hours" club so we will have to vacate the premises by mid-night, but any member wishing to stay may re-enter at the club's regular cover. The demographic the club is shooting for is off work strippers, bar tenders and alternative industry professionals who won't be surprised or taken aback by our activities. In other words it won't be mostly rave kids.

I would also like to publicly thank Aaron (of Aaron and Desi) for making this happen. If it were not for this great guy and long time scene member this would not of happened. So if you see him shake his hand and thank him.... Thanks Aaron!

Best Regards in Leather

Brad - A.K.A. pierced\_switch  
Chairman of the HPEP Board of Directors  
HPEP Switch SIG Leader

## **SIG News**

Switch SIG	Brad ( <a href="mailto:pierced_switch@yahoo.com">pierced_switch@yahoo.com</a> )
D/s SIG	Eric ( <a href="mailto:bigddy31@aol.com">bigddy31@aol.com</a> )
Bondage SIG	Gary ( <a href="mailto:clinteman77380@yahoo.com">clinteman77380@yahoo.com</a> )
Dominion	John ( <a href="mailto:sirjohn@scottishdom.net">sirjohn@scottishdom.net</a> )
SubHaven	
HELL	MWvixen ( <a href="mailto:mwvixen@swbell.net">mwvixen@swbell.net</a> )
Age Play	Scottie ( <a href="mailto:painslut_mr@yahoo.com">painslut_mr@yahoo.com</a> )
Toymakers SIG	Rene
PolySIG	Ryan ( <a href="mailto:dragonman3@houston.rr.com">dragonman3@houston.rr.com</a> )

**Coming in January 2006 – special announcement about HPEP's newest SIG,  
The Photo SIG !!!!!**

## **HPEP Bondage SIG**

Our meetings are on the second Sunday afternoon at 3:00 at Travis' house.

Our meetings have different themes and are hands on. We tie people up. We learn something. We socialize. Tops and bottoms always have a good time.

Mark your calendars and plan to join us for future meetings.

## **Ropes On the Road**

Prairie, a beautiful lady from Dallas, is organizing the first "Ropes on the Road" road trip to Austin in January. She is planning to organize a trip to visit us in Houston in March, with a trip to Dallas in late summer or early fall. I expect she'll also find a way to include a trip to the San Antonio group sometime during the year.

I've had the pleasure of meeting folks from Austin and Dallas here and in Dallas. It sure is fun meeting friendly new people with an interest in bondage and other kinky stuff. And, it's a great opportunity to learn from others, some who are real bondage experts.

If you can, mark your calendars and plan to make a road trip to Austin in January. Email Prairie so she knows how many are coming, and can make arrangements for us to stay at the same motel in Austin.

Her email address is " prairieribbon @ yahoo.com " (without the spaces).

This is the message Prairie posted on the Dallas egroup.

**The official Itinerary for January Ropes on the Road:**

The plan is for people to arrive as their own schedules allow prior to dinner time on Saturday. We are talking about staying at a motel on South Congress. There are lots of places to go and things to do on South Congress, things of a Vanilla natureâ€¦..things culinary and retail. For an overview of the motel and the area, go take a look at <http://www.austinmotel.com/neighborhood.html>

Saturday night, the plan is for us to go to the GWNN Play at the Secret Rural Location. If you have never been to a GWNN party, their website is : <http://www.gwnn.net/> The only way to gain access to a GWNN party is to be a member or the guest of a member. Arrangements are being made for us to get guest tickets for the GWNN party.

Sunday afternoon is Austin Ropes meeting from 3 until 6 p.m at the home of Senor Jaime. Bring your rope bags. The meetings are typically free-form and peer driven. For information about Austin Ropes, the Yahoo group is: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/AustinROPE/>

Again, contact me off-list to reserve your place for this event.

Best Wishes,  
prairie

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**Austin, January 21,22. GWNN Party Saturday night. Austin Ropes  
Sunday from 3-6.**

OK OK.....we need a body count. Who is going? Who has a place to stay in Austin and who will need a motel/hotel reservation? Contract me, off list (please re-read that.....OFF LIST)...

Contact me OFF LIST so we can begin the process of deciding what sort of hotel accomodation we need. I f we have enough people needing rooms, Sir Fluffy has indicated a willingness to negotiate a better Block Rate for us.

And, I promise I will check my kinky e-mail once a day until we get the arrangements made.

xoxoxox the prairie person

## **November Bondage SIG Report**

. We had a nice "Hands On" meeting. Ella and I shared our experiences and some things we learned at the Mark Yu seminar in Dallas. Both Ella and I reported that we have changed our play techniques for the better as a result of information we learned at that seminar.

We practiced tying several knots that don't slip. We probably spent most time on the Portuguese Bowline and the Fool's cuff - both very nice and useful knots. If you missed this meeting, there are good links in my previous post which teach you how to tie these knots.

Ella demonstrated the body harness she learned from Taipan and LadyGold. I demonstrated a weave technique I learned from a Lew Rubens Hogtied.com tutorial video to use in a chest harness. Neil and the rest of the group experimented with different techniques to hold a figure eight chest harness in place. Susan, Jake and Chris, each jumped in from time to time with astute comments on the structure of these non-slip knots with suggestions on how to tie them and participated in using them in various ties.

Special thanks go to our principle bottoms, Mark and Amber, who graciously allowed us to create the more involved ties on them. Amber - in addition to being a beautiful and willing bottom - quickly picked up the techniques to tie these knots, very capably tying them herself.

Thanks to all who participated and thanks to Travis and Mel for allowing us to have this SIG in their home.

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### **Here is a tentative schedule for some future bondage activities:**

First December weekend - Austin Ropecraft Symposium - Steve Indands' expanded weekend of presentations by world class instructors.

Second December weekend - Taipan and Lady Gold, bondage experts from Dallas will present tutorials and demonstrations on Suspensions and the Psychology of Bondage. This will be an expanded weekend of activities with a Saturday afternoon seminar at Rudyards, co-hosted with EROS, a Sunday brunch and our regular Sunday HPEP Bondage SIG.

December 11 - Taipan (from Dallas) will lead with Suspension demos and instructions.

**We are expanding December meeting into a weekend event.** Clay and Jean will also host our guest presenters at their Saturday afternoon EROS group meetings at Rudz, and we will have a Sunday brunch at Travis' house before our regular Sunday afternoon SIG meeting. Stay tuned for more details.

Second January weekend - HPEP Bondage SIG - we'll share techniques we learned at the December meetings in Austin and Houston.

Third January weekend - Ropes on the Road - road trip to Austin.

This will be an expanded weekend of activities in Austin. It will offer us the opportunity to make friends with and learn from folks from Austin, Dallas and San Antonio.

Second February weekend – HPEP Bondage SIG – Calvin will present a tutorial and demonstrations on CBT. Are you paying attention, Ladies?

Second March weekend – Ropes on the Road – road trip to Houston. We will host our friends from Austin, Dallas, and perhaps San Antonio when they visit our HPEP Bondage SIG. This will be an expanded weekend of activities and will allow us to make friends with and learn from folks from Austin, Dallas and San Antonio.

Second April weekend – HPEP Bondage SIG – we will share techniques we learned from our Ropes on the Road friends and each other, and demonstrate different bondage ties we like to use when we play.

Mark your calendars. Make you plans. We're doing things, learning and having fun. Come join us.

Gary  
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HPEP Bondage Leader

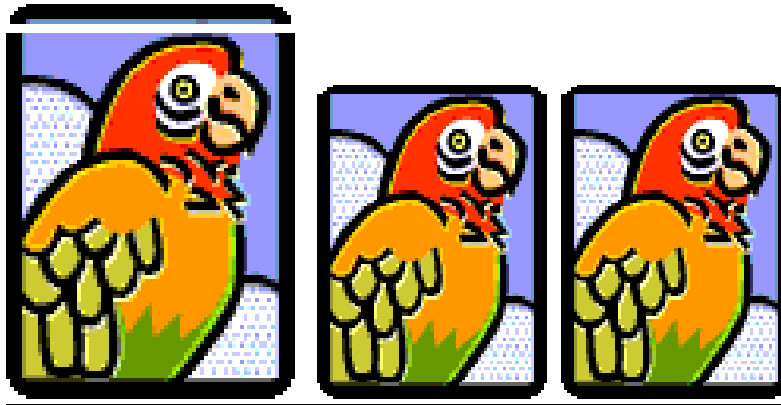
## **The HPEP Poly SIG**

Sir Ryan, the Dragon, HPEP Board of Directors, HPEP SIG Liaison / Poly SIG Leader:

The HPEP Poly SIG is a wonderful discussion group for those who in poly relationships, or are interested in the subject of being poly. It's usually an open topic forum where things have been discussed from coming out to family/children/parents, to what is your ideal poly family structure. You do not have to be poly yourself, or be in a poly relationship to attend a meeting; just an interest in the topic of being poly. As a side note we are not a swingers group, nor an orgy. You can visit us on our Yahoo Group at:

[http://groups.yahoo.com/group/HPEP\\_PolySIG](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/HPEP_PolySIG).

For any question you can contact the SIG leader at [Poly@hpep.org](mailto:Poly@hpep.org).



(Poly Sig, get it? Hee hee)

## The HPEP Age-Play SIG

The Age-play Sig is now being held on the THIRD SATURDAY of the month. The group has been very active with its meetings and discussions. In the up coming months there will be a pool party night, theme nights, movie nights, discussions and weekend outings. The meetings are being kept non-age specific so that everyone of age-play can come, enjoy themselves, and learn.

Age-play does not and will not involve real children/minors of any kind. But what it does do is involve us adults that act like and pretend to be children! Even if you're not into age-play but would like to find out what it is about, you are welcome to attend. So if you're a 'lil boy or girl, toddlers, teenagers, Mommies or Daddies, Aunties or Uncles, or just a bratty young one, you're all welcome to attend.

Hope to see you there and join in the fun and activities! ~ Scottie

## DOMinion

Houston and surrounding area Doms and Dommes have a meeting on the Friday before the regular HPEP meeting, at (7:30 pm) .

The purpose of the Dom/Domme meeting is several fold. The meetings serve as a time of social interaction and a good time of exchanging ideas. There are also scheduled educational presentations by members of the group. Frequently, Doms from around the state come and lead our discussions, so we get views a bit different than those of our local friends that we meet with all the time. So, find a comfortable chair, prop up your feet, and talk the talk of beautiful submissive females, doting slavish men, and the pleasures they bring us. need directions or information:

e-mail the [DOMinion](#)

## **Subhaven**

(Subhaven is on temporary hiatus until further notice)

## **D/s SIG**

Eric ([bigddy31@aol.com](mailto:bigddy31@aol.com))

To all who have an interest in the D/s SIG, I would like to take this opportunity to profusely thank Sir John for his help with the D/s SIG over the last few months and for graciously volunteering his home for the meetings.

There has been so much that I have wanted to do to my own home (where the D/s SIG used to be held) that I have been much more able to accomplish since it now doesn't have to be ready and safe for guests once a month. My banister was rickety enough without my sending you all up the stairs to the restroom without one at all during renovations. LOL Using John's home lets us not have to bounce you all around to varying locations depending on what else is happening. John has also been kind enough to lead excellent discussions on the nights that I am unable to be there and has done a fantastic job. He is quite a guy and I just wanted to take this chance to recognize him for his many contributions to this situation. His many contributions to HPEP in general would take much longer and I'll try to do that in a separate post.

I look forward to future D/s SIGs where, even if my house is covered in sheetrock dust, I can shower it off, grab the ladies, and head over to John's for an evening of the great D/s discussions that we've always had.

Also, for the new or newer folks who haven't had the chance to attend a SIG and have an interest in D/s, please come out and enjoy. I'm certain that you'll have fun and be glad you came since John is an absolute sweetheart and I only bite when it's been previously negotiated (unless you look like Angelina Jolie, then all bets are off). Email me for any info you need and be sure to join the D/s SIG list as John suggested so that you can get all the info first hand.

Best regards,

**Eric AKA 'Big Daddy Eric' AKA 'Eric of Eric and Sharon' AKA.. (How many aliases does this guy have for heaven's sake? ;)**

## HPEP H.E.L.L. (Houston Erotic Literature Lovers) Book & Movie SIG

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/HELLbooksandmovies/>

HELL meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday each month at 7:00 p.m. Movies usually start no later than 8:00 p.m.! Contributions of snacks and beverages are appreciated, but not required. And there'll always be popcorn available ( great to throw at the TV during cheesy scenes using fake whips!)

We enthusiastically welcome suggestions for books and movies related to any aspect of BDSM, alternative sexuality, erotica, erotic thrillers, D/s relationships, fetish, or alternative lifestyles, etc. Feel free to e-mail me with **YOUR** recommendations! Better yet, post them to the NEW Yahoo! List:

[HELLbooksandmovies@yahoogroups.com](mailto:HELLbooksandmovies@yahoogroups.com)

HELL is a group where those interested in reading about and watching books and movies dealing with all aspects of BDSM, Erotica and alternative Lifestyles can meet in a casual, non-academic environment. A typical HELL evening involves a bit of book discussion ( anything anyone is reading or the selected HELL book) and general conversation and socializing. We usually have snacks and beverages on hand, provided by the host and the attendees, to enhance the "movie experience" which starts about 8:00, so the meetings usually go from about 7:00 - 10:00 or 11:00, depending on how much discussion ensues after the movie. You are encouraged to come to HELL if you have an interest in reading more about BDSM, both fiction and non-fiction, and/or viewing a variety of sexually-oriented movies: you do not have to read a book to enjoy HELL , (although the Mistress of HELL would strongly encourage you to do so. i and other members can be usually persuaded to lend out books for those who purchasing them is a problem...) Join the HELL mailing list by emailing me at [mwvixen@swbell.net](mailto:mwvixen@swbell.net) or joining the HELL Yahoo group ( address above) and keep up with the books and movies currently happening. We have a lot of fun and it is a good forum for getting to know other folks in the Community and engage in spirited conversation with your fellow perverts. So now, when someone tells you to "Go to HELL", it does not have to be a bad thing! :)

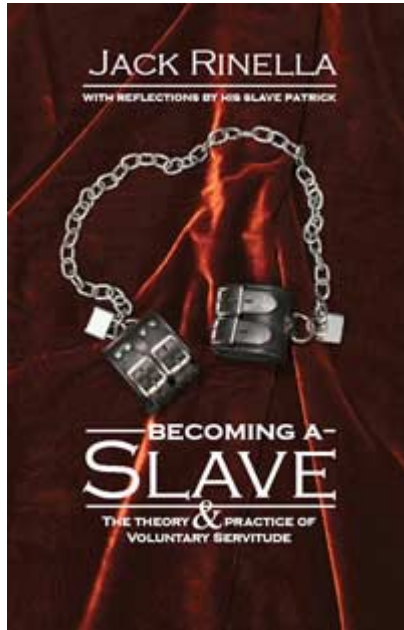
December and January Movies will be announced on the various lists and the HPEP Official discussion list.

**WE HAVE SEVEN NEW MOVIES NEVER SEEN BEFORE IN HELL!!!!**

**MWvixen/Mistress of HELL**



**Becoming a Slave is ready...**



### Please announce

Please tell your friends that my new book, *Becoming a Slave*, is now available. They can read more about it on my website at [www.leatherviews.com](http://www.leatherviews.com).

thanks,  
Jack Rinella

[Click here to read more.](#)

I get along with the help of my friends. Thanks for being one.

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## **Switch SIG**

Brad ([pierced\\_switch@yahoo.com](mailto:pierced_switch@yahoo.com))

Every Second Saturday of the month a meeting for switches is held. This is a new group and a good chance for switches to meet, socialize, bond, discuss and exchange thoughts, ideas and issues. This will be a fun, social group, who enjoy getting together and talking amongst friends. A wide variety of topics will be covered. There will also be scheduled educational presentations by members of the group. Switches in either top or bottom mode are welcome, Doms, Tops, Daddies, Mistresses, Masters, subs, slaves, bottoms, little girls or boys are strictly prohibited. This is not an attempt to be exclusive, and certainly is not intended to offend anyone, but rather to provide an opportunity for those of us that are switches to be open about their needs and concerns without fear, criticism or retribution. (Remember, everything you say here, stays here. This means that although the general topic of the meeting may be public knowledge, no-one will ever leave this meeting and run tell he said/she said.)

## ~Toymakers' SIG~

Despite an uncertain future and juggling of a venue, the Toy SIG is alive and well!!!!  
We meet the third Sunday of the month at 4:30.

Rene  
HPEP Board Member  
SIG Liaison  
Toy SIG Leader

## Other Events in December 2005

Courtesy of Mistress More

December 2005

Dec 4-6 Leather Weekend, San Jose, CA  
**Dec 3-6 Texas Tattoo Round-Up, Dallas**  
Dec 16 Strictly Leather, Gauntlet II, Los Angeles  
Dec 18-19 Bear Leather Festival, Philadelphia, PA

## Austin Ropecraft Symposium

Some of the top rope artists teaching for **Austin Ropecraft Symposium**, an exclusive, unaffiliated, educational event to be held **Dec 3-4 in Austin, TX!** I'm thrilled and honored to announce these amazing instructors

(alphabetically):

- **Bridgett Harrington** [Oregon]
- **David Lawrence** [Pennsylvania]
- **Ellie the Nomad** [The United Kingdom]
- **Lew Rubens** [Washington]
- **Lochai** [Florida]
- **Mark of DV8House** [Australia]
- **Numinous** [Georgia] (This will be his last major appearance - not to miss)
- **Steve Indands** [Texas] (I'm good, but not in same league as the rest ;-)
- **Zamil** [Germany]

In addition, two "Shadow Instructors" also are participating (alphabetically):

- **Master "K"** [California]

Not at event, but the 35+ year teacher and scholar of shibari will teach a 2-day private class on the art of Shibari at his CA studio and provide a kinbaku Art presentation/ dinner and a signed copy of his sold out book: "The Art of Shibari" published by SECRET Press to qualified silent auction winners (details on the event website, see url below).

- **Osada Steve** [Japan]

Not at event, but this 2,000+ performance Shibari master will teach one 3-hour intensive Shibari class in Japan, complete with practice on a Japanese bondage model to one non-qualified silent auction winner (details on the event website, see url below).

Most classes are hands-on and should last about 2 hours each, and both days are long and packed with a semi-structured program (i.e., some classes have other classes as prerequisites) to provide you with a big educational return for your money. There's will be a practice / play party Saturday night.

All proceeds of the 2 silent auctions will go to Aids Services Austin and/or the Leather Fund. I've offered and agreed not to make money on this event, for me, it's a community give-back (and a lot of work organizing ;-)

Seating is limited to ensure you have a cool educational experience and a fun time. Registration is first-come, first-served. So act now for this amazing opportunity!

**Austin Ropecraft Symposium**

**December 3-4, 2005**

**Austin, TX**

Go to <http://www.ropecraft.info> for details of the event, silent auction, registration, etc.

Hope to see you there. It's going to be amazing!

Cheers,

Steve

**Southwest Leather Conference: Phoenix Rising**

**"The Leather Family Gathering of Heart and Spirit"**

**January 20-22, 2006**

<http://www.southwestleather.org>

Celebrating its fourth year, **The Southwest Leather Conference (SWLC)** will be held January 20-22, 2006 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Phoenix, Arizona. Produced by Butchmanns, Inc. this three-day conference has become known throughout the leather community for its emphasis on interpersonal and spiritual dynamics within SM ritual practices and BDSM relationships.

Southwest Leather Conference draws leatherfolk of all genders, orientations and roles from the Southwest Region (AZ, CA, CO, HI, NV, NM, OK, TX, UT) and from Leather Communities from

all over North America and Canada. The event provides a vehicle for regional leather clubs, organizations and individuals to gather and celebrate the leather tribe of which we are all a part.

### **OPENING CEREMONIES**

Our Opening Ceremonies will feature a Color Guard made up of groups and organizations attending the Conference. Participation by all organizations in attendance is encouraged, so please bring your colors to fly!

We will also honor the current 2005 Title Holders of our three Title Contests:

*Southwest Master/slave 2005 - Master Guardian and slave sugar*

*Southwest Bootblack 2005 - Steven Hagen*

*US Daddy/boy 2005 - Daddy Shawn Michael and boi carlie*

And we will introduce the contestants running for our 2006 Titles:

SOUTHWEST MASTER/slave \* SOUTHWEST BOOTBLACK \* U.S. DADDY/boy

### **WORKSHOPS**

This Conference features OVER 30 WORKSHOPS hosted by some of the leather community's most esteemed leaders and teachers. Educational paths include BDSM relationships, S/M practices, and Spirituality. Topics cover everything from spiritual development to ritual and practices of SM; from self-exploration to relationship building workshops. Visit the website often as the Topics and Presenters list will continue to grow.

### **KEYNOTE BRUNCH**

SWLC will host a keynote brunch on Sunday morning and we are proud to announce Master Z, 2004 Southwest Regional and International Master, as our keynote speaker.

### **THREE GREAT CONTESTS TO TAKE PLACE ON SATURDAY NIGHT !**

#### **SOUTHWEST MASTER/slave CONTEST**

We are currently seeking couples who self identify as Master/slave regardless of age, race, religion gender or sexual orientation for this event, a celebration of the Master/slave dynamic. The title holders will be expected to honor the title by helping educate the leather community as a whole about the Master/slave lifestyle.

Winning contestants go on to compete at the *International Master/slave contest at South Plains Leatherfest in Dallas, TX in February 2006*. 2003 IMs Title Holders, *Master Bert and slave Nadine* as well as 2004 IMs Title Holders *Master Z and slaveboy tony*, come from SWLC. For more information or Contestant Applications, please visit the SWLC website or see contact info below.

#### **SOUTHWEST BOOTBLACK CONTEST**

We are currently seeking contestants for The Southwest Bootblack Contest, established to promote and honor the art and skills involved in boot-blackening, as well as the dedication, spirit and service heart which best exemplifies the Bootblacks of our community. This is a teaching title, with winners receiving a travel fund to support appearances for at least four regional leather events in the Southwest during 2006. For more information and Contestant Applications, please visit the SWLC website or see contact info below.

#### **U.S. DADDY/boy CONTEST**

We are currently seeking couples for this title who have been together for at least one year in a Daddy/boy relationship. This contest is open to all Daddy/boy leather couples regardless of gender, race, age or orientation. This is a teaching title and the winners will receive a travel fund to support appearances at a minimum of four Southwest regional events during 2006. For more information or Contest Applications for this contest that celebrates the Daddy/boy leather relationship, please visit the SWLC website or see contact info below.

## **VENDOR ROW**

You won't want to miss our Vendor Row! Vendor wares will be available from 1:00 pm on Friday, through 3:00 pm on Sunday.

## **FETISH BALL**

Watch for details on the website for the this new Friday Night event. You won't want to miss this outrageous dance and fetish art party immediately after Friday Night's Opening Ceremonies.

## **DUNGEON PARTY**

On Saturday Night 7:30 PM to 2:00 AM, Arizona Power Exchange will be hosting a *Pansexual Open Dungeon Party* at the APEX Dungeon. This event is not included in SWLC registration, but tickets will be on sale at the APEX Outreach table at the Conference. Those who present their membership card from a club/dungeon that participates in APEX's reciprocal program will receive a discount.

## **DANCE OF SOULS, SPIRIT DANCE & BALL DANCE**

Join in the powerful tradition of Southwest Leather Conference with the *Spirit Dance, Energy Pull and Ball Dance* on Sunday Afternoon and Evening.

*The Spirit Dance* is a ritual energy pull where volunteers who wish to participate are tethered together with piercing hooks while drummers and spirit dancers join in an ecstatic conclusion to the event.

This year also features *the Ball Dance*, where participants have balls and ornaments suspended from their bodies through temporary piercing and threads.

Spirit and Ball Dancers may register online or at the door for 30.00 per person.

Be sure to book your return flight late, as all Conference attendees are encouraged to attend this beautiful culmination of the weekend and participate as flesh dancers, spirit dancers, drummers or to simply bear witness. Please visit the SWLC website for more details.

## **BRAND NEW HOST HOTEL**

This year's event will be held at the Crowne Plaza Phoenix. Room rates are \$89.00 per night and reservations are available by calling 888-797-9878. Be sure to mention *Southwest Leather* for the discounted room rate. Hotel room blocks are limited so please make your reservations early. More hotel information can be found on our website.

## **EVENT REGISTRATION AND FEES**

Registration packages are available at <http://www.southwestleather.org>

- \* Early Bird registration through October 31, 2005 is \$85.00 per person.
- \* Advanced Registration November 1 – December 31 is \$105.00 per person.
- \* General Registration fees January 1 through event day is \$125.00 per person.

## **REGISTRATION INCLUDES**

Access to all Workshops, Contest Events, Friday and Saturday receptions, Dance of Souls, Auctions, Vendor Row, and a free Run Pin.

## **FETISH BALL, DUNGEON PARTY & KEYNOTE BRUNCH TICKETS**

Please note that Fetish Ball, Dungeon Party and Keynote Brunch tickets are available as separate purchases. Discounted tickets to Fetish Ball will be available with registration. Seating for the Brunch is limited. Watch the website for further details and pricing information on these three events, coming soon.

## **SPONSORSHIPS & ADVERTISING**

There are several ways for your leather group or organization to support the Southwest Leather Conference. For more details about sponsorships and advertising, please visit our website at <http://www.southwestleather.org> and see contact info below.

## **VOLUNTEERS**

SWLC does not happen without the volunteer support of our community. Limited Volunteer opportunities are available to anyone within the Southwest Regional Leather Tribe who is interested in being on the team that makes it happen. Discounted registration will be granted based on the number of hours volunteered. Positions are limited and assigned on an 'as needed basis' prior to the event and Volunteers will be notified of their schedules within one week of the event. Volunteers are able to attend workshops and all contest events. If you are interested in Volunteering for SWLC, please see contact info below.

*Be a part of the heart and spirit of leather by joining us at*

## ***Southwest Leather Conference***

<http://www.southwestleather.org/AboutSWLC.html>

## **Kink in The News:**

### **True Tales Leather Journalism Awards 2005**

The True Tales Leather Journalism Awards honor excellence in leathernews, commentary, and information on current events. This year's awards commend well-crafted and useful leather news, commentary, and information about Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

"Leather" is defined broadly to include leather/lewi and pansexual BDSM journalism, as well as bear journalism where it relates to leather. Textual and visual creations published between August 28 and October 15 were eligible for the awards. Both printed and online publications were eligible. This year, because of the special nature of the hurricane news, non-publication Websites and e-mail lists were also eligible in the information categories. Writings published in True Tales were not eligible.

Several of the categories have ties for winners. The purpose of the awards is not to produce a "We're Number One" attitude but rather to commend all those who made special contributions to leather journalism during the hurricane crisis.

### **2005 Awards**

Best News Coverage by a National or Regional Leather Publication: The Leather Journal.

Best News Coverage by a Leather Club Newsletter: No award given.

Best Hard News Article in a Leather Publication: "Leather Community Embraces National Hurricane Katrina Relief Effort," by Dave Rhodes (The Leather Journal).

Best Feature News Article in a Leather Publication: "Bootblack Suka in NOLA," by Tom Wray (Great Lakes Den).

Best Leather News Article in a Non-Leather Publication: "Local Gays Raising Funds for Hurricane Victims: Impressionist Alfred Lewis, Mr. ML Among Those Pitching In," by Phil LaPadula (Express Gay News).

Best Leather Commentary on Current Events: "Missing New Orleans," by Steve Lenius (Lavender Magazine); "New Orleans on My Mind," by Max Verga (BENT: A Journal of CripGay Voices); "Queer and Kinky New Orleans: The Impact of Tragedy," by Thomas S. Roche (Eros Zine).

Best Non-Leather Commentary by a Leather Author on Current Events: September 2005 edition of his Roar! column, by Blakkat, American Leatherman 2005 (home page); "Do You Know What It Means to Lose New Orleans?" by Anne Rice (various publications).

Best Leather Art on Current Events: Leather Pride / Katrina Aid logo by Caro and by Stephen Bloom.

Best Leather Photography on Current Events: "'Leather Relief' Friday @ The Atlanta Eagle," by Andy Cloud (Primal Threshold).

Best Erotic Leather Work Related to Current Events: "'Leather Relief' Saturday @ The Atlanta Eagle," by Andy Cloud (Primal Threshold).

Most Timely Press Release by a Leather Individual or Group: National fundraiser, announced on August 31 by Michael Egdes, International Mr. Leather 2005, with James Sands and Todd Smith; national fundraiser, announced on August 31 by International LeatherSIR and Leatherboy; regional fundraiser, announced on August 31 by Krewe de Kinque; action alert, released on September 2 by the National Coalition for Sexual Freedom.

Best Information on Current Events by a Leather Website Outside the Gulf Coast: The Dominant's View; The Leather-Links Information Network; Midwest Bound; Primal Threshold; Rocky Mountaineers Motorcycle Club.

Best Information on Current Events by a Leather Website Inside the Gulf Coast: Cavaliers Motorcycle Club; Lords of Leather Mardi Gras Krewe; The Phoenix Bar; A True Rose.

Best Information on Current Events by a Leather E-mail List Outside the Gulf Coast: Leather Titleholders.

Best Information on Current Events by a Leather or Leather-Related E-mail List Inside the Gulf Coast: Cavaliers MC; Houston's Rainbow Cross; LA-NOBLE; Leather Nation Job Board; New Orleans Bears; NOLA Refugee.

**Best Information on Current Events by a Leather Club Newsletter: October 2005 edition of the HPEP Newsletter (Houston PEP).**

Best Leather-Related Information on Current Events by a Non-Leather Publication: Ambush Mag.

Special Leather Communications Award (for outstanding efforts at communicating news and information to the leather community): To David Lester (Webmaster of the Cavaliers Motorcycle Club in New Orleans) and Todd Cole (president and Webmaster of the Lords of Leather Mardi Gras Krewe in New Orleans), for providing information to the rest of the world through their clubs' Websites within a short time after the hurricane crisis began, and to Tibby (lieutenant of the New Orleans Bear and Bear Trapper Social Club), for

providing the most frequently updated list of survivors and missing persons.

Special Leather Community Service Award (for communication that provides outstanding service to the leather community): To Leo il Maestro of GWNN and **Travis Wilson of Houston PEP**, for posting an offer of housing to members of the New Orleans Bondage and Leather Enthusiasts on the very day that the evacuation began, August 28.

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#### RELATED ARTICLES AT TRUE TALES

Leather Arts Awards. Links to other awards.

<http://truetales.org/links.htm#leatherawards>

Suggestions for Improving News Coverage and the Spread of Information in the Leather Community.

<http://truetales.org/writings/peterson0510suggestions.htm>

Masculinity and Power (<http://truetales.org>). A version of the article with hyperlinks is available at

<http://truetales.org/writings/peterson0510journalismawards.htm> . This plain-text version of the article may be forwarded to other lists.]

## Mistress Morê's Scene News Report

### **ESOTERIC MUSEUM!!!**

The smell of ancient insanity would still hang in the corridors of the **Psychiatric Museum**, if this unusual collection hadn't been moved to an expansive newer building a few years ago. It once inhabited a ward of St. Joseph State Hospital -- called the State Lunatic Asylum #2 until 1899 -- a fortress-like mental health complex. Modern medication has returned nearly all the patients to society, making way for the state to turn the facility into a prison.

The original museum was started in 1967, by [George Glore](#), a lifetime employee of the Missouri mental health system. George retired in the mid-1990s due to failing health, but the museum, named after this tourism visionary, carries on. People miss George's personal tours and stories, and the museum seems, well, more respectable.

Past the bronze bust of George, the collection now fills four floors, and you can find all your Glore favorites. Dioramas span the history of treatment for mental illness -- witch burnings and devil stompings; the "**Bath of Surprise**," a gallows-like platform that dumped a patient into icy water; and a working model of O'Halloran's Swing, in which strapped-in patients spun at up to 100 RPMs. Before retiring, George completed the **giant patient treadmill** -- a locked mega-gerbil-wheel monstrosity -- where frisky residents could walk off their excess energy.

Many of the devices are shown in use on an assortment of female glamour mannequins donated by a department store. Three mannequins are chained to the wall of his Bedlam Asylum scene. "Bedlam used to charge admission -- people would visit as recreation," he would say, shaking his head, as he led tourists through his museum.

The mid-20th Century exhibits include items used during the early days of Glore's own tenure: hydrotherapy and the wet sheet pack (patients rolled in wet sheets), lobotomy instruments, Fulton, MO's hospital cage, electroconvulsive treatments, and a fever-cabinet used for heating syphilis victims.

Artistic legacies of certain patients are on display, too. There is an imaginative arrangement of **1,446 items swallowed by a patient** and removed from her intestines and stomach. She died during surgery from bleeding caused by 453 nails, 42 screws, safety pins, spoon tops, and salt and pepper shaker tops.

The Museum's new management continues to collect artifacts and add to the exhibits. One gallery showcases contemporary patient art; in the basement, you can examine cars customized by teams of patients, or glimpse a functioning morgue.

## EDITORIAL(S)

for Issue number 47  
Wednesday, November 02, 2005

2257

By Jack Rinella

If you find the title of this column strange then I might suggest that you begin reading your local newspaper a little more often. It is the number of United States Code Title 18, Part I, Chapter 110, § 2257, dealing with record keeping requirements for the Adult Entertainment industry. Many civil libertarians are concerned that this is just one more governmental attempt to limit American's right to free speech.

Indeed there are many signs that the current Administration in Washington wants to roll back the clock to the days of Senator McCarthy. Here's an excerpt from the Washington Post, September 20, 2005, Page A21: "Early last month, the [FBI's] Washington Field Office began recruiting for a new anti-obscenity squad. Attached to the job posting was a July 29 Electronic Communication from FBI headquarters to all 56 field offices, describing the initiative as 'one of the top priorities' of Attorney General Alberto R. Gonzales and, by extension, of 'the Director.' That would be FBI Director Robert S. Mueller III."

Now something could certainly be said of a job that paid me to watch pornography all day long but I believe that we've a right to watch whatever we want in the peace and security of our own homes.

The National Coalition for Sexual Freedom hosts a newsgroup called SM-ACT for kinky activists. They posted (in part) this message: "In an attempt to exert control over the sexual practices of American citizens under the guise of protecting children, Rep. Mike Pence (R-Ind.) introduced bill H.R. 3726 this week, also called The Child Pornography Protection Act of 2005. Among other provisions, the bill targets adult citizens who record visual images of consensual sexual activity in the privacy of their own homes, adds nudity and clothed images of pubic areas to the definition of "explicit sexual activity" as defined in U.S.C. 18 '2256, and criminalizes the production and distribution of R-rated mainstream motion pictures that fail to comply with the record creation and notice provisions of 2257, and possibly for violation of obscenity laws."

Under the guise of protecting children some want to criminalize our home movies. Now I'm all in favor of protecting children, but, hey, my household only contains adults. I'll admit that my home movies are pretty boring but they are mine.

As far as "protecting children" goes let me advise every one to buy a copy of "Harmful to Minors: The Perils of Protecting Children from Sex" by Judith Levine. It is an excellent critique on how society continues to foist negative attitudes about sexuality on its youngest citizens, how we patently agree that "pornography is dangerous" without a stitch of evidence to prove it, and that we desperately need to reform our thinking on this topic.

But I digress.

The point of this column is that we need to take a strong stand in combating censorship where- and however it raises its ugly tendrils. It's not an easy task. Control of the media, in all its forms, increases every day, especially through intimidation that leads to self-censorship. In recent months several websites of note have begun removing questionable images, some even shutting down completely. For the first time since I got my own domain in 1997, I've had second thoughts about whether or not it could stand the scrutiny of Attorney General Gonzales and his underlings.

I've decided, since my site is all text, that I am on safe territory. An attorney friend agreed, though he suggested that I might want to remove the word cocksucker from my columns and use the word oral sex instead. Patrick and I decided to risk it. Hell, I might even benefit from some adverse publicity if it comes out of Washington, DC, though I'm certainly not aching for a breaking. And yes, there are some images of me and Patrick but you're not going to see anything salacious.

There are, of course, others who are standing more strongly in opposition to censorship. My good friend and photographer Barbara Nitke ([www.barbaranitke.com/](http://www.barbaranitke.com/)), in union with the National Coalition for Sexual Freedom ([www.ncsfreedom.org](http://www.ncsfreedom.org)) has filed a lawsuit against the restrictive rules of the Communications Decency Act:

"August 22, 2005 - New York, NY - Barbara Nitke and the National Coalition for Sexual Freedom have filed a notice of appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court of the District Court's decision in the Communications Decency Act (CDA) challenge. Their appeal contends the District Court applied an incorrect legal standard for determining whether protected material was improperly banned under the CDA. The District Court also committed legal error in finding that many local communities do not have pre-determined standards of obscenity that can be verified--and then ruling the plaintiffs failed to prove what those standards are.

"NCSF members and Barbara Nitke have been found by the Court to be genuinely at risk of prosecution under the CDA and their speech has been inhibited according to the decision handed down by the Federal District Court for the Southern District of NY, case #01 CIV 11476 (RMB). However, the three judge panel stated that the over 1,000 images and text by 150+ artists and website owners presented by the plaintiffs was "insufficient evidence" to prove that the variation in community standards is substantial enough that protected speech is inhibited by the CDA.

"As an artist, I can only do my work in a free society and that's what this challenge is about," says co-plaintiff Barbara Nitke, a fine art photographer who explores sexual relationships in her work. "We're fighting for the continued right of American artists to do their work and share it with others on the Internet."

Having (mostly) lost the Gay Rights debate, the right is now focusing its repressive activities on those of us into kink, especially sadomasochistic activity, even of a consensual nature. As a practicing dominant and sadist for more than twenty years, I've done a lot of thinking about what it is that we do. Certainly the opportunity to express myself in these columns has helped.

I find no moral, ethical, or social reason to condemn myself or those who practice safe, sane, and consensual behavior. I do not "buy" into a fundamentalist approach that attempts to legislate an archaic and unhealthy sexual morality. I believe that sex is sacred, holy, beautiful, and fun. I believe that the creator (by whatever name you wish to use) intended sex to be more than just the act of insemination.

It is meant to express, foster, nourish, and celebrate love. It is meant to be liberating, enlightening, and a demonstration of the deeply rooted divinity within us all. It is a wonderful opportunity to explore all, and I mean all, loving and affirming ways of living -- be they top or bottom, dominant or submissive, sadistic or masochistic. It is meant to bring each of us a taste of bliss. As the French say, "Le petit morte," the little death that is a hint of what it means to transcend.

Join with me in supporting all those who refuse to be repressed. You will make American a better place by your stand for freedom.

Have a great week. You can leave me email at [mrjackr@leathermail.com](mailto:mrjackr@leathermail.com) or visit my website at "<http://www.LeatherViews.com>". Copyright 2005 by Jack Rinella, all rights reserved.

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With the publishing of the article VOCABULARY by one of our regular contributors, Idylngstkn, is marking a major change here at ATR, where all SM topics and art work will be self censored. We believe in free speech and will continue to support that but we also will heed the request by the NCSF to self censor. Other changes will be taking place as well here at ATR, thus leaving law enforcement to concentrate at a time when most of their budgets are being cut, on serious crime. Please read her article at: <http://www.atruerose.com/n/html/index.php>

cajunrose  
who really really hates what is happening to all of us...

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## **Bullwhips in the Backyard!**



Every other Saturday is time for Bullwhips in the Backyard.

10 a.m. 'til 11:30 a.m.

Every other Saturday\* Temporarily on Hiatus

( Email [masterwh@swbell.net](mailto:masterwh@swbell.net) for exact dates)

If you are just learning or are a seasoned pro just come on out. We'll have folks who can give hands on demo's and others who want to learn and yet others who get a sexual thrill from hearing the crack of the whip. ( Whip groupies welcome!)

Remember, if we get rained out we have several bullwhip videos we can watch. We discuss topics such as care of the whips, whips websites that are available on the Internet etc. So, there will always be something to do.

Beverages, in the form of coffee, water, sodas etc will be available. If you feel like bringing something, go ahead, we won't turn it down.

Come on out and we will crack some whips, have fun and discuss what we want to get out of these practices.

And if you are interested and want to know more, e-mail me Ken, a.k.a. *Masterwhip at...*

[masterwh@swbell.net](mailto:masterwh@swbell.net)

Also, vixen and others convinced me that the right thing to do is form a Yahoo Group for all the folks interested in bullwhips, so here is the link to the new Bullwhips in the Backyard Yahoo Group:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Bullwhipsinthebackyard>

This event is open to all Single tail Enthusiasts regardless of Club orientation, yada yada, and all the usual disclaimers. Eye protection and hats are strongly encouraged ☺!

## ***Announcements:***

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(for complete list of the awards see "Kink in the News")

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*This is a final hurricane report from True Tales: An Erotic E-zine of Masculinity and Power (<http://truetales.org>). The magazine's Hurricane Katrina Report will remain archived. Minor updates have been made to the Resources page of that report. This e-mail may be forwarded to other lists.*

*BDSM Beaumont reports that all its members have been found. All other leather, BDSM, and bear groups that were affected by the storms, and that have released news, report that their members have been located, except for the groups listed below. Clean-up and recovery continues for many of the groups that were affected.*

**CLUB FEM NEW ORLEANS**

*One member has been confirmed dead by a loved one, but their name has not been publicly released.*

**LORDS OF LEATHER MARDI GRAS KREWE (New Orleans)**

*According to the club's Website, all of the members are accounted for except the following:*

*Dr. Billy K. (New Orleans)*

**HE NEW ORLEANS BEAR AND BEAR TRAPPER SOCIAL CLUB**

*All of the members are accounted for except the following (full name available by contacting the editor):*

*Harold C. (New Orleans)*

**NOBLE: New Orleans Bondage and Leather Enthusiasts**

*In an article for The Dominant's View, a group representative reports, "It is with great sadness that we acknowledge the passing of some members during the storm and evacuation. Those who were lost to the storm will be missed dearly. A memorial service will be held for them at the NOBLE Refuge once repairs have been completed."*

*<http://www.thedomsvie.com/Vol6/16/feature1.htm>*

*Site's warning page: <http://www.thedomsvie.com/>*

*The following member has been confirmed dead:*

*Lady Dianne (see her obituary)*

<http://truetales.org/katrina/obituaries.htm#ladydianne>

**RAWHIDE 2010 BAR (New Orleans)**

*The Rawhide 2010 Website says:*

*"We have located Bob, Randy, Eric and Robbie from Rawhide along with several people from our other locations, and we're hoping to hear from everyone soon."*

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## BIRTHDAYS

Masterwhip - December 5<sup>th</sup>  
HAPPY BIRTHDAY MASTER!!!!

## BDSM Community Resources and Happenings

( to name just a few)



Come Visit EROS ( Erotic Rose Society) and find out about one of the most fun and welcoming BDSM groups in town!! ( They meet every Saturday At Rudyard's Pub on Waugh at 12 :30- 2:00 and then usually "do Lunch" and have two Play Parties a month...) many Saturdays we have spent with EROS in the morning and lunch and attended an EROS party( when there was one - usually 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays) or another group or private function later,

<http://houston-eros.com>

## The Open Door is "Closing" ☹

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/TheOpenDoor-Houston/>

Hi Folks,

Also after a very long and hard decision I have decided to discontinue the Open Door group the end of December 2005. The Open Door yahoo group will continue, and if anyone would like to start a similar group please feel free to do so.

I would also like to recommend to everyone who feels the need for this type of discussion to go to MAsT - Houston. Sir Barton and she have put together a wonderful group. To join the MAsT - Houston yahoo group please click the following link. Please remember that the MAsT list is not a fluff list!

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/MAsT-H/join>

In Leather Spirit,

Master Ces

My forget-er is getting better, but my remember-er is broke.

## *The Violet Society*

[http://groups.yahoo.com/group/violet\\_society](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/violet_society)

....An alternative lifestyle group for people of all colors exploring the many flavors of BD/SM, D/s and M/s.

Formed in November 2004, The Violet Society was established to allow individuals in Houston and the surrounding area, a forum for discussion, fellowship, friendship and risk aware consensual experiences. The name Violet Society was chosen because Violet is the final color in the spectrum of the rainbow. It represents our belief that people of all colors and cultures deserve a place where their alternative expressions of lifestyle can be respected and celebrated. The Violet Society invites members of all ethnicities, nationalities and cultures to join us in exploring the many varied flavors of lifestyle, including BD/SM, D/s, M/s, leather, fetishism and kink.

The Violet Society Mission :

- o To provide a safe, discreet inclusive environment for people of all colors and cultures to participate in mature and healthy educational, social, and sensory experiences within the context of alternative sexual lifestyles.
- o To reach out to members of minority cultures providing a gateway into the BD/SM, D/s and M./s communities for education and support.
- o To help raise the level of consciousness of the greater alternative communities regarding special concerns of minorities involved in alternative lifestyle expressions.
- o To support other lifestyle groups, organizations and individuals with missions that encourage the expression of alternative sexual orientation, lifestyle choice, belief and practice.

## **New Fetish/Swingers Club: Club Cave**

Dear Group

**Club Cave**, the new club that is in the same building that Club Chicago (the old meeting space of years ago for HPEP), over just south of Richmond and between Hillcroft and Fountainview, is becoming a bit more Fetish. They had been doing Fetish Night on Wednesday, but they have moved that to Friday. And this coming Friday is Friday the 13th, and mean, how much more Fetish do you want. These people are trying hard to make something special, so why not go try them out.

Travis

**FETISH FRIDAY** - Okay, it's Fetish Friday, but what does that mean? It's still couples and single females only. All the same Club Rules still apply. The difference is that we've dropped Friday's Cover for members to \$25.00 and we even take \$5.00 off of that if you bring in your Fetish Gear or Fetish Wear! The cover can be as low as \$20 for member couples! Also, we will have demonstrations earlier in the evening, sometimes in one of our 2 dungeons, or sometimes on the dance floor if more room is needed. Please see the Website for more details! <http://www.ClubCave.com> To visit your group on the web, go to:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ClubCave/>

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Remember, Club Cave is a BYOB, Private Social Club. This offer of events is only valid for our members.  
For membership information apply in person.

**The Safari Club** holds it's play parties on the first Saturday and third Friday of each month, after TNC munch and THIRD FRIDAY dinner. All interested in BDSM are welcome. The parties officially start at 9 PM and end when the last person leaves.

For information I, (Safari42s), will be the contact. [Safari42S@aol.com](mailto:Safari42S@aol.com)

## **TNC, The New Club**

The New Club has now "merged" with HPEP for a munch the first Saturday of the month, at the Hollywood Restaurant in Montrose starting around 6 with a meet and greet, then dinner, that ends around 7:30 in time for folks to get to the HPEP Meeting & Fetish Night and the Safari party. Check the list for details:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/TheNewClub/>

## **NEW Yahoo GROUPS!!!!**

### **BDSM Health**

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/bdsmhealth>

S&M Health & Fitness is designed to support lifestyle friendly people who are interested in learning and sharing healthier ways to live. This includes improving ones appearance, weight management, fitness training, and managing health issues. Postings here can focus on sharing health tips, progress reports, daily food logs, recipes and strategies. Please share your thoughts as relates to healthy food intake ,fitness and exercise, healthy intimacy practices, and health as relates to Lifestyle.

### **New Submissives' Group: Subversity!**

This Group will not be part of any other group. We will have a topic every month. We will have a co-hostess/host every month. We will also be having a pot luck dinner and door prizes. Join us in "Subversity" This group is for anyone, regardless of gender or orientation, who identifies as a bottom, a submissive or a slave. This list is a place for us to participate in and discuss our lifestyle choices in a safe environment. [groups.yahoo.com/group/sub\\_versity](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/sub_versity) **sub\_versity**  
We have a new Hostess/Host every month.

**Dec will be our holiday party.** We will have a Chinese Christmas party. This will be a Dom/me sub party. Everyone in the community will be welcome. Everyone brings a present no more than between 10 and 20 dollars.

## New BDSM Women's Group: Just Us

Max Rulz has started a new group for ALL females in the community regardless of orientation, that will meet once a month on Sunday afternoons for a demo, or presentation, discussion and potluck meal. **JustUs** Women's group is going to be an informal meet, greet and eat so to speak. It will be a relaxed gathering of the women in the Houston BDSM community. There will be No play just discussion and support. There will be no Top or bottom hats worn though we will discuss issues relating to both. **JustUs** will be an environment where we can share our experiences and educate in hopes to keep our minds stimulated and our asses safe! There will be workshops. In addition to tapping into the wealth of experience many of the Women have here, I plan on bringing in women I have had the opportunity to meet and learn from over the years, on the fourth Tuesday of the month. For information please contact; [memistress@themistressrulz.com](mailto:memistress@themistressrulz.com)

## Third Friday

(New Location)

<http://www.thirdfriday.org/>

THIRD FRIDAY MUNCH, From 7:00 p.m. -  
10:00 p.m. at the StarFire Grill, 3801 Bellaire Blvd., Houston, TX.  
77025 (713) 432-7644,

## More Yahoo Groups, Etc.

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### Houston Pony Players -

HoustonPonyplayers- [subscribe@yahogroups.com](mailto:subscribe@yahogroups.com)

This discussion group is for all Trainers, Owners, Grooms, ponies and those interested in the pony scene in and around the Houston, Texas area; that we will be able to discuss, debate and exchange information about pony play and interactions with the human horse.

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\*BD\_SM\_how2 -

Subscribe: [BD\\_SM\\_how2-subscribe@yahogroups.com](mailto:BD_SM_how2-subscribe@yahogroups.com) Ever wondered how to make that certain toy? How hot a certain colored candle is? How to tie that special knot? How to remove blood from a cane? Or any one of a million other little things that come with a lifetime of experience? Then this is the group for you.

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\*bd\_sm\_meetsmagick · BD/SM Meets Magick [bd\\_sm\\_meetsmagick-subscribe@yahogroups.com](mailto:bd_sm_meetsmagick-subscribe@yahogroups.com)

Is there a connection between BD/SM and Magick? This is a group for pansexual adults to discuss this unique lifestyle, including the emotional, spiritual and metaphysical aspects encountered through altered states of consciousness.

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## FemaleSubmissiveSupport

[FemaleSubmissiveSupport-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:FemaleSubmissiveSupport-subscribe@yahoogroups.com) Female only group. Open to switches (only while in bottom mode), bottoms and of course submissives. All interested in being submissive on any level. No experts here, just other caring women. Focus on positive aspects and ways to enhance the experience of submission in a D/s relationship, and let us help you through the more difficult aspects.

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## SE\_Texas\_Ds\_Lifestyle

[SE\\_Texas\\_Ds\\_Lifestyle-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:SE_Texas_Ds_Lifestyle-subscribe@yahoogroups.com)

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## The\_Safari\_Club

[The\\_Safari\\_Club-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:The_Safari_Club-subscribe@yahoogroups.com) The Safari Club is a pansexual group dedicated to playing and having fun with as little politics as possible. We're committed to enjoying ourselves to the fullest extent while maintaining respect for everyone's personal protocols and preferences. The Safari Club welcomes people who are new to the lifestyle as well as the experienced. We put principles before personalities. Regular play parties are held the 1st Saturday of the month and the 3rd Friday of the month, at a member's home. Member must be 21 or older

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## TheOpenDoor-Houston · A D/s Discussion Group

[TheOpenDoor-Houston-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:TheOpenDoor-Houston-subscribe@yahoogroups.com) The Open Door is a D/s Discussion group located in Houston Tx. Our Purpose: To have an open and intelligent discussion of all aspects of a D/s mindset in a relaxed comfortable setting. To mentor those that want to learn and to learn from those who want to mentor. Our meetings take place the second and fourth Friday of every month. For those that can not participate in the meetings, this e-group is a way to discuss your thoughts and opinions and to share your

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## TheSwitchSIG

[TheSwitchSIG-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:TheSwitchSIG-subscribe@yahoogroups.com)

This is the Yahoo Group for the HPEP Switch SIG. We are a discussion group for all things switch in the our lifestyle. We meet every second Saturday of the month and are open to Switches in Top or bottom mode. For directions e-mail [switch@hpep.com](mailto:switch@hpep.com).

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## TNGHouston · The Next Generation - Houston

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This group is for the support and growth of TNG Houston. TNG Houston is an educational/social/support group for people ages 18-35. We are open to all sexual orientations, persuasions, preferences, identifications, and kinks.

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## MAST

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/MAST-H/?yguid=141312483>

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**HPEP's HELL: BDSM/Erotica books and movies SIG** - this is the address for the Yahoo Group: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/HELLbooksandmovies/>

The H\*E\*L\*L Reading/Movie group, a special interest group with Houston PEP, now offers an E-group option for those interested in keeping up-to-date and discussing alternative-lifestyle, Erotic, Fetish & D/s-related books and movies. I am also occasionally including some information/links on Erotic artwork. Even if you

cannot attend our meetings, we want your input and opinions, and would like to share our explorations of literary and cinematic Erotica with you. The range of discussion, and the nature of our club, however, leaves plenty of room for off-topic & humor posts. Movie and book recommendations are always welcome

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### **EROS Yahoo Group** <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Houston-EROS>

Discussion of whatever from the EROS group folks – lighthearted fun! At **EROS**, we meet locally every Saturday for group discussions on some aspect of D/s or perhaps a demonstration on Japanese bondage, fire play, electric toys...but whatever we're doing, you can bet we're having a good time. EROS holds play parties twice each month for its members and sponsored guests. We welcome people who are new to the lifestyle as well as experienced players. If you're looking for a great group of friendly people, you've come to the right place!!

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### **Official HPEP Discussions** [http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Official\\_HPEP\\_Discussions](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Official_HPEP_Discussions)

A place for the members to come and discuss the issues of HPEP. What would they like to see done? What issues need to be addressed.

This is the place to help ensure that the board and others hear those issues. So come join us and let us know what you think and how you feel.

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### **Travis's Houston BDSM site**

<http://www.houstonbdsm.com>

So I threw together a website that I will be trying to keep updated as regular as time allows. If you have any details on any events, parties, and groups around Texas please feel free to add them to the site.

<http://www.houstonbdsm.com/Welcome.html>

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### **Travis' Houston BDSM & Fetish Page**

It is the purpose of this Web Site to document this growth, and to be a simple page for Houston fans of fetish to find out what's happening in and around the Houston area in the world of BDSM/FETISH. Check here often to find out about your favorite organization, and to check on upcoming events.

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### **New Group**

Hi Guys, due to the fact that i get many people asking me questions about the **Abilene area** and if there are any BDSM groups up there (which there are none) I decided to start one for them.

I hope at some point in the future they will be able to start having munches and hopefully even play parties. So if you travel to the area or know anyone in the area and would like to join yourself go to

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/AbileneKinksters/>

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### **Texas Fetish and Swing**

I just started a group for fetish and swing people in San Antonio, Austin and surrounding areas. This is a MODERATED group, with spammers getting banned immediately. If you're as tired of spam as I am, I invite you to join!!!

[TexasFetishAndSwing-subscribe@yahogroups.com](mailto:TexasFetishAndSwing-subscribe@yahogroups.com)

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## Other Groups in Texas

[http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Huntsville\\_Area\\_D-S](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Huntsville_Area_D-S)

here is there blurb: Huntsville TX and surrounding areas newest group for the continued growth of the D/S community. All lifestyles welcome respect all and all shall respect you. Parties coming soon as things start to build. servicing mostly Trinity, Livingston, Huntsville, OnAlaska, Nacogdoches, Lufkin, Crockett, Bryan, etc.

Also there is a group for 18-35 year olds here in Houston and there was talk of starting one up in Beaumont by a supporter...<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/TNGHouston> their blurb reads: This group is for the support and growth of TNG Houston. TNG Houston is an educational/social/support group for people ages 18-35. We are open to all sexual orientations, persuasions, preferences, identifications, and kinks...

Plus Michael and Rachael have an egroup for new people in the community that they formed back in November... <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/THPBDSM/> Here is the blurb:

This group has been set up to help new people, or people curious about B.D.S.M. It is geared mainly for Houston area people, however anyone can join. The bridge from Vanilla can be a difficult one to travel alone, we offer support, advice, and a hand to hold on the way. Feel free to ask any questions, no question will be stupid, this is to help get you ready for the more advanced boards, as well as real life play and or parties.

These links and many others are available on my site:

<http://groups.msn.com/MichellesMindsMeanderings>

## One Document, All Clubs

**Daddy J** spent the better part of a week compiling and updating the 2005 list of clubs in Houston and surrounding areas. A copy of it was posted to the SCANDAL GROUP file pages

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/SCANDAL/files>

Since Newcomers MAsT Third Friday and HPEP monthly meeting have all moved in the past few months it's a good idea to download this MS Word file and keep it handy. It even links to the specific club pages for newer updates.

The page is also available on Safari Club Group and I have offered it to The New Club to post as well.

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## Closing Remarks

The HPEP Newsletter can only be as good as what you put in it - so send in your stuff!!!! It is now on line so whether you write Erotic/BDSM poetry or prose, would like to report on an event, want to sell that old whip, need a job or are looking for help, or would like to announce your club's special events, you will reach a larger audience. Please send in your "submissions" ASAP for inclusion January 2006 Newsletter.

Send to [mwvixen@swbell.net](mailto:mwvixen@swbell.net) on or before the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month.

Suggestions on how to improve the Newsletter or what you would like to see in it are welcome. I will do my best to fulfill any reasonable requests. i am new to this format, the Newsletter previously being available in hard-copy only, so please bear with me ( or bare with me?) as i learn and improve and enhance this publication my education is an ongoing process!

Thanks to all the contributors ( esp. Mistress More, and many more) and other folks ( i.e. Masterwhip) who assisted in getting out yet another issue of the HPEP Newsletter!!! ( And thanks to Mr. Rich for posting the Newsletter to the HPEP website)

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