

HPEP Newsletter

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 Rene (SIG Liaison)
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Calendar

February 2006

Date	Event	Time	Contact
Feb. 3rd	HPEP DOMinion & Subhaven	1 st Friday of the month 7:30 p.m. Subhaven temporarily on hiatus	DOMinion subhaven@hpep.org
Feb. 4th	HPEP Regular Meeting & Fetish Night	1 st Saturday of the month : Munch at Hollywood to be followed by play party at Club Earth (see following announcement)	www.hpep.org
Feb. 8th	HPEP's H.E.L.L. [Reading / Movie S.I.G.]	7:00 p.m. every 2nd and 4 th Wednesday Movies, and book discussion - snacks and socializing Movie TBA	Reading Circle
Feb. 10th	The HPEP Polyamory SIG	2nd Friday of the month at 7:30 p.m.	Poly SIG
Feb. 11th	HPEP Switch SIG-	2nd Saturday of each month at 7:00 p.m.	Switch SIG
Feb. 12th	Bondage SIG	2 nd Sunday of the month at 3:00 p.m.	ClintEman77380@Yahoo.com
Feb. 18th	Newcomer's Meeting	3 rd Saturday of each month at 7 p.m. at NEW LOCATION: The West Grey Cafe 415 West Gray St., Houston, TX 77019	Newcomers' Committee.
Feb. 18th	HPEP Ageplay SIG	3 rd Sat. of each month at 1:00 p.m.	Ageplay SIG
Feb. 19th	The ToyMakers SIG	3 rd Sunday of the month 4:30 p.m.	ToyMakers SIG
Feb. 19th	Photo SIG	Schedule subject to change	
Feb. 22	HPEP's H.E.L.L. [Reading / Movie S.I.G.]	7:00 p.m. every 2nd and 4 th Wednesday Movies, and book discussion - snacks and socializing Movie TBA	Reading Circle
Feb. 25	The D/s SIG	4 th Saturday of every month at 7:30 p.m.	D/s SIG

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.

Our regular meetings 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!

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.

Best Regards in Leather

Brad - A.K.A. pierced_switch
Chairman of the HPEP Board of Directors
HPEP Switch SIG Leader

P.S.

As some of you may or may not know there are some rumors going around that this year's HPEP S&M Ball has been cancelled. It is with great regret that I must confirm this to be the truth of the matter. There will be no 2006 HPEP S&M Ball and this is simply because HPEP does not have the financial wherewithal to put the Ball on this year.

I know this disappoints a lot of you as it disappoints me, but we will be replacing the Ball this year with two play parties before the end of our term as the HPEP Board. We will have more information forth coming on both of these parties in the very near future so keep you're eyes peeled. The board and myself apologize for any inconvenience or disappointment.

SIG News

Switch SIG	Brad (pierced_switch@yahoo.com)
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Bondage SIG	Gary (clinteman77380@yahoo.com)
Dominion	John (sirjohn@scottishdom.net)
SubHaven
HELL	MWvixen (mwvixen@swbell.net)
Age Play	Scottie (painslut_mr@yahoo.com)
Toymakers SIG	Rene
PolySIG	Ryan (dragonman3@houston.rr.com)
Photo SIG	Neil

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.

Report on The January Bondage SIG

Our SIG goal was to share with each other ideas and techniques we learned at the December bondage seminars. Jake, Chris and Gary were the principle presenters with others contributing from time to time. Our topics included different individual knots, hemp rope maintenance, carabineers, a bamboo tripod for suspension, strategies and techniques for suspension ties, techniques for increasing play time and ties for enhancing the sub space experience. The meeting was well attended with inputs from many participants. It was a good SIG.

My thanks to all who participated and special thanks again to Travis and Mel for hosting our SIG in their home.

HPEP Bondage SIG – Tentative Schedule for 2006

February 12, 2006

Second Sunday – HPEP Bondage SIG

Theme – Our own Calvin will lead our SIG with a presentation on Cock and Ball bondage.

March 12, 2006

Second Sunday – HPEP Bondage SIG

Theme – We'll create some of the bondage ties/poses from the covers of the classic Detective Magazines of the 50s and 60s.

April 8 and 9, 2006

Second Weekend

Ropes on the Road Trip to Houston

We'll participate in Prairie's "Ropes on the Road" road trip to Houston. Our friends from Austin and Dallas will travel to Houston for a full weekend of activities. On Saturday, EROS will co host a presentation by OZ of Dallas at Rudz. His topic will be "Subspace and Trance", a discussion on enhancing and managing Subspace. On Sunday Oz will lead our SIG with a presentation on – "AcuBondage – The Use of Acupressure Points in Rope Bondage". These techniques can help a Top enhance the bottom's bondage experience.

We'll also attend a play party Saturday night and socialize at a brunch on Sunday.

May 14, 2006

Second Sunday – HPEP Bondage SIG

Theme – Bondage Brain Dump. We will share with each other ideas and techniques we learned from our kinky neighbors at the "Ropes on the Road" weekend activities in January and April.

June 11, 2006

Second Sunday – HPEP Bondage SIG

Theme – "Different Bondage Scenes". We'll share with each other some themes or techniques we use during our bondage scenes. Some of us prefer suspensions (full or partial), some prefer bondage ties along with other activities, spanking, forced orgasms, etc., some prefer elaborate bondage ties that allow the bottom to fly just enjoying the bondage. Some incorporate interesting toys. This should be fun learning how others play with bondage, which will probably help each of us in our own bondage play.

Sometime from July to December –

1. -- We'll participate in Prairie's "Ropes on the Road" road trip to Dallas. We Houston folks will travel to Dallas for a weekend of fun and games with our kinky neighbors from Austin and Dallas.
2. -- Krist, a professional photographer and occasional actor in Felix Dartmouth's bondage videos, will lead one of our SIGs. He will bring a professional bondage model, and discuss what happens from the model's perspective during a professional bondage shoot.

3. -- Senor Jaime who runs Austin Rope, is a licensed hypnotherapist. He will lead one of our SIGs with a presentation on BDSM Hypnotism. (Probably in August)

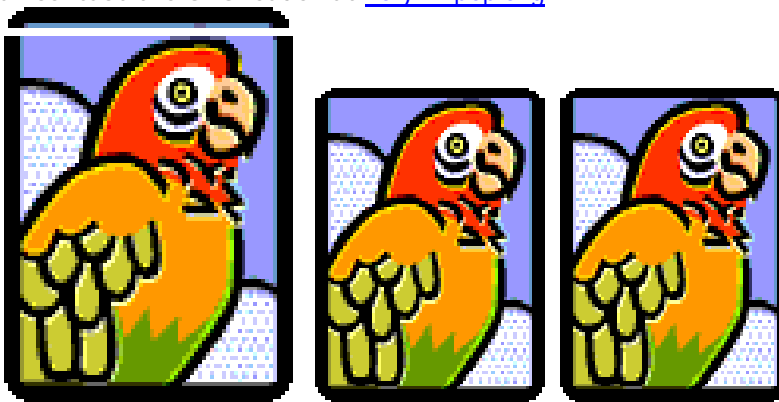
The HPEP Poly SIG

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.

For any question you can contact the SIG leader at 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)

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 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 let's 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 to Move to Friday Nights?

HELL has met on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday each month at 7:00 p.m. since Fall of 1998. We have noticed that attendance has waned, many folks cite the middle-of-the-week time and long drive as inconvenient for them on work nights. Movies usually start no later than 8:00 p.m., but with a typical movie being two hours or longer it develops into a long evening for the many early risers among us.

So as we your hosts of HELL have always welcomed your suggestions for books and movies and other activities for the group, we would like some feed back as to whether you would like to change the schedule to meeting the 2nd and 4th Fridays starting in March. Please email me at mwvixen@swbell.net with your comments on this proposed change of time. I will now return you to the usual blurb...

Welcome to HELL !

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

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 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! :)

FebruaryMovies will be announced on the various lists and the HPEP Official discussion list.

WE HAVE SEVERAL + NEW MOVIES NEVER SEEN BEFORE IN HELL!!!!

These include Another 9 ½ Weeks, Body Heat, Wild Orchid, both editions of Lolita, Betty Blue, and more to come.

MWvixen/Mistress of HELL

Switch SIG

Brad (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. Our latest project was a St. Andrew's cross!

Rene

HPEP Board Member

SIG Liaison

Toy SIG Leader

Other Events in February 2006

Courtesy of Mistress More

FEBRUARY 2006

Feb 3-5 Heart of America Leather Weekend, Kansas City, MO

Feb 3-6 Sinsations in Leather, Chicago

Feb 4 Austin Mardi Gras

Feb 16-20 IBR, San Francisco

Feb 17-19 Body Bound Weekend, Portland
Feb 17-20 Pantheon of Leather, Chicago
Feb 24-26 South Plains Leather, Dallas
Feb 24-26 ConDFW, Richardson, TX
Feb 24-26 Shadowlane Weekend Bash, Las Vegas
Feb 26 Bal Masque XIII Lords of Leather, New Orleans
Feb 28 New Orleans Mardi Gras

Texas Latex Party
Coming In March!!!

Fetish and Elegance: A Texas Tradition for Fourteen Years The Texas Latex Party will host its annual celebration of all things fetish in March 2006, in Houston, Texas USA. Initially held as a party to host a small circle of friends seeking a local, upscale fetish event, TLP outgrew the house generously offered in the early years and has been hosted at landmark Houston hotels for almost a decade.

Friends from around the world attend TLP, bringing with them their unique latex, leather, corsets, and fetish outfits, delightful stories about their travels, and imaginative ideas for having fun. Activities include an elegant Dinner with show and dance, a grand Ball with fashion show, and a champagne brunch.

"TLP began as an extension, of sorts, from the wonderful Dressing for Pleasure parties back East," says Vaughn, aka Fetish Agent V. This year's TLP Party Meister continues: "Fetish aficionados from Houston wanted to hold a party in the local area so they began the Texas Latex Party in a private residence. As the attendance grew from a dozen to twenty, to forty people, the party moved to a well-known Houston hotel. Now, with about a hundred fetish revelers, many from out-of-state and country, we have moved to a sophisticated hotel closer to Houston's largest airport."

Vaughn is a "veteran" attendee of ten years' of fetish parties from the West Coast, to the Caribbean, to New York, and throughout Europe, bringing with him a cosmopolitan eye for the right event "feel" catering to fetish enthusiasts.

"I'm fortunate to be able to contribute this to TLP 2006," Vaughn said. "It's really continuing the outstanding work made by the founders of TLP and other dedicated individuals in this all-volunteer effort. They have crafted an event that stresses elegance and style over loud, head-banging music and crowds. Don't get me wrong -- I love a good, latex-enveloped, large-sized party -- but TLP has a unique flavor that leaves you stronger in lasting friendships and with a voice that's not hoarse from screaming over music!"

The weekend of fetish fun kicks off with a cozy Thursday evening get-together in the spacious Hospitality Suite. Friday's Fetish Happy Hour gets the evening of fun and interesting things to do started, and culminates in an elegant, fine dinner by one of Houston's top chefs. Ceremonies, entertainment, and dancing cap off this special evening.

Saturday includes browsing and buying great outfits from exclusive vendors, followed by the first "official" fetish pool party. Then it's time to put on the finest fetish wear for the Grand Fetish Ball. The Ball is an extravaganza that includes a fashion show, awards for outstanding fetish attire, and a dance -- this can only be described as "scrumptious!"

Finally, TLP winds down at a Sunday champagne brunch and photo opportunity. This is when TLPers say goodbye to friends and make plans to see them again.

"TLP is an invitation-only event," Vaughn mentions, "that has grown through referrals of new friends made at other parties. The TLP Board would love to hear from fellow fetishist interested in learning more. Our website has links to our e-mail and other information: <http://www.texaslatexparty.com>. We have a limited capacity, so don't wait too long to write to us!"

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Interested? Please contact TLP via e-mail: fetishagentv@yahoo.com

EDITORIAL(S)

Dear Group

Recently someone approached me about "mentoring" them. My suggestion was that "mentoring" is done in a much better way now than it used to be, when it seems people had one "mentor". Now days, we have all sorts of classes, discussion groups, good books, workshops, etc. where one can go and learn ropes from rope experts, whips from whip experts, and get a feel for what type of D/s they want from many sources not just one.

Jack Rinella just posted a great article about it, so I am copying it here for your review. One of the ways I think people are best "mentored" now days is the leather events with their workshops. If you notice at the bottom of this, Jack is doing 6 workshops in Chicago in Feb at Sinnsations in Leather. Melody and I get the privilege of doing 5 workshops at that same event.

as Jack points out, we will both be teaching and learning at our classes, as each class is a great way of sharing, not just imparting, knowledge. I have always said I have learned as much from Bottoms as I have from other Tops, and I have learned as much from students as I could possibly have taught.

this list goes to many not in the Houston area, so if you are possibly going to Sinnsations, I hope to see you there.

Travis

How I Became a Leatherman

By Jack Rinella

I'm pleased to say that the next three months are going to be very busy. If you check the calendar on my website, you'll see I'm presenting in Sterling, Columbus, Chicago, Las Vegas, Skokie, Eau Claire, Portland, and St. Louis. As they say, "Nice work if you can get it."

The privilege of public speaking, at least to the friendly folks who listen so attentively, ask lots of great questions, and generally treat me like a celebrity, is really more an opportunity for me to learn. Most students probably don't realize that teachers are the ones who learn the most in the classroom.

If I didn't have to write weekly I wouldn't have had to put so much thought into the kinky activity of which I write, I wouldn't be getting the great questions that prompt me to think more deeply about what it is that we do, and I certainly wouldn't have the privilege of so many chances to observe the scene -- one of my favorite occupations.

That viewing allows me the rare opportunity to compare my experiences with yours, to analyze our differences and observe our similarities. The likes and dislikes are especially notable when I join my pansexual friends at their conventions.

That's not to say that Gays don't convene as they certainly do. After all, the grandfather of all Leather events is the International Mr. Leather Contest. (Now's a good time to get registered for it at www.imrl.com.) On the other hand most Gay events remain predominantly contests, rather than teaching venues, just as pansexual events (and here I don't mean dungeon parties) are primarily presentations. Now don't box me into a corner with this paragraph, as there are certainly a large number of mixes and matches. These days you're very liable to see some seminars during contest weekends and some contests during seminar weekends, so please cut me some slack. What does this discussion have to do with my own education?

There's a man coming around who has been thinking and reading about our scene for several years but who has (as he acknowledges) little experience. He's asked me to teach him, something I am very happy to do for a lot of reasons.

So I'm thinking about how I learned my Leather basics in the early and mideighties and it looks almost nothing like the pedagogy I find in our presentations and seminars today. Yes presentations were popularized by Gay events such as the Chicago Hellfire Club's Inferno and, yes, The Gay Male SM Activist of New York was organized as an educational group, but historically most of my generation of Gay Leathermen learned how to be what we wanted to be -- Leathermen -- by a loose kind of mentoring.

I write it as loose because I don't want to imply any kind of systemization or organization. I don't think my mentors would have ever thought of themselves as such and I certainly didn't think of them in that way

either. The only title I ever bestowed on the two men whom today I consider my most important mentors was that of "fuck-buddy." Most of the others I can only say were "tricks" and I find nothing at all derogatory in that title. I was privileged that they took take me home with them for an educational and very enjoyable night.

In both cases, the goal was not to learn but to get it on and get it off. It's obvious, though, that with a newbie like me, some things had to be explained before they could be done. They became intimate demos where I was both the subject and the student. It was like having your cake and eating it too.

So I became a Leatherman through many hands on experiences: rope in Philadelphia, fisting in Chicago, piss in New Orleans, needle play and sounds in Novi (outside Detroit). I was lucky to have a job where I traveled for a lot of conventions and even luckier to have met many honorable, fun-loving, and committed Leathermen. It helped of course that they thought I was good-looking and knew that I was eager and ready for sex.

It was, though, Tom and Rick, those two fuck-buddies from Fort Wayne whowere most responsible for teaching me the ropes. In Rick's case the phrase is meant literally. He was a bondage enthusiast and was eager to tie me up, something he did well, and then nearly demanded that I do the same to him. There was nothing shameful about being versatile, that's for sure. In fact, for a nascent top like me, it was nearly an imperative. "Only the best bottoms," I was reminded more than once, "make it to the top."

I lived nowhere near any of the motorcycle or Leathermen's clubs of the day. If I had there certainly would have been a pledgemaster ready (and demanding) to put me through my education before I could be considered for full membership. Everyone, and I mean everyone, had to start at the bottom, though many didn't stay there once they had earned their club patch.

Tom's mentoring was of a different nature. He lived in Philadelphia and came to Fort Wayne twice a year to visit his elderly mother. That duty done, he would sneak off to Leo's (a Gay bar) where we met. Having tricked once, I became a regular event once his duties to his mother were fulfilled. I returned the favor at least once when I visited him in Philly.

He was a committed top who knew that even tops had to share. His scene was rougher, more sadistic, and had a sterner edge to it. Still it was a process of my bottoming for fifteen minutes or fifteen whacks and then our literally rolling over and switching roles. It's not as if we actually counted or timed it, but I did want equal time. It was "OK I'll show you how it's done on your ass and then you can practice on mine."

Either I was a more daring than most or maybe just hornier, but that's how I learned. A few books, of course, added to my education but in those days the most regular reading you could get was Drummer Magazine which fed the libido but not the need to know technique. There were a few, very few in fact, educational events, though a "School of Lower Education" put on by GMSMA at the now defunct Mine Shaft stands out. It was demos though, not instruction. Nevertheless it certainly gave me food for thought and gist for hard-ons.

Behind all this education was a desire to join in. A strong urge that was stronger than my fears and hesitations, one that overcame my doubts and fed my imagination. It's an education I can only encourage you to find in your time and your way. Be sure, too, to have fun while you learn it. I certainly did.

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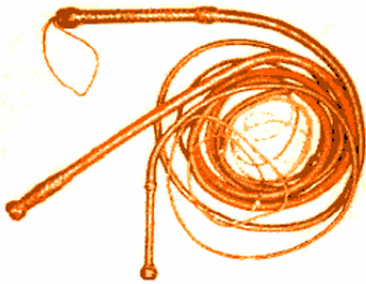
You are invited to attend my installation as master of Hesperia Lodge No. 411 Ancient Free & Accepted Masons, 5418 W Gale St, Chicago, IL 60630, on Sunday, Jan 22, 2006, at 2 pm.

Please join me February 3-5 at SInations in Leather, to be held in Skokie, IL. I'm premiering a track entitled "Searching For Spirit In a Sexual Encounter," six seminars teaching the integrity of sex and spirit: The Mind Body Connection, Spirit as the Ancients Knew It, Energy Work, The Sacred Circle, Sex Magic, and ending with a Q&A. For more information visit <http://leatherviews.com/topica.com/maaemdJabneiOa8Jl wDb/>

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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 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

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:

WEDDINGS:

Paul Geraci & intangible_carrie.
Congratulations!

COLLARINGS:

Congratulations to Jim and tanya who had a quiet collaring ceremony at the EROS party New Year's Eve!

BIRTHDAYS

MWvixen 2/21

Pride & Joy

Master William not only has re-named TROUBLE p/Pride, but he has brought a new lady into their household called Joy.

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 2nd and 4th Saturdays) or another group or private function later,

<http://houston-eros.com>

The 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.

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 **sub_versity**
We have a new Hostess/Host every month.

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 2nd Tuesday of the month. For information please contact; 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.

Houston Pony Players -

HoustonPonyplayers- subscribe@yahoogroups.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.

***BD_SM_how2 -**

Subscribe: BD_SM_how2-subscribe@yahoogroups.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.

***bd_sm_meetsmagick** · BD/SM Meets Magick bd_sm_meetsmagick-subscribe@yahoogroups.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.

FemaleSubmissiveSupport

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.

SE_Texas_Ds_Lifestyle

SE_Texas_Ds_Lifestyle-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

The_Safari_Club

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

TheSwitchSIG

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.

TNGHouston · The Next Generation - Houston

TNGHouston-subscribe@yahoo.com

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.

MAST

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

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

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!!

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.

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>

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.

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/>

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@yahoo.com

www.castlerealm.com

<http://www.steel-door.com/Chamber.html>

<http://www.thebrc.net/>

http://t_h_o_j.tripod.com/joshua/id18.html

<http://www.leathernroses.com/>

<http://www.wizdomme.com/>

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

Other Groups in Texas

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.

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 March 2006 Newsletter.

Send to mwvixen@swbell.net on or before the 1st 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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